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Observer/Community Benefit Grosses Nearly $10,000

Part of the cast who worked on or performed in the Observer/Community Benefit held at the Plaza Hotel last Saturday, April 17. They are celebrating at a cast party held at IBT's on Sunday. There were nearly 90 cast and crew who drew standing applause on many occasions from a packed house during the performance which raised almost $10,000 for Shanti and PACT for Life.

Winners of the 1993 TOGA Awards are political activist Jim Toevs (l) and AIDS activist Nena Trujillo, shown above. TOGA is the Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation award given each year at the annual Community Benefit to the male and female whose service to the Tucson Gay community during the past year is recognized.
PHOTOS: Moose

TUCSON - The annual Observer/Community Benefit was held last Saturday, April 17, at the Plaza Hotel. The Rick Norman-Monte Jon Production has been in rehearsal and production for several months. The cast and crew of nearly 90 people were on hand to play to a packed house. At the end of the evening, with all tickets, raffles, tips, and liquor sales counted, the gross amount raised for the two beneficiaries - PACT for Life and Shanti/Tucson - was close to $10,000 with some monies still to be received.

There were over 350 in attendance including 180 dinner guests.

The entertainment included live vocalists, dancers, impersonators and lots of comedy throughout the show. The 1940s was the theme with many of the boys in service khaki uniforms decorated with rainbow flag colors.

The stunning sets were designed and constructed by Mr. Brent Ferrin; Musical Director was Mr. Gary Hart; Lighting was by Ms. Adrienne Sneed and Sound by Ms. Beaux Cormier.

A true 'Community' benefit, this 1993 version was by far the most elaborate in its eight year history.

Attempting to thank everyone involved in the long hours of rehearsal would be too large a task, but, in addition to the great work done by the producers, production people and superb performers, the Observer would like to thank Joe Martin, Rhett Gable, Scott Hawkins, Terri Billotte, Butch O'Daniel, Gary Clark, Dani Reid, Dave Shafter, Elaine and Jim Cooper, Sgt. Erin, Collette Barajas and Brian Fox, Candas, Anne Schmitt and Donald Paugh.

Special thanks to Michael and Peter of Club 2520, Art and Kenny of the Graduate, Lee of Hours, Dave and Frank of IBS's, Ken, Gerry and Hank of Rumorz and Jim of Venture-N who supplied all of the liquor for the event and who even had to go back into their stocks to replenish our supplies after they began running out.

And we know we have not begun to list everyone, but because of space

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1 Out Of Every 200 Gay Adults To March On Washington

CHICAGO - On April 25th, the largest civil rights march in the history of the United States will be held at the nation's capitol. An estimated 1 to 2 million Lesbian and Gay Americans are expected.

In a recent survey of 5,000 Gay and Lesbian adults conducted by Overlooked Opinions, Inc., approximately 9.5% of respondents report that they attended the last Gay and Lesbian March On Washington which was held in 1987. Of those, 99% report that they will also attend the 1993 March On Washington. An additional 6% of respondents report that they did not march in 1987 but will be marching in April, 1993. Another 17.5% did not march in 1987 and are presently undecided about whether or not they will attend the upcoming event.

Attendance at the 1987 event was estimated at 650,000. Using this number to represent the 9.5% of respondents who report attending the 1987 march, and extrapolating up to account for the additional 6% expected to attend suggests that approximately 1 million Gays and Lesbians have already made plans to march on April 25th. Further, an additional 1.2 million are undecided.

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UPDATE

More March On Washington Information

by John Hammond

WASHINGTON - The 1993 March On Washington is likely to be one of those great, historic events, like the civil rights marches of the early '60s, that turn out to be watersheds in the national psyche.

Ironically, it is the anti-Gay right wing that has put its issues of bigotry and hate into the news media for all to see, and that has galvanized Gay men and Lesbians, perhaps a stronger community than we knew we had, to organize and resist. If anyone deserves credit for making the March On Washington the biggest peaceful civil rights demonstration in American history, it will be not the excellent March organizing committee, but Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition and its allies.

The result is expected to be over a million people marching through Washington and gathering on The Mall for a rally. That compares with the 500,000 who turned out to hear Martin Luther King in 1963, about as many came to the first Gay and Lesbian March On Washington in 1979, and the 650,000 who came to the second Gay and Lesbian march in 1969.

Politicians are well aware of those numbers, and they know exactly what the issues are. The issue that's been in the news recently, and the subject of Senate hearings right now, is that of allowing Gay people to serve in the military. This is a significant issue for all of us, if only because the military is the nation's largest single employer: if it can discriminate, anyone can.

Also pending in Congress right now are a Gay civil rights bill that would protect us against discrimination, in the same way other minorities are protected; bias crime legislation that would add stiffer penalties to hate crimes, including those committed because of sexual orientation or "AIDS"; and additional funding for research, treatment, and patient care related to "AIDS".

To drive home the political points being by this vast Gay and Lesbian constituency, national Gay rights organizations have scheduled five lobby days, before and after the March, when Gay men and Lesbians, armed with intellectual ammunition to debate a host of issues,

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Tucson Picnic In Himmel Park to Celebrate MOW

TUCSON - Although over two hundred Tucsonans will be marching April 25 local supporters can raise their voices too! Family, friends, and those unable to attend will gather at Himmel Park at 11:00 a.m. for the Picnic In The Park. Those attending are asked to bring their own food and drinks although the folks from H.I.T.T. will be serving a pancake breakfast from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

This is a gathering of people from all walks of life exercising their First Amendment Rights. If you can't be in D.C. stomp for your rights at Himmel with your friends.

One-In-Ten Holding Auditions

TUCSON - One in Ten Repertory, Arizona's Premier Gay & Lesbian Theater Company will be holding auditions for their latest production, "Adam & The Experts". The cast calls for five men and two women. Prepared monologues will not be required for the audition.

The auditions will take place on Sunday, April 25, from 2 to 4 p.m., and Monday, April 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. The auditions will be held at the Historic "Y" Theater, 738 North Fifth Avenue. For further information call 770-9279.

Observer Benefit

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restraints we, the Observer, want to thank everyone - bartenders, Plaza hotel staff, performers, production persons and musicians. And to Bradley Pattison and his marvelous performance as Radio SAFE's national announcer and to the local announcer Alan McLaughlin.

Ms. Nena Trujillo and Mr. Jim Toevs were the recipients of the annual Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation Award (TOGA), and in a surprise move, the Lambda Democratic Caucus awarded Bob Ellis and Gary Clark their 2nd annual Richard Heakin award for political activism.

All in all, it was a great evening of fun and entertainment. The town is still buzzing about the extravaganza and it is rumored that next year's event will have to be in much larger quarters. Keep tuned!

Toevs Roast May 2

TUCSON - On Sunday afternoon, June 2, friends of political activist Jim Toevs will have their palates treated to a sumptuous buffet brunch at Club 2520. Then their wits will be regaled as Toevs' colleagues barrage, bombard and besiege him with anecdotes and ribald ribbing in a merry roast.

Toevs is a former candidate for U.S. Congress from Arizona's 5th District, is a Democratic Precinct Committeeperson and a member of the Lambda Democratic Caucus. He just received the annual Observer TOGA award for his activism.

Toevs is a founder of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (which sponsored the first Gay & Lesbian film festival and symposium in Moscow and St. Petersburg). Jim is active in the Tucson community as well. He served as president of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (sponsors of the May 2nd roast) and One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company. Toevs also participates in the St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, the Tucson Jewish Community Center and the Tucson Civil Rights Commission as well as the Lambda Democratic Caucus.

Prepaid reservations for the Toevs roast and buffet brunch are due before April 29th. Checks should be made payable to OPBPA and mailed to OPBPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, Arizona 85733.

The cost is $15 per person and includes a lavish brunch and an afternoon of non-stop, drag free entertainment. No host beverages begin at 1 p.m., followed by the buffet brunch and program at 2 o'clock.

A portion of proceeds from each meal served will benefit the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

Call 795-6055 for more information.

Spirituality of the 12 Steps Saturday, April 24

TUCSON - "Spirituality of the 12 Steps" with an emphasis on codependency will be presented at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 West Picture Rocks Road, Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by Fr. Lawrence Quilici and Fr. Mark Papen. The cost is $20 if paid by Tuesday, April 20, or $30 to register at the door. For further information call 744-3400.

IMAGES Returns!

The first meeting of the new Images Group will be Thursday, April 22nd, at 7 PM. After that, Images will meet the first and third Thursday of each month.

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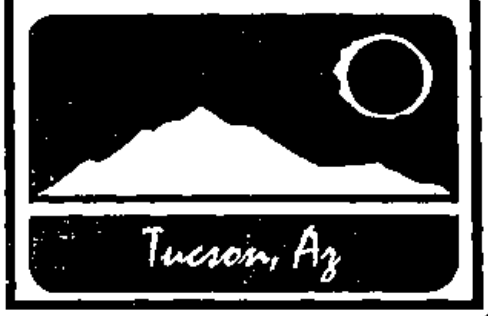

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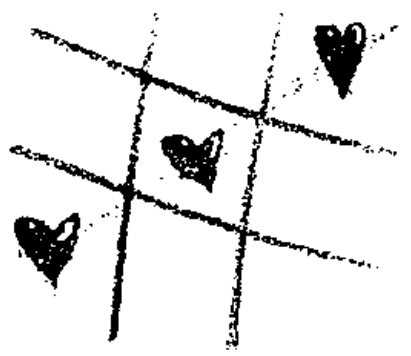

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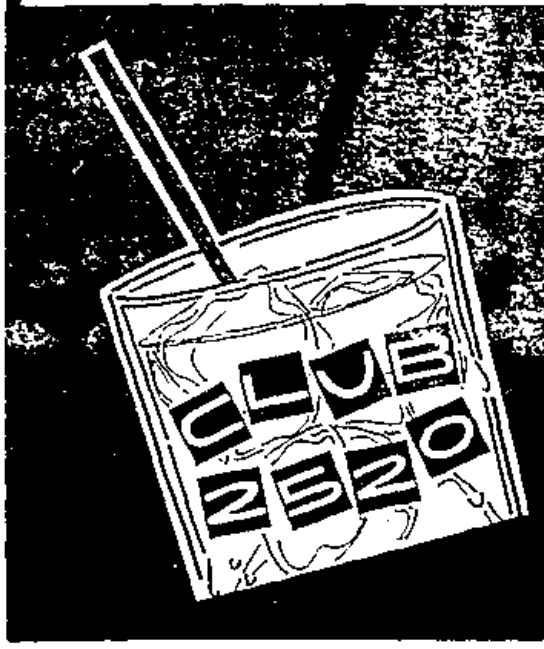

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

Here is one you are not going to believe. I am speechless. If you missed the Observer benefit show, you missed the greatest show ever staged in Tucson by Gays. I will not even try to give acknowledgement to all who were responsible for staging this production or those who worked behind the scenes because the list would be so long it would fill up my complete column.

I was told that there were 70 people involved in this production. The amount of time everyone put into rehearsals started many months ago and it was very obvious throughout the complete show. This show could be staged in one of the downtown theaters and open to the general public and I'm sure the reviews in the Daily Star or Citizen would be excellent.

As I said before, if you missed this one, you really goofed. And again I extend my congratulations to all who had any part of the show and I thank you each for a very enjoyable evening.

My congratulations also goes out to this years TOGA award winners and a special one to Bob and Gary for their award.

Well the deadline for this year's Fiesta De Mayo King and Queen contest is approaching and before you know it we will all be benefiting from the hard work each contestant has put into it, at the Gay Pride Picnic.

As you all already know, I am supporting the WHITE team and have a very special TBBS for them. We all know everyone is supposed to be having fun during this contest so here is my gift to them.

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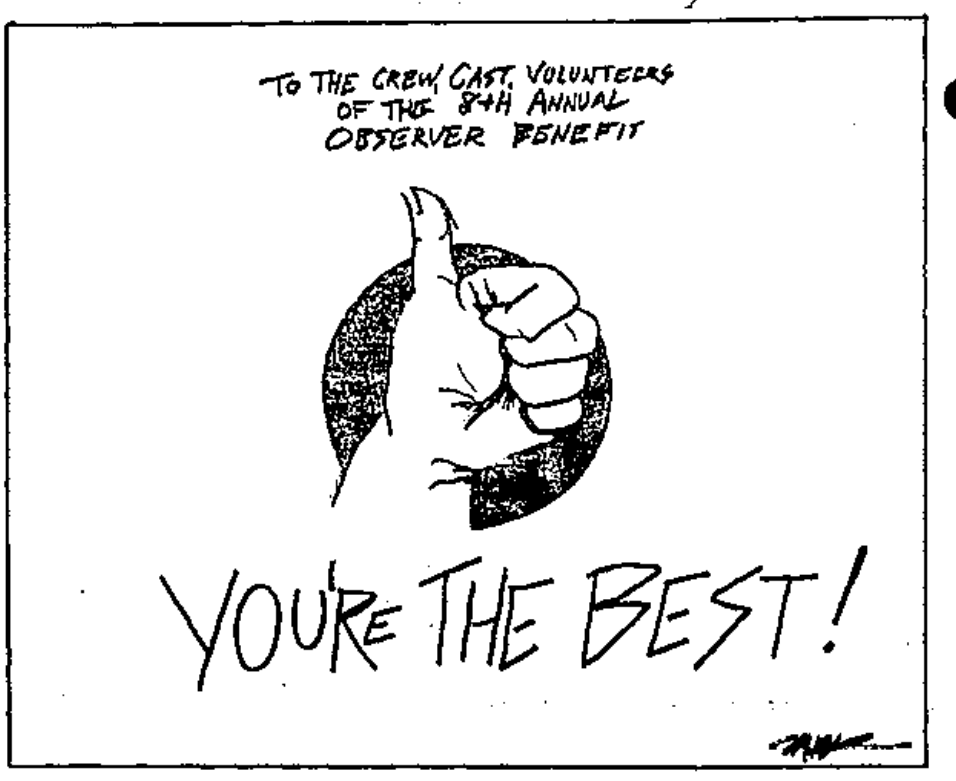
As I See It..... *by Clark*



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from bias crime to "AIDS" funding to domestic partnership recognition and Gay parenting, will descend on members of congress and let them know that at least some hometown voters care how they vote on these issues.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will hold training sessions to brief you on the issues, then send you to visit your senators and representatives from your home district, finally, they will ask you to come back and report your impressions of how the people you lobbied stand on each issue, an important part of the process, since it gives our professional lobbyists clues on how to deal with those legislators on an ongoing basis. If you can participate in this lobbying, do it, it might be intimidating at first, but actually can be fun and interesting, and you get to meet your congressperson.

Finally, more than at any other time in the history of the Gay and Lesbian rights movement, the events planned and the images that go out over television to the rest of the country should make it clear that women and people of color are not just represented, but equal participants, decision makers, and contributors in the Lesbian and Gay rights movement.

After the television coverage of the March, we hope it will never again be possible to say that Gay rights are important only to the few. No one will be free until we are free; we will not be free until everyone is free. As the March slogan says, "It's a simple matter of justice."

HITT Bowling Event May-Day 'No-Tap'

The H.I.T.T. Committee, sponsors of the Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson, Tucson's annual Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament have announced their first annual May-Day No-Tap event to be held Saturday, May 1st, 1993. It will consist of three games bowled in 'no-tap' format where knocking down nine pins on the first ball scores as a strike.

Bowling will take place at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile, and will commence at 1:00pm. The event features an inexpensive entry fee ($10 per person) and includes a light buffet and awards social following bowling. According to event coordinator Dennis Russell, "the focus of this event is FUN. All bowlers are welcome, of course, and we're especially interested in attracting those bowlers who have never considered bowling in a tournament before. We're hopeful that the fun aspects of this event will help to win over some of our newer bowlers and encourage them to participate in future tournaments."

In addition to local bowlers, a significant turnout is expected from among the 3 gay/lesbian leagues in Phoenix. To help accommodate out-of-town participants, H.I.T.T. has contracted with the Ramada Inn Downtown for a special $35.00 rate (1-4 persons) for bowlers and guests wishing to stay over. Additional information can be obtained by calling 743-3303.

Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Gay pride in Tucson has yet one more glorious feather to don in its cap. Last Saturday evening was witness to a wonderful coming together of our Gay, Lesbian and Bi-Sexual community for a truly diverse exposition of talent, effort, sharing and recognition of members of our community. Extra special work and effort on their part to benefit the whole of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual concerns and dignity of life were applauded.

On Behalf of countless numbers, congratulations are extended to the T.O.G.A. winners, Nena Trujillo and Jim Toevs. Winning this year's award given by the Lambda Democratic Caucus went to Bob Ellis and Gary Clark. You four, through your involvement and work, have made all of us winners, thank you.

Everyone involved in the fabulous production of the show at the Observer Benefit (both seen and unseen) presented a terrific example of team work, preparation and execution. Everyone is impressed with your giving to help our brothers and sisters who can't help themselves. God bless you.

As June approaches and our Gay Pride Activities and picnic swing into full stream, we wish all the king and queen candidates the best of luck as you approach us for help in securing, the top spot.

Future articles of this column will address specific issues of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association such as: How to become a member; volunteering for various activities as a member or non-member; differences between being a regular member and a champion member; learning "rodeo", all the way from learning how to ride a horse to how to participate in rodeo events.

An excellent way to learn rodeo is by observing and/or participating in events such as the Gymkana and Human Rodeo sponsored by AGRA to be held Saturday, April 24th, in Phoenix at the Carol Shearer Arena at 1428 East Sandra Terrace from 12:00 noon. Call 602-568-9516 for information. Barrels, poles, flags, tug-a-war, roping, etc., are a few of the scheduled events.

How about an old fashion steak fry? Join us on Saturday, May 15th from 5-8 p.m. at Club 2520. Your dinner plate will include ranch beans, baked potato and salad for $4.50. Please call 323-0805 to volunteer to wait tables, sell tickets, etc. More information will follow in the next two weeks.

AGRA will have a booth at the Gay Pride Picnic Sunday, June 20th. Volunteers are needed to sell t-shirts, balloons with fabulous prizes in them, membership information, etc.

Congratulations to Mary Higgins for organizing the OPBPA's "Community Unity Forum", held Friday, April 16, at Hotel Park Tucson. Thank you for bringing so many organizations together to meet and discover one another.

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd, at the Graduate starting at 4 p.m. Anyone interested may attend. Special question and answer periods will be held to accommodate non-members. Board members will meet at 2 p.m. On the same day.

Hasta luego, amigos y amigas.

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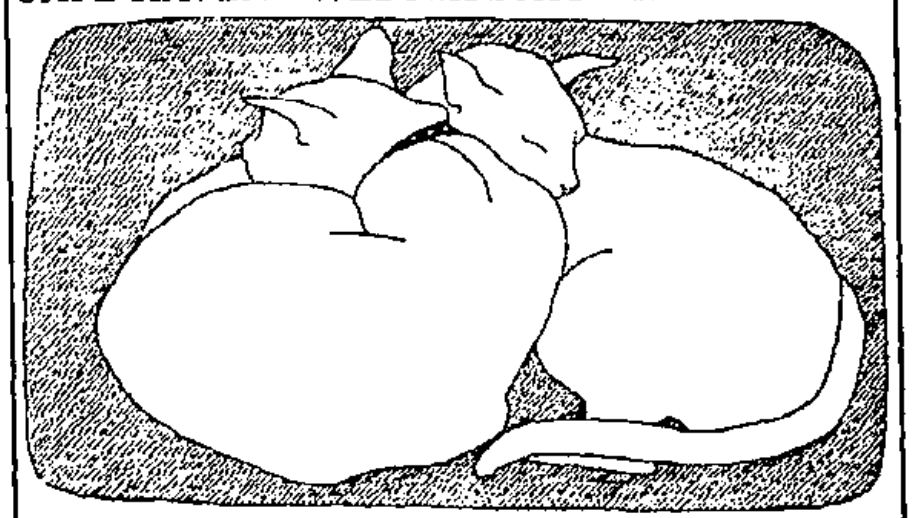

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Those Depressing Democrats

I never dreamed that I might find the Clinton administration more depressing than the Bush administration, but I do. True, seeing the look on Bush's face as he left Washington was worth voting for Clinton. And Streisand was certainly a better choice for inauguration entertainment than Schwarzenegger. It's easy to like a president who eats at McDonalds, has a weight problem, and genuinely cares about people. Clinton is human. Bush always seemed like a reject from the Disney automaton factory.

Clinton started out well, too, rescinding the abortion gag rule, promising a liberal Supreme Court justice, and deciding to allow Lesbians and Gay men to serve openly in the military.

But how genuinely liberal will a Clinton Supreme Court nominee be? Clinton supports the death penalty along with limits on habeas corpus rights for those on death row. Allowing limits on habeas corpus easily leads to allowing limits on all constitutional rights.

And will Lesbians and Gay men ever be able to serve fully in the military? Clinton has suggested a compromise on this issue, perhaps by limiting where Gay people may serve. In other words, he is saying, "Yes, you're full people, sometimes."

The debate about Gays in the military was written by Kafka, on LSD, with help from Lewis Carroll. The opposition says that (a) Gay people are morally iffy and not to be trusted; (b) Gays will rape their same sex co-workers; and (c) straight people have the right to hate Gay people. They then conclude that (d) Gays should serve in the military but stay in the closet. Maybe I'm weird, but if I were to share a small space with an immoral rapist, I would prefer to know exactly who that person was.

Are these people insane or total hypocrites? Or both?

And when did the top brass lose control of the troops? I hear that straight soldiers refuse to work with Gay ones. Is it now okay for a general to tell a soldier to die in the Middle East to protect some rich person's oil holdings, but not to tell him or her to share an office with a Lesbian or Gay man? And if straight soldiers are so scared of Gay people, shouldn't they get psychiatric help? (When a military bigwig spoke of soldiers fleeing a party because, gasp, men were dancing together,a friend worried that Saddam Hussein might hear of this. "The next time we attack Iraq," she reasoned, "instead of shooting back, he'll just have all his soldiers start dancing together!")

Even if Lesbians and Gay men do get to serve openly in the military, we'll still lack the right to jobs and housing, we'll still be unable to marry, we'll still not be legal families, we'll still be at risk of losing our biological children in child custody cases, and we'll still be in danger of being beaten to death on the streets.

And, Clinton allowed his nomination process for Attorney General to become the worst sort of tokenism as he awkwardly went from female to female to female candidate. Why didn't he consider people of all colors and all genders, and all economic backgrounds, for all offices? Clinton assembled a cabinet of millionaires and the usual powers that be. His cabinet "looks like America" only if you exclusively hang out in American country clubs.

And, Clinton reneged on his promise of U.S. asylum for Haitians, and he failed to release the HIV+ Haitians already here from the jails/concentration camps in which they are locked.

And, Clinton put forth an economics package filled with loopholes for the rich, including a capital gains tax well below the maximum income tax, something Bush wanted for years.

And, Clinton failed to release the thousands of Cubans still anguishing in U.S. jails years after Castro sent them here. This human rights violation is so egregious that Parade magazine, hardly a bastion of anti-government criticism, featured an article on it.

And, Clinton made sure that potential Attorney General appointee Janet Reno was not a Lesbian before nominating her!

When Reagan and Bush were president, I felt hopeless. but, with Clinton, I had glimmers of hope. He was a Democrat, a bit of a liberal, a man could say "Lesbian" and "Gay" without stuttering. Anyone more genuinely liberal than Clinton could never be elected President of the United States, so he is the best president I can possibly hope for!

And that's why I'm depressed.

TEKO wishes to thank some special people in our community for their love, understanding and support during some difficult times:
Susan & Joseph
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John, Daryl, Steven and Klee.

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EDITOR:

I deeply regret the insensitive, offensive language which was used in an article about the Jim Toevs Roast to be held on May 2 at Club 2520.

I want to clarify that I am the subject of the Roast, not the sponsor of the Roast, and the offensive language neither originated with me, nor does it represent my views or feelings. My outspoken support of diversity within our community do represent my views and feelings.

I acknowledge the tremendous contribution which drag queens and performers make not only to the Tucson Community, but throughout the country. I am also always quick to remind people that it was drag queens, not business and professional people, who finally said "enough" at Stonewall in 1969.

It is my hope that from this unfortunate situation, healing can take place which will ultimately benefit everyone in our community. I am willing to work to make this happen, not only in relation to the Roast, but on an on going basis within our community.

Sincerely, Jim Toevs

DEAR FRIENDS:

There are those times when we must take an active role in the decision making process that directly effects our future and our present. One of those times is now at hand.

The mission of the Tucson HIV/-AIDS Care Consortium is to represent both the professional HIV services community and the consumer. One responsibility of the Consortium is to determine funding priorities and to orchestrate the grant process for funds from both the Ryan White Care Act and NCAP. These funds are approximately $150,000 collectively. The Consortium mandated that two HIV+ persons from outside the Tucson area were to be on a panel formed to determine funding for the upcoming fiscal year. This did not happen. The excuse given was that there were no PWA's available. We believe that at this time the panel should have considered reconvening after the PWAs were recruited. A considerable number of HIV positive people reside in Arizona, so it seems incredible that none of us were available to participate in a process that has far reaching effects on our lives! Body Positive and the Arizona Community Foundation have extensive lists of People with HIV available to use. It appears that the opinions of people infected with this virus are not important.

The next meeting of the Consortium will be held on May 5th, 1993, at 3:00 p.m. at the Himmel Park Library meeting room. We strongly encourage all concerned people to attend and make their presence known. We, for too long, have been patronized and told what we need and it is time that we are counted as a full partner in this process. We had hoped that we had progressed to a level in this community where we were in partnership, but it appears that a partnership will only be attained through aggressive action by those of us infected/affected by HIV/-AIDS.

Please help influence the decision about which services will be funded to address our needs. Our needs must be addressed and not dictated to us. We are not hopeless victims, but should be considered equal and vital partners in this decision making process.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the meeting on May 5th.

We are all in this together (infected and affected); let's not let them forget.

Sincerely, Anne, Bobby, Brian, Chris, Chuck, David, Harlan, Jeff Jerôme, John, Joe, John, Jim, Ken, Kevin, Lee, Marc, Michael, Mike, Randy, Sean, Tom, Travis, Tom, Wayne and Willy. Members of the HIV/Aids Community.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION:

On behalf of David Zinke and myself, I want to thank each and everyone who participated in our Easter Drive for the kids at the Arizona Children's Home (Orphanage). It was a huge success.

Special thanks to the following: Lee/Hours, David/IBT's, Hank/Rumorz, Jim/Venture-N, Mike & Peter/Club 2520 and Art & Kenny Anne from the Graduate for allowing us to place our Easter bags in their bars.

A very special thanks to Jenna for your generous contribution. It made a big difference in what we could buy. Great job.

Special acknowledgement goes to the Manager's of Fry's, 555 E. Grant, Southwest Supermarket, 600 E. Grant and ABCO at 3925 E. Grant Road, for their more than generous contributions.

Once again, we want to thank each and everyone of you for again opening up your hearts.

God bless each and everyone.
Rudi & David

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March Events: A Selected Schedule

Events leading up to and around the March itself reflect the diversity of experience and interests among gay people and a complete list of them could fill a small book. Here is a list of some of the more general-interest events open to a wide range of marchers who may not be members of the sponsoring organizations. Invitation-only events, including board meetings, some receptions for supporters in government, organizational banquets, and so on, have been omitted; plans for many other events—including some spectacular drag shows—were finalized too late for inclusion here.

It's a reasonable assumption that just about every gay and lesbian organization will be sending representatives to the March, many will send their entire membership, and quite a few of them will have a meeting or social event while they're there. If you want to make connections with any particular group, find out in advance what their plans are, or call the MOW office in New York at 212-696-1301, which is trying to keep a complete list of events.

Thursday, April 22

Lobby Days — MOW, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), and Mobilization Against AIDS are organizing this effort, with training sessions to prepare you to discuss the important issues intelligently with your senator or representative, setting up appointments with legislators, and debriefing afterwards to get your impression of how your legislator reacts to gay issues. Contact Eric Rosenthal (202-628-4160).

1993 National Gay Men of Color AIDS Institute — Runs through Saturday, with a full schedule of meetings and workshops to address issues specific to gay men of color, related to AIDS and HIV. Today's sessions at the National Press Club, 529 14th St., NW, 13th Fl. Friday and Saturday at the Hyatt Regency, Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. $50 registration for all three sessions.

People of Color Lobby — Briefing and leadership roundtable sponsored by HRCF and MOW POC Caucus. Rm. 2203, Rayburn House Office Bldg., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Targeted lobbying for People of Color, coordinated with other Lobby Days activities.

National Beer Gathering — Social and tasting party with beers from around the world, at the Lincoln Memorial, Today through Saturday, Noon till the taps run dry.

AIDS Cure Now Rally — ACT UP/Seattle and the McClintock Project invite everyone to rally at Noon at Dupont Circle, then march to the White House.

People of Color Reception — Tribute to Audre Lorde, Bayard Rustin, and other notable gay men and lesbians of color. 6-8 p.m., Rm. 2154 Rayburn House Office Bldg.

Anti-Racism Workshop — Sponsored by National Assn. of Black & White Men Together, 7 p.m. at SMYAL Bldg., 333 1/2 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.

Our Place at the Table Dinner — Sponsored by National Minority AIDS Council. 7 p.m. in the Great Hall at the Library of Congress.

Outspoken: A Gay & Lesbian Literary Series — Reception and readings by prominent L&G authors. $3. 7 p.m. at Tibbs Gallery, 1910 Vermont Ave., NW.

Tribute to the Memory of You — Musical comedy about growing up gay in an era of AIDS, performed by Tribute Players of Ft. Myers, FL. 8 p.m. at Market 5 Gallery, Eastern Market, 7th & No. Carolina Ave. NE. $10.

Cockburn Rituals — Wooly Mammoth Theater festival and reception to benefit Whitman Walker Food Bank. $40. 1401 Church St. NW. 8 p.m.

Welcome to Washington Party — Black Lesbian Support Group of the Whitman Walker Clinic and Sophisticated Ladies Productions throw a bash at 516 8th St. SE at the Hill, two blocks from Eastern Market Metro Stop. 8 p.m.-2 a.m. $7.

POC Meet and Greet — People of Color Caucus will hold forth at Bachelor's Mill and Back Door Pub, 1108 8th St. SE, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. $5.

Friday, April 23

Lesbian Action Breakfast — NGLTF sponsors a schmooze-and-nosh, 8 a.m. Contact the Task Force for details.

Our Place at the Table Public Policy Conference — Sponsored by the National Minority AIDS Council, starting at 9 a.m. with the policy institute, lunch, afternoon lobbying, and ending with an evening roundtable and debriefing. Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill.

Business Fair for L&G Entrepreneurs — Sponsored by the G&L Employees Assn. of the US Small Business Administration, 9-11 a.m. at the SBA, 8th Fl. conference room, 409 3rd St., NW. Meet other gay business people and learn about federal programs and resources that could help you.

Emergency Health Care Documents Workshop — National Center for Lesbian Rights sponsors this workshop in how to do the paperwork to ensure that you control your own health care. Georgetown Univ. Law Center, 600 New Jersey Ave., NW (Foggy Bottom Metro Stop). Sessions today at Noon, 2 & 4 p.m., Rm 201. Saturday hourly, Noon to 5, Rms. 202 & 203. Small charge.

Dorothy Allison will be at Women, Words and Rhythm (see next column). Photo by Jill Posener

Lesbians and Gays in Law Enforcement Workshop — Sponsored by Floridians, covers relations between law officers and the community, sensitivity training. Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Rd., NW (Woodley Park/Zoo Metro Stop). Today 2-4 p.m. or tomorrow 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Victory!? In Oregon — Panel of Oregon activists discuss their ongoing struggle with the Christian Right. 2-5 p.m. All Souls Unitarian Church, 2835 16th St., NW. $5-$25 sliding scale. (Also Monday at 2 p.m.)

Sing Out on The Capitol Steps — Members of combined G&L choruses and friends invite everyone to join in this sing-along, 3-3:30 p.m.

Tribute to Audre Lorde — The National Center for Lesbians offers a tribute, in sound and visuals, to the late poet and activist. At Tracks, 1111 1st St., SE, opposite the Navy Yard Metro Stop. 4-7 p.m.

Cartoonists No Host Cocktail Party — Meet the cartoonists who've worked with the MOW Cartoon Project, 5-7 p.m. at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.

Beyond Loss: Art in the Era of AIDS — Group show of visual artists whose work has been affected by AIDS. 7 p.m. gala opening tonight, a benefit for Whitman Walker Clinic, $75. Show will remain up through May 30; special hours this weekend, Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday Noon-8 p.m.; Monday Noon-6. WPA, D Street between 7th & 8th, a block north of Pennsylvania Ave., near Archives and Gallery Place Metro Stops.

HRCF Gala Dinner — Black tie for the high rollers, 7 p.m.-Midnight at the Mayflower Hotel. Tix $500 from Human Rights Campaign Fund.

BWMT Spaghetti Dinner & Dance — Starts at 7 p.m. at Crystal House, 2000 S. Eads, Crystal City (Crystal City Metro Stop). $5.

Harmonic Convergence Choral Mini-Festival — With the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington at Lisner Auditorium, George Washington Univ., 21st & H Sts. NW. 8 p.m. $18-$22. Also 2 p.m. Saturday.

Women, Words and Rhythm — A two-part event to benefit lesbian health care. First, at 8 p.m., a reading by Dorothy Allison, Chrystos, Jewelle Gomez, and Irena Klepfisz, emceed by Minnie Bruce Pratt. Then, from 10-1:30, a dance with 2 Funkin Heavy, a hot women's boogie and funk band from Baltimore. Tix at the door are $10 for the reading, $15 for the dance, $20 for both; in advance from Lambda Rising Bookstore, a couple of bucks cheaper. Marvin Center, George Washington Univ., 21st & I Streets, NW.

Nalty, CWA (Comic With AIDS) — Stand-up comic. 8 & 10 p.m., Tavern Stage at Kelly's Irish Times Bldg. No. 14, near corner of Massachusetts Ave., N Capitol & F Street, NW. $7.

Leather Fetish Kick-Off Party — Dance at Quorum, starts at 8 p.m. $10 at door.

Pat Graney Co. — Performance of "Galth," a compelling dance statement about the dignity of women. Dance Place, 3225 8th St., NE (Brookland-CUA Metro Stop). Also Sunday at 7 p.m. $10.

Radical Faerie Get-Together — At Market 5 Gallery, 8 p.m.-Midnight. $3-$5 donation.

Shabbat Evening Service — With Congregation Bet Mispachah, 8:30 p.m. at National City Christian Church, Thomas Circle.

Hoedown '93 — Country Western dance extravaganza sponsored by Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Assn., 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at National Building Museum, 4001 F Street, NW (Judiciary Metro Stop). $20.

National Women's Ball, a.k.a. National Lesbutante Ball — Sponsored by NOW at National Press Club. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. $125.

Womyns (Country Attitude) Two-Step — Bon Vivant at Blossoms, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. $10.

Sex Is... — American premiere of the documentary about sex and sexuality in the lives of gay men, by Mark Heustis & Lawrence Helman. Biograph Theater, plays through April 29.

Saturday, April 24

Gay Spirit Meditation — Meditation followed by sing-along. Lincoln Memorial, 7:45-9 a.m.

HRCF Leadership Conference — Organized by Human Rights Campaign Fund. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave., NW. Registration $60.

Capitol Metropolitan Rainbow Alliance Workshops — For deaf marchers and friends. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Quality Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave., NW. $5-$10.

Biblical Self-Defense Workshop — Presbyterians for L&G Concerns will take a close look at the passages anti-gay Bible thumpers like, take them apart,

First Jogger Bill Clinton and friend.

and find out exactly what they really mean. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW. $30.

Asian & Pacific Islander National Meeting — At American Friends Meeting House, 2111 Florida Ave. near Dupont Circle. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fun Run — Join the DC front-runners to follow in the footsteps of George Bush, Pat Buchanan, and Bill Clinton, to name an odd trio, over 3-6 miles of the of the Capital jogging paths, followed by refreshments in the Food Court of the Old Post Office. 10 a.m. at the Smithsonian Metro Stop on The Mall.

Soccer Tournament — Sponsored by the DC Sports Association. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on The Mall.

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt — At the Ellipse, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. today and tomorrow. For the first time, new panels may be logged in and placed on display immediately.

Recognizing Our Own Victory Fund Brunch — In honor of all openly gay elected officials, with guest of honor Roberta Achtenberg, recently appointed Assistant Secretary of HUD. Capitol Hilton Ballroom, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tix $100 from the G&L Victory Fund.

The Wedding: Ceremony of Commitment — The Rev. Troy Perry will preside at this ceremony, a chance for couples to affirm their unions, and a demonstration for domestic partnership recognition. $10 registration for certificate of union issued by the United Federation of Metropolitan Community Churches. Bldg. No. 15, Constitution Ave. between 10th & 11th Sts. 11 a.m. A wedding reception follows at 12:30 at Tracks, 1111 1st St., SE, opposite the Navy Yard Metro Stop. $5.

S/M Leather Fetish Conference — Noon-6 p.m. at the Mellon Auditorium, Constitution Ave. between 12th & 14th Sts. $5.

Hands Around the Capitol — A joining of hands to encircle the enormous Capitol Building, organized by ACT UP/DC to demand increased funding for AIDS research, care, prevention, and education. Noon.

People of Color Forum — At the National Press Club, Main Lounge, 1-3 p.m.

National Gathering and Reunion of L&G Latinos — At the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW. 1-5 p.m.

NGLTF Fight the Right Town Meeting — Panel of activists with hands-on experience grappling with anti-gay grassroots politics, discuss threats and strategies. Washington Hilton Hotel, 1-4 p.m.

Interfaith Service — Ecumenical religious service with homily by Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum of Congregation Beth Simchat Torah. 3 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany, 14th & G Sts., NW (Metro Center Stop).

Student/Alumni/ae Reception — Network of G&L Alumni/ae Organizations, 3-5 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, International Center, Smithsonian Institution. (Enter domed kiosk behind the Smithsonian castle, take elevator down to third level, follow signs.)

A Service of Inspiration and Hope: A Place for Everyone in God's Kingdom — Interfaith service at the National Cathedral, with performances by the Joffrey Ballet, soprano Carmen Balthrop, massed choruses, and special guest readers. Mt. St. Alban, Massachusetts & Wisconsin Aves., NW. 4 p.m.

Congressional Reception — Honoring Our Allies, Forging Our Future is the theme of this event, a chance to meet and honor the representatives who have joined in the fight to overturn the Pentagon ban on military service by gay people. Some of those people will be here, including Col. (Ret.) Greta Cammermeyer, ANG; Capt. Tanya Dome, USA; Lt. J.G. Tracy Thorn, USN; Capt. Dusty Pruitt, USA; P.O. Keith Meinhold, USN; 1st Lt. Heidi de Jesus, USAF; Midshipman Joseph Steffan, USN, and others. 7 p.m. Washington Hilton Hotel.

Eldritch Circle — Ritual circle to reflect the diversity of gay life, and to empower the community to work for change. 4:30-7 p.m., P Street Beach.

Radical Faerie Grand Circle — At The Ellipse, starting at 5 p.m.

Texas Two-Step Party — Lone Star style, with great C&W dancing, and "good eats." $25. 6-10 p.m. at Tracks, 1111 1st St., SE, opposite the Navy Yard Metro Stop.

G&L Parents Coalition Banquet and Reception — 6:30-9 p.m., Hyatt Arlington, 1325 Wilson Blvd. (Rosslyn Metro Stop).

MOW Black-Tie Banquet — Fundraiser for the march, with tix at $250-$1000; reception, dinner, and dance, with guest celebrities who will appear on the MOW stages. 6:30 at the Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 S. Hayes St., Arlington (Pentagon City Metro Stop).

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POLITICS '93

by Mark Kerr

That is how the press would sensationalize what happened this past weekend. The big story of the week was the special County Convention called by the Pima County Democratic Party to debate the proposal of going on record to support changing the state party by laws to allow registered independents to vote in the Democratic primary election.

The convention took place at the Plumbers and Steamfitters Hall in Tucson. There were over 75 Precinct Committeeperson in attendance, some of the notables present were: Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom, City Council members Steve Leal, Janet Marcus and Molly McKasson. A late arrival to the festivities was the County Recorder, F.

The debate (fireworks) started with the principle speakers State Democratic Party Chair, Steve Owens and National Committeeman, Martin Bacal spoke in favor of this motion, then former State Party Chair, Bill Minette, and Tucson attorney, Martin Schulman, spoke against the proposal. These speakers spoke about how it could affect the party.

It was expected that Owens, a Phoenix lawyer, would live to his reputation as a skilled debator. But, the audience felt that had fallen flat with his speech, due to the fact that he gave no facts and figures to back up his arguments that it would encourage more people to get involved in the process. National Committeeman Martin Bacal's arguement was called the "Magic Wand" theory. He stated that if we open up the primary, all independents would vote in the primary and "poof" become Democrats. The vast majority of the people present felt that Owens and Bacal expected pc's to support the proposal because of their ranking within the party. This was far from the truth.

Minette and Schulman stated that it would take away the incentive to register and be involved in political (democratic) process, and how this would hurt the Democratic party. Schulman also brought up what a primary is supposed to be.

The debate was opened to the floor. This reporter led the field of speakers against the proposal by talking about how three states who hold open primaries, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri, do not have a significant increase in turnout over Arizona percentages (about 4% better. This reporter also talked about how the voters in those states don't receive information to consider, (a sample ballot), their ballot is printed in the newspaper, and how their voter registration system is not centralized. This reporter in his speech citing the tremendous costs to the taxpayers, (to hold the election, board workers, mailing sample ballots and other costs), also citing the costs to campaigns, (needing to raise funds for mailings and targeting independents), and reminding them that if this goes through we will have to rely more on PAC money. All of which hurt the party in the eyes of the voters.

Other speakers, about a dozen talked about how this would benefit the Republicans, hurt the organization, and hurt campaigns, and how weaker candidates could win and hurt the party. During the debate, Bacal and Owens tried to rebut the statements made, but to no avail. The debate got heated when Bacal got visibly upset and verbally attacked two speakers who were speaking against the proposal. Owens tried to calm things down by saying "We don't need to vote on this now, we can just discuss it." The sentiment was against that. The proposal was voted on and it was overwhelmingly defeated by voice vote.

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Frank Hartigan

Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of addressing the OPBPA's Community Unity Forum on behalf of the Bears of the Old Pueblo. I of course forgot half the clever things I was planning to say, but that isn't the point. The point is the feeling of community and power that came from being among those people in their diverse beauty. Thanks to the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association, and especially to Jim Toevs and "Sparks" Higgins, for the opportunity to meet each other and share our most precious resource: information. i urge the OPBPA to repeat this format; we must keep talking to one another.

Sunday the Bears hosted the Desert Bears from Phoenix for a day hike in Reddington Pass. One sunburned Bear reports that, except for some bad directions at one point, the group had a great time and the Pass was beautiful. Thanks to all those who helped to make the hike a success.

This Saturday, April 24, is Bears' Night Out. This cozy event takes place at our home bar, the Venture-N. We'll be there waving play money for the Salve Auction and real money at the bartenders! Please come join us in our favorite bar.

Don't stay up too late, though, because Sunday morning we need your voice at Himmel Park to express our solidarity with the March On Washington. H.I.T.T. will be serving a pancake breakfast after 9 a.m., so get there early and hungry! Since I didn't win the round trip ticket to D.C. at the Observer benefit, I will be marching on Tucson instead, and so should you! Come to Himmel Park (Tucson Boulevard, 1 block south of Speedway) and raise your voice in defense of your civil rights!

Look for at least one Bear a week from Saturday when it will be Sharing Weekend again and the Bears hit the bars, jars and stickers in hand. The following Thursday, May 6, is our general meeting for May, and Saturday, May 8, our Video Night. Watch this space for details, or call Frank at 327-8781 for details.

The Bears of the Old Pueblo exists to provide a safe place for bears and big men and those who prefer their company. There are no dues or requirements for membership; all are welcome. We sponsor video nights, hiking and camping trips, parties, bar nights, beer busts, and other events as well as taking part in the life of Tucson's Gay community. If you are a Bear or a big guy, you should definitely check us out. Call 327-8781 for more information, or write us at P.O. Box 40021, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

GRADUATE - Fiesta de Mayo candidate for the Gold Team, Aviva Diamond will be holding a benefit show here featuring her running mate Roger and a cast of many of your favorite performers. Remember, all the money collected counts as votes for Aviva for Queen of Fiesta de Mayo and eventually goes to pay for Pride Week Picnic and other Pride activities.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

CLUB 2520 - The much postponed final Kraoke competition takes place tonight from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tonight's Karaoke will feature all past winners and new contestants for this evening. The winner of the Las Vegas trip will be awarded after tonight's competition. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday.

GRADUATE - A big benefit show for all the teams running for Fiesta de Mayo. At 8:30 p.m. Madame X, the current Queen of the Fiesta and also Miss Gay Tucson heads a list of entertainers thatinclude Paris, (Miss Gay Latina 1993); Minerva (Queen of Fiesta de Padrias 1993); Juan (King of Fiesta de Mayo 1987); and Kimberly Ryan (Queen of Fiesta de Mayo 1990). The Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates include: Red Team: Clarissa and Juan; White Team: Candas and Mario; Green Team: Lissette; Purple Team: Alostta Whoremonce and Rick; and the Gold Team: Aviva Diamond and Roger Whitehead. These teams are out making money to help put on Tucson's Gay/Lesbian Pride Week activities. All tips tonight earned by the non-candidates will be divided equally to be put in the candidates treasury. The performing candidates will earn keep their own tips for their treasury. Come on out and support your favorite candidate and at the same time support Gay/Lesbian Pride Week in Tucson.

RUMORZ - "Touché and Friends", in a big show that begins at 9:30. Come on down!

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

CLUB 2520 - Fiesta de Mayo, the major fund raising event for Pride Week '93 will open tonight and play through Sunday, May 2. The booths will open at 8 p.m. A "Royale Flush" show will be performed from 9 until 10:30 and will feature all past Fiesta Kings and Queens as well as many current and past holders of other crowns. A live mariachi group will be strolling through the club from 9:30 to 10:30 also. Food and game booths close at 1 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

CLUB 2520 - Fiesta de Mayo continues. See Friday. Booths open tonight at 6:00 p.m. A "Candidates Show" featuring all of the King and Queen candidate couples will begin at 9 p.m. entertaining for more 'votes' in order to win tomorrow's coronation. plus there will be a surprise star performer coming in town for this show. Watch for details. Mariachis will stroll from 9:30 to 10:30. Remember, all monies raised goes to pay for your Gay Pride Picnic and other Pride Week events.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

CLUB 2520 - Fiesta de Mayo booths open at 6 p.m. (See Friday and Saturday above). The fantastic Mexican Lesbian band "Rare Breed" will be playing for listening and dancing from 7 to 9 p.m. From 9 to 11 p.m. there will be another show for this year's contestants to raise more 'votes' (money) for their campaigns. The show will also feature other fine local and imported talents. From 11 to 11:30 the 'final march' will take place which will feature all past and current Kings and Queens of Fiesta de Mayo to be recognized for their fund-raising efforts throughout the past years. These candidates have raised thousands of dollars in the past seven years allowing the producers of the Fiesta, Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) to produce Pride Week in Tucson. Your help is needed and expected if you want this years pride picnic and other events to be bigger and better than ever. During the final 'March' the votes will be counted and the candidates raising the most money during their month-long campaign will be crowned King and Queen of Fiesta De Mayo 1993 and will preside over all Pride Week events.

IBT'S - Natalie and Beth will celebrate their First year anniversary beginning at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

RUMORZ - Drag Meduesa, starring Cristina de Alexis as always with special guest. 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

IBT'S - A Cinco de Mayo celebration here beginning at 9:00 p.m. with lots of surprises. Olay!

RUMORZ - Los Giros de Israel Paredes, a popular Mexican band will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo here with plenty of Mexican music for listening and dancing. A Benefit for TLGA the Pride Week Committee.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, MAY 30-31

IBT'S - Stand by for a big Memorial Day Celebration here. Watch for details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

THROUGH APRIL 25

One-In-Ten Repertory Company will be presenting Jane Chambers' "A Late Snow" Wednesdays through Sundays beginning a 8 p.m. at the Historic "Y" Theater, 738 N. 5th Ave. $8 admission. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, 600 N. 4th Ave. For reservations call 770-9279.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

In support of the March on Washington, there will be a picnic in Himmel Park beginning at 11 a.m. Bring your own lunch and drinks. H.I.T.T. will be serving a Pancake Brunch for a small donation too. Show your local support for the March on Washington where over one million Gays and Lesbians will be on hand to demand equal rights and liberation.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

The Tucson Gay/Lesbian Alliance (TLGA) will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Club 2520 to continue plans for Fiesta de Mayo, the major fund raiser for Pride Week activities. Anyone interested in working on Fiesta de Mayo or Pride Week activities are urged to attend.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

The Social Committee of MCC/Tucson will have a Field Trip to the Zoo at Reid Park. Anyone wishing to attend this event should be at the church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. at 1:00 p.m. There will be an entrance charge by the Zoo. There will be a Pot-Luck Supper following the trip to the zoo.

The H.I.T.T. Committee, sponsors of the Halloween Invitational Tournament-Tucson, Tucson's annual Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament will hold their first annual May-Day No-Tap event. It will consist of three games bowled in 'no-tap' format where knocking down nine pines on the first ball scores as a strike. Bowling will take place at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile at 1 p.m. entry fee $10 per person. which includes a light buffet and awards social following bowling. All bowlers are welcome. Out of town participants should use the Ramada Inn Downtown for a special $35 rate (1-4 persons). For additional information call 743-3303.

Cronies-Prime Timers will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. There will be a Pot-Luck Dinner and the speaker will be Jim Toevs reporting as an eye witness to the March on Washington.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

A Roast of Jim Toevs sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association. 1:00 p.m. at Club 2520. $15 per person includes a lavish brunch and an afternoon of non-stop entertainment. No host beverages begin at 1 p.m. followed by the brunch and program at 2 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from each meal served will benefit the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. 795-6055 for info.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

MCC/Tucson will have a formal dedication and blessing of the Memorial Rose Garden immediately following the morning worship service at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to attend this event as MCC/Tucson dedicate this living memorial of our lost loved ones to the community. The garden will be open for viewing by the public the rest of the afternoon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

A special performance of "Evita" will be held to benefit the Tucson AIDS Project. The performance will be held at Centennial Hall on the UofA campus beginning at 7 p.m. All tickets $36. For more info call 322-6226.

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sunday

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

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Cookout for community organizations 3 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 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. $1.25 well 8-1 + Meow 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 Pontera $2.75 8 to 1. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 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 Mann, Lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm. Bud and Bud Light $1.50 6 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.

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

wednesday

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¢ Schnappe & domestic beer $1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 p.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.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Electric Iced teas $2.50 8 pm to midnight. Dance! Dance! Dance!

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. $1.75 domestic beer, 50¢ Draft or 75¢ schnappe 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. VIDI Linda Findale 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 Findale VIDI 10-1.

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

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Washington Events

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The Dyke March — Ad Hoc Committee for Lesbian Visibility. Dupont Circle, 7-9 p.m. Lesbian Avengers will march to the White House.

Lesberados Meet & Greet — Leatherwomen and friends, at The Phase, 525 8th St., SE, 7-9 p.m.

Square Dance — Sponsored by Stars and Squares Forever! 7-10 p.m. in the Basement Meeting Room, Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I Sts., SW. $5.

PFLAG: A Celebration of Family — Parents & friends reception, 7-9 p.m. at the Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Ave & 15th St., NW. $35.

Americans We — Concert with the combined forces of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America. Warner Theater, 7:30 p.m. $15-$25.

Benefit Concert — Margie Adams, Romanovsky and Phillips, and Karen Williams join forces to sing up a storm tonight, a benefit for the March. 8 p.m. at University of the District of Columbia Auditorium, 4200 Connecticut Ave., NW, near the Van Ness Metro Stop. Benefits NGLTF, HRCF, and MOW. 8 p.m. $18 general admission.

The fabulous RuPaul will be at the Spring to Life concert/dance (See next column). Photo by Mark Contratto

The Flirtations Concert — A tribute to Michael Callen. At Hine Jr. High School, 8th & Pennsylvania Ave., SE. 8 p.m. Also Sunday, Monday at 8.

Gay Rites — The Saint at Large, Boston's Grass Roots Gay Rights Fund, and Marc Berkeley are co-producers of this dance, a benefit for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the March. Martha Wash, whose debut album has just hit the stores, will perform, and DJ Merritt of New York's Roxy, Limelight and USA, will turn up the heat. 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at Washington Hilton Ballroom, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW. Tickets $20 in advance (1-800-551-SEAT), $30 at the door if available.

Freedom Reigns — Dance party, with part of proceeds going to benefit the March, produced by the co-owners of Rich's Houston and Rich's/San Diego, to be held at the D.C. Armory, a 70,000 square foot arena at 2001 East Capitol St., 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. A&M recording artist Ce-Ce Peniston ("Finally," "We Got a Love Thang," and "Keep on Walkin' ") will be on hand, as will Sabrina Johnston ("Peace in the Valley"). DJs J.D. Arnold and Jon Mott will take turns in the booth. $30 in advance (call Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT) or $35 at the door, if available.

Havdallah: An Evening of Jewish Lesbian Entertainment — Havdallah service to commemorate 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, followed by performances by Alix Dobkin, Laura Barkson, Ruth Pelham, and a klezmer band, sponsored by *Bridges* magazine. Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Ave., NW. $10. 8-11 p.m.

Fruit and Nut Bar Gathering — Mental health care consumers and survivors of psychiatry gather for mutual support and discussion. 8-10 p.m. Days Inn, Downtown, Caucus Rm., 12th & K Sts., NW.

Venus Rising: A Celebration for Women — Party with non-stop dancing, fun, creative entertainment, giveaways, DJ Jame Foks. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. $10. Blossoms, Old Post Office Pavilion.

Spring to Life Concert/Dance — Party to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and the Spring to Life Foundation, starring our very own RuPaul and Rozalla. 10 p.m.-4 a.m. at the Post Office Pavillion. $40 (VIP $500) through Ticketmaster.

Sunday, April 25

Religious Services — *Lutherans Concerned*, Augustana Lutheran Church, New Hampshire & V Sts., NW, 8:30 a.m.; *UFMCC Communion & Christening*, Lincoln Memorial, 8:30 a.m.; *Interfaith Service*, District Building, District Chambers, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 9 a.m.; *Unitarian Universalists for L&G Concerns*, All Souls Unitarian Church, 16th & Harvard Sts., NW, 9:30 a.m.; *National City Christian Church*, Howland Center, 5 Thomas Circle, NW, 9:30-10:30 a.m., traditional service with homily by Rev. Christine Leslie of New Jersey; *Catholic Mass*, Dignity, 1820 Connecticut Ave., NW (Dupont Circle Metro Stop), 4:30 p.m.; *Festival Communion Worship*, Reformation Lutheran Church, 212 E. Capitol, 6 p.m.; *Unitarian Universalist Service and Reception*, Sojourner Truth UU Church, 9th & Pennsylvania, SE (Center for Youth Svcs.), near Eastern Market Metro Stop, 7:30 p.m.

Morning Stage & Assembly Rally — Washington Monument grounds, starting at 9 a.m.

The March — Noon, on The Mall.

Afternoon Stage & Rally — On The Mall, 1-6 p.m.

POC Victory Party: An Affair to Remember — The Brass Rail Club, 476 K St., NW, 5-10 p.m. $6.

Dance on Washington — Benefit for AmFAR, National Building Museum, Grand Hall, 7 p.m.-2 a.m. $30 through Ticketmaster.

Divas: Simply Singing! — Concert to benefit National Minority AIDS Council. Marsha Warfield emcees, with Thelma Houston, Melba Moore, Brenda Russell, Valerie Simpson, Mary Wilson, Liz Torres, Sheryl Lee Ralph and many more singers and entertainers. 8 p.m. at Warner Theater. $25, $50, $100 (includes press reception), $250 (includes private cast party). 8 p.m.

POWER Dance — Sponsored by Atlas. 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at the Zei Club, 1415 Zei Alley, NW (adjacent to McPherson Square Metro Stop; alley runs from 14th-15th Sts., between H and I). With Miami DJ Willy Vela.

Freedom Rings — Yet another hot dance party, for those with left-over energy to burn up, this time produced with a Southern touch by Steve Berman, who has made a name for himself with his Hotlanta Raft Race parties. In the ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, 8:46 p.m. to 2:01 a.m. (talk about precision!), with DJ Max Rodriguez. $20 in advance, $30 at the door (benefits MOW, NGLTF, HRCF).

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Viewpoint

by Frank Hartigan

Is Anybody Listening?

A couple of weeks ago I stood outside the Shanti Foundation booth at the Fourth Avenue Street Fair, handing out condoms to all who would take them. Many people (including almost all the young men and women under 25) were glad to see us there and glad to take condoms and literature. Many others were embarrassed or scandalized by what we were doing. Some people thought the little packets were samples of chewing gum or hand lotion, and angrily gave them back after reading the labels. Most of the Gay men I saw said they had plenty of condoms at home.

What concerns me (aside from those condoms at home not being used) was the number of people who said they didn't need condoms because they were married. While the Street Fair wasn't really the place to re-educate those folks, their ignorance terrifies and appalls me. Haven't people heard that AIDS isn't just for faggots and junkies anymore? Let me reiterate here what I was saying Saturday:

WE WANT YOU HERE FOR THE CURE. EVERYBODY SHOULD CARRY A CONDOM. IF YOU CAN'T USE IT, KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN.

Living as I do, it seems impossible for anyone who isn't brain dead to be unaware of the need for safer sex, including the use of condoms. I tend to forget working with clients with AIDS, losing friends and lovers to AIDS, and having the normal fear of AIDS (though I remain HIV negative), that there are people who don't know the risks they are taking.

The most frightening part for me is the fact the large segments of society would rather deny sex and sexuality and watch young men and women dies than give out life-saving information and trust kids to see it as it is, not as a license to have sex. As long as there are those who would prefer to play Cleopatra (Queen of Denial) rather than talk frankly about sex and AIDS, people will die needlessly. This is about as senseless as the banana growers' association threatening to sue if their product were used to demonstrate the proper way to use a condom. This denial will come back to haunt us, big time.

Let's face the facts: there are intravenous drug users and Gay men in Tucson. So far, we agree, right? Now the hard part: by far, most of the people with HIV disease in the world are not drug users or Gay; new cases of HIV infection have been trending downward among Gay men for years. Most new cases of AIDS are among women of color and their children.

Condemning needle exchange programs as condoning IV drug use of sex education curricula as promoting promiscuity does nothing to change the facts. The decision whether or not to have sex or use drugs is a moral choice. HIV is morally neutral. It's a virus, not a judgement. Even if you feel strongly that people should not have sex with multiple partners or shoot up drugs, do you believe they should die for it?

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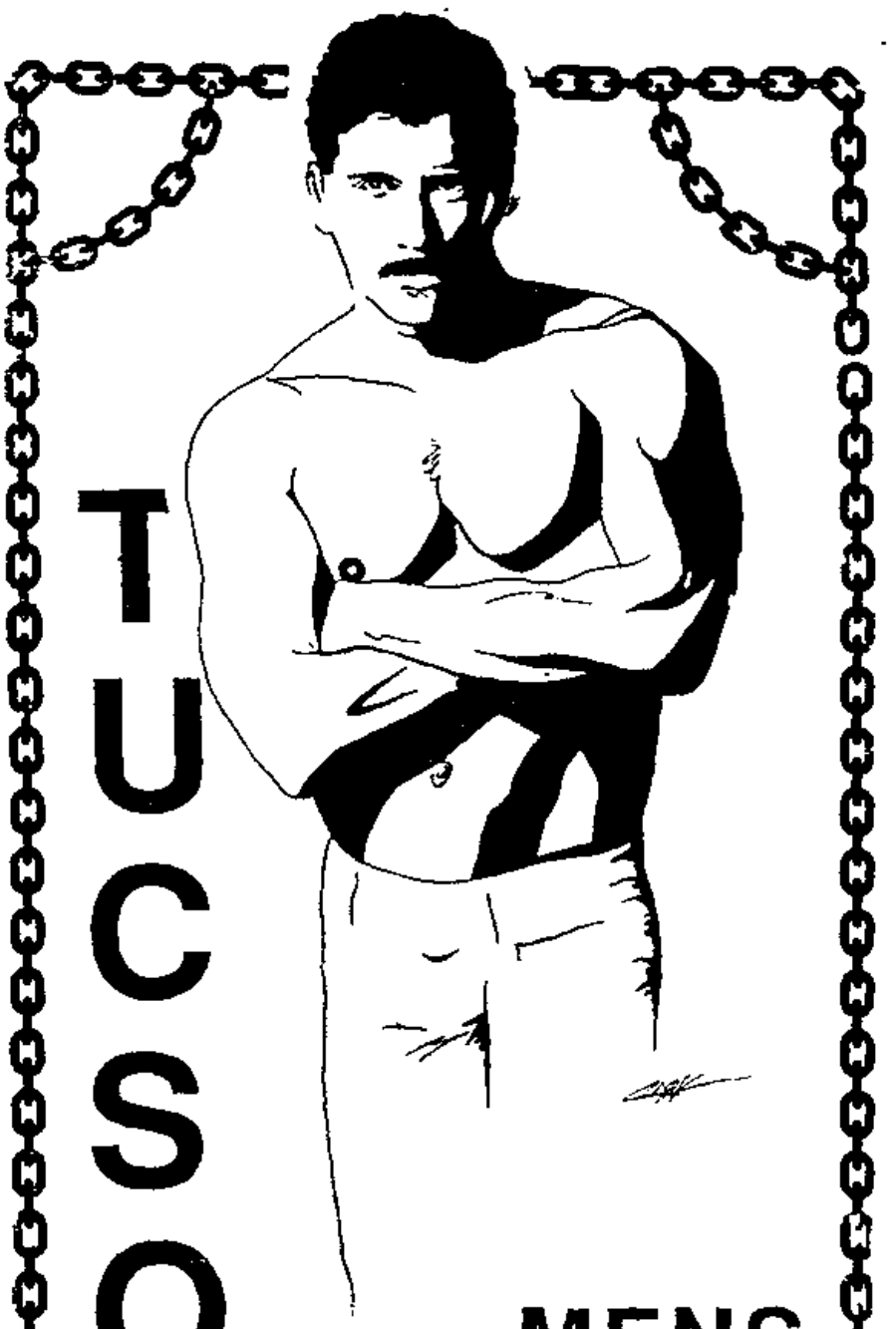

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

On Saturday, May 1st, the Social Committee will sponsor a Fellowship Trip to the Zoo. Everyone interested in going on this "in town" trip should meet at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue at 1:00 p.m. There will be a charge by the Zoological Park. Following the trip to the Zoo, there will be a Pot Luck Supper. More details will be announced from the Social Committee.

Immediately following our Sunday Morning Worship Service on Mother's Day, May 9th, we will have our formal dedication and the blessing of the Memorial Rose Garden. Our worship service is concluded approximately at Noon. The rose garden will be open to the public for viewing all afternoon. Regular scheduled hours for attendants at the garden have not been established, but the public is invited to view the garden during any daylight hours. At this point there is still work to be done and the memorial plaques will be placed in the garden the last part of April.

Our next No-Host Bingo Party will be held here at the church on Saturday, May 15th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Bring a prize (value not to exceed $5.00) for one of the games and play Bingo for the entire evening. This is a social event sponsored by the Social Committee for those who would like an evening of fun and fellowship in a non-alcoholic atmosphere.

Thought for the week: Our first concern ought not to be for ourselves but for our neighbors and their needs. We are not to play God in their lives. (This is taken from our liturgy in a Call to Worship. This was read in last Sunday's worship service and is worth repeating again and again.)

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of the most momentous decisions a person can make is the purchase of a house. There are just so many different things to take into consideration: the location, foothills, close to work, excluded or close to neighbors; type of home, condo, townhouse, one or two story; type of exterior, stucco, adobe, brick, frame; type of landscaping, desert, wide expanse of lawn, gravel yard, number of bedrooms and bathrooms; formal living room or family room, attached or detached garage; the list can go on and on. For most of us, one of the most important if not the most important consideration is the financial aspect, no matter how much we like the house, no matter if we have decided that this house is just the perfect one for us, if the price is not within our reach, all other considerations don't matter. Because a home is the largest single purchase in a person's life, it is sometimes necessary to make sacrifices in order to be able to afford to purchase one. A person may have to decide between steak and sandwiches, between going to the theater or renting a video, in order to be able to save for the down payment.

And after that perfect house has been purchased, it soon becomes apparent that there are a few problems with it, the roof leaks, or the hot water heater goes out, or the walls need repainted, or the yard needs weeded! Then comes the question, was this really the perfect house for me?

Do I have good news for you! I know just where the perfect house for each one of you is located! You will never be disappointed with it, and the price is right! Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." (John 14:2a KJV) You may not be able to afford a fancy house here on earth, but there is one waiting for you in heaven! And you will never have to worry about the plumbing going out or the cooler not working, because Jesus went on to say, "I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2b KJV) Since Jesus is preparing you mansion in heaven, you know it will be just right! And Jesus paid for your mansion when he died on the cross for your sins, so you don't have to worry about no being able to afford it!

How can you make sure you are really going to have a mansion in heaven? Like I said, Jesus has already paid the price for it, but there is something you have to do. You have to make your reservation. You do that by accepting the forgiveness which Jesus offers you today. Then you can be sure that Jesus is preparing a place just for you. See you in heaven!

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

This last weekend, the 8th Annual Observer Community Benefit was held. The show was incredible and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. And by the way it was not a drag free evening and definitely not a drag. And the creativity and utter genius of certain other members of the Gay Community is unsurpassed. A lot of work went into the production of such a terrific show.

Congratulations to this year's TOGA Award recipients, Nena Trujillo and Jim Toevs. Next year we are going to need a much bigger place. And Bob Ellis told me that we are looking into that already. $10,000.00 was raised, great job done by everyone involved. Thank you to the Tucson Gay Community for raising this much needed money for the two primary AIDS organizations that have been constantly a part of and serving the Gay community in Tucson, PACT for Life and The Shanti Foundation of Tucson. I have a funny feeling that there are those who are already at work, at least developmentally, for next year's fantastic extravaganza. I wouldn't miss it for the world.

Surprisingly to some, my column last week has received very little criticism. The feedback after Saturday was that now they expect it in writing. Those involved know what I mean. Hopefully this will be the end. There are still some smelling blood and protest. I hope that will be avoided. No one will gain. Enough said on this subject.

Tuesday, April 19th was a day that truly broke my heart. When I got over to my friend Harlan's house after work and he informed of the events in Waco, Texas, I was totally devastated. The loss, the pain, of all those people and the ego of such a truly sick individual such as David Koresh is incomprehensible. Several friends of mine have expressed that they have had bad dreams as a result. People are busy looking for someone to blame in it all. It is quite obvious to anyone but a politician that the lunatic who torched the men, women and children of the compound is the primary culprit. Hopefully they will not seek a living scapegoat and let these people rest, finally in peace.

We should take the time to see how we can avoid the need for people to join such a nut to find the love and sense of fulfillment they so desperately need. Jim Jones, 15 years ago should have taught us a lesson. By being more supportive and encouraging of each other is the first step. The attraction of people to such as Jim Jones and David Koresh is understandable. If you are hurting and someone is willing to ease the pain, you will respond. They collected their followers by playing on their need to be loved and wanted. When we reject, ignore or put down parts of our community there will be nuts like them to collect them and use/abuse them to their own pleasure.

It may sound corny, but a little love can go a long way. Yes, I am saying the society as a whole is one of the other culprits of this horrendous tragedy. We can make a difference. By showing people a little consideration and love, a lot of grief can be avoided. We must take responsibility for ourselves and that includes our fellowmen and women. We can not exist alone, we are a part of the whole picture. Lets celebrate life with one another and not unknowingly drive people into the arms of self proclaimed messiahs (true fruit cakes). It may have occurred in Waco, believe me it can happen here unless we get real and care. Never again, is not a new phrase, just the appropriate one.

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One Out Of Every 200 Adults To March On Washington

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Because survey respondents tend to overstate their levels of participation in events or activities they believe are important, inferences drawn from the study should be conservative. Nevertheless, the April event could easily draw 1 million Gay and Lesbian participants and has the potential to draw twice that number. The total U.S. adult population is roughly 200 million. This means that 1 out of every 200 American adults may be marching for Lesbian, Gay and Bi rights and liberation on April 25th in Washington D.C.

The April march was organized to demand civil rights for Gay and Lesbian Americans. Specifically, Gay and Lesbian Americans are requesting legislation protecting them from being fired, thrown out of their homes, denied public accommodations or banned from the military because they happen to be Gay or Lesbian. In addition, participants are requesting increased funding for AIDS services and research. An estimated 1.1 to 1.4 million Gay and Bisexual men have tested for HIV in the United States alone; roughly 11% of the adult Gay male population.

Respondents planning to attend the April civil rights march are politically active with over 96% reporting that they are registered to vote. Just over 71% are Democrats, 13.5% are Independents, 6.5% Republicans and 1.5% are Libertarians. An estimated 89% of the Gay and Lesbian community voted for Mr. Clinton in the last presidential election.

With the President's increasing reluctance to move ahead on ending the military ban on Gays, the April March On Washington could easily turn into a resounding cry of outrage from the Gay and Lesbian community. This would have a long lasting impact on the ability of the Democratic party to attract Gay dollars and could effect President Clinton's bid for re-election in 1996.

Of the expected 1 to 2 million Gay and Lesbian participants approximately 47% will be Lesbians. This is of particular note as the Lesbian community is often less visible, and as a consequence, assumed to be small relative to the Gay male community.

Participants are coming from all across the nation. Over 20% are traveling from California and other western states, 25% from the midwest, 26% from the south and 28% from the northeast.

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