

Observer/Community Benefit Raises Over \$5,000



Winner of the 1990 male TOGA Award, Dr. Michael Darragh, is shown in the middle above flanked by 1990 TOGA Award

winner Mike Griffin on the left and 1989 TOGA winner Dr. Scott Gorman, all three are from the University Medical Center.

TUCSON - The 6th annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit was held last Saturday evening, March 23, at the Plaza Hotel. It was an evening of dining, dancing, entertainment and camaraderie among the 200 plus who were in attendance. Beneficiaries for the evening's activities were Shanti Foundation/Tucson and P.A.C.T. For Life. Over \$5,000 was raised for the two Tucson AIDS agencies.

During the evening, the annual TOGA (Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation) Awards were presented. Each year these humanitarian awards are presented to a male and female who have done extraordinary

service for the Tucson Lesbian and Gay community. This year's recipients are Kathleen Mayer, assistant County Prosecutor and co-Chair of the Lambda Democratic Caucus and Dr. Michael Darragh, physician at the University of Arizona Medical Center.

Entertainment for the evening's gala included the live vocal talents of Mr. Loren Johnson, who also acted as emcee, Pat Tobin, Anne English and Mary Murphy. Miss Gay Tucson, Raven as well as Miss Gay Arizona, Amanda McLanara also entertained, along with Phoenix entertainer Charisma. Other highlights of the evening included the comedic performances of the IBT Scream Girls and the excellent dance routines of Nancy Norman and Company with back-up help from the Deaf-tones.

There were three bars set up and manned by bartenders recruited from several of the local Gay bars and stocked by donations of liquor from the bars. All profits from the sale of the liquor and tips from the bartenders and performers helped swell the final count of money.

Door prizes were given out throughout the evening and a raffle and auction held for some very nice prizes.

Everyone who helped in making this benefit so successful - decorations, performers, lights and sound, door persons, bartenders, and the excellent staff of the Plaza Hotel all combined to make the evening a most pleasant one and one that will be remembered for a long time.

OBSERVER especially would like to thank all who attended and donated and made this event the most successful ever.



Kathy Mayer and Dr. Michael Darragh shown above were recipients of the 1991 TOGA Awards at the OBSERVER/Community Benefit held last Saturday.

Mr. Leather/Arizona Contest Set

TUCSON - This year's Mr. Leather/Arizona 1991 Contest will take place Saturday, April 6 at IBT's beginning at 9:00 p.m. There is no cover charge. Bob DeJardine will act as master of ceremonies with Jody Ryan, David Wetstein and Mark Rosenbaum acting as co-emcees. Catrina, Ms. Arizona Leather 11991 will make a special appearance.

Currently prize values are at approximately \$3,500 to be divided among the winner, and 1st and 2nd runners-up. The Grand Prize is entry as a statewide Arizona representative in the 1991 International Mr. Leather Contest, May 24-27 in Chicago. This is the oldest and largest leather event in the world. This trip includes round trip airfare, 3 nights at the Executive House in Chicago, airport shuttle service and a \$200 cash allowance. This is fully separate and apart from all other prizes and awards.

Exclusive of the contestants, the production and program staff totals 25 people, over half of whom will be from Tucson. The event will begin on Friday and continue through Sunday. At the Graduate on Friday, April 5, there will be a formal introduction of the contestants at 9:00 p.m. followed by a goodwill bar tour of Tucson.

On Saturday there will be a V.I.P. Reception from 6 to 8 p.m. at the French Quarter. Admittance will be by invitation or donation. The contest follows at 9 p.m. at IBT's.

Winding up the weekend, there will be a "Community Lifestyles Fair" held on Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Hours, 3455 E. Grant. This will be a good opportunity to meet the winners and visiting titleholders. Browse through

the Tuff Stuff mini-shop and ask questions about 'the leather lifestyle' that you have always wanted to ask.

Throughout the weekend, a special benefit raffle will be held with 50% of the raffle proceeds to go to Shanti Foundation/Tucson and P.A.C.T. For Life. The other half will go to the Mr. Leather/Arizona Travel Fund. Tickets will be sold at each official contest weekend function (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). The drawing will be 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 7 at Hours. Prizes include videos from Marathon Films, Tuff Stuff leather-wear gift certificates, EuroMarket gift certificates and other prizes. The Mr. Leather/Arizona travel fund is not to be used for the trip to the Mr. International Leather contest in Chicago. It is to be used to insure that the titleholder does travel Arizona, both central and southern.

Judges for the contest include (1) Gregry Foster, Mr. Leather/Arizona 1990; Mr. Firebird Leatherman 1990; Mr. Trax Leather 1989. (2) Ron Brewer, Mr. North American Drummer 1990-91; Mr. Southwest Drummer 1990-91. (3) Teri Trotter, Ms. Arizona Leather 1990; 1st Runner-up International Ms. Leather 1990. (4) Greg Lowe, Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer 1990-91. (5) Javier Mendez, Mr. Southern California Drummer 1990-91. (6) Pam Young, 1st Runner-Up Ms. Arizona Leather 1991. (7) Lee Ridinger, Vice-Chairman of the Mr. Leather/Arizona Committee.

Deadline for entering the contest is March 30. Applications are in most Phoenix and Tucson bars. For more information or prize contribution, contact Mr. Leather/Arizona, Tuff Stuff, 1714 E. McDowell, Phoenix, AZ 85006 or call (602) 254-9651.

Florida Law Prohibiting Adoptions By Gays And Lesbians Ruled Unconstitutional

TALLAHASSEE, FL - In a landmark ruling, a circuit court judge in Florida has struck down a Florida law that prohibited Lesbians and Gay men from adopting children in that state.

Judge M. Ignatius Lester, of Monroe County, Florida, ruled on March 15 that the law violated the state constitution's right to privacy, equal protection and due process of law. The law, he said, "suffers from the trite notions of homosexuals' unsuitability as fit parents and evidences discrimination through archaic stereotypes associated with homosexuals."

The Florida law was challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida on behalf of Edward Seebol, a Gay man. Seebol, whom the court described as a "well respected resident and businessman," had participated in the state's guardianship program. Seebol is the executive director of AIDS Help Inc., the AIDS service organization in Key West.

"I am pleased with the court's decision," Seebol said. "This favorable judgement will allow other qualified Gays and lesbians to become adoptive parents in Florida."

"Everyone in the state gains by utilizing the full resources of all its citizens," Seebol continued. "But most important of all are the children who will be the real winners as they find homes and become part of a loving and nurturing family."

Only one other state in the United States - New Hampshire - specifically prohibits Lesbians and Gay men from adopting children. The New Hampshire law was upheld by that state's highest court in 1987, in a decision joined by Supreme Court Justice David Souter, then a member of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

UPDATE

ATC wins 7 First Place ZONY Awards

PHOENIX - ATC, Arizona Theatre Company garnered seven first place awards, including six for "Amadeus", in the first annual ZONY Awards honoring outstanding Valley theater productions and artists for 1990. Scottsdale's Actors Lab Arizona took six top wins, five (including Best Musical) for "Nunsense", produced in conjunction with the Theater League.

Co-sponsored by Arizona Film, Theatre & Television Association and the Valley Theatre Association, ZONY Awards were earned in the professional theater category by "Amadeus" creators Greg Lucas (best set designer), David Kay Mickelson (best costume designer) and Jeff Ladman (best sound designer). Tracy Odishaw of ATC was awarded Best Lighting designer honors for "Road To Mecca".

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant Set

TUCSON - The annual Miss Gay Tucson Pageant will take place on Sunday, April 14 at the Quality Inn beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The 1991-92 Pageant is produced by Penelope Poupe Productions of Phoenix. According to Penelope, there are seven candidates already registered to participate in the event. Others interested should contact the production company at the phone number listed below.

Doors to the event will open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each. For reservations and further information, call Penelope Poupe Productions, (602) 861-5828.

Club Hispano de Tucson To Reorganize

TUCSON - Club Hispano de Tucson has gone through a disappointing period of inactivity in regard to the principles and goals the club set for themselves at the time of their formation.

For this reason, the club will be meeting Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at La Fonda de los Garcias restaurant, 2226 N. Stone Avenue and/or again on Saturday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m. The meetings are being called to analyze and reinforce the motivations or to formally dissolve Club Hispano de Tucson.

Members are earnestly requested to attend these meetings. Your absence will be considered a sign of your lack of continued interest in Club Hispano de Tucson and its functions.

New Mexico Senate Defeats Gay Rights Bill

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - On Thursday, March 7, after an hour of painful and impassioned debate before a packed and attentive gallery, the New Mexico State Senate defeated the proposed Gay Rights Bill by a vote of 24-15, with 3 absences. All 16 Republicans were joined in opposition by 8 Democrats. Senate Bill 91, would have amended the New Mexico Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in matters of employment, housing, public accommodations and credit.

During the fall gubernatorial campaign, the New Mexico Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance issued a joint recommendation for both the Republican and Democratic candidates after both had promised to support legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. In issuing the joint recommendation, NML/GPA congratulated both candidates for helping to turn an issue of conflict into an issue of consensus.

The full New Mexico Legislature meets for 160 days every odd year and 30 days every even year. Before the 60-day session had begun on Jan. 11, unanimous recommendations had been secured from two interim legislative committees and the Legislative Review Board of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. A decision was made to start in the Senate because it was felt that a House victory was more likely and that the more difficult body, in terms of rules and personalities was the Senate.

Although NML/GPA was hoping for a miraculous 60-day victory, they are very satisfied with what they were able to accomplish in their first state effort. The bill passed two committees, before being defeated on the floor. By March 4, after fewer than 100 days, NML/GPA had secured letters of support from over 25 groups and community leaders ranging from the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and the Albuquerque City Council to labor organizations, Native American groups, Women's organizations, and over 10 religious leaders representing the Jewish, Catholic, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Quaker and United Church of Christ communities. Editorials in support appeared in both daily newspapers in Albuquerque and a paper in Las Cruces, in Southern New Mexico.

In spite of considerable effort expended to win Republican support, on such issues as the right to privacy, all 16 Republican Senators voted against the bill. The majority of those who expressed negative opinions before voting against the bill refused to accept even the possibility that one's sexual orientation could be as immutable as one's race and sex. Ignoring the material represented to them, they argued that the law shouldn't protect an immoral, learned behavior. While several of those who voted against the bill professed to oppose discrimination, they seemed unable to comprehend the relationship between prejudice and both discrimination and violence.

Weather Or Not

by Bart

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Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

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There were also beer cans thrown at New York City Mayor David Dinkins who had elected to forfeit the mayor's traditional front position in the parade, electing to march with the Irish Gay and Lesbian contingent at the back of the parade.

Dinkins, New York City's first elected Black mayor, filled the seat held for many years by Ed Koch -- both of whom had been friends of New York's Gays and Lesbians.

He interceded on behalf of the Irish Gays and Lesbians when they had been denied a spot in New York's 230th annual parade -- the nation's oldest and largest. Not content with interceding, he elected to join them.

During the parade, Dinkins was drenched by beer from two thrown cans, although no one was hit, and taunted by jeers aimed at him and the Gays and Lesbians marching with him. It was indeed, a sad day for equality.

This rather innocuous incident is even more insidious, coming only days after a Black man was savagely beaten by a dozen White and Hispanic officers in Los Angeles. The incident was captured on video tape, leading to a nationwide re-examination of six-year's worth of police brutality reports.

For every Black man and woman beaten by police, how many Gays and Lesbians are beaten?

For every Black man or woman taunted by racial slurs thrown by White supremacists, how many Gays and Lesbians are taunted by people from a number of other groups.

For every person killed in a clash of territories -- whether gang-related, drug-related or hate-related -- how many Gays and Lesbians are killed?

The answer, of course, is unknown.

The entire nation is abuzz with concern and outrage over the taped beating. Yet, when Gay men or Lesbian women are killed, beaten, maimed, or taunted, those same people turn their backs, unwilling to care, feel, support.

Of course, we only have ourselves to blame for that lack of reaction.

When the video tape of the beating was made public, Blacks organized press conferences and protested outside Los Angeles City Hall, the police department, anywhere and everywhere their voice could be heard. They get air time, they send letters, they complain, they insist changes be made.

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

Life Without Television

I have never understood why people hate TV. Look at the variety TV offers: sitcoms, dramas, soap operas, nature shows, movies, concerts, talk shows, news, sports, and major wars, all right in your home. And what could be more easy -- or cheap -- than flicking a switch in your living room.

Perhaps people dislike TV because it is too accessible. While wielding those remote controls, the viewer sees the worst of TV: low-quality sitcoms, sleazy commercials, puerile conversation with today's macho hero, and absurd public access trash. In comparison, movies are great art. But imagine that, before seeing *Dances With Wolves*, you had to sit through a bit of *Nightmare on Elm Street XXIV* and *Ishtar* and *Heaven's Gate* and *Shanghai Surprise*. Movies wouldn't look so hot either.

Although I can defend TV, I also know its faults, the main one being that it's addicting. If I don't like a book I put it down. If I don't like a movie, I leave. I can avoid turning the TV on for days, but once it's on, it grabs my eyeballs and holds on! Sometime I can switch channels for 2 hours, repeatedly exclaiming, "Shit! There's nothing good on TV tonight!"

So when our roommate moved and took her TV, and when my lover Liz said she could certainly live without one, we decided to try a TV-less month and see what happened. I was curious to see how large a role TV played in my life.

The first thing I noticed was the habit of the TV. Grabbing a quick dinner, I wanted to watch *Jeopardy*. Before going to sleep, I wanted to catch *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. *Jeopardy* is not an important part of my life, and *Star Trek* frequently pisses me off, but that wasn't the point. I was used to watching TV.

I was surprised how much I missed it. While most United Statesians watch 6 hours or more a day, I rarely watch 10 a week. I had thought of TV as an extra, but I quickly found that it was a basic part of my life. I guess I was molded by all the usual growing-up experiences of my TV generation. I saw Jack Ruby shoot Lee Harvey Oswald. I saw the Beatles on Ed Sullivan. I saw the shuttle explode, again and again. I learned that Rhoda was 19 when she had sex for the first time. I laughed and cried with Hawkeye and his friends. I saw Billie Jean King

demolish Bobby Riggs. And when the Persian Gulf War broke out, Liz and I watched CNN for days -- with millions of other people. I realized that TV is not only part of my world; it is part of the world.

Yet that universality has its negatives. I hate changing a channel and seeing death and destruction. I hate White Aryan Nation members screaming anti-Semitism on public access stations. I hate politicians lying in my home. I hate the casual sexism and racism seen on too many shows. Living without a TV freed me from these intrusions.

The first Saturday night without the TV was educational. Liz was at work, and I was in a bad mood with no TV to escape into. So I just stayed in the bad mood. But then the mood passed, and I had a wonderful evening. I much preferred the tinkering I did to desultory hours watching whatever was on TV. Life without TV was peaceful. I liked it.

I liked it so much that part of me is disappointed that, yes, we bought a TV. The deciding factor was the movies. Going to a first-run theatre costs \$10 to \$14 for two people, renting a new movie costs \$1.61 -- and you can go to the bathroom without missing anything. Also, as a columnist, I have to keep up with the world. I can, and do, get more information from newspapers and magazines, but TV is unique. Its reflection and shaping of today's mores is a major part of society. And, if C.J. and Abbe ever go past that first kiss on *L.A. Law*, I'm going to be there!

So I hooked up the TV, and there everything was, in all its splendor and horror. The Jedi were returning. Wonderful nocturnal primates leaped from tree to tree. Half a dozen Indian men enticed their cobras to stand 3 feet or more into the air. Jesus was being crucified, in footage so convincing that I'm sure more than one viewer believed it was authentic. A diamond ring was on sale, for today only. Here was Murphy Brown, there was Bob Newhart. Throughout the channels, commercials blared away.

But my TV-free vacation wasn't for nothing. When the noise and color and motion of the TV started to annoy me, and when I realized there was nothing I was truly dying to see, I practiced my new-found freedom. I turned it off.

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This year's version of the Observer/Community Benefit was another success, this year was probably the best. The recipients were Shanti and P.A.C.T. A new location for this annual event was the Plaza International Convention Center. Check elsewhere in this issue of the Observer for a Editor's full report of the evening, along with pictures of this years TOGA Award winners and others Bob snapped during the evening.

As promised, again in last week's column, applications for this year's TKO Closet Ball Queen Contest are now hanging on the bulletin boards at IBT's, the location of this year's contest, and the Graduate. As of this writing, I've already been approached by two different prospective contestants, and I'm sure by the evening of the contest, more will have signed up.

Have you ever wondered just what you would look like in full drag? On occasions, I'm sure the thought has crossed your mind, possibly mostly around Halloween, but what about those other times? Being in drag for one evening does not take anything away from your masculine appearance or make you fem. Hell, if that was the case, some of those around Tucson you have either met or seen would

not or are not as masculine as you imagined. Some of the previous winners have had fun doing it and the end result has only changed them in the area of \$\$\$, first prize winnings of \$100. It only gives you an evening to finally answer that hidden question you have wondered about. So, why not talk it over with a friend or two, get their opinions, find yourself a makeup person, and try it on April 28 at IBT's.

I have also placed some TKO Spring Fling XI applications on the bulletin board over at IBT's. This annual event will be held in town this year, so if you would like to get to know the TKO members better, have a great and fun weekend, pick up one and join them on this annual, the oldest still going in Tucson, run. You can either mail your application in or bring it with you at the registration on May 24, at the Graduate. Run fee for the full weekend is only \$40.

FBBS: TALL - who is this new pledge "Auntie Winpy"?

Have a safe and loving week, and I'll be coming your way again much to some people's dislike, next week via this weekly publication.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This coming Sunday, March 31st, is Easter. This is supposed to be a solemn occasion. But we at MCC/Tucson are not sure which definition from the dictionary to use. Our dictionary has several alternatives, but the one we will use for this Sunday will be: impressive; awe inspiring; exciting grave or serious thought. Impressive - we will have ownership of our new property at 3269 North Mountain. Awe Inspiring - because we will have the facilities to serve the Tucson community. Exciting or Serious Thought - because we will look forward to the task of serving the Tucson community through Jesus Christ who died and resurrected to give eternal life to every one who believes that Christ was the Son of God who has the power to give that everlasting life.

At 6:30 a.m. this Easter, there will be a Sunrise Service at 3269 North Mountain. Following this Worship Service, there will be an Easter Breakfast served at the same location. At 10:45 a.m., a formal Easter Worship Service at 560 S. Stone. There will be a fellowship Period following the worship service to celebrate in an informal atmosphere. Everyone is invited to attend, any, each or all of these events.

This Friday, starting at 7:00 p.m., there will be a special service to observe Good Friday. This will be in observance of the day that Jesus Christ

died by being nailed to a cross. His outstretched arms had nails driven into his hands, His feet were nailed to the lower portion of the cross and He was hung there to die from the loss of blood and dehydration. Not a pretty picture and a death not willingly taken but on that cross Jesus became the sacrifice for you and me.

Services at 3269 North Mountain will formally start on Sunday, April 14. There have been contracts signed to have certain modifications made on the property and furniture has been ordered which will not arrive until the first part of April. Services will be held at 3269 North Mountain at 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. each Sunday. The Wednesday evening services will be held each week, the starting time for this service will be announced.

The formal dedication of the new facilities will be on July 7, 1991. The Reverend Elder Doctor Troy D. Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will be in Tucson for this dedication.

Thought for the Week: For God so loved the world, that God gave God's only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not the Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17 KJV

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POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

ARIZONA NEWS

The State Senate last Wednesday, voted to expel one of its own members. The Senate voted to expel State Senator Carolyn Walker (D-Dist. 22), on charges of violating three ethics rules. Walker is one of the former lawmakers indicted in the AzScan scandal. On Monday and Tuesday of last week, the Senate Ethics Committee met in regards to Walker's conduct, in lieu of the AzScan Indictments. On Tuesday, Senator Walker and her lawyer, Murray Miller, left the hearings stating that supposedly justice could not be served if she can't have as much time as she wants to put up a defense against the charges of misconduct.

The Ethics Committee voted unanimously that the committee's recommended punishment should be expulsion. And on Wednesday, the vote was taken. Carolyn Walker is the first Senator in the State of Arizona to be expelled from office.

The Senate Ethics Committee will look into the involvement of the Majority Leader, Senator Alan Stephens of District 6, in the AzScan affair. Stephens was named in the criminal lawsuit, but was not indicted.

Senate Bill 1183, "The Hate Crimes Statistics Act" was heard on Friday by the Senate Rules Committee, and was passed by a voice vote. The bill will now go to the full Senate for consideration.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS

The Pima County Board of Supervisors announced last Friday that they had received resumes from 15 people who wish to serve out the remainder of the term of the Senate seat from Legislative District 10, the seat vacated by Jesus "Chuy" Higuera, one of the former lawmakers indicted in the AzScan scandal.

Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva and Dan Eckstrom have formed a citizens committee who will screen the fifteen applicants, and give three names to them, and they will recommend one person to the full Board of Supervisors who will vote on Friday to fill the vacated State Senate seat.

END NOTES

One of these end notes is serious, one is not.

Senate Bill 1183, mentioned earlier in this column, most likely will go to the full Senate for a vote Thursday, and that is where the problem has arisen. With two seats vacated, because of the AzScan scandal, and those two being seats held by the Democrats, the party that supports us, we have encountered our first roadblock in passage of this much needed bill. If those two seats were filled, the bill would pass on a straight party line vote, but, with the Senate now comprised of 15 Democrats and 13 Republicans, and with 16 votes, regardless needed for passage, we have got to find one open-minded Republican state senator to vote for the bill. The only, and I stress the words only, vote is Pima County State Senator Ann Day from Legislative District 12, who is considered to be a moderate to liberal on social issues. What I am pleading for all who read this column to do is to call 1-800-352-8404, ask for Senator Day's office, and then ask her to please vote in favor of the bill. If we do not do this, we lose big!

Now to the levity. Going back to the people, 15 of them, who have applied for the State Senate position vacated by "Chuy" Higuera, one of them was Vincente Becerra. Most of you do not know who he is. Becerra was the Republican nominee for the State Senate from Dist. 10. He changed his political party last Monday to Democrat to be eligible to run. You have heard of token Democrats switching the Republican party, now you have the opposite. I bet Linda Barber is red in the face, since her Republican District 10 Chair has switched. What one will do for a political office!

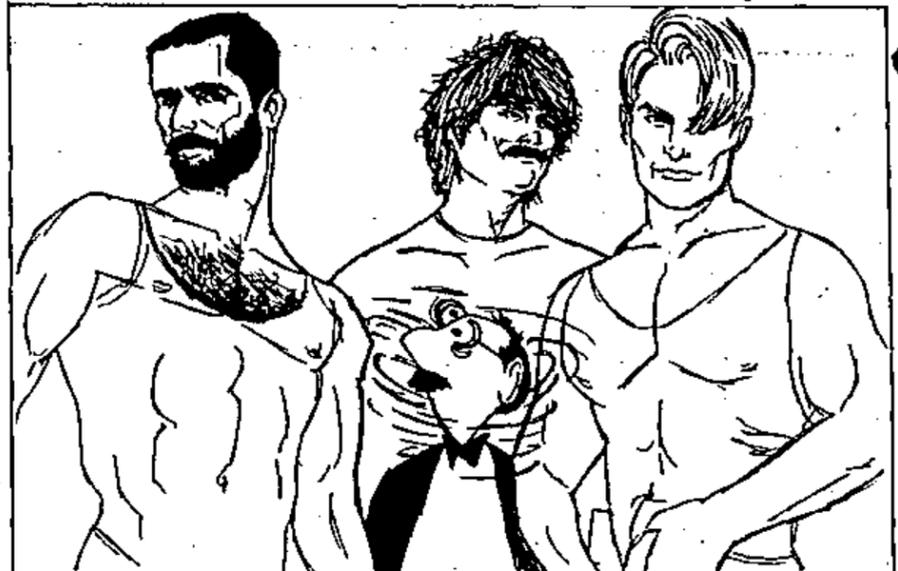
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As I See It by Clark



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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Easter is a time of rejoicing for Christians everywhere. We rejoice because Easter means that we have won the victory! Our Savior did not give in to death. The fact that He was resurrected on the third day following His crucifixion means that He was victorious over death. Therefore, our faith in Jesus makes us victorious also.

Through Jesus... we are victorious over death. Through Jesus... we are victorious over sin. Through Jesus... we are victorious over the troubles of this world.

Without Jesus, I would still be afraid of death. I wouldn't know about the eternal life he has promised to me. I have won the victory over death, and I am not afraid to die because I know I will spend eternity in heaven with my Savior.

I have won the victory over a life of sin. Without Jesus, I would still be living a life of sin. I wouldn't know that there is a better way. I wouldn't know that Jesus loved ME enough to die on the cross for me. Today I am trying to live my life as Jesus wants me to live it. I have turned my past over to Him and He has forgiven my sins. He has my present and my future in His hands, and I no longer find it necessary to live a life of sin. I have found the better way. It is the way of Jesus.

Without Jesus, I would still be bothered by the troubles of this world. Instead, with Jesus I have victory over

them. I am not saying that I have no troubles, or that those around me do not suffer. But I am saying that I have a peace in the middle of whatever may be going on around me. Jesus is with me no matter what happens, and He promises to get me through any situation. He can do this and leave me feeling loved, peaceful and secure.

He can do all of this for me because I have chosen to BELIEVE in Him. I have chosen to put my trust in Him and have faith in Him. He will do all this (AND MUCH MORE) for anyone who makes the choice to believe in Him.

Easter won't mean much to you if you don't believe that Jesus is the Risen Savior. Most likely, it will be just another day. But to me, it is a day of rejoicing, the day my Savior won the victory over death. And it reminds me that, through my faith in Him, my life can be full of victories.

Safe Sex



Is Bringing Men Together

Cornerstone Fellowship Easter Week Schedule

Friday, March 29 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31 6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m.

Potluck Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Easter Celebration

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 - * Fresh vegetables selected from the garden that day.
 - * Spiced Parslaved Potatoes with fresh drawn butter.
 - * Scalloped Potatoes - Old-fashioned just like mother made.
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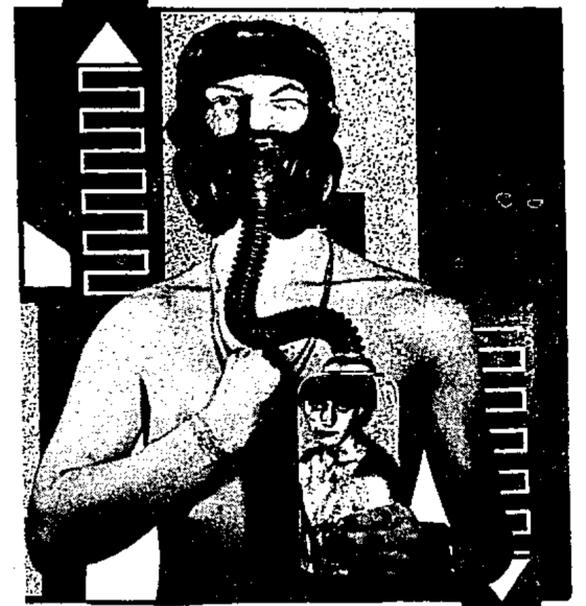
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If you are in the Lake Tahoe area, you might want to check out Eddie's Lakeside Bed and Breakfast. Call (702) 831-8281.

International Gay Pen Pals is about to publish their Spring Newsletter. It will have informative material on more than 330 Gay men and women from around the world. A unique way to start international correspondence as a hobby, a forthcoming vacation to practice another language or a friendship. If interested, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: I.G.P., Ste. 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, CA 91603

Gay hospitality Exchange is gathering new memberships. If you like to entertain Gay friends from all over the world and to visit in Gay homes as you travel around the world... you just may be interested in Gay Hospitality Exchange International (GHEI). Annual membership is only \$10.00 and your name is included in the annual director or one of the updates. It includes the hospitality offered, languages spoken and interests. For more information (brochure and membership form) contact GHEI at P.O. Box 612, Station C, Montreal, Quebec, H2L 4K5, Canada.

Don't Panic Designs, Inc., the creators of the "Nobody Knows I'm Gay" T-Shirt, have set forth into uncharted territory when they opened their booth at the MAGIC (Men's Apparel Guild in California) Show in Las Vegas. Newly designed T-Shirts state: "I'm Not Gay, But My Boyfriend Is"; "Enlightened and Horny"; "Everybody Thinks I'm Straight"; and others including one that says "Boyfriend" to make a matching set. Don't Panic Designs are sold in Las Vegas by Bright Pink Literature, 517 E. Naples, (behind Angles & Lace) (702) 737-7780.

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The "1099 Club", 1099 S. Virginia in Reno (329-1099) is now completely remodeled. It is the home of the Imperial Court and has something for everyone.

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Until next time... Love Ya... Chuck.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Well Tucson, the 6th Annual Observer/Community Benefit has come and gone. It was the biggest success to date. A lot of hard work paid off. The recipients of this year's benefit were P.A.C.T. for Life and Shanti/Tucson. Congratulations to the many people who put some long hours in to make this event the great success it was. Over \$5,000 was generated. And well over half of that will go to P.A.C.T. and Shanti. The rest, of course will cover expenses incurred.

Next on the calendar is Easter. Look throughout this paper for your favorite bar's planned celebration. There will be a 50/50 drawing Easter Sunday at the French Quarter for P.A.C.T. Tickets are on sale at our local bars for \$1. Winning ticket number will be posted in the bars or call me at P.A.C.T. 322-9808. The more tickets sold the more money you can win. The winning ticket will receive 50% of the total amount sold.

After that comes the Mr. Leather Arizona Contest at IBT's on Saturday, April 6th. It's a total weekend of leather festivities at several of our local bars and ending at Hours on Sunday with booths and goodies. Hope to see you all there.

Upcoming columns will include some of the following subjects: More safer sex variations; bedroom lies; the leather mentality; etc.

And finally, I would like to say how nice it was to see TAP at the Benefit last Saturday. Thanks for coming guys.

Till next week: Sean, 323-3780.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
JOSHUA TREE - Drinking Contest and Games "It's A Show" starring Lucinda Holliday, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
IBT'S - Kevin Andrews and First Class Male Strippers at 9:00 p.m. They're great!

JOSHUA TREE - Benefit show for contestants for Miss Gay Tucson starring Tiffany St. Thomas, Lucinda Holliday, Gina Whoo, Christi Landen and Karkette. Special appearances by Miss Gay Tucson, Raven and Miss Gay Arizona, Amanda Klabara. 9:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
GRADUATE - The live vocal talents of Mr. Doug Cooper return to Tucson in this his return show. Included in this nights festivities include performances by Aviva Diamond and the crazy Candy Plastique and then during the evening will be an Easter Bonnet as well as an Easter Basket (?) contest with cash prizes. Y'all come!

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
COLETTE'S - The traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will be held here, plus more 'bunny' surprises.

FRENCH QUARTER - A spectacular Easter Brunch begins the holiday here with a great menu. Check the ad elsewhere in this issue. Shant/Tucson will receive \$2.00 from every entree ordered, so it's a great day, a great meal and a great benefit. Then you will be entertained by San Francisco's wackiest comedian, David Kelsey. Plus Aviva Diamond and Guests will also be entertaining you PLUS a big Easter Bonnet Contest PLUS a big Biggest Easter Basket Contest with cash prizes. Sounds like a busy day and evening here! Check it out.

JOSHUA TREE - Easter Egg Hunt and surprises in the afternoon. 10 p.m. Easter Show and Bunny Contest - prizes for best bunny. Margo Leigh, Lucinda Holliday, Lance Penny, Dani Zeld and Frank Peret.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
JOSHUA TREE - Country vocals and talent with Lucinda, Margo Leigh and guest vocalist to be announced. 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
COLETTE'S - That Dynamite performer from Big D, Nakoma Shay entertains here beginning at 8:30 p.m. \$2 Cover.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
IBT'S - Make this your headquarters for the 4th Avenue Street Fair. Fabulous Miss Gay Texas, Nakoma Shaye doing her live vocal impressions with 1st Runner-up Miss Gay America, Coco. Loren Johnson and Mary Murphy. Showtime 3 p.m. \$2.00 Cover includes a drink ticket. Mr. Arizona Leather Contest begins at 9:00 p.m. They winner will represent Arizona at the Mr. International Pageant in Chicago later this year. Back parking lot will be available Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
IBT'S - Street Fair winds up today. See Saturday for information. PLUS, there will be a special show for the Gay community at 9:00 p.m.

JOSHUA TREE - Gina Whoo Benefit Show for Miss Gay Tucson 10 p.m. Other entertainers too.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
JOSHUA TREE - Lucinda Holliday benefit for Miss Gay Tucson. The show begins at 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
COLETTE'S - "Second Wind", a two-woman musical group from California will entertain with their playing and singing. They're Goooooood!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
JOSHUA TREE - Reception and Meet The Candidates for Miss Gay Tucson 7 to 9 p.m. (Invitation Only) Hors D'Oeuvres.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
COLETTE'S - The annual LUAB is here once again. My bow time flies when you're havin' fun! Lots o' food, dancing, special drinks and loads of fun. Mark this date down or sure!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
COLETTE'S - It's the third Wednesday and Mr. Loren Johnson is here to sing your favorite Country and Western songs. Be's a must-see if you haven't had the pleasure before.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
JOSHUA TREE - Amateur Strip Night. Cash Prize. 10 p.m. Sign up early.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
IBT'S - Fiesta de Mayo Benefit. Details later.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23
COLETTE'S - Singing star Jesse Hawk Oakenstar will be playing here for all her fans old and new. If you haven't heard Jesse make sure you take this opportunity to see and hear her.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
COLETTE'S - It's the fourth Friday and time for "Soul Night". All you lovers of Soul music be sure to boogie on down and get your fill.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
IBT'S - TKO's Annual Closet Ball. Lots of fun and entertainment with those fabulous Scream Girls.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
IBT'S - Win, Lose or Draw, a Think Positive Project begins at 9 p.m.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 622-4556).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
 Club Hispano de Tucson will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. at La Fonda de los Garcias restaurant, 2226 N. Stone to analyse and reinforce the club's motivations. Members are earnestly requested to attend this meeting or the one to be held on Saturday, March 30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
 Club Hispano de Tucson will hold a meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the restaurant La Fonda de los Garcias, 2226 N. Stone, next to Summit, to analyse and reinforce the motivations of the club. Members are encouraged to be present. Your absence will be considered a sign of your lack of continued interest in Club Hispano de Tucson and its functions.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
 Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance - TLGA holds its weekly meeting to continue plans for Fiesta de Mayo, the big weekend fund raising event to raise money for Pride Week 1991. All interested persons are invited to attend. It is held on the patio at the Joshua Tree and it begins promptly at 3 p.m. King and Queen candidate couples are requested to attend also.

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will attend "Biosphere 2: Guided Tour and Luncheon". The group will preview one of the most important and exciting environmental, space-age projects of the century! Reservations must be in by March 17. (P.O. Box 4033, Tucson 85733 with your name and check (\$21.10 per person) payable to OP. Biosphere 2 is 45 minutes driving time north of Oracle and Ina Roads. \$21.10 price includes special OP 11 a.m. group tour, 1:00 luncheon, tax and gratuity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
 The C.A.T. Committee will have their meeting at the Joshua Tree starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting as preparations for the 1990 C.A.T. Awards Presentation are started.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
 Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OP) will celebrate their 7th anniversary with a pot luck brunch and surprise entertainment and election of 1991-92 officers. It all begins at 1:00 p.m., and members are invited to bring yourself, a hungry friend or two, and your favorite covered entree or side dish to share with others. OP will provide beverages, dessert and eating utensils. Luncheon Meeting House in Hohono Chul Park, 7366 N. Paseo del Norte. Free to everyone.

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2. STOP THAT SHIT & BOWL	60	28	.681	4	928
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4. THE 69ers	52	36	.591	12	939
5. "FOUR SHAPS UP"	48	40	.545	16	899
6. SMOKEBOB BOYS	42	46	.477	22	911
7. BUSY B'S	40	48	.455	24	950
8. SIX BALLS & A SPLIT	332	56	.363	32	904

HIGH GAME SCRATCH: MAYBE THIS TIME 738 / BOB B. JR. 258 / CAROL N. 201

HIGH GAME HANDICAP: BUSY B'S 950 / JEFF T. 302 / JUDY C. 269

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH: MAYBE THIS TIME 2007 / JACK S. 671 / CAROL N. 529

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SUNDAY
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner (4:30 to 7:30) \$4.00. Bar 8-9-1.
COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. \$1.00 entry. Brunch till 3. "Wine Down" \$1.00 else 2 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials.....
FIRELINE - Opens at 4 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and 11.50 nighttime.
ROCKS - Bloody Barrys and Screws \$1.00 till 7 pm. House Ladies Specials 7-1.
IBT'S - Open noon to 1 a.m. Country music all day long. Dance lessons with W/Instructor Gil Leon.
MEMORI - Open at noon. Drink specials.

monday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. \$1.50 Draft/Schnapps Special. \$1.75 Domestic Beer and \$2 Well for bowlers. Bar 8:30 country favorites from 9-1
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7. All White Well, Schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25, Draft .75
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.
FIRELINE - Opens at 4 p.m. .50 hot dogs all day. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$3.00 Pitchers.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.
ROCKS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Bowdy Clappers.
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or Non-Premlum Beer.
MEMORI - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Todd dj's at 9.

tuesday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials. Bobby Jr. Djs 9 p.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, Draft .75. Longneck Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.
FIRELINE - Opens at 4 p.m. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$3.00 Pitchers.
GRADUATE - .50 Draft open to close.
ROCKS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather & 6 pm to close.
 Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.
MEMORI - Open noon. Daily drink specials. WJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. Djs 9 p.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, domestic bottle beer \$1.25, Draft .75. 7-Squares dance and give free lessons at 8:30. Country/Western Nite. Schnapps \$1 from 8-12 am. DJ 9-1
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.
FIRELINE - Opens at 4 pm. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$3.00 Pitchers.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 nites.
ROCKS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. 8 to Close, 50 cents off Call Liquor.
MEMORI - Open noon. Daily drink specials. WJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Bar Djs 9-1. Pool Tournament 10 pm - \$3.00
COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, Draft .75 / "Subversive" .50 draft from 8-12. DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Mike Padilla at the piano.
FIRELINE - Opens at 4 pm. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 pm \$1.50 Well, \$3.00 Pitchers.
GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.
ROCKS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Feinken or Corona \$1.00 from 9 pm to 1 a.m. Country/Western Nite, Dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30. C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Mack.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 4 p.m. Bar and Bud Lite \$1.25 9-1.
MEMORI - Daily drink specials. Video/Disco dancing with Clint 9-1.

friday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Bobby Jr. Djs beginning at 9pm. Erotic Coffee drinks on the patio 10 - 1.
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STEVEN DIETL..

Q. ...If men can't be monogamous, why do they always try to pretend they're going to when they get lovers. It's so dumb to make all the romantic promises when everybody knows men are going to cheat as soon as they get tired of their lover anyway...

A. Fidelity isn't a genetic trait. Whether or not a relationship includes monogamy as one of the "romantic promises" depends on the choice of the people involved, not the ability to keep those promises. For some people, male or female, curbing the wandering eye, or desire, may be more difficult than for others, but the choice of behavior remains. Usually the difficulty lies in poor communication, lack of commitment, and low self-esteem rather than "man's" inability to remain faithful.

Keep in mind that fidelity is more than just a physical commitment. Love is based on countless facets of the people involved. Shared dreams, ideals, experiences and communication keep relationships interesting and alive. When creating the mental picture of a relationship that will work for you, avoid generalities you have applied to all people. If it were true that "everyone knows" anything about all mankind in general, there would be no broken promises, and the problem about which you have written wouldn't exist.

Q. Is there a cure for homosexuality?

A. You can't "treat" something that is not a disease. Homosexuality is often technically described as an "alternative sexual activity", although mental health care professionals increasingly are of the opinion that sexual preference is not an alternative altered by choice anymore than being left-handed

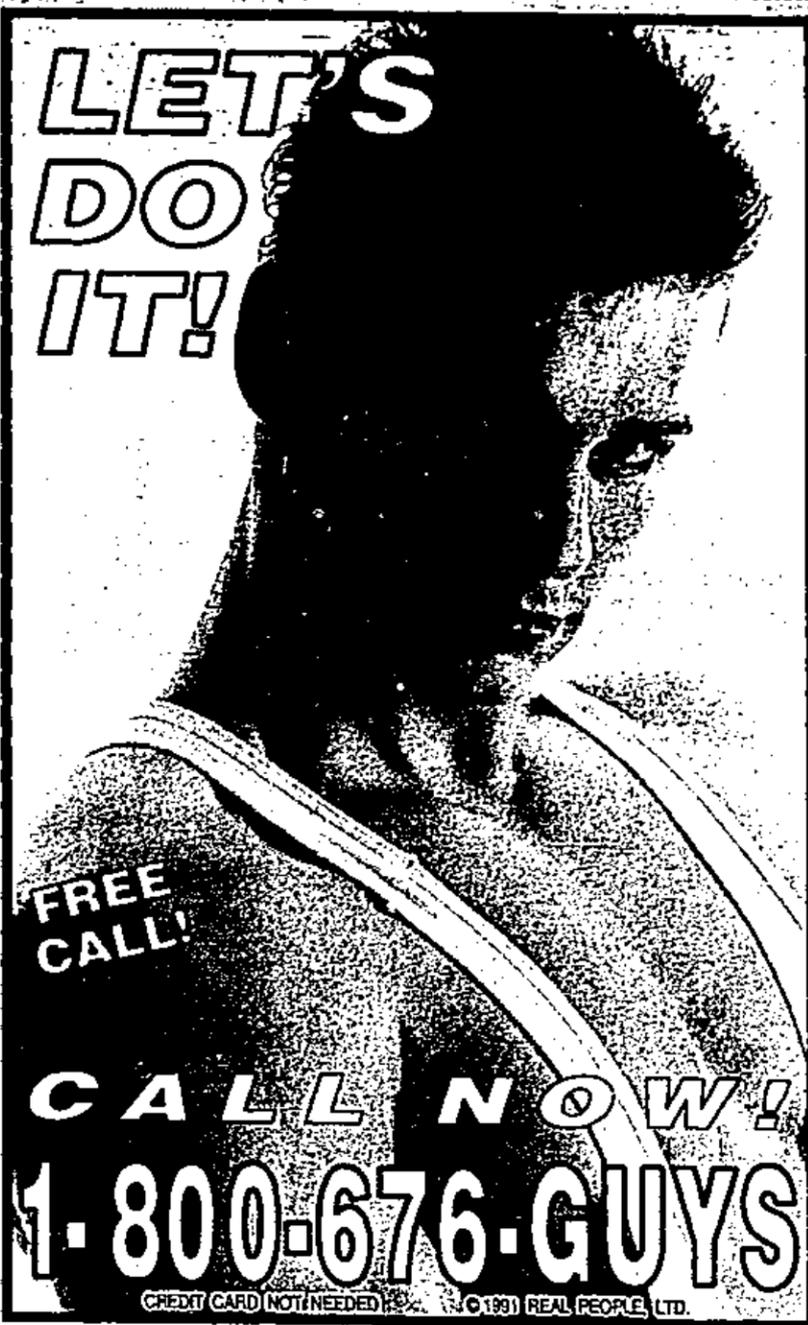
or blue-eyed. However, I suppose it could be said that homosexuality can be "cured" by the same method used to "cure" heterosexuality - the treatment is called celibacy.

In response to this week's letters:

David: Following your lover from bar to bar to "see if he's lying" is hardly a show of trust on your part. If you "know he is seeing other people" outside your relationship, is this a relationship you wish to continue? Will "catching him" make it less likely that he will repeat the same behavior? If, on the other hand, he has been honest with you, will you be able to explain your actions, or will your suspicion and accusations simply drive you further apart? Good professional relationship counseling is readily available, and will be far less expensive financially and emotionally than the bar rounds you are currently making.

Ann: The numbness you described is caused by what I call "emotional bankruptcy." There is no such thing as "mental overdraft insurance". You can't keep spending from your "strength bank" without making emotional deposits. Share your needs with your friends. Make time for play in ways that you will enjoy. Sometimes the most important "patient" we can care for is ourselves.

Michael: Staying in touch is a two-way street. If your friends cannot find you - how long do you expect them to keep trying? If you can't find anyone "new", it just may be possible that you're looking in all the wrong places. If you are determined to suffer, I suppose loneliness is a choice - but don't turn it into a full time occupation and then expect others to admire your career.



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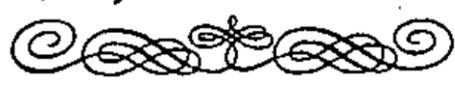
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A WOMYN'S VIEWPOINT

by Shades O'Grey

**The Great Struggle:
Can You Identify With This?**

It was a warm and fragrant night. The bar was very lively, all forms of Lesbians in their character dress are dancing, laughing and having a great time. You spot a woman you have met before, standing all alone at the end of the dance floor. You take your last swallow of your drink, (waiting for the courage), slowly walking your way through the crowd, smelling the variety of aromas, women's and men's cologne. Finally you reach her, you smile and say some trivial thing about having met her before. She says she remembers you and a conversation has begun.

It is getting late and you have had enough of the bar life. With all the courage you can muster, you nervously ask if she would like to have a few cocktails at your home. She says yes. (You simply cannot believe how beautifully this is all going. Your mind starts to play a romantic scene from some old movie).

You want to see if this may lead to more than playing hostess, gently you lean over and kiss her. She moves into the kiss with such desire that you back off in fear. After a few moments you start to tell her, very quietly, every desire you have for her. (Your blood pressure has already gone into the red by this time). She looks into your eyes, and whispers back her desires. All you can see is the seductive look she is giving you and all you hear is your own heart beat racing into a gear it has not seen in a while. Finally, you kiss and what a sexual kiss! You suggest that leaving now might lower the risk of a heart attack.

The drive home seems to have been the fastest trip you have ever made from this location. She works on you while you work the vehicle to maintain a safe drive home. Your mind is working so fast that concentration is very difficult.

Inside, you fix the drinks and start towards her with such confidence. She reaches over to pull you closer... the temperature is rising... fast. You lead her into the bedroom. You know that erotica has arrived when she starts to remove your clothes.

On the bed, you start the dominate routine that you have done forever. Unfortunately, she has a few techniques of her own. There does seem to be a

great deal of activity in the bed with all the rolling around but nothing is getting accomplished. Your frustration level has begun to rise so you dismiss your dominate position. Unfortunately, so does she. Now you are getting a little perturbed at all of this and you give up. Temperatures lower, frustrations are high and this night went wrong.

If you can identify with this sort of struggle, then this article is for you. Here are some suggestions I have formulated to help this from happening again:

1. TALK ABOUT THE TYPE OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY YOU PREFER BEFORE ANY ENGAGEMENT BEGINS. (This does not have to be rude or crude. If you simply cannot say this straight out then hint dropping works and so does a white lie, such as my "ex" used to like this and she liked that, etc.).
2. TRY NOT TO GET OVER ANXIOUS. (I know this is hard when the "heat" is on but try to let things work up to a decision made by both of you).
3. TRY NOT TO MAKE ASSUMPTIONS. (Do not always assume that because you made the first aggressive move that you are the dominate sex partner or visa versa. You might get the butch with bellus heels or the femme with the leather!).
4. BE VERSATILE, ESPECIALLY WITH NEW PARTNERS. (This is probably the easiest thing to do. Expect nothing and you won't be disappointed. Do anything and you may enjoy the experience more).
5. BE REALISTIC. (Where is it written that you must have the ultimate sexual experience for the first time? Your worth as a Lesbian does not come from how good you are in bed. Sex is something you must learn for the rest of your life, even if you are happily coupled, so ask what is needed to help your partner enjoy the experience and try to adjust yourself to these desires).

Use these suggestions carefully. They may or may not work for you depending on the situation. It took many years and many women for my theory to come to words. I am glad I have the opportunity to share this with the people I hope to meet, one way or the other. Keep smiling and stay well, for the next personal experience on my agenda may be you!

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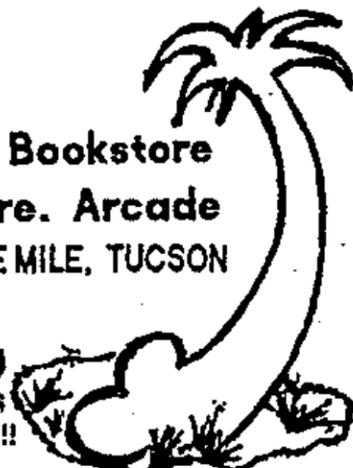
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Reader's Input... by Al Whitehurst - Tucson

I immensely enjoy the writings of the Weekly Observer's new columnist, Wendy Caster. Caster is insightful and provocative. She distills the feelings and thoughts that many of us share into a few delightful paragraphs.

I noticed Caster's picture and, coupled with her byline, recognized at once that Caster is a woman. Caster's gender, however, is unimportant in considering the brilliant worth of her writing. Caster's words transcend gender - they are universal to Gay and Lesbian feelings.

I was therefore disheartened to read a complaint in the March 13 Observer from a reader signed "CC." CC fussed that the Observer did not give equal coverage to women's issues that it gave to men's concerns.

First, CC could be congratulating, not condemning, the Observer for its outstanding coverage of many issues and different points of view.

When I moved to Tucson eight years ago, the extent of reporting in the local Gay press was banter about the idle pursuits of drag queens and barflies. Kudos are due to the Weekly Observer for impressively upgrading the contents of local Gay and Lesbian periodicals! In addition to timely coverage of regional and national news items, the Observer's regular contributors include a political commentator, two religious writers, a counselor, an AIDS treatment authority, several "observers of life" columnists, and a clever editorial cartoonist, Gary Clark. I salute the Observer's policy

of addressing many issues and its sensitivity to special interests.

Second, CC needs to understand that the Observer, like any successful business, is market-driven. What is the Observer's marketplace. It is a free publication (not through subscriptions) chiefly circulated in Tucson through the Gay and Lesbian bars. How many bars? Seven bars that cater mostly to men, one mostly to women. What does that tell us about the Observer's readership? Its readers are primarily Gay male Tucsonans. What does that indicate the Observer needs to do if it is to interest its audience and generate advertising revenues? It needs to focus its coverage on issues that interest its primary readership. A simple economic truth is that the Observer must appeal to its readership, in this case mostly men, or it cannot survive.

Not all publications can be all things to all people. Three local periodicals, Luna Sea, Compendium and the Clarion, focus exclusively on women's issues. The fact that the Observer may not always give equal space to women's concerns that it gives to men's issues is a reflection of the newspaper's marketplace, not a put-down or exclusion of Lesbians.

Third, CC could be grateful for the high spirit of cooperation that exists between Gays and Lesbians in the Tucson community. In support groups such as the Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti Foundation and People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, women freely volunteer their time and energy, even though the beneficiaries of

their efforts are chiefly men.

In other groups, the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association, Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus, Wingspan, Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance, to name a few, CC will find men and women working together to build a better community.

My suggestion to CC is - instead of criticizing the Observer because she feels it does not adequately address Lesbian concern - that CC take positive steps to "take up the slack" for what she believes is disparate reporting.

CC had a definite idea and expressed it in clear, thoughtful sentences. I encourage CC to use her writing talents to begin a column about women's issues for the Observer. If CC feels uncomfortable writing a column on her own, she could enlist her Lesbian sisters to contribute news items and editorials to the Observer.

If CC is not already involved in a politically active group, I urge her to examine some of these groups and offer to contribute her skills.

I personally hope that CC will consider becoming involved in the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association. OP welcomes people that speak up, as CC did in the Observer pages, and tell us "where to go" - and then will help us "get there"!

Here is an example of the need for involvement. On March 19, the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association joined with groups forming a Human Rights Coalition to meet with Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods. Items for discussion included the hate crimes legislation pending in the Arizona legislature, fair

housing laws, and anti-discrimination regulations in the workplace. Paul Simonetta and Jim Toevs led the OP delegation - among representatives from many other statewide women's, Black, Hispanic and other minority groups - to this important meeting with the state's attorney general.

How many lesbian and Gay groups, in addition to OP, from across Arizona were represented at this meeting? Zero. I am not reporting this to toot OP's horn, I am reporting this to say we need more horns honking!

Tucson and Arizona needs CC, and others like her, to "honk their horns", not about whether men and women have equal column space in the Observer, but about whether Gay men and Lesbians have equal opportunities in their workplace. Have access to fair housing and public accommodation, and are free to walk down their city streets without fear of being beaten by skinheads or by the police. Lesbians and Gays need to work together to end the perception that Arizona is overrun with, and governed by, bigots.

[ED NOTE: Mr. Whitehurst is the current President of Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association].

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