

Observer/Community Benefit Raises Over \$4,000

TUCSON - Over 200 persons attended the Seventh Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit held last Saturday, March 28 at the Plaza Hotel, and raised over \$4,000. The evening was a full one of cocktails, dinner, dancing, entertainment, awards, raffles and lots of conversation.

This unique benefit has truly turned into a community affair in that nearly every segment of the community joins to make it a success. Each of the six local bars donated all of the alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages that were sold. All the monies raised from bar sales went directly to the two beneficiaries of this year's benefit - Shanti Foundation/Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life.

There were table reservations from such varied organizations as Lambda Democratic Caucus, Cronies, MCC, Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association as well as the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. The bartenders who manned the three bars were volunteers from several of the local bars. Even the cigarettes were donated by our local cigarette vendor. The performers donated all of their tips, and their performances were spectacular to say the least.

The Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation (TOGA) awards were given to two outstanding members of our community. Debra Broner was cited for her political activism during the past year and Jerome Beillard was honored for his work as Executive Director of P.A.C.T. and his continuing AIDS activism.

In a new, and separate award, the Lambda Democratic Caucus presented a special tribute to Arizona Daily Star reporter Scott Skinner, for his investigative reporting during the past year which uncovered questionable police activities in the arrests of over 300 Gay men in local city parks.

Master of Ceremonies for the entertainment portion of the evening was Mr. Alan McLaughlin from Cloud 95 radio who, as usual, handled his chores with great finesse and professionalism. Performers for the evening included, (in alphabetical order), Anne English; Gilda Fatale; Monte-Jon Gilmer; Eric Hemphill; Pussy Le Hoot, Miss Gay Arizona; Jerry & Friends; Loren Johnson; Margo Leigh; Dani Reid; Sisters Soul; and Tiffany St. Thomas, Miss Gay Tucson.

There are still some outstanding funds, so a final figure is not available at presstime, but the amount raised is over \$4,000 presently.

There are a lot of people to thank for their help and efforts which made this event such a successful one. Two of the hardest workers were Natalie Perry of

Shanti and Sean Thomas of P.A.C.T. Gary Clark of the Observer is to be congratulated for his graphics as well as the decorations in the Conference Center banquet room of the Plaza.

Sincere thanks go to the local Gay bars, Club 2520, Graduate, Hours, IBT's, Rumorz and Venture-N for their donations, advertising and complete support; Mr. Danny Duncan whose work on the Benefit Program was outstanding and under plenty of pressure, and thanks to the advertisers in the program. The lighting provided by Adrienne Sneed of Lightening Light & Prism Productions was flawless. They also video taped the entire evening which will be viewed over Tucson Community Cable in the very near future.

The wonderful sound equipment was provided by Mr. Loren Johnson and donations of prizes for raffles were provided by Ricky Staats, Speedway Books, Talk of the Town Salon, Vogue Beauty Supply, Cactus Gallery, Mr. T. Barr Stevens, Mr. George Gallego and Club 2520. Thanks to Mr. Peter Sittig for his most efficient Maitre 'd services; and once again, for the 7th straight year, to Ann Corbin and Coleite Barajas for their taking care of the door.

The management and staff of the Plaza Hotel are to be congratulated for their wonderful service, and for a great dinner served efficiently and hot.

For those who were there, I am sure agree that it was the best yet, and for those who were not able to attend, make sure you don't miss it next year as it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Pride Logo Contest

TUCSON - A contest is underway again this year to choose a logo that will depict the Gay/Lesbian Pride theme. The theme, which is the same as is being used by the San Francisco Freedom Day Parade, is: "A Simple Matter Of Justice".....Harvey Milk. Milk was the Gay San Francisco Supervisor who was murdered because of his being Gay.

The contest, being operated by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), may be entered by professional and non-professional artists. The winning logo will be used on T-Shirts and all advertising materials in connection with Gay Pride Week 1992 in Tucson. In addition, the winner will receive a cash prize of \$75 for the effort.

The Committee would like to get the first shipment of T-Shirts on sale during the Fiesta de Mayo events, so the deadline for entries will be Sunday, April 12, at the TLGA meeting.

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1992 TOGA Winners



Shown above is winner of the female TOGA Award for 1992, Debra Broner on the left with Kathy Mayer last year's winner who made the presentation this year. Debra is co-owner of the newly

opened Cactus Gallery on Fourth Avenue. Kathy is an assistant County Prosecutor. Both women are active in the Lambda Democratic Caucus.



Winner of the male TOGA Award for 1992 is Mr. Jerome Beillard, shown above flanked by Dr. Scott Gorman, 1990 winner, who made the presentation on the

right, and 1989 TOGA award winner Michael Griffin. The 1991 Winner, Dr. Michael Darragh was unable to make this year's presentation.

UPDATE

Dahmer Hid Razor Blade, Is Put Under Surveillance

PORTAGE, WISCONSIN (AP) - Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was placed under 24-hour surveillance for trying to conceal a razor blade in his prison cell, prison official said last Friday.

Dahmer also was moved to a different cell, said Warden Jeffrey Endicott of the Columbia Correctional Institution. And Dahmer lost his television and canteen shopping privileges, said Joseph Scislowicz of the state Department of Corrections.

The blade was found hidden in waste paper after a guard noticed it was missing. Scislowicz said Dahmer told the guard he didn't know what happened to the blade, then said it had been flushed down a toilet.

Dahmer, 31, was sentenced last month to 15 life terms for killing and dismembering 15 young males in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He still faces trial in Ohio for another killing. Authorities said they didn't have evidence to prosecute him for a 17th killing he confessed to.

"Empty Closet" Premieres

TUCSON Empty Closet Productions is now showing "Empty Closet", Tucson's new Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual cable TV program on Tucson Cablevision through TCCC. Shows continue twice a week, on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. on Channel 62 and on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on Channel 49. There is a new program each month. For inquiries or information write to Empty Closet Productions, P.O. Box 1257, Tucson, AZ 85702.

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Editor:

We would like to thank people who helped us to raise funds for P.A.C.T. during the beer bust. Our appreciation goes out to the guest from California, Nevada, Texas, plus the other areas of Arizona. We were able to give a good contribution from the Hides of March beer bust at the Venture-N. We would also like to thank the staff and management of the Venture-N for the use of the facilities. Being able to make a contribution to one of the local charities is a great end to a great weekend. Again, many thanks.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Tucson, Arizona Levi-Leathermen

Submissions Sought For Anthology About Deaf Gay Community

NEW YORK, NY - Work has begun on the first book ever to focus on Gay men and Lesbians who are deaf. Editor Raymond Luczak invites submissions and inquiries from interested members of that community to contact him at P.O. Box 1263, Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276-1263. The deadline is June 1, 1992; please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope (SASE) with all submissions.

Luczak has been out in the deaf Gay community since 1984, and is the author of the essay, "Notes Of a Deaf Gay Writer," which appeared as a cover story of Christopher Street magazine (Issue 152). He can accept submissions written in English and he can also translate from American Sign Language on videotape (VHS/8mm formats) into English for contributors who prefer to express themselves in ASL. If necessary, confidentiality is guaranteed, and the use of assumed names for contributors is optional.

Spring Rummage Sale At Unitarian Church

TUCSON - The annual Spring Rummage Sale of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson will be held at Goddard Hall at the church, 4831 East 22nd Street on Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Sunday, May 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

An excellent selection of next-to-new household items, furniture, records, tapes, and clothing will be available as well as games, puzzles, and bakery items will be sold at the "goodies" table.

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Gay/Lesbian Chorus Invites Members

Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Chorus, invites members for its Spring '92 season. The season is now beginning and promises to be the best ever! The chorus is taking a new direction by planning to combine choral music and dram for its new format. The projected performance for this season is the Gay Pride Picnic.

The chorus will meet on Monday nights from 7:30-9:15 in the choir room of the First Methodist Church, Park Avenue and 4th Street. The Choir room is downstairs on the NW corner of the building with parking only steps from the door.

Everyone interested in singing, experienced or not, is invited to join the men and women who are anxious to make this season the greatest. Come and join us Monday, April 6th.

Contact persons for chorus information are Patricia Black at 327-9021 or Davey Sumner at 886-1208.

UofA Fraternity Seeks Funds

TUCSON - Delta Lambda Phi, is a progressive social fraternity on the UofA campus that provides a fraternal experience for men regardless of sexual orientation. In addition to fostering a brotherhood, the members also want to give back to Tucson's Gay community. Delta Lambda Phi is represented at the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), Lesbians, Bi's and Gays United! (LGBU) and BGALA, an official branch of the UofA student government.

"As much as we want to support our community, we need the community to support us. While we appreciate the moral support that we've received, we also are in need of financial support," said F. Mike Radza, fundraising chairman for Delta Lambda Phi. "One of our many goals is to buy a 'house'. We also plan to establish a full calendar of philanthropies."

To raise the necessary funds, the fraternity will be making T-shirts that will advertise the sponsors. Members and pledges will be wearing these shirts on campus and around the community. On the front: "Delta Lambda Phi, Spring 1992"; and on the back: "Proudly sponsored by.... (the names of many supporters).

The group is requesting the following donations to display the sponsoring person's name or the business name. Individual names, \$15; Business names, \$30; Business names with logos, \$50.

For more information contact Delta Lambda Phi, Beta Class, 1001 W. St. Mary's, #612, Tucson, AZ 85745-2471

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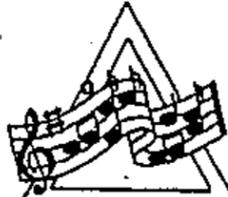
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Natalie Perry Chosen as Grand Marshall for AGRA Rodeo In May



Natalie Perry

Members of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's - Tucson chapter voted Natalie Perry as Grand Marshall for this year's Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Ms. Perry has contributed much to the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community. As Executive Director for Shanti for seven years, Ms. Perry is a very proud of the organization's involvement with the Think Positive-Safer Sex Project which was controversial at the time. Now, the project is a nationwide model for approaching safe sex in a positive way. Ms. Perry has been deeply involved in most of the projects at Shanti, including the remodeling of the office. Ms. Perry commented in an article published in the shanti Newsletter, *The Desert Eclipse*, "A lot of volunteers took ownership of this place (Shanti) because it was their sweat and tears that make it all possible. And they created a real "home", not just an office." Ms. Perry resigned from Shanti on January 1st of this year to pursue a position with Amity, a drug rehabilitation program in Tucson.

Ms. Perry has also been deeply involved with the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance for ten years, the Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee and was involved in the early development of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) with Mike Griffin.

The AGRA Saguaro Regional Rodeo is scheduled the weekend of May 8, 9 and 10, 1992. Members of Tucson's Satellite-Chapter of AGRA are excited that Tucson will be hosting its gay rodeo. Tucson President Mike Butrymowicz said, "We've worked hard on securing a site and Old Tucson is a perfect setting. To insure a successful rodeo we now need the support of the Tucson gay and lesbian community."

The gate admission of \$12.50 covers the rodeo excitement, including all activities in the arena, dancing and entertainment in Old Tucson's newest banquet facility Stage II, all shows and rides at Old Tucson, plus a rodeo dance each night at the Ramada Inn. Entertainers performing both at Old Tucson and the Ramada Inn

will be featured in cities throughout the Southwest.

One-thousand people attended the first Saguaro Rodeo last August at the Corona Rodeo Grounds in Phoenix. "We wanted a rodeo in Tucson and moving the site of the Saguaro Rodeo was the quickest way of launching a new rodeo. I think Old Tucson will be a wonderful site," said Dan Iverson, AGRA President. Local organizers are expecting 2,000 people from San Diego, Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Phoenix, Colorado Springs, Denver and of course Tucson to attend this year's rodeo. The weekend's activities will include a kick-off dance at the Ramada Inn - Downtown with a full schedule of dancing and entertainment in Old Tucson's brand new 10,000 square foot "Stage II" located next to the rodeo arena.

"The rodeo arena is perfect for gay rodeo. I am pleased we are going to rodeo in a quality arena with excellent seating for the crowd. There is something special about competing in the middle of the Sonoran Desert with the Tucson Mountains as the backdrop," said Jeff Parker, Director of Saguaro Regional Rodeo. It is expected 150 contestants will participate with prize money exceeding \$6,000.00.

The rodeo is a sanctioned international Gay Rodeo Association event. The Saguaro Rodeo is a Division II rodeo; so those who are members of Division II will be earning points in Tucson toward competing at the IGRA Finals in Phoenix in October.

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association has two goals in producing gay rodeos. The first is to promote the spirit of gay rodeos throughout Arizona. The second is to raise funds to be donated to community charities. AGRA - Tucson Board of Directors are hoping for strong support of this first rodeo so a profit can be realized, and money can be given back to the community.

"We have received a lot of positive comments about our poster and bro-

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the right to a happy and fulfilling life. You do have alternatives, as many before you have discovered.

A number of textbooks are available that cover range of "commitment adjustments" made by couples who have faced the changes that sexual preference make up in a relationship. Sometimes it works best for all concerned to keep a marriage intact while changing the definitions of that commitment. Others find that a clean separation, starting new, while difficult, may be the only way to retain a friendship while being honest about personal needs.

A. First, you must know that you are not alone. Countless men (and women) have gone through the same process of difficulty self-discovery. Your very first step should be to enlist the help of a professional counselor who has the experience with the difficulties you face. Don't try to "go it alone". Identifying your options, being supported during times of pain, and having your feelings affirmed is crucial to your continuing mental health.

Whatever the outcome - and just as much happiness as pain can be realized by accepting the responsibility for change - the situation you describe cannot be ignored. The stress you are going through is only likely to be magnified by time and will manifest in physical health problems eventually if not in serious mental health impairment.

Often the terrifying future events we assume are inevitable turn out, in fact, to be greatly exaggerated by fatigue, loneliness, and anxiety. You are right that ending your life would solve none of the problems for the people who love you. Instead, you would leave a legacy of pain and confusion - and would deny yourself

Make an appointment with a qualified counselor, visit the bookstore and study the solutions others have found, give yourself the time and patience that self-discovery demands, and take control of your life. You will survive, and gain self-respect because of the decisions you are willing to make based on you own self-image, rather than definitions of what you are, or should be, according to others.

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Article I. PURPOSE

The purpose of Fiesta De Mayo is to generate funds for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic and Pride Week activities and to generate enthusiasm and activism for these events during Pride Week. The candidates for the Fiesta De Mayo Court are encouraged to hold as many events and activities to generate the enthusiasm and activism that the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance strives to achieve each and every year during Pride Week.

Article II. CANDIDATE GUIDELINES

1. Candidates must be 21 years of age.
2. Must be a resident of Pima County
3. Persons can run as individual candidates, (ex: King or Queen), or run as a couple.

Article III. RULES

1. Candidate(s) must state their intentions to run for the Fiesta De Mayo Court by the first Sunday in April, (4-5-92). Notification of said candidacy must be given verbally or in writing to T.L.G.A. by the first Sunday in April, (4-5-92).

2. Candidate(s) must designate a person on their campaign team to serve as Treasurer. Said person will be responsible for the collection of monies raised. The treasurer must be named and name, address and phone number, (work and home), must be given to T.L.G.A. by the first Sunday in April, (4-5-92).

3. Candidate(s) can raise money by any legal, (in the State of Arizona and Pima County) means and that is consistent with preceding Fiesta De Mayo campaigns and that will not cause undue embarrassment to the Lesbian and Gay Community of Tucson and Pima County. Any amount of money donated is acceptable and greatly appreciated.

4. Each dollar raised is equivalent to one vote. Checks are acceptable up till Friday May 1, 1992. From Friday, 5-1-92, of Fiesta De Mayo through 11:00 p.m., (11:15 bar time), on Sunday, 5-3-92, checks must have the following 2 forms of identification, a valid bank guarantee card and a valid drivers license. No checks will be accepted without those two forms of i.d. on the check during the time period above mentioned what so ever. No charge cards or in-kind contributions are acceptable.

5. Candidate(s) are responsible for any checks that are NSF, (Not Sufficient Funds), and for the service charges also attached. Any checks that are NSF will be deducted from the candidate(s) tabulation. If said deduction results in the candidate(s) score being lower than the next highest candidate(s), the new leader is proclaimed the winner.

6. Candidate(s) schedule of fund-raising events and activities should be presented to

T.L.G.A. as quickly as possible to ensure attendance by T.L.G.A. Officers.

7. Candidate(s) are greatly encouraged to get sponsorships from businesses, clubs, social groups and any other organizations within the lesbian and gay community of Tucson and Pima County.

8. Candidate(s) or Treasurer of the Campaign will make deposits into the T.L.G.A. account. The Campaigns will receive deposit slips from the T.L.G.A. Treasurer to make said deposits. Candidate(s) or Treasurer are responsible for the deposit receipts, which will be used in the final tabulation of money, (votes).

9. The deadline for contributions, (votes), for the Fiesta De Mayo Candidates is 11:00 p.m., (11:15 p.m. bar time), Sunday May 3, 1992.

10. The candidate(s) who raises the most money, (votes), after the final tabulation on Sunday May 3rd, will be declared the winner. The candidate(s) who raises the second highest amount of money, (votes), will be declared the first runner-up. The candidate(s) who raises the third highest amount of money, (votes), will be declared the second runner up and so on for the rest of the candidate(s) participating in the 1992 Fiesta De Mayo.

11. The final tabulation of money, (votes), will be done by the T.L.G.A. Co-Chairs, Jack Stockslager & Chris Jones and the T.L.G.A. Vice-Chair, Natalie Perry and 1 representative, (preferably the Treasurer), from each of the campaigns.

Article IV. EVENTS WHERE MULTIPLE CANDIDATES PARTICIPATE

1. Monies raised at events where multiple candidates participate will be divided equally among the participating candidates.

2. Tips raised at the Crownholder's Show on May 1, 1992 will be divided equally among the participating candidates.

Article V. FIESTA DE MAYO WEEKEND

1. On Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd, the candidate(s) can designate person(s) to perform along side with or for them.

2. Candidates(s) are given one booth each at Fiesta De Mayo, which needs to be active throughout the weekend. Candidate(s) booths can collect money, (votes), for the candidate even if the candidate(s) is/are not present at the booth.

Article VI. DUTIES OF THE FIESTA DE MAYO WINNER(S)

1. The winner(s) will be recognized as the top fund raiser for Pride Week and will preside over the Pride Picnic and Pride Week Activities and any other events sponsored by T.L.G.A. during the year 5-3-92 to 5-2-93.

2. The first, second and subsequent runners up will be introduced as the Court at the Pride Picnic and Pride Week Activities.

Article VII. TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE OFFICERS

The Officers of T.L.G.A. will be neutral through out the Fiesta De Mayo Campaign and Fiesta De Mayo Weekend.

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Randy Klose
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Dear Mr Klose,
 I am writing to clarify some misconceptions about my position on the subject of civil rights for gays and lesbians which have arisen from the answer to you recent questionnaire.

A pending piece of legislation going through the state legislature, S.B. 1429, sponsored by Senator John Dougherty, (D-Dist-9), would forbid employers to fire employees or discriminate against potential new employees because of their legal non-work activities during non-work hours.

I am a strong supporter of civil rights for gays and lesbians, as I am for all Americans. As President, I will sign the federal gay civil rights bill as long as the final version addresses my concerns on two matters, which I believe will help facilitate the passage of the bill.

This piece of legislation was passed on the third vote of the state Senate by a vote of 16 in favor and 14 against. The vote was on party lines with the exception of Tucson Democrat, Senator Cindy Resnick of District 14, who joined the Republicans in opposition to S.B. 1429.

In my answer to you questionnaire, I mentioned the current version of the legislation will need to undergo further clarification on the issues of enforcement of non-numerical affirmative action and the hiring of secular employees by religious organizations. These issues raise important questions about the right to privacy and freedom of religion, and should be addressed. My concerns are shared, I believe, by many legislators in Washington who support the legislation but think the current version of the bill will need technical changes prior to passage. In pointing out my views about these areas, I was trying to give a thoughtful and responsible answer to your question about the legislation. This does not, however, reflect on my fundamental commitment to sign the legislation when it is passed by the United States Congress.

This wonderful piece of legislation now goes to the state House of Representatives which the Speaker Jane Hull, assigns it to a committee. This legislation could be our cornerstone of a statewide anti-discrimination ordinance.

We must act now to get this bill passed and signed by the Governor. We must start a phone calling campaign to the Speaker to get her to release the bill. Please call 1-800-352-8404, ask for Speaker Hull's Office and then leave a message asking her to assign S.B. 1429 to a committee. This bill covers us and we must act or the bill will die.

BILL CLINTON
FOR PRESIDENT

There has been some false rumors about where Bill Clinton stands on gay and lesbian rights. recently, Bill sent a letter to Randy Klose, the Board of Directors Co-Chair of HRCF to try to clear the false allegations about Clinton's views, because of a questionnaire he answered from HRCF. Here is the letter in full.

I think that if my position on the civil rights bill is read in the context of my commitment to the rights of gays and lesbians -- my call for a repeal of the ban on gays and lesbians serving in the military, and pledge to issue an executive order if elected prohibiting discrimination against gays and lesbians in federal hiring and contracting -- it will be clear that I am fundamentally committed to the protection of the rights of gay and lesbian Americans.

Sincerely, Bill Clinton

Until next time, politics as usual.

Bit Of The Old South
by Sean Thomas

Well the 7th Annual Observer benefit has come and gone. another great success for the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Community. the entertainment was great, the company was terrific and even the food was really good. But the highlight of the evening was the reactions of the two recipients, Debra Broner and Jerome Beillard, of this year's TOGA Awards. To see two normally articulate persons become virtually speechless was great. I believe it is important for our community to continually acknowledge those among us that strive for our common good. That's why it is my deepest hop that such awards as CAT will become alive and active in community once again. There are a lot of people out there very deserving of recognition, yet never seeking it. One such person is Jerome Beillard. I was so excited when they announced his name as this year's male TOGA award winner. Considering the hard work, sweat and pain

he has given for this community it was a real pleasure to see him get some much deserved acknowledgement. Congratulations Jerome!!!

And coming up next in the Old Pueblo is the first Tucson Gay Rodeo. There will be a lot of parties and fundraisers between now and May. Please come out and support them, when ever you can. Every week you will be seeing more information and updates in the column entitled; "Home On The Range" here in the Observer. For example, read about the upcoming Chili Verde Celebration at Club 2520. At the same time we will be having the state wide AGRA General meeting here in Tucson. It should be one heck of a party and a great way to show your support for our first Rodeo. See you there.

Till next week: Sean 628-7816.

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by Wendy Caster

Linda And Me

When I was first in college, Linda was my best friend. We had wonderful adventures together and long talks. Our almost telepathic connection was magical--and useful, as we made mental appointments when our fathers limited our telephone use.

Our friendship was insane and entertaining. We liked to stage events. One Sunday afternoon, at a street fair filled with celebrities, Linda and I arranged to have some friends come up to her at intervals and noisily ask for her autograph. Linda was tall and beautiful and could well be a star; anyway, many people at the street fair thought so, as they too had her sign autograph books and theater programs and little scraps of paper.

There was just one problem with our friendship; I couldn't deal with fact that Linda was black. I had grown up in a world of racism, even though my family prided ourselves on our open-mindedness. And, in a limited way, we were open-minded. That I was friendly at all with a black person was remarkable in our white world. And, oh, did people remark on it!

One afternoon, as Linda and her boyfriend Harry left my family's apartment, my neighbors, who were outside sunning themselves, stared at them as though they were zoo animals. Linda and Harry responded by doing a bizarre jungle-like dance. My neighbors didn't even realize that they were being made fun of. One woman later assumed I was tutoring Linda and Harry in English or math.

I felt very superior to those neighbors, but I wasn't. Yes, I didn't hate black people for being black, and my love and respect and enjoyment of Linda were all 100% real, but I never forgot she was "different." Not for a second.

Linda and I hung with white friends at school. One afternoon, however, we sat with some of Linda's other friends for lunch. It was the first time I had ever been surrounded by black people, I was so tense I could barely breathe. Later, I said I understood she had been showing me how "other" she often felt. "No," she replied. "I just wanted to sit with my friends."

Oh.

To make a long and embarrassing story short, we eventually grew apart as she became involved in a black rights group and I started to realize that I was

Gay. I decided that Linda would never understand my Lesbianism and I let the relationship slide. In reality, she might have accepted me and she might not have, but I needed to get out of a friendship that was way over my head.

I was angry at myself for years when I realized my stupidity and blindness. Now I'm more embarrassed, and I'm very very angry. At 18 and 19 and 20, I just wasn't able to overcome the sea of racism that drowns the United States. And I suffered for this racism, losing a friendship that was truly extraordinary.

So, here it is, 1991, and what progress has the world made? What progress have I made?

The world is doing very badly. African-American people are still constantly judged on being African-American. Toni Morrison, probably the most talented person writing in English today, is still a "black woman" writer. Douglas Wilder, no better or worse than all the other boring Democratic presidential possibilities, is grudgingly mentioned as a possible vice president. A helping hand reached out toward poor black students is seen as taking money and opportunity from whites. In some locations, 365-day calendars run out of days as no room is found to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. *Time* magazine writes in small print that most cocaine users are white, but prints four large pictures of African-Americans doing drugs. Successful black men get stopped in their nice cars as police assume they must be drug dealers or car thieves or both.

Simply, put, while white people are judged for who they are and what they accomplish as individuals, the most honorable, sensitive, talented African-Americans are lumped in with the most despicable people who happened to share their skin color.

Personally I've made enough progress to see African-Americans as individuals, to understand the destructiveness of racism, and want to work on improving the world for all people. But I still haven't overcome, and I don't know if I ever will, that reflex says "black person" instead of "man" or "woman" or writer or "politician" or "actor" or "street persons" when I see an African-American. I'm teaching myself to see people, but my training still sees skin.

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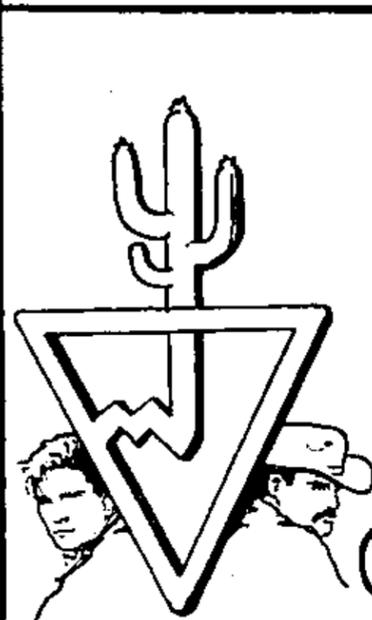
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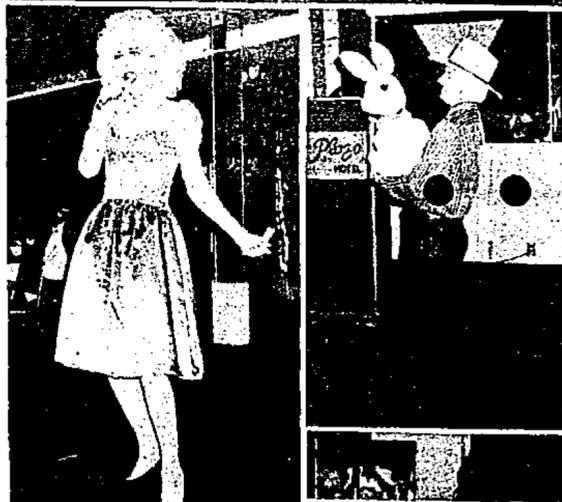
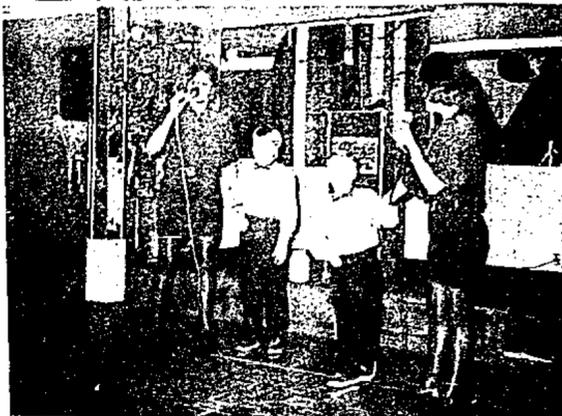
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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

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VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen hold their monthly Beer Bust at the Patio Bar here from 2 to 6 p.m. Come on down.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

GRADUATE - A special Beer Bust to benefit the Tucson Chapter of AGRA from 5 to 9 p.m. Food and lots of fun and everyone is welcome!

hours - Come on out and help the Old Pueblo Business and Professional association celebrate their 9th Birthday here at a western-style dinner with plenty of music, dancing and prizes. It begins around 6 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$9.00

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

RUMORZ - Miss Gay Tucson Pre-Pageant show here. Come out and see the candidates perform and guess who's going to win.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

LUB 2520 - Another AGRA-Tucson benefit for the May rodeo. "Chili Verde Days" here. More details later. It'll be a big one!

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 (EASTER SUNDAY)

CLUB 2520 - Extra special Easter Brunch. Make plans now to enjoy Easter here with some great food and excellent company and fine surroundings.

RUMORZ - Madame X Follica and other Easter surprises.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

RUMORZ - AGRA's "Boots and Boxers". Sounds interesting! A benefit for the rodeo bunch.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5

TLGA (Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance) will meet again today to discuss Fiesta de Mayo, a major fund-raising event to fund 1992 Pride Week. The meeting will be held at the Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Avenue (across the street from IBT's). The meeting will focus on Fiesta, Pride week and the Logo for this year's T-Shirts.

The Spring Men's Group Massage Outdoor Event has been rescheduled for April 5 at 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. This is a good way to meet someone new and have a lot of clean fun besides. Fee. For more information contact Marque at 881-4582.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant at the Quality Inn, 1601 N. Oracle at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Tables of ten may be reserved. For reservations and further information call Penelope Poupé Productions in Phoenix at (602)279-3736. More details later.



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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Brunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ten Dance 3 to 6. Western Steak Fry 5 to 7. Video (Dance Bar and Country/Western Dance bar open 4 pm to 1 am. Live Dance lessons by Paul Barber from 6 to 8 pm.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.50 all day and \$2.00 2 pm to close.
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screens \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. 4 to 1 Trash Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. \$1.50 well and Domestic Beer until 8:00 p.m.
V/DI Jeff 9 p.m.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Cash Pool Tournament. 3 p.m. \$3 entry fee. Patio bar opens at 4 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. \$1.99 pm to 1 am.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and video dancing begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close. Mystery Movie mtg. 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 - 4 to 8 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.
RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. \$4.00 to closing. \$1.50 Whole Well. V/DI Jeff 9 p.m.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 4 p.m.

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1 Tacos 5-7. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. Country/Western and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Draft Beer Bust. Small Pitchers \$1.50, Large \$3.00 til close.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7 to close.
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 8 pm to close. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.
RUMORZ - Open noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to closing. V/DI Mark 9 pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 4 p.m.

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Soagetti Nite 6-9. \$1.50 off on everything from 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and lessons for partners by Paul Barber from 7-9. Video dancing begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Domestic Longnecks \$1.25 to 8 pm - \$1.50 til closing.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-premium Beer.
RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8:00 to closing. 75¢ Schnapps. V/DI Mark 9pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 4 p.m.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5 to 7 \$3. Men's Nite - Anyone in boots or jockey shorts 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show and/or Jockey Short Contest + 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western & video dancing begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Call \$2.00, Top Shelf \$2.50 all day and night.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 8-1.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 50 cent Draft from 8:00 pm to close. Dancing with V/DI Mark 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 4 p.m.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). Hamburger Nite 5 to 7 \$3. Country/Western dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - All Well \$1.50 and Domestic Beer \$1.25 until 8 p.m. All Well \$2 and Domestic Beer \$1.50 from 8 p.m. to close.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Country/Western last Friday of each month.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 8 to close with Ray.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Horn D'Oceania. V/DI Mark 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 4 p.m.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 6 \$1. 50¢ Schnapps 8 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Dark Well \$1.50 til 8 pm. \$2.00 to closing.
HOURS - Open Noon. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.
IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. Hot music 8 to close with Linda Firdale.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dapex with Jeff V/DI 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens 4 p.m.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cobble

It was the common practice for the condemned to carry the cross on which they were to be nailed. Jesus was forced to carry His own cross, but historians now believe that it was only the cross-piece. The main upright was already in place on Golgotha. But even if it were only the cross-piece it still was a tremendous weight. Jesus, now in a weakened state, because of previous flogging and the placing of the crown of thorns on His head, Jesus was unable to carry it. The Roman soldiers guarding Jesus and leading Him on the way, drafted a man who was passing by to carry the cross for Jesus. In Mark 15:21 we know that the man was Simon of Cyrene. Simon was no doubt a Jew and was from Cyrene in North Africa. Mark mentions Simon's two sons, Alexander and Rufus, in a such a way that the readers of his Gospel at that time would probably have known them. Possibly they, and their father, Simon, later became Christians.

Luke 23 is the only gospel which relates the conversation between Jesus and the two thieves who were crucified with Him. The one asked Jesus, "If thou be Christ, save thy self and us." But the other rebuked the first one by saying, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss." And he said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." This shows that Jesus's message had reached many people, although the criminal was probably thinking of a great Jewish kingdom here on earth rather than a heavenly kingdom of the spirit. Jesus said unto the man, "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be

with me in paradise." This was a greater favor than the man had asked.

The bodies of those crucified on a Friday had to be taken down before six in the evening because of the Sabbath. In John it was noted that the bodies had to be removed because the following day was Passover. The Roman guards hastened the deaths of the two thieves by breaking their legs and because they could no longer support their bodies, they died of suffocation. Jesus was already dead but to make sure a soldier drove a spear into his side. Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for Jesus's body. Joseph of Arimathea was a member of the Sanhedrin, which indicates that Jesus had followers even there. The Gospels make it appear that all Jewish leaders were hostile to Jesus. That was obviously not true with Joseph, and there may have been other pious Jews who shared this opinion. Then Joseph with Nicodemus, another admirer of Jesus, took down the body from the cross, washed and anointed it and wrapped it in a linen cloth. Then they placed the body in a new tomb, perhaps one Joseph had made in readiness for his own death and sealed it with a great stone.

Last Sunday, soon after the Morning Worship Service, the raffle drawing was made at the church. The winner of the C.B. Radio was Michael de Machiavelli. The winner of the man's ring was Lee Cain. The winner of the silver and turquoise necklace was also Michael de Machiavelli, but the necklace was given back to the church for another raffle on whatever the fundraising committee decides to do with it. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all who helped support the raffle. New choir robes are being secured.

MCC/Tucson is having a Bakesale, but a different kind of Bakesale. All items will be ordered by the individual or group prior to the items being baked. Order sheets are available and different members of the church are accepting orders. We have many "bakers" in our congregation who have many specialties. If you need a Birthday cake, a batch of cookies or maybe some home baked bread for a special dinner party, any of these items can be purchased through the church. Call the church at 292-9151 if you would like to place an order.

Thought for the week: To forget is human, to forgive is divine, but to forgive and forget is divinely stupid.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From

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Disappointed in love? And decided no one's ever going to reject you again? "I'll never love anyone else." "I'll build walls around my feelings; around my heart." That's a very common reaction to all the disappointing loves that wreck our emotions, drain us of trust and hope. So, we bury our feelings. Whenever they surface, we squash them; try to hide them. Sometimes we decide to get revenge against all the people in the world who've hurt us, or might so in the future.

When all else fails, we submerge ourselves in Work, Work, Work. We get into abusive and self-exhaustive relationships. We try to anesthetize our feelings in alcohol, drugs, or exhausting ourselves in sex, sex, and more sex. Anything, so we don't have to think about our feelings. If we can only kill them, then we'll be safe; never hurt again.

The trouble with all these evasive techniques is they don't fulfill our basic needs. The need for I-O-V-E never goes away. We cannot be whole, happy, healthy persons unless we love someone and have someone loves us in return. But if we love, then we become vulnerable, and risk the same old rejection, and open all the old wounds. We can exercise 'til we drop; eat all the health foods we want; make our bodies the envy of the community. We can shop-til-we-drop and have the newest "this," the biggest "that," the most expensive "some other," but somewhere, deep down inside, the love-itch must be scratched or our spirits are never at rest. We are only a shell. You don't have to just take my word for it;-look around! You see it everywhere...every day. Sad, lonely people; searching...though many won't admit it, or don't even know that's what they are doing. But the fear of rejection and risk love takes, hold people back. But it doesn't have to be that way.

There IS love that will never reject; never fail; and will fulfill and complete your being. Jesus, who loved you enough to die for you...and loved you even more, so that He rose from the grave to give you not only life, and that more abundantly now, because he is gentle, kind, and faithful. He will take the burden of life FOREVER! It's okay to be vulnerable with Him, because He is gentle, kind, and faithful. He will take the burden of life and relieve it; the pain of loneliness, and heal it; the sadness, and turn it into genuine happiness. It worked for me, and for thousands of others.

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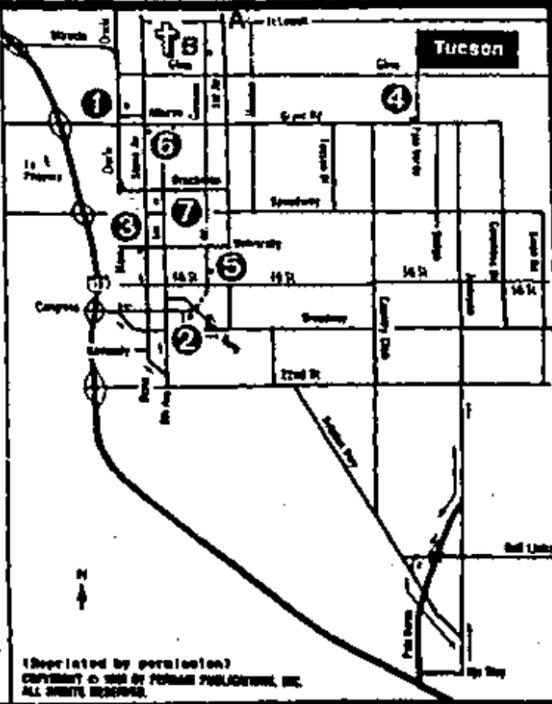
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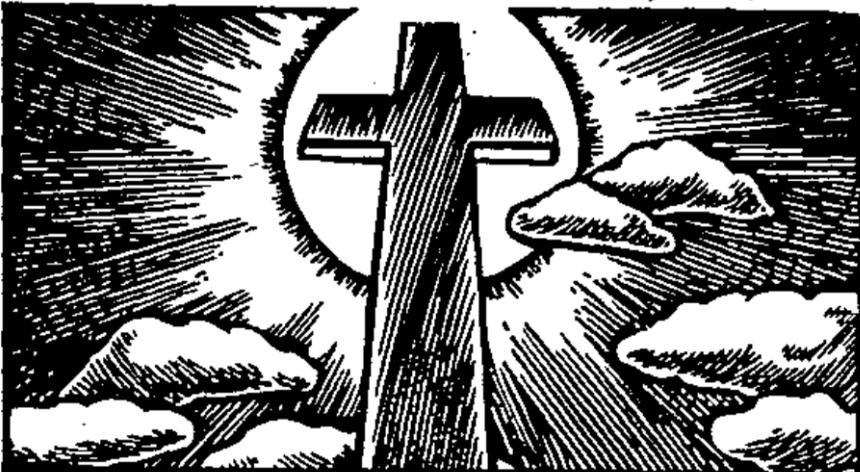
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Suspect Wrote Of AIDS Motive

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (AP) - The man accused of killing two Gay men wrote in his journal that news that he had the AIDS virus renewed his dream to be remembered as one of the nation's best-known serial killers, police said.

Jay Thomas Johnson's journals, entries of which appeared in a criminal complaint filed Feb. 26, contained his reflections on learning he had the HIV virus.

"In these moments I knew what I had to do," Johnson wrote. "My dream of committing homicide on a large scale and entering the ranks of the nation's most notorious serial killers, ambition which has grown as dormant as the AIDS virus now in my cells, were now reawakened. They had found a new sense of urgency.

"I fully intend to expedite the number of souls on their journey to the gates of heaven or the dungeons of hell. I do not intend to endure this fate alone nor travel into the dark abyss unremembered."

Police would not confirm that Johnson had the virus that causes AIDS.

In a telephone interview from jail, Johnson told WCCO-TV that he had recently written in what he described as a "diary-type thing". But Johnson said he didn't remember writing what was contained in the complaint.

"I don't recall ever writing anything remotely resembling that, but I'd have to see the journal," Johnson told the Twin Cities TV station.

"I would say this, if I was upset be-

cause of some terrible health news, I can see how a persons would be writing silly things."

Johnson, 24, a former Bethel College Student, was charged with first-degree murder in the deaths last summer of Joel Larson and former state senator John Chenoweth.

Larson, 21, of Minneapolis was killed July 31 in Loring Park. Chenoweth, 48, of Minneapolis, was slain on a secluded Mississippi River beach Aug. 10.

A second man, Cord Draszt, 19, of Coon Rapids, was wounded in the Chenoweth shooting. Johnson is charged with attempted first-degree murder in Draszt's shootings.

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chures among IGRA member associations," said Clyde Mitter AGRA-Tucson, Public Relations Director. "We are currently preparing the program for the rodeo which will be full color and of the quality rodeo spectators expect from an Arizona rodeo. We need the support of the business community to ensure a successful rodeo. One way to support Tucson's first gay rodeo is to purchase an ad in the program." To place an ad in the program, contact Mitter at 798-3528.

Tickets will be on sale soon in area bars or through AGRA members. AGRA - Tucson is interested in meeting with those individuals who would like to volunteer to help with the Saguaro Rodeo. For more information you may write to: AGRA-Tucson, 7272 East Broadway #412, Tucson Arizona, 85710 or call 798-3528.

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Fiesta de Mayo Pride Week Benefit To Be Held At IBT's May 1-2-3

TUCSON - TLGA, Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, is busy getting plans made for Pride Week 1992. June 21 through June 28 will be celebrated this year as Tucson's Pride Week with the big Picnic in Himmel Park on Sunday, June 21. TLGA has set a budget of \$6,500 for the weeklong series of activities, and several fund raising events are planned. The major one being Festa de Mayo to be held May 1-2-3 at IBT's this year.

Each year, candidates for King and Queen of the Fiesta are recruited and these people go out and raise funds throughout the community with various events including shows, car washes, rummage sales, etc. In the past the candidates have nearly funded the entire Pride Week celebration through their hard work and the cooperation of the Lesbian and Gay community by their support of these activities.

So far this year, four candidates have signed up. They include Lisette who will represent the Red team; Touché, representing the Green team; Christina de Alexis, representing the Gold team, and Madame X, who will represent the White

team. Anyone else who is interested in running for King or Queen as single or as a couple should come to the next TLGA meeting.

There are booths at the Fiesta that will be available at no charge. This is a perfect opportunity for clubs and organizations to raise some funds by manning a booth. Interested persons should contact a TLGA member or come by the next meeting which will be at IBT's this coming Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m.

TLGA is also running a contest for a Logo for this year's Pride Week. People with Pride Week designs should also contact TLGA. The deadline is Sunday April 12 at the TLGA meeting at IBT's. See separate story.

The Pride Picnic is the most costly event held during the week. Free beer and soft drinks are dispensed throughout the afternoon. Last year nearly 9,000 persons attended the picnic and drank over 60 kegs of beer. That's why TLGA is trying to raise funds - it all goes back to the community. Your cooperation is needed.

What's Up Doc ???



If you missed the Observer Community Benefit, you missed a very enjoyable evening and a great meal. By far, the meal was the best I've had at any event held in one of the hotels. Of course the entertainment was great also, but for this type of benefit, only the best are asked to be in it.

The next event coming up is the Miss Gay Tucson pageant. There are already different candidate benefits going on around town so be sure to support your favorite.

On a lighter note, Desert Leathermen will be holding their monthly beer bust over a Venture-N this coming Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6 pm, on the patio. The first Saturday of the month is their normal day for the beer bust so stop by and give them some support.

As for TKO, they will be out of town this weekend. They are traveling up to Phoenix to hold their monthly meeting to do a little bar hopping. They, (TKO), will be carrying information on this year's Spring Fling XII, so contact one of the members for more details.

Then next weekend it will be time again for the Club Weekend over at the Graduate with TKO having theirs on Saturday and TALL on Sunday. Not speaking as the Activities Captain of TKO, I hope and will try to have them hold one of those famous games played during the beer bust. Maybe next week I'll pass more information on to you for this one.

TBBS: Last Friday at the V-N, IP was saying he was a Valley Girl.

Forget WWF, stay tuned for Fanny Fecal and Candy Plastique Friday mornings at the Venture-N.

The individual that gave this one, the second, to me has been, over many year's, giving me little bits of gossip from time to time and has escaped being truly reported on himself. Well, it is time to wipe the slate clean. This person has roamed around at all the bars, stirring a pot or two whenever it was convenient for hi, of course in friendly ways. He has paid bartenders to keep their mouths shut, even to the point of lying when a phone call comes in for him. He has placed different items in this column, some of which has not made it to the press thanks to our Editor, and I thank him. Now we all know this person because he used to be a bartender and bar owner. To close off - of course I'm talking of known other than the one and only Mark E. Now if everyone sat down for at least one minute, I'm sure you could pass on some dirt about him to me and we can all get even with him in the paper, once and for all. If you have any, drop it off to me over at the Venture-N and I promise you will read it.

Thanks everyone for making each and every week in this town enjoyable and loving for both myself and everyone. Keep up the good work.

Just for the record, this column is number 401 of the "What's Up Doc" series and I plan to go over the 500 mark. And yes for the record, I did miss one issue and had someone else write my column for two weeks while I was out of town.

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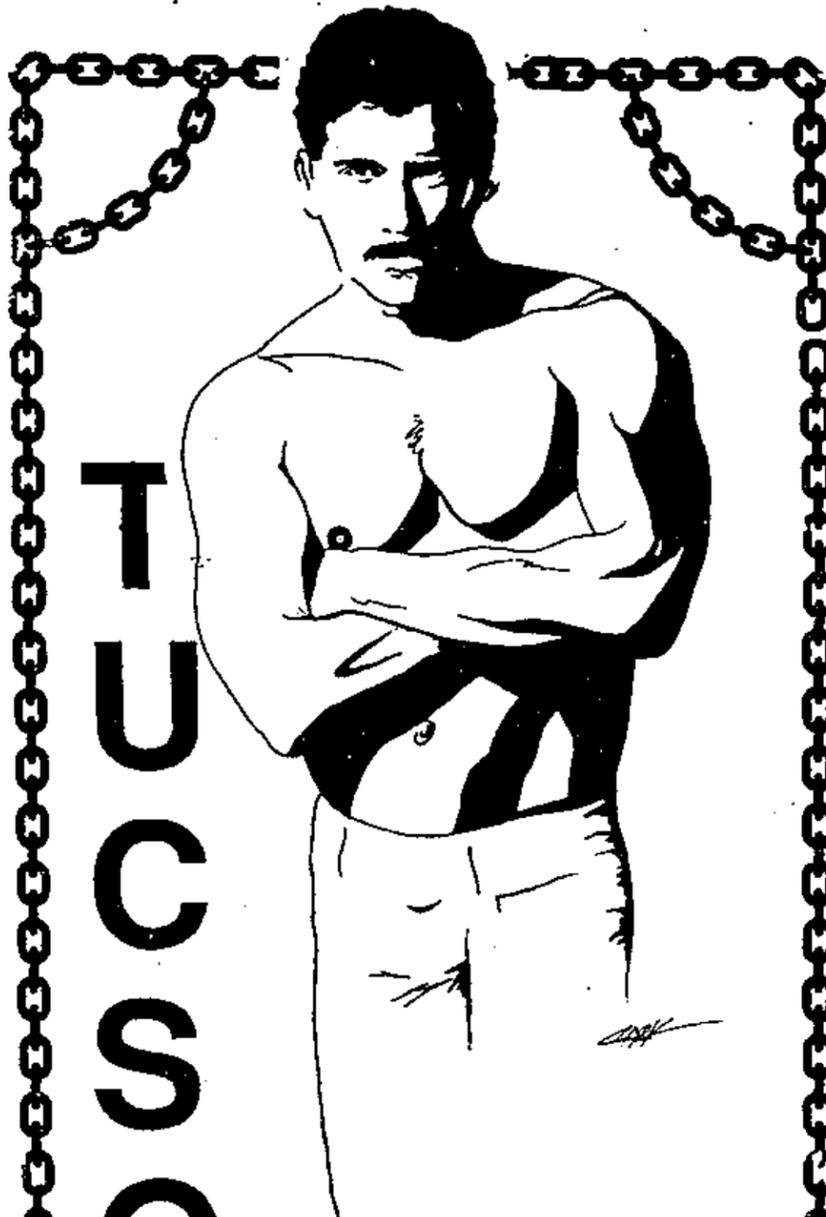
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BAR HAPPENINGS

This isn't until May, but in order for interested parties to obtain advance information on this event, I'm including it in this month's column:

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"Hell On Wheels '92" - May 1-2-3.

Friday night, Beer Bust at the Buffalo. Saturday will consist of a bus tour, trivia, Enduro (for all you bikers). Saturday evening will feature a dinner and show. Sunday, Brunch and awards. The dinner and show this year will be held at the Paradise Spa. Time to be announced. Run donation: Full run (run pin and bar) \$65. After April 17 the cost is \$85. For dinner and show only, \$35, (\$55 after April 17). No applications will be taken after April 29.

Limited housing is available with members. If staying at a hotel, make your reservations now. To receive an application, call (702)258-7755 or 735-9442, or you can write to: Satyricon's M.C., P.O. Box 19058, Las Vegas, NV 89132. There a few run applications available at Venture-N in Tucson.

LAS VEGAS EAGLE - Liquor Bust every Saturday, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. \$5.00.

BADLANDS - Weekender Beer Bust. Go Saturday and drink free Sunday

from 5 to 9 p.m.

GIPSY - Dancing, live entertainment, strip shows.

ANGLES - Tuesday and Thursday Beer Busts 10:30 - 1:30 a.m.

GOODTIMES - At the Liberace Plaza, Disco DJ from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

PREMIERING IN APRIL

SPOTLIGHT CAFE - Next to Angles

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ALTERNATIVE DANCE CLUB & COFFEE HOUSE

APRIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

ALADDIN - "Alakazam" - indefinitely

BALLY'S - "Jubilee!" - indefinitely.

George Carlin - April 2-12

Louie Anderson/Rita Rundee April 13-22

Oak Ridge Boys - April 23-29

CAESAR'S PALACE - Jay Leno - April 2-5

David Copperfield - April 15-27

DESERT INN - Paul Anka - April 1-5

GAUGHAN'S PLAZA HOTEL - "Boylesque" - indefinitely

GOLDEN NUGGET - Tony Orlando - April 2-6

Don Rickles - April 9-13

HOLIDAY/HARRAH'S CASINO - "Spellbound"

HILTON - Tanya Tucker - April 14-26

Diana Ross - April 28-May 3

MIRAGE - Siegfried & Roy - indefinitely

Kenny Rogers - April 3-7

RIVIERA - "An Evening At La Cage"

Juicy Lucy

Ha! And just when you thought you were through with me for good! I was on my way from Los Angeles to Tampa when I looked through a crack in the boxcar that I was riding and realized that I was in that old home town of mine - where everyone loves me - and decided to pay a brief visit to some of my old loved ones. Found out after I had been here a few minutes that it was that time of the year when the Observer was putting on that big bash, The Community Benefit. Well, I said to myself, this could be fun. So, after the big shindig, I took pen in hand and decided to leave a few notes for that old, old, old friend of mine, old Bob Ellis.

Congratulations to Debra and Jerome for winning the 1992 TOGA awards. I'm sure that if everyone knew that I was going to be in town, I would have been the winner, but I guess that I will have to wait until next year like everyone else.

Kenny Ann was there in all his glory - and of the 3 bars on the premises, his was the "cruisest" even though Jerome did give him a bit of competition.

Ed N. was there in a beautiful pink shirt and tie - didn't anyone tell Ed that the tie goes on the outside of the shirt, under the collar?

And then there was Gary Clark sprinkling glitter all over those beautifully decorated tables. And I always thought that Big Mike was Mr. Sandman.

Speaking of tables, Natalie had her hands full explaining that the Benefit was a sell-out and that there were no more table to be had.

dinner was quite a show. Allen as M.C. had a difficult time explaining to the audience just what he would do if the tips were more productive.

Loren Johnson was in rare form during the evening, it was the first time I have heard Bert shut up quietly.

Annie and Colette were at the ticket table again this year. Those two have been at that same job since the beginning. You'd think that by now that those two would ask for a promotion. When they closed up the ticket table Annie went home but Colette took over the last opened bar to finish off the evening. And who says that Colette REALLY wants out of the bar business?

Margo Lee was giving out little red ribbons to those who had friends, past and present, with AIDS. I tried to tell her to capitalize on the idea but she thought it would be tacky to try to sell them. I mean, after all, it was a Benefit for PACT and Shanti, who would refuse to make a contribution. That girl, won't she ever learn, you don't have to give away everything.

Stopped by church this morning on my way out of town (that's right, I'm gone again) and you should have seen Bert, the morning after. With that face of his, it would have taken a pound of face paint to make him look decent - and even then I don't know if it would have helped.

Well, bye-bye, all of you lovely people, you just never know when I might be stopping in Tucson again.

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WINGS PAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletters. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1779 Tucson.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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Here's A Switch

Barbara Steisand's gorgeous sun is GAY? And fashion designer Marc Jacobs is GAY? And the editor of "The New Republic" is GAY? AAAAAAAAAA-AAAAAAHHHH!!!

Clearly, I'm suffering from a case of Gay/Lesbian overload that is not being served by the new biography of Bette Davis "fasten Your Seat Belts," sent to me by my good friend in Australia. In it, author Lawrence Quirk says gorgeous Tyrone Power, was GAY, as was Errol Flynn, Marion Hopkins, Joan Crawford, and a handful of other men and women whose sexual orientation was never questioned.

Now, let me assure you, that news that Tyrone Power is Gay might not be earth shaking now, but I had been my age in the mid 1940's, I'm sure it would have been earth shaking, believe me.

All this revisionism of who was Gay or Lesbian and when is at once welcomed and feared at a time when many closeted homosexuals are being "outed" in publications around the globe. (Even the dead are, apparently, not safe from "outing.")

It is good because many men and women who have long been heroes to me and others are finally being seen for the three-dimensional people they truly are or were. It is bad because it seems careless journalism and questionable fact-gathering (especially in the case of dead actors) is making it impossible for many whose sexuality is now open for speculation or downright false labeling to defend them-

selves or set the record straight, so to speak.

Granted, being falsely accused of being Gay or Lesbian is hardly a fate worse than death; but falsely assuming someone is straight is just as bad as assuming they are Gay or Lesbian.

Why? Because it is not factual. And, regardless of what we might want to be true, it is not true unless it is factual.

Often in this column I have praised the activities of our more militant brothers and sisters, however I sometimes worry that their revisionist leaning might do more harm than good not just to the memories of the dead, but to families for whom such news might be a shock. There still are, after all, people who believe being homosexual is a bad thing. Even if they are behind the times, we must still respect their privacy and beliefs.

I am pleased to see the many talented, gifted, beautiful men and women who are acknowledging their sexual orientation and living lives as if sexuality didn't matter (which it doesn't).

But I sometimes wonder if we now assume being straight is so awful that we are trying to revise history by making non-homosexuals Gay or Lesbian. Indeed, could we be making the same mistake--or committing the same crime--that was forced upon homosexuals in a more closeted age?

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

WHAT I SEE FROM HERE

Anne C. Schmitt



No, this is not a column about the U of A Wildcats or which baseball team gets to play at Hi Corbett Field next winter. But, have you read the paper lately? Listened to the radio? Watched the television? There are new sports getting the attention of the news media...reported with all the gusto and zesty phrases that sportswriters wall in... "down for the count", "biggest loss of his career", "hit with a stunning punch"...

What is this "sport" which has drawn so much attention and has the American public glued to each defensive move? What game has been luring the bets of the boys at the corner pub and inspiring pep rally mentality to run rampant?

The Great American Sport of RAPE.

Let's look at Mike Tyson being on trial under the microscope of the Free Press. Did they give this story coverage during the sports section to let the Jock announcers sink their teeth into some real meat? Or was it just until they could instruct the main story reporters how to apply "sports-speak" to the violent act of sexual assault? Either way it has reduced the trauma and pain for the assaulted woman to that of a competitive game to where each move has been analyzed for it's effect on "The Champ".

As it is, he has lost this "Title Bout" and was sentenced to six years in jail. But, still the coverage is of his fight. With "one More Round To Go!", Mike Tyson smiles and jokes with the prison staff as he shows off his handcuffs and claims that he is still going to "win".

After all, he's the Champ, an athlete, a playboy, a stud, and isn't life really just another game? And the strongest athlete wins? Right?

Well, what I want to bring up with all this is that treating violent crime as a sport is really sick. Unfortunately this is just the most obvious portrayal we have to look at. But it's the same mentality that encourages the sports of gay bashing, sexual harassment and rape. These crimes are often laughed off by the public as being "they got what they asked for." How would you feel if you assault was covered under Sports?

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