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Michael Callen In Tucson Appearance April 22

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TUCSON - AIDS activist and long-term AIDS survivor Michael Callen will be in Tucson Wednesday, April 22 to give a presentation at the Leo Rich Theater in the Tucson Convention Center at 8:00 p.m.

Callen has been a leading figure for 10 years in efforts to heighten the government's response to the AIDS crisis. He is also an undeniable example of an extraordinary fact that few people know about and fewer understand - that some people are living for years with AIDS. His appearance in Tucson is sponsored by the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT).

In addition, his presentation will be followed by a book reading and signing at the theater. The book signing is sponsored by Antigone Books of Tucson. Admission to his presentation and the book reading and signing is free.

Callen is a long-term survivor. He was first diagnosed with AIDS 10 years ago, in 1982. Many people believe AIDS is an immediate death sentence. Callen challenges that stereotype in his 1990 book, "Surviving AIDS". The book describes his personal and medical experiences with AIDS and profiles other long-term survivors.

In "Surviving AIDS" Callen notes that both he and the Centers for Disease Control define long-term survival at what he considers a somewhat arbitrary figure of three years. That period is about twice the median survival period of 18 months for Gay men with AIDS. (The median survival for women with AIDS, according to the CDC, has tended to be much shorter at about six months when Callen wrote his book.)

Callen does not pretend to offer a secret remedy for AIDS. He offers instead the knowledge gained from 10 years of fighting AIDS, and the power of example. He also points out that very little research has been devoted to understanding why some people with AIDS live much longer than others and challenges researchers to find out more.

He has been a forceful activist in behalf of people with AIDS since he was diagnosed in 1982. His views are sometimes controversial -- for example, he strongly opposes use of the drug AZT. He is closely identified and involved with the drive for PWAs to take control over their illness and live to the fullest extent possible.

Callen has been deeply involved with AIDS activism on many fronts. He was the first publicly identified person with AIDS to meet with representatives of the White House, is a co-founder of the People with AIDS Coalition of New York, and launched the first campaign for safer sex. Callen now lives in Los Angeles after spending many years in New York City.

Callen's appearance in Tucson is sponsored by People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT), which is founded on the premise that people with AIDS must take control of their own lives and illness. PACT's many services include advocacy on behalf of individuals with AIDS, housing, current information on treatment and support services, HIV testing, assistance in securing medication, treatment, and social services, and sponsoring support groups and workshops on techniques to enhance health. PACT is a non-profit organization serving Tucson and Southern Arizona. The PACT office is at 2579 North First Avenue at the Jacinto Business Plaza in Tucson.

7 Priests Removed, 1 Indicted In Child Sex-Abuse Scandals

CHICAGO (AP)-Seven priests in the Chicago area have been removed from parishes and one has been indicted in the last nine months, since a flurry of child sex abuse scandals drew the Roman Catholic Church into a far ranging investigation of pedophile priests.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin appointed a three-member commission in October to decide how deal with such priests. He acted following publicity over the church's recurring failure to remove a priest accused of sexual mistreatment of youngsters in three suburban parishes.

Its recommendations will be issued this spring, for Bernardin to accept or reject.

"In the earlier days people would say, 'He goofed, he'll be OK, we'll give him another,'" Deacon Chris Baumann of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops said of pedophile priests. But church leaders "are now realizing that the problem is a lot deeper than anybody thought."

Until the Reverend Robert Mayer was indicted in December on charges of criminal sexual abuse of a 14 year old girl, only one priest had been prosecuted for sexual abuse of a minor in Cook County since at least the late 1970's, said state's attorney spokesman Andy Knott.

Some say the panel, made up of a juvenile court judge, a former official with the state Department of Children and Family Services and an auxiliary bishop, is indicative of the church's willingness to address the issue openly.

Others accuse church leaders of orchestrating a longstanding cover-up to avoid the embarrassment of criminal proceedings; they say publicly, not earnestness, forced Bernardin to act. Church officials deny any cover-up, but acknowledge mistakes in handling errant priests.

The panel's recommendations may serve as a model for dealing with a problem estimated to have involved hundreds of priests nationwide. A tiny fraction of the nation's 53,000 Catholic priests have faced allegations of child sexual abuse.

Bernardin acknowledged that he used to reassign offenders to different parishes after they underwent psychological treatment for child abuse. Parishioners have complained they weren't told of a priest's history until the new allegations surfaced.

But in 1988, the bishops conference issued a national policy recommending that diocese follow civil law and remove priests from parishes when complaints arise. Bernardin now says priests involved in sexual misconduct should be permanently removed from parish ministry.

The commission is reviewing decades-old complaints against priests to make sure no offenders remain in parish posts. As a result, five priests have been withdrawn from parish service; a sixth was removed last August, said archdiocese spokeswoman Sister Joy Clough.

Jeanne Miller, who filed a lawsuit against Mayer in 1982 alleging he sexually abused her then 13 year old son, lauded the church's move to set up a commission, but still has misgivings.

"They don't understand the psychological depth of the injury when people are injured by someone who represents the church, which we believe has formulated our values, meals and principles," she said.

"There has been great deal of cover-up and stonewalling from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on down," said the Rev. Thomas Doyle, who helped draft a report on pedophile priests after the 1985 conviction of a Louisiana priest who admitted molesting at least 35 children. Doyle was reassigned to Greenland from the Vatican Embassy in Washington D.C.

"I know and the church knows that that was the retribution given Doyle for speaking out," said Ray Mouton, an attorney who worked with Doyle in drafting the report and represented the Louisiana priest, Rev. Gilbert Gauthe. Gauthe got a 20 year sentence.

Magic Johnson Ready To Quit Commission

LOS ANGELES, CA - In the latest issue of the Advocate (Issue 601) basketball star Magic Johnson is interviewed and threatens to leave the National Commission on AIDS if President Bush does not change.

"I want [President Bush] to stop dancing around the truth. I believe the only thing any of us have is our word...If he's not going to do anything, I want him to just tell me, straight out, 'We can't increase the budget,' instead of running me around", Johnson told the Advocate..

"The bond [with the Gay community] is there, but the real bond is with the guys who are infected. I'm in the trenches with them and fighting for them...I'm bonded with all of them now because society treats us like outcasts for the most part," Johnson said in the interview.

In another act of courage on his part, Magic Johnson speaks candidly to the gay community about his sexuality, his

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To the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community,

We of the Share Bears committee wish to thank the Tucson Gay community for their much needed support on the sharing weekends. This is a privilege extended to us by our local bar owners. The following are the amounts and descriptions of the uses of the donations collected by the organizations involved.

THE SHANTI FOUNDATION: "All monies collected are used for direct services for people living with HIV".

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THE SHARE BEARS

Dear Community,

On behalf of the PACT for Life Family, I'd like to thank the many people who helped to produce and make this year's Observer Community Benefit such a great success. Bob Ellis, Natalie Perry, Gary Clark, the excellent entertainers, volunteers and donors, and especially all of you who attended, Thank you. You do make a difference.

Sincerely,
Jerome Beillard,
Executive Director PACT for Life

An Open Letter To The Community:

Once again I ask all my friends to contribute. I am collecting fresh eggs, candy and Easter toys for my kids at the Orphanage.

Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. I will collect all contributions by Good Friday.

Thank you and God bless,
Rudy

In Memoriam

JOHN PAUL "J.P." RAMIREZ, JR.
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Another one of our brothers has been taken from us far too soon, due to AIDS complications. J.P. slipped quietly away in the early evening of Saturday, April 4 with family and friends at his side.

J.P. loved life and enjoyed each day and moment to the fullest. He always had a smile on his face or something funny to say! He was very brave and was a real trouper until he had no fight left in him. J.P., you brightened all of our lives.

He is survived by his mother and father, 3 children, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and cousins, and many, many friends. His closest friend and care-giver stayed faithful to J.P. and remained with him to the bitter end.

Larry Owens, "Dougie Fresh", Jackie and Sharon West, Lynn O., Posh H., John Mason, George T., Steve C., Juan Farmer, Richard M., Tim Mathison and Cindy, Mark and Candy, Vern S. and Jim C., Jerome B.

Thanks to PACT, G.L.I.A., Cornerstone Fellowship and everyone who helped in J.P.'s last days to make it bright and comfortable.

To love him is to love the warm and gentle breeze,
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is to love the morning's warming and the night's tranquility.
To love you is to love and live,
is to love and share, and care and give.
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There will be a going home celebration at Cornerstone Fellowship on Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Call 623-9548 for more information. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to G.L.I.A. (God's Love In Action) % Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Tucson, AZ 85705.

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by George Gallego

You're invited to attend the best party this here ol' town can throw!!! AGRA cordially invites you to CHILI VERDE DAYS, Sunday, April 12th, at CLUB 2520. The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association will feature a fund raising event this day that will blow your "Wanne be cowboy" attitude into better perspective. A lot of hard work, planning and preparation has gone into providing you with fun, entertainment, good food and game. Many members of our gay and lesbian community have volunteered time, money and talent into making this a successful fiesta patterned after the movie "Lust In The Dust", starring "Divine". A special thanks goes to the Miller Brewery Corporation for underwriting part of our upcoming rodeo and for providing support, funds, advertising, decorations and interest in our ultimate goal - Fighting AIDS and ignoraance.

Chili Verde Days is the undertaking of the following committees: Fundaising (headed by Sean Thomas) and Dance and Entertainment (chaired by R.T. "Stacked"). Frank Gallego has been designated as director of this event. Michael Bennett and Peter Sittig, owners of Club 2520, have been most gracious in hosting this event and for donating all the food for the bar-b-que.

Beginning at 12:00 noon, the Bar-B-Que will consist of beef barbeque on a bun with potato salad, cole slaw and ranch style beans for the paltry sum of $2.50 per plate. You can find Telvi Roybal, Barbeque hostess, in the south patio serving your luncheon with the assistance from Larry Mann.

Put on your dancin' boots and bring a friend to two step and gamble in the Casino Games. Four Black Jack tables and a Wheel of Fortune will get started promptly at 1:30 p.m. and run until 4:30 p.m. Games resume at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Players can purchase five chips for $1.00 and receive a double ticket for each purchase. Upon presentation to the table dealer, each player becomes eligible for raffle items to be given throughout the duration of the games. At the end of the evening the top three players who have accumulated the most amount of chips will be awarded special prizes. Aside from the top three players, all players can cash in their chips for prize items (information available at the ticket and prize table). Michael Mahynski and Randy Bilboro will accommodate you chip and prize needs.

Phoenix and Tucson AGRA boards will have a closed meeting beginning at 12:00 noon. An open board meeting will start at 3:00 p.m. to be held in the breeze-way.

Live entertainment in the Country Western Ballroom with feature: Tish Tanner from Phoenix doing her rendition of "Divine" (don't you dare miss this act); singers John Barnes and Mary Murphy; local artist Margo Leigh. Master of Ceremonies is Mr. Blake Edwards.

At 5:00 p.m., a general membership meeting of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association begins and is open to the public. Details of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo, May 8-10, to be held at Old Tucson will be the major topic of discussion. special presentations to Tucson's Champion Members (Art Lewis, Jerry Geller, Ken Sullivan, Lee Nordmark, Betty Campbell, Jim Dondson, Danny Duncan, Peter Sittig, Michael Bennet and T.J. Westberg) will be made. David Osollo former President of S.O.S.,(Sisters of Sonora) and his club's contingency, will be honored at this time as well. (David and Donald have been instrumental in organizing this day's casino games).

A formal presentation of Ms. Natalie Perry, Tucson's first Grand Marshall, will be made. (Congratulations to Natalie and Beth from all of us in AGRA).

Roger Barger will conduct the auction of valuable items which begins at 6:00 p.m. Among the items are a CD players, and AM/FM radio-CD-Cassette boom box, German crystal decanter, fancy touch tone telephone, etc.

Special thanks to George Vissichelli, handling posters and vouchers; George Kaminski, membership information booth and recruitment; Bob Jenssen and Chip Crimble, raffle items; Micheal Butrymowicz and Bill Darnell, clean up; Joe Baer and Brian McDaneil, decorations; Geoffrey Wilcox, for general assistance.

Between now and the actual Rodeo dates a lot of activity is scheduled. The Boots and Boxers Cotillion to be held Sunday, April 26th, at RUMORZ, is a dance with contest for best boxer shorts, boots, with live music (we're working on it) - all this begins at 2:00 p.m. until ????? Stay tuned for more information.

Please check the calendar section of the Observer for additional activity information.

Anyone interested in becoming a member may call (602) 798-3528 or write to AGRA, 7272 East Broadway #412, Tucson Arizona, 85710.

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Harvey Fierstein To Appear on "Cheers" Episode

HOLLYWOOD, CA - Harvey Fierstein, the three time Tony Award-winning playwright and actor, guest stars on the "Cheers" episode entitled "Rebecca's Lover...Not" to be broadcast Thursday, April 23 at 8:00 p.m. (Tucson Time) on NBC. Fierstein plays Mark Newberger, Rebecca's (Kirstie Alley) old high school flame, who, unbeknownst to Rebecca, has since recognized his homosexuality. "Cheers" filmed before a live studio audience in Hollywood at Paramount Studios. See story below.

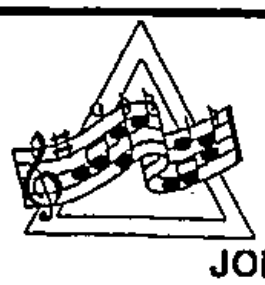
HOLLYWOOD, CA - Harvey Fierstein, the three time Tony Award-winning playwright and actor, guest stars on "Cheers" in the episode entitled "Rebecca's Lover...Not!," which is currently in production. It will be telecast on NBC, Thursday, April 23, 8:00 - 8:30 P.M. Tucson Time.

Fierstein will guest star as Mark Newberger, Rebecca's old high school flame, who after many years, makes a surprise visit to "Cheers". Oblivious to Newberger's sexual orientation (he is Gay), Rebecca attempts to rekindle the passion they once had. The role of Mark Newberger marks Fierstein's comedy television series debut.

Fierstein's works include the plays, "Torch Song Trilogy," "Safe Sex," "Spookhouse" and the book "La Cage Aux Folles" (which the musical and film were based on). He starred in the films "Torch Song Trilogy," "Garbo Talks" and can be seen in the upcoming film, "The Harvest."

He also starred in the ACE Award-winning cable telefilm "Tidy Endings." His voice can be heard on "The Simpsons," as Homer's secretary and on the upcoming animated television series "The Fish Police." Fierstein is active in advocacy work for Gay and Lesbian rights and the fight against AIDS.

"Cheers", the multi-Emmy Award and Golden Globe Award-winning, top-rated comedy series, is a Charles/Burrows/Charles Production in association with the Network Television Division of Paramount Pictures. The series stars Ted Danson as Sam Malone, Kirstie Alley as Rebecca Howe, Rhea Perlman as Carla Tortelli, John Ratzenberger as Cliff Clavin, George Wendt as Norm Peterson, Woody Harrelson as Woody Boyd, Kelsey Grammer as Dr. Frasier Crane and Bebe Neuwirth as Dr. Lilith Sternin-Crane.



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POLITICS '92
by Mark Kerr

THE BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION

This Thursday, the voters in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland goes to the polls and votes for a new Parliament. Polls show the opposition British Labour Party ahead of the governing Conservative Party and John Major, the Prime Minister. Why do you ask I am putting this into the column? For the simple fact that when it comes to elections, Britain leads and the United States follows. Two examples to cite, in 1974, the Labour Party, (the equivalent of the Democratic Party), won the general election with a liberal platform. In 1976, former Georgia Governor, Jimmy Carter, the Democratic nominee for President, defeated the Republican incumbent, Gerald Ford. In 1979, the Conservative Party won the general election with their leader, Margaret Thatcher and in 1980, the Republican nominee for President, former California Governor, Ronald Reagan won in a landslide against Jimmy Carter. So the election Thursday could give us a possible preview of our Presidential election in November.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RESULTS

Last week two primaries took place in Puerto Rico and Alaska last week. In Puerto Rico, the big winners were Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton and President George Bush. Governor Clinton received 96% of the popular vote and took all 51 Democratic delegates. George Bush won the Republican primary with 99% of the vote, Bush took all 38 delegates. In Alaska, the Democrats held a caucus and Alaskans showed their independence. An uncommitted slate of delegates won with 36% of the vote. California Governor Jerry Brown came in second with 33% of the vote and Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton came in third with 31%.

S.B. 1429 "ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE FOR THE WORKPLACE- UPDATE"

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.

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. Cindy's opposition to the bill is on the grounds that it would favor smoker's rights, she is opposed to smoking.

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. The bill as of press-time is still on Jane Hull's desk. Our phone campaign for the Hate-Crime's Legislation last year was a success. We can not quit now! So please call.

END NOTES

The Tucson City Council on Monday, by a 5 to 2 vote, overturned their previous on leasing land to a company that wanted to build a prison. This development will create 300 permanent jobs for Tucson. You have probably heard the ruckus that occurred because of their first vote. 3 of the Council-members voted it down because of some technical details that the City staff needed to check out. Fine, the staff checked it out and the Council, after acrimonious debate, voted. The Council needs to learn about "publicity". After their first vote, no press releases or statements about why they voted on the prison, (the first time), came out. The Council thought none was needed. In these economically depressed times, elected officials must explain their actions when it comes to possible jobs for Tucson. Publicity is needed, always, to prevent the credibility of a good Mayor and Council from going down the toilet and demagogues like the Tucson Business Coalition and Byron Howard come then into power. I hope they have learned their lesson.

Every time I read the Advocate, or read the bulletins from HRCF, (especially their Presidential), or the NGLTF. I wonder if they realize that Tucson exists. We have done some much politically, yet we are treated as the North Korea of the gay and lesbian community in the periodicals and organizations, (based in New York City and Washington). I hope 1992 is the year we break through!!!

Until next time, politics as usual, (FOR TUCSON NOT WASHINGTON D.C. AND NEW YORK).

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.

Shattered Wig Productions In New Performance

VICTOR LODATO

TUCSON - Shattered Wig, a new production company under the direction of Victor Lodato, returns to a.k.a. Theatre with another original work, entitled "Please Be Tender When You Cut Me Down". This special event will be presented on Wednesday through Saturday, April 15-18 at a.k.a., 125 E. Congress.

Lodato was the author and one of the three performers in "A Making Of Angels", Shattered Wig's first performance piece last August also at a.k.a. Most recently, Lodato performed his one man show, "The Sound Of Poisons", to sold out houses at the Club Congress last December.

"Please Be Tender When You Cut Me Down" is another collection of new monologues written and performed by Lodato. These character studies are a dissection of murderers and their motives. Allowing a variety of voices to surface, addressing both acts of violence and acts of compassion, the performance explores that aspect of the human heart that leads one to the destruction of life. Transvestites, schizophrenics, Gay-bashers, pistols-toting housewives and others share their harrowing tales.

The production takes approximately one hour in which Lodato portrays seven characters 2 women and 5 men - each a complete transformation with costumes.

Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. each night with a special 10:00 p.m. performance on Saturday, April 18. Tickets are $5.00 each. For further information, contact Victor Lodato at 881-0420 or a.k.a. Theatre at 623-7852.

Q: Advice From Your Counselor A.

STEVEN DIETZ..

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Q. I'm not sure I should write you about this. But a doctor I saw just made fun of me, and I think I need help. I am not very tall but that isn't my problem. It's that I am very small in other places. Men want somebody who is big there, and sometimes I meet nice guys and we go back home and then after they see how small I am they never call me back. I am embarrassed about it, and it bothers me all the time, but I guess there isn't anything I can do about it, right? I even tried those machines and they don't work. I am very serious about this problem so please don't take my letter as a joke.

A. Anatomy is far from the most important aspect of relationships. Appearances is almost always the first thing that draws our attention, but many more qualities take play in deciding who we are attracted to for more intimate relationships.

No one should take your concerns lightly. Whatever inadequacies we think we have that we believe lessen our self worth, they are deeply important to us, whether others take us seriously or not. However, I question whether you are interested in developing lasting relationships if you are willing to be intimate at the moment you meet people who are attractive to you.

Your value to someone who loves you goes far beyond sexual prowess, ability, or anatomy. You have worth because of who you are, not what you look like, or what you possess. Romance, intelligent conversation, talents, hobbies, communication - all are important qualities that build on feelings of love. People who take time to get to know your soul won't be nearly so critical of your body - and in fact your anatomy may be far less the issue you think it is than the way you carry yourself, and the subtle messages you send about your self-esteem.

Put away the "machines". They will only continue to focus your mental energies on a physical attribute about which you are uncomfortable, and that cannot be changed. Additionally, such devices can be dangerous to your health. Instead, focus on developing those unique characteristics of your personality that are distinctly different and interesting. You are special because of who you are, exactly as you are. Even people who, because of physical disabilities, cannot share sexual intimacy at all, form wonderful, lasting relationships. If the only thing your partners have been interested in is your physical attributes, be thankful they didn't return. You were spared the pain of discovering too late that they had little to offer you as well.

PERSPECTIVE by Martyn Harris

Charmin' Charlie and the Snake Pit

This here's a story of the Wild West, of black hats with greed in their dusty hearts and of mistakes by stand-up guys caught in the noose. This is the tale of the not-so fictionalized town of Dry Gulch and the man known as Charmin' Charlie whose white hat ain't so white anymore.

The prosperous town of Dry Gulch, Arizona grew up along the dustbin of a river known as the Salt. Gulchers are hardly law-in-order residents with few liberal ideas. It came as no surprise when the marshal rounded up the notorious,

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The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

The '91 - '92 season comes to a close next Wednesday night for the Tucson Desert Coyotes as the final roll-off takes place between the Tuf Riders (1st Half Winners) and the first place team after tonight's position round. End of season standings will appear in a later column. The Desert Coyotes will hold their banquet and awards ceremonies on Wednesday, April 29th in the Gold Room of the Ramada Inn Downtown. The evening commences at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails (cash bar), followed by a dinner buffet (7:30), and presentation of awards.

This year marked a new beginning for our league. In May of 1991, members of the IBT's League voted to incorporate several changes in the league, all with the intention of broadening the appeal of Gay Bowling in Tucson, encouraging increased participation, and achieving a greater visibility within the Gay and Lesbian Community. We are happy to report that each of our goals has been realized as the league has grown to 22 teams, with many new and first-time ever bowlers.

Although each and every bowler deserves credit for these achievements, the efforts of three individuals warrant special thanks. This year's President, Ken Davis, helped guide the league during this growth year and worked very hard at building interest and acquiring new bowlers. League Secretary Brad Palmer undertook the unenviable task of accounting for all monies, statistics (and often complaints) for 60+ bowlers on a weekly basis, a monumental and thankless job which involved more than twice the work of previous years. Finally, a special thanks to IBT's and Danny Duncan who has served as league sponsor for the past several years. Many thanks, gentlemen!!!

At the annual year-end meeting, the following officers were elected for '92 - '93: President - Dennis Russell, Vice-President - Jack Stockslager, and Secretary/Treasurer - Geoffrey Wilcox. These guys will work hard to continue the progress started by this year's officers. Also approved at the annual meeting was a Fall '92 starting date of Wednesday, September 9th. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for what promises to be an even bigger and better year.

The next meeting for H.I.T.T. '92 (Tucson's Halloween tournament) will be held Wednesday, April 15, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes on West Miracle Mile. This is an open meeting and all interested volunteers are invited. Volunteers are needed for all standing committees, Fund Raising, Entertainment, and Advertising/Promotion. H.I.T.T. will be participating in the upcoming Fiesta De Mayo weekend and would LOVE to have you come and help. Even if you can't 'lend a hand', we hope you'll stop by the booth and lend you financial support.

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What's Up Doc ???

My weekend trip to Phoenix was very enjoyable and I look forward to going again. Of course, whenever you do go to Phoenix, plan on a lot of party time. As for myself, it was no different and from the first drink Friday evening to the final Sunday afternoon, everything fell right into place.

The main purpose of going to Phoenix was to attend TKO's monthly meeting, this time held over at Bob and Curt's house. I can also tell you that a lot came out of this meeting but I'll get into that later.

As the members were sitting around discussing the different events coming up for TKO, the house maid showed up. Nothing special about a house maid you say, ha! I've got a picture of this one that you must see, but for the time being, let me just say that "Madame Butterfly" never looked like this when I was growing up. I'll let Bob see the picture, plus a few others before I expose it to the complete Arizona territory. I will tell you this before hand, the outfit worn, well a quick dry shave had to be accomplished before wearing in front of the all the house guests. Another special attraction was TKO's Phoenix Mamma, Lynn P., escorting us around town Saturday, dressed in full leather.

One of the biggest decisions coming out of this TKO meeting was the cancellation of the annual Closet Ball. It was felt, over the years of having it, the interest has fallen off to the point that contestants were not available.

Instead, replacing it this year, it will be a "Comedic Revue Contest". This will be open to everyone, and can be one person or more. Entry fee for each contestant will be $1. which will also be the door donation requested to members of the audience. Each contestant will be required to have a 3 minute routine, but no longer than 5 minutes.

as stated, it can be one person or a group, so get started on yours now because the night of the first annual show will be April 25, over at the Venture-N, on the patio.

Another switch this year is the audience will be the judges for determining the winner. Ballots will be passed out to you upon entry on to the patio. This show will run from 7 pm to 10 pm, with the winners announced after. The only time members of TKO will vote is if be a weird chance there is a tie. If after TKO's vote and another tie results, the President will be breaking the tie.

Entry applications are not needed but it is requested that if you would like to enter this show, contact me (Doc) at the Venture-N so that I can have some idea as to the numbers entering. A dressing room will be provided. You must bring your own music, if needed.

Another event, TKO's annual "Spring Fling" was discussed and all plans have been made for this years version, this one being "Spring Fling XII". This will be an in town run, with a couple side trips away from the bars. Run fee for the complete weekend will only be $45, which includes all the meals, and trips. applications will be out in the very near future, with some being hung at the Graduate and other local bars. If you need any more information on this annual event, contact any TKO member.

I know this column, so far, has been nothing but TKO, but I had a lot of good news to pass on for them. One final mention of TKO is this coming Saturday, at the Graduate, it will be time for their monthly beer bust from 2 to 6 pm. Stop by and have some with this crazy bunch and meet TKO's newest pledge, as he goes behind the bar to try to serve you your beers.

While up in Phoenix, I happen to run into Eric of the 307. He was telling me that he and his partner are looking in Tucson for a location to open a 307 South. It's a shame that the old Hair Tiz is not open because that would be a perfect location for it. I guess all of us will have to wait and see if this comes about, and if so, where?

I may be jumping the gun at this time but for anyone that took part in the "Hides of March" over at the Venture-N, the trip to Houston is now being planned. I will be taking names of individuals who are interested in going on this trip and be getting back to you when more details come available. The dates for this trip will be July 31 - August 3, so plan you vacations now to be sure you can go on this trip.

I guess it is time to wrap this weeks column up and get on with a bunch of other projects I've got to get out of the way today. I do want to thank everyone in Phoenix for a wonderful time and especially Bob and Curt for their hospitality. Count on me to come up with a way to save 29 cents for a stamp.

Have a beautiful and loving week. Take a friend out to dinner, one that you have not seen for a while. Love and kisses to all.

Michael Callen is coming to Tucson

Michael Callen, author of the book "Surviving AIDS", and editor of "Surviving and Thriving with AIDS", will be in Tucson Wednesday, April 22 at the Leo Rich Theatre, (Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church).
He will be speaking at 8:00 p.m. He has appeared on ABC news, Nightline, the Phil Donahue Show, Good Morning America and has been interviewed by Rolling Stone, Time and Newsweek. Antigone Books will be sponsoring the booksigning. This event is free to the public.

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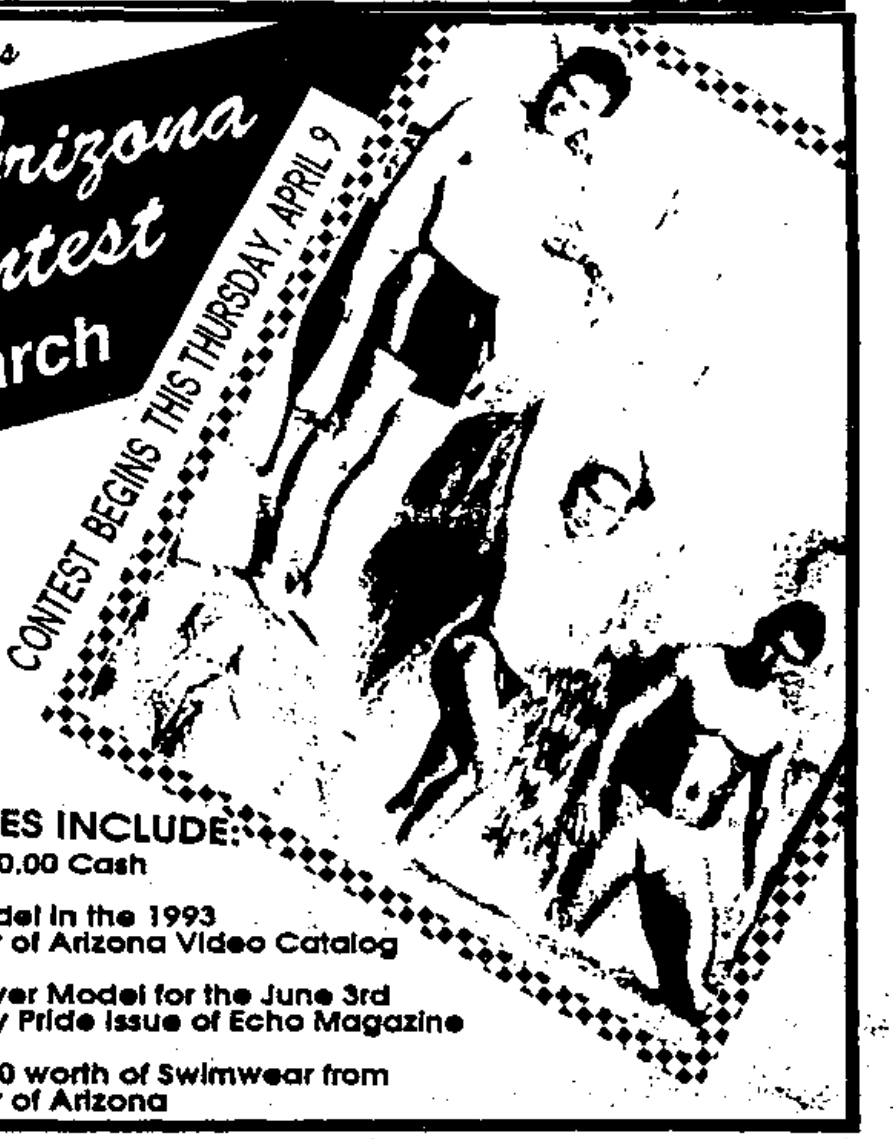

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

CLUB 2520 - Tonight is the first in a series of four semi-final "Great Arizona Swimsuit Contest and Model Search. It begins at 10:30 p.m. The final winner will be chosen in a contest in Pheonix on the weekend of May 15-17. finalist will win $500 cash, model in the 1993 Parr of Arizona IVideo Catalaog, be a cover model for the June 3rd, Gay Pride issue of Echo magazine, receive a 2-hour modeling session with Parr of Arizona, receive $200 worth of swimwear from Parr and other prizes to be announced. Other contests will follow in each Thursday through April 30. The final contest, on May 7th, will be among all the previous winners. Stop by the 2520 and get a set of contest rules and entry forms. And if you don't intend to enter, be sure to get there early and view the bodies for yourself.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

GRADUATE - A Benefit Show for Lucinda Holliday who is a candidate for Miss Gay Tucson. The show will feature Madame X, who is a candidate for QUeen of Fiesta de Mayo and two former Miss Gay Tucson titleholders, Raven and Christina de Alexis. It all begins at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) monthly Beer Bust with fun and games from 2 to 6 p.m.

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

CLUB 2520 - Another AGRA-Tucson benefit for the May rodeo. "Chili Verde Days" here. All the action begins at noon. It will be a full day of country/western music and dancing, entertainment, auction, and food. There will also be casino games with plenty of great prizes. You can get a big plate of Bar-B-Que Beef, Beanam, Potato Salad and Cole Slaw for only $2.50. Entertainment which starts at 3:00 p.m. will include Mary Murphy, Lee Thompson, Vicky Wallen, John Barnes and from Phoenix, the inimitible Tish Tanner as Divine. All proceeds from the day will go to the ASrizona Gay Rodeo Association Tucson Chapter to help defray costs of putting on their roseo which comes up in May. Y'all come!

GRADUATE Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) hold their monthly Beer Bust and dinner here from 2 to 6 p.m. Dinner will be Chef's Salad as only Chef Kenny can mix up! Stop in and enjoy thge antics of this great group of men.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

CLUB 2520 - Second semi-final contest in the "Great Arizona Swimsuit Contest...and Model Search". 10:30 p.m. $500 to the final winner plus other great prizes. Check with 2520 for entry form and rules.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

TLGA (Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance) will meet again today to discuss Fiesta de Mayo, a major fund-raising event to fund 1992 Gay and Lesbian Pride Week beginning June 21. The meeting will be held at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue. The meeting will focus on Fiesta de Mayo as well as Pride Week. This will be the final date for accepting Pride Week Logos for consideration. The memeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. so bring in your logo design before the meeting is over. $75 to the winner and the design will lbe freatured on all advertising, T-shirts as well as other memorabilia..

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

H.I.T.T. - Tucson's Halloween Gay Bowling Tournament will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes on West Miracle Mile. This is an open meeting and all interested volunteers are invited. Volunteers are needed for all standing committees, fund raising, entertainment and advertising/promotion.

FRI. & SAT. APRIL 17-18

"SEDUCTION: THE CRUEL WOMAN", Filmworks, At The Edge ppresents this German film at the Loft Cinema on Friday and at the UofA Gallagher Theater on Saturday, both shown at midnight. "...the dark side of the human psyche". Wanda, a *dominatrix*, runs a "gallery" in a building on the Hamburg waterfront, where audiences pay for the privilege of watching her humiliate her slaves. Along the way, Wanda leaves her German Lesbian lover, a shoe fetishist, for her American "trainee", and does more than step on the toes of a male performer who has broken the rules of the master/slave relationship by falling in love with her.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

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FRI, SAT, SUN, APRIL 24-25-26

The last of the series in "Filmworks At The Edge" festival of films. "Flaming Creatures", a 1963 U.S. film about a "couple of women and a much larger number of men, most of them clad in flamboyant thrift-shop women's clothes, frolic about, pose and posture, dance with one another, and enact various scenes of voluptuousness, sexual frenzy, romance and vampirism. The film is built out of a complex web of ambiguities and ambivalances, whose primary image is the confusion of male and female flesh". Also showing is a 1947 Kenneth Anger 15 minute short called "Filmworks" a notorious work shot by Anger when he was 17 years-pold. Anger plays an adolescent who dreams of a violent, sexual, explosive encounter with a group of sailors. Friday and Saturday at midnight at the Loft Cinema and on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Performance Center, 530B North Stone.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Brunch served noon to 3 p.m. Tea Dance 3 to 8. Western Steak Fry 5 to 7. Video /Dance Bar and Country/Western Dance bar open 8 pm to 1 am. Line Dance lessons by Paul Barner from 6 to 8 pm.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.50 till 8pm and $2.00 8 pm to close.

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

IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. 8 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. VJ/DJ 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. 9 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 nite. 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. 8:00 to closing, $1.50 White Well. VJ/DJ 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. Schnappe 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. VJ/DJ 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. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and lessons for partners by Paul Barner 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 8:02 to closing, 75¢ Schnapps. VJ/DJ 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 boxer or jockey shorts ½ 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 VJ/DJ 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 $5. 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. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ 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 8 $3. 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. Dance with Jeff VJ/DJ 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens 4 p.m.

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

You May Now Kiss The Bride

I want to get married. Liz and I have been together almost three years; we've lived together almost two. We are firmly committed to each other, and we want to very much stay together "till death do us part." In truth, we are married.

But if one of us were in a car accident, the other might have trouble getting into the intensive care unit to visit.

If one of us had a bad year financially, we cannot use that loss against the other's gain to pay less taxes.

In order to achieve minimal rights--rights that married couples take for granted--we have to sign papers and hire attorneys, and even then our rights can be challenged.

We cannot be on each other's health plans.

And if one of us were to die without a will, her biological family would legally own all her belongings, rather than her life partner.

And if we stay together for 100 years, our relationship will not exist in the eyes of the law and most religions any many people--and bigots will continue to claim we are incapable of commitment.

The list of legal disadvantages from not being able to marry is long and familiar. But what about the social and romantic ramifications of being outside the law and custom?

When I recently visited my sister, who met her husband around the same time I met Liz, I saw the lovely collage my father had made them for an anniversary gift. Liz and I have never gotten so much as a card for our anniversary; I doubt my parents know when it is.

And my sister and brother-in-law's home is filled with wonderful new things:,microwave and matching plates and sets of glasses and doodads and thingamabobs--all wedding gifts from family, friends, co-workers and even acquaintances. It's not the things per se that I am jealous of, though they are very nice, but, rather, the community approval that they represent. It seems like every one on earth respects their marriage.

My sister once pointed out another disadvantage of not being able to wed. I was feeling like a loser because I had had so many failed relationships, and she explained that I took each breakup as equally major. "How many of your lovers would you have married?" she asked. I thought about it: "Only one." She replied, "Then you only had one divorce. The rest were experiments that did not work out. That's the point of dating and living together--to find things out." Legal marriage could help us take particular relationships more seriously.

Then, last week, an old acquaintance greeted me with, "So are you and Liz still together?" I was offended by the question, and I knew she wouldn't have asked it if we were married.

Of course, many lesbians and gay men consider marriage to be repressive, patriarchal, and disgusting. They see marriage as based on ownership and production of new workers and consumers. And they're right! That's certainly the history of marriage, and for some people it's the present as well. But that doesn't mean that same-sex marriages would have to follow that model; we do almost everything else differently, so why not marriage?

There's also the point that glorifying couples belittles single people, polygamists, and anyone else who follows a different model. I guess this is true too, and I have certainly seen how couple-ist both the gay and straight communities can be. But, rather than abolishing marriage, perhaps we should expand what marriage can be. I have no trouble with the idea of group marriages; although Mormon polygamy is ravingly patriarchal. I've always felt that it was that it was unconstitutional for the United States to outlaw it. The world is a tough and often lonely place, and it seems to me that any arrangement that has people working together should be taken seriously. And even polygamy can be interpreted differently; in a newspaper interview with a woman who was one of many wives of one man, she extolled the friendship among the women and sounded quite relieved that she didn't have to have sex with the husband all that often. To each their own.

It may well be that a more evolved world would be "beyond" pairing off as though we were all about to board Noah's Ark. But I don't care much about theory. I want to get married. I want the official commitment. I want the recognition. I want the matching plates and glasses. I want anniversary cards from my parents. I want legal protection. I want the ceremony and the mushiness. I want to be declared wife and wife.

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As I See It . . . . .

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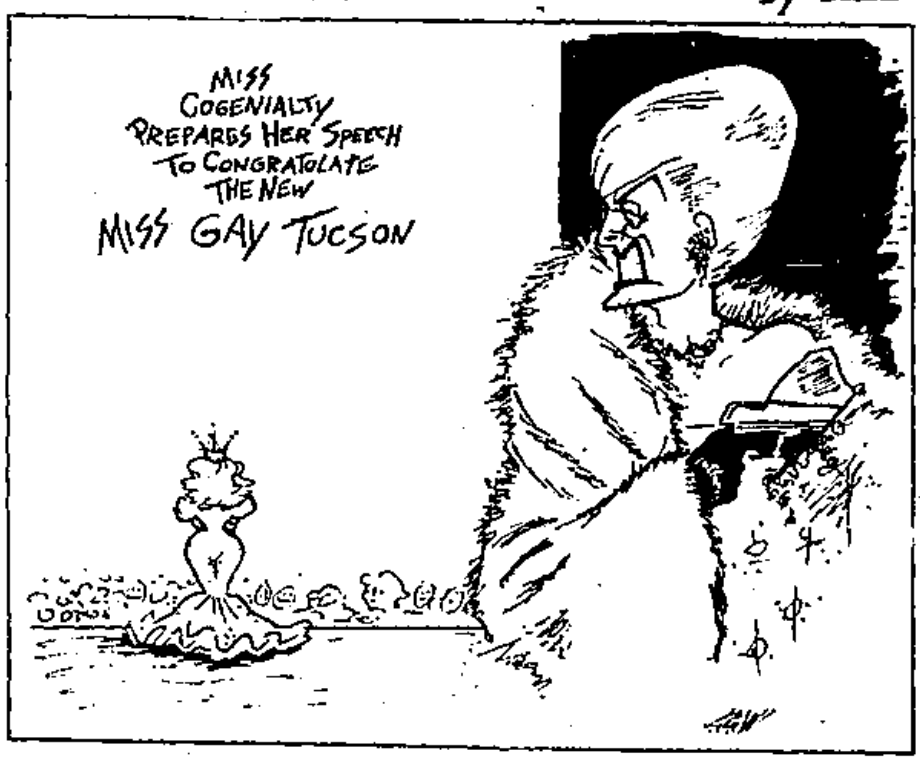

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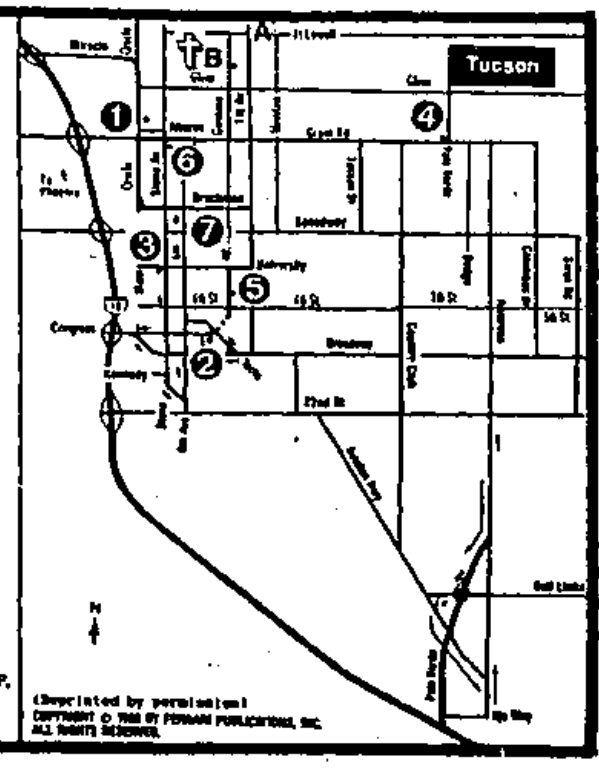

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Magic

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activism, and his plans for the future. Magic has done more for the education and sensitizing of America to the AIDS pandemic than ten years of lobbying, protesting, and dying by Gay people. Yet after six months of living with HIV, even his superstar status hasn't shielded him from the hate, the hurt, and the fear of being a modern day leper. As is typical in an ADVOCATE celebrity interview, Magic reveals dimensions of himself that help the gay community understand his status as a giant among men.

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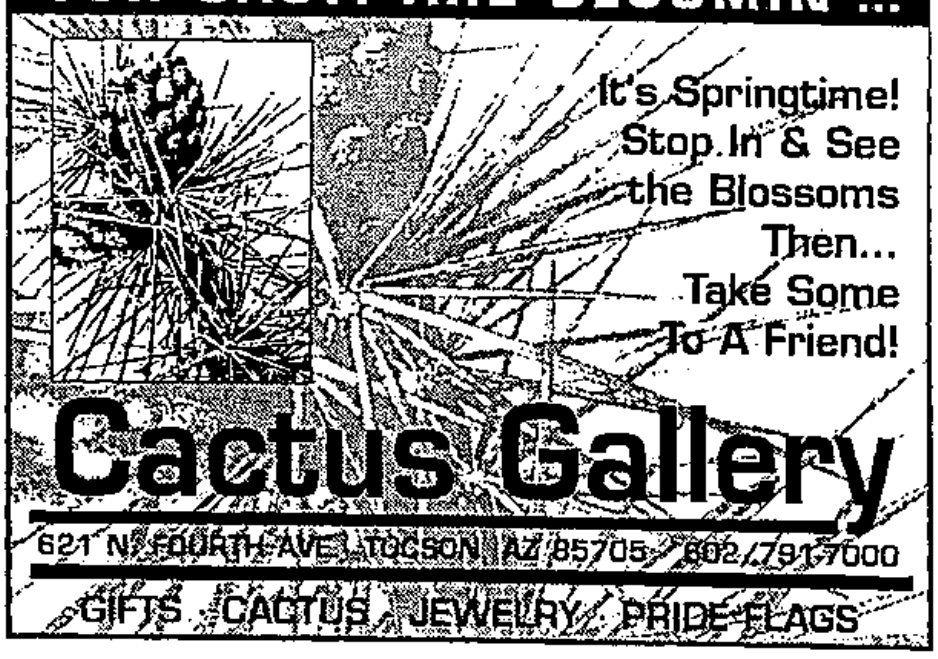

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cockle

All four Gospels give rather confusing accounts of the discovery of the empty tomb where Jesus had been laid. elthough Jesus was buried secretly, several different people found out the location of the tomb, including spies employed by members of the Sanhedrin. They were well aware of the promise that Jesus had made, that He would rise from the dead. The Sanhedrin wanted the tomb guarded so that the disciples couldn't steal the body and then claim that Jesus had risen. When the Sandhedrin went to Pilate and requested that a guard be place at the tomb. Pilate answered them as recorded in Matthew 27:65, "Ye have a watch, go your way, make it as sure as ye can". So the tomb was sealed with a stone and a guard was placed on watch. Now the confusion begins in who discovered the empty tomb. In Matthew, it was Mary Magdalene and the "other" Mary (some scholars believe this to be Mary, mother of Jesus). In Mark, it was Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary, the mother of James. In Luke, it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary, the mother of James, with several others. In John, Mary Magdalene is the only one mentioned. It is interesting to note that all four Gospels does mention Mary Magdalene as finding the empty tomb. In Mark, we find that she was the first to seen the risen Jesus and she spoke to him. She did not recognize Jesus at first but when Jesus spoke her name, she recognized him immediately.

We sometimes call a person a "Doubting Thomas", meaning he is one of those people who will not believe what they are told unless they have seen the evidence themselves. In the evening of the day of the Resurrection, the disciples gathered together in secret, they were afraid of being arrested, to discuss the exciting news brought by Mary Magdalene. The doors were locked but suddenly Jesus was among them, He sat down and ate with them to prove that He was the real Jesus and not just an apparition. Thomas was not with the other disciples when this happened and when Thomas was told, he replied, as recorded in John 20:25, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of nails and put my finger into the print of the nails and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Eight days later the disciples were in a similar situation and Thomas was with them. Jesus stood in the midst and said, "Peace be unto you." And then He said to Thomas, " reach hither thy finger and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust into my side; be not faithless but believing". This was enough for Thomas, he was already answering Jesus, "My Lord and God!"

This coming Sunday is celebrated as Palm Sunday in memory of the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem at the beginning of the last week of His life. At that point in Jesus' life, He was a very popular figure. Jesus' miracles, especially the recent rising of Lazarus, had made him well known. Jesus was greeted by a large crowd which strewed the ground in front of Him with flowers and fronds from palm trees. Next week is known as "Holy Week" and MCC/Tucson will have additional services commemorating the different important events during this last week that jesus lived as a person on Earth. What for the full schedule in next week's article.

Thought for the week: If it's painful to criticize someone, you're safe in doing it; if you take pleasure in it, hold your tongue.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Have you ever wondered why these articles are entitled "View From The Rock?" What or "who" is the "Rock?" As King David tells us in the Book o Psalms, "The Lord is my rock, my Fortress and my Deliverer; My God is my Rock, in Whom I take refuge. He is my Shield and the horn (strength) of my Salvation, my Stronghold". (Psalm 18:2).

When trouble seems to surround you, where do you turn? When you're feeling lonely, how do you fill the void? When problems arise in your relationship, is there a common foundation of enduring strength and guidance upon which you can both depend? By the same token, when things seem to going fairly well for you, can you honestly say that there's a true joy and peace in your heart from day to day? Is there a "Rock" in <u>your</u> life that sustains you in good times and bad? One that provides an inner strength and security...and most of all...One that never fails you?

What is your hope for the future in this world? Is it money; fame; or both? Is it to find another to love you and share your life with? No matter what your goals are, will you still be able to find joy in your life if you don't achieve these things?

And what of life "beyond" this world? Have you thought about it? None of us can say whether or not today will be our last. Have you believed those in society who tell you that being a "Child of God" is beyond your grasp because you are Gay? There <u>are</u> answers to <u>all</u> of the questions that life holds for you, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

These articles are not written by a bunch of "pious religious freaks" who place themselves above you. They are written by people who have struggled just as you; searched, just as you; and suffered through the pointed fingers of society, just as you; but who...by the Grace of God, and the love of Christian brothers and sisters...have found their "Rock", their strength, their Guide, and their way to eternal life. We are not people without problems in this world. The Lord doesn't promise a world without problems; but He provides the way to overcome, endure, and feel at peace.

You've heard the old saying, "Don;t knock it till you try it!" Give the Lord a chance in <u>your</u> life! He awaits you with open arms, and so do we. We want to <u>share</u> with you what we have found. May the Lord guide you to Him and keep you in His care always. At Cornerstone Fellowship, we offer Worship Services at 10:30 A.m. and 6:00 p.m. every Sunday; and a special time for Praise, Prayer, studying God's Word and fellowship every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. You are most welcome, <u>any</u> time...we'll be waiting for you. But most importantly...so will the <u>Lord</u>

A Commentary By
Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Damage Control

As with the never-ending elements surrounding Arizona politics, Gays and Lesbians are seemingly doomed during the 1990's to have to control damage done by a series of negative incidents: First we had Jeffrey Dahmer, and now Uncle Ed.

At the writing of this column,news is about 48 hours old of the man with full-blown AIDS, called Uncle Ed, arrested in Philadelphia on suspicion of having paid "hundreds" of teenaged boys to have oral and anal sex with him.

Although clearly another case of one bad apple spoiling the barrel, be prepared for sweeping generalizations to be painted of the lives led by normal Gays and Lesbians based on reports of Uncle Ed's predilection for sex with boys and irresponsibility in possibly spreading the HIV virus to hundreds of them.

In the case of Dahmer last year, the homosexual angle was played down -- given the low priority it really deserved; but I am afraid we will not be so lucky in the case of a fiftysomething-year-old man paying boys for sex.

The problem with this case does not come from the crimes with which he has been charged which include involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual abuse of children, indecent assault and corrupting the morals of a minor; rather from the apparent indiscriminate spreading of AIDS not just to another person, but to a child.

One need not look far into history to find accusations of attempts to indoctrinate, brainwash or recruit children into the ranks of homosexuals. Although few now believe homosexuals are made (leaning toward the biological theory), enough fanatics still exist and can make a loud enough noise to bring this subject back to the forefront of the debate over civil rights for Gays and Lesbians.

If Uncle Ed is actually guilty of the crimes with which he has been charged, he should be sentenced to jail for committing the crimes with minors, and for knowingly spreading the AIDS virus; but even more importantly, for the damage he has certainly caused the important fight for equal civil rights for Gays and Lesbians.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

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

TUCSON - Shown above is Lisette and her running mate as candidates for the Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen. See story below.

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.

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.

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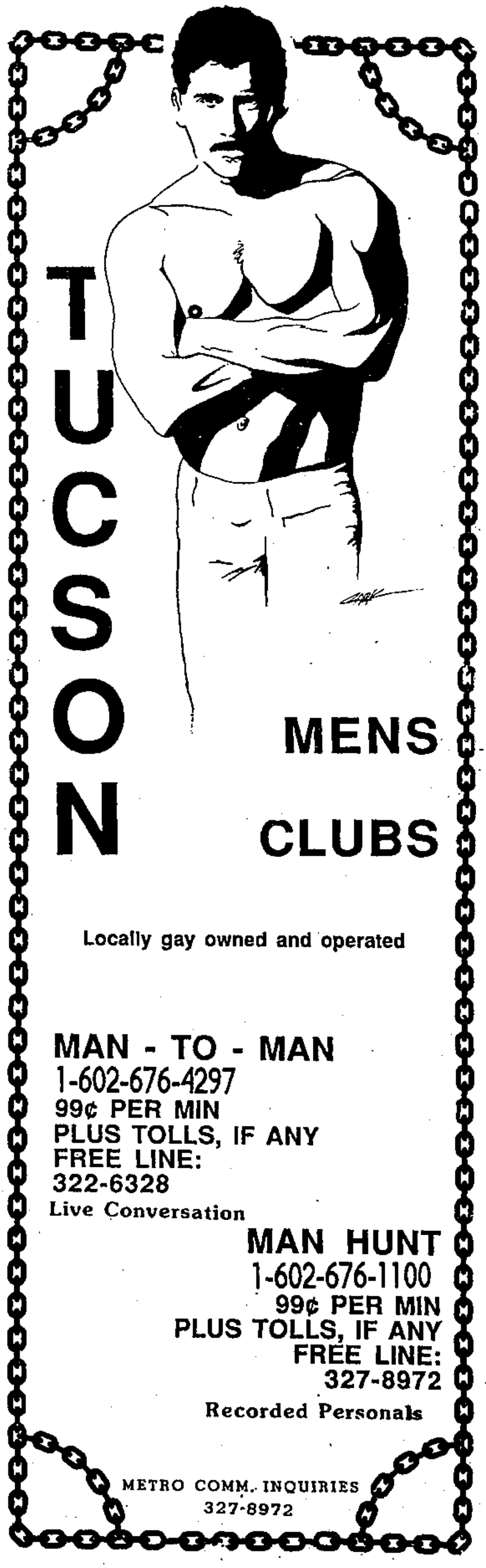

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Chicanery Gang. Insiders called it, Az-Scam.

Lassoed, hog-tied and branded as rustlers of the Public Trust, the mischief makers were trundled off to the Double R Ranch; a pleasant, country-club locale that outraged plenty of the Gulchers.

"Stuff'em in the YTP and throw away the key!" Cried the up-standing Gulchers. Yuma Territorial Prison is a 100-year old prison; now a quaint museum of the Southwest long before air-conditioning and MTV. The Gang's fast talking lawyer snookered the judge into lettin'em keep their rooms at the Double R.

Among the suspected Black Hats is a Dry Gulch politico from the Fay Family. According to most Gulchers, the Fays were a loose-knit clan of misfits that should either move outta Dry Gulch or expect the worst kinda treatment seen since the 'Paches went on the war path back in 1872. Well, Dry Gulch's own Judge Roy Bean has been sweating the truth out of the Fay's favorite-son, one Charmin' Charlie.

"Where'd the money come from, boy?" "Whaddaya mean, you don't know?" "You had to know; Bobby was your good buddy."

A new rope sways in the blistering desert sun from a nearby cottonwood tree. Not a good sign.

What all these shenanigans is about is MONEY. Money the Chicanery's trail boss, Mister Bobby palmed from a crooked riverboat gambler. Money Mister Bobby white-washed as an election contribution from his good pal, Charmin' Charlie.

"It's a political railroading," shouts Charlie's lawyer. An innocent man is being ambushed by the villainous, mustache-twistin' city attorney who makes Snively Whiplash look like Little Nell. Charlie galloped into a box canyon and now there's only one way out -- money.

Charlie, a mild mannered gentleman from the South is tall and fair. He's no Rhett Butler in the way of life or dirty politics. He is charmin'. Praised by some as an honest man of grand ideas, others see him as a transplanted powder-puff.

Well, pardners this little powder-puff was responsible for the Dry Gulch City Council passing an Anti-Fay discrimination bill. His lady friend, Miss Linda of the Council, introduced the bill and Charmin' Charlie sure did dazzle 'em with his smooth-as-silk tongue. Too bad the bill was watered-down like the whiskey in the Long Branch. It's as they say, "The first step."

Charlie's troubles won him the coveted cover of the weekly clarion to progressive young Gulchers. The Fay Family's lavender press offered commentary for Charlie, a man even his own lawyer calls "spacey." Now advertisements beg Fay friends and loyal Gulchers to fund his mounting defense.

"It's like being the last Comanche and the Calvary is after ya." Said Charlie over a glass of low-cal hootch at Saguaro Sam's saloon.

The 'I've-Fallen-and-Can't-Get-Up' ad ignores Charlie's hard work electing "Sweet Sue". Turns out that "Sweet Sue" is a ring leader for the Chicanery Gang. She ain't so "sweet" either. Unaware a private 'eye' was witnessing her meet with the riverboat shark, Sweet Sue told him if anyone asks, "I'll tell'em some old Fay gave me the money."

You can bet the Fay Family was ticked off; but Sue doesn't care -- she's happily taking pennies from guests at the Double R with her fast shuffling gin-game.

Friends of Charmin' Charlie's insist Dry Gulch's "strongest and most successful political leader" is being forced outta town by sundown because he's done good things for the Fay Family. Have the Fay's been punchin' cows too long? We ain't all hayseeds, ya know.

It's easy to turn this into Election Year gay-bashing, but aren't we being a little paranoid? Charlie didn't pay enough attention to his personal affairs and now he's standing in a pit of rattlers. Arizona is especially famous for its two-legged rattlesnakes. Charlie's a decent, up-standing tenderfoot in need of a modern-day snake-bite kit -- political savvy.

Political savvy could have been the difference between passage of a anti-gay employment bill and the wide-reaching protection of human rights all Arizonans deserve. The City Council got away with half-measures because not enough of the "Fay Family" takes an interest in changing laws or attitudes.

Bailing out an individual, regardless of what he has done, doesn't come under the heading of Community Support. AIDS groups are gunning for each other rather than extend a helping hand; the Switchboard can't cover all of its 96-weekly hours because volunteers don't; anti-discrimination laws cover only city employees; and bias-crimes continue because the Police turn a dead-eye to the victims. Righting these wrongs are projects to be supported by the Community.

The lesson here is the responsibility of citizenship; the individual's duty to the community. The success of the community takes priority over the individual. Gay and Proud is more than a slogan; and each of us is an activist. It's time to start acting like one. It's time to fight closet-door attitudes and confront biased behavior in the open, not from behind the public faces of a few "leaders."

I wish Charmin' Charlie well in his legal fight, but our efforts should be first and foremost the greater good of the community.

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DEAR EDITOR:

I am sorry to hear that Juicy Lucy is back. The ordeal about the red ribbons was entirely all of my own idea. It was not for any certain company, etc. More for personal reasons.

As a PWA, we tend to look at things quite differently. Charging for the ribbons would have cheapened the whole idea.

However, people did give donations on their own without being asked.

Now you can sleep, Juicy. Love
Margo

ED NOTE: We understand that Juicy Lucy went "south" after the benefit and has not been heard of since. We hope.

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WHAT I SEE FROM HERE

Anne C. Schmitt

Just Rambling

It has been one of those weeks. Spent most of it working until the sun came up and then topped it off with going to a business dinner on the wrong night! So, I think some piece meal thoughts are the best I will be able to garner this time around.

Well, the Concerned Women for America are still at the throat of the Tucson Women's Commission. This week they made the front page of the Tucson Citizen with headlines stating that "Christians Needn't Apply" complete with an attack from Pat Moore who is the appointee to the Women's Commissions for Supervisor Ed Moore. He swore that he was going to appoint someone who would infiltrate and cause trouble. She is busy trying to prove that he choose the right woman for the job. So, keep calling the Mayor, Council and County Board of Supervisors with your statement of support for the Tucson Women's Commission, because Pat will make sure that the Fundamentalists keep their dialing fingers in good shape.

Another interesting news bit this week was an article in the Daily Star about how the Gay community of Phoenix has become a viable political group. Phoenix is finally attempting to push through local laws protecting their Gay community from blatant discrimination. Guess we're just spoiled down here in Tucson where we have had such a law on the books since 1977. This article went on about how the Phoenix community was even backing political candidates and that candidates were even going into the bars and that folks there were willing to give them a listen.

Don't get me wrong, I am very glad that our friends and family in the Valley of the Sun are finally aware that in order to effect change, they have to roll up their sleeves and get involved. (The article said that there was a real possibility that an anti-discrimination ordinance would be passed within 5 years). What got me to chuckling was that this news coverage made it sound like the Phoenix community was doing something new and unheard of... granted they are dealing with a much more conservative and close-minded town than we here in Tucson, but we have only gotten this far (locally and nationally) because of political involvement and making plenty of noise. Yes, we are real, live voters and don't forget what we can do when we get threatened enough to get off our apathetic asses. Ask ex-Gov. Mecham.

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