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Fiesta de Mayo Fund Raising In Full Swing

TUCSON - The major fund-raising campaign for Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1990 is underway and will culminate on Sunday, May 6.

The fifth Annual Fiesta de Mayo will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5-6 at the Joshua Tree.

Each year volunteer candidates agree to 'run' for King and Queen of the Fiesta. Their job is to collect 'votes' in the form of money



Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates Kimberly & Freddy representing the Green Team.

by various fund-raising means. The couple receiving the most votes is crowned King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo and is presented at the various Pride Week events as well as other events throughout the year representing the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) who produce the Fiesta as well as the entire week-long series of events for Pride Week.



Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates Rubi & Antonino representing the White Team.

The candidates running this year are Kimberly and Freddie; Lorena and Vannity; and Rubi and Antonino. The 'votes' are counted on Sunday evening about 11:00 p.m. and the winner is announced and crowned around midnight.



Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates Lorena & Vannity representing the Red Team.

The Fiesta itself is truly a fiesta, with a dozen booths selling merchandise, food, games, etc. There will be live bands, mariachis, folklorico dancers, past and present crownholders of Tucson and Arizona presenting shows and plenty of fun for everyone. A complete list of events and times will appear in next week's issue of OBSERVER. All events will be held in the patio and outdoor stage area at the Joshua Tree.

The cost of presenting Pride Week each year is considerable but each year these candidates have been able to raise sufficient funds to put on a gala week of events. Your support of the candidates whoever and wherever is appreciated and remember that all the monies raised go right back to the community with a full financial disclosure following Pride Week.

Check the ads and calendars for fund-raising events by the candidates and attend them and help support Pride Week '90 in Tucson.

**Fiesta de Mayo
Raises Money
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Candidates.**

GAYBRIEFS

by Jim Roche

After what spokespersons referred to as an exhaustive nationwide search, the Fund for Human Dignity (FHD), the nation's sixth largest Gay organization, has selected a new Executive Director, Robert Brading, a heterosexual man.

FHD is the leading program for educating the public about Gay and Lesbian issues. It runs the National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline (whose director has resigned in protest), a national clearing house for Gay and Lesbian educational materials and a special media campaign which attempts to place pro-Gay advertisements in the mainstream press. It is reported that FHD failed to place any position announcements for its new executive director in America's Gay and Lesbian press.

Now there was a lot of flak at FHD about all this. The staff, as of this writing, are still considering a strike. Many have resigned. Some members of the Board have resigned. There has been a call for the resignation of the Board. Locks have been changed. People fired. The Fund is in total disarray. Its budget now runs in the red and all its future plans are on hold. The Board is refusing to budge, soon it appears there will be no one left at FHD to protest.

Should FHD have hired a heterosexual? As one writer to New York's "Outweek" magazine said, "Anyone opposed to Robert Brading's hiring [as Executive Director] because he's straight is guilty of precisely what Gay activists all over the world are fighting - namely discrimination and persecution based on sexual orientation."

Ann Wilson, the chair of the Board, accused staff and volunteers who objected to the appointment of "bigotry and reverse discrimination". Are they right? Are those of us who are opposed to the hiring of heterosexuals to head Gay and Lesbian organizations guilty of discrimination and bigotry?

What if someone claimed the National Organization for Women was sexist if it didn't hire a male as its director? Or what if the NAACP wouldn't hire a white or Asian for their director. There wouldn't be any concern about discrimination!

Minority communities need to be lead by members of their own constituency. Blacks need to lead Black organizations, women should lead women's organizations

and Gays and Lesbians need to provide their own leadership. This seems so obvious you wonder why we have to even say it.

What's the reason something so obvious needs to be said? The reason some, including members of the Board at FHD are so quick to jump on the anti-discrimination/inclusiveness bandwagon is simple: internalized homophobia. There is clearly a double standard when it comes to Gay and Lesbian rights. The standards and logic that any other minority group can expect to be held to, to have the right to choose its leadership from among its own members, isn't acceptable when it comes to Gays and Lesbians.

To be Gay or Lesbian isn't something that would be considered a viable qualification for any job, even heading a Gay organization. It seems to be something that we want to overlook. One's Gayness is denigrated and devalued. Isn't the experience of living as a Gay or Lesbian worth something when applying for a position as executive director of a homosexual organization? Isn't it the most important experience that can be brought to this position.

I cannot support any organization which seems to laugh at the significance of our own oppression. For too long we have put Gay and Lesbian people on a lower level on the hierarchy of the oppressed. We don't consider our experience to the same as that of Women, Blacks or other minorities.

How often do you hear civil rights leaders saying, "You can't compare being a homosexual with being Black"? To the Board of FHD, our need for role models and leadership that understands the Gay and Lesbian experience comes after the need to be fair to heterosexuals. Like other people who have suffered from oppression, Gay men and Lesbians have been systematically stripped of our history (how many times were famous Gays and Lesbians pointed out in your history classes?), stripped of our sense of community and finally stripped of our own leadership.

We have little enough to call our own, it seems absurd to give away this position of Gay and Lesbian leadership and visibility to someone who isn't a member of our community (a community that supports FHD, or am I mistaken in assuming the majority of FHD's operating funds and volunteer staff come from the Gays and Lesbians who it is supposed to serve?).

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UPDATE

COUPLES OF ARIZONA COMMUNITY DANCE JUNE 9 PHOENIX, AZ - Couples of Arizona invites everyone in the community to celebrate Pride '90 on Saturday, June 9 at Adobe Gardens located at 5555 E. Van Buren Street in Phoenix.

In what is anticipated to be an annual event, this 'first annual' dance will be held under the Arizona sky and will feature a great mix of your favorite dance and country tunes. No alcohol will be sold, but you are encouraged to bring your own bottle. Soft drink mixers will be sold at the dance.

Admission to the dance, which begins at 7:00 p.m., is free! The dance will conclude at midnight. Watch for more details.

As part of its commitment to providing information meetings, Couples of Arizona has announced May 19 as the date for its Family Forum. The topic of the forum will deal with Gay Couples with Children. For more information contact Joe at 497-9227 during the evening.

NEW CHURCH FACILITY TUCSON - Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church has announced the opening of their new church facilities at 1122 North Jones Boulevard in Tucson.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church is a Bible-believing, Pentecostal assembly with a primary outreach to the Gay and Lesbian community. The church is pastored by the Rev. Sandy Lewis, Elder of the West Central District of the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance, and is an affiliate congregation of that denomination. NGPA's headquarters offices are in Schenectady New York.

The schedule of services is as follows: Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Worship and Sunday School. Sundays at 7:00 p.m., Evangelistic Service. The church expects to add a mid-week Bible Study to its schedule in the near future. A warm welcome is extended to the community to come and worship at the new location. Interested persons may contact the church at (602)323-6855, or may write to Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, P.O. Box 14003, Tucson, AZ 85732-4003.

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MISS GAY TUCSON PAGEANT SUNDAY, APRIL 29
TUCSON - The Miss Gay Tucson Pageant will be presented at the Quality Inn 1601 N. Oracle Road this Sunday, April 29. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the pageant will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the evening are \$12.00 each and may be purchased at IBT's or at the door. The Pageant is produced by Penelope Poupe Productions.

OBSERVER wishes all the contestants the best of luck and may the best 'man' win.

'BEING JEWISH AND BEING GAY' DISCUSSION GROUP
TUCSON - "The dilemma of being Jewish and being Gay" will be the discussion held at Temple Emanu-El, 225 North Country Club. The group will meet on Thursday, May 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room. Use the North or West Parking lot and enter on the West side of the building. For more information call Rabbi Tom Louchheim at 326-4501.

ROOM RATES REDUCED FOR DMSLGC CONFERENCE
LAS VEGAS, NV - Room rates for the Desert and Mountain States Lesbian and Gay Conference have just been reduced, according to a spokesperson for the DMSLGC planning committee. The Conference, scheduled for May 11-13 at the El Rancho Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, now has rooms available for \$26 for Garden Rooms and \$36 for tower Rooms. That's a savings of over \$10 over earlier quoted rates.

"We're inviting Conference participants to come a day early or stay a day later and take advantage of the entertainment opportunities available in 'the City that never sleeps'", said Judy Corbisiero, DMSLGC Entertainment Director. "Diana Ross will be playing at Caesars Palace, the Oakridge Boys at Bally's; Louise Mandrell at the Desert Inn; Wayne Newton at the Las Vegas Hilton and of course you can see two of the most outstanding female impersonators of all time, Frank Marino, playing Joan Rivers in La Cage at the Riviera Hotel and Kenny Kerr, starring in Boy-Lesque at the Sahara."

"The six-state conference includes participants from Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada," according to DMSLGC Planning Committee Co-Chair Rob Schlegel. "In addition, friends will be attending from Oregon, California and Texas. Dozens of workshops on health, leadership, oppression and politics will be offered, in addition to keynote speakers from around the country and a Saturday, Lesbian and Gay event that will be sensational. Our entertainment includes Kay Weaver, Melanie DeMore and our Liberace impersonator, Willie Kollinz, bring Lee 'out of the closet' to join the ranks of Gay activism.

Hotel rooms at the El Rancho Hotel and Casino are \$26 to \$36, if reserved by April 30 (phone 1-800-634-3410). Additional information and registration forms can be obtained in most Gay/Lesbian bars, community centers and Metropolitan Community Churches in the six-state area or by contacting the Las Vegas DMSLGC Committee at: P.O. Box 19360, Las Vegas, NV 89132-0360. The Committee can be contacted by phone at (702) 737-7780.

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Phone Sex Ban Blocked

by Henri Donat
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA - U.S. District Judge Fern Smith issued a court order last week upholding that phone sex is protected under the First Amendment right of free speech.

The decision was the first nationwide to declare unconstitutional the Helms Amendment to the Communications Act of 1934. Authored by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), the amendment required that users of phone sex apply for the services by subscription. Complicated and expensive billing procedures would have significantly hindered the ability of phone sex services to continue operating.

Many saw the move as an attempt by Helms to squelch the Gay press, a longtime opponent of his anti-Gay legislative stance. Gay-focus newspapers and magazines rely heavily on

advertising revenue from the phone sex services.

Smith's ruling is in response to a suit filed by Ramrod enterprises, Synchronot Inc., and Westpac Audiotext, three California phone sex companies, who challenged the amendment with the support of the National Gay Rights Advocates and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

In court documents filed on behalf of the plaintiffs, an NGRA official said, "sexually explicit telephone communications may play a positive role in curbing the AIDS epidemic... (phone sex) deserves first amendment protection if (it helps) save lives by deterring or replacing life-threatening behavior."

Similar suits have yet to be resolved in Texas and New York.

Gobie Busted For Pot

WASHINGTON, DC - Steve Gobie, the former associate of Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) has been arrested on charges of marijuana possession and destruction of property, police reported.

Gobie was arraigned on charges of property destruction on a marijuana possession, police spokesman Ed Wilson said.

Police said the charges stemmed from an incident in which Gobie confronted Karen Zibrat, 27, an off-duty female police officer, who was driving her personal car.

Zibrat said a car being driven erratically nearly struck her car and another vehicle that afternoon, Wilson said. "When Gobie stopped at a traffic light in northwest Washington, Zibrat attempted to find out why he was driving erratically,"

wilson said.

Gobie then got out of his car, he said. When Zibrat attempted to back up, Gobie jumped on the roof of her car and broke through the sunroof, falling inside the vehicle, where a struggle ensued, police said.

Witnesses summoned police who arrested Gobie, who was held on a \$5,000 bond pending his arraignment.

Gobie gained notoriety last year with his story of being Frank's lover and operating a prostitution service out of Frank's home.

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Board of the Fund for Human Dignity is undignified. Oppressive. Homophobic. It reminds me of all the excuses we hear, insults thrown in our faces, about AIDS education funding that must not be used to promote homosexuality, or the arguments against including Gays and Lesbians in state anti-discrimination laws because we will not promote homosexual lifestyles or make homosexuals a favored class, or the ever recurring theme that anti-bias laws, which now include every other minority on the face of the earth, shouldn't include Gays and Lesbians because we aren't fit to be considered a real minority.

It's about time we were taken seriously, but first we have to take ourselves seriously. A heterosexual male (or female) is totally unacceptable as the leader of any Gay and Lesbian organization. Period! Only someone who can say, "I'm Gay and proud to be Gay" will do.

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A View From The Rock
 Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship . . .

Sunday, April 22, 1990 marked a historical milestone. Yes, it was our Fourth Anniversary, but it was also the 20th Anniversary of Earth Day. For the uninitiated, Earth Day is an observance which attempts to create global awareness about the plight of our planet, and how humanity must take steps to protect its home.

I don't presume to think many people in our society are oblivious to the vast environmental problems challenging us. I will venture to guess, however, that many of those who are conscious (or even downright CONCERNED) about such problems are not willing to acknowledge that they might possibly be just a little bit responsible for the condition of the Earth today.

Granted, our generation is not totally responsible for the mess the world is in, but we are responsible for what happens next. Certainly our ancestors have been mucking up their respective corners of the world for the past few millennia, and rapidly accelerated such activities in the last century. Unfortunately, we are now experiencing the sum total of civilization's garbage-party. The Bible is so correct in stating that the sins of the fathers will haunt their children for generations to come (Numbers 14:18):

However, our generation has not only mirrored the errors of the past, but have compounded them in the present through the blatant disregard for the future. We now have a choice of either trying to change humanity's view of the Earth as a global garbage dump, or else leaving this littered legacy to the next generation.

In the beginning Yes, Virginia, THAT beginning!, God created a perfect world, giving it to humans to care for, nurture and enjoy. It didn't take us very long to mess up everything. I liken it to buying a brand new car, smashing it up, returning it

to the dealer, and asking for a new one, since the old one "just doesn't seem to work very well anymore". What is worse, we aren't content dirtying up our home here, so we have begun to trash the cosmos as well. I understand there is quite a trash heap floating around in the Earth's orbit, not to mention the junk left on the moon by our sacred space explorations.

Regardless of whether you believe in a Divine Creator who has given us His planet to care for, or the notion that all life evolved from sea slime, it is an undisputable fact that there is a limited amount of matter on this planet. Sooner or later, all the usable matter will have been transformed (presumably by the "other guy") into unusable refuse. Then what will we do? Personally, I would rather have a forest for a neighbor than a toxic waste dump.

Earth Day 1990 may have come and gone, but I think its proponents would be sorely disappointed if, on April 23, we all forgot about these massive environmental concerns. I challenge every reader to learn how you can do something to help preserve what is left of our planet. One day, we must all give an account for what we did in this life, including how we treated God's creation (I Corinthians 5:10). The choice is ultimately ours: let us make a wise one. Happy belated Earth Day.

News From MCC Tucson

Last Saturday's picnic at Himmel Park was a fun day for those in attendance. Those who missed this picnic missed out on a lot of good food and a lot of fun, especially the water event. There will be more social outings this summer, so watch for the announcements.

This coming Sunday, April 29, being the fifth Sunday of the month, will be Lay Sunday Service at the 10:45 a.m. service. The fifth Sunday of the month has been set aside for the members of the congregation to conduct the worship service, the Pastoral Staff on these Sundays become part of the congregation. It is always an interesting service when those who usually sit in the back room, come forward and participate in various capacities for the worship service. Everyone is invited to share with us.

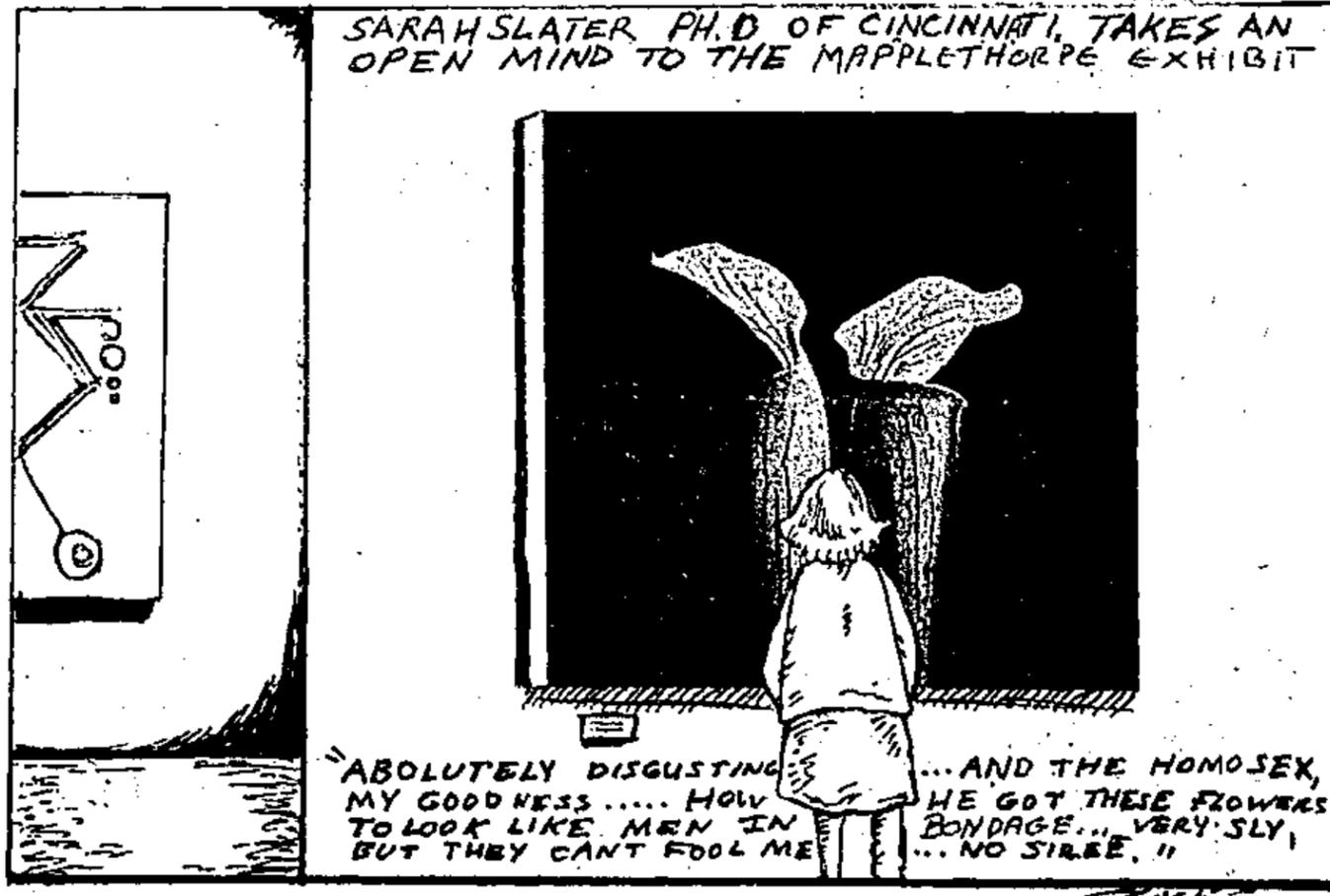
This coming Saturday, April 28, is our monthly Bingo Games. The games will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The Bingo cards are printed with three Bingo cards to a sheet, each sheet is sold for fifty cents (.50) - The winner of each game will win cash prizes with the final game of "Cover All" paying a cash prize of \$40.00. Refreshments and beverages are available during the evening. This month's games will mark the beginning of our second year of having Arizona state licensed Bingo games at MCC/Tucson.

Thought for the Week: Dolly, our visiting mother from Georgia likes to read. The other day she put down her newspaper and exclaimed in horror, "Good Grief! I'm older than Arizona!"

"Dear, dear! How queer everything is today! And yesterday things went on just as usual. I wonder if I've been changed in the night. If I'm not the same, the next question is, Who in the world am I?"

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll, R. Clay & Son, London

SARAH SLATER, PH.D OF CINCINNATI, TAKES AN OPEN MIND TO THE MAPPLETHORPE EXHIBIT



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Cincinnati County Prosecutor Closes Museum Over Mapplethorpe Show

by Jim Roche

(ED NOTE: (Although we covered the Cincinnati/Mapplethorpe flap in last weeks issue, our New York correspondent, Jim Roche wrote to add some other news and it permits us to view some of the Mapplethorpe photographs that have caused such a stir from the homophobes in Cincinnati and elsewhere. Much ado about nothing))

The opening of the Robert Mapplethorpe Retrospective at the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center drew over 6000 people, including members of a county Grand Jury who returned to their courtroom to issue warrants which charged the museum director, Dennis Barrie, and the museum with two misdemeanor counts of pandering, obscenity and using minors in pornography.

The nine-member Grand Jury based its finding on seven specific photographs depicting homoerotic acts and partially clothed children.

Later police arrived at the museum and cleared the galleries. Over 1,000 protesters stood by in protest chanting "Fascists!" and "Gestapo Go Home!" Many were not surprised by the action, as the show had already been the target of a national anti-pornography group based in Cincinnati, The National Coalition Against Pornography.

The coalition staged a letter-writing campaign which had mustered a mere 300 letters of protest against the showing. Cincinnati laws do not allow for any adult bookstores, movie houses or the rental of x-rated movies.

In response to the

police action other museum directors have given Barrie full support and are astonished at the action taken against these photographs which are referred to as "vaginal pictures" with no relationship to child pornography.

To many, it is clearly the homoerotic and bondage images, which are part of the Mapplethorpe show, which are being attacked. The photographs of children are simply the legal hook which they use. This action was taken against the showing while clear warnings of the content of the photos was given to all visitors and persons under the age of 18 were not allowed in the galleries.

Under current obscenity law, it is clear that works shown in the museum are acceptable. To be considered pornographic works must "taken as a whole, lack serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value". This case is unlikely to the one which will break new ground in obscenity laws. As a result of the actions, the membership at the Contemporary Arts Center has increased by over 500.

The former director of the Corcoran Gallery, along with members of its Board of Directors, have resigned as a result of their censoring of the Mapplethorpe show last June. After its cancellation at the Corcoran in Washington DC the Retrospective had a highly successful showing at the Washington Project for the Arts which broke attendance records. The Mapplethorpe Retrospective will travel from Cincinnati to Boston for its next showing.

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Mapplethorpe produced more than 100 photos of Lisa Lyon, a body builder and champion weightlifter. Janet Kardon sees a parallel with the works of Michelangelo, who also bestowed masculine musculature on both sexes.

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Pride Week Logo Contest Draws Record Entries



TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance issued a call for submissions of artwork to be considered in a contest for the Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1990 emblem. The winning logo will appear in all advertising, on T-Shirts, buttons, etc. that are offi-

cial Pride Week materials for 1990.

The deadline was last Sunday, April 22. Judging for the winner is underway and the winning design will be announced this weekend.

Pictured above are some of the designs that were submitted for consideration. There were more submissions this year than ever before. The winning selection will receive a prize of \$75.00.

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Congratulations goes out to Figueroa, TKO's Closet Ball Queen for 1990. Joe's transformation make-up artist was Jamie Kealoho.

Closet Ball 1990 was number 13 for this event, sponsored continuously for the past 10 years by the Tucson Knight Owls.

This year's Closet Ball saw six different contestants and make-up artists working for the title of Closet Ball Queen. There were six judges who worked on a 1 to 10 point grading system in the contestants transformation. After the points were all added up, the winner and 1st runner-up were only separated by two points. When this was discovered, the judges when back over their score sheets to make sure there were no mistakes.

Approximately 80 people were on hand for this annual contest, held this year at the French Quarter. Entertainment was furnished by Tish Tanner and Lady Casandra. When you say entertainment, this word somehow does not do justice for these two performers, because they are two of this states top attractions and this show was no let-down - simply outstanding.

The Tucson Knight Owls wishes to express their gratitude to all who attended this Closet Ball, congratulations to this years Closet Queen, Joe Figueroa, and all the other contestants, everyone was transformed to the max. A very special thank you goes out to this year's judges, Tom Z.; Bill Finley; Gary L'Abbe; Bob Ellis; and Scott Lincoln. - Miss Gay Tucson 1989.

TKO also wishes to thank Myron and Rick at the

French Quarter for all the work they did in setting up for this year's Ball. Also, Peter and the entire crew at the French Quarter, which, through their support, the evening was very successful. They also wish to thank Big Mike for his outstanding work as MC and Stan for another great job on sound. And, finally, to the two marvelous entertainers who outdid themselves at this years Ball, Lady Casandra and Tish Tanner.

With this out of the way for another year, we now come to one pageant that is always very successful, Miss Gay Tucson. This year's pageant will be held at the Quality Inn, Sunday, April 29. Tickets for the evening's entertainment is \$12 and can be purchased at the door.

I've been involved with a couple different contests around Tucson, of course the Closet Ball Queen Contest and also the Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen Contest. In looking at these I can say in a way there is a lot of work each contestant has to go through to win the title but neither comes anywhere close to the amount of work each contestant for the title of Miss Gay Tucson has to go through. Also, each Miss Gay Tucson candidate has to dig into their own pockets more than once to pay for everything needed in this competition. Yes, each has held a few fund raisers over the past few months, but if you check with your favorite contestant, you will find they have spent more money getting ready for this pageant than they were able to raise.

I extend my support to each of you running for the title of Miss Gay Tucson and

wish all the luck needed to win this crown. Just being in this competition makes each and every one of you a winner and all of Tucson is proud to support you.

The following weekend, Tucson will be crowning this year's Fiesta De Mayo King and Queen at the Joshua Tree-Back Pocket. Last Saturday, everyone had a chance to meet all of this year's contestants at the show held at JT's outdoor stage. The evening was hosted by none other than Aviva Diamond, the first Fiesta De Mayo Queen. This year's Fiesta is #5 for this annual event.

All monies raised by the different couples running for the title of King and Queen goes right back to the Tucson Gay community as financial support for the Gay Pride Week activities. To me, I am very proud of these contestants because it has been their working all over Tucson raising the monies needed for Pride Week 1990, and I thank each one of you. Watch next weeks OBSERVER for a full schedule of this year's Gay Pride Week activities and get out and support your favorite King and Queen contestant couple.

Just what we need, another show, but I was thinking that after all the Queen's and one King is crowned, maybe we could have a show with all of Tucson's crown holders - for 1990, hosted by previous Tucson crown holders. Yes, it could be a benefit for one of Tucson's needy organizations, but it could also be a benefit for these crown holders, a thank you from their supporters in Tucson.

Some of us who have been around town for a few years remembers back when there was only one queen crowned in Tucson - Queen of the Court system, which is still operating in California.

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UofA Lesbian/Gay Alliance Receives Award of Recognition

TUCSON - The Lesbian and Gay Alliance at the University of Arizona was recently presented an award of recognition from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Network on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Awareness. On March 15, during their annual conference the NASPA Network approved the presentation of certificates of recognition to students and student groups who have shown a commitment to combating oppression by sponsoring events and interventions that educate others about racism, sexism, heterosexism, anti-semitism, classism and ableism.

The students in the Lesbian and Gay Alliance at the University of Arizona set an aggressive agenda for educating Gay and Lesbian students, as well as the campus community, about Gay and Lesbian issues. Their efforts during the 1989-90

school year included non-violence training for students who then represented the group on the University arcade and at other student activities.

The Lesbian and Gay Alliance also organized a speaker's bureau for presentations to Residence Halls, Greek Houses and classes. In addition, the student group has presented workshops and speakers for Gay and Lesbian students on substance abuse, "coming out" and working together. The University has recognized the contributions of this group by adding the organization to the campus-wide University Diversity Action Planning Committee.

The NASPA Network on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues works to recognize and commend dedicated students and student groups for their commitment to educate others about the painful cost of oppression. Other students, groups and institutions receiving recognition were: The Movement Against Homophobia and The Vigil Against Homophobia of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community at Carlton College, Northfield, MN; Ms. Terry Sapp and The Artists for Awareness and Human Rights at the Rhode Island School of Design; and Talk To Us, an interactive student theater group at the University of Michigan.

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Still Need Proof? . . . Here It Is

NOTE: For nearly six years, I have been writing about people who make a difference, about how one person, or one vote, can change the face of the world.

This week, I am pleased to bring you two stories of just such changes.

CAPSULE COLUMN ONE: On April 8, Ryan White succumbed to AIDS, the ailment which made him an international figure in the fight for AIDS.

His one voice, his fight against the diseases of AIDS and ignorance is a shining example of one person making a difference.

But, this column will not honor White. Instead, it will honor the 35 students at Madison Middle School in Eugene, Oregon, who were suspended because their school would not lower the American flag in honor of White on the day of his funeral.

When officials at the school refused the students' request to lower the flag to half-mast in honor of White, 35 students walked out of their classes and sat around the flag pole in protest.

For their protest they each received two-day suspensions.

School Superintendent Margaret Nichols said she did not have the authority to have the flag lowered. Assistant Principal at Madison, Carl Ihle, was aware of the student's request but was apparently powerless to honor the request for this simple tribute.

What do these students see when they look into the eyes of those who are supposed to be their mentors, their role models? Nothing more than rigid adherence to SOP: standard operating procedure.

These 35 students have discovered what, unfortunately adults have known all long: the older you get, the less courage you have; the more you have to lose if you take a stand; the weaker you are in the face of the establishment.

Hats off to these 35 brave, courageous, idealistic students --and more power to you all!

CAPSULE COLUMN TWO: I did it. Did you? I mean, of course, that I stopped eating canned tuna in protest of the estimated 100,000 dolphins killed each year.

My efforts --combined with the efforts of millions of other consumers-- have finally paid off.

April 13, 1990, Star-kist, Bumble Bee and Chicken Of The Sea brands of tuna announced they would no longer purchase tuna that had been captured in association with dolphin. They will now sell only dolphin-free tuna.

In the eastern Pacific, dolphins swim with tuna. Tuna fishers know this and drop huge nets into the waters. Because the tuna swim under the dolphin, it is unavoidable that dolphin would be caught in the net. Because the net holds them underwater, making it impossible for them to breathe, the dolphin die.

It is estimated that about 100,000 dolphin die this way each year.

Soon, labels on cans of dolphin-free tuna will have a symbol which indicates this new policy.

This is one more step in the trend toward more environmentally conscious business practices. It is one which should be widely applauded.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

POLITICS '90

by Mark R. Kerr

ARIZONA NEWS

The latest Rocky Mountain Poll was released last week regarding the contest for the Republican Gubernatorial nomination. The results showed that J. Fife Symington's campaign is losing support rapidly, and big gains were made by Sam Steiger. Since the last poll, Symington's support in Maricopa County slipped from 30% to 23%. Here are the state-wide results:

SAM STEIGER	19%
J. FIFE SYMINGTON	17%
EVAN MECHAM	14%
RED KOORY	4%
BOB BARNES	2%
UNDECIDED	42%

On the Democratic side, one of the contenders for the nomination is Dave Moss. Moss has run for Democratic Gubernatorial nomination in 1974, 1982 and 1986. In 1988, he ran for Congress. Here is a brief profile of Moss.



DAVE MOSS

He was born in West Virginia and attended Greenbrier Military Academy. Moss joined the Air Force after Pearl Harbor and served until 1945. He is an active member of the American Legion and past president of the Jaycees. Moss has stated that he will focus on 3 issues, improving the economy, a vocational education program and balancing the budget. He favors instituting a state minimum wage and a limit on state spending, and ending the state's right to work law.

In Tucson last Monday, the two contenders for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General squared off in a debate at the weekly gathering of the Democrats of Greater Tucson Club. Richard Segal and Georgia Stalon were in virtual agreement. They went in opposite direction when it came to the Victims Rights Initiative. Segal is strongly opposed, Stalon is in favor. Most people who attended gave the debate to Segal on point - a narrow victory.

In Tucson last Wednesday, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, the two contenders for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State squared off in a debate in front of a joint meeting of the Legislative District Democratic clubs. Richard Mahoney and incumbent Secretary of State, Jim Shumway provided a more lively debate. Here is a brief summary of their positions:

1. Right to choose: Mahoney Yes / Shumway No
2. ERA: Mahoney Yes / Shumway Yes
3. Same Day Voter Registration: Mahoney Yes/Shumway No
4. (If Governor) A line item veto: Mahoney Yes/Shumway No
5. Martin Luther King Holiday: Mahoney Yes/Shumway Yes
6. Accepting PAC money: Mahoney No / Shumway Yes

Legislative District 14, as of last week, has become the political "hot spot" with the surprise announcement of Republican State Senator Bill DeLong. DeLong, a 4-term incumbent of the State Senate announced that he will not be running for another term. He stated that he will accept an offer from the Thomas Davis Clinic. DeLong stated that shortly a "formidable" Republican will run for the seat. Cindy Resnick, the Democratic State Representative, said that she will seek DeLong's seat. Rumors are running rampant about who will run on the Democratic side for Resnick's seat. A name that keeps popping up: Herschilla Hawkins. Expect an announcement very soon from Ms. Hawkins.

AS I SEE IT

As you all know, I made some comments regarding the Arizona Committee for Progress (ACP) in my column a couple of weeks ago, and recently a letter to the editor appeared from the Chair of the ACP protesting my criticisms. I welcome his response. I am glad that the ACP is responding, but I remind the Chair of my right to either praise or criticize as a paid-member of ACP, and I will continue to do this.

Also, in the letter from the Chair, he challenged me to come up with an idea to generate interest in Southern Arizona, and I have come up with an idea. When the Arizona Committee for Progress was in its infancy they held a "party" to generate money for the upcoming campaign and to get interest going in the Phoenix area. The ACP managed to get Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank to come to Phoenix. The event was a great success and generated a lot of interest. (I even did a story for the OBSERVER covering this event).

Now I ask the leadership of the ACP, why can't they do an event like the initial party, in Tucson? If they do care about Tucson, they would put on an "event" like this and they would generate interest in the ACP in Southern Arizona and would start to break down the wall that separates the Tucson and Phoenix Lesbian and Gay community. That is my suggestion as a member of the ACP. Now it is up to the leadership to act. The proverbial ball is in their court.

Until next time, take care.



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Cincinnati County Prosecutor Closes Museum Over Mapplethorpe Show

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In a 1987 interview with Janet Kardon, Director of Contemporary Arts in Philadelphia, it was suggested to Mapplethorpe that most photographs are usually narrative or have a political point of view. Mapplethorpe's response: "I'm not typical. Thank God for that. Mine are just pure visual treats." Lucky for us!

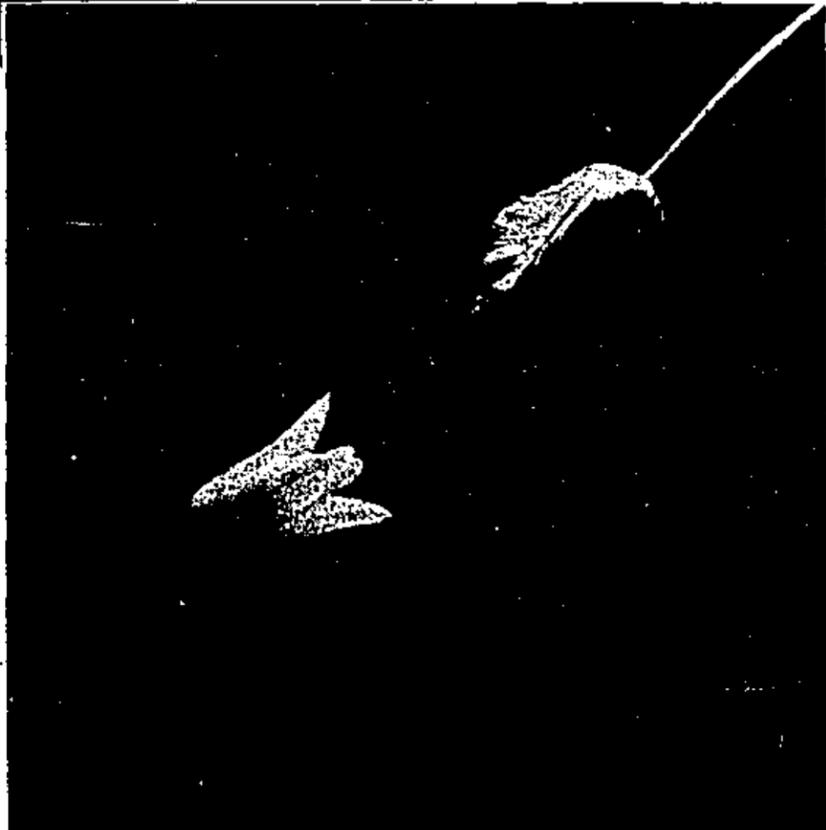
Mapplethorpe takes the sexually explosive subject of the black male and photographs him with the elegance, simplicity and restraint that are hallmarks of classical art.

When is a phallus not a phallus? When it is the erotic representation seen in two tulips in the act of docking, or in the spooning phalluses suggested by the shaved heads of a black man and a white man.



The photographer's technique is seemingly simple. He took most of his pictures in his studio against plain photographic backdrop paper. Then by controlling the light and by directing his subjects - or arranging them he produced a drama for his viewer.

Many of Mapplethorpe's works deal with the sub-culture of sado-masochism. To this world, and the leather world in general, he can bring a striking gentleness.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 27
COLETTE'S - A pre-Miss Gay Tucson Show introducing all the contestants, and starring the Pageant's producer Penelope Poupe. It's gonna be a biggie.

RAINBOW ROOM - Country/Western Jamboree with live entertainment and C/W dancers.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
GRADUATE - Another full day here. beginning at 11:00 a.m. and going all day will be a benefit for Freddie and Kimberly who are candidates for Fiesta de Mayo. There will be a car wash for \$3.00 (larger vehicles slightly higher) and a Sloppy Joe Lunch with beans and potato salad for \$2.25 and Nachos \$1.25. All proceeds go toward Gay Pride Week events. THEN in the evening, a Pre-Pageant and Farewell Show for our Miss Gay Tucson, Christine Shade starring Penelope Poupe, Lady Casandra and a host of guests. The big Miss Gay Tucson Pageant is tomorrow, April 29.

IBT'S - A very, very special - The Bonnie Bitch Show also featuring special guest Hurricane Summers. Make plans to attend this hilarious show with one of the most talented of entertainers currently on national tour.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
JOSHUA TREE - Frank Perez presents a Farewell Party for last year's Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen Shanise and Leo. It begins at 8:00 p.m. on the disco. The live band "Rare Breed" will be playing and more. Any net proceeds will go to benefit P.A.C.T.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
COLETTE'S - A fund-raising auction for Fiesta de Mayo candidates Lorena and Gabriella will be held here this evening. Watch for details.

SATURDAY, MAY 5
COLETTE'S - MCC Church will hold a Car Wash here from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A fine organization and a good chance to get your car cleaned finally!

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 4, 5 & 6
JOSHUA TREE - Fiesta de Mayo!!! A three-day celebration that is the major fund-raising event for the Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance in producing the weeklong activities for Pride Week 1990. Booths, food, games, live music, dancing - all leading up to the crowning of the King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. The candidate couple who collects the most money for Pride Week wins the crown. It's an annual affair and definitely one of the events of the year. Plan on attending. All money raised goes back to the community during Pride Week.

TUESDAY, MAY 8
COLETTE'S - Anne English returns to the stage here. This very popular singer is a must hear.

SUNDAY, MAY 13
COLETTE'S - Annual Luau time here again. 1 p.m. This is the real thing and you're in for some wonderful roast pig and all the fixin's. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

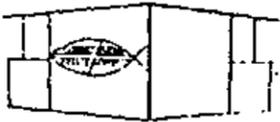
FRENCH QUARTER - A very special Mother's Day Brunch is being planned here. Watch for details and be sure to tell Mom not to make other plans.

RAINBOW ROOM - A Mother's Day Benefit Show produced by the Southern Hospitality Club of Tucson (SHC) will be presented here beginning at 8:30 p.m. More details later.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
COLETTE'S - It's Country and Western night here and Mr. Loren Johnson is on hand to sing your favorite C/W tunes.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that week's issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 622-4336).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
Lesbian Support Group meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. 7-8:30 p.m. at Wingspan Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Call 884-7195 for more info.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
Bingo games will be held at MCC/Tucson, 560 S. Stone Ave., starting at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be given to the winner of each game. For a fun evening, don't miss this event.

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company will present "Safe Sex" in The Cellar in the lower level of the Student Union on the UofA campus at 8 p.m. The play by Harvey Fierstein is being produced in conjunction with the UofA Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
T.L.G.A. (Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance) will hold a meeting at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket at 3:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting to finalize the Fiesta de Mayo events to be held at the Joshua Tree on May 4, 5, 6.

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant, at the Quality Inn on Oracle Road. Tickets on sale at the door.

One-In-Ten Theatre Repertory Company in conjunction with the UofA Lesbian/Gay Alliance will present the final performance of "Safe Sex" at 2 p.m. in The Cellar (lower level of the Student Union).

MONDAY, APRIL 30
Southern Hospitality Club (SHC) of Tucson will hold a General Council Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rainbow Room. For more information call Sean, 323-3780.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
The C.A.T. (Community Awards of Tucson) Committee will meet at the Back Pocket starting at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend and everyone is invited.

FRIDAY, MAY 18
Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OBPA) monthly meeting Hotel Park Tucson, 7:30 p.m. Political activist, Mechaw-Recalal leader Ed Buck explains "How to Thrust A Grassroots Movement Into the Mainstream". Free to OBPA members and newcomers.

FRIDAY, MAY 25
Miss Gay Black Arizona pageant will be held at Durangos in Phoenix.



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4. TEAM #1	25	19	.568	579
5. TEAM #8	24	20	.545	561
6. HEAD HUNTERS	23	21	.522	567
7. GUTTER QUEENS	21	23	.477	566
8. LANE BRAINS	21	23	.477	564
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Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass, Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner or Ribs 5 pm to 9 pm \$5.50 and \$4.50. DJ Jason from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 1 p.m. Brunch til 3 pm. "Wine Down Nite" \$1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4 with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers or Mimosa \$1.50. Special Hot Drinks every day and evening.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime / \$1.50 nites. **IBT'S** - Country music, line dancing, Square dancing. Good food in the DB Cafe with your host DB Gallati. Party with Big Mike and the gang.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open at Noon. Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.00 all day. Country Rainbow dance group 4 pm. Complimentary C/W Buffet 5:30. C/W Dancing 9-1, DJ Gil Leon.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs! DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

Monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 Schnapps .75 / Well and Domestic Beer \$1.75 7 pm to 1 a.m. Bowler's Special with Fiesta Bowling card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1. Jeffy dj's starting at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. All White Well \$1.00 and Jazz with Jeannie from 8 pm to Midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 "Designing Women" on TV 8:30-9 pm / "Live" "Win, Lose or Draw" game between competing local bars begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing. **IBT'S** - 12 to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.25.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks. 6:30-8:30 Howdy Cloggers. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 pm. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday night drink specials. Deway DJs at 9.

Tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .75 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm Domestic Beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. 7 pm to 1 am any drink in the house \$1.75. Jeffy DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 **GRADUATE** - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IBT'S - 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. Country music; Bud and Bud Lite \$1.25. Drawing at 11 pm. (Must be present to win)

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm. Two for One drinks. Rum & Coke Nite - 1/2 price well or call 8 pm to 1 a.m.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

Wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .50 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. Wednesday Night special Domestic Longnecks \$1.25. DJ Jason 9:00 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. T-Squares dance and offer free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 **GRADUATE** - Non-premium beers \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IBT'S - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8 to Close, White Well Nite .75 (\$1.00 w/ juice)

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Black & White Service Industries Night-Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price - Draft .50

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - \$1.25, plus .75 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

Thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50/Well drinks \$1.75; 8 pm to 1 am All Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.75, Schnapps .75; DJ 9 to 1 Jeffy.

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for one 5-8. Big League Basketball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudersize" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 **GRADUATE** - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IBT'S - Noon to 6 with Big Mike. 4 - 8 Two for One. 9 pm to Midnight .50 draft beer. House Music night 9 to 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. Draft Beer .50, all imported Beer \$1.00 8 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite - dancing and dance lessons 9 - 1 DJ Gil Leon.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Reuben from 9-1.

Friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 / Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. Steak or Ribs Dinner \$5.00 4-8. DJ Jason 9 pm to 1

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for one 5 to 8. Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight. DJ 9 - 1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 **GRADUATE** - Drink specials until closing.

IBT'S - Come party with Kevin noon to 6 - 4 to 8 Two for One / Hot music 9 to close with Linda Fizzle.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. C/W dancing 9-1 DJ Gil Leon.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30 pm. Progressive Friday: Well drinks \$1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

Saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 4-7 pm \$1.50. non-Premium Beer and \$1.75 Well Drinks. Steak or Ribs Dinner 4 to 8 pm \$5.00 DJ Jeffy 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8 to Midnight. DJ 9-1 **FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing. **IT'S 'BOUT TIME** - Party with Kevin until 6. 2 for 1 drinks from 4 to 8 pm. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Fizzle.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. DJ plays from 9 pm to 1 am **RUMORHAZZIT** - Open Noon to 1 am. Hot Dogs. 8 to 1 Long Island Ice Tea \$2.25. Dance with VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

BIT OF THE SOUTH

by Sean Thomas

Well Tucson, again you make me proud! As of this date, 2000 flyers/posters for Craig Chergold's wish have been posted and distributed around Tucson. Thank. Special thanks to Annie Schmitt for her brilliant artwork, Natalie Perry and others from Shanti for all the cards, postage and overall great effort for this little boy. I believe it's well worth it. Please keep up the effort-it's such a simple goal.

I attended the TKO Closet Ball last Sunday night. Brought back memories of some of the San Francisco Balls I'd been to. I loved the setting. TKO and French Quarter did great. My hats off to the stunning performers. Congratulations!

Pageant time is almost here. I hope everyone has plans to attend. It's important we support our next Miss Gay Tucson and show our love for Miss Christine Shade, one of the hardest working and beautiful people know. Just because she will be giving up the title does not mean she is history. I have a feeling nothing will stop Christine from working for the betterment of us all. We deeply love you.

On Mother's Day, we of Southern Hospitality are having a benefit for Shanti and we do have an array of talent for you. We have comedy, impersonators, strippers and live talent too. For those of you who haven't seen the all women's group "JJ's Bad Intentions", you should. They always bring the house down. We are extremely proud to have a group such as this (electrifying, energetic, sexy and big-hearted) helping, supporting and being such a big help to Southern Hospitality. Welcome girls!

Raven, girlfriend, your benefit was terrific. The best of luck. The best of luck to all the contestants.

Thank to all the bar managers/owners for allowing us to post our Craig Chergold flyers.

Finally, thank to those 22 people who called concerning Kim and Ronnie. They appreciate it as much as I. I'll be writing more concerning them real soon. Till next week: Sean, 323-3780.

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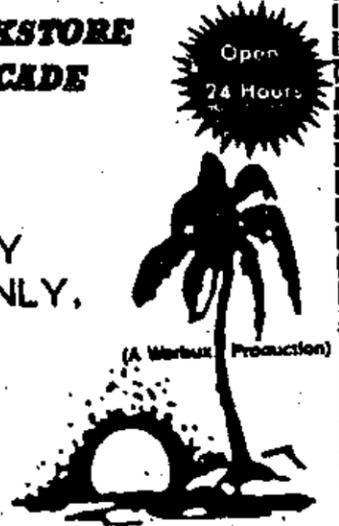
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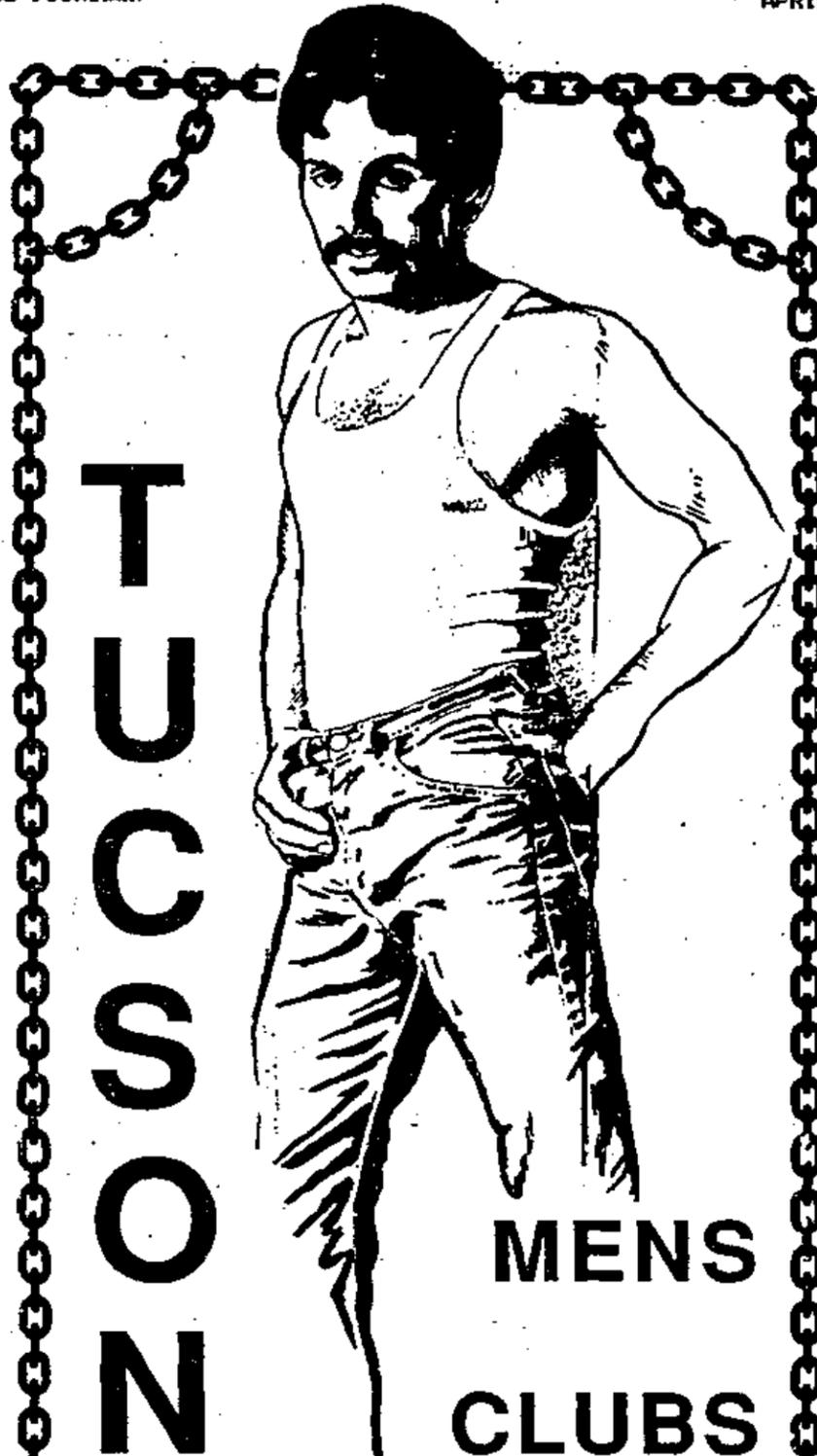
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EDITOR:
 We would like to give our many thanks to everyone involved in our Benefit Show on Saturday, April 21 at the Joshua Tree. We would like to begin by thanking Bob and Sally Bishop; Lance on sound; Robert on lights; and continuing with Miss Aviva Diamond, Jose Luis, Kimberly Ryan, Vannity, Ruby Bright, and Antonino. Thank you all for a job well done and Good Luck to all the 1990 Fiestas de Mayo Candidates.
 We love you Tucson
 Shanise and Leo
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 King and Queen

ATTN: Letter to the Editor:
 Dear Editor:
 This letter is written to Mr. Bob Ellis, but we wish to share our feelings with the whole community.

Here words cannot express the way we, and this entire community love you. In the past four years, we have gladly hosted the Observer Benefit so that our weekly paper could continue to be in as many hands as possible. Then, this year, your generosity overwhelmed all of us.

We are grateful that the advertising is sufficient to keep the paper in the "black". But then to donate all proceeds to deserving organizations is a sign of a truly generous, loving, caring and self-less man.

Also, we are grateful for your providing a place and overseeing the count and disbursement of all funds raised at the Benefit. This has helped to increase the integrity of our efforts for you and the community recipients.

Bob, we salute you and your genuine care for this, our community. We cannot thank you enough for all that you have done, much of which goes unnoticed by the community-at-large.

Thank you for your love for us. We need you and really do appreciate all that you have done and will continue to do. We believe that we speak for the entire community.

In the spirit of fellowship of leather

Nita Terlisner-Willey
 Corresponding Secretary
 Desert Leathermen

MY DEAR FRIENDS:
 What a wonderful year! As I come to the conclusion of my reign as Miss Gay Tucson, my heart and mind are full of many different feelings, and emotions. Through God and all of you in the Gay community, I've had a year of smiles, happiness, some sadness, and wonderful experiences.

It is my pleasure to thank the Gay community, especially Tucson, but also the entire state of Arizona for all your support. I remember saying when I moved to Tucson in May 1985 that you would never catch me in a dress. The Turnabout Show in Sept. 1987 proved me wrong, and on that night Christine Shade was born.

With the support and backing of all of you, I was able to grow personally and professionally, which brought me to the Tucson crown on May 21, 1989. With your support and my determination and talent, I took part in raising thousands of dollars for our community in the many needed areas. You must all remember this is what the crown and title of Miss Gay Tucson is all about.

A dream came true for me when I won the Miss Gay Tucson crown, and all of you became a part of my life even more than before. As my reign comes to a close, I will pass down the crown to the next deserving individual with much pride, and I hope their reign will be as wonderful and successful as mine has been.

Always remember, only as high as you reach can you grow; only as far as you seek can you go; only as deep as you look can you see; and only as much as you dream can you be!!!

With love, I remain
 Christine Shade
 Miss Gay Tucson 1989-90

DEAR EDITOR:
 The officers and members of the University of Arizona's Lesbian/Gay Alliance are proud to inform you of the recognition that their student group has received during the 1989-90 school year. As an officer of the Lesbian/Gay Alliance I can assure you that we will continue to educate and serve the University and its surrounding community.

Sincerely
 Gary Edwards
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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for more info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who is a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Contact Joan, 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

COUPLES OF TUCSON is a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 78613, Tucson AZ 85703 or call Beverly and Roberta 745-4517 or Sam and Ron 886-0149

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ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Gay Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP NOW FORMING. The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

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YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths under 23 meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support and information. You are not alone. Call Renee 884-7413 (days) or Wayne 882-4009 (even).

LAMBDA INTRODUCTION SERVICE If you are a Gay male and are interested in meeting new people with hopes of developing a relationship call 323-0067. There are some questions you will have to answer. No charge. This is NOT an escort service.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. seeks volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish speakers in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Call Enrique 741-1965 Tucson.

WOYNY'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street. \$1 at door (more if you can, less if you can't).

CRONIES: GAY MEN 40 PLUS. BE ACTIVE. JOIN US in socials, theater, music, dinners, outdoor activities, exploring Arizona, physical fitness plus other new interests yet to encounter. Also meet new and active friends. 323-1661 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broaddoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Mid-night. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPIAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 P.M. Weeknights 6-8 p.m. Men's Night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Woyny's Night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON - A fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. Call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings rotate Wednesdays and 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 or Paul at 881-5631 for information.

NEED BUSINESS OR PERSONAL CONTACTS IN PHOENIX? The Camelback Business and Professional Association has your information. Call Peter Hudson at 225-8509 or write CBPA, P.O. Box 20977, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN AND GAY MORMONS Don't give up your religion just because you're Gay! The RESTORATION CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST is here for you. For recorded message call: 1-800-677-RCJC.

G.A.P.A. - Gay Asians Pacific Alliance is forming a new social, educational, political and cultural group in Tucson. Call 991-4582.

'THE DILEMMA OF BEING JEWISH AND BEING GAY' A discussion group at Temple Eganu-El, 225 N. Country Club Thursday, May 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. Use North or West parking lot. Meeting in the Board Room. Enter on West side of building. For more information call Rabbi Tom Louchheim 327-4501

KALEIDOSCOPE offers Gay men and women a chance to explore the joys and trials of Gay life. Through educational programs, confidential discussions, and community outreach, we try to nurture understanding, trust and support. Singles, couples, bi-sexuals, or "just coming out" call information and Referral 881-1794 Mon-Fri from 8-5.

Personals

SHAWN EDWARDS, or anyone with information. Please write to: John David, 4655 Ohio Street, #11, San Diego, CA 92116. Thank you. 301

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Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. 7 p.m. P.A.C.T. office 3833 E. 2nd Street.

EVERY TUESDAY
HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. Call 322-6226 for more info.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 3833 E. 2nd Street.

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
"IMAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

EVERY SATURDAY
HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP office.

Family, Friends and Lovers Support Group. 1:30 p.m. Shanti Office. Call 622-7107 to reserve a place.

Reader's Input... MARCIA WEEKS

TO: TUCSON ORGANIZATIONS
WORKING WITH LESBIANS
FROM: MARCIA WEEKS

As you may know, there is a nationwide organizing project working towards a National Lesbian Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in April 24-28 1991. The goal: Approximately 5,000 women gathered at a conference by, for and about Lesbians. The conference is expected to include workshops, networking, sports, cultural activities and more.

Two Arizona women are among the four representatives from the Southwest Region (Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada) who will be seated on the National Steering Committee at a meeting in Kansas City on April 17-29, 1990. The four representatives from this region are: Linda Lee and Bonita Swan of Phoenix, AZ; Elaine Mikels of Ojo Caliente, NM; and Carla Gourdin of Salt Lake City UT.

Over the course of the next year there will be an ongoing effort to raise funds to support the conference and the participation of Tucson women in the conference.

Tucson women made an initial pledge of \$500 towards the national conference. Those funds are being used to help cover the necessary deposits to reserve space in Atlanta for the NLC. We need your help in raising those funds.

Once that pledge has been met (and we are half-way there), funds raised locally will be split in half: 50% to

a local fund to help Tucson Lesbians to travel to the conference in April 1991, and 50% to the SW Regional Fund. The SW Region funds will then be split several ways: 33% to the NLC office and Staff; 25% to the NLC travel fund for low income women, the remainder to support SW Region reps participation in the national steering committee work.

On Sunday, May 6, there will be a "women's tea" with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person and the chance to meet and talk with the Arizona reps just after the National Steering Committee meeting and learn more about the conference.

We hope you will do the following:

1. Personally make a donation of whatever size you can.
2. Start making plans to attend the NLC next year.
3. Share information with your organization and the Lesbian community in general about the ways we can support the NLC and encourage women to make plans to attend the NLC (announce at meetings, put in newsletters, etc.)
4. Plan an event to help let the community know about the NLC and to encourage support for the NLC.

If you need more information or would like to help please feel free to call me at 624-8318 (work) or 887-7880 (home). Send your donation to: NLC Tucson Fund, c/o Wingspan, 240 N. Court Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701.

A Critics Review.....

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company in conjunction with the University of Arizona Lesbian/Gay Alliance presented the Harvey Fierstein play "Safe Sex" last Saturday and Sunday, and will present two more performances, one on Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 p.m. and the other on Sunday in a 2:00 matinee.

All performances are in The Cellar in the lower level of the Student Union on the UofA Campus.

The opening night performance was played to a full house. The first act of the three-act play titled 'Manny and Jake' was played ably by Dave Nelson and Gregg Smith.

Act 2, "Safe Sex" was played by Ron Suda and G. Scott McCurdy.

Act 3, "On Tidy Endings" featured Linda Fairfax, Karen Brigham, Susan Roberts and Rick Lipinski.

The Fierstein dialog was flawless and ranged from comedic to somber. The actors played their parts with professionalism, albeit some stiffness and losing some of the emotionalism because of a lack of intensity in the performance where it demanded it.

Opening night jitters were absent and the entire production ran smoothly. The Cellar is an ideal room to hold such an intimate play such as "Safe Sex" although it was difficult to see from

the far ends of the room as all activity in acts 2 and 3 took place on the main floor of the room rather than on stage.

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company is a non-profit organization operating under the auspices of Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. They are a group of non-professional actors dedicated to bringing quality entertainment to the Gay and Lesbian community.

Director for the production is Panchita Guaderrama Lucas; Stage Manager, Renee A. Berry; Lighting, Brian Walsh and Ron Snellstrom. The Tech Crew includes Liss Spencer, Pat Woelke, Sam Sturzebecker, Fran Heron as well as members of the cast.

The artistic Director of the group is Gregg R. Smith; Managing Director, George Sipe and Publicity is handled by Anne Mourot.

We look forward to seeing more from this group of talented actors and actresses who give the Tucson Gay Community another outlet for our talented Gays and Lesbians as well as entertaining the community as a whole.

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