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



TUCSON - Madame X, one of the candidates for Queen of Fiesta de Mayo, is shown here without her King escort, Mr. Ken Davis. These King and Queen candidates are out and about the community collecting funds that are used entirely for the 1992 Pride Week events. Your support of their efforts will ensure a bigger and better than ever Pride Picnic as well as other activities that are planned. One fund raiser planned this weekend is "The Madame X Follies" to be presented this Sunday, April 19 at 9 p.m. at Rumor. See related story below.

TUCSON - Plans are being finalized for the annual Fiesta de Mayo. Fiesta is the major fund raising event which finances the Gay and Lesbian Pride Week events, including the annual Picnic in Himmel Park. The budget for this year has been set by the producers, TLGA (Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance) at \$6,500 for the weeklong series of activities. There are many fund-raising activities currently underway.

This year's Fiesta will be held at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue which will expand its entertainment area into the patio and parking lot to accommodate the crowd, booths and other outdoor activities.

There are four candidates running for Fiesta King and/or Queen. Lisette and a male candidate will represent the Red Team; Touchè will represent the Green Team; Christina de Alexis represents the Gold Team and Madame X with Ken Davis representing the White Team. These candidates are out in the community holding various fund raising activities. The person or couple raising the most money wins the title of King and or Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. So the dollars that they collect are 'votes' on your part, and

there are a lot of 'votes' that need to be cast in order to produce this year's Pride Week.

Booths at the Fiesta are available at no charge. (TLGA requests a \$15 reservation deposit, which will be refunded upon occupation of the booth). These booths can be used as fund raisers by selling food, arts, crafts etc., or promote games or may be used for information booths for organizations and clubs. Interested persons should contact a TLGA member soon as booths are limited. TLGA meets at IBT's every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Booth reservations may be made.

The Fiesta de Mayo schedule is as follows (there may be some changes in the final plan):

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Booths are open from 4:00 p.m. until closing. Crownholder's Show begins at 9:00 p.m. At presstime, performers include Tiffany St. Thomas, Gilda Fatale, Shanise & Leo, Minerva & Juan, Christina de Alexis, Mr. Eric Hemphill, comedienne Emma Keller, Sisters Soul.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Booths open at 4:00 p.m. The popular live band, Rare Breed, will perform from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for listening and dancing. Then at 9:00 p.m. there will be a Show, featuring the candidates Lisette, Madame X, Christina de Alexis, Touchè, and surprise performers. This show will be hosted by Gilda Fatale. Direct from Dallas, former Miss Gay Texas, the popular Nakoma Shaye will be featured also.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Booths open at 4:00 p.m. The live sounds of the popular band Rare Breed will be heard for listening and dancing from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. There will be a show hosted by Aviva Diamond and featuring former Miss Gay Texas, Nakoma Shaye and surprise performers, along with the contestants one more time to collect additional 'votes' before the final counting. The 'voting is cut off at 11:00 p.m. when they will be counted and the winner crowned at 11:30.

The winning contestant(s) will preside over many of the Pride Week events including the Picnic, and will be seen at various events throughout the rest of their reign.

Watch for more details next week and plan to attend your favorite candidate's fund raiser and be sure to mark the weekend, May 1-2-3 on your calendar - it promises to be a full three evening affair with food, music, entertainment and remember all the proceeds go right back to the community in producing Pride Week '92.

New Miss Gay Tucson Chosen

TUCSON - Last Sunday, April 12, nearly 100 people attended the annual Miss Gay Tucson Pageant held at the Quality Inn. The yearly event is produced by Penelope Poupè Productions.

This year, there were five contestants vying for the coveted title of Miss Gay Tucson. After all of the interviews and all of the various competitions, Candy Plastique came out winner of the Miss Gay Tucson 1992-93 title. Lucinda Holliday and Gilda Fatale were runners-up. Gina Who won the title of Miss Congeniality.

Beside the contestants, entertainers for the evening included Tish Tanner; Miss Gay Arizona, Pussy Le Hoot; The departing Miss Gay Tucson, Tiffany St. Thomas; Christina de Alexis, Adrienne Alexander, Aviva Diamond, Felicia Farr, Lady Casondra, Miss Gay Phoenix Kyra Starr; and Elvis.

In passing on her crown to Candy Plastique, Tiffany St. Thomas said, "I want to thank the Tucson community for its support of me and the various elements I represent, and I wish to compliment the community leaders who are for giving a new future to us all. Thank you and may the future be positive and may each of us learn to give and accept love."

The non-Tucson-resident judging panel included David Starkman, Elvis, Tony, Markus and Felicia Sue Baker.

Former holders of the Miss Gay Tucson title include: Stephanie Price, 1986; Aviva Diamond, 1987; Tabitha Scott, 1987-88; Christina de Alexis, 1988-89; Christine Shade, 1989-90; Raven, 1990-91 and Tiffany St. Thomas, 1991-92.

Congratulations to our new Miss Gay Tucson, Candy Plastique as well as all of the other contestants.



TUCSON - Still in shock, the new title holder of Miss Gay Tucson 1992-93 is shown just after her crowning last Sunday evening - Miss Candy Plastique.

The annual Pageant has been held since 1986 and is produced by Penelope Poupè Productions which also produces the Miss Gay Phoenix, Miss Gay Arizona and Mr. Gay Arizona pageants as well. See accompanying story.



TUCSON - The five contestants in the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant held last Sunday, April 12 are shown above awaiting the judge's decision. Left to right: Jessica Blake, Gilda Fatale, Gina Who, Lucinda Holliday and Candy Plastique.

UPDATE

Poem Banned In Britain Makes An Encore On Dial-A-Gay Atheist

Tucsonans To Participate In AIDS Benefit In Albuquerque

TUCSON - Margo Leigh Productions has announced that a special benefit show raising funds for the prevention of AIDS will be held in Albuquerque on May 2. Margo Leigh has been a champion in fund raising in Tucson for several years, and is now branching out to help other cities during this crisis.

This special benefit will be held at the Albuquerque Social Club on May 2nd at 8:00 p.m. Among the many performers from Tucson who will be performing in this show will be Loren Johnson, Lucinda Holliday, John Barnes, Joe Wallen, and of course, Margo Leigh.

It is hoped that many Tucsonans will make the trip to Albuquerque and help support this special benefit show to raise money for the Albuquerque community.

GLIA To Hold Benefit Rummage Sale

TUCSON - God's Love In Action (GLIA) will hold its Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Once again, Cornerstone Fellowship' Social Hall will be filled with thousands of household items, clothing, furniture, and more. All proceeds will benefit GLIA's HIV/AIDS ministry.

GLIA provides many practical support services to its clients. In addition to weekly luncheons, volunteers offer assistance with transportation, home care, cooking, shopping, yard work, moving, hospital visits, and more. Numerous food boxes and grocery vouchers are distributed every month to clients who have limited resources. GLIA receives no government money and relies solely on donations and fundraisers, such as its Rummage Sales.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the Rummage Sale may drop them off at the church or call 622-8860 or 622-4626 to arrange for a pick up. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 North Geronimo, one block north of Glenn and two blocks west of First Avenue.

Homophobe Sam Kinison Killed In Accident

NEEDLES, CA (AP) - A car crash killed homophobic comedian Sam Kinison last Friday, April 10. The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 95 near the desert community of Needles and about 250 miles east of Los Angeles. Kinison was enroute to the Riverside Resort Casino in Laughlin, Nevada where he was to appear. A 17-year-old driver was arrested and booked for manslaughter in Kinison's death.

Kinison, a self-proclaimed rock 'n Roll comedian, created a character who bellowed and screamed his way through such topics as Christ's last words, starvation in Ethiopia and the evils of homosexuals, women, marriage and sex.

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HOUSTON - Beginning April 16 and running through the Easter weekend until April 21, 1992, Dial-A-Gay-Atheist (713) 880-4242, the twenty four hour commentary/editorial line of American Gay and Lesbian Atheists, will present a poem entitled, "The Love That Dares to Speak Its Name," whose publication in 1976 caused the editor of a London gay newspaper to receive a 9-month suspended sentence under Britain's several hundred year-old blasphemy laws.

The poem is written from the perspective of a Roman centurion who was encharged with keeping watch over Jesus Christ during his crucifixion and burial. It so happens that the Roman also is the homosexual lover of Jesus Christ. The poem vividly describes the powerful emotional and sexual relationship shared between the two. The version of the poem over Dial-A-Gay-Atheist contains descriptions of graphic sexual images and scenes, while in the background plays a Gregorian chant.

The poem, last presented over Dial-A-Gay-Atheist during the Easter season of 1984, caused such a furor in the community that two U.S. Congressmen attempted to pressure the telephone company to pull the plug on Dial-A-Gay-Atheist. However, freedom of speech prevailed and the poem remained on the service throughout the Easter season, but not without local and national attention.

Having been eight years since the poem has been presented in the United States, Don Sanders, National Director of American Gay/Lesbian Atheists, says it is time to bring back this controversial poem. "Since the fable of the mythical Jesus has him closely associating with twelve other men, it is only logical to assume that he did experience homosexual activity. While the poem will undoubtedly shock and offend some, its presentation is also intended to openly demonstrate that even mythical gods like Jesus Christ were sexual beings," say Sanders

Dial-A-Gay-Atheist is part of the educational outreach of American Gay Atheists, Inc., whose purposes are to promote separation between state and church, promote homosexuality as a positive lifestyle, and defend the civil and human rights of gay and lesbian Atheists.

Priests Must Remain Celibate Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II has reaffirmed that priests must remain celibate, and said Roman Catholic theology professors must stick to accepted church teachings to keep candidates for the priesthood from being led astray.

In a document setting out policy on the formation of priests, he said their teachers must show "total fidelity" to church doctrine so that future priests can learn the difference between it and "the options of theologians, ... tendencies which quickly pass."

The document did not mention any particular issue. During John Paul's 14-year papacy, a number of churchmen have been punished for publicly straying from official doctrine. Stressing the church's "firm will" to maintain the celibacy requirement, the pontiff urged the families of priests to give them support and encouragement in maintaining their vows.

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What's Up Doc ???



Another beautiful week in the Old Pueblo. The weather is finally turning around to the point that people do not stay outside as long. Of course some do, it is sun tan time.

Congratulations is extended to Candy Plastique, this year's Miss Gay Tucson. I'm sure this will be another year for all of us to remember, from the efforts and support Candy gives to not only Tucson, but Phoenix also.

Coming at the Venture-N on April 25, it will be TKO's first annual Comedic Talent Contest. This will be a contest that is open to everyone, except title holders, and can be 1 person or a group. Each contestant(s) will be required to have a 3 minute presentation and no longer than 5 minutes. Entry fee for all will be \$1, payment the night of the event. Prizes will be awarded to the top three, with these being determined by the audience's vote.

TKO will only be voting in the case there is a tie after all the votes have been counted.

All festivities will begin at 7 PM, on the patio at the Venture-N. A small dressing room will be provided for minor changes. If a lot of make up is required, it is suggested to prep at home before arriving. As for the audience, there will also be a \$1 door charge.

If you have any further questions on this event, you can contact me, Doc, at the Venture-N.

Birthdays have always been something special to me. It is the one day of the year you can lay claim to something personal. For some, it is not always what they have been waiting for, especially when they are celebrating the "BIG 50".

Well, let me be the first to wish the following a **HAPPY 50 BIRTHDAY**. The following will be celebrating that big one this month and later on this year. They are, J-Arthur, Stan, Uncle Phil, Hank and Tony (Sofonda Peters and Bob E). When you see these individuals, be kind to them because it seems when a person turns 50, they feel as if they are old. Of course there are probably a lot more that I have yet to find out about but we all are very familiar with this select bunch.

Let me tell you, the numbered age is only a figure Mother Nature puts on you, I guess to keep track of you. It does not mean you are old, just well aged. Remember, wine is always better after being aged, so that should go for you also. Your age should always be what you feel both in heart and mind. Anyway, keep a stiff upper lip and carry on for another fifty years.

TBBS: Last week while tending bar I had a rare occasion to have Bucky as a customer when he couldn't talk. It was not because he had finally been stumped, it was he was losing his voice. I felt it was a blessing in disguise for both myself and everyone... George R. was telling everyone the other day that he had 3 DWI's last week - Dates Without Inter-course! Just who is this Spandex Sweet Cheeks at the Venture-N, that gets very disturbed when losing a game of darts? David W. must have run into a streak of bad luck lately. It seems he is asking others for introductions to some of those cute people.

I guess that will be it for this week. Play safe and use a good sun screen when outside. As Hurricane Jim can testify, a #4 is not going to work, especially on a surface as large as his.

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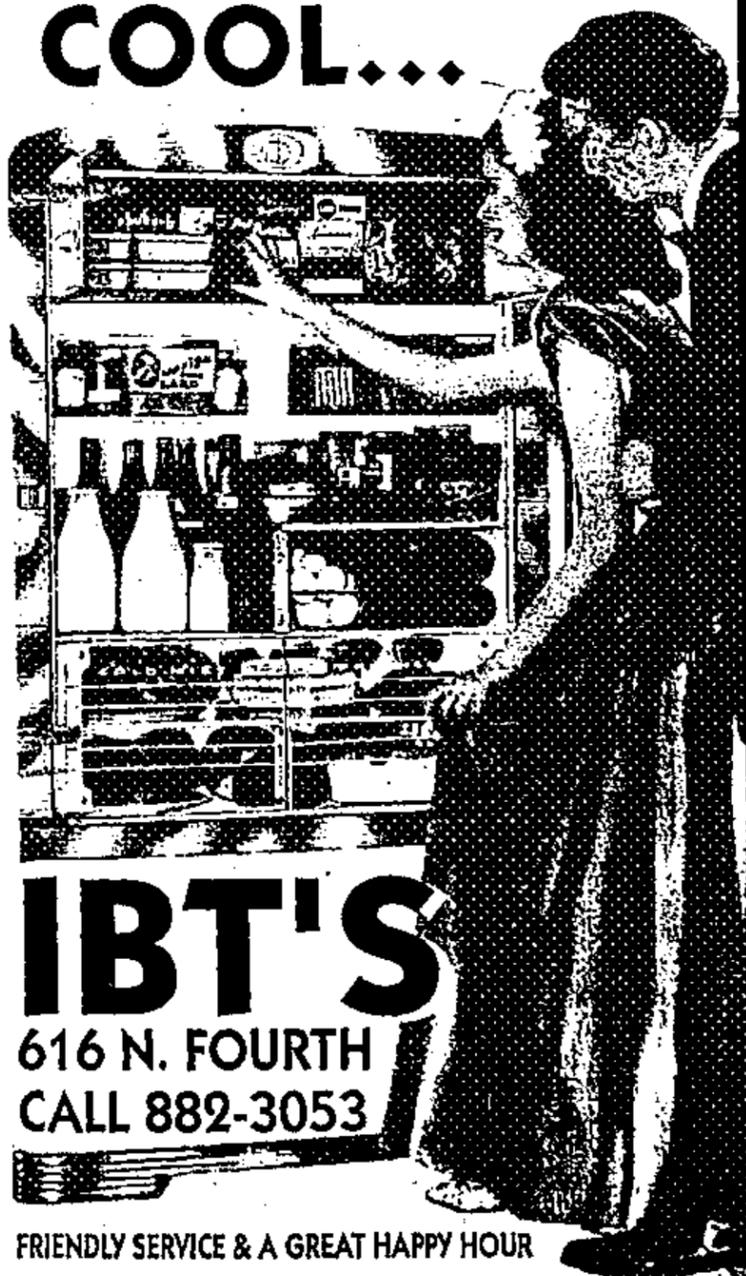
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by Frank E.G. Gallego

The first CHILI VERDE DAYS celebration and fundraiser for the ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION held Sunday, April 12, at CLUB 2520, proved an entire success that will become an annual event. There was a buzz of activity all day and evening beginning with decorating at 8:00 a.m. The terrific beef barbecue made by Michael Bennett and everyone's "mom", Georgia, was indescribably delicious. Black Jack tables hummed with dealers and players intent on winning the most chips. 2-steppers danced to exciting music by Gil Leon. Applause and laughter filled the entertainment section of the afternoon with unforgettable performances. AGRA's Board and Membership meetings took care of the more serious side of the day - getting ready for the RODEO. An auction brought more fun and funds.

More than just a report, this is more of a giant THANK YOU NOTE to many individuals who made all this possible. Being director of any undertaking is always a joy when one finds one's self surrounded by terrific volunteers, donors, entertainers and friends. It would have been impossible to pull off such an event had I not received the generosity of talent, time, money, gifts, and support from the following members of the community:

To Michael Bennett and Peter Sittig for providing CLUB 2520 as our site. As CHAMPION MEMBERS you have outdone yourselves donating all the food and time, as well as donating fabulous auction items and cash donations. Thank you for all the time and energy you have directed toward AGRA and toward this event.

To CLUB 2520's dedicated staff - all of you were excellent co-hosts and were always there when ever and where ever you were need. Thanks, guys.

Any show is never any good unless you have a great master of ceremonies and a terrific line up of talent - we are more than fortunate to have had both. Special thanks to MC, Blake Williams (A.K.A. Blake Edwards for this event); Tish Tanner from Phoenix who did a divinely "DIVINE"; Margo Leigh, whose country numbers had 'em whoopin' and hollerin'; Mary Murphy, whose live vocals made everyone stop to listen to a great set of tunes; and to John Barnes, who sang live and pulled them thar heart-strings. Gil Leon's job of running the show's music is greatly appreciated.

Hank Stone, manager of RUMORZ CLUB 2222, donated the use of a spotlight, donated the use of a spotlight (and what kind of a show would it have been without one?), and "Little" Mike from SOS who manned the spot and taught me "how to." Both of you came in the nick of time - thank you.

Serving food and taking care of hungry folks in the south patio were Michael Bennett, Telvi Roybal, Larry Mann, Lyle Marcks, Joe Vissicelli. The unseasonably warm day did not deter these persons from dispensing vittles with a smile.

David Osollo and Donald Black, Pit Bosses for the Casino Games, not only brought the entire S.O.S. contingency, but executed a terrific day of game management. Geoffrey Wilcox, George Vissicelli, Tommy Read looked terrific behind the tables as dealers.

One of the hardest jobs of the entire day and evening was magnificently handled by Randy Bilboro and Michael Mahynske. being in charge of the Games and Raffle tickets and prize table gave them little time to rest.

Successful auctions are composed of a powerful auctioneer, "Vanna" assistants, and super auction items from considerate donors. We had all four. Roger Barger made it fun to bid on items and entertained everyone while his "Vanna", "BIG" Mike from SOS paraded the items with grace style and poise.

Auction items brought in revenue for the upcoming May Rodeo and thanks in order to: Michael Bennett, Peter Sittig, CLUB 25620, Miller Brewery, Finley Distributors, Bob Jensen, David Osollo, Donald Black, Michael Mahynske, Old Tucson, R.T. Stacked, Joe from Prism Nursery, Laffs Comedy Club, AGRA and Frank Gallego.

With great appreciation to everyone, also, who attended and participated.

Top winners in the Casino Games were: 1st Place - Mona Apple; 2nd Place - J. McCarthy; 3rd Place - Esther Hillman. Congratulations!

The next big event with be the first boots and boxers cotillion, Sunday, April 26, to be held at RUMORZ CLUB 2222, from 2 p.m. till ????? This event will feature country music, dancing, food and contests. Prizes will be given to the best set of boots, the best boxer shorts and the grand prize winner of the boots and boxer shorts will receive a commemorative certificate and special surprises. The contests are open to men and women. Details later.

The Saguaro Regional Rodeo will be Tucson's first gay rodeo attracting contestants and visitors from all around the country. May 8, 9, 10, will have OLD TUCSON rodeo arena and the Ramada Inn Downtown full of rodeo aficionados. Friday, May 8th's events are at the Ramada Inn beginning at 6:00 p.m. with registration for contestants and entertainers. Miller Country Jamboree begins at 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Tickets for the rodeo are now available for AGRA's main office number, (602) 798-3528 and eventually from all the bars and some of the AGRA members.

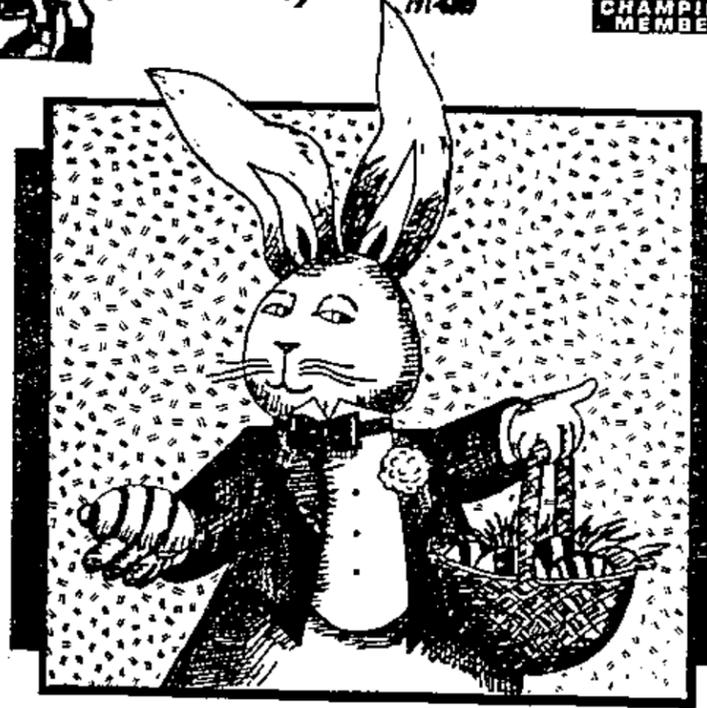
The price of admission allows a person to: 1. Attend the rodeo. 2. Attend Old Tucson Amusement Park. 3. Attend the evenings festivities, activities and dance at the Ramada Inn - all for \$12.50/person/day and evening. This is quite a bargain considering that a rodeo ticket is usually \$12.00 all by itself, Old Tucson's regular adult admission is \$10.50/day and a regular admission to a dance at a hotel is usually \$5.00/person.

The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for a week night on Wednesday, May 13th, at Rumorz Club 2222 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone may attend. Information on becoming a member may be obtained by calling (602) 798-3528 or by writing to: AGRA, 7272 East Broadway Suite 412, Tucson Arizona 85710.

Well, podnuh, gotta head back to ol'corral. Happy trails to ya'.



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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

A Tale Of Two Women

March was National Women's History Month, the 31 days during which lip service is paid to people whose accomplishments should be celebrated all year around. But I shouldn't complain: Black History Month was February, with only 29 days!

And these special months are progress. In my childhood, female and/or African/American heroes were almost ignored in schools. We learned about Marie Curie, Florence Nightingale, George Washington Carver, and one or two others. That's all.

Even the "best educated" of people in the United States can collect many degrees, yet learn very little about African-American and/or female heroes (not to mention Asian, Gay and Lesbian, Jewish, and disabled heroes). Noted "intellectual" William F. Buckley, Jr., had to ask who Harriet Tubman was. And if he never heard of Harriet Tubman, perhaps you haven't either.

So who was Harriet Tubman? Born a slave, she escaped and moved north. But her own freedom and comfort were not enough for her, and she risked her life again and again to rescue others. She became an integral part of the "underground railway" and eventually helped some 300 slaves to freedom. Slaveholders offered \$40,000 for her capture. Tubman was also active in the women's rights movement, and during the Civil War she was a scout, spy, nurse, cook and laundress on the Union side. After the war, she helped found schools for freed people and taught and preached. She died in 1913.

Where does one person, against all odds, get such strength, courage, and determination? Over and over again, Tubman risked her life for what she believed in, and never did she say, "I have done enough." Imagine going into the south, one more time and one more time, knowing that here was a fortune waiting for anyone who captured or betrayed you. Imagine, too, combining cooking, laundry, nursing, scouting, and spying. It's a bizarre combination, and I hope the cooking and cleaning were covers for the spying—but they still probably needed to be done well. And, again, every day, Tubman was risking her life.

Harriet Tubman should be in the center of history and not relegated to a special section for blacks and/or women.

Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz lived a life very different from Tubman's. Born in 1648, all she wanted in life was to learn and write. Denied schooling, de la Cruz was lucky to have access to her grandfather's library, where she educated herself. She eventually became a lady-in-waiting and later entered a convent. Lacking a religious calling, she chose the life of a nun that she could study and not marry.

In 1680, de la Cruz became "more than friends" with the Condessa de Paredes, wife of the viceroy. Juana was able to live under the viceroy's protection for 10 years, during which she amassed a library of 4,000 books. She became famous as a writer and held a literary salon in her home. Although her behavior was deemed unacceptable for a woman, she continued going her own way. Then she

dared to criticize, in print, a sermon by a noted Jesuit. Her bishop pressured her to rescind her criticism; he said she should devote herself to "sacred matters" (she was still a nun) and claimed that a woman should not discuss certain topics. De la Cruz published a reply in which she defended the rights of women. The bishop washed his hands of her, and the archbishop eagerly stepped in for the attack. De la Cruz's protector, the viceroy, had lost much of his power, and de la Cruz had to defend herself alone. After two years, she gave up her library and her studies and "began a life of repentance." She died in 1695, "nursing her sister nuns during an epidemic."

This story breaks my heart; unlike Tubman, de la Cruz was not victorious. Tubman died free, while de la Cruz died a sort of intellectual slave.

These two women epitomize the importance of history. Tubman shows us how we can fight against all odds and win; both show us just how bad things have been in the past.

And not just the distant past was bad for women and people of color. I recently interviewed two contemporary female heroes, writer Helynn Hoffa and activist Jeri Dilno. Both spoke of the oppression they had suffered in the recent past, in this country, for being women and lesbians. And both said that they would do everything they could to keep us all from "ever going back."

(Historical information in this column comes from Liberty's Women, ed. McHenry; International Dictionary of Women's Biography, ed. Uglow; and Women Through the Ages and Around The World, by Mervin and Prunhuber.)

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Michael Callen is coming to Tucson

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

GRADUATE - Partner's Beer Bust 2 to 6 p.m. with food and fun for all.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 (EASTER SUNDAY)

CLUB 2520 - Extra special Easter Brunch. There will be two sittings, 1st from noon to 3 and the 2nd from 5 to 8 p.m. Make plans now to enjoy Easter here with some great food and excellent company and fine surroundings. Stripper Cocktail, Prime Rib au jus, potatoes and another fresh vegetable, fresh garden salad, croissants and butter and for dessert, German Torte as made by Chef Peter. It's only \$11.50 and \$2.00 of that will be donated to Shanti/Tucson by Club 2520. Mother Bennett will again have her Bunny Farm and will give away the eight festively colored bunnies to good homes, preferably to parents with children.

GRADUATE - A special Easter Dinner here from 2 p.m. until the food is gone. Ham dinner with scalloped potatoes, salad and rolls for \$2 a plate. A real bargain.

RUMORZ - Will serve Easter Brunch here from Noon to 3 p.m. If you haven't tried those Omelets by Bucky yet, you have missed some of the finest eggs anywhere. This is a great opportunity to give it a try and see what you've been missing. Then in the evening there will be a show, "Madame X Follies" a benefit to support Mx X and her partner Ken Davis for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo - the major fundraiser for Pride Week. Show stars the Madame as well as Lucinda Holliday and Gilda Fatale, 1st and 2nd runners up in the recent Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. Get those tips ready if you want a fun Pride Picnic again.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

CLUB 2520 - Third semi-final contest in the "Great Arizona Swimsuit Contest...and Model Search". \$500 to the final winner in Phoenix plus other great prizes. Check with 2520 for entry forms and rules.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

VENTURE-N - TKO's first annual "Comedic Talent Contest" from 7 to 10 p.m. Watch for more details and check with Doc to see what the hell this is all about!

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

CLUB 2520 Those great male strippers, Roy Holz, Dino and David will be here at 10 p.m. to take it off for your viewing pleasure. Get here early and see it from the beginning.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 1

IBT'S - Fiesta de Mayo, the fund raising vehicle for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week events begins today. Booths will open at 4 p.m. and be open until 1 a.m. Crowdholder's show at 9 p.m. Performers include Tiffany St. Thomas, Gilda Fatale, Shanie and Leo, Minerva and Juan, Christina de Alexis, Vocalist Eric Hemphill, comedienne Emma Keller and vocal duo, Sisters Soul.

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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 Mr. Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday's paper for inclusion in that week's issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until that event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 792-9151 in Tucson.)

WED., THURS, FRI, SAT., APRIL 15-11-17-18
"PLEASE BE TENDER WHEN YOU CUT ME DOWN," a collection of monologues written and performed by Victor Lodato and presented by Shattered Wig at a.k.a. Theatre, 125 E. Congress. Tickets \$5. All performances at 8 p.m. with an additional performance Saturday at 10 p.m. 623-7852.

FRI. & SAT. APRIL 17-18

"SEDUCTION: THE CRUEL WOMAN". Filmworks, At The Edge presents this German film at the Loft Cinema on Friday and at the UofA Gallagher Theater on Saturday, both shows 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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 EASTER

Easter Services: MCC: 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Services; Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m. No evening services. Cornerstone Fellowship: 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service. Pot Luck Breakfast 7-9 a.m. Bible Study 9 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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.

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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 ambivalences, 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-old. 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

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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/Westerns Dance bar open 8 pm to 1 am. Live Dance lessons by Paul Barber 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/Westerns 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. Dart Tournament 1 pm, \$3 entry fee. Beer Bust in our Patio Bar at 2 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lovers. \$1. 9 pm to 1 am.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c 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 site. 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 5 p.m.

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1 Taco 5-7. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. Country/Westerns and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Draft Beer Bust, Small Fishers \$1.50, Large \$3.00 til close.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7 to close
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with 75c draft beer and 50c off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close. Country music and dancing with Oil Leen 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 5 p.m.

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Scagetti Nite 6-8. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. Country/Westerns dancing and lessons for partners by Paul Barber from 7-9. Video dancing begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Domestic Longnecks \$1.25 to 8 pm - \$1.50 til closing.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-premium Beer.
RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8:02 to closing, 75c Schnapps. VJ/DJ Mark 9pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 p.m.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5 to 7 \$3. Men's Nite - Anyone in boxer or jockey shorts 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show and/or Jockey Short Contest + 50c draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Westerns & 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/Westerns dancing 9 to 1.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Oil Leen. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bed and Bed 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 5 p.m.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99c Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). Hamburger Nite 5 to 7 \$3. Country/Westerns 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/Westerns last Friday of each month.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 8 to close with Ray.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Horn D'Ouverture. VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 p.m.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 8 \$3. 50c Schnapps 8 pm to 1 am. Country/Westerns 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 Westerns 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 Fittale.
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. Cook Pool Tournament. 3 p.m. \$3 entry fee. Patio bar opens 4 p.m.

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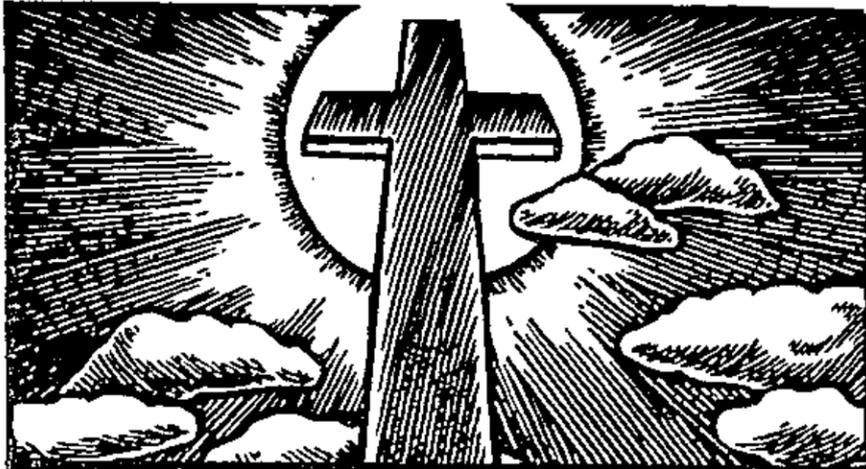
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

As you read this article, I'll be preparing for Friday, April 17th. What does that mean to you? Another "TGIF?" Maybe 5 O'clock signaling "reprieve" after a week's work...forgetting it all at the local watering hole?

I say TGIF too—a *lut!* To me, it means "Thank God I'm Forgiven!" That has to do with Friday *this* week, as a matter of fact. You see, I couldn't ever say "TGIF" if it weren't for the particular Friday at Mount Calvary, upon a hill called Golgotha, where the divine Son of God, Jesus Christ, accomplished the task for which God the Father had sent Him to earth to dwell among mankind.

About 30 A.D. on a Friday morning at 9 O'clock, Mark tells us "It was the third hour when they crucified Him." (Mark 15:25). He Who was without sin, became sin, bearing upon Himself all the sins of the world—past, present and future—*my* sins, *your* sins—and He paid the penalty for them all Himself, once and for all.

"At the sixth hour (Noon) darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour (3 O'clock p.m.)." (Mark 15:33). Christ had been hanging in an agony of suffering from the nails driven through the flesh and bone of His hands and feet, securing His tortured body to that Roman cross, when a supernatural darkness fell upon the entire land, lasting three hours.

"And at the ninth hour (3 O'clock p.m.) Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'My God, why have You forsaken Me!'" (Mark 15:34). By "Himself becoming sin" for mankind, for me, and for you, He was totally separated for the only time in all eternity, from God the Father, Who cannot look upon sin. In order to fulfill the task given Him by God the Father, to atone, Himself, for the world's sin, He had to face spiritual anguish incomprehensible to you and I, all alone. In absolute human awareness of His physical, mental, emotional and even spiritual, agony and suffering, he was isolated and alone.

It was the ninth hour (3 O'clock p.m.), that "Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.' When He said this, He breathed His last." (Luke 23:46). The Savior of the World was dead. He had brought and paid for my freedom from the penalty of all my sins, and those of the world, by the once-and-for-all atoning sacrifice of His life. This Friday will be

"Good Friday" for Christians world-wide; the day of remembrance of the terrible price paid by the Son of God to save us from perishing after death. It happened on a Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and remains the most significant event ever to have occurred since the beginning of time.

After Jesus' death on that ugly Roman cross, "...one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water." (John 19:34). By Christ's shed blood on that cross, all sins of *whoever* asks Jesus to be their Lord and Savior are forgiven and forgotten forever, the slate is wiped clean. Gone are all stains of sin and guilt; replaced with a purity from Jesus as white as snow. "With His blood, He has saved me; With His power, He has raised me; To God be the glory, for the things He has done."

Luke completes the story of Jesus' task among mankind in Chapter 24, verses 6-8: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; **He has Risen!** Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day must be raised again." The they (the women) remembered His (Jesus') words." The Resurrection of the Savior of the World had occurred. Jesus was **ALIVE!**

My heart will ache Friday night, in remembrance of Him; and Saturday too., But Sunday I will REJOICE on the day of His Resurrection! Please come and worship with us at Cornerstone Fellowship this weekend; we'll be waiting for you on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 6:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Let us tell you how YOU, too, can have all the sins of your life forgiven and forgotten forever; the price of death for sin, Pain In Full; and assurance of your eternal life with God after earthly death. YES, there *is* life beyond death! So incomprehensibly glorious there are no words to describe it...just *ask* for it. Jesus wants you to be with Him. We'll tell you how to become a New Creation in Christ.

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As I See It

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by Sean Thomas

Another full and exciting weekend in the Old Pueblo. Thank you Michael and Peter for your generosity in making The Chili Verde Celebration a success. Thank you to S.O.S. for running and instructing AGRA volunteers on the casino tables. And of course the entertainment was great, from Miss Tish Tanner, Margo Leigh, Mary Murphy, John Barnes and the MC Mr. Blake Williams. Mr. Frank Gallego, you did a great job with Chili Verde, thank you. And at the same time AGRA was Celebrating Chili Verde, they were showing our community what they are all about, and that was giving back to the community. How? By awarding three of our worthy local organizations checks from the proceeds of the January Rodeo in Phoenix. And believe me I know what they will be put to much good use. The people from Phoenix, who were down here for the AGRA meetings said they were quite impressed with the festivities. Hopefully this will be an annual Club 2520 fundraiser for AGRA and the Tucson Rodeo. Each of AGRA's Champion members have been so terrific in their support. And don't forget on Thursday nights at Hours, it's drink specials for AGRA members along with some great Country/Western music. Let's get out there and patronize our local bars, let's show them how much their support means to AGRA and the entire Gay community. And for clarification, my column is an expression of my personal opinions and not necessarily those of any particular group or organization. For the official scoop from AGRA, please read the Home on the Range column in the Weekly Observer.

Of course, as usual. There were several events happening around town at the same time. Not only was the Chili Verde Celebration taking place with our State wide AGRA general membership meeting, but also the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant at the Quality Inn and the Pima County Fair. I wish I could have attended all three, but unfortunately that was impossible. However, I hear that congrat-

ulations are due to our newly crowned Miss Gay Tucson "Miss Candy Plastique". Best wishes to you Candy, I hope you have a full and successful year. Looking forward to seeing your first show as Miss Gay Tucson.

I'll be spending my Easter Holidays in Las Vegas. But I hear there will be some real fun to be had here in Tucson over the weekend. Such as Michael Bennett at Club 2520 will be preparing an incredible Prime Rib Brunch for Easter. Look for details concerning all the weekend's activities in this issue of the Observer.

And finally, I've come to realize the importance of good communication between people and groups in this community. As I have always said, I have a lot of respect for people who stand up for what they believe and do something, not just sit around and bitch. Two situations come to mind, First is a man at a local club was rudely complaining about Sharing Weekend and everything about it. When told to contact the appropriate person to answer his questions, they just need to ask. We should all try to be a constructive force in our community and not the opposite. I respect everyone's right to their own opinion. But if there is an issue/problem please address it and help resolve it. This is one terrific community, one to be definitely proud of. and the other situation is between two people who are too alike in many ways, yet refuse to work together. When people are put in a situation of having to work together for a common project or cause, they need to decide how much they believe in what they are trying to accomplish. If they believe their personal differences are more important or stronger than the project or cause, they both need to resign and let other people who are strong enough to put personal things, aside, and accomplish what needs to be done. I really don't believe it needs to ever come that. Enough said.

Till next week: Sean 628-7816.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cochle

Easter Sunday! The basis for the Christian faith. The foundation of Christianity. Christmas is equally important on the Christian calendar, but Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and everyone has been born and is quite a common event with all living creatures. But Easter celebrates the resurrection of a man who promised everlasting life to anyone and everyone who believes that with his resurrection, they, too, will enjoy a new life.

Jesus was no ghost or just an apparition and Jesus proved this by doing things that no ghost could do. He talked, walked and ate among those who witnessed His different appearances. His death was witnessed by too many people for anyone to argue that Jesus did not die and was buried. There were many witnesses who saw Jesus buried and there was a guard placed around the tomb to make sure the body was not taken. Jesus appeared to many, not just a select few, after His resurrection.

Jesus certainly proved that He was alive by eating. This was done twice according to Luke 24. In John we find that Jesus appeared to the disciples three times after His resurrection. Also, in John, Jesus asked Simon Peter three times if Simon loved Him more than any other.

And each time Simon Peter answered Jesus with, "Yes, thou knowest that I love thee". These three questions and answers nullified the times that Simon Peter denied knowing Jesus when He was arrested. It is even hinted in John 21 that Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was also forgiven.

This week, MCC/Tucson will have special worship services commemorating the important events during the final days of Holy Week. The schedule is as follows:

- *Thursday, April 16: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.
- *Friday, April 17: Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.
- *Sunday, April 19: Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 a.m.
- *Easter Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.,
- *Easter Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

There will be no Evening Worship Service on Easter Sunday. All events will be held at 3269 North Mountain Ave. **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in some in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things what so ever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 24:19 and 20 KJV.

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April 17th - Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m.

April 18th - Messianic Passover Observance - 6:00 p.m.

April 19th - **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunrise Service - 6:00 a.m.

Potluck Breakfast - 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

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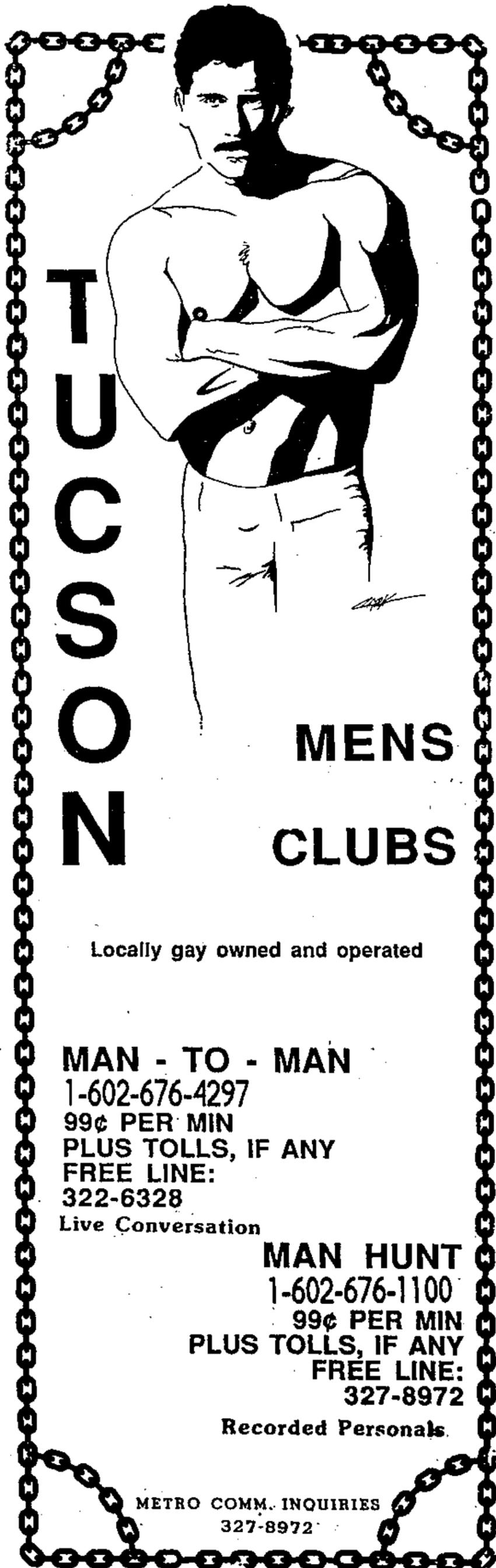
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EDITOR:

We have sent the following letter to the President and Board of Directors of the Arizona Gay Association:

Dear Arizona Gay Rodeo Association:

Thank you for your recent donation to the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson. It is by the generosity of individuals and groups like yourselves that we are able to assist people to live with HIV/AIDS. You do make a difference, thank you.

Sincerely, Jerome Beillard,
Executive Director, P.A.C.T.

EDITOR:

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the OBSERVER for honoring me with the TOGA Award last month.

I was surprised and thankful for the acknowledgement of the work I have done this past year. Many people worked long hours on making our community leaders aware of the inappropriate way we, as a Gay community, are treated. I feel the only way to change something that is wrong, is to work towards a solution to make things right.

There is still a long road ahead of all of us and I believe through the Gay and Lesbian political and social groups here in Tucson, we can continue to work towards a society that will accept us for who we are.

I also want to thank the Lambda Democrats, past and present, who paved the road for me to be able to call the mayor's office or the city council and say - "I am the co-chair of Lambda, will you speak with me?" - and they did.

I need to thank the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) for allowing me to work with the group and then become a part of the organization.

If you take one hour a week and apply that time to whatever Gay or Lesbian organization you belong to, it will cause a motion in your movement and the world will begin to be a better place for everyone.

Once again, thank you.
Debra Broner

EDITOR:

I would like to ask the good people who attended the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant to please forgive the many technical/audio difficulties I experienced during the Pageant. I would also like to apologize to the contestants and performers and thank them for their understanding and patience.

My respects to Miss Tiffany St. Thomas and my congratulations to Candy Plastique - Miss Gay Tucson 1992-93. Candy, I welcome the opportunity to work with you on any music needs you may have.

Penelope Poupè, It was an interesting and educational experience, but we all learn from our mistakes.

Thank you. Sincerely
Mark MacDonald
aka D.J. Marquis

TO THE EDITOR:

Mi God... My ass was blown straight into the weeds by the love and kindness of my friends at Rumorz last Thursday on my birthday. I just never dreamed....

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GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swaz and River Road. Call the church at 299-9863 for information.

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 847-1933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 2579 N. 1st Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1114.

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadway). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+1 Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
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AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHLETISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

COUPLES OF ARIZONA/Tucson Affiliates. Lesbian/Gay couples. Social & educational organization. Monthly informal meetings. For information call Lisa 573-3767.

ARE YOU FEMME AND ATTRACTED TO OTHER FEMMES? For Lesbians and Bi-women: Do you love wearing makeup and high heels, perfume and skirts, lingerie, etc.? Then, let's get together and see who we are! Femmes for Femmes Social/Support Group. Partners and singles welcome. Call 321-4737 for more information.

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A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Uncle Ed: An Anatomy Of A Controversy

Did he or didn't he? Is he or isn't he? These are only a few of the questions being asked in the Uncle Ed sex case revealed last month.

I refer to the current Gay/Lesbian cause celebre, that of Edward Savitz, a Philadelphia business accused of having sex with anywhere from two to untold thousands of teenaged boys dating back as far as 20 years.

The only thing authorities know for sure is that Savitz has AIDS. They do not know how many boys are involved, what sexual activity (if any) was involved and whether or not it was safe sex, and just who might have contracted AIDS from Savitz.

Savitz has been charged with numerous counts including involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual abuse of children, indecent assault and corrupting the morals of a minor.

AIDS civil rights groups, including Queer Nation and ACT-Up, have staged protests outside the office of District Attorney Lynne Abraham. The groups are accusing her of creating a media circus by releasing information on the case in a sensational, grand-standing manner that pandered to the public's ignorance and fear of AIDS.

Was it a mistake to hold a press conference, as did Abraham, as a "public service" to the "thousands" of boys who were possibly infected with AIDS by a man whose identity was not originally released?

Was it grand-standing to set bail at \$3 million then \$20 million.

Was it an error to announce the

confiscation from Savitz's home of hundreds of pieces of boys clothing (for which Savitz allegedly paid) and more the 5000 photographs of naked boys?

These are so many questions to which there are no easy answers -- and perhaps may never be. Abraham insist she had a duty to the public to alert possibly infected boys of their situation. It's hard to argue with he belief -- especially if the number of boys affected is as high as some believe. Contrary to the beliefs of Gay/Lesbian activist. I believe Abraham acted in the only matter she could.

However, I believe a \$20 million bail is equal to ransom, as has been charged. To get out of jail on \$20 million bail, Savitz would need to come up with \$2 million in cash or pledge \$20 million in property. This is ludicrous.

The only thing to come out of the Savitz case so far is the accurate labeling of Savitz a pedophile, not a homosexual. There is a difference often lost on a generally ignorant public: Relating to sex, a pedophile has a sexual attraction to children; a homosexual has a sexual attraction to a person of the same sex. Granted, there is a fine line here, but the public must understand that while a pedophile may be homosexual, not all homosexuals are pedophiles.

We have worked too long and too hard to clear ourselves of the false accusation of preying on and recruiting children to the path of homosexuality (thanks to scientific research pointing toward a biological cause of homosexuality). We must remain vigilant.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

STEVEN DIETZ..

Q: Advice From Your Counselor A.

P.O. Box 40084, Tucson, AZ 85717

Q. You mentioned in a past column that there were books or something available for bisexual men, but I haven't found any here in Tucson. Could you tell me what the titles are and where I can get them?

A. Many of the books listed below are available at Antigone Books on 4th Avenue in Tucson and other local bookstores in Tucson and Phoenix. If you don't find them on the shelves, most stores will be happy to order them for you. You can also call Lambda Rising, one of the nation's largest booksellers that carries a wide selection of texts relating to gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues; the toll free number is 1-800-621-6969.

I also suggest that your local library and request that they carry books of interest to you. The books that public libraries keep in stock depend entirely on public opinion. Calls from concerned members of the Gay community do make a difference!

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CLOSET by Amity Buxton. This book explores the major issues for straight spouses when their wives or husbands come out.

THE BISEXUAL SPOUSE by Ivan Hill,

contains candid interviews, case histories, and professional opinions by, and about bisexual husbands and wives. It examines the experience of bisexuality within marriage, and resolution of ethical issues.

BISEXUALITY, A Reader and Sourcebook by Thomas Geller, includes personal interviews, philosophical essays, and a "catalog of bisexuality" listing organizations and phone lines world wide as well as books and a glossary.

BI ANY OTHER: Bisexual People Speak Out by Lorraine Hutchins and Lani Kaahumanu is a collection of essays, interviews, cartoons and poems dealing with psychological, spiritual, and political issues surrounding bisexuality.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE FAMILY by Frederick W. Bozett, ed., contains chapters on family members' reactions to the disclosure of homosexuality including heterosexual women's perceptions of their marriages to gay or bisexual men.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND FAMILY RELATIONS by Frederick W. Bozett, ed., also studies marital relations and is of special importance for gay and bisexual men who are parents. It also addresses the impact of AIDS/HIV on families.



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