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Candlelight Memorial Draws Over 200

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON - This upcoming weekend, people will be remembering those who served our country in the wars. This past Sunday, Tucsonans and others in cities around the world gathered to remember those living with HIV/AIDS and those who lost their battle with the disease.

The thirteenth annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization took place at Armory Park, with over 200 persons attending. Tucson was one of 290 cities participating in the Memorial. The sponsors of the Tucson event were Wingspan and the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

This year's official observance theme was "AIDS Discrimination Is a Global Epidemic," highlighted by the enactment of new U.S. law that requires the discharge of military persons who test HIV positive and denial of postal service medical benefits.

The international observances had begun in San Francisco in 1983.

Over 200 who had gathered, had candles which illuminated the darkness. The light from the candles symbolized the attempt to spread the truth about AIDS, and shined light on the discrimination faced by those living with the disease.

Speakers, People With AIDS (PWA's) and the heads of the local AIDS service organizations made brief remarks. This portion of the event was emceed by Mark Schaye of Wingspan.

The first speaker was a woman living with AIDS, named Jean. Jean read a letter from a woman living with AIDS who could not attend because of the publicity surrounding the Memorial. The woman said that many living with AIDS are in the shadows because they could lose their houses, their jobs, and what rights they had if they go public, because ignorance and discrimination still prevail. Jean urged the audience to keep working and to keep helping.

David Hoover of the Pima County Health Department criticizing Congress over their "shameful" actions surrounding Ryan White and the discharge of military personnel who tested HIV+. Hoover also said that AIDS also have shown the depth of love that people have for those with chronic conditions. Also, AIDS has shown the depth of love and hope people have. Hoover urged the audience to continue their efforts with compassion and love.

Marylee Pangman, executive director of PACT expressed her pride in the AIDS service organizations programs

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Supremes Strike Down Colorado's Amendment 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - The Supreme Court handed Gay-rights advocates their biggest legal victory, throwing out a Colorado constitutional amendment, that forbids laws protecting Gays and Lesbians from discrimination.

The Colorado amendment violated Gays and Lesbian constitutional right to equal protection, the court ruled, 6-3, in its most significant Gay rights case in a decade.

It was the first major ruling involving Gay rights since a 1986 decision in which justices upheld a Georgia law that criminalized homosexual sex between consenting adults.

The ruling did not address the legality of homosexual conduct. It also did not require stricter legal scrutiny of laws based on sexual orientation, as the court has for laws creating classifications based on race or gender.

The justices said the Colorado amendment denied Gays and Lesbians a political right enjoyed by everyone else, the chance to seek protection from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

"We must conclude that Amendment 2 classifies homosexuals not to further a proper legislative end but to make them unequal to everyone else," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the court. "This Colorado cannot do. A state cannot so deem a class of persons a stranger to its laws. It is not within our constitution traditions to enact laws of this sort."

In a stinging dissent, Justice Antonin Scalia accused the majority of "imposing upon all Americans" the pronouncement that "animosity toward homosexuality...is evil." Scalia called the amendment "Colorado's reasonable effort to preserve traditional American moral values" and added that it was not the courts' business "to take sides in this culture war"

Such anti-discrimination laws do no grant homosexuals special rights, Justice Anthony Kennedy said, but give them "protections taken for granted by most people either because they already have them or do not need them.

The dissent was joined by Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas.

Joining Kennedy's majority opinion were Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer.

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton said she was disappointed, adding, "The debate in Colorado was about whether

er special rights should be extended to a new group."

Matt Coles of the American Civil Liberties Union Gay & Lesbian Rights Project, one of the groups who worked to overturn the amendment said after the decision, "Equal protections means just that. Everyone's equal under the law. Disapproving of one is not justification for discrimination."

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign said, "This decision does not confer any new civil right on any Gay or Lesbian American. What it does, is create a new context of hope in which Gay and Lesbian Americans can fight for their rights."

In Arizona, reaction was swift.

Bill MacDonz, chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund and member of Arizonans for Fairness Coalition said the ruling sets the Gay community back on equal footing. "No state can carve out a group of people because of a single trait and treat them differently...." he said in an interview.

"This is a day to celebrate. This is exciting news. This is what is right," said Marcia Paris, board president of Wingspan in an interview. "The court's ruling is a recognition that "a violation of one persons' rights is a violation of all of our rights."

The Colorado constitutional amendment, approved in 1992, has never been enforced because it was immediately challenged in court by Gay men and women as well as three Colorado cities that had enacted Gay-rights ordinances.

The amendment would have canceled Gay rights ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen and barred the enactment of any other Gay rights laws or policies by the state or local governments.

The Colorado Supreme Court invalidated the amendment on the ground it denied homosexuals an equal voice in government.

Court's Ruling May Affect Other Anti-Gay Measures

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The Supreme Court ruling which threw out Colorado's ban on laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination will force a new critical look at anti-Gay initiatives across the country.

In particular, the high court justices could order a federal appeals court to reconsider its ruling reinstating a Cincinnati law reads much like the Colorado measure.

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The ruling is also expected to affect an anti-Gay rights amendment adopted by a Florida county, according to Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Goldberg said she expects the ruling, a dramatic victory for Gay rights, to "put a significant dent" in efforts to enact other anti-Gay legislation. Petition signatures are being gathered in Oregon and Idaho for state initiatives that would restrict Gay rights legislation.

But groups opposing Gay rights said they will not give up.

"We'll stop at nothing. We'll redouble our efforts at the grass roots," said Jim Woodall, head of Concerned Women for America.

The high court ruling said the Colorado constitutional amendment, Amendment 2, banning laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination, violated Gay citizens' right to equal protection under the law.

The Cincinnati measure, enacted by voters in 1993 as an amendment to the city charter, bars enactment or enforcement of any law aimed at protecting Gays from discrimination.

A federal judge threw out the amendment, but the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated it. The court said the amendment was rationally aimed at lifting liability from people who choose to "disassociate themselves from homosexuals."

Goldberg said her group is challenging a 1994 county charter amendment enacted in Alachua County, Florida, that bars local Gay rights measures. A state trial court has not ruled in that case, but she said she expects it to be invalidated under the Supreme Court's ruling.

Meet The Candidate At The Biz May 23

TUCSON - Democratic candidate for Pima County Attorney, Rick Gonzales, will be featured in a "Meet the Candidate" political event, tomorrow at Ain't Nobody's Bizness, 2900 East Broadway.

This political event will take place from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.. A committee of Gay and Lesbian supporters is hosting the forum. There will be hors d'oeuvres and no host bar.

Donations will be greatly accepted.

South Carolina Bans Same-Sex Marriages

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Gov. David Beasley has signed a measure banning same-sex marriages in South Carolina, saying the state wouldn't "promote that lifestyle."

"What they do in their own private life is their own business, but in South Carolina we're not going to promote that lifestyle as a state," said Beasley, a Republican.

The measure is similar to legislation in other states introduced in response to a court case in Hawaii that could legalize Gay marriages.

Gay Event To Be First Ever Simulcast On The Internet

CHICAGO, IL - The 18th annual International Mr. Leather contest and show will be simulcasted live on the internet on Sunday, May 26, from 6 to 11 P.M.

Coverage will be provided in two formats, the IML home page at "http://www.IML.com" and via Internet Relay Chat (IRC) in the IML96 Chat Room.

The web page will include real time digital photo updates of the finalists and winners as they're announced.

The IML96 Chat Room will

feature an ongoing description of the show and contest as it takes place as well as interviews with IML Contest Frank Nowicki, featured artist Judy Tunuta, 1995 contest winner Larry Everett, Judge Marcus Hernandez, and IML founder Chuck Renslow.

This is the first time a Gay even will be covered live on the internet. International Mr. Leather is the premier Gay leather event and will involve 60 contests from 10 different countries.

The Bono's Marriage Dispute

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Chastity Bono says her father, Rep. Sonny Bono, R-California, told her he would support same-sex marriages and then opposed them anyway.

The elder Bono has signed on as a co-sponsor of a bill that would define marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman.

"It's just very disappointing to me that my father would put aside personal convictions for a political party," Chastity Bono said.

Father Tries To Arbitrarily Test Daughter For HIV

NORWALK, CA - Final arguments are to be heard this week in a case in which a judge has ordered a father not to have his 9 year old daughter tested for HIV.

The father wants to get his daughter, identified only as Mary, back from his former wife, who has married a man whose first wife died of AIDS.

As part of the custody dispute, Mary's father sought information on whether her stepsisters are HIV positive. Later one of the stepsisters are HIV positive. A judge denied his request and refused to let him have Mary tested.

The judge is reconsidering on appellate court order. Experts say chance of transmission is low and there are issues of confidentiality.

House Passes Defense Bill with Anti-Gay and Anti-AIDS Amendments; Clinton Threatens Veto

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The House of Representatives approved a defense spending bill that provides \$12.4 billion more than President Clinton requested and includes conservative initiatives on Gays in the military and discharge service members with AIDS.

The \$266.7 billion defense measure, representing about one in every six taxpayer dollars, passed 272-153 with surprisingly little debate over the increased bottom line. The Senate takes up the defense budget this week.

The House legislation contains two provisions, sponsored by California Rep. Bob Dornan (R). The amendments would reinstate the ban on Gays serving in the military; require the discharge of service members with the AIDS virus; removal of any references to sexual orientation as a hate crime category in training for members of the armed forces.

"We're witnessing some of the worst Gay bashing by Congress in American history. Don't these people have anything better to do?" asked Daniel Zingale, the Human Rights Campaign political director. "These issues have absolutely nothing to do with the national defense. Spite and bigotry are the only conceivable reasons why these measures were reintroduced."

The Senate version of the defense bill includes an amendment, introduced by Sen. John McCain, that would instruct the services to treat all service members with chronic illnesses uniformly.

The emphasis on social issues was somewhat surprising because identical or similar measures in last year's defense bill contributed to President Clinton's veto and to protracted negotiations. White House spokesman Mike McCurry has issued a statement saying President Clinton may threaten to veto this year's defense measure.

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Newt's Lesbian Sister Calls On Him To Stop Congressional Gay Bashing

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Candace Gingrich, the Lesbian sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-GA, and a Human Rights Campaign spokesperson, has called upon her brother to stop congressional Gay bashing on issues ranging from military discrimination to marriage.

on a national anti-marriage bill that would forbid equal marriage rights for Lesbian and Gay Americans. That measure was introduced in the House by Congressman Bob Barr, R-Ga, and in the Senate by GOP Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma.

Gingrich made her remarks at a Capitol Hill news conference, the day before a House subcommittee scheduled hearing on a national anti-Gay marriage bill.

"In this campaign year, it's no accident that Bob Dole is the only other senator who signed onto the bill as an original co-sponsor, a clear indication that Senator Dole is taking the bait of religious political extremist who are trying to inject this anti-marriage issue into the heat of the presidential election.

The following is a text of Candace Gingrich's statement:

"Let's be clear: In no state in the union can people of the same gender marry legally. One state, Hawaii, is looking at this issue, but no decision is expected for two years. So the raising of this issue now, at the national level, is nothing more than election-year scapegoating of one group of Americans.

"It is with great sadness that I felt the need to come here. For the last two weeks, we have seen an unprecedented level of anti-Gay activity in Congress.

"In the House, Congressman Bob Dornan and a handful of other extremists are trying to force the military to reinstate the old anti-Gay policy of asking service members about their sexual orientation. Dornan has already managed to slip that measure into next year's defense bill, along with a renewed attempt to mandate that the military discharge all HIV positive service members, against even the wishes of military leaders and veterans' groups.

"All of this comes at a time when Lesbian and Gay Americans still do not have basic equal rights under federal law, when we can still be fired from our jobs just because of who we are, regardless of job performance or qualifications.

"Furthermore, Dornan inserted another measure in the defense bill that removes the term 'sexual orientation' from the DoD's anti-hate crimes training, thereby uniquely excluding anti-Gay violence from the litany of hate crimes about which our troops are informed.

"These are the troubling developments that have brought me here, developments that, viewed as a whole, clearly indicate Gay people are being used as election year fodder to score political points, all with the tacit approval of my brother and Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole.

"All of that would be bad enough, but it is just the beginning.

"So it has come to this. The speaker of the House is my brother and I love him as such. And I hope that, as my brother, he understands that what I am about to say I do not say lightly:

"Even though Lesbian and Gay couples cannot legally marry anywhere in the United States, and Hawaii is two years away from final resolution of the issue, religious political extremists have coordinated a flood of organizing around the issue in 34 states and now, sadly, in the U.S. Congress.

"I am here to simply call upon my brother to stop this congressional Gay bashing, before intolerance becomes the legacy of the 104th Congress.

"The House Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution will hold a hearing

"Doesn't Congress have anything better to do? Why are they not focusing on the business of the nation, instead of the obsessions of a few extremists? I

don't understand how my brother could put a Gay bashing agenda ahead of issues central to the running of the country.

"I believe in my heart that Newt bears no ill will toward those of us who are Lesbian or Gay; but he must feel that he is politically beholden to some people who do. I ask my brother to stop this wave of political Gay bashing that is sweeping over this Congress.

"I am here to ask him if he really wants the legacy of the 104th Congress to be an unprecedented political assault on

the lives of Lesbian and Gay Americans.

"I am here to ask if he truly feels it is right to let a handful of zealots push mean-spirited measures that are politically calculated to divide the country and scapegoat one group of citizens - Americans who are a part of his very own family.

"And finally, amid this new flood of anti-Gay scapegoating, I am here to remind the House speaker, the Congress and indeed the nation, that fairness for Lesbian and Gay Americans is a family issue, and that we are no less deserving of being treated equally under the law."

Church Court Declines To Bar Gay Ordinations

WILMINGTON, DE (AP) - Averting the first heresy trial of an Episcopal bishop since the 1920's, a church court has ruled that church doctrine does not explicitly bar the ordination of practicing homosexuals.

cially since, "The practice of homosexuality is a flagrant violation of long-held Christian belief."

The now-retired Bishop, Walter Righter was charged with heresy for ordaining the Rev. Barry Stopfel as a deacon in 1990 even though he knew Stopfel was involved in a long-term Gay relationship. Stopfel has since become a priest and is rector of a church in Maplewood, N.J.

Righter said he hoped the decision meant "there are no outcasts in the Episcopal Church."

Like many retired bishops, Righter, 72, still performs confirmations, sermons and other priestly duties. Had he been tried and found guilty of being a heretic, he would not have been allowed to continue.

"We're making too much out of bedrooms," Righter said. "The question isn't Gay. It's what kind of relationship do they have. Is it monogamous? Is it faithful?"

In the ruling, the panel of eight bishops declared that a 1979 resolution against the ordination of non-celibate Gays is non-binding.

Righter was only the second bishop to face a heresy charge in the church's 206 year history.

Before the ruling, the Episcopal Church allowed only the ordination of married heterosexuals, celibate single heterosexuals and celibate homosexuals. The ruling did not say whether the church now condones the ordination of Gays.

The bishops who brought the charges have not decided whether they will appeal. Their spokesman, Bishop James Stanton of Dallas, said the group was "profoundly disappointed."

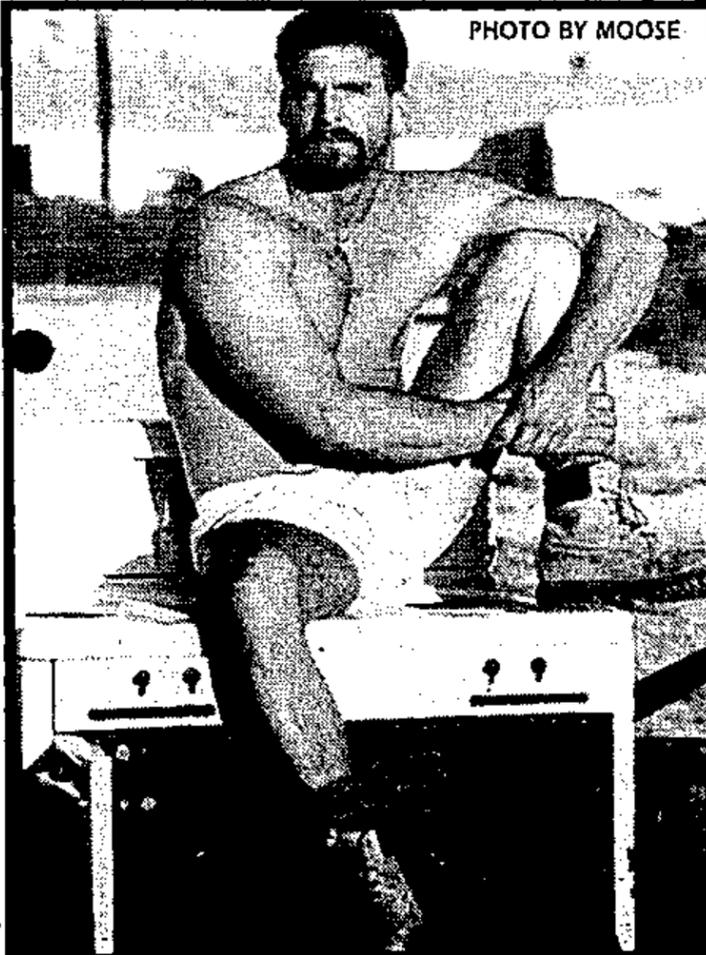
Calling All Jello Wrestlers

TUCSON - Calling all Jello Wrestlers! The ninth annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling extravaganza will take place, Sunday, June 2, at the Graduate.

This extravaganza brings together the community to raise funds for the Shanti Foundation-Tucson. But wrestlers are needed to participate, and to get pledges for their participation.

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Hats off to the Supreme Court, who this week threw out Colorado's anti-Gay amendment as unconstitutional! We are all a lot safer now that this, perhaps our biggest legal victory ever, has been won. How ironic that it comes at a time when many states, including our own august administration, have banned Gay marriages. The right to marry according to one's own sexual orientation is obviously a basic right. Let's keep fighting for it. ...

The Men's Social Network is active and thriving, offering a non-bar alternative for Gay men who like to socialize and meet other great guys! All ages are welcome. Activities include potlucks, video nights, board game nights, hikes, daytrips, and more! Come to a couple of activities and see how you like it. I recommend it! For more information, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. ...

People have asked me whether I am obsessed with AIDS, since I mention it so much in my columns. Am I morbid? Am I HIV-positive? Why would I constantly make reference to such a depressing topic? As a matter of fact, I am HIV-negative as of my last test, and I have no reason to believe I have the virus, since I follow my own advice about safer sex. But I have seen the process of suffering and death by AIDS up close, and that makes me very aware of it.

Having spent some time in San Francisco before I came here to Tucson, I heard many Gay men talk about their experience. One fellow psychologist-I spoke with told me, "I am invited to one

THE WHOLE MAN BY DR. BOB

A Pot Pourri

or two memorial services per week, and as much as I want to be supportive, I just can't do it." I heard other men speak about their plans for suicide when their illness reached a certain point. Estimates are that 7 out of 10 Gay men in West Hollywood are infected with the virus. The Russian River near Guerneville, California, once a thriving Gay vacation spot, is now relatively empty, hurting for business because the AIDS epidemic has killed so many of us. The whole Body Electric movement, which I was greatly influenced by, is partially driven by the need to find safe alternatives (erotic massage) to the more dangerous types of sex.

Here in Tucson, the estimates are that 2 out of 10 Gay men are infected with the virus. That means that if you go into a gay bar, it's reasonable to assume that, out of every five guys sitting at the bar, at least one of them has the virus. These rates will rapidly go up, and approach the California rates, unless we all practice safer sex. In a way, we are just five or ten years behind San Francisco.

So the reason I write so much about safer sex is because I don't want Tucson to be the Gay ghost town that San Francisco and West Hollywood are today. So many of us have already died, and so many more of us will be dying in the next

decade. We still have a chance for Tucson to escape this fate, if enough of us educate ourselves about the facts we need to save our lives. Please think about safer sex, set your own standards, and don't violate them for anybody. Your life is worth living. Value queer lives! ...

Now that summer is here (in fact if not in theory), and the students and snowbirds have flown away, it's just us locals. I love how traffic is lighter, especially around the University area, where I live. I'm still offering my services, even though the students are temporarily gone: bodywork, breathwork, intimacy skills groups, and individual lifegrowth sessions. Call me if you want to work on yourself!

Speaking of which, I want to remind all of us how beautiful we all are. Gay men are great; fags are fabulous; queers are quintessential! Being as beautiful as we already are, it only makes sense that we should work for even greater pulchritude. I mean physical and spiritual beauty. For physical beauty, get yourself

a physical trainer. For spiritual and psychological beauty, get yourself a spiritual/psychological trainer: namely, me!

I am uniquely trained to help Gay men grow. Recently, a client in individual lifegrowth work told me, "I thought I had already gone over those issues in a previous therapy. But it made such a huge difference to work on these issues with you, because it's a completely Gay-supportive environment!" Same goes for my groups: they are a setting in which everybody there is Gay or Bisexual, and the space I create is one where your natural self is completely welcome.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a bodyworker and educator for the Gay community. For more information, please call Dr. Bob at 623-1732.]

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Desert Voices (above) performed for those who attended the Candlelight Memorial last Sunday. See Story on page one.

Candlelight Memorial

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they provide. Pangman asked the audience to take their energy and put it into positive work for PWA's. "Together we must come together to help PWA's beat the discrimination and oppression and find a cure," Pangman said.

... Anne Maley, executive director of the Shanti Foundation, stated the audience, "must do more in our community to mobilize and fight AIDS." Maley stressed the importance of mobilization to "fight ignorance, bigotry and discrimination and pleaded to double efforts to make this a better place for persons living with AIDS to live."

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Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Hola! En esta ocasión el tema a comentar sera sobre la abstinencia diciendo "NO" al sexo, sobre todo: que significa abstinencia? Es prescindir de algo: Abstenerse.

Y te puedes abstener por muchas razones, tales como:

- Para proteger tu salud.
- Para apegarte a tus valores religiosos o morales.
- Para tomar control de tu propia vida.

LA ABSTINENCIA NO ES PARA SIEMPRE, si decides abstenerte, no queremos decir que nunca tendrás relaciones sexuales. Tan sólo significa que has decidido esperar.

Decir "NO" al sexo tiene muchas ventajas, por ejemplo, es una excelente forma de:

- Evitar enfermedades transmitidas sexualmente, como el SIDA, Sífilis, Gonorrea, etc.

- Estimular tu autoestima. La mejor manera de aumentar tu autoestima (como te sientes con respecto a tí mismo) es tratandote a tí mismo con respeto, no dejes que otros te presionen para hacer algo para lo cual no estás listo.

Además la abstinencia crea amistades, te puede ayudar aprender como: Ser AMIGO, ser un buen amigo con lleva habilidades especiales. Necesitas ser capaz de:

- **COMUNICARTE BIEN.** Compartir tus pensamientos y sentimientos es una de las mejores formas de acercarte a los demas.

- **ACEPTAR A LOS DEMAS.** No obligues a que tus amigos cambien o escondan sus sentimientos. Tan sólo aprécialos por ser quienes son.

- **DEDICAR TIEMPO A LOS DEMAS.** Los amigos se divierten aprendiendo unos de otros. Comparte tus intereses y pasatiempos con tus amigos.

- **VALORAR A LOS DEMAS.** Es importante aprender a ponerte en el lugar de otra persona. Los amigos respetan de las necesidades de cada uno.

Aprende a decir "NO." ¿Que dirías si alguien te presionara con una de las siguientes frases? He aquí algunas ideas:

- "Si realmente me amases, tendrías relaciones sexuales conmigo."

Si realmente me amases, no me presionarías.

- "Todos lo están haciendo"
 Eso no es cierto, yo no lo estoy haciendo y yo soy alguien.

- "Si tú no lo haces, encontraré a alguien que lo haga."
 Si eso es todo lo que significa para tí, entonces deberías encontrar a alguien más.

- "Cree que me amabas!"
 Si te amo, pero yo cree que tú me respetabas!

SE DECISIVO, aprende a intervenir a tu favor.

Utiliza declaraciones del "yo," por ejemplo; en vez de decir: "tú eres tan tonto," de, "yo me siento dolido cuando me ignoras frente a tus amigos..."

MANTEN LA CALMA, no te excites, manten tu voz estable. Trata de no llorar o gritar.

No cedas ante la presión. Una vez que hayas tomado una decisión no dejes que nadie la cambie por tí.

Define tus límites. Decide cuán lejos iras antes de verte envuelto en una situación donde podrías ser presionado ir más allá de tus límites.

Habla sobre tus sentimientos. Deja que la persona sepa como te sientes, no hagas que esta persona adivine cuán lejos puede llegar.

Le recuerdo que no está por demás una plática con cualquier consejero especializado al respecto, y el hablar y confiar a alguien en una forma profesional es de mucha ayuda; aunque siempre, las decisiones personales así deben ser: personales, y sobre todo concientes para no culpar a nadie.

Se recuerda que Salud Es Poder solicita voluntarios para empezar la planificación de las siguientes eventos, sobre todo el de las fiestas de independencia para el mes de septiembre.

Por hoy es todo, seguimos esperando sus sugerencias y comentarios. Hasta la próxima semana. D.M.:

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The much anticipated decision on Colorado's Amendment 2 came down from the U.S. Supreme Court this week. [See accompanying story.]

The justices said the Colorado amendment denied Gays and Lesbians a political right enjoyed by everyone else, the chance to seek protection from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

With the Gay-bashing actions by State Legislatures and Congress. The GOP presidential campaign focusing on Gays and Lesbians, trying to use us to their political advantage. The few "friends" Gays and Lesbians have in government are those men and women in the adorable black robes.

Three cheers for the judicial branch! ...

This past week, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, Sen. Bob Dole of Totoland, the Senate Majority Leader, in a overly-dramatic move, announced he was retiring from the Senate.

Dole made his announcement in the Capitol during a press conference. Dole tearfully said he was going focus on the presidential contest and that "he was going to the White House or home to Russell."

There wasn't a dry eye in the place. It was like a musical, an Andrew Lloyd-Weber production. Can you picture it, "Roberto", the latest Lloyd-Weber production about a man who "seduced a state, and suckered a nation!"

The songs would be like, "Don't cry for me Russell, Kansas. The truth is I shall not see you. Not through my mild days, my bad existence. I've not kept a promise, so keep your distance."

Right, "Citizen" Bob Dole, an outsider. This homophobe, who has been in Congress for 35 years portraying himself as an "average Joe." What a crack, and people aren't buying it according to the most recent polls. We ain't! ...

The Republican's unconstitutional federal legislation that would ban same-sex marriages, H.R. 3396, and S.1740 has started the process of going through Congress.

The Republican leadership in the

House has given H.R. 3396 the okay for the fast track, which means the measure will sail through the House of Representatives.

H.R. 3396 was heard this past week by the House Subcommittee on the Constitution and was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

We need to let our local Representatives to vote against this unconstitutional waste of taxpayers money. Here are the local numbers of Congressmen Ed Pastor (D-CD 2), and Jim Kolbe (R-CD 5). Pastor - 624-9986. Kolbe - 881-3588.

Call them and leave messages telling them to vote no on H.R. 3396. A phone call is worth more than ever! We must act now!

S.1740 was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee, but no hearings had been scheduled on the measure as of press time. ...

Be afraid, be very afraid! Former Vice-President Dan Quayle is in town today, attempting to sign his name in his new book, "Mr. Potato Head" at Barnes & Noble.

The question to the three people who will shell out the money and buy Quayle's book, "Can he spell?" ...

Yes kids, Gays and Lesbians are the hot political topic for the 1996 election, and that hypocrisy has come to Pima County.

Several issues back, this column reported on a proposal to expand medical and health coverage to domestic partners of employees of Pima County government.

Well, the proposal hasn't gone any further. The measure has been drafted, approved by the County Manager, and submitted to the Pima County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

That's where the proposal is. Gathering dust. Why the stalling? The entire Board is up for election this year. Do you think an elected body would do something that would benefit the Gay and Lesbian community during an election year? No way! ...

Speaking of the westside Pima County Supervisor? Why is he holding numerous fund raisers, since he has only token opposition, and very positive ratings from constituents in his re-election bid for Supervisor? Could it be for a run for Tucson Mayor in 1999? ...

The much anticipated campaign by the Tucson G/L community is not going to even get out of the starting gate. The former candidate is returning contributions at a paltry rate of 40 cents to the dollar. ...

Next Wednesday, May 29, Tucson Ward 6 Council member Molly McKasson will host an open house of her new office. The office is located at 2205 East Speedway. Will the guest of honor be none other than Mayor George Miller?

So it goes for now kids!

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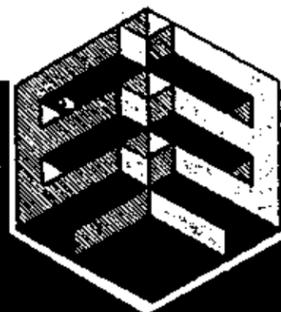
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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
by Raul Almeraz

Howdy everyone! Hope everyone is doing well and had a great weekend and looking forward to AGRA's Garth Brooks raffle to be held next Friday evening at the Stonewall/Eagle. Be there! It'll be a great time for all.

Stay tuned. J.D. Wrangler will keep you informed of all the details and events for AGRA-Tucson.

As many of you know, with the new AGRA Board of Directors in place, including my position as Fund Raising Director, new committees are starting to take shape. I will be passing the responsibility and honor of writing "Home On The Range With AGRA Tucson" to another volunteer. For this area of what falls under the Public Relations area. "J.D. Wrangler" will be your new writer and will begin in next weeks issue.

For those of you who were unable to buy a 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo T-shirt, Jen over at Hours has some available. They are going for \$5 each, so get them while supplies last. All sizes are currently available.

This past year, while I was helping Public Relations with the writing of the AGRA article for The Observer, I hop I was able to keep everyone who read, "Home on the Range..." informed as well as entertained. I definitely enjoyed the chance to write for you, as well as learning a great deal from and about our great community. This will be last issue as the author, but that only leaves me more time to concentrate on fund raising tasks for AGRA. I greatly hope everyone will continue to read-up on all the AGRA happenings throughout the year.

As many of you know, New Mexico held its Zia Regional Rodeo in Albuquerque and you know me being the native of New Mexico that I am, I was there. They had a great turnout and some great rodeoing was definitely on every contestants mind. I know for a fact that our very own Sandra and Andy Anaya were focused for the weekend.

In closing, I can not go on without saying thank you to my dear friend Richard Gerardi for allowing me to come over on a weekly basis and loaning me his computer. Monday evenings became our time for bonding. Not to confuse it with bondage. Richard, thanks again, love you dearly.

That's all I have for now. Until next time have fun, play safe, and the pleasure to write for you was definitely mine.

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The weekend started on Friday evening at the Hilton, the Rodeo's host hotel, with registration and cocktail shows and then open dancing till midnight. Since the bars in New Mexico close at 2 A.M., well everyone was off and running to the local bars. The Ranch was definitely the place to be with everyone ready to part and dance will the cows came home.

Two very special things happened that evening. The first being Sandra and Mr. Dave Rainier attempting to waltz. After all the bumps and bruises they did manage to come out of all that mess with their lives. The second being that very same handsome cowboy was suddenly being Cheryl's personal bull. Even with her spurring, she managed to stay on her full ride. Hell, as gorgeous as he is, he wouldn't be able to buck me off either. It was definitely a sight to see.

Even after all the fun this weekend, NMGRA is still in focus with IGRA Finals just around the corner in October. If this past weekend reflects what is to be expected in October, it's going to be a great time for rodeoing.

The AGRA raffle is doing well and there are just a few days left to get your chances to win a pair of Garth Brooks tickets for his opening night performance on Sunday, June 2. When you see us out, come on by for a raffle ticket. \$1 a chance, six for \$5, or for \$10 the men can get their inseam length measured with tickets and you women can get a bustline done. There will be two winners with each winning one pair of tickets.

This past Sunday, AGRA held its first meeting with the new board of directors in place for the new year. The meeting was held at the Stonewall/Eagle, and a big thank you to all the staff for their hospitality.

Unfortunately I was unavailable this weekend to catch all the scoop around the Ol' Pueblo. I understand that there may be a bit of scandal involving Ms. Lee of Hours. If there is something to write about once I hear from my reporters, I'll fill ya'in.

Our poster contest is in the making and we will be announcing the rules and regulations for the 1997 rodeo poster. Let's get those creative juices flowing.



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by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Quite a surprise when an expected emotion hits you, huh?

A recent visit to Los Angeles produced some unexpected emotions for me; made me long for the good ol' days. Suppose this occurs with most of us in the senior years when we look back in time.

We remember when gas (only ethyl and regular then) was only a few cents a gallon; when a Saturday matinee was ten cents; a cup of coffee only five cents; a pack of cigs was 12 cents. And, we actually said "good morning" and smiled at fellow-strangers on the road of life; we didn't even have to walk across the street fearfully when we saw a fellow human approaching.

Yeah, life was certainly different back in the 40's and 50's. The memories are fond of those of us who've made it into the 90's.

When I moved to L.A. in the 50's, once could actually see the mountains hovering over the city. Today, all one sees is the city, and one is left to wonder where ever did the mountains go!! There was an odor of orange blossoms wafting in the air. Now, there's a strange mixture of who-knows-what which also makes your eyes water.

Lovely Los Angeles! Where did it go? The answer is simple. The same place every major metropolis has gone...and the cause? Too many people in too small a space.

Local politicians across the nation need to think seriously about this when developers, anxious to make a killing financially, want to pack the people into a city limit.

Local religious leaders need to think seriously about this when they preach "go forth and multiply" with a centuries-old-message to a people on an already over-populated planet called Earth.

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EDITOR:

I want to give my heartfelt thanks to Felice and Kristen who raised \$316 for Shanti's food pantry this past Sunday at Ain't Nobody's Biz. All of us at Shanti are so appreciative of the donors who helped make this a successful event for the people who come to Shanti for food.

In April, 64 individuals used Shanti's food pantry program. This number indicates the importance of this service to the HIV community. We are proud to have the ongoing support from all the Gay bars and the performers in the community for this and other of Shanti's programs. Your ongoing support of our work really does make a difference in the lives of the men and women who come to Shanti.

Don't forget to join us at Jell-o Wrestling on Sunday, June 2, 4 to 6 P.M. at the Graduate!

My love and thoughts,
Anne Maley

Parents need to think seriously about this when they think about bringing a child into a world where it will have to face the results of over-population.

What results, you say?, Increased crime and violence; planetary pollution creating an unfriendly environment; increased poverty and lack of adequate nutrition, with many more world citizens facing starvation; the increase of new and old diseases as mankind scrambles to provide space, thus disrupting Mother Nature and angering her.

We all need to become a people who think rather than simply act with the emotion of our libido.

Every major problem (i.e.: crime, pollution, etc.) can trace roots to one common source: too many people in too small a space. We must learn to consider the consequences of what happens when one tests our fellow-animal citizens with two rats in a cage, and what happens when we add six or eight more fellow-animals into that same space. It's devastating! And, unfortunately, we must also consider the scientific fact the our species is also "animal".

Maybe you think our Gay and Lesbian community need not be too concerned with this problem? Think again. We may not be the planetary breeders, but it doesn't mean we have no heirs and don't care about our fellow humans.

CHANNEL CHANGE: I am astounded when confronted with the fact that there is prejudice and bigotry within the homosexual community!

If any group of people should have erased it from their minds and hearts, it should be us! We, who have experienced enough of it to last four lifetimes, ought to have learned the evils of this incredible form of ignorance. It bothers me I guess because I have this silly idea that God has blessed us with a bit more creativity and intelligence than usual, maybe sort of as a compensation for being one of the smallest minority groups.

Educated, intelligent people know the scientific fact that all peoples stem from one source...whether we are Red, Yellow, Black, Brown or White. This makes all people on Earth members of one family. Our Red, Yellow, Black, Brown or White brothers and sisters are quite simply family members!

If a hatred exists because I am a greedy, back-biting, son of a bitch; this is something I can deal with when made aware this is the reason someone hates me. I can cure myself of greed, back-biting and bitchiness.

However, if I am hated because I am White or whatever color my skin happens to be, then I am left unable to cure anything; in a similar manner that a homosexual is left unable to do anything simply because of being hated as a homo.

Color of skin as well as homosexuality is not something one can don or take off like a piece of changeable clothing. This should indicate the total stupidity and insanity connected with bigotry and prejudice!

And that's the straight poop from The Poop Sheet.

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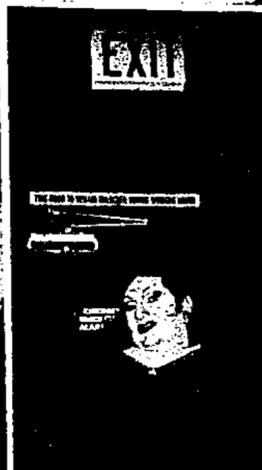


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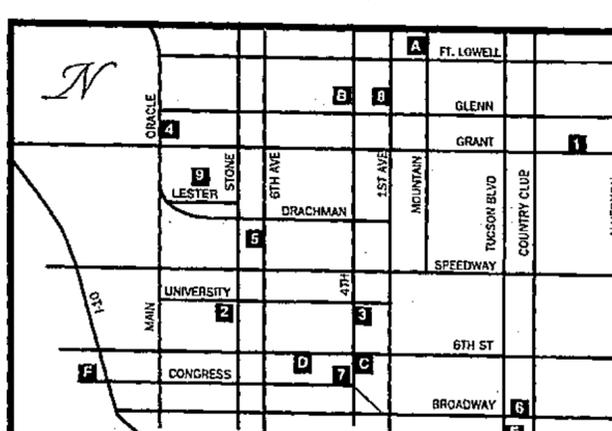
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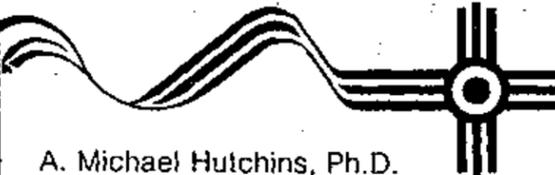


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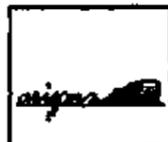
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BY DAVID BIANCO

A reader from Hialeah Gardens, Florida writes:

How and why is it that the U.S. military will not knowingly accept Gays voluntarily but they have no problem with drafting Gays during a war?

It is true that during wartime, the military has often allowed Gays and Lesbians to serve, only to discharge them when the war ends. During World War II, there were dozens of cases of the army overlooking evidence of homosexuality among otherwise-wanted military personnel.

In perhaps the most famous example, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered Johnnie Phelps, a sergeant in the Women's Army Corps, to produce a list of Lesbians in her battalion. When Phelps warned the general that the list would be quite long with her name at the top, Ike replied, "Forget the order."

During the Vietnam War, increased acceptance of homosexuality within society led to what the armed forces saw as a new problem: straight recruits pretending to be Gay to avoid the draft. The solution was to demand "proof" from potential inductees who insisted they were Gay - a psychiatrist's note or sworn statements from sexual partners. Of course, since sodomy was a felony in nearly every state, both straight and Gay malingerers looked for other ways to resist the draft.

Journalist Randy Shilts has documented many instances of military personnel sent to the Middle East to fight in the Gulf War, who returned to Department of Defense's "Stop/Loss" policy phased out nearly all discharges of personnel the army deemed useful, and Lesbian and Gay soldiers (some relatively out) fought and risked their lives in the Persian Gulf.

The Defense Department's policy in the Reagan and Bush years insisted that homosexuality is incompatible with military service for a host of reasons - from good order and discipline to security. But under what many Gay insiders jokingly called the "Queen for a Day" clause, commanders who had evidence of a service member's having engaged in homosexual behavior were allowed to not discharge him or her as long as the behavior occurred once and the individual regretted it.

Needless to say, this policy gave the military the discretion to keep some Gay and Lesbians soldiers and discharge others (and to let "wayward straights" off with just a warning if they misbehaved only once).

The Queen for a Day clause and the fact that Gays and Lesbians have rarely been discharged when the army needs them point to a clear contradiction in the military's policy. If Gay people are a threat to security, good order and discipline, then wartime should be the time when Gays are ferreted out most meticulously.

Indeed, by the early 1990s most supporters of the military's ban on Gays and Lesbians admitted that homosexuals had the capability to be excellent soldiers. Even pro-ban Sen. Sam Nunn, who until 1995 was the chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee indicated that it was

only open homosexuality that was a threat to the military, and that discreet Lesbian soldiers and celibate Gay sailors were all right by him.

The current policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was supposed to have rectified the situation's outline above, by allowing Gays to serve as long as they did not engage in same-sex behavior or share their sexual orientation with anyone. But recent reports show that this policy has resulted in more witch-hunts and discharge proceedings against Gays and Lesbians, rather than fewer.

If history is any guide, the discharges are likely to proceed until the U.S. goes to war again and Gay and Lesbian service members are needed to defend the country.

What did Gays and Lesbians write President Reagan about?

While many Lesbian and Gay American vilified President Ronald Reagan for his right-wing politics and inaction during the AIDS epidemic, Reagan received more than just hate mail from America's Lesbian and Gay citizens during his presidency.

A recent Freedom of Information Act request produced a variety of letters President and Mrs. Reagan on Lesbian and Gay concerns, some of which were quite poignant.

A Florida man wrote the president in 1988 about being fired for being Gay, then finding that he had no legal recourse to get his job back. The White House's response was to pass the letter along to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (even though firing Gay employees has never been against federal law.)

A young man dying of AIDS in 1983 wrote the president anonymously, and a note in the Reagan files indicates the letter was considered "extremely sensitive" and passed on to the Secret Service - presumably because the young man was considered a threat to the president's safety in some way.

Other letters were much more friendly. Once, from Houston's Gay Political Caucus, invited President Reagan or a representative of his administration to speak at the 1983 Gay Pride Week Rally in Houston. In a similar vein, a director of the International Gay Bowling Tournament, held in Washington in May, 1988, requested a letter of welcome from Reagan to be distributed to the 1,500 Gay bowlers who came to the nation's capital from all over the world.

It is difficult to say whether these letter-writers were aware of the irony of their requests to an administration that regularly vilified Gays and Lesbians. Clearly, the Reagan White House would never have considered allowing the president to address a Gay pride event or to welcome Gays of any persuasion to Washington.

But perhaps such requests were a self-conscious political maneuver to remind Reagan that he was the president of a country which included Gay and Lesbian Americans, too.



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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
IBT'S - Male Box Nite! 9:00 p.m. Play Post Office and meet that new special someone.

FRIDAY, MAY 24
IBT'S - Come on by and get your personal ad on the World Wide Web via the Electronic Observer. Photos and all! During Happy Hour 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 26
IBT'S - Benefit Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que on the patio to benefit PACT for Life. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 27 - MEMORIAL DAY
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Marti will flip burgers and hot dogs from 4 to 6 p.m. in honor of Memorial Day. The food is compliments of the Biz. Draft Beer is only 50¢ a glass from 4 until 10 pm.

GRADUATE - Memorial Day Monday Morning Madness! 11:00 a.m. Show with Christine de Alexis, Lucinda Holiday, Felice Renard, Ajia Simone and from Phoenix, Barbra Seville.

HOURS - Annual Memorial Day BBQ with Adrienne's famous fry bread. It all begins at 2:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Memorial Day Special Bar-B-Que 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. The David Burrell Show. You've seen his movies, now see him perform live at IBT's!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" 9:00 p.m. Starring Helana Bubbles, Lucinda Holiday, Felice Renard and Ajia Simone.

MAY 31 THRU JUNE 2
(Memorial Day Weekend)
VENTURE-N - V-N three-night campout in the Chiricuas Monument. See bartender for details.

FRIDAY, MAY 31
IBT'S - Come on by and get your personal ad on the World Wide Web via the Electronic Observer. Photos and all! During Happy Hour 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
GRADUATE - It's time for the 9th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling benefit for Shanti. 4:00 p.m. Wrestlers and auction items needed. Call Jenny at Shanti for more information and registration, 622-7107. Mark your calendars.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes Horton and Hill. The music starts at 7 p.m. and cover is only \$2.00. These ladies always rock the house.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Desert Voices will hold a 50/50 raffle here. Proceeds will go toward their June 15 and 16 concert. Come out and support Desert Voices.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed will play live music from 6 to 9 p.m. Cover is \$3. The band plays hot corridas and cumbias. Don't miss this great band.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
MSN TV Video Night 7 p.m. showing "Absolutely Fabulous". Call Loren or Stephen 790-4418 for reservations & Directions.

THURSDAY, MAY 23
Cronies Social Club Mid-Month Dinner 6:30 p.m. Hometown Buffet. Call Richard at 578-0840 RSVP.

GTV - Gay Television in Tucson 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on public Access channel 64. If you want to participate in the audience be at the studio, 124 E. Broadway by 7:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 25
The Tucson Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club will travel to the Pinaleno Mountains and hike to Ash Creek Falls. A moderate and beautiful 6 mile round-trip hike to the waterfalls. 1,400 foot elevation gain. Call Les 326-3521 for more information.

MSN 7 p.m. Discussion Night. Join your MSN brothers to discuss the topic "Exploring Our Adolescence". Call Bob at 623-1732 for reservations and directions. Guests welcome.

SUNDAY, MAY 26
MSN: Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 1:00 p.m. Memorial Weekend Pool Party and afternoon board games with Jerry and Les. Call 890-9585 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

Recreational Volleyball every Sunday on the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills (NW corner of Swan and River Roads.) 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Women and men of all playing levels are welcome. Great time.

MONDAY, MAY 27
MSN 7:00 p.m. intermediate bridge night. For the last beginner's class and anyone wanting to refresh their skills. Call Perry at 321-4387 for reservations. Guests welcome.

TUESDAY, MAY 28
Men's Social Network (MSN) Video Night 7 p.m. Showing "The Crying Game" one of the most acclaimed films of its year. Call Les 690-9585 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's for his classic oldies. 7:00 p.m. Call 624-6768 for titles and RSVP.

THURSDAY, MAY 30
GTV - All-live Gay cablecast program #18 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 31
MSN Evening movie out at the inexpensive theater. Call Larry at 795-9125 beginning May 25 for location and title of the movie. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Monthly potluck/social at our new location downtown at the Scottish Rite Hall, 33 Ochoa Ave., Ochoa Room. Bring your favorite dish to share. Meet new people. Membership has now surpassed 250. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for directions.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
It's time for the 9th annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling Extravaganza. It will be held at the Graduate this year. Call Jenny at Shanti for information and registration, 622-7107.

Recreational Volleyball every Sunday on the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills (NW corner of Swan and River Roads.) 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Women and men of all playing levels are welcome. Great time.

Men's Social Network 4-6 p.m. Triangle Tribe awareness group. The group learns and uses communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 316-1650 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Ice cream social at Ray's house. Bring your favorite ice cream and join your brothers for a "sweet" social visit. Call Ray at 797-8648 for reservations and directions.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4
Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7:00 ish p.m. Evening movie out at the inexpensive theater. Call Larry at 795-9125 after June 1 for the location and title of the movie.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5
Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Athens On Fourth Avenue at 8:30 p.m. Parking available behind the restaurant off 6th St.

Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Card game night. Card game night. A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Ray at 797-8648 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Discussion night. The topic will be "exploring intergenerational relationships" (older/younger) for reservations and directions. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

Tucson CALENDAR sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Moody Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western Dance Instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.
PLUG - Open Noon. BBQ "Deluxe" with Brian & Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust 4-8.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-6pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8 to 11 pm.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 30¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.
PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. Trash Disco 9pm. \$1 Longnecks 11pm-close.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longnecks Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Feed 8-9pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ROG Dance Music. Party with Stephen.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Biz! Non-Prmium Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25. Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close
IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoos Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.
PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Live DJ at 9pm. A buck off all longnecks and well 9pm to close.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Tex Mex music and dancing. Beer Bust 7-11 pm, \$1.25 Pitchers, 75¢ Glass.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pot watched. Double elimination.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)
PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Sky Vodka Cocktails \$2 9pm - 1am.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
IBT'S - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close.
PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Martini Jazz Hour 4-6pm. \$1.50 well martinis; \$2.25 call martinis.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

friday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.
IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm with Ganda. \$1 schnapps all the time.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors D'Oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Pool Tournament 8 pm. 90¢ watched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot watched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Colada \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Free Pool noon to 5pm. On 3 tables. Vocal centerstage at 10pm
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/51 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30pm.



NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson has elected additional Board of Director members. Ballots were counted, and the results of the election will be announced in this column next week. ...

Hundreds of people gathered in Armory Park last Sunday (See accompanying story.) for a candlelight AIDS memorial service. The international event was organized by Wingspan and is designed to send a message of hope to HIV/AIDS victims and their loved ones, as well as a word of warning to others.

Candles were lit in memory of loved ones and a great sharing of concern took place. Community members from all walks of life came together to be of the them "Eliminating Discrimination." ...

Stephenson Place Housing is a dream come true for PACT and the community. Residents of this project must be "disabled by degenerative disease, which include HIV disease..." This project is partly funded by the government and as such certain income eligibility criterion is that a person seeking to live in this hous-

ing may not earn more than \$12,550 annually, and two people not more than \$14,300 annually.

Project walls are framed and building construction is at 45% completion. With no major setbacks, grand opening is slated for June or July. Since this a HUD project, potential applicants should be ready for a governmental delay.

Cicely d'Autremont, MSW, PACT Housing Director, is very grateful to the Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers for their tireless commitment to this project. The donations of furnishings, floor and window coverings, and countless small touches not in the construction budget will have an incalculable impact on the quality of life in this already exceptional building. Many thanks from Cicely to Blanton, Jennifer, Terri, Linda, Tam, Lorelei, and everyone else who has helped.

I leave you with this in mind, "Mi trabajo nuestro mi cariño." ("My labor demonstrates my affection.") - The Cowboy Muñoz.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

When I was little, my mom used to read to me from a nonfiction book that has been on the best seller list longer than any other book. It is banned in some U.S. school libraries, and you can be jailed for owning the book in certain countries. This historical compilation of stories has been translated into more languages than any other book ever written. For a book so widely read it is also one that is terribly misquoted and misunderstood. Some people even fear this book so much that they've never read it themselves. What book could be so powerful and have such an effect on the world over such a long span of time? The Bible!

Many of you have one sitting on a book shelf or on the coffee table. You might pick it up to record the birth or death of a loved one in it or to move it to dust the furniture. But this book is an exciting book! A best seller gets that way because people but it, people read it, and people tell others about what they've read.

I want to tell you what you'll find in this nonfiction book. Yes, it is filled with true stories. Archaeologists, histori-

ans, and other scholars have verified and substantiated the accounts recorded in this book. There are stories of murders, rapes, wars, healings, plagues, and destruction of whole cities. Besides these historical accounts, there are also many predictions about what is yet to come.

Unfortunately, many of us avoid this book because of what people have told us it says about us, about homosexuals. We don't read the Bible out of fear. Because this happens we miss out on a lot. You see, people have always used the Bible to condemn others who aren't just like themselves. That's not what the Bible is for. The stories in the Bible tell us about human beings who are a lot like us. These stories give us guidelines about how we're to live, how we're to treat others, how we're to relate to God. The message of the Bible isn't frightening. God loves us. He wants the best for us. He even sent his son Jesus to die for us so we could be called his children. The Bible says that there is no difference between Christians. Galatians 3:28 says, "There is neither Jew or Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Anyone who has accepted Jesus as savior is considered an equal with other Christians.

This is just one of the many promises found in the Bible. Don't let anyone tell you differently. Look it up for yourself! Now is the time to discover the truth! You'll learn about hope, how to have joy, what your purpose in life is, what the future holds for you. That's why the Bible is a best seller and will continue to be. But read it for yourself, don't settle for my report!

If you don't have a Bible and would like one, call us at Cornerstone Fellowship. We would be happy to give you one. If you've tried to read the Bible but haven't been able to understand it, call us for the times of our Bible studies. If you were told by other Christians that God doesn't love homosexuals, don't believe it. God's love is for all people, now go read about it!

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Rise and rejoice kids! The merry Sun moves into chatty Gemini and we can use flirtation and intellectual stimulation as our guiding force for the next thirty days or so. Let's promise to go forward, minds poised and active and realize our dreams and personal goals. Full steam ahead - and I don't mean hot air!

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MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Even proud rambunctious Rams can turn a quick and witty phrase when the Sun tangoes into Gemini. Use words like sugar, shake it on liberally and lick it up. You'll get exactly what you want without tooth decay. Of course, the best use of this jolly energy is find a receptive entourage for your ideas. What about getting in touch with siblings or old friends? Give 'em a jingle.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If proud Bulls find that their financial picture looks a little brighter, give a great big kissy thank you to the glorious Sun in Gemini. If you've done your homework you'll find investments begin to pay off. It's money management time kids! The planets enable you to envision that retire-

HOROSCOPES
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

ment light at the end of the tunnel. (Let's hope it's not the lights of an oncoming train.)

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The Sun in your own sign provides plenty of birthday nachos. Get Out there dear, queer Gemini and show 'em what pride is all about. It's an excellent time to meet and greet as you exude charisma and charm. Begin new projects now; you have a receptive, fertile ground from which to nurture and grow your own personal dream. Interview, schmooze and grab the limelight. The astrological clock is ticking.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

If you find that intuition is sharper than usual, chalk it up to the warm Sun in intellectual Gemini. Pink Crabs need to give back to our community through charitable acts and good Gay deeds. It's time to build up karma points kids so put on

that Mother Teresa act and volunteer at a hospice or helpline. And what about that messy closet? Open it up and empty it out, it's all dreck!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Dramatic pink Leos need an adoring crowd like they need the air. Friends provide adulation and support when the Sun enters sociable Gemini. Proud, regal Lions are the center of attention among an adoring crowd. It's possible to find that perfect group that thinks just the way you do at this time. Be a supportive leader and enable everyone to feel part of the greater goal.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Even queer Virgins feel professionally adept with the Sun in Gemini. Career opportunities open up like a treasure chest; say "open sesame" and choose among a delectable assortment. Consider each option carefully; one never knows where

the least travelled path can lead. Sometimes it's to a new and fabulous career level. Sometimes it's to Newark.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Sassy pink Libras can hang their hats just about anywhere and feel at home for the next month when the Sun rests comfortably in Gemini. Travel and see the world while the astrological energy is high. It's an excellent time to spread your wings, enrich your global perspective and learn new and exotic tricks. Sometimes these new, exotic tricks require a large feathered fan and a whip.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Feisty queer Scorps can turn on the sexual spigot when the Sun enters Gemini. It will amaze you how you needn't utter a word to express yourself clearly and queerly with lovers. Gemini juice can make two great minds think alike. However, remember the other Gemini trait before you feast, fickleness. One party and one lover a night is sometimes enough even for a wild eyed Scorpion.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The Sun in sociable Gemini offers you a renewed appreciation for one to one relationships. If you are lucky enough to have already committed to someone, all thoughts and communication between the two of you will be in tandem. If you are still searching for that great Gay dream boat, at least you are now able to envision the perfect person for you. Now get your bod out there and advertise!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Serious queer Caps should get down to work when the fabulous Sun enters Gemini. Energy levels are especially high, particularly for any thought-intensive work. For those Gay Goats who have contemplated owning the perfect body, may I suggest a personal trainer? A serious exercise regime can produce incredibly delicious improvements now. Think nude beach season.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

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PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish find home and hearth especially enjoyable and relaxing when the Sun enters Gemini. Try to feather your nest by spending more time making it reflect your innate sense of romantic style. Maybe it means redecorating or maybe it means moving to a more conducive part of town. Whatever you decide to do, be sure to invite a few kindred souls over for a pleasant prideful evening.

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Bee Bytes	55.0	73.0	51543
Pin Me Down	55.0	73.0	47269
Double Stuff	44.0	84.0	53064

*League Champion

Avg: Mark K., 205; April D., 147; Rubber Queens, 538.

Game SC: Jeff T., 289; April D., 200; Triple T, 658.

Game HC: Mark K., 298; April D., 259; Triple T, 733.

Series SC: Jeff T., 816; April D., 521; Rubber Queens, 1866.

Series HC: Jeff T., 828; April D., 687; Rubber Queens, 2028.

Summer Leagues Now Forming

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues are in the process of forming their summer leagues.

Both leagues expect to start the

week after Memorial Day weekend, the first week in June. The Desert Coyotes will continue to bowl Wednesdays, but at 8 P.M., with four person teams. The Lambda Lizards will bowl on Fridays, start time expected at 7 P.M., with either three or four person teams.

For information about the leagues call 743-3303 or 798-1549.

Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steels

TUCSON - Here are the winners from the most recent pool tournaments held in the Old Pueblo:

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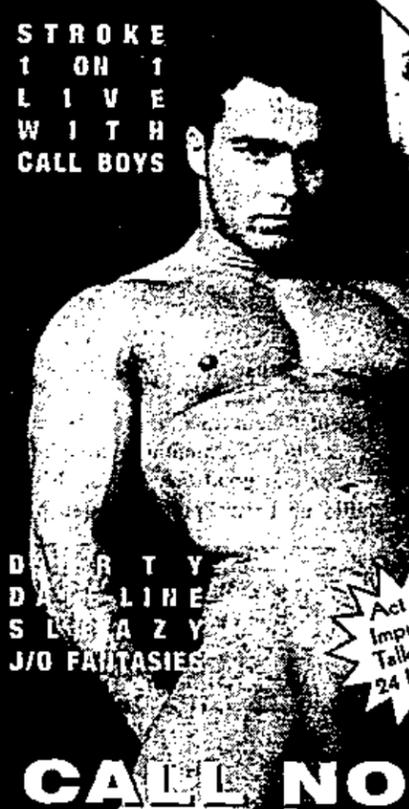


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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

What Do We Want From The Movies?

I watched *The Children's Hour* yesterday for the 20th time. I loved it when I was a kid before I knew what it was about. Even in my youthful ignorance, I understood that falling in love with Audrey Hepburn was a perfectly reasonable thing to do.

The Children's Hour is discussed in the excellent *Celluloid Closet*, and I disagreed with how it was presented, including Shirley MacLaine's well-meant but anachronistic comment that Martha would not have been devastated at being called a Lesbian but would instead have fought back.

For those of you who have forgotten the film or who have never seen it: Shirley MacLaine and Audrey Hepburn run a girls' school. After Hepburn disciplines Mary, a truly nasty little girl, Mary tells her grandmother that MacLaine and Hepburn "have been lovers." Mary blackmails another little girl into backing her story, and MacLaine and Hepburn are soon the town pariahs. They lose their libel case and Hepburn sends her boyfriend away. Then MacLaine confesses, in a scene filled with self-hatred, that she does love Hepburn "that way." Hepburn responds to this news relatively calmly and invites MacLaine to move away with her. Hepburn goes for a walk. MacLaine hangs herself.

It's that final sentence that puts *The Children's Hour* on many people's shit list. So many movies end with LesBiGay folk meeting bad ends that it seems some filmmakers believe we should commit suicide. But *The Children's Hour* allows more complex and interesting interpretations than "the dyke's gotta die."

The first interpretation is that Hepburn also loves MacLaine. After MacLaine comes out to her, Hepburn continues to touch her, meaning either that she is the only person in the whole town not afflicted with a particularly virulent strain of homophobia or that she likes touching MacLaine. Then she suggests that they move away together. When MacLaine says that they should talk later and snuggles up with her blanket to sleep, Hepburn watches her with clear affection on her face. After MacLaine's funeral, to which Hepburn wears a black beret, she leaves the cemetery by herself, walking right past her old boyfriend. Why did she send her boyfriend away in the first place?

Did she really think he'd "always wonder" about her? Why? And where is she going with that beret? To Greenwich Village, I suspect, to meet girls.

The second interpretation is less controversial but possibly more important: *The Children's Hour* is a biting indictment of homophobia. There is no sense that the movie itself finds MacLaine weird or disgusting; it saves its judgment for nasty Mary and her grandmother. If the 1962 audience was supposed to root for anyone, it would be Audrey Hepburn, a massively well-liked actress who always played good guys. Therefore, it matters that she plays the only character who is not homophobic! In addition, once it is revealed that the kid was lying (although we know MacLaine is a Lesbian), the movie has no sense of, well, it's still good we got those little girls away from the Lezzie; instead, it treats MacLaine's death as a tragedy. Hepburn, American royalty, mourns her. The movie isn't cutting edge for 1996, but it was cutting edge for 1962.

In times of revolution, even slow-moving nonviolent revolution, people sometimes think in black and white, and I believe that many of us queer folk do, including and particularly the people at GLAAD, who are so adamant that LesBiGay folk be presented positively that sometimes they miss the point.

What is the point? Depicting Gay and Lesbian characters is never going to be a simple thing, nor should it be.

Gay people, especially teens, commit suicide at terribly high rates; do we want to ignore that fact? While it's horrible to hear MacLaine say that she feels "sick and dirty," it's exactly what she might feel in 1962, and what some Lesbians and Gay men feel right now. Can we demand that all LesBiGay film characters be well-adjusted and have happy endings and then convincingly ask for funding for the real teens to whom happy endings seem unimaginable? For Shirley MacLaine to say in 1996 that Martha Dobie would have fought back in 1960, particularly when she had lost everything she valued and had been publicly humiliated, ignores history and reality.

Yes, we need happy endings, but we need some unhappy endings too, because they're true. Yes, we need movies where people fight homophobia and win,

but we shouldn't try to rewrite our past. After all, our past reminds us where we came from and fuels us to fight for full rights now.

Perhaps most importantly, art, well-made, complex art, cannot both push today's propaganda and still tell larger

truths.

[Wendy Caster is the author of the Lesbian Sex Book, and her short stories appear in Heatwave, Bushfire, and Lesbian Bedtime Stories 2. She is working on her first novel.]

OUT ON VIDEO

By Michael Shoel

I get tongue twisted when I try to describe the kind of videos my company sells. People's first question is usually is a snickering of, "Oh, can you get the good stuff?", alluding of course to X-rated movies. I shouldn't have been terribly surprised with the confusion existing over what is a Lesbian/Gay movie.

I've tried being more specific in describing what I do by saying we sell non-adult Lesbian/Gay movies. More than once the response to that statement has been something like, "You mean you make Gay porn movies for children?"

Recently, we've placed ads in national Gay publications stating, "Lesbian/Gay movies...not X-rated!", but we still get countless inquiries interested in our Gay adult movies.

It's quite frustrating when trying to get a video store to understand that if they have customers who buy Gay X-rated movies, then they probably have Les/Gay customers who might see a "regular" movie with a Les/Gay theme to it. With that, here's a brief breakdown of the kinds of movies one might expect in a Les/Gay or friendly video store.

Movies like "Torch Song Trilogy", "Longtime Companion", "Salmonberries", "Claire of the Moon" and "Cruising" are what I call "mainstream Les/Gay movies." These are movies that well might make their way into a Blockbuster. These movies have a crossover audience, meaning that they've at least some rentability with other than Les/Gay audiences.

"Biloxi Blues", "Kiss of the Spider Woman", and "Midnight Cowboy" are mainstream movies with Les/Gay issues as part of the plot. Many foreign films and art house films have positive images of Les/Gays. "La Cage Aux Folles" is one of many foreign films that also have a crossover audience.

"Thelma and Louise" and "Interview With A Vampire" are the reverse kind of crossover film. These are mainstream movies that with very little imagination can touch on Les/Gay issues, yet they are advertised to the general audience with no mention of any Les/Gay content or overtones. I call these the "closet case movies."

Movies by, for and about us! There's a growing collection of lower budget features that are made for U.S. companies like Water Bearer, Wolfe Video, First Run Features and Strand Releasing are distributing an increasing number of Les/Gay films.

One of which is "Forbidden Love". A deliberately campy look at Lesbian sexuality and survival during the dark ages of the 50's and 60's. Another is "A Very Natural Thing." A new video release from Water Bearer available at the end of June. Although new to video, this 1973 groundbreaker is the first feature film made by an out Gay director!

These movies tend to be produced with lower budgets, and aren't as fast paced as the regular Hollywood fare. But they speak to us, and will touch your heart far better than any expensive special effect could. If you've not seen any of these films, give them a try when you rent a movie. To note, The Pink Motel is one store in Tucson that has a varied selection of Les/Gay films. If there are others, please let me know in care of The Observer.

That's the way it is from the desk of a "C" movie queenpin.

[Michael Shoel is President of Phoenix Distributors, a video wholesaler and mail order company. For more information write to: Ariztical, 405 E. Wetmore Rd., #117-516, Tucson, AZ 85705-1717.]

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Perspective

by Dr. John D'Emilio

We're Here!

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As a historian, my job is to search out evidence of change and interpret it.

Sometimes the evidence is easy to find and measure. For instance, by 1969, the pre-Stonewall "homophile" movement had created about 50 organizations around the country. Today, there are many thousands of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender organizations in the U.S. This certainly evidence of change, and pretty dramatic change at that.

Sometimes the evidence can be found in unsuspected places, like the seemingly insignificant slogans we use.

In the years right after Stonewall, activists often proclaimed "we are everywhere." In the early 1990s, a new generation of queer activists announced "we're here." Are these just throwaway phrases, or can they tell us something important?

In 1969, to shout as radical activists did, "we are everywhere" was bold and sassy. It was also an act of faith. Maybe the Kinsey studies on human sexuality did provide evidence of large numbers of Americans spread throughout the population who engaged in homosexual activities. But virtually all of them were deeply closeted and invisible.

We had to prove we were everywhere by coming out of the closet, not only as individuals but as communities too. And that's what we have done for a

generation: come out, and build community institutions. In the 1970s and 1980s coming out and building institutions that demonstrated our existence was largely the work of big cities. Since the 1987 March on Washington, the coming out process has spread far and wide, and organizations are taking root in smaller cities, towns, and rural areas.

Now, when we say "we are everywhere," it seems like a boring statement of fact. It has lost its shock value and its ability to mobilize us.

Hence, "we're here." Like its predecessor, it too is bold and sassy, and it too represents something of a leap of faith. It suggests that we've arrived; we were invited, and we're staying. We only have to listen to the rhetoric of a Pat Buchanan, the Christian Coalition, or the Concerned Women of America, or to live in a state with sodomy laws or that has seen anti Gay ballot initiatives, to know that our arrival is still hotly contested.

But, if we can look back and now interpret "we are everywhere" as the slogan of a particular era with an implied agenda of becoming invisible, maybe "we're here" can tell us something about the new times we're living through.

Look at some of the hot areas of the last few years: the military ban; state-wide ballot initiatives; the marriage battle; school-based conflicts; ordination of ministers in some Christian denominations. They all have something in common. In

each case, Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered people find themselves in direct confrontation with an important institution of our society.

Some of the particular skirmishes we win and some of them we lose. The number of battles to be fought keeps growing. We can easily get caught up in a cycle of self-recrimination and despair if we focus too closely on the year's tally of victories and defeats. But, with a longer view, it might be possible to argue that we're winning even in cases when we seem to lose.

Here's the bottom line: we are confident enough, visible enough, strong enough that we are willing and able to go head to head with powerful and established institutions that are part of the everyday life experience of heterosexuals, and over which heterosexuals assume ownership. That's the implied meaning behind "we are here." It has the confident ring of a group of people whose feet are planted firmly on the ground, who are staking out territory and don't plan to move.

There are ironies, here, of course. For instance, I am personally uninterested in marriage, indifferent to religion, and positively hostile to the military as an institution. Yet I also know that these institutions vitally affect the well-being of millions of us, and that the unchallenged homophobia within them damages us all. So long as those institutions remain fortresses protected against us, homophobia will be alive and well.

The battles of a generation ago were often about public space and the right to define ourselves. The battles of today and tomorrow are about confrontations with institutions, and the complex

thrusts, counterthrusts, and negotiations that are required to transform them. These are more directly issues of power. When we say that "we're here," we are implicitly saying that we are ready for a new set of challenges. Are we?

[Dr. John D'Emilio is the director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.]

San Diego Lesbian/Gay Pride Prepares For Major Summer Turnout

SAN DIEGO, CA - San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride will present its 23rd annual parade, rally and festival July 26-28, just as scores of media begin converging on the city in preparation for the Republican National Convention.

This year's celebration themed, "Spotlight on Freedom," kicks off with a high spirited political rally and continues the following day with an expanded, colorful parade and an elaborate two-day festival in Balboa Park.

The weekend is expected to draw exciting celebrities and attract huge number of Pride-goers from all over the U.S., says Brenda Schumacher, executive director of San Diego Pride, adding that this year's Pride celebration was strategically moved closer to the convention so that "the community could take advantage of the media spotlight and present to the world a message of freedom and equality for all."

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Meeting Men and Dating At the Age Of 57, and You Think You've Got It Tough!

by Barry Martin

I am 57 years old and my 30 year relationship has ended. My lover left me. Not since I was in my early 20's in New York City have I had to deal with the issues of meeting and dating. For 30 years I was married but now I am out there like legions of other Gay men trying to connect.

So that my intentions aren't misunderstood, let it be clear that I am not looking for another lover-at least, not at this moment. I am experiencing grief and loss.

I am trying to deal with some heavy issues i.e. sleeping alone, setting up a condo alone, facing the future alone, Saturday nights alone, envious watching Gay men be physically affectionate with each other, and setting some goals for myself to give my life meaning and purpose. My ex-lover was (and is) and extraordinary person; I'm looking for an immediate replacement.

However, I am a sexual person who goes to the gym five times a week, takes hand fulls of vitamins and lives a very health-conscious life. I am in good shape and have a lot of healthy energy. I want sexual contact with other men.

But even more than that, I want a man, or men, to go out with. I want dinners in funky restaurants, nestling, wrestling, hand holding, back rubbing and very deep kissing. And I'm not just looking for a man, men, who are merely sexual. I want my "date" to be bright, intellectual, educated, liberal, challenging, well-read, energetic, sparkling, health-conscious, etc.

But I am 57. I am not the person I was in my early 20's who careened through a world of men appreciative of my 32 inch waist, big chest, muscular legs and Steve McQueenish face. The waist has expanded to a 35, the hair went the way of my tight face and I am living in a world of men who want their dates to look like Ryan Idol.

Having suffered the loss of the coupled friends in my life (this is part of

a divorce), I am out there starting my life over. I have joined Gay business clubs, a Gay nudist group, a Gay French-speaking group and a Gay hiking group. I was turned down for two Gay choral groups (I guess the message is: "you cannot sing"). If you told me about five other organizations in which I could meet interesting men, I'd probably join them too.

I have taken ads in major commercial newspapers in order to meet men. For a while I took ads in Gay newspapers but the responses I got were more for sex than any kind of companionship.

A man who answered my Gay newspaper was actually someone I had worked with in the entertainment industry but he did not remember me. I was attracted to him when he walked into the coffee bar because of his dark intriguing looks. I knew him to be professionally accomplished and he had a foreign accent. I am a sucker for accents.

Within the first few minutes of meeting he proceeded to tell me that the reason he always wore a condom during sex was because his first experience at unprotected anal sex resulted in excrement on his penis. Like I need this information in a coffee bar meeting? Most of his conversation was devoted to problems with his former lover. Some unresolved issues?

I met another Gay newspaper candidate, my age but looked 15 years younger a German hunk in tight leather pants; at a Gay coffee shop. He never once looked me in the eyes, the guy's head swiveled around so that he didn't miss any man in the shop. This was not good for my ego.

An educator sent me his picture. He seemed pleasant looking. We had a long, and sexually explicit phone conversation. I was interested and we met for lunch. He looked about ten years older than his picture. He talked to me with food in his mouth and I thought "I don't want to kiss that mouth." When we walked away from the table and I saw his butt, I thought I didn't want to see this man without his pants on.

However, the man was bright and educated, and sensitive. I steered the

conversation around to explicit sexual taking thinking I could work myself up to some kind of desire or lust. But in the end, I realized that lust was not something I could talk myself into.

This happened a second time with another man. I could not get beyond his pot belly, his jowls and his limp which was the result of a stroke. A third man fell into this category. He was interesting and genuine. Then he proceeded to tell me about his erection problems due to a prostate condition. I'm glad I found out before we approached physical intimacy.

I beat myself up mentally because of these experiences with worthwhile men. I wanted someone to want me for my inner qualities rather than my looks (or lack of them) but here I was, as vacuous as the guys who ignored me because of my age, lack of hair and mini-gut.

I labeled myself superficial for passing up these guys but it didn't do any good. Having sex should not be like having to eat broccoli because its good for you. It should be like eating chocolate. The desire should be involuntary.

I continued my search, meeting a good looking man, I call Mr. Alienated, for tea at his place. He rarely smiled, laughed, and wasn't warm, and definitely not up for the Mr. Congeniality award. I tried Gay Gourmet dining, where 100 men experience fine food and each other, but I ended up feeling like some horrible old fat person with a hideous disease. It was a definite low point in my quest to meet men.

When I was coupled, my extra-curricular sex was like a fun sporting event, no more, no less, easy to take or leave. Not now! It's serious business. At 57, orgasms don't happen five times a day. I don't want to fool around with someone who has a love or who lives 50 miles away or is mediocre sex.

When it comes to HIV, I am negative and statistics being what they are, I knew I was going to come across some candidates who were positive. When I did finally meet someone HIV+, it was at my gym. He was the hunk from Hell. Big

everywhere with a great sense of self and a dazzling smile. He wanted to have unprotected anal sex; I didn't. The experience was an oral one. It was after he told me he was HIV+, and that's only because I asked. Goodbye hunk from Hell.

I thought I met "the almost perfect man". I met him at a Gay nudist function, and suggested a dinner date. He was all that I was looking for intellectually, and since I'd seen him naked already caused me to want him even more.

At dinner, my desire for him unsettled me. I tried to hard to be funny, profound, and desirable. It was exhausting. But I was inexperienced. We said goodbye in a parking lot. I suggested a good-night kiss, and got a hug instead. Plus there was no mention of another date.

Will this process ever become easy, or enjoyable? Some experienced 30 year old, would have gone off to a bat to begin again after screwing up. But, I was spent, and depleted.

My first real date in 30 years took place when a man responded to my ad, and we met for coffee and we discovered mutual interests, especially obscure movie songs. There was some great kissing and we said goodbye and left it at that. I wanted more than just sex.

A week later we had a date. He met me at the door in his underwear, like I'd asked him to. We necked, walked to the restaurant, had dinner, came back to his place and made love. I realized that during the evening, I only had talked about the reasons behind the break-up of my relationship. This man asked me no questions about myself. Other than information which I volunteered, he wasn't learning anything about me.

Am I being petty in wanting more of a connection with a person? Should pleasant conversation and good sex be enough? Am I being picky in wanting more of a bonding experience? Is that reason enough for not calling him again?

A year ago, I felt as though my

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CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Plus X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Declino in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

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LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call Rich 318-0540.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elle 581-8850 or Ronn 948-2384.

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T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Comarstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (320)762-9135.

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NOTICES

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmelpark Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 328-3555

PACT - People with AIDS Campaign of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 375-8880 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7268.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1784 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 21 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets 7-11 pm third Friday of each month in the Lincoln Building at Unitarian Universalist Church 4631 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jam. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not). Saturdays and special events \$5 in Goddard Hall.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.) Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-3. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL Call information and Referral 881-1784 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 824-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room J2. Call the church at 299-0063 for information.

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CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1778.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 791-7848 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in the Foothills for more info. Anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 888-1208 for more info.

MALE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hills. Episcopal church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more info.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

LESBIAN GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday at every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

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PERSONALS

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HRC Slams House Leadership Over Hearing On Anti-Gay Marriage Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Human Rights Campaign criticized the House leadership for putting the first federal anti-Gay marriage bill on a fast track, scheduling a public hearing on the legislation a mere week after it's introduction.

"The eagerness of the House leadership to push this bill just proves this issue onto the national agenda," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director. "This is a political trap set by the Republican Party to snare President Clinton and any other fair-minded Democrat."

A hearing on the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" was heard on May 15, before the House Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution. The bill was introduced by Rep. Bob Barr, R-GA, on May 7. A companion measure was introduced in the Senate the following day, sponsored by Sen Don Nickles, R-OK, and then Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, the presumptive GOP nominee for president.

These bills come on the heels of an orchestrated campaign by religious political extremists to introduce anti-Gay marriage bills in every state legislature.

To date, anti-Gay marriage bills have come up in at least 34 states legislatures and laws have been passed in nine states, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota and Utah. Anti-Gay marriage is remains pending in nine states, and measures were defeated or withdrawn in 17 states.

"All these bills are being positioned as pre-emptive strikes against the possibility that the state of Hawaii may soon legalize same-sex marriage," said Daniel Zingale, HRC political director. "However, Hawaii is unlikely to approve same-sex marriage for at least two years."

San Diego Lesbian/Gay Pride

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floors and an increased number of exhibitors can also be expected.

Attendance from "out-of-towners" has increased dramatically over the last two years. San Diego's beautiful site, beaches, parties and Gay friendly neighborhoods make San Diego an ideal destination for Gay travelers. To accommodate visitors, San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride's official tour operator, MOV Travel is offering discounted travel, accommodations and travel packages. Call MOV Travel at (800) 854-7688.

For more information call the San Diego Pride Office at (619) 297-7683.

Meeting Men

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life were over but I am now determined to live. With a growing strength, I am determined to carve out some kind of life for myself and I know that eventually, I will succeed.

I know that I will learn from experience how to wade through this swamp of insecurity and disappointments. Somewhere there will be men, or a man, looking for me but Santa Claus is not going to deliver this kind of merchandise via my chimney. It's up to me to make this happen. Any tips?

[Barry Martin is a writer from North Hollywood, California.]

Candlelight Memorial

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Craig Snow, executive director of TAP praised the audience for not keeping quiet despite the "quiet" discrimination occurring all around. Snow said their presence spoke volumes because, "societal attitudes keep people quiet and keep people from getting the help and support they need. Their presence at the Memorial offers comfort and hope to them."

Ernie Perez of the AIDS Prevention Collaboration stated to the audience that the fight to end the ignorance and discrimination must continue. Perez is saddened that PWA's, 15 years after the discovery of AIDS, are still treated without respect. Perez said, "We must remember, celebrate and believe."

Janet Smith of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network talked about her son, who lost his battle with AIDS. Smith said that "discrimination isn't just vocal. Discrimination is a killer. Love can be a healer."

During the service, two musical numbers were performed, highlighted by the performance of Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian chorus.

Those assembled then proceeded in silence from Armory Park and proceeded two blocks west to St. Augustine Cathedral. At the Cathedral, an Interfaith Service of Healing and Hope took place, sponsored by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

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For information call, write or stop by the TAP office:
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