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Phoenix leads in Gay harassment

PHOENIX (AP) - Phoenix led a list of 45 cities and regions last year in which violence and harassment was reported against gay men and lesbians according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Of 2,042 incidents reported in 1985, the task force said, 326 occurred in Phoenix. San Francisco rated second with 253 and New York third with 241.

The task force said the 326 incidents in Phoenix involved 200 incidents of verbal harassment or threats of violence; 35 assaults with or without weapons; one homicide; 40 incidents of police harassment or negligence; and 50 incidents of vandalism.

13 U.S. cities join to combat AIDS

CHICAGO, IL (AP) - Thirteen U.S. cities that account for 70 percent of the nation's AIDS cases are combining forces and sharing strategies to fight the deadly disease, the Chicago's health commissioner said.

"We at the local level are especially tuned in to the fact that control of this epidemic must be guided by the very best of our wisdom," Lonnie Edwards said. The cities' public health officials agreed in their first all-day session to hold regular meetings and share tactics and problems in the AIDS fight, said Edwards, who arranged the session.

AIDS patients who cannot afford expert treatment should be provided such care at public expense, they agreed.

While the group of public health administrators and epidemiologists did not act on

More Of Les.....

by Les Botter

THE SUPREME COURT AND GARLIC SALT

The Supreme Court has heard arguments on sodomy, a vague term meaning anything except missionary-position sex, that rare activity for many in our community. Logically, the Court should appreciate the case. Having already agreed that destroying unborn children is the right of mothers, the Justices now have the opportunity of overturning State laws requiring only sexual activity that assists procreation.

What the Court will do should make no difference in sexual preferences. All adults, regardless of sexual orientation, have sex in the same ways. The Court decision could affect heterosexual and homosexual activities equally. Regardless of the decision, sex will continue the way it always had.

Our legislatures have spent time creating unenforceable laws. When our narrow citizens are given the keys to governmental power, they often codify their personal opinions. So we now have abundant unenforceable laws being proposed, such as making it illegal to teach current scientific theories of the creation of the universe. Or mandatory seat belt laws. Or affirmation of low speed limits. Or two adults consenting to mutually agreeable sex.

Seek money for AIDS hospice in Phoenix

CHAPLAIN, NUN SEEK MONEY FOR HOSPICE TO HELP AIDS VICTIMS

PHOENIX (AP) - Fearing that victims of AIDS will become "modern-day lepers," a Roman Catholic nun and the chaplain at Adobe Mountain School have joined efforts to raise funds for a group home for people dying from the disease.

"Many of these people have no place to go and no one to care for them... They die alone and lonely," said Sister Teresa McIntier, who has been active in the hospice movement in the Phoenix area.

She and Rev. Ken van de Ven are working with the newly formed Housing, Hospice and Medical Care for AIDS in an effort to provide group care for victims of the usually fatal disease.

Marion Lazarous and John Rowell, two nurses who helped found HHMC, said they were convinced by their experiences in local hospitals that there is a need for such a facility. They said they asked for help from McIntier and van de Ven because the clergy has a reputation for understanding and helping dying patients.

"There is a stigma against persons with AIDS," said McIntier. "Society sometimes treats people as if their disease is a punishment from God. When they condemn (patients) that way, they are acting as judges, when God is the only real judge."

Nearly all of the more than 100 Phoenix-area victims of the disease are homosexual men, Rowell said. Van de Ven said many AIDS patients suffer additional emotional pain from condemnation, rejection and abandonment.

The Supreme Court seldom receives a chance to test laws that turns citizens en masse into law breakers. Since people change little by nature, the authority of the law becomes eroded, a situation far more critical in today's society than sodomy.

How will the court decide? Consider the recent case concerning the legality of recording TV programs on one's VCR. Contrary to the skilled legal arguments on both sides, the decision probably boiled down to how many Justices owned VCR's. Regarding sodomy, I dare say, the Court's opinion could possibly reflect how many of the eight Justices enjoy informal blow jobs.

So we have a silly situation. Legislatures make unenforceable laws; the Supreme Court labors over cases that shant change a thing. Personally, I would like to outlaw the color blue, minor 7th chords in harmony and garlic salt.

(ED NOTE: Les Botter is a critic and writer living in Arizona. This is the first of a number of columns dealing with a variety of subjects of interest to our readers).



Midnight
Ramblers
visit
Tucson
as
AGRA
goodwill
ambassadors



Last Saturday evening the Midnight Ramblers from Charlie's in Phoenix made the trek to Tucson. The group was promoting the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's upcoming Gymkhana on Sunday, April 27 at Skyline Ranch in Phoenix. The troupe visited several of the Tucson night spots and performed to the delight of each different audience. The Midnight Ramblers are a very high spirited, high kicking, classy dance group and their Tucson appearance was appreciated.

The upcoming Gymkhana is a fund raiser for AGRA to help them get some 'front' money to produce the 1987 Arizona Gay Rodeo. Some of the fun events in the Gymkhana

include a costume race, tug-of-war, hay push, wheelbarrow race, stick horse barrel race, sack race, pickle race, jock strap dressing plus some horse events. This affair drew several hundred to attend at last years initial Gymkhana, and this year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever.

In Tucson tickets can be obtained at the Graduate. In Phoenix they are on sale at Charlie's. To get to Skyline Ranch, go south on 19th Avenue to Baseline Road, west to 27th Avenue, south to Elliott Road and west to 35th Avenue. For further information call 277-5784 in Phoenix.

Jean Genet dies of cancer at 75

PARIS (AP) - Jean Genet, whose life and works made him one of the most controversial French writers of the 20th Century, has died, his editors at Gallimard publishing house said last Tuesday, April 15. He was 75 years old. The cause, date and place of his death were not immediately known.

Genet was a dramatist, poet, novelist and convicted criminal. A seedy, brutal world peopled with homosexuals, convicts, pimps and thieves was created by the works of Genet, himself a homosexual and admitted prostitute.

Genet was born in Paris on Dec. 19, 1910. Abandoned by his mother at birth, he was raised by a foster family of peasants in central France. Between the two world wars, Genet lived as a vagrant, traveling throughout Europe and living among beggars and pimps when he was not in jail. He was arrested and expelled from Poland.

Between 1940 and 1948 he wrote four works from prison: "Our Lady of the Flowers," "Miracle of the Rose," "Pompes Funebres" and "Querelle".

B R I E F S

GREAT OUTDOORS APRIL OUTINGS

On Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, there will be a motor tour and carcamp that will concentrate on the pre-Columbian archeological sites at Montezuma's Castle and Tuzigoot National monuments and the historic copper mining town of Jerome. For more information on this trip call Ray at 749-5247.

If you are not a member of Great Outdoors and would like to be, the annual membership fee is \$25 (\$15 for full-time students and renewals). Membership entitles members to attend GO functions offered by ten GO chapters in Arizona and California at a lower fee, attend GO/Tucson day events at no charge, continuing placement on the mailing list, monthly receipt of the newsletter "Trailheadlines" and advice of unscheduled events.

Standard outing fees are as follows: Dayhikes, no charge for members/ \$2 non-members. Weekend trips, \$5 members/ \$15 non-members. Special trips or tours usually have additional charges as do trips involving use of Arizona or other state parks, U.S. Forest Service or National Park Service facilities. Also, please be prepared to negotiate carpooling costs with your driver if necessary.

You can write to Great Outdoors/Tucson at P.O. Box 42740, Tucson, AZ 85733

AFFIRMATION CONFERENCE SET FOR JUNE

SAN DIEGO, CA - Affirmation / Gay and Lesbian Mormons, a national, non-profit, educational, social and fellowship organization, recently concluded its leadership meeting in San Jose, California. In attendance were national officers, Chapter representatives from Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, Phoenix and Dallas, and other interested members and friends.

A new national educational outreach program was announced to acquaint church leaders and members with Affirmation's purposes and goals. Church leaders will especially be targeted for outreach so that they can better counsel their homosexual members.

Plans were also announced for the 6th annual Affirmation International conference to be held in San Francisco June 27, 28 and 29. Each year members of Affirmation, from around the world, gather to discuss issues of importance to the Lesbian and Gay Mormon. The Conference is planned this year to coincide with the annual San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade and celebration on June 29.

All interested members of the Lesbian and Gay community are encouraged to join Affirmation

for this memorable conference weekend. For further information, please contact Conference Chairperson Ron Kershaw at (415) 641-4554 or write to the San Francisco Chapter of Affirmation at P.O. Box 26302, San Francisco, CA 94126.

LESBIAN ALERT NETWORK

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA - The Lesbian Alert Network has been established by the Southern California Women for Understanding (SCWU) Board of Directors. The purpose of the Network will be to generate an instantaneous response to issues of importance to the Lesbian and Gay community which are being considered by local, state and national decisionmakers. Additionally, the Network will be used to generate reaction to media coverage of Gay and Lesbian issues, or to respond to positive or negative portrayals of Lesbians on television or in films.

One of SCWU's major goals has long been to increase the power and influence of Lesbians in the community. "Without an active role, the impact of our ideas concerning the kind of societal change needed to make the world a better place for Lesbians will be limited," said Jean Conger, SCWU spokesperson.

"The Lesbian Alert Network will involve Gays and Lesbians from throughout the community, all working to achieve the same end and speaking out to legislative leaders or media representatives regarding issues of importance to us all," Conger continued.

The first alert on the Network is being sent out now. For more information on how to join the Network, call Jean Conger at (213) 274-1086. Registration in the Network is free, but donations to help cover the cost of "mailings" are appreciated.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

TUCSON - The City Center YWCA sponsors a United Way Funded program known as "Women in Transition".

In this program, women who are going through changes in their emotional and economic lives are given needed temporary shelter, food and assistance in re-entering the workforce. The program offers career and personal counseling. There are also weekly workshops on career and personal growth development.

There are certain eligibility requirements to enter this program which can be ascertained by calling Jan Pusinati at 884-7810. The City Center YWCA is located at 738 N. Fifth Avenue.

MOTHERPEACE AUTHOR AT HUMANSPACE

PHOENIX - Vicky Noble, author of the best-selling book "Motherpeace: A Way To The Goddess Through Myth, Art and Tarot", and creator (with Karen Vogel) of "The Motherpeace Round Tarot Deck", is coming to Humanspace Books. Noble will be at Humanspace on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. The event is free and everyone is welcome. Humanspace Books, Inc. is located at 2401 N. 32nd Street, #12.

Noble is an author, artist and teacher of the Tarot and yoga involved in feminist/spiritual healing communities. She will talk about her experiences and realizations, and also answer questions - (Why did she design a round Tarot deck, and why is it more popular than any other in feminist/spiritual communities?) You will be able to purchase her tape, currently available only directly from her. All are welcome to join for an informal and enlightening presentation! For further information call 956-6336.

'WARREN' DEBUTS APRIL 25, 26, 27

TUCSON - "Warren", a play by Rebecca Ranson will be presented Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25, 26 and 27 in the Student Union Cellar on the University of Arizona campus.

The play, about people, their relationships and AIDS, is based on the life of Warren Johnston who died on Friday, April 13 in San Francisco. The play is sponsored by the UofA Student Health and UofA Mental Health Departments. It is directed by Rhonda Tinsley.

The performances begin at 8:00 p.m. all three days with an additional matinee at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Apr. 27.

Tickets are available at Books Bros. Ltd., 3242 E. Speedway; Tucson AIDS Project, 80 W. Cushing St.; and at the ASUA office on campus.

6th ANNUAL MASTER SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM

SCOTTSDALE, AZ - Actor's Lab Arizona is now accepting applications for its sixth annual 5-week Master Shakespeare Workshop beginning June 16 through July 19. This intensive workshop is designed to make Shakespeare accessible to the serious student by emphasizing classes in voice and diction, stage combat, style and movement, and classical scene study.

The conclusion of the workshop will be a full production for the public. For application information, call Actor's Lab Arizona, 7624 E. Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or call 990-1731.

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- * You call Suicide Prevention and they put you on Hold.
- * You put your bra on backwards and it fits better.
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- * Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.
- * You want to put on the clothes you wore home from last night's party - and there aren't any.
- * You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.
- * Your twin sister forgets your birthday.
- * You wake up to discover that your waterbed broke and then you realize you don't have a waterbed.
- * Your horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.
- * Your lover wakes up feeling amorous and you have a headache!



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Gay Games II Tickets now available



SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Francisco Arts and Athletics have announced that tickets for Gay Games II Ceremonies are now on sale. The elaborate Opening and Closing events will highlight the Games scheduled for August 9-17, 1986.

Over 20,000 spectators will cheer Gay and Lesbian athletes in historic Kezar Stadium, original home of the San Francisco 49'ers. Kezar also hosted the first Gay Games held in 1982.

Opening Ceremonies, on August 9, will express the joy of participation through the ceremonial March of Athletes. 5,000 athletes are expected for the event from countries around the world. A dozen Gay and Lesbian marching bands are scheduled to perform along with a host of other talent.

Closing Ceremonies, on August 17, will culminate the week-long athletic competition in 18 sports for men and women of all ages. This dramatic event will feature the finish for the Marathon (up to 500 runners) as well as a headliner talent.

Tickets can be purchased for \$20 for a single ceremony or \$30 for both. Through special arrangements, tickets may be purchased nationwide from BASS outlets in California. For charge by phone, BASS can be contacted by calling 1-800-225-BASS (toll free).

Ask for Gay Games II Opening or Closing Ceremonies, or a Combination ticket. Credit card charges through Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

For further information including athlete Entry Forms, housing arrangements and volunteer needs, contact: San Francisco Arts and Athletics, 526 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114; (415) 861-8282.

Gay paper asked to drop sex ads

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - One of the owners of the Bay Area Reporter has asked the San Francisco-based Gay community newspaper to stop running explicit sex ads because he believes they contribute to the spread of AIDS.

The request by Paul Lorch, former editor and owner of a 25 percent share in the newspaper, was denied at a Monday night board meeting by the paper's publisher Bob Ross. Ross owns 75 percent of the publication. "I'm not considering it at all," Ross said.

Lorch, who was ousted from the editorship nearly two years ago, said the steady increases in AIDS cases and in "hustler" sex ads run in the back of the publication lead him to believe the newspaper should "set a model for a safer lifestyle."

Most of the ads in question promote models, escorts and masseurs, and explicitly detail what services the advertiser

offers.

Although it is unfair to assume all advertisers are engaging in unsafe sex, Lorch said, the increase in number and general "anything goes" tone of many of the ads worry him.

Ross, who recently accompanied San Francisco Supervisors John Molinari and Harry Britt to Washington, D.C., to lobby against cuts in federal AIDS funds, scoffed at the comments.

"He's either found AIDS and/or religion or both," he said of Lorch. "All of a sudden, because he's not editor anymore, he's become a moralistic prude."

Other Gay newspapers also expressed reservations about banning such ads.

"People have raised the question and it's tough," said Don Michaels, publisher of the Washington Blade in Washington, D.C. "There are services that clearly a certain percentage of Gay men use but who's to say that the sex is going to be safe or not?"

The Blade has not run sexually explicit ads since 1979, when Michaels decided to market the paper to a wider range of advertisers who might not want to appear in a paper with such ads, he said.

"The difference is what kind of sex?" said Stephanie Fogel, news editor of the Gay Community News in Boston. "You're not going to educate anyone by not running ads."

Lorch said Ross is not willing to consider his motion to drop such sex ads because they are immensely profitable. Between 1984 and 1985, the classified ad section grew from nearly 19 percent of the paper's gross revenues to nearly 25 percent, he said.

Hospital excuses for barring AIDS patients criticized

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - Some hospitals use irrational, unwritten policies to exclude AIDS patients from intensive-care beds, says an ethics expert who urges clear guidelines instead of financially motivated discrimination.

An informal survey of seven hospitals in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi revealed much inconsistency when doctors decided whether to treat AIDS patients in intensive-care units or keep them in regular wards, said Ray E. Moseley, a University of Florida medical ethics specialist.

Moseley said his interviews with hospital officials, doctors and nurses showed most decisions to bar AIDS patients from round-the-clock intensive care were based on unwritten policies he called irrational. "These are not good reasons to exclude AIDS patients," he said.

Such reasons included a belief that aggressive treatment wouldn't help, claims that "we don't put terminally ill patients in our ICU (Intensive Care Unit)," and "fear that word will get out in the ICU that the patient in the next bed has AIDS," he said.

"Another reason I've heard for rejecting AIDS patients from ICUs is that AIDS patients are an easily identifiable class of patients that will eat up an unfair portion of health care dollars," Moseley said.

But he insisted all acquired immune deficiency syndrome patients shouldn't be lumped together. The disease cripples the body's immune system, resulting in wide range of infections and cancers, some of which can be treated with short-term success, allowing patients to leave the hospital even though they eventually will die, he said.



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OUT ON THE TOWN

STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Stunt Malibu Christi celebrated her birthday in a sedate manner this year -- a short ride on horseback and a few friends over for ribs, burgers and beer. Neither Christi nor her friends will reveal her true age, though someone must know, especially the Butch Marshmallow.

Speaking of age, Christi met the Great Wall of China on Ronda Jons birthday last week. She kept banging her head against that wall and still got nowhere -- even with help from Ronda. The party was quite festive, the Scorpions were biting deliciously, the food was sour and sweet, and speaking of sweets, Teresa Brewery can bring a cake to a party, but she can't make everyone eat it! At least Christi liked it. She tried swallowing it first, but ended up sitting on it! And then Whitney Wonka left Miss Mae with no meat to eat. Anyway, happy birthday Ronda and Christi. It seems they are both still chasing sheep!

Now for another letter from a new Christi fan:

April 2, 1986
Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club
P.O. Box 2704
Tucson, AZ 85702

Dear Stunt Malibu Christi:

Blabby may never acquire fans in Alaska, Atlanta or New York, but I've been an ardent fan of yours for a year and a half now. I recently moved to La La Land, and word of your immense talent has started spreading through the West Hollywood area. I vividly recall the first time I saw you perform. Your underwater scuba diving dived at a surprise birthday party (in which the quest of honor never bothered to show) demonstrated your multifaceted talents.

Your overwhelming popularity only proves that you've got what it takes to be a star -- tact, style and flair. Speaking of stars, it was an honor to be blessed with Vivian's presence in West Hollywood. Her visit was inspirational and enlightening. We hope to see more of Vivian and you, Stunt Malibu, in the future. Just.

Carol

Who was it that didn't make it to his going away party? Seems Macho Man wanted to be sure not to miss his, so he held one himself. Madge still hasn't left town. Tottie is going into retirement. Dash may finally dump that box, and Matilda Mackowitz may finally get her new box.

Emily Post is not so anxiously awaiting her roses. Perry A. hopes they never get sent. Veronica is desperately trying to come out of the closet. Does Mario Thomas have a younger sister. It didn't take long for That Girl to find Miracle Mile!

So we hear Vivian decided to go to Coney Island last week, and boy did she. It's not everyone who has Grey Poupon put on their hot dog, especially a straight one...? Speaking of Vivian, once out of the closet, who cares what damage those pumps will do? When is the next show? Even Le Shea was left in the dark.

Seems Christi rehired her old secretary. She types too. 'Til next time. Forever yours
Jza Jza LaMore

Fan Mail To:
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WHAT'S UP DOG?



In less than 48 hours, it's TKO's party time again. Yes, starting officially at 9 p.m. this coming Friday, April 18, TKO's Spring Fling for '86 begins. Check in for out of town guests starts then and continues through 1 a.m. If this year goes as previous years, out of town guests will probably start arriving from 5 p.m. and continue into Saturday.

If by a slim chance there is someone out there reading this column, that does not know what TKO's Spring Fling is all about, the Graduate has ordered over 100 cases of beer, plus plenty of extra-tast hard stuff. Yes, it's party time in Tucson and all the bars are stocking up for this yearly fun event.

Saturday will be the most visible day for all on this run because starting around 6 p.m., all guests on this run will be boarding one of Tucson's new 1986 buses to be driven from one bar to another for at least 3 1/2 hours, probably more. This portion of the run is when I feel sorry for the bartenders. Can you see it, all is quiet, the door opens, in pour 80 people, or more, all wanting a drink -- right now! Thank goodness extra help is usually on hand at each stop or bar.

Anyone who'd like to join in on the total weekend, with this crazy, fun-loving group, can do so by checking in at the Graduate from 9 p.m. and paying the run fee of \$45. This small fee supplies you with food, beer, and anything you want to join you between the Dynasty sheets. There is also other times you can join the group on Saturday, but for the price you have to check with TKO's Treasurer Tommy Marlin.

I can guarantee you, I'm bringing 4 extra pens for, shall I say, juicy gossip and tid bits from this run.

Moving along, it's 4th Avenue Street Fair Time next weekend, April 25, 26 & 27. Again this year, shows will be presented at 1BT at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Aviva Diamond and Tamara along with Candi Plastique and Delilah will be featured. Check out 1BT's ad for correct dates and times, and I'll have more info in next weeks column.

Don't forget Copperstate Leathermen's "Murder at the Copper Queen" the weekend of May 3rd. Applications are available at both the Graduate and 1BT's. Speaking of 1BT, every Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Copperstate Leathermen of Tucson have their beer, bust for .50 per glass, where else can you be entertained by others so cheaply.

TALL, that other butch club (Ha! Ha!) is still in town and strong. Other than a couple of members out and about, the rest of TALL seems to be resting up.

Yes, SOS is in town carrying on, but Tucson has been working their poor little buns off lately so they do need a rest. Tucson Gay Community -- you should be very thankful we have an organization such as SOS. They always go out of their way to lend support in everything from general behind-the-scenes type of work or putting on fabulous shows. They are always willing to help any club, bar, organization or whatever in any community function that they are asked to. Thank you SOS.

Partners, another fun group in town, have a busy schedule for the coming month. Not only do they promote the T-Squares Beginners Square Dance Classes at Rumor Hazzit each week, but now they are promoting a joint summer bowling league at Fiesta Lanes. The location of the bowling, I'm sure, has nothing to do with the fact that "Mother" (of Partners) works there. Let's see if I can, so to speak, partake in the festivities weekly.

Tucson's bars now know the Midnight Ramblers. Is there any question who not only they are or what the AGRA is all about? I

planted a spy this weekend, and from reports I received, the group was fabulous, the fun was great and everyone at each stop of the Midnight Ramblers was treated to what square dancing is all about. Now let's have an Arizona square dancer's ball, convention or whatever.

Is that enough for this week? Now for some TBBS's. This following joke is printed with permission from the editor of the D-Gazette: What do you get when you cross a Cabbage Patch Doll and Aviva Diamond? A Dragette. (Hey! What can I say? I didn't write it!). Talk about experienced campers and fisher people. Nancy and Lindsey went fishing this past weekend in a canoe. Lindsey forgot the paddles and Nancy forgot the bait....Hopi was in her home bar asking for a little respect. With her size, she needs lots of ??? respect.... Rob, if you check this week's column out closely, I've given you a clue to TBBS.

A special thank you to R.I.P. (Ron) for finally bringing me my AGRA T-Shirt.

In closing, I want to welcome all the out-of-town guests who are here for Spring Fling. I hope everyone has a fun-filled and safe weekend. When everyone returns home Sunday, this means you also Sadie. I hope you carry fond memories with you. Remember, also as you read this, be careful or in next weeks paper you may be reading about yourself.

TV

This Week's TV Programs

7:00 (2) THE LOVE BUTT (60 min.)
The Captain asks "Why are you paying these people so much?" Captain: Thom McSmirnoff.

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS (60 min.)
Dorothy says that she really had a good time that Saturday, but can't really remember since Sophia bought all shots. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmer Sophia: Brucie Hazzitt.

(69) FRONTLINE (60 min.)
Hostess Jackie de Soy Sauce can't be found for love nor money.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.)
Katie decides to get back at a co-worker by getting all the possible replacements to party with her. Katie: Pietra St. Pool

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.)
Crock claims "vitamin deficiency" when he can't walk out the door. Crock: Gary Stark.

(69) MOVIE - Drama (2 hrs.)
"The Clean-Up Woman". A clean-up person desperately tries to get into movies and succeeds.... sort of. Wayne Rumor.

9:00 (2) DIE NASTY - (60 min.)
Alexi may be tall and skinny but what she can do with a sixteen pound bowling ball is not to be believed. Alexi: Davida Zircon

(7) FAMILY TRIES - (60 min.)
(New Show). A family devoted to service tries and tries. Alexi: Markie 1bt



Commentary

"AS I SEE IT....."

by Bruce Fowler, Tucson
Long ago, in a distant land in the far east, stood the most beautiful Hindu temple in all the world. Built of mahogany, the facade was delicately carved with all manner of garvies, gods and garlands. The gold trim on the portico caught the setting sun and for a few brief moments each day, produced a picture of majestic triumph causing the spirit to soar.

The temple had been built over a period of one hundred and twenty years by a community of dedicated and caring artisans who passed the knowledge of their trades on from generation to generation, each taking great care that the craftsmanship and artistry of their work be preserved so that the workmanship of the temple would not fail. So well did they do their job that when the temple was completed, everyone who saw it said it was the greatest work of art in the nation - a tribute to both the divine and the humane.

One night the temple burned to the ground, set afire by an arsonist. The villagers tracked him down, caught him and returned him to the scene of his crime. Standing amid the ashes of the once magnificent building, the village elder said to the man, "Why did you set fire to our temple?" The arsonist stood erect and answered, "I could never have built anything so beautiful, but I will always be remembered as the man who destroyed it."

As human beings, I think we often seek recognition and enduring fame for ourselves from the work we do. Perhaps as Gay and Lesbians we strive even harder for such immortality, because so much with which we must deal is designed to undermine any legitimate recognition we might receive. None-the-less, most of us are "builders" and "creators", trying to leave behind a world better than the one we found. We truly want to leave behind a legacy worthy of the divine and the humane that is us.

From time-to-time, others come and they destroy. They seek a monument to immortality, they too need to be recognized, but they are not builders and they are not creators. I sometimes think that in our Gay and Lesbian communities today, we have more than our share of those who would destroy in the name of being noticed. So often lately we see our organizations, our friends, our leaders destroyed - so that somebody might be able to stand in the limelight for a fleeting moment.

That which they did not create, they still can destroy and thus have power over it. Or so they think. So hollow is that power; without nobility is that reign.

COURT ORDERS GAY FATHER TO TAKE BLOOD TEST

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - National Gay Rights Advocates has appealed a Chicago court order requiring a Gay father to take an HTLV-III antibody test in order to visit his children. In a dramatic move, NGRA attorneys have informed the court that the father will refuse to comply with the order. As a result, the judge has agreed to reconsider the order and hear further evidence from both sides.

"The judge's original decision was clearly wrong," declared Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project. "The HTLV-III antibody test does not tell us whether a person has or will develop AIDS. Moreover, even if the father did have AIDS - which he does not - there would be no reason to keep him from visiting his children. AIDS cannot be casually transmitted, and it is time for the courts to recognize this fact."

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary agreed: "The court room is not a legitimate place for AIDS hysteria. NGRA is

determined to fight the misuse of the HTLV-III antibody test wherever it occurs."

The dispute originated when the children's father filed a motion for expanded visitation privileges. This motion was opposed by his former wife, who feared that the children would "catch AIDS" from him simply because he is Gay. Although the father is perfectly healthy, the judge ordered him to take the test, ignoring all medical evidence which was presented.

FIESTA DE MAYO CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

TUCSON - For the 1986 Gay Pride Week, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has scheduled a major fundraising event on the weekend of May 3 and 4. Festivities take place at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket where booths will be set up for a number of organizations, clubs and businesses selling food, games, etc.

There will be live mariachi music performed in the volleyball area where a stage will be erected for other events during the two-day Fiesta.

In addition, a King and Queen will be crowned at the closing of the Fiesta. There will be three couples vying for the distinction of reigning over Gay Pride Week activities. Representing the Red Color will be Aviva Diamond and Roger Barger, sponsored by the Graduate. Representing the White Color will be Richard Cordova and Minerva (Mini) sponsored by Classic Cleaning. Representing the Green Color will be Monte-Jon and Eddie Florez sponsored by Rumor Hazzit. All contributions made by voting for your favorite candidates will go to presenting another great Gay Pride Week '86. Tickets are now on sale at all the bars for voting purposes.

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER CONTEST MAY 25

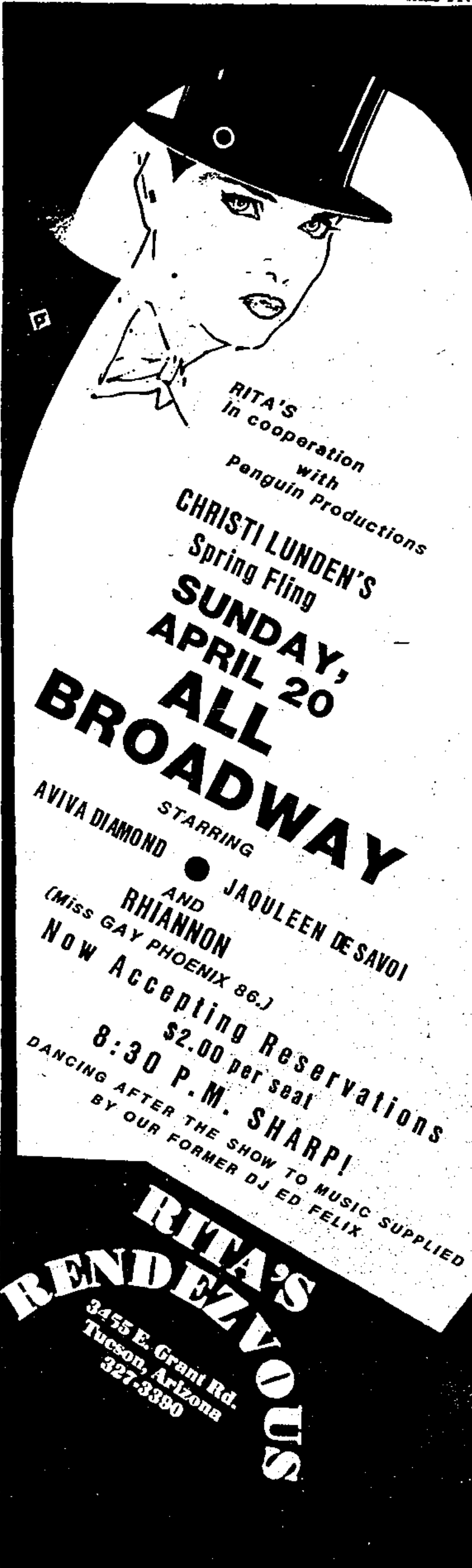
CHICAGO, IL - On May 25, twenty-three-year-old Patrick Toner will relinquish the title of International Mr. Leather, and complete a reign which has taken him around the nation where he assisted in raising over \$114,000 for AIDS-related activities.

One of the youngest winners of the annual event, Toner competed with some 30 leathermen from around the nation, Canada and Europe during the annual four-day extravaganza. Over 1,000 members of the international leather community traveled from some 36 states and 9 foreign countries to watch him compete.

"The demand for spectator reservations is growing. Already we're receiving twice as many requests as in previous years, and we sold out last year," said IML spokesman Ron Ehemann. Toner will appear with the hottest leathermen from around the world at the Eighth Annual International Mr. Leather Contest and Show over the Memorial Day Weekend (May 23 thru 26, 1986) in Chicago, Illinois. Weekend packages, which include reserved seating at the contest, official T-shirt and poster, various promotional items and four nights of parties, are available for \$50. For reservations or more information, write IML, 5025 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640.

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 6. If you borrow it, return it
 7. If you value it, take care of it
 8. If you make a mess, clean it up
 9. If you move it, move it back
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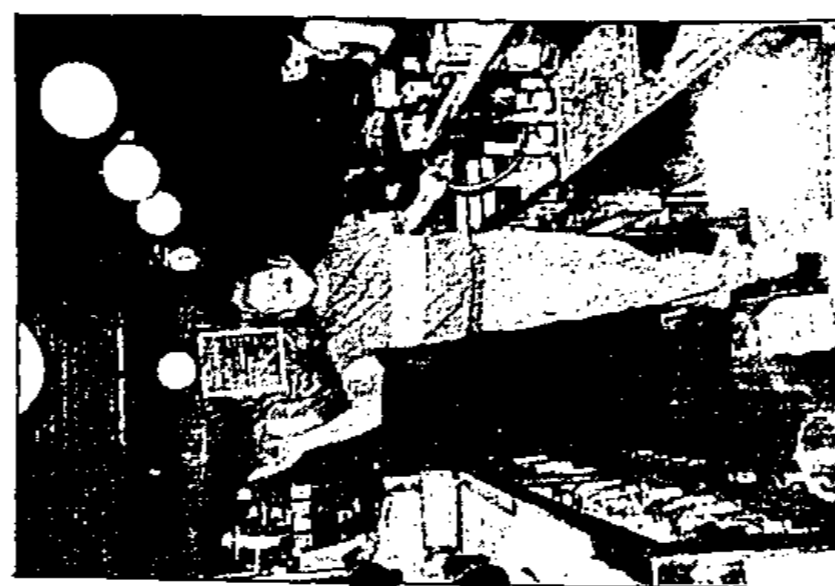
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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2 to 8 p.m. Drink Special. Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. .50 per glass. Bobby Jr., DJ in J/T 9 to 1.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 7 p.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Bourbon \$1. \$1.50 Well 6 pm to 1 am. Your Hostess Cheri 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music 8 to 1 with Clint.

RITA'S - Longest cocktail hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Scotch \$1 and Schnapps .75. "DINNER BUFFET NIGHT" 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. \$1.75. "Bowlers Special" - Special drink prices for bowlers in Rita's shirts.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Wednesday Beer Bust from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Dynasty" on life-size screen plus Drink Specials from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night \$1.25 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. Dave Pierson, DJ in J/T 9 to 1.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m.

GRADUATE - Honey Hour prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Rum \$1. From 6 pm to 1 am. Long Necka .75 with Dance Music from 8 pm to 1 am with Danny Page! "Dishes but Goodies".

RITA'S - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Bourbon \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 pm. Well Vodka \$1.25; Schnapps .75 and Domestic Beer (non premium) \$1 from 7 pm to 1 am.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily drink specials from open to 8 p.m. Square dancing by T-Squares from 7 to 10 p.m. Regular disco/video dancing 9 to close. All white well drinks \$1.25 and long neck Lone Star Beer .75 from 8 p.m. to close.

FRIDAY

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey 9 to 1.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Gin \$1. Dance Music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint. Well drinks \$1.25 from 6 pm to 1 am.

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RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Drink special daily open to 8 pm. Video dancing 9 p.m. to close.

SATURDAY

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium). Drink specials until closing.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey from 9 to 1.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am - 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1. All Long Necka \$1.25 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (non-premium) \$1.00 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lunch Buffet served noon until 5 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm until 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special. Video dancing 9 p.m. until close.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4:00 to dusk \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Disco open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. ++

GRADUATE - Draft Beer .75 and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 2 to 6:30 P.M. Copperstate Leathermen Draft Beer Bust. .50 draft. Dance music 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.25 noon to 7 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. T-Squares Beginners Class from 2 to 4 pm. Sunday Pool Tournament 4 pm. \$25 First Prize guaranteed.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Bowlers Special" .75 well drinks for J/T bowling league bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Vodka \$1. From 6 pm to 1 am Well Drinks \$1.50.

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RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Daily drink specials open to 8 pm. Video dancing from 9 pm. until 1 am.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans of Miller, Miller Lite or Coors \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 to 1.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium) and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am - 6 pm Well Scotch \$1. All Well drinks \$1.50 from 6 pm to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Gin \$1.00, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special 2 for 1 Well 2 to 10 p.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

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RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Penguin Productions presents Christi Lunden's "Spring Fling" - All Broadway with Aviva Diamond, Jacqueline de Savol and Miss Gay Phoenix, Rhannon. 8:30 p.m. sharp. Reservations now being taken. \$2.00 per seat.

APRIL 25, 26, 27
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Unofficial headquarters for the Fourth Avenue Street Fair. On Saturday and Sunday there will be two shows in the afternoon at 2 and 4 p.m. starring Aviva Diamond and Miss Gay Arizona, Tamara, plus Candi Plastique will appear at the 2 p.m. show on Saturday and Delilah will join up for the two Sunday shows.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27
RUMOR HAZZIT - Benefit show for Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. Show starts at 9 p.m. and stars Aviva Diamond, Delilah, Jeff, Monte-Jon and Eddie Florez plus Big Mike of SOS. \$3.00 cover at the door goes to helping produce Gay Pride Week activities this year.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 3 AND 4
JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA being presented as a fundraiser by Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance to help finance Lesbian and Gay Pride Week activities. Booths, games and plenty of fun. King and Queen of the Fiesta will be crowned. Entertainment on an outdoor stage. See news story in this issue. Watch for more details as the activity draws nearer. Keep these dates open.

SUNDAY, MAY 4
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Men at Play	6	2	.750
Mean Machine	4	4	.500
Madollos	3	4	.428
AAGLF	2	5	.286
Liberties	1	6	.143
"New Team"	0	2	.000

Schedule of Play

For 4/20/86

Match Play starts at 1:00 p.m.

Master Blasters vs Men at Play
New Team vs Madollos
Mean Machine vs AAGLF
Liberties vs New Team
Madollos vs Mean Machine
New Team vs Master Blasters
Men at Play vs AAGLF
Master Blasters vs Liberties
AAGLF vs Mean Machine

The league has added a new team for the second half of league play. This is the first time that the league has had seven teams. We welcome this "New Team" and apologize for forgetting their "real" name. This is also the first all women team to play in the league. Due to this addition we will be playing a slight bit later into the evening than usual. So those of you spectators that arrive later in the day can watch Tucson's best Lesbian and Gay athletes compete under the lights.

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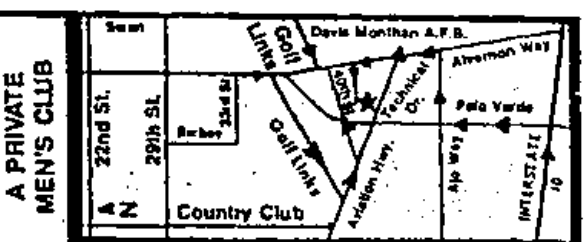
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I Try To Remember The Cruise To Remember

by Arthur Blank

DAY FIVE



Isla Mujeres is an island off the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico; the ship was due to dock there around 10:00 a.m. The day was sunny, hot and steamy. We cruised along seeing long, flat islands covered with vegetation, scrubby pines and some palms (though many of these looked planted). Breakfast was open seating that day, meaning no assigned seats, so we sat with some trumpy old queens pecking at grapefruit halves. Many people were going on a tour to some ancient Mayan ruins at Tulum (just think of "to lum it may concern" for correct pronunciation). They would be

a very narrow stairway, without a rail, that ascended along one wall of the restaurant. At the top, one slid open a glass shower door and there was the bathroom!

We didn't buy anything, and returned to the ship to spend the afternoon sunning. Wayland Flowers rode the tender back with us amid a chorus of greetings. He had an entourage of 3 or 4 men with him - I never could count them.

The ship moved up the island about 3 miles to a night-time dock near a big resort hotel. I forget the name, but it was



taking a tender from the ship and then transferring to buses for a (bumpy) ride to the ruins. John and I thought it sounded interesting, but decided not to go - after five days on the boat, we'd seen enough ruins!

We dropped anchor (they must have been 16 feet high, massive things) in the harbor off Cozumel right on time. The city was not a special looking place - low white buildings, buildings going up or coming down (one can hardly tell which), palm trees rattling in the breeze. At second glance, I was reminded, unfortunately, of Nogales. Sort of dumpy, no fantastic structures I would expect of a resort city. We boarded the first tender in and alighted ten minutes later at the city. The ship in the distance was an impressive sight, black against the deep blue sky and shimmering turquoise sea. The water was such a clear blue - colored fish flitted along the bottom amongst the urchins and anemones.

We began walking and peering into stores, most of which sold the same Cozumel t-shirts, cheap jewelry and assorted tourist junk. The most popular store among our ship members, it seemed, was the Polo Store. The boys descended and stripped that place like a horde of grasshoppers. I figure one day all the men will be wearing ruffles like in Elizabethan times, those silly turned-up Polo collars are just the beginning. After walking for several hours, 'til we were hot, tired and needing a whiz of death, found a little restaurant with a good menu off the main drag. The place had no glass or curtains in the windows - just holes in the wall and about 8 ceiling fans whirling away inside. The food was great and at 1/2 the price of something just a street away, a steal (we noticed mainly locals eating - supposedly a good sign). The bathroom there was at the top of

outrageous. Vaguely Mayan styling, all pyramidal and stepped with huge lion/lady statues flanking steps down to an outdoor covered cocktail place (the roof must have been four stories up). They had the obligatory swim-up bar and glass elevator.

At dinner that night we heard that one of the buses returning from Tulum had been in an accident. Apparently the bus had somehow over run a Volkswagen Bug and overturned beside the road. No one was seriously hurt, but I'm sure the cruise line's lawyers were girding themselves for a fight. It did precipitate one of Madame's jokes the next night: The bus overturned and "here I am lying under 50 hunky men and couldn't get my legs up!"

Cozumel didn't seem to have lots going, so we just messed around on ship and watched Victor/Victoria at the movies. Lots of people were on board and the Safari Lounge became pretty active (almost got knocked down by my wiggly, but didn't recognize him without his blue swimsuit). We were actually getting tired from the trip and flaked out around 12:30.



Talk, talk, talk, where the hell are the classifieds?

BUYING A CAR



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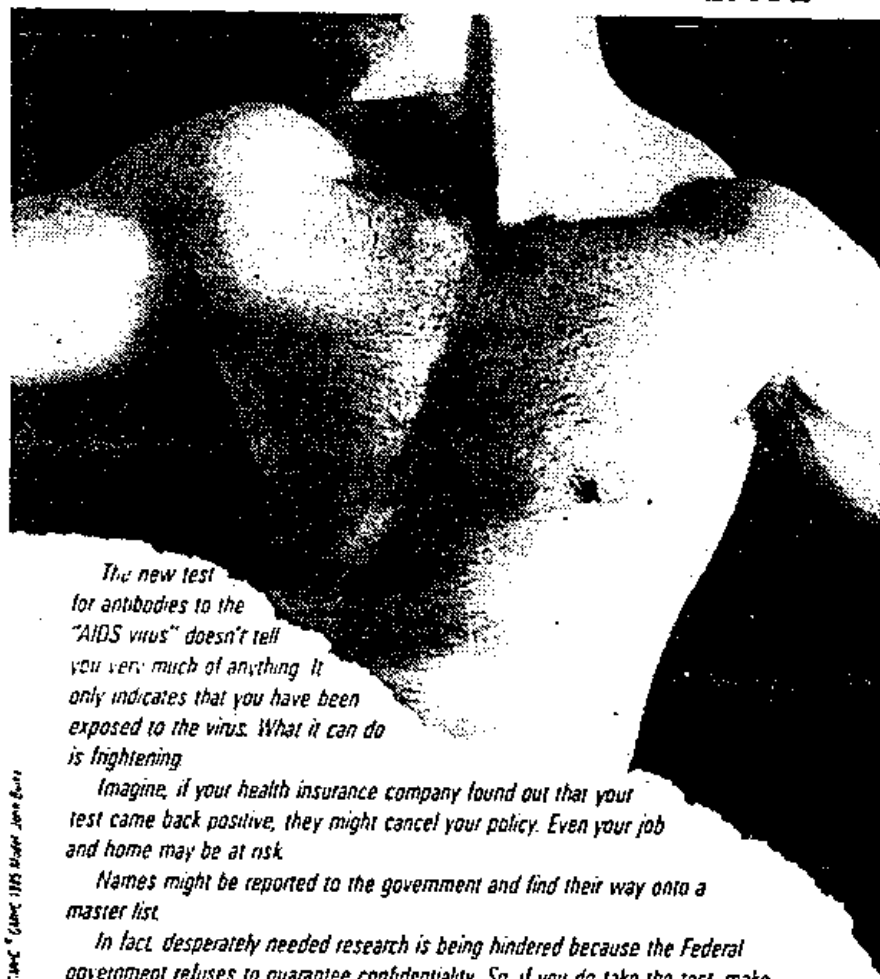
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As Gay men we have had to invent ourselves, outside of approved norms for how to be men. Our stories have a common theme of self-creation. I'm not saying there's not conformity among Gay men. I'm saying that there is enormous diversity and experimentation with ways of being men. Since there were no role models, since our families often ignored or even disowned our Gayness, since we uprooted ourselves from our pasts to seek each other in urban centers, we were free to find and define ourselves from within.

I feel anxious: how can I summarize a movement so important to me in a way that will matter to you? And what if it doesn't? Coming out is always risky.

Part of the riskiness is that I would like not to be seen as totally "other," but would like you to consider your own Gay side. Each man presumably has a Gay side, and to acknowledge it is to be a fuller, richer person.

Most men first experience their Gay side during what Freud misleadingly called "latency," only to lose touch with it later, under the pressure of adolescence, amidst a conspiracy of silence, misinformation and misunderstanding.

Men: think back to a male friend from your pre-adolescent days, a buddy, a playmate, who felt close. For almost one man out of three, this male bonding included sex-play (Kinsey, et al: Sexual Behavior in the Human Male).

For others, it was an emotional closeness, a Tom Sawyer-Huck Finn partnership in adventure, a secret club, a gang. In a culture which would prefer to ignore the homosexual potential of its children, such a period is comfortably dismissed as child's play.

Other cultures are not so denying. In Papua, New Guinea, boys are initiated into manhood by ritualized sexual activity with older men. In ancient Greece Gay love was refined and noble. In practically every culture, homosexuality exists.

Yet our culture conspires to disguise this legacy, sometimes unwittingly. I remember well my sense of betrayal when I learned that the standard editions of Plato systematically distort homosexuality, making overtly sexual passages into sublimated scenes more palatable to Victorian morality.

So Gay culture lies buried under multiple layers of moral judgment. The painstaking task of reclaiming our culture is a large part of the current Gay renaissance.

Each individual Gay man contributes to this task as he struggles to reclaim his own identity. Psychologists boosted the legitimacy of this quest in a major way when, in the mid-1970's, homosexuality per se was declassified as a mental disorder. The focus of treatment switched from changing one's homosexual preference - a path as fruitless as it was ethically dubious - to changing negative attitudes about oneself. But altering the diagnostic manual has not altered all the hearts and habits of

psychotherapists, and homophobia persists.

Gay therapists have suggested guidelines for a Gay-affirmative therapy which, at a minimum, would require therapists to come to terms with their own Gay side. And researchers have begun to outline the developmental process of a healthy Gay male identity. This process typically begins with vague feelings, fantasies or even sexual experiences, moves toward a labeling of these behaviors as "Gay," then to a gradual labeling of self as "Gay" - often with a negative charge.

Helping a client move to the next stage - a positively charged Gay identity (often militantly proud at first) - is a central task of psychotherapy with Gays. Ultimately, Gayness tends to become more harmoniously integrated with other aspects of the self.

But the current AIDS crisis is plunging Gay men into a collective identity crisis unlike anything since the advent of Gay liberation. The sex-positive euphoria that was so central to the Gay message to the world was played out to its logical extremes in lifestyles of multiple partners and sexual contacts.

Gay men are now charting a course between carefree sexual anarchy and the realities of a healthy sexuality. The crisis promises to have a maturing effect on the movement: more frankness about sexuality and safeguards, more dialogue on intimacy and relationships.

At the same time the AIDS crisis threatens to further define Gay men as "other," and this is dangerous for all of us. Dangerous because the male bond which Gay men manifest sexually and sexually is everywhere in our culture, in all cultures, and if we don't act it out lovingly, it may emerge in negative ways.

The male bond is a strong force in the military, in all-male or mostly-male institutions like the Pentagon and the boards of corporate America. I suspect one reason the ERA lost is that men sense in women a threat to their accustomed ways of male bonding, and if women shared in male power-holdings, men might be forced to confront their need for male intimacy in new, more frightening ways.

The liberation of Gay men touches all men, and indeed the well-being of the planet. As long as there is a bias against lovingly expressing the male bond, there will be a tendency to act it out only in contexts where traditional "masculine" values such as competitiveness, power and violence dominate.

We must dare to see the Gay man not as "other" but as part of every man. We must dare to teach our male children that it's all right to care for other boys. We must dare to confront the men who aim lethal nuclear phalluses at other men, and insist they learn to make love, not war.

Gordon Murray
"Changing Men"

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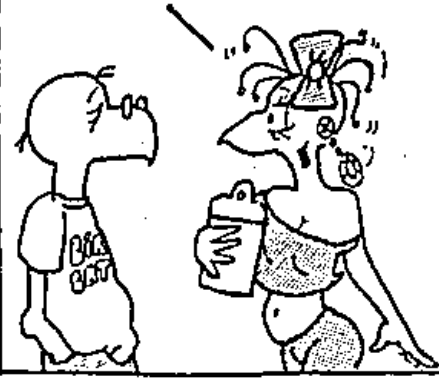
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A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

WHAT DO YOU WANT FIRST, THE GOOD NEWS?

Actually, either choice you make will be good, for there are two great things to tell you about this week. Firstly, if you will remember my column of March 26 (Tid Bits Of Information) you will remember me telling you of a movie called PARTING GLANCES about New York, and homosexuals. SURPRISE! It opened earlier this month at the Harkins' Los Arcos Mall Theatres, in Scottsdale. (Yeah!) However, when I contacted the theatre for info on how long the film would be available, I was told "At least until April 24." Guess they need to see how popular it is, or something. Thusly, by the time you read this, it could be too late. (Damn these pesky two-week deadlines!) However, if you want to see this wonderful film you can call the theatre at 949-8501 after 1 p.m. to see if it is still playing. If for some unheard of reason it is not, ask to speak with the General Manager JEFF SKIRVIN. Ask him why it is no longer playing, but REMEMBER TO THANK HIM FOR SHOWING IT AT ALL. (You may also call Mr. Dan Harkins at the Harkins' Corporate offices at 1-955-2233). This is very important. You might also ask him if there is ANY chance for them to show it again. (Also remember to ask him about showing MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE. If you read my column of April 9, you know that it's worth showing in Arizona too). Beg, plead if you have to, but be nice. We need to show him --and others like him-- that we want these films in our state. Right? Right!

This next bit of good news deals only with those of us who reside in Phoenix. (If you live in Tucson, skip this part, or not). The CITY OF PHOENIX EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT sent me this nifty letter last week which explained the newly created Equal Opportunity Department. The letter details the three sections of this new department has: The Affirmative Action/Contract Compliance Section; and the Investigations Section which is headed by Eddie Rodriguez.

The Investigations Section is "responsible for investigating complaints filed by City of Phoenix employees. This section also investigates complaints filed by citizens within the City of Phoenix boundaries who believe they are victims of discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or religion in employment, housing and public accommodations."

The letter further explains that this section is "also responsible for receiving, and when possible, informally resolving, complaints made by citizens who believe they are victims of discrimination based on, (now get this), "age, sexual orientation, marital status and handicap." Did you see that? In black and white, "SEXUAL ORIENTATION". I KNOW I stopped breathing when I read that part.

But, there's more: "Information obtained through this process will be reviewed by the City of Phoenix Human Relations Commission," (remember them?) "in order to determine whether to recommend any or all of these areas to be included in the city's anti-discrimination ordinance."

NOW, HERE'S WHERE YOU AT HOME CAN GET INVOLVED: This is the opportunity we have been awaiting, folks, so LISTEN CLOSELY.

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN DENIED A JOB, A HOME, AN APARTMENT, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, SERVICE, MEDICAL HELP, POLICE ASSISTANCE, OR ANYTHING BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, CALL Eddie Rodriguez in Phoenix at 262-7486. HE IS THERE TO HELP YOU, AND THEREFORE ALL GAY MEN AND LESBIAN WOMEN IN PHOENIX --AND EVENTUALLY ARIZONA. DON'T BE AFRAID TO REPORT ANY AND ALL CASES OF DISCRIMINATION. THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE TO BE HEARD.

The Phoenix Human Relations Commission is looking for facts and evidence that homosexuals are discriminated against in Phoenix.

WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION, THEY WILL CONCLUDE THAT NO DISCRIMINATION EXISTS. (and we know that ain't so....). So don't be afraid to come forth!

IF YOU ARE AFRAID TO COME FORTH, WRITE TO ME IN CARE OF THIS PAPER AND I WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE FACTS OF YOUR CASE ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

Also, could somebody please give me a succinct, simple explanation as to why Hotbods has not had a dance license for the past several weeks? And what exactly is a dance license? (And how come it's been closed all of a sudden?)

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to use this letter to thank all of those in Tucson's community who helped send a representative to the 7th Lesbian/Gay Health Conference and AIDS Action Forum in Washington, D.C. last month.

The Conference was a gathering of ideas and information, networking of AIDS projects throughout the country. Several other countries had representatives in attendance also. Tucson's Safe Sex "trick pads" were viewed as an innovative educational tool and may be introduced in the cities of San Francisco and New York.

Again, I express my appreciation to the supporters of the Tucson AIDS Project and those that wanted one of our own in Washington.

Special thanks are in order for Bob Sr., of the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket; Dick of the Fineline; Roger of the Graduate; Mike of Speedway Adult Books; Dan of It's 'Bout Time, Jo and Willow of Bentley's; Thom of Rita's; Carol, the members of Dignity and again the members of the Tucson AIDS Project. Sincerely,
Bill Richards
Educational Chair
Tucson AIDS Project

PARENTS CONTEST GAY SON'S WILL

NEW YORK, NY - An attempt by the parents of an AIDS victim to overturn his bequest to his lover was rejected by a Manhattan judge. Judge Marie Lambert ruled that "the dead man, Richard Thaler, was "of sound mind and memory" the day the will was executed.

Thaler, an advertising executive, who died in May 1984 at age 36, left most of his estate to George Shetta, his lover of 12 years. But the parents, Charles and Ernestine Thaler, of Inverness, Florida, contested the will. Shetta, 44, said he was shocked at Mr. and Mrs. Thaler's action, adding, "I had no idea they were going to do anything like that. Their basic reaction was that he was dead and I was the queer."

GAY TOLERANCE TO BE TAUGHT?

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Public school officials here are considering a program that would promote student tolerance and understanding of homosexuality. "We do it now with blacks, Hispanics and Chinese," said school board member Jo Ann Miller. "In this spirit we are making an effort to include Gay and Lesbian information in our curriculum."

The program would not involve study of homosexuality. Instead, selected school administrators and teachers (such as high school principals, counselors, and family life teachers) would receive copies of a book titled "Demystifying Homosexuality" to draw upon for discussing Gays and Lesbians.

Falwell helps church split by adultery

by Donald M. Krels
BANGOR, ME (AP) - The Rev. Jerry Falwell and his top aides have embarked on a "spiritual rescue mission" to a major fundamentalist congregation that has been torn apart by its pastors public confession of adultery.

Falwell, founder of the conservative lobby Moral Majority, is to preach as interim pastor of the Bangor Baptist Church, where only about 100 people have been showing up to worship in a sanctuary that has seats for 2,000.

As recently as last fall, thousands flocked to the church on the outskirts of this city of 30,000 far from the Bible Belt to hear the Rev. Herman C. "Buddy" Frankland, who founded the church nearly 20 years ago and has become one of Maine's most outspoken advocates of fundamentalist causes.

Frankland first got attention outside Bangor in 1974 with his vocal opposition to the formation of a Gay rights group at the University of Maine.

Frankland, 50, also ran an unsuccessful independent campaign for governor in 1978 and more recently led a legal battle that won MAINE'S Christian schools some independence from state regulation.

But on Oct. 15, the walls came crashing down. "I am guilty of adultery," Frankland said at a news conference. "I have no excuse nor will I attempt to make one." He gave no details.

Frankland, married and the father of four, said he would step down from the pulpit within 30 days. But a month later, he appeared at a prayer meeting to say that God wanted him to stay remain in his post. All but a handful of the congregation walked out - and most have not been back.

Falwell and Frankland are graduates of Baptist Bible college in Springfield, Mo. Falwell has preached at Frankland's church before and the two have been identified as friends.

But five aides from Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty University, who came to Bangor from Lynchburg, Virginia, last week are distancing themselves from Frankland.

Ed Dobson, vice president of the university, said one of Falwell's conditions for assuming control of the congregation at the invitation of the church deacons was that Frankland leave both the pulpit and the community.

Frankland has made few public statements about the crisis but told the Bangor Daily News last week that he has felt tossed around "like a yo-yo" with some church members telling him to resign, and others begging him to stay. "Lawyers advised me to shut my mouth," he said.

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13 U.S. CITIES JOINING TOGETHER TO COMBAT AIDS

Edward's proposal for a computerized AIDS information network, he said that plan would be discussed at future sessions.

Health officials from New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Miami, Florida, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Denver, Minneapolis, Dallas, Newark, New Jersey, Santa Ana, California and Washington, D.C. attended.

Other issues took precedence over his proposal for computerized, inter-city exchange of AIDS information, Edwards said.

Paul Kavata of the National AIDS Network, a Washington-based alliance of AIDS service and education groups, said the proposal would duplicate a state-funded computer network that has been operating in California for more than a year.

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