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LETTERS



AIDS AS BUSINESS

Dear Editor:

I feel I must speak out concerning the massive injustices that are being inflicted on so very many People With AIDS here in Arizona. It is my sincere hope that the public will read, hear, and most importantly listen to my words. Perhaps they are not words of wisdom, but they are without a doubt the words of one very concerned individual.

As a full time volunteer with an AIDS agency in Arizona, I am appalled at the cruel way that PWAs are being treated by the various AIDS agencies. ("Up Against The Big Business of AIDS," PR V 4 #19). These agencies are the very ones who claim that they only exist to help PWAs and help fight the spread of the vicious killer we know as AIDS.

The whole ballgame has become just that: one big political game, when in fact we are, or are supposed to be, dealing with the life and death of innocent and very special people. In the midst of battles between agencies over money, power struggles, and popularity contests, who gets hurt? Yes, the PWA who the agency set out to supposedly help in the first place! Something is very wrong here. We cannot allow this kind of childish behavior to continue to exist when so many lives are at stake.

While agency board members and administrators debate over who will give out the money, and who will be the new chairman, nothing gets done for the PWA. Who really gives a damn who the chairman is, or where the money comes from? Let's just get the money to those individuals who need it, and need it badly!

If an agency has to wait just a few extra days for its funding, how many PWAs will be evicted from their homes? How many PWAs will have to go without food? How many PWAs won't have electricity or water? How many PWAs will run out of medication, or not be able to see the doctor? These are questions that deserve and must have number one priority attention. Let's put an end to these ridiculous games

and do what we originally set out to do!

The sad part of this scenario is that all of these selfish political games are actually occurring right before our eyes and most people aren't even seeing them. There is no need to name names and agencies, as we all are involved. All of us are equal participants, who are equally guilty.

My suggestion to all agency board members and administrators is that they, along with everyone involved, ask themselves a few thought-provoking questions. Why is our agency here? What did our agency originally set out to do? Is our agency, and the people involved, still fulfilling our original commitment and purpose?

Enough is more than enough! Let us all help the ones we originally set out to help. If things don't change quickly, we will only continue to devastate the lives of innocent PWAs while we selfishly battle amongst ourselves over trivial things that cannot even compare in importance to the life of a Person With AIDS!

Angrily,
James A. Hillerman
Volunteer,
ARCE Program

Dear Editor:

AIDS has a very personal connection for me. I have a gay brother who has lived in San Francisco for the last 10 years, so I worry about him. AIDS has also been a political and intellectual challenge. I spend a lot of time talking about lesbian and gay issues with the heterosexual community, and AIDS is always a roadblock on the path to enlightened consciousness. Now that I am working for the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard, I deal with AIDS in an educational and organizational context, dispelling myths and explaining our services. AIDS is ever-present as a problem and I have learned that accuracy and immediacy of information about AIDS is the single

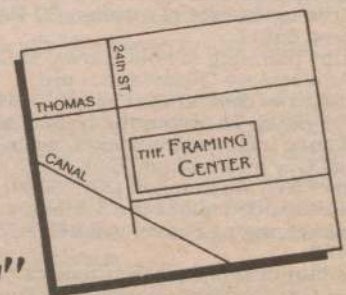
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NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCES URGED TO REMEMBER 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARVEY MILK'S ASSASSINATION

The Harvey Milk Remembrance Committee, an ad hoc group organized by the Gay Services Network of Kansas City and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has declared Sunday, November 27—the 10th anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination—to be Harvey Milk Remembrance Day. The Committee urges gay and lesbian groups across the United States to hold events—such as vigils and workshops—remembering Milk and focusing attention on the growing problem of anti-gay violence. To encourage observances on November 27 and during the following week, NGLTF and the Gay Services Network of Kansas City have prepared an informational packet that lists suggested events, resources, and includes a brief biography of Milk.

Harvey Milk, a tireless and outspoken advocate for the rights of gay people and other oppressed groups, was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S. On November 27, 1978, Milk—along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone—was assassinated by Dan White, another city supervisor. That night, more than 40,000 marchers converged on San Francisco's City Hall to mourn the deaths of both men. Months later, Dan White was acquitted

by a jury of first degree murder and convicted of manslaughter—for which he served only five years in prison. The lenient sentence shocked and outraged many, sparking angry protests and violence.

Commented Scott Smith, Executor of the estate of Harvey Milk, "A national day of remembrance is appropriate because Harvey's legacy extends beyond San Francisco to the entire world. Ten years later, his example continues to inspire and energize gay and lesbian people everywhere."

"The tenth anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination allows us to not only recall his enormous contribution to our movement," said Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project, "but also to focus attention on the violence that still plagues our community, still threatens our freedom to live and love as we choose. It is my hope that local observances will encourage more of us to combat anti-gay violence and to demand equal protection from the criminal justice system."

Added Carl Hippensteel, organizer of the Remembrance Committee, "Within our community there are many who do not know about Harvey Milk's role in our history. Remembering him allows us an opportunity to educate both gay and straight people who have never heard his story."

'QUEEN OF PROVINCETOWN' TO VISIT PHOENIX

Francis Xavier Haggerty is not young or pretty. Even if you dressed him in leather, he'd still look like a queen. Nevertheless, when he arrives in Phoenix October 6, you'll want to meet him. Once you do, your life may never be the same.

Franny, The Queen of Provincetown is a comedy-drama adapted by Steve Schemmel from the novel written by John Preston and published by Alyson Publications in 1982. The World Premiere of this adaptation will have a limited run of ten performances beginning October 6, at the Janus Theatre, 3302 North 7th Street in Phoenix. Tickets are available from September 23 at all Dillard's Box Office outlets.

Franny is being presented by the The Phoenix Group under the sponsorship of Janus Theatre Company, with Schemmel producing and directing. Valley theater patrons associate Schemmel's directing and producing talents with the critically acclaimed *Torch Song Trilogy*, *Life of the Party*, *The Ritz*, and *The Boys in the Band*. *Boys* and *The Ritz* were the 1983 and 1985 winners of the Western Express Reader's Choice Awards.

Schemmel is currently represented by the sell-out production of Phoenix Little Theatre's *La Cage Aux Folles*, which has been extended through October 1. In November, he returns to Los Angeles to direct the pre-Broadway production of another new

play, *The Magnificent Whore*, and to prepare for the Los Angeles opening of *Franny*.

"*Franny, the Queen of Provincetown* covers thirty-three years in the life of one man, illustrating how one person—you or I—can affect and change the lives of others," says Schemmel. "Many people will recognize friends, family, and parts of themselves as they watch the play. It's fun; it's touching; it's moving."

Author Michael McDowell says of the novel, "*Franny* provides a patchwork of modern gay history—engaging and enraging, charming and alarming. There's always the sibilant hiss of authenticity to the cross-cutting speeches of the characters, who pop out...from our collective past, to tell us where we were and show us where we've come."

Bill Salem will play the title role, with Ramon Pratt and Lin Haring as his two best friends. Others in the cast are Greg Lutz, Frank Kopic, Kent Stanger, Paulette Kay, Louis Wefers, J.J. Giannantonio, Michael Skiff, Tim Stetson, and Gil Berry. Harvey Unti designed sets, with lighting by Ernie Reid, sound by Jac Saas, costumes/props by Bill Cole, and William La Bossiere as Stage Manager.

Performances will be 8pm, October 6, 7, 8, 14 and 21; 5pm, October 15, 16 and 22; and at 8:30pm October 15 and 22.

JANUS THEATRE ON LAST LEGS

Janus Theatre Co., Inc., Phoenix's local community theater group for ten years and second oldest gay theatre group in the nation, may be closing its doors this season unless they receive some financial assistance and community support.

Janus Theatre, founded in 1980 by Steve Schemmel and Bud Guiles, was started as an attempt to help educate the minds of a closed-up community about the gay lifestyle.

"Janus has done very well for some time," says Janus spokesman C.W. Hunt. "But with declining audiences, rising costs, and much less support, we cannot continue as we have for the past year. The board members and the few supporters have given all they can. The resources are all tapped out."

In a last, full-forced effort to save the company from going under, Janus has planned a fabulous season of absurd comedy, ranging from old theater classics like *Staircase*, to a night of one-acts, which will include *Suburban Guerilla Warfare*, written and directed by Neil Cohen, well known in the local Tempe/Mesa theater crowd.

—For more information on "Celebration '89," write to Couples of Arizona, PO Box 713, Mesa 85211.

—Groups planning to hold Harvey Milk 10th Anniversary Observances are encouraged to contact Carl Hippensteel at 816-561-8508. To obtain the Harvey Milk Observance information packet, write the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1517 "U" Street NW, Washington DC, 20009.

—For information about the S & M group People Exchanging Power, call 848-8737 or 744-3422.

—To obtain tickets for performances of the Phoenix Group's presentation of *Franny: The Queen of Provincetown*, telephone 271-4771.

—To assist with Janus Theatre's Tenth Season productions, call 956-4940.

—To obtain registration materials for the International Front Runners Convention, write PO Box 363, Village Station, New York, New York, 10014.

LESBIAN AND GAY RUNNERS TO CONVENE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK—Front Runners NY will host the first International Frontrunners Convention on Columbus Day weekend this fall, with the theme "Strengthening the Spirit."

It's the first time in the 14-year history of Frontrunners that clubs from around the country will meet to swap experiences and learn more about running.

As many as 300 lesbian and gay runners are expected from the 25 Front Runner clubs in the United States, Canada and Australia. Runners who are not affiliated with any club are also welcome.

The four-day event, from Friday, Oct. 7, to Monday, Oct. 10, will include a series of workshops on topics including marathon training, runners and AIDS, racing strategy, women's issues and injury avoidance. Runners will gather for a Saturday night dance at New York's Lesbian and Gay Community Center, and on Sunday will participate in the International Frontrunners Track and Field Invitational, an event sanctioned by The Athletics Congress, at Downing Stadium on Randall's Island.

"We decided that, as Front Runners, we wanted to do things together nationally, to foster cooperation and athletic spirit," says Richard Walker, past president of Front Runners NY and co-coordinator of the convention.

The theme "Strengthening the Spirit" was chosen to accentuate the Front Runner clubs' united response to the AIDS crisis. "We're suffering from both health and political crises, and we wanted a theme that would continue the spirit and unity of the Gay Games One and Two," Walker says. "We need to celebrate our participation."

DANNEMEYER PICKED TO REPRESENT BUSH ON AIDS

WASHINGTON, DC—Rep. William Dannemeyer—notorious Capitol Hill homophobe and sponsor of numerous "hostile" AIDS amendments calling for contact tracing, mandatory testing and censorship of AIDS information, among others—was scheduled to represent Republican presidential nominee George Bush in an AIDS debate.

The *Boston Globe* reported Dannemeyer would discuss health policy and AIDS with Dr. Jonathan Fielding, health advisor to the Dukakis campaign, before the American Group Practice Association San Diego on Sept. 16. The article quoted David Sandor, a Bush campaign spokesperson in Washington, D.C., as saying Dannemeyer is "a logical choice...he's well qualified [to speak on AIDS]."

A Dannemeyer spokesman at his Capitol Hill office confirmed to the Human Rights Campaign Fund the Congressman's plans to represent Bush, and added the only way he would miss the event is if "he has to vote on one of his bills on the floor."

As it turned out, Dannemeyer did not make the San Diego speech. Instead, he staying in Washington to participate in a House rule vote regarding the upcoming AIDS Federal Policy Act of 1988, which contains several "hostile" Dannemeyer amendments.

AIDS activists in Washington—and certain insiders of Bush's own campaign—were amazed and startled that Dannemeyer had been picked to represent the vice president on AIDS. Dannemeyer has said, among other things, that AIDS patients "emit spores that have been known to cause birth defects." California activists are currently battling a Dannemeyer-sponsored state AIDS proposition.

COUPLES OF ARIZONA TO HOST NATIONAL CELEBRATION

It was almost five years ago that John and Rick, a gay couple in Long Beach, placed an ad in a local community newspaper asking if other gay and lesbian couples were interested, as they were, in forming a club in order to socialize and exchange ideas with others who were also in a relationship. That idea, and the initial Couples club that resulted from it, has today grown into the Couples National Network, Inc., which includes a dozen current or organizing Couples clubs throughout the country. Couples of Tucson will soon hold their first meeting, while Couples of Arizona has provided over three years of service to the Phoenix lesbian and gay community.

Couples of Arizona will this winter host the 1989 Couples National Network Anniversary Celebration, during the weekend of February 10-12th. Over a hundred lesbian and gay couples are expected to visit Phoenix for "Celebration '89," with a full calendar of events planned by the local group. Highlight of the Western-themed weekend will be a gala dinner-dance at Rawhide, a recreated "Old West" town in North Scottsdale. There will also be a welcoming reception and farewell brunch at a downtown hotel, with several daytime activities planned for both Saturday and Sunday.

All local lesbian or gay couples are welcome to attend "Celebration '89," whether or not they are members of a Couples group. Tickets for the full weekend of events are \$125 per couple, but can be obtained for \$100 if a 50% deposit is paid by December 1st. A limited number of tickets for the dinner-dance alone will be available at a lower cost. All ticket reservations must be paid in full no later than January 13, 1989.

"TOWN HALL" SCHEDULED FOR QUILT WEEKEND IN WASHINGTON



WASHINGTON, DC—A "Town Hall" meeting on the gay and lesbian political movement will be held in the nation's capitol during the March on Washington anniversary and Names Project Quilt weekend.

The open meeting will feature a distinguished panel of leading figures from the gay and lesbian and mainstream political movement. All gay men, lesbians and supporters are invited to participate in the Town Hall, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 3:30pm, in the Speaker's Gold Room (Rm. 2168) at the U.S. House of Representatives' Rayburn Building (Independence Avenue across from the U.S. Capitol).

Scheduled panelists include Representatives Barney Frank (D-Ma.) and Bill Green (R-N.Y.), noted political

analyst Ann Lewis, Dukakis Campaign '88 regional outreach coordinator and gay activist Randy Miller, plus others.

The panel will focus on future challenges and opportunities for gays and lesbians in the political arena, especially during the next presidential administration. Panelists will make short presentations on new issues the gay and lesbian community should address; tactics the community should use to move its political agenda; how to increase our power in the political arena; how the community can advance lesbian and gay civil rights given the demands AIDS places on our resources; and developing a political agenda around next June's twentieth anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion.

STATE POLICY ON AIDS TESTING UP FOR REVIEW

Jeff Coulter

The Arizona Department of Health Services is presently considering a proposal to change the state policy on AIDS testing. Currently, Arizona is one of only seven states that require individuals who wish to be tested to identify themselves. Until recently, the Health Department has defended the stance of identifying all persons who take the HIV test by claiming that the personal information was necessary for follow-up procedures. According to Dr. Charles Juels, director of infectious disease control for Maricopa County, many people who have their blood drawn for the test never come back for the results. Health Department figures show that in the last three months, 852 people have been tested. Of those, 23 percent (or 196 people) did not return for the results, and seven percent of those (or 15 people) not returning tested positive. Based on the current system, the Health Department can still contact those people who test positive. If the anonymous testing proposal is accepted, there would be no way of contacting those people.

Those individuals and groups in favor of anonymous testing feel that the advantages of an anonymous test site would outweigh the disadvantages. Under the new proposal, only those persons who test positive at medical labs, blood banks and doctors offices would be reported. Instead of being reported to several agencies, the information would go only to the state. Currently, the County and City have access to positive test result lists. At the new anonymous test sites, only

demographic information would be required, and the person testing would be issued a number.

While proponents of the new program are excited about the prospect of the test sites, they are not in favor of the construction of the proposals. "It's a step in the right direction," says Bill McDonald, board member of the Arizona AIDS Project. "It would at least remove the names from the files of the county and city. But it is not the level of confidentiality we would like to see. The only information that is relevant or necessary would be the demographic information."

The issue of confidentiality was highlighted in Arizona in early summer, when it was revealed that prosecutors using search warrants accessed the Health Department lists of people who tested positive. The Phoenix Police Department and the Maricopa County Sheriffs' Office admitted that they kept an "AIDS file" in their computers.

If DHS passes the proposal, Arizona is likely to see a dramatic increase in the number of people being tested. A study released by the Oregon Department of Health showed that when that state changed from a mandatory reporting to an anonymous testing system, the number of gay men being tested increased 125 percent. New Mexico, another state that has an anonymous testing system, has eight times the number of people being tested that Arizona does, according to recent statistics.

EDITORIAL

DON SLUTES

THE 'V' WORD

Ready for a banality? Here it is: Your vote counts. Nauseous yet? Sorry. But as Arizona's gay and lesbian political activists gear up for the next phase of Election '88, this is the very sentiment that's uppermost in their minds. They know that despite the seeming inevitability of business as usual in local government, positive changes can occur. So can negative changes. And sometimes, preventing negative changes takes the most effort. In the case of Arizona's recent Mechamite insurgency, the difference between progress and reaction has been expressed in a relatively small number of votes—maybe, but probably not, including yours.

Take legislative Dist. 25...please. In the closest primary race in Maricopa County (and the last result to be confirmed), incumbent Rep. Betty Rockwell lost the Republican nomination by only 63 votes to Margaret Updike, a Mecham-backed candidate. In other words, a switch of just 32 votes would have changed the result.

But the real importance of the Dist. 25 result to Phoenix's lesbian/gay community lies in geography. Dist. 25 straddles Central Avenue between 21st Avenue and 20th Street, between McDowell and Camelback, widening to 32nd Street north of Osborn Road and branching off north of Camelback to Glendale Ave., between 7th and 32nd streets. If this territory sounds familiar to Phoenix's lesbian and gay nightcrawlers, it should: Dist. 25 is the home of half of Phoenix's 26 gay/lesbian bars, as well as the Coronado neighborhood, Phoenix's "gay ghetto."

The district is the home of some of the county's most active Democrats, as well, and Democratic leaders have targeted Dist. 25 as one of the places where they believe they can increase their number in the Legislature. (The heart of Phoenix's lesbian/gay community currently is represented by three Republicans.)

To most of Phoenix's lesbian and gay activists, more Democrats in the Legislature means progress. If you agree, there's a simple way you can help: vote. If you're a Republican who can't stomach the thought of Arizona's legislature process being sullied by the encroachment of Democrats, there's a simple way you can prevent it: vote.

At least we agree on something.

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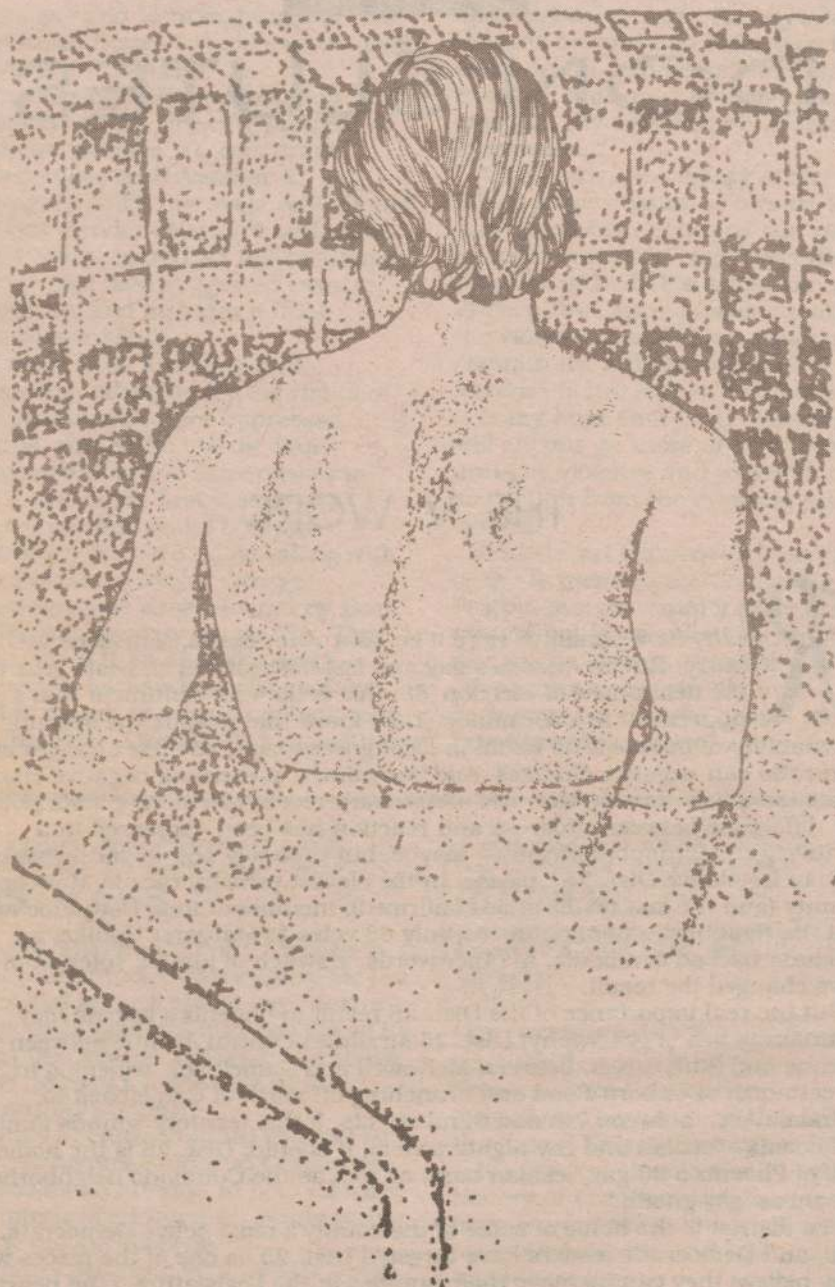
A proposition shows up on a general-election ballot usually for one of two reasons: 1. professional legislators are too wary of the political consequences of a certain measure, so they slough it off on the voters; or 2. professional legislators won't enact a measure because it's too impractical or even harmful, so the backers of the measure must go over their heads. This second case is the most prone to danger. Voters, as a whole, are much less familiar with the workings of government than the folks they elect to run the government. That's as it should be; we elect legislators to be the experts. So when the average voter is faced with a ballot proposition, he or she may not have the perspective and experience necessary to weigh the issue in the same way a professional lawmaker might.

The backers of Arizona's English-only initiative are counting on this naivete. They're hoping the measure will sound good to the average English-speaking American citizen, that it will sound like simple common sense. But designating English as the state's "official language" is not merely pointless, it's potentially harmful. This year, the outcome will turn on whether advance publicity reaches enough voters, or whether ill-informed electors encounter Proposition 106 for the first time in the voting booth. What's wrong with proclaiming an Official Language? First and foremost, exalting English is a thinly disguised attack on the Southwest's growing Hispanic population. Prohibiting the state from publishing ballots in both English and Spanish, for example, effectively disenfranchises a whole slice of the electorate. (The point has been made that the type of people sponsoring

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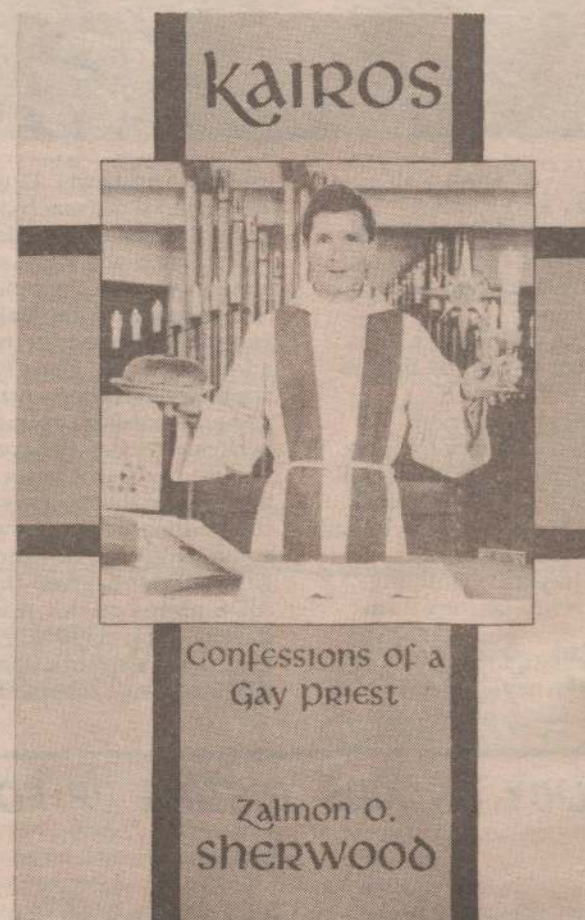
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MEGUMANS REVIEW



Goodbye, I Love You: The True Story Of A Wife, Her Homosexual Husband, and a Love For Time and All Eternity. Carol Lynn Pearson, author. New York, NY: Random House, 1986. 227 pages. \$15.95 hardbound.

Kairos: Confessions Of a Gay Priest. Zalmon O. Sherwood, author. Boston, MA: Alyson, 1987. 139 pages. \$6.95 paperback.

Two autobiographical stories show us, at a very personal level, some of the difficulties of affirming gay identity and Christian faith in the same lifetime. In each case, the problems arose, not from relationships with God or with the Christ, but from conflicts with the teaching and structures of the Christian denomination.

Goodbye, I Love You is, as the subtitle tells us, the true story of a wife and her homosexual husband. A love honored for time and all eternity is part of the Mormon premise of marriage: the Mormon doctrine teaches that we get one time around which includes one marriage. Gerald Pearson knew that he was gay when he and Carol Lynn married; she knew it too; they both felt that that impulse would be overridden by their devotion to their marriage, their family and their faith. They were an ideal couple, with happy children, challenging careers and active church service, until Gerald's natural way of love became inevitable. The story is from Carol Lynn's point of view, and her point of view has no room for bitterness or blame. We're with her through her questions to God, her fears of isolation (which doesn't happen—church members as individuals are loving and supportive) and her thorough process of letting go of Gerald without losing her love for him. Gerald's path is different, but at least as difficult.

Sherwood's denomination (Episcopal) doesn't require marriage of its congregants, but does confine sex to marriage. Sherwood tells the story of his ordination to priesthood in long, speculative letters to his best friend. As long as Sherwood was single, celibate and closeted, no one objected to his ministry or ordination. When a family member did her Christian duty of bringing Sherwood out without his knowledge, a variety of opinions appeared in a variety of publications (many reprinted here), and Sherwood agreed to a strong request to resign his position. *Kairos* is a Greek term for a moment of truth, opportunity, challenge and decision.

Sherwood took some time away from church work to sort himself out, and returned to active ministry in another state. Gerald Pearson left his family's home, but maintained his ties of love. When he became ill with the diseases of AIDS, he returned to the family home, where he died. Both stories are absorbing reading on several levels—spiritual, emotional and narrative, and both reward our willingness to understand life in another context.

Umans is a counselor in private practice in Phoenix, and owner of Humanspace Books, Inc. Both titles are available from the publishers and at Humanspace.

PEOPLE EXCHANGING POWER

Social Support or S & M Kink?

Gerrie Mayer Gibbons

Here's a new club in town which advertises itself as being open "to all intelligent men and women—gay, lesbian, straight or bisexual."



Art courtesy Kings Men Ltd.

People Exchanging Power (PEP) is an S & M/B & D group. It was founded two years ago by Nancy Eva Miller after she received 170 responses to a classified ad she ran hoping to find a suitable, submissive man for a playmate. Using the number of replies as a need-indicator for a more formally structured group of people who enjoy this proclivity, Miller founded the first PEP club in her home state of New Mexico. Since that time she has organized PEP clubs in Washington, D.C., Seattle, Tucson and Phoenix.

"PEP", Miller explains, "is a support/social group for sincere folks with dominant—submissive desires." The group is fashioned after the Eulenspiegel Society of New York, the oldest S & M/B & D organization in the United States. PEP's purpose is to educate and inform its members through lectures, demonstrations and rap sessions about the passion, beauty and joy of dominant—submissive love. Although still in its embryonic stages, PEP has a statewide membership of 130 people. According to Miller, "PEP has many gay and lesbian members in both its Phoenix and Tucson chapters." (A closer investigation revealed that there are presently only six gay men in the club and no lesbian members.)

Doug (not his real name), a gay member of Phoenix PEP, explains, "Obstensibly, the common denominator that brings these people together is their interest in S & M." When asked if that commonality was sufficient to continue his participation in PEP, he stated that he would be more comfortable if more gay men attended the club's functions. Doug added, "The response from the gay community in Arizona just hasn't been that great."

Doug feels that gay men who are not involved in one of Phoenix's leather clubs or who aren't walking around with their colors flying have few avenues open to them for participation in S & M. "There's a big stigma in the Phoenix gay community against people who are into leather," Doug

discovered after moving to Phoenix that most of the leather community's social activities involved "leather bars." Since Doug doesn't like the bar scene, PEP offers him a viable alternative. Doug admits that PEP may not be suitable for all gay men who are into leather.

Doug finds that being into leather allows him to explore the creative side of his persona. "There's a lot more fantasy and attitude attached to an S & M relationship than actual physical torture and beatings," Doug explains. "PEP is a support group where I can explore my fantasies in a non-judgmental environment."

Bella (not her real name), a Phoenix dyke who is also into leather, finds the idea of a mixed S & M group abhorrent. "The drama and the theatre around S & M, as I've experienced it, is such a kick. I'm constantly reaching for something that's more exciting. Non-gay people, whether they're into S & M or not," she says, "don't excite me."

Although Miller believes she is sincere in her outreach to the gay and lesbian community, her own words seem to belie that fact. In an article appearing in the September issue of *Arizona Women's Voice*, Miller writes: "For women, PEP offers the ideal environment—lots of men!" Says Bella: "I became a lesbian because I have a preference for women. Telling me there are 'lots of men' available is definitely not an enticement that would make we want to join this club."

Miller created a controversy within the gay community when she opened up the first PEP group in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Initially, the contact number used for PEP was the phone number of Common Bond, the lesbian and gay community center there. The center soon found that the majority of incoming phone calls were from non-gay men wanting more information about PEP. After much discussion, the center's board of directors voted to exclude PEP from using the

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center for phone contact or meetings. This decision was not easily reached. The pro-PEP supporters felt that Common Bond, by denying access to their facilities, would be parroting judgement—the well-known abuse of power used by non-gay people against gay people.

The anti-PEP group, also not wanting to be viewed as discriminatory, remained firm in their stand that the Common Bond Center should be used only by gay and lesbian groups. They also felt that gays and lesbians should deal with S & M in their own community first. Although this wasn't the outcome Miller was hoping for, she does have to be credited for bringing this issue to the surface in that gay community. As a result of the PEP controversy, the gay and lesbian community in Albuquerque has scheduled information and education programs about S & M.

Until the German physician Richard Von Krafft-Ebing coined the terms "sadism and masochism" in his 1886 work *Psychopathia Sexualis*, the medical community viewed sadomasochistic activity as a curiosity which did not require their attention. However, as a result of his work, the category sadism and masochism became categorically available as a diagnosis of sexual pathology.

In their book, *Sin, Sickness and Sanity: A History of Sexual Attitudes*, Bullough and Bullough concluded, "sadomasochism is a good example of a way in which a pathological condition is established by the medical community, for until it became a diagnosis, it received little attention and was not even classified as a sin."

Sadomasochism was only one of the sexual categories invented in the 19th century. Others were paedophile, transsexual, fetishist and homosexual.

These categories performed certain functions. For the public, they provide a mechanism with which to "make sense" of what appears to be bizarre behavior. For professionals, it reflects the "medicalization of deviance"—that is, defining the behavior as a medical problem or illness.

In their thesis, *The Social Constituents of Sadomasochism*, Weinberg, William, and Moser adopted the theory that, "Because sadomasochism is a socially constructed category, it is possible to consider alternative definitions in order to further examine the phenomenon." They did not deny that the traditional medical model accurately represents some people, but argued that such a limited viewpoint "does not do justice to the majority of persons and phenomena to which the label sadomasochism is applied."

The researchers did extensive field work in both the heterosexual and homosexual S & M communities in San Francisco and New York from 1976 to 1983. Their work is forthright and clear of any prior conceptual knowledge. Instead, they observed how S & M participants used the term sadomasochism to organize and make sense of their own sexual lives.

They found that five features were involved in the participant's use of the category sadomasochism. The definitions are:

1. Dominance and submission. Dominance is an appearance of rule over one partner by another. The dominant partner is variously called sadist, dominant, dominator, top, master, or mistress. The counterpart to dominance is submission—an appearance of obedience to a partner. The submissive partner is variously called masochist, submissive, bottom, or slave.
2. Role playing. An exaggeration of those sets of expectations that surround the particular dominant and submissive roles chosen. For example, master and slave.

3. Consentuality. A voluntary agreement to enter into dominant/submissive "play" and to honor certain "limits."

4. A sexual context. The presumption that the activities have a sexual meaning.

5. Mutual definition. As assumption of a shared understanding by the participants that their activities are S & M.

Despite all the work involved, Miller says, "It's really been very rewarding for me to start S & M clubs. People skulk in, they feel guilty and embarrassed, they've been obsessed and given up hope of ever having a lover who is into S & M. Suddenly they come to PEP and they have a lover and they're around all these intelligent people who are telling kinkier stories than anything they could have dreamed up. After coming to PEP a few times, they're smiling. Reaching people this deeply is like a continual rising of the sun."

LETTERS

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greatest weapon against fear, misunderstanding or distrust.

Just when I find myself overwhelmed by the horror of AIDS, I remember the truth. The truth is that hundreds, even thousands of people are working right this moment to find cures, provide services and give comfort. The truth is that we are not defined by this disease, we are unified by it. The truth is that there was life before AIDS, there is life during AIDS, and there will be life after AIDS. I know this truth because I am in the company of people who breathe life into that truth every day.

Those of us who work with local AIDS-related programs spend a lot of time dealing with what has not been done. It is easy to lose sight of what has been accomplished. If we look back just a few years, the signs of progress are evident. Look at the numbers—we have hundreds of volunteers in the valley now who raise money, provide emergency services, staff information lines, hold hands, provide transport, train volunteers, and generally perform crises management. Just a few years ago there was still discussion about whether the women's community would even deal with AIDS—now lesbians are intimately involved with every aspect of AIDS. Two years ago heterosexuals and government agencies were still "thinking about it"—now those same agencies are funnelling huge dollar amounts into many of our own agencies. Perhaps response and support have not moved as quickly as we would have liked, and there is much more to do, but we have every reason to believe that we can accomplish everything we want to.

Yes, there are rumors flying that "there are no AIDS services in Phoenix." Yes, there is still much more to do. But, I know the rumors to be false and I know the work will get done. Before we are swept away in discouragement, let's look at what we have accomplished and commend ourselves for taking responsibility. Our community has long been accused of indifference and selfishness. Often our accusers are our own people. I reject those accusations. We have done well and we will do better. We have much to be proud of.

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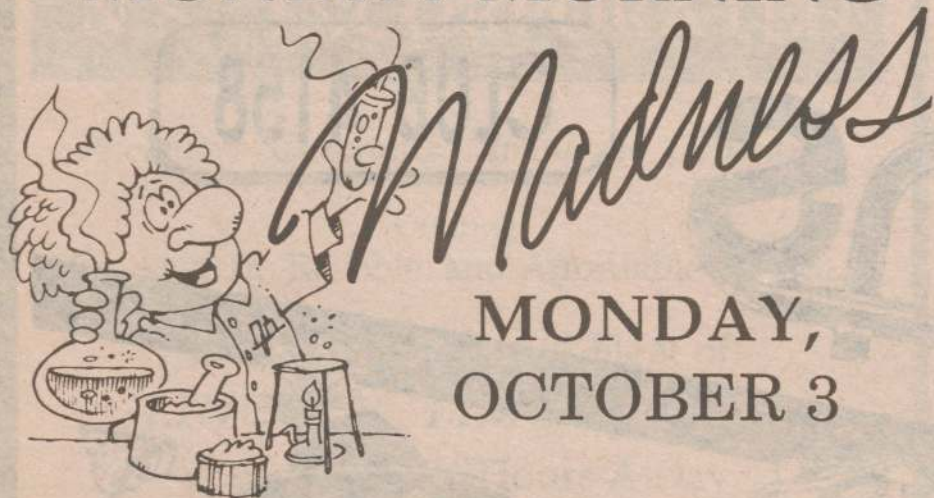
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this legislation across the country represent a political philosophy usually opposed by minority voters, thus the motive.) One rationale cited by the backers of English-only is that multilingual ballots are too expensive. Well, ballots in general are expensive. Elections are expensive. If you really want to save big bucks, don't hold elections. But if you want a representative democracy, you must let citizens vote— all citizens—and you must be willing to foot the bill. The ballot question is just the latest attempt to suppress a minority, in the tradition of poll taxes and literacy tests.

The English-only crowd also complains that if you let people speak whatever language they want, without any standardization, the country will fragment beyond redemption. But in fact, the lesson of America's 350 years of immigration is that the assimilation process is inevitable, including the emergence of English as the country's *de facto* official language. There is no compelling evidence that this has suddenly changed. Furthermore, it is reported that Hispanic immigrants are assimilating at a faster rate than any other previous group of non-English-speaking immigrants. But English-only backers, in their xenophobic zeal, can't wait for this inexorable process, and they can't abide such a fast-growing, non-white segment of the population.

Barring a massive influx of foreigners (an unlikely situation under current immigration laws), English is not going to be overwhelmed by any other languages that may come into this country. Heck, English is now practically the world's official language.

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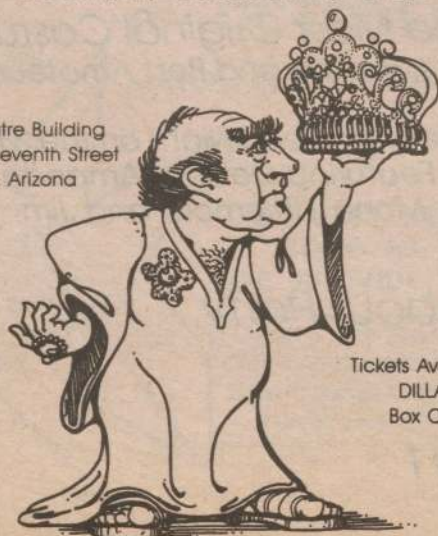
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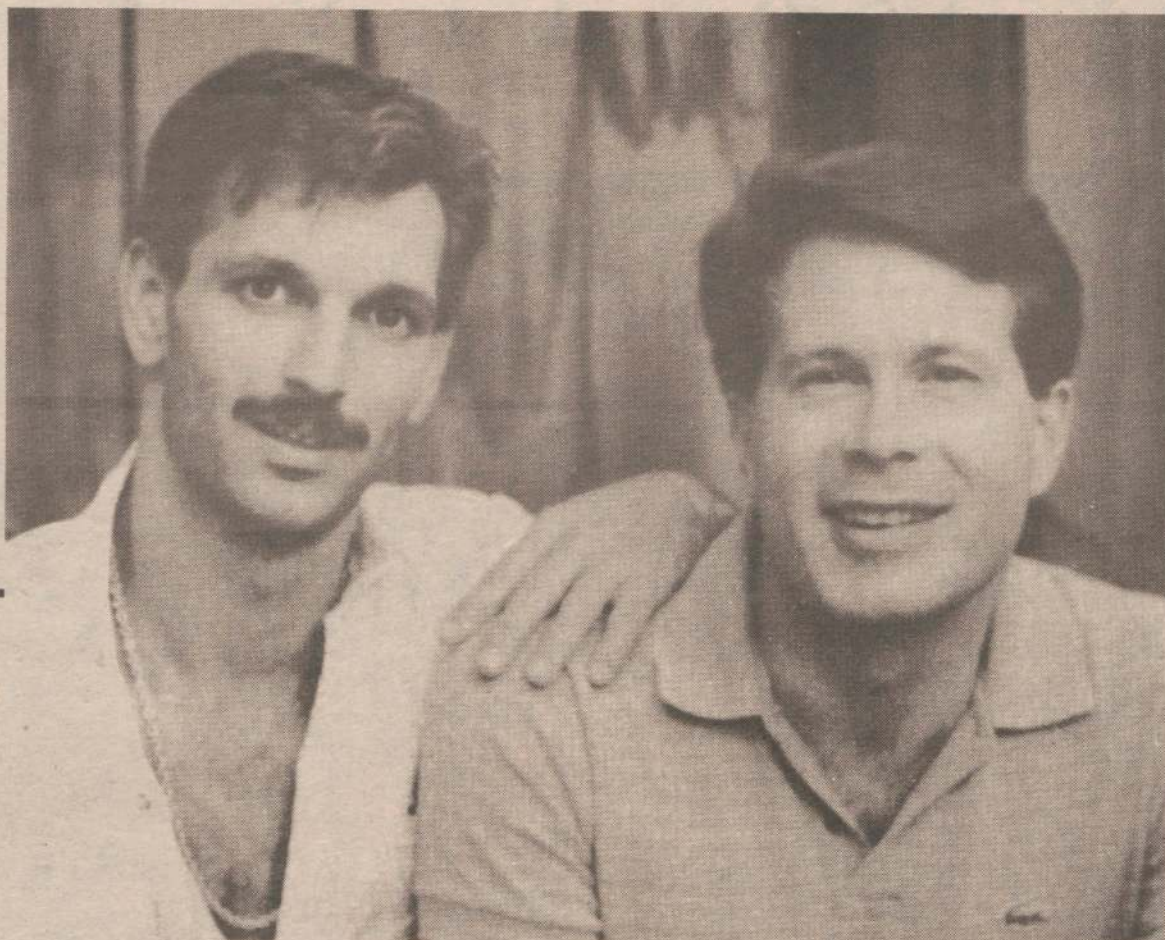
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Stan Hadden, an openly gay man, works for one of the most powerful people in California—the highest-ranking office of the California State Senate—Senate President David Roberti. Since 1983, 32-year old Hadden has had a single-minded focus: AIDS.

With over 15,000 cases of AIDS and AIDS-Related Complex, California has one of the highest rates of the disease in the country.

The state has budgeted \$67 million for AIDS research this year. Although the California Legislature has a liberal image, the Republican-Democrat split is very close. Democrats lead by only a few votes in either house.

As the chair of the AIDS advisory committee to the State Senate, Hadden has seen how a state legislature works—from the inside.

He addresses three major areas in his work: funding for AIDS research and services; end to discrimination of people with AIDS; and education about AIDS. Although Hadden is a consultant to the Legislature, AIDS generally has no spokesperson in the state legislature, which creates a tremendous void.

"AIDS hasn't developed the way a lot of other subjects have—subjects that are argued about frequently between various factions of the legislature," Hadden says.

As a result, few legislators are willing to stick their neck out on issues such as AIDS funding.

"There are lawmakers who—let's say mental health is their issue," continues Hadden. "Whenever the debate on mental health comes up, the microphones get pushed up in the air and they're ready to stand up on behalf of a certain policy. Regarding AIDS, that has just begun to happen within the past two or three months."

According to Hadden, there are two main reasons for this: lack of gay lobbyists and gay officials.

"Gay lobbyists are outnumbered five to one by the moral majority lobbyists," he says. "We are out there, but we're not making our voice known to members."

The impact is painfully apparent during legislative debates: legislators are not educating themselves or taking a stand when it comes to AIDS.

"During the hearing process, there's lots of opportunity for public input. But when it gets right down to it on the Senate or Assembly floor, the only people who can stand up and talk are the members," Hadden explains. "We have to sit there on the sidelines and listen to blatant misinformation campaigns being waged, and there's nothing we can do about it."

"Some members are just now becoming familiar enough with the issues to say 'wait a minute, that's incorrect.'"

Misinformation is a given during legislative debates. With few legislators willing to put their reputation on the line, right-wing legislators such as Senator John Doolittle (R-Sacramento) can take control. Even months of testimony from authorities in the field have little effect.

"We had 30 hearings on over 100 AIDS bills," says Hadden. "Yet last week as we sat there listening to the final floor debates, people like Senator Doolittle were still raising frightening, 'hot-button' kind of remarks that are going to make people respond negatively because they don't have accurate information."

"Out of 120 lawmakers, there are only about a dozen who can speak in an articulate manner about what the real issues are," asserts Hadden.

He finds this particularly frustrating in the august halls of the legislature when the information is freely available—and generally known—by the people Hadden works with daily.

"You can have all your public health people, all of your hospital associations, insurance industry and health-care financing community-based organizations saying 'this is what we need to do', and still have legislators going off in a completely different direction."

Hadden thinks that private sector-public sector involvement—sharing information and resources—would help. "We don't really have the private sector involved in the way it ought to be," he alleges.

"In most parts of the state—and in most parts of the country—the private sector is not contributing their expertise or skills or philanthropic efforts toward AIDS organizations. We really need to put together a public-private partnership."

In the future, Hadden hopes to see a coordinated effort between the gay community, all levels of government—state, local and federal—and the private sector. But even Hadden knows it's a long, slow process. "I feel really frustrated. I want everything to be done yesterday—and that's not the way government works," he laments. "But you never can tell from day to day what the next twist or turn is going to be."

The initial turn in California was positive.

Hadden's boss, Senate President David Roberti (D-Los Angeles) introduced an all-encompassing AIDS package in 1985. It established a basic structure for dealing with AIDS statewide by creating:

- funding for AIDS mental health programs;
- a framework for getting clinical drug trials started in California;
- hospice, home-health and attendant-care services;
- an evaluation of the state's AIDS education program.

Since that bill passed, conservatives in the California Legislature have been working full-time to create a backlash. That left Roberti little time to move forward. Instead, he has spent time trying to kill repressive bills introduced by conservative senators while protecting current AIDS programs and financing.

To critics, California's Republican Governor George Deukmejian also is part of the problem. Many say Deukmejian is balancing the budget on the backs of people with AIDS.

"All Deukmejian says is that California is spending more than other states are. That gets to be real tiresome."

Hadden recently attended a meeting with 32 state agency directors. The program included a speech by Deukmejian. Even when speaking to professionals in the field, Deukmejian showed such a lack of concern that he quoted out-of-date statistics, according to Hadden.

"He just read from this piece of paper and had so little compassion, he couldn't even look up," he says.

Hadden suggests that gay people write their state legislators to let them know that gay people live in their districts—and are watching their votes.

As an AIDS advisor to the state Senate, Hadden always is the first to know when a legislator needs help answering letters about AIDS.

"I could tell earlier this year when some members were getting their first letters about AIDS bills," he says. "They would bring copies to me asking for help drafting a response because they hadn't the foggiest notion what to say. They had never had anybody in their district write them before with concerns about AIDS. Members respond to what they hear from their constituents."

Hadden concludes that "a lot of members aren't talking about AIDS because they aren't being contacted by the people they represent."

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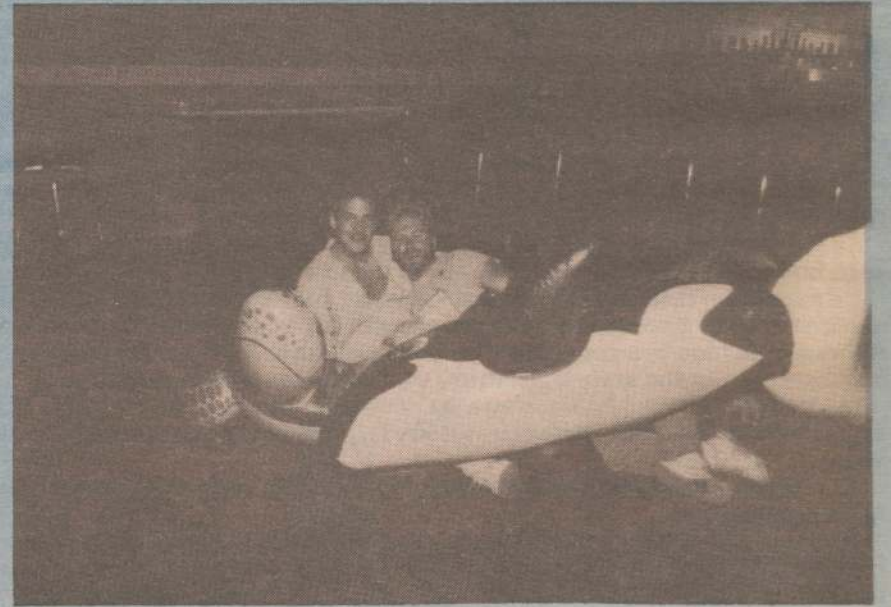
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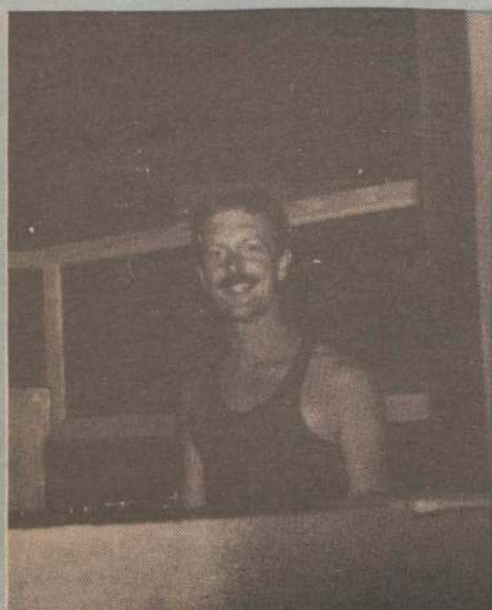
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Lilah Krytsick is a New Jersey housewife and mother of three by day, but for the last 13 weeks, by night she's been trying to make it as a stand-up comic in a New York club called The Gas Station. All her life she's had a dream of being a comedian, and finally she went to The Gas Station to try to get it out of her system. It took 12 tough weeks of leaving that stage without a laugh, catapulting her homelife into chaos and causing conflict with her husband and upset for her three daughters—but once she got her first laugh, there was no turning back.

Lilah can't surrender her dream, although she discovers that the world of comedy isn't always filled with laughs.

Steven Gold is a medical student by day, and by night for the last 18 months he's been a tough act to follow at The Gas Station. Everyone agrees that he's going to be the next comic to make it big. Steven is driven to be funny, and his obsession finally causes him to flunk out of medical school.

Lilah and Steven are drawn to each other, and she does her best to help him keep the fragments of his lonely life together as he begins to unravel while grasping for success. Lilah has to struggle to face up to the sacrifices she must make to pursue her goal and yet maintain her family.

In this bittersweet comedy, the world of making people laugh is not always funny.

Academy Award-winning actress Sally Field stars as Lilah Krytsick, and Tom Hanks appears as Steven Gold in Columbia Pictures' *Punchline*. The film also stars John Goodman and Mark Rydell.

GLEAMING THE CUBE

"Sometimes you just disappear. There's no skateboard, there's no road, there's no body, there's just...air, motion. Speed. There's...forward. I don't know how else to say it."

These words express the feelings of the rebellious skateboarder by young Christian Slater, who stars with Steven Bauer, playing a hip, outspoken detective, in Gladden Entertainment's action-thriller *Gleaming the Cube*.

Slater plays Brian Kelly, a teenager who sets out to avenge his adopted Vietnamese brother's death, in this drama set against the sunny backdrop of Orange County, California, and its exotic Vietnamese community.

For Brian, whose attitude and dress defy authority, skateboarding is the only thing that matters, until terrible events shake up his life. But as a skater who "gleams the cube"—reaches the ultimate—we see him at his best, smoothest, brightest.

Bauer plays a transplanted East Coast cop whose direct style surprises Brian and his skating buddies—especially Brian. Their relationship, mirroring that of the boy with his parents, goes from frustrated antagonism to mutual respect.

Eighteen-year-old Christian Slater starred opposite Sean Connery in *The Name of the Rose*. He has also appeared in *The Legend of Billy Jean* and Francis Coppola's *Tucker*, in which he is featured as the son of the inventor played by Jeff Bridges.

Steven Bauer's credits include performances in *Scarface* (opposite Al Pacino), *Thief of Hearts* and *The Beast* as an Afghan rebel chief, a role he originated on stage.



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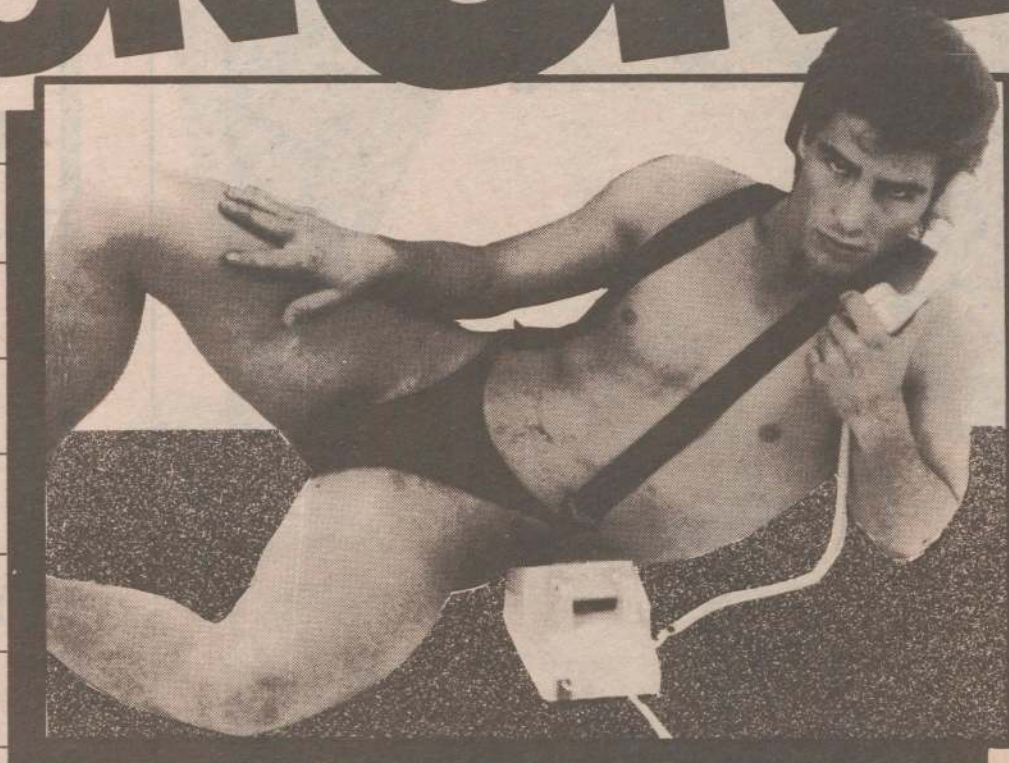
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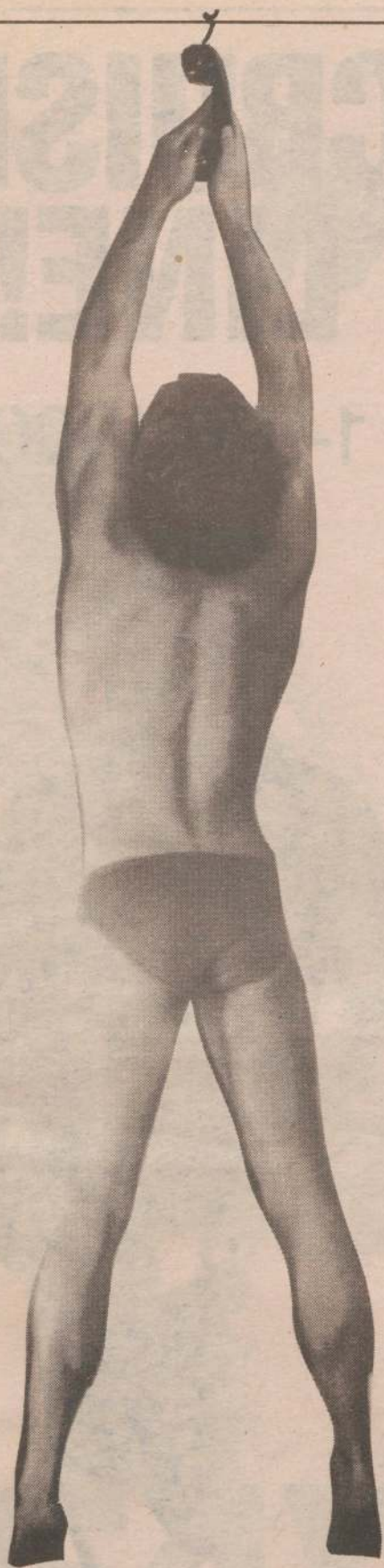
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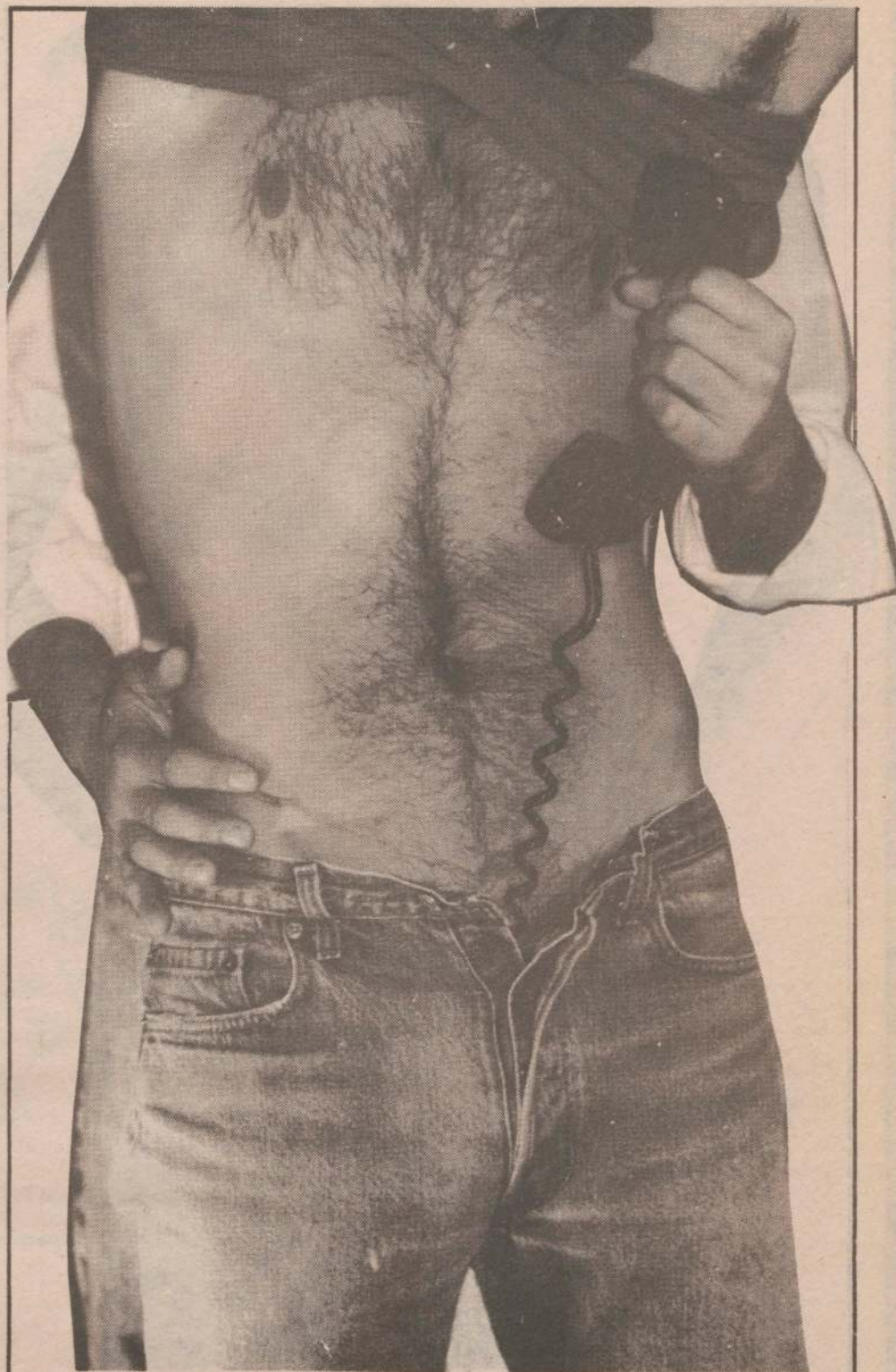
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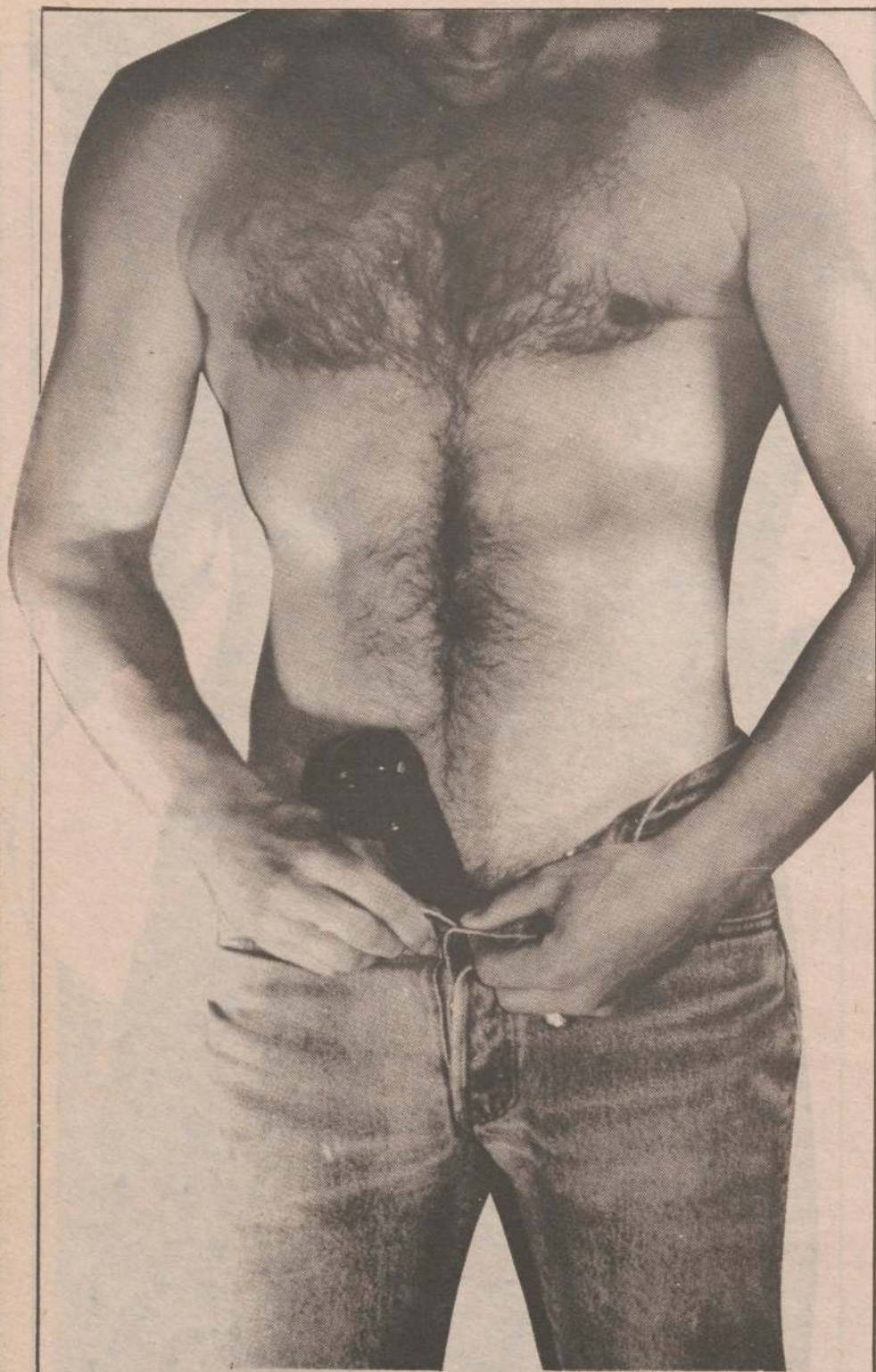


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The Names Project Quilt returns to Washington D.C. Oct 7-10. The Phoenix Chapter of the NAMES Project is in need of volunteers to go to Washington. For more information, 934-9409.

SATURDAY

10/1:

AGRA Roping School, Estrella Mountain Park. Fees varied. For more information, contact Larry Jones 268-5827 or Artie Michals 938-3932.

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Kick Off Dance, a benefit for the Pride Event and the Community Switchboard. 7 to 11pm, at South Mountain's "Little Ramada." Admission on a sliding scale. 246-8277 for more information.

10/8:

Deadline for voter registration for the Nov. 18th election.

Gay Arizona Youth (GAY) meeting: 3pm at Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th St. and Virginia. 267-1059.

Couples of Arizona, monthly meeting: "Lifestyles Around the World." 831-3476 for location.

Desert Adventures Rocky Point Weekend Trip, Oct 8-10. 957-3476 for more information.

SUNDAY:

CHURCH SERVICES

Casa De. Cristo MCC: 8:30, 10:30am, 7:00pm. Turney east of 7th St.
Gentle Shepherd MCC: 10:30am, 6:00pm. 3524 E. Mountain View.
Healing Waters Ministries: 11am, 5555 E. Van Buren.
MECA Center: 7pm Centering Circle. 4330 N. 62nd St. #129.
Oasis MCC: 11:00am, 4229 S. 29th Place (off Broadway).

Gay Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) meeting: 8pm at Humanspace Books, 1617 N. 32nd St. 220-4419 for more information.

10/2:

Desert Adventures Estrella Mountain Day Hike: 957-3476 for more information.

National Coming Out Day Film Fest at Durango's: 6pm to midnight. Film schedule: *Second Serve*, *The Renee Richards Story*; *As Is*; *The Golden Girls*, *Victor/Victoria*; *Desert Hearts*; *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*.

Arizona Rangers monthly membership meeting, 252-7035 for more information.

MONDAY:

Bowling—Squaw Peak Lanes. 32nd St and Indian School Rd. 9pm Northgate.

House of the Dawn: Videos and Discussion groups. 7:30pm. 267-1203 for more information.

10/3:

Arizona Lesbian & Gay Council: 262-1239 for more information.

10/10:

Affirmation: Family Home Evenings. 921-4025 for more information.

MECA Center hosts Helene Kayal. One-day seminar on Palmistry. Admission, \$20. 4330 N. 62nd St. Scottsdale. 945-1228 for more information.

TUESDAY

House of the Dawn: "Lessons with Nikola Tesla." Continuing series. 8:30pm. 267-1203.

10/4:

Desert Adventures monthly meeting, 7pm. 957-3476 for more information.

10/11:

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY.

Relationship Discussion Group meeting. "Coming Out: How To Do It Right!" 7pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church. 4027 E. Lincoln Dr. 870-9597.

WEDNESDAY

Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30pm, Healing Waters Ministries. 244-1577.

Phoenix Gay Youth meets 7:30 at Janus Theatre. 938-3932 for more information.

THURSDAY

Lesbian & Gay Academic Union (LGAU): meets at the Memorial Union (student center), ASU Tempe. Denise Heap, 435-0828 for information.

10/6:

Franny, The Queen of Provincetown. Runs Oct. 6-22, at Janus Theatre. 3302 N. 7th St. Tickets available 9/23.

Phoenix Gay and Married Men's Assoc. (GAMMA) monthly meeting. 435-0828 for more information.

10/13:

Desert Valley Squares Fun Night at Stixx. 978-3273 for information.

DOWN THE LINE

FRIDAY

10/14: MECA Center presents a Psychic Night with Louis Antony Russo. \$10 fee. 4330 N. 62nd St. 945-1228 for more information.

SATURDAY

10/15:

AGRA Round Up Rodeo: El Lienzo Del Charro Rodeo grounds. 938-3932.

Co-Dependency and Self-Esteem Workshop: 10am. Good Company in Scottsdale. \$30 fee. 224-1956 to make reservations.

11/5:

Moon Goddess Coven: Ongoing, Gay Witchcraft workshops and Full Moon Sabbats. 873-0756 24 hrs.

AIDS LINES

SUNDAY:

HIV & AIDS/ARC Group: A support group for those in the process of dealing with testing, or the illness itself. 3 to 5pm at Humanspace Books, 1617 N. 32nd St. Debbie Elliot Facilitator: 870-6370 daytimes.

MONDAY:

Wellness Group: 7 to 9pm at Oasis MCC, 2405 E. Coronado. For more information call Doug, 264-0904.

TUESDAY:

AIDS Referral, Counseling, & Education (ARCE): Men's PWA support group. 7pm, ARCE Center, 508 W. 10th St. Mesa. For information, 461-2437.

Phoenix Shanti: Open PWA Support Group. 7pm. For more information and location, 265-3884.

AIDS 12-Step Group: For HIV+ and diagnosed PWAs. Coping with AIDS and other dependencies. Family Service Agency 7 to 9pm, 1530 E. Flower.

Community AIDS Council: Monthly meeting, 1st Tuesday of each month. 10/4, Les Jardins Hotel 3738 N. 4th St. For more information and further locations, 890-1776.

WEDNESDAY:

AGAPE Network: Hot lunch for PWAs. 12 to 1:30 pm. Oasis MCC, 2405 E. Coronado.

Family, Friends & Significant Others of persons with AIDS, ARC, or HIV. 7 to 9pm, St. Joseph's Hospital, dining room H. 350 W. Thomas Rd. Ray Grove, Facilitator. 957-4340.

THURSDAY:

AIDS Referral, Counseling & Education (ARCE): Women's Support group. 7pm ARCE Center, 508 W. 10th St. Mesa. For information, 461-2437.

Arizona AIDS Project: AIDS & ARC support group. 7 to 9pm. AAP, 736 E. Flynn Lane. Wayne King, M.C. Facilitator. 277-1929 daytime.

PWA Group at Terros: A support group dealing with AIDS & chemical dependency issues. 7 to 9pm, Terros Counseling Center. 4545 N. 27th Ave. Bldg A. Debbie Elliot, Facilitator. 870-1929.

Recreational PWA Support Group: 1:30pm. The American Baptist Church (corner of Central & Glendale). 944-9656.

CODAMA: IV Drug Users testing positive or with AIDS or ARC. 6pm, 2025 N. Central.

Valley of the Sun Coalition for PWAs: Monthly meeting, 224-5486.

FRIDAY:

Community AIDS Council: Sharing Weekends the third weekend of every month. Oct 14-15-16. Headquarters Bar: The Club.

AGAPE Network: Light supper for PWAs. Third Friday of each month, Gentle Shepherd, 3524 E. Mountain View.

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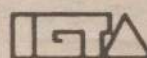
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