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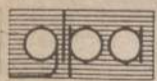
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MECHAM HOSTS 'THE VICTIM'S HOUR'

by Lynne Harris

Just when we thought it safe to turn to our television screens for light, late-night entertainment, Phoenixians are once again blasted with another sitcom featuring a cartoon character as its main focus. While this character resembles any odd one-dimensional drawing, his personae plays with none of the humanity or humor that such animated doodlings generally invoke. He relies, instead, on a time-worn formula of rhetoric, evasiveness, bigotry, and innuendo. The name of this made-for-television epic — and its star? "The Evan Mecham Victim Hour."

In an hour-long television address, aired last Wednesday on local station KPNX, Governor Mecham attempted to solicit sympathy from the citizenry of our state by claiming he had been victimized by the Democrats, homosexuals, the press, and the Attorney General of Arizona. Mecham also stated that there was nothing deceitful or illegal in his omission in reporting a \$350,000 private loan to his campaign finance committee. The Governor offered no substantial explanation of this position, and essentially expects his constituency to "take his word for it." Mecham maintains his innocence and is convinced he will be exonerated of any wrongdoing. Unfortunately, Mecham's personal resolution will not be enough to carry him through the next few months of investigation.

As a result of concerns regarding the illegality of the secret loan, Mecham will quite possibly face Grand Jury investigation, criminal indictment, impeachment proceedings, and perhaps trouble with the Internal Revenue Service. While it may take months to determine the exact nature of wrongdoing in the Mecham administration, there is some comfort in the

knowledge that those of us who expressed suspicion and dissatisfaction in Mecham's election to office weren't far off our mark.

On Monday, November 2nd, the Mecham Recall Committee submitted petitions to the Secretary of State with a total of 391,728 signatures collected. Within the next two months, each signature on the petition will be verified, and those signatures which do not appear to be similar to the corresponding signature on voter registrations will be disallowed. Signatures will also be deemed invalid if the address of the signer differs from the address recorded on their voter registration form, according to an opinion released by Attorney Bob Corbin. According to the Mecham Recall Committee, this verification process may have to be challenged in court if the number of signatures invalidated brings the total below the 216,746 signatures required to force a recall election.

Evan Mecham has demonstrated this past week that recall or impeachment will be necessary to restore order to Arizona. He has stated repeatedly that he has no intention of resigning in light of recent discoveries. He has cost our state millions of dollars thus far, and will continue to thrust upon us the cost of special investigations, court hearings, and the like. The ability of our state government to function has ceased; work has come to a grinding halt as one issue overshadows all others: the removal of Evan Mecham from office.

Impeachment or recall will take a great toll both in terms of time and money. Either or both is a virtual certainty. For the good of our state, however, the only acceptable solution is Governor Mecham's voluntary resignation.

ANTI-GAY/LESBIAN VIOLENCE ACKNOWLEDGED BY HOUSE; Hate Crime Statistics Bill passes Judiciary Committee

Intensive efforts by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the American Psychological Association, the ACLU and other organizations, have resulted in the passage of a Hate Crimes Statistics Bill (HR 3193), mandating the federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated by sexual orientation, race, religion and ethnicity. The Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives voted 21 to 13 in favor of the bill, which was sponsored by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI).

An amendment to remove the "sexual orientation" provision was introduced by Rep. George Gekas (R-PA), but failed by a 22 to 11 vote, with 2 members not voting. Arguing against the amendment, Judiciary Committee member Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) said that removing the "sexual orientation" provision would send a message — even if unintended — that anti-gay violence is acceptable or less reprehensible than other crimes motivated by prejudice.

"Today's vote is a victory for all those concerned with ending crime motivated by bigotry," said Kevin Berrill, Director of the NGLTF Anti-Violence Project. "Bills addressing lesbian and gay concerns have not gotten far in Congress. In this context, it is very gratifying that the urgent problem of anti-gay/lesbian violence has moved so far in the legislative process. The vote recognized that anti-gay violence is a serious problem which deserves to be addressed alongside other types of crimes motivated by prejudice."

The Bill's supporters applauded Rep. John Conyers for his leadership in bringing the measure before the committee. "Mr Conyers deserves much praise for sponsoring this inclusive bill and speaking eloquently on its behalf," said William Bailey, a lobbyist for the American Psychological Association.

Organizers also remarked upon the broadbased coalition which supported the legislation. Commented Diann Rust-Tierney, a lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union, "this legislation has provided a unique basis for

coalition among a wide range of professional, civil rights, religious, and law enforcement groups." The Hate Crime statistics Act was endorsed by 42 organizations, including the American Baptist Church, American Jewish Congress, the American Psychiatric Association, the Asian Pacific American Coalition U.S.A., the National Association of Social workers, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Police Foundation, the National Lawyers Guild, and the United Methodist Church Board of Church and Society.

All supporters of the Hate Crimes Statistics Bill are urged to write letters of thanks to Rep. Conyers, and to urge their own representatives to support the measure. Letters to Rep. Conyers may be sent to the Criminal Justice Subcommittee, House Annex II, Washington DC 20515.

SUPERVISORS URGE "NO" ON PROPOSITION F

San Diego CA. - The County Board of Supervisors today unanimously urged voters in the City of San Diego to keep the name of Martin Luther King Jr. Way by voting no on Proposition F on November 3.

The extraordinary action came after the Board was requested by Supervisor Leon Williams and Susan Golding to oppose the measure because of the negative impact it would have on the entire San Diego region.

Williams said, "As host for the 1988 Super Bowl and the 1991 America's Cup, San Diego County has been, and will continue to be, the focus of the nation's attention. We must keep it positive."

Williams successfully argued that reverting to the previous street name of Mardet Street would be "an embarrassment to our community."

NEW GAY YOUTH GROUP FORMS

A new support group for Phoenix-area gay youth has formed in the Valley.

Gay Arizona Youth (GAY), which meets on Saturdays in central Phoenix, provides emotional support and a gathering place for gay people under the age of twenty-six.

"The group is fulfilling a much-needed service to the Valley", says founder and co-advisor Mr. Brown. "Both the gay and straight communities have been unhappy with Phoenix's other gay youth group, which meets on Mondays."

"We want to create a different atmosphere," Brown says.

The new group occasionally features guest speakers, two of whom have included a representative of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) and Ed Buck, leader of the movement to recall Arizona governor Evan Mecham. The new group also holds "rap sessions", and the group's other co-advisor is a licensed psychologist.

Any relatives or lovers of group members are free to sit in on the meeting and join in discussion. Also, members can bring non-perishable items to contribute to the group's food and clothing bank.

Leaders of the group hope to be able to work in harmony with the Valley's gay and straight communities to provide a broad base of support for gay youth. They also hope that GAY will eventually become a non-profit organization, thus allowing the group to form a Half-way House for youth, gay or straight, who are having family problems. GAY also hopes to set up a communications network between gay youth groups across the nation.

Membership donation is \$5 annually, and any persons under 26 can attend meetings for free. Membership is confidential. For more information, call (602)493-9326 or 996-0182.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO PLANS FUNDRAISERS

Four evenings of entertainment events, sponsored by the Arizona gay Rodeo association in conjunction with Charlie's Phoenix, are currently being planned for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend — November 26 through the 29th.

The purpose of the weekend events is to raise funds for AGRA's upcoming rodeo in January of 1988. Funds are needed to help purchase much-needed equipment for the rodeo, and to defray the overall cost of the annual event. All proceeds retained after the Rodeo will be donated to various gay community organizations.

A "Casino Night" will open the weekend of Thursday, November 26, featuring Blackjack, Poker, and a craps table. Friday night festivities include a Chinese Auction; Texas Gay Rodeo contestants will be welcomed home Saturday night in a special celebration. The weekend will conclude with a Sunday "Box Lunch Social," with donated box lunches auctioned off to the highest bidder. Charlie's usual country-dance format will be interspersed with the fund-raising activities.

1988's Arizona Gay Rodeo, to be held January 15th through the 17th, will be co-sponsored by the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association.

U.S. AIDS LEADERS APPEAL FOR UNITED NATIONS ACTION

Fourteen leaders of AIDS research, service and advocacy organizations and institutions, joined by 19 members of the United States Congress, today released an appeal to the Secretary-General and General Assembly of the United Nations to take a leading role in assuring a comprehensive, coordinated and aggressive international response against the worldwide AIDS pandemic. The appeal came on the eve of the special plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the question of AIDS, which was October 20 and 21.

Calling AIDS "a new form of world war...from which no country can escape, and which none can win on its own", the AIDS leaders applauded Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar's initiative in bringing the issue before the General Assembly "to address not only the need for action in the medical field, but to also recognize the importance of concerted action by the implications of this unprecedented global crisis."

"For the first time since the end of World War II," they declared, "the entire world is under attack by an aggressive enemy. It attacks people and their social structures, productivity, creative capacity, economies, international commerce and travel, their rights and dignity, and their confidence in their own future and in the safety of associating with their neighbors."

Among signers of the appeal are Dr. Stephen C. Joseph, New York City Commissioner of Health and former Coordinator for Child Health and Survival of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund; Jon Tinker, president of the Panos Institute, a research center for Third World development with offices in London, Paris and Washington; Dr. Mathilde Krim, co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR); Richard Dunne, executive director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York; playwright and AIDS-activist Larry Kramer; and Russell Morgan, executive director of the National Council on International Health. The Appeal was organized by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, whose chairman, Duke Comegys, and executive director, Vic Basile, also signed the appeal.

In a separate letter, Members of Congress led by senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass), chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, and Henry Waxman (D-CA), chairman of the Health and

Environment Subcommittee, and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, endorsed the Appeal for a comprehensive, system-wide United Nations effort on AIDS, noting that "the implications of AIDS extend to 'the economic, political, social and ethical stability of all nations.'"

The members of Congress called upon the United Nations not only to generate resources and common commitment to the struggle, but also to "establish world standards on cooperative medical research, expedited and fair access to drugs and treatment, public education, testing and confidentiality, professional responsibilities, free travel and transit between countries, and preservation of civil liberties and the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." The Members of Congress called upon the Secretary-General to offer a leadership program of action "which mobilizes global action against AIDS and asserts standards and principles for the protection of people consistent with the fundamental humane purposes of the United Nations."

The AIDS leaders' Appeal, entitled "Protecting People = Protecting Nations" identified eleven areas of concern in which United Nations leadership could make a significant contribution. These concerns included the need to direct medical research on AIDS towards the specific needs and limited resources of developing countries, and of the poor, who do not have ready access to sophisticated medical services and cannot afford highly priced treatments; guidelines on the limited value and potential counter-productivity of widespread mandatory testing for exposure to HIV infection, and the need for assured confidentiality of test results, and expedited trans-national testing, approval and dissemination of treatments and vaccines. The Appeal also called for affirmation of the applicability of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in respect to AIDS, and treatment of the afflicted, their families and neighbors, with decency, respect and humane support.

Calling the AIDS crisis "a challenge that must be addressed on a global scale through international leadership", the Members of Congress suggested that, "by accepting this challenge, the United Nations could prove again to the world that it remains a worthy investment."

MAXINE ISRAEL CHOSEN AS AN "AMERICAN WHO CARES"

Coinciding with the March on Washington, the National AIDS Network launched a comprehensive campaign to honor outstanding volunteers committed to the fight against AIDS in America. Arizona AIDS Project volunteer Maxine Israel was chosen as one of fifty Americans Who Care.

The National AIDS Network campaign culminated with the presentation of a book featuring honored volunteers at a sold-out, star-studded event at the D.C. French Embassy. Notables included Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Robert Windom; Whoopie Goldberg; Morgan Fairchild; Gary Collins; Harvey Fierstein; and

several key members from the U.S. Congress.

As AAP's first volunteer of the month, Maxine continued as volunteer coordinator and played an invaluable role in the development of AAP education programs, particularly those targeting Arizona youth. Her skills as an activist have opened many doors; her compassion as a mother, many hearts. Maxine's training and management of volunteers and her efforts to stop the spread of the HIV virus will help AAP to eventually close its doors. For this reason, Maxine serves Arizona proud as an "American Who Cares."

CLUE FOUND TO WHY AIDS VIRUS BECOMES ACTIVE

Washington (UPI) — Scientists reported Thursday finding a possible clue to what may trigger the AIDS virus to convert from a dormant, symptom-less infection to an active deadly state that destroys victim's immune systems.

Experiments in the laboratory with immune system cells infected with the AIDS virus indicate other infections may trigger the production of substances produced naturally by the immune system, known as cytokines, that prompt the AIDS virus to become active.

The findings suggest that people infected with the AIDS virus should take precautions to avoid other infections, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"The potential implications of this may be a scientific reason why people who are infected with the virus should avoid other kinds of stimuli to their immune system which might induce the production of cytokines," said Fauci in a telephone interview.

"When someone is already infected with the virus, this suggests they can do something to perhaps — and I underline that five times — perhaps lessen the chance of their converting rapidly from a latent to an active infection," he said.

The findings also offer evidence supporting the theory that the reason homosexual men are more likely to go on to develop the disease is that they were more likely to be exposed to infections such as hepatitis and herpes, he said.

"This may be a clue, and only a clue," he said, cautioning that the research is preliminary and needs to be followed up with more work. "It certainly isn't a breakthrough. It's an interesting scientific observation."

Fauci stressed that the findings do not indicate that common infections such as colds trigger the disease since they do not usually cause as great a response by the immune system.

And although vaccinations stimulate the immune system, the findings should not discourage anyone from getting immunized for diseases such as hepatitis, he said. The infection itself would be more likely to trigger the disease, he said.

"We don't think this is a reason not to get immunized. This does not have any impact on our immunization recommendations," Fauci said.

More than 1 million Americans are believed to be infected with the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The virus can lay dormant in cells for years before suddenly becoming active, crippling victims' immune systems.

In research reported in the journal *Science*, Fauci and his colleagues and researchers from Tufts University in Boston exposed a line of AIDS-infected white blood cells called macrophages to a variety of cytokines.

Macrophages are the body's first defense against invaders and are believed to be the principle reservoir for dormant AIDS virus. Cytokines are messengers produced by immune system cells in reaction to infections.

When the AIDS-infected cells were exposed to a cytokine known as "granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor" they turned on genes that activated the AIDS virus, the researchers found.

RON REAGAN FEATURED IN AIDS FILM TO AIR OVER PUBLIC TELEVISION

"If you're not gay, and you're not an IV drug user, why should you watch a movie about AIDS? Why should you care?" — Ron Reagan

AIDS: CHANGING THE RULES, a one hour special aimed at adult heterosexuals is premiering on PBS stations across the nation.

The program opens with a 25 minute film featuring Ron Reagan (son of President Reagan), model Beverly Johnson, and salsa star Ruben Blades. With sensitivity, candor, and where appropriate, humor, the film lays out the scope of the problem, and suggests steps individuals can take to minimize the risk of contracting AIDS. It provides clear and useful information on a variety of topics, especially the importance of using condoms, and suggest ways people can comfortably and honestly talk to each other about AIDS.

Two heterosexual people with AIDS — a mother whose baby also has the disease, and a young husband whose illness was diagnosed two months after his marriage — tell their own compelling stories. Reagan points out the unlikelyhood of contracting AIDS from everyday encounters, such as touching or hugging an AIDS patient. Then he factually describes the disease, its progress, and the sources of infection. Speaking directly to the audience, he and co-hosts Johnson and Bates offer advice on the use of condoms as the best protection

currently available.

The film is intended for an adult audience and uses contemporary vernacular to describe sexual practices. Although the film contains no nudity, it does give a "how to" demonstration on proper condom use, using a banana, and frank comments on the safety of various sexual practices.

The documentary film was produced by AIDS FILM. The film leads into a studio discussion, moderated by a program host, featuring AIDS experts and other panelists. The discussion, punctuated by additional video material, will address some of the issues raised in the film. For example: the threat to low risk heterosexuals; the utility of abstinence as a preventive strategy; the safety of "casual contact"; and the potential condom failure rate. The program will also provide an update on the latest AIDS information.

Ron Reagan's involvement has already drawn attention to AIDS FILM and to the issue. When asked why he had agreed to participate, Reagan responded: "There is a portfolio of names and faces in my mind, people my wife, Doria, and I knew, people whose kindness and hospitality we shared, whose lives made us richer. They are gone now, along with thousands more. Participating in the AIDS FILM project is the least I can do to serve their memory. I'm grateful for the opportunity."

DINNER ON CAPITOL HILL SOLIDIFIES COMMITMENT OF PWAs

—Sen. Lowell Weicker Blasts Reagan Response to AIDS

Washington, D.C., October 9 — More than 350 PWAs and some of their families met for dinner with a dozen Congresspeople at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill yesterday. The dinner was sponsored by the AIDS Action Foundation who, along with Time to Shine and Pacific Telesis, underwrote the cost of the \$30.00 per plate dinner. Ann E. McFarren, President of the AIDS Action Foundation, hosted the dinner and ceremonies.

In an unusual display of bipartisan harmony, California Democrat Rep. Henry A. Waxman introduced the keynote speaker Connecticut Republican Senator Lowell Weicker. Senator Weicker was presented with an award for his leadership in the fight against AIDS by the AIDS Action Foundation and the National Association of People With AIDS.

Other speakers during the evening included Matt Redman, Chair of the Time to Shine program and AIDS Project, Los Angeles, Leonard Bloom of the AIDS Action Foundation and Gay Men's Health Crisis, Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) and actress Morgan Fairchild each spoke extemporaneously. Singer Michael Callen, a PWA, entertained with a background slideshow honoring hundreds who have died from AIDS.

A spirit of jubilation and comradeship attended the evening's festivities. An outsider would never have guessed that many of the diners were seriously ill.

In his speech, Senator Weicker ripped the Reagan Administration in passionate terms. "The President's response to AIDS is nothing short of a disgrace," he said. "What is missing is

the courage to make the policy decisions necessary to get the facts and the funding to the people who need it most," he said. Weicker also criticized the embattled Presidential Commission on AIDS.

"The dinner met our expectations in that it gave Congresspeople and PWAs an unusual opportunity to meet in a non-threatening atmosphere to educate each other," said McFarren. "Just as important, it provided an environment where PWAs could discover for themselves and give to one another a depth of meaning to their experience. I feel most guests departed with a solidified and regenerated purpose."

The dinner was the first of many events that culminated in the Sunday, October 11, March on Washington.

Other Congresspeople present were Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI), Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Rep. Mike Lowry (D-WA), and staff from the office of Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA), Representatives Joseph J. DioGuardi (R-NY), Gus Savage (D-Ill), John Lewis (D-GA), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), and John Chafee (R-RI).

The AIDS Action Foundation is the educational division of The AIDS Action Council. The Foundation's goals include providing assistance, information and training to organizations involved in education and prevention of the disease; providing leadership in and monitoring of public policy development at all levels of government, thereby supporting research, education and health-care legislation to address AIDS issues.

ACTIVISTS ASK: WHY CAN'T SHARON COME HOME?

by Caitlain Sullivan

Sharon Kowalski's case received renewed exposure at the March on Washington, where her lover Karen Thompson spoke to thousands of Gays and Lesbians at the March rally as well as The Wedding. "One part of me is tremendously excited to be here," she said. "Another part of me is devastated to be here without my partner."

Thompson spoke of her years in the closet before Sharon's accident, and how the brutality of the justice system had forced her to deal with the fact that as Sharon's lover, she had no rights at all. "It is not right to have to spend 1 1/2 hours at a hospital trying to find out if the person I love most in the world is dead or alive."

The last time Karen was allowed to see Sharon, over a year ago, Sharon had come out of her coma and had been able to use a typewriter to express her feelings. "Help me," she typed out for Karen. "Get me out of here. I want to go home."

"Now she thinks I've given up on her," says Karen, who has been banned from seeing Sharon by Sharon's parents. "I haven't been able to see her and she thinks I don't love her anymore."

Karen's fight epitomizes the no-class citizenship of Lesbians and Gay men. Chapters of Free Sharon Kowalski have sprung up around the country, but many more are needed to continue what has been an exhausting, marathon struggle. Below is a reprint of the flyer the Free Sharon Kowalski Committee distributed at the March:

• In November 1983, Sharon Kowalski's car was struck by a drunk driver. She received a serious brain stem injury and was in a coma for some time.

• Sharon and Karen Thompson had been lovers for four years at the time of the accident. They had exchanged rings and jointly purchased a house in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

• Doctors pronounced Sharon a severely brain-damaged quadriplegic. But Karen, a physical education professor with a background in physical therapy, began working with

Sharon. Soon Sharon could use her hands to eat and wash; she could communicate and answer questions with a typewriter.

• Sharon's parents did not understand Karen's devotion. When Karen told them of her relationship with their daughter, they told her she was sick and a liar, and tried to prevent her from seeing and working with Sharon.

• Karen sued for guardianship of Sharon in 1984. However, she agreed to allow Donald Kowalski to be named Sharon's guardian, in return for provisions in the court order that allowed her unlimited visitation and maintained Sharon's rehabilitative care.

• Karen has not seen Sharon since August 1985. Donald went to court to revoke Karen's privileges and immediately upon winning, barred Karen from visiting and moved Sharon to a nursing home three hours' drive from Karen.

• Donald insists that Sharon is a quadriplegic functioning as a six year old, who cannot answer questions or express wishes. He denies that Sharon has asked for Karen, although visitors from the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union have witnessed her requests. Donald continues as Sharon's guardian despite overwhelming evidence that he has flagrantly disregarded his legal obligations with respect to Sharon's medical rehabilitation and legal representation.

• Karen continues her fight for Sharon's civil rights to recovery and respect. Karen's legal bills are currently over \$45,000.

If you want to protect yourself, write a Durable Power of Attorney, to designate those you want to care for you if you are ill or injured. The book *A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples* tells how to write one yourself. It is easy to do, and relatively inexpensive to have an attorney review it for you.

If you want more information, call or write the Free Sharon Committee, Molly Frederick, Bay Area Chapter, 2133 Sacramento St., Berkeley, CA 94702. 415-486-1746.

KOLODNY REPRESENTS ARIZONA IN QUILT READING AT MARCH ON WASHINGTON AAP Meets with Arizona Congressional Delegation

Arizona AIDS Project Executive Assistant Arnold Kolodny was chosen by the National Names Project to announce the names of fallen people with AIDS honored by the historic quilt.

As one of 60 outstanding individuals from service agencies, government and the arts, Arnold represented Arizona in a memorial service coinciding with the National March on Washington. Other quilt readers included Cleve Jones, Robert Blake, Honorable Gerry Studds, Cris Williamson, Virginia Apuzzo and Cesar Chavez.

As a full time volunteer with AAP, Arnold serves as office coordinator and involves himself in all AAP operations. Kolodny's next endeavor will be coordinating the upcoming visit of the quilt to Arizona, adding the names of those lost here at home.

AAP also participated in a one-day lobby strategy organized by AIDS Action Council in Washington D. C. A

team comprised of AAP Director Kirk Baxter, two Arizona P.W.A.'s, AAP Volunteer Bill Conrad, and a representative from rural Arizona met with Senator DeConcini and staff members of Senator John McCain and Congressmen Udall, Kolbe, Kyl, Rudd and Stump.

Issues addressed included increased funding for education and client services, and the need for the direct appropriation of federal and state funding to community service providers. AAP was met with a positive collective response from the Arizona delegation.

The one-day effort represents merely a beginning. AAP will continue to educate elected officials on issues of concern to Arizona people with AIDS and will seek the visible involvement of Arizona opinion leaders in shaping a much needed proactive response to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

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Fear Or Freedom a woman's options in social survival & physical defense



by Susan E. Smith

Fear Or Freedom: A Woman's Options In Social Survival and Physical Defense. Susan E. Smith, author. Racine, WI: Mother Courage Press, 1986. 191 pages; footnotes and references. \$11.95 paperbound.

This most recent contribution to the literature of physical and social integrity for women covers many of the bases included in, and excluded from previous books and articles. *Fear Or Freedom* presents the consequences of either option and the probable genesis of each, accompanied by Smith's strong and documented opinions, but without the regrettably common assertion that hers is the only path to freedom.

Smith begins with a general survey of the literature and information about self-defense for women; she applauds the increasing availability of training, as a tool for both protection and personal growth. She lists and contradicts several common assumptions about women, men, violence and rape, and knocks the stuffings out of much of the commonly offered self-defense advice. She points out that advice offered by men is likely to be grounded in traditional views of male and female characteristics, and that following this kind of advice (e.g. "cooperate with the rapist") may occasionally prevent injury or death, but won't do anything toward increasing anyone's recognition of women's dignity.

A long chapter discusses the results of an informal four-part survey undertaken by Smith and her helpers — they interviewed women about known-assailant attack, random or stranger attack, successful resistance,

and assaults. Smith found patterns in these women's subjective impressions as well as the actual circumstances of their stories, and used this information well in forming her theses and recommendations.

The attack deterrents offered are divided into home security — locks and lights and alarms — and verbal and non-verbal behaviors that can prevent, short-circuit or influence unwelcome approaches and interactions. Degrees of threat (how dangerous is this?) are described, along with suitable degrees of resistance, both verbal and physical.

Self-defense basics and techniques are illustrated and described — mostly pared-down martial arts movements, with frequent incorporation of instinctive moves as body cues. Smith points out firmly that you can't learn self-defense physical techniques without a partner who believes along with you that you can learn to defend yourself, and that learning is more effective with the right instructor. The illustrations (by Donna Atwood) and descriptions are simple and clear, but as Smith says, insufficient.

I participated in several classes taught by Smith and her assistance in Smith's (now-defunct) Phoenix school. The physical learning and feedback in the classroom was as powerful and grounded as the intellectual learning in *Fear Or Freedom*...and as theoretical.

Reviewed by Meg Umans. Meg is a counselor in private practice in Phoenix and owner of Humanspace Books, Inc. "Fear Or Freedom" is available from Mother Courage Press and at Humanspace.

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The following dialog of leaders of national gay and Tuesday, October 6, 1987, just prior to the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, to address issues important to the lesbian/gay community.

The group was specifically asked not to address AIDS issues, because we know the community needs to continue taking a leadership role in that area; and we wanted to focus on other community concerns.

Moderated by Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA) President **Don L. Volk**, the meeting included **Vic Basile**, executive director, Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF); **Jeff Levi**, executive director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF); **Renee McCoy**, executive director, National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays (NCBLG); and **Tom Stoddard**, executive director, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (Lambda). **Jean O'Leary**, executive director, National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), was unable to attend, but has been allowed to comment on the various issues addressed.

"Roundtable" is part of a new GLPA project designed to provide coverage of unique events to the gay and lesbian media. "GLPA's Got It Covered!" was commissioned by GLPA through a grant from Media Fund for Human Rights, GLPA's tax-deductible, educational organization.

Volk: What are the community's big issues for the next five or six years?

Stoddard: We would probably all say the same thing. Discrimination in employment, public accommodations, insurance, housing and domestic relations from partnering to parenting. There are less pressing, but important, areas. Less pressing because they cover smaller groups like immigration and the military. They all interrelate.

Those areas are also legally the hardest to deal with because the law gives fewer rights to people who are on the periphery of American society as people who are not citizens and people who are in the military are. I forgot sexual practices.

O'Leary: Yes, the eradication of laws which discriminate against private sexual consenting adult behavior which are still on the books in over 25 states. These laws deal with sexual behavior as opposed to homosexual status and are used as an excuse to discriminate against gay people.

This is at the foundation of our being; and until we get these laws off the books and people stop looking at us as criminals, the gay community will not start looking at themselves as whole people.

It is important that we understand sodomy laws as a pivotal point of our psychological oppression as gay people and they effect everyone, not just gays. This is an important element of our psyche, of our being.

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Volk: How do we approach that, because those are mostly state laws rather than federal laws.

Levi: I would have two general observations. They are less issue-specific and more process oriented. A lesson we have learned from the AIDS crisis is the value of political mobilization at the grass-roots level to a degree never before recognized by our community. That translates into other areas as well. One could summarize the rest of our non-AIDS agenda as eliminating a lot of social, legal and political factors that made a delayed response to AIDS possible. We are re-defining the agenda not only to be constricted to anti-discrimination and privacy issues but to looking to the government to affirm our lives the same way it affirms heterosexual lives. The political end of that — with the exception of immigration and the military — essentially concerns state and local issues. Whether it is in the courts or the political process, the organizing and emphasis is going to be at the local and state level.

The ultimate benefit for us at the national level is that we will be training a whole generation of political leaders in city councils and state legislatures, who, when they are elected to Congress, will be used to dealing with gay and lesbian constituencies and lobbies. So the whole process of educating and lobbying will be a lot easier nationally. In political terms a generation is not 25 years, it is a much more compressed period of time. So the long-term potential is very exciting.

Stoddard: We live in a heavily decentralized legal and political country. Those in my generation tend to think of the system as being heavily centralized because in the '60s the federal government stepped in and took over the discrimination role that was refused by certain states, particularly in the South. The issue in principle was federalized. That has given us a false sense of the way the system traditionally operates. It is a decentralized legal and political system. Our issues are essentially local and state issues, and we must spend more time on them there. In fact, if there is one way in which the gay community has failed politically to date, it hasn't participated in state and local politics. National politics we have done fairly well; but we have failed locally.

Volk: NGLTF started the state action lobby. Is there a way that the national organizations can help mobilize action happening in local and state governments?

Levi: Absolutely. It comes from two perspectives. One is the sort of programming areas that really are working at the state level — whether it is the Privacy Project (sodomy laws) or the Anti-Violence Project, which is organizing local groups dealing with the issue.

We are trying to systemize the assistance we provide local groups on AIDS and anti-discrimination. It also plays itself out in the organizing HRCF and NGLTF do around national issues when we try to generate grass-roots support for national legislation. We are also creating and strengthening the political community which can be used for other issues.

The role national organizations are going to play in local issues is not one of going in and doing the job for local groups.

O'Leary: The state and local levels are where an extremely important part of our mobilization and our changes for the gay and lesbian community will take place.

MORE: ROUNDTABLE

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There can be a lot of interaction and mixed clearing house functions provided from national organizations, even on regional bases through regional structures if they could be set up tying together several states.

The media and the local and national politicians are all going to listen to their constituents. Everyone wants to hear a local story and is concerned about what people in their own backyards are saying, not what someone four states over is saying.

NGRA has been looking at doing this to help people develop skills, but not to design their programs for them. To help them work with the media: how to talk to editorial boards, to get op-ed pieces printed, to get on talk shows, to get the media to cover the group. As usual, our biggest issue is visibility. That is the basis and the root of our oppression.

Levi: It is physically impossible and politically stupid because local groups know best what can be done and what needs to be done. What we can do and what we need to do is provide technical assistance and the expertise that we have picked up from other groups. We also need to provide process or information sharing among these groups, so no one is re-inventing the wheel. We had that in mind when we invented the Cooperating Organizations program, where organizations are affiliated in some way with the Task Force. That strengthens our lobbying role because we can say to a senator, "we represent 'x' number of organizations in your state."

The other part of what we do is foster more communication among groups so that there is truly a national community feeling and interest in what happens from one state to another. We all need to feel vested in what happens in other states if only for the domino effect.

Volk: Should we be looking to political demonstrations and civil disobedience, more now to gain attention, or should we stay focused more in lobbying efforts, or both?

Basile: We need to continue the process of maturing as a political group which means that while we are in Congress, we are not yet in every state house. We need to continue empowering local groups to do the job at the local level. We shouldn't be doing it at the national level, because we need to empower people to do things.

Empowering folks is telling them that they can go before city councils and state legislators and influence them. Too often when we are in the streets it is an expression of powerlessness. It is the feeling that you just don't have any way to get re-dress. We ought to use the streets as a weapon when it is effective and appropriate to use. But, we have got to take advantage of other mechanisms that are available.

I want to go back for a second to politicizing people. I have found that it is sometimes easier for people who are not yet completely out to get involved in some kind of a national effort. It is not in your back yard. As people get involved in those efforts and get their feet wet, they find out it feels pretty good. Those people tend to get active locally, which I think is important, and one which we should not overlook. We shouldn't miss the chance to enroll more people who have never been involved in anything like this.

O'Leary: We need people acting and re-acting on all levels. The whole continuum from left to right, the most rational to the most radical. If we have power and are centered enough to relate to our congresspeople, state legislators and the media on a rational and powerful basis, we will probably get more accomplished. Sometimes people are just too angry to think about anything but re-acting. That is ok because it also helps the process.

I have been working on the national political level for 17 years, and I thought I would never see the streets again, but there I was in June being arrested in front of the White House. I believe that was a very important statement that we made because we were not being heard around AIDS issues. A small group of people that are highly organized and politicized really can make a difference. That is the message that we need to get out to all our people.

Stoddard: There is a fundamental problem far beyond gay rights that debilitates all our organizations and all our efforts — this is a profoundly unpolitical culture. Americans just don't care very much about politics. They might watch it on the evening news, and they might talk about the presidential elections, but most Americans don't know their representatives in the Congress or in their state legislatures. They don't bother to inform themselves very much; and there isn't the sort of ideological debate that goes on regularly in France or Germany, for example. There are all sorts of reasons for that, but it exists and it affects gay people as well as non-gay people.

Because our community is still on the outside, it has to find a way to politicize people in a culture that is not politicized. The March may be most useful that way. It will give inspiration and ideals and perhaps politics to people who previously didn't have them. Street actions are only important if they lead to something more concrete and more local.

Levi: One of the things we activists tend to forget is that for the overwhelming majority of gay people "coming out" is still the central issue. All these other issues are secondary. Our ability to address those issues may make it easier for people to come out down the road; but for those who are peripherally or beginning to become involved in political organizations, it is still the coming out they are coping with. We need to be more sensitive to that in our expectations of our community, and in the opportunities we provide them to accelerate that process.

Volk: We were saying that one of the central issues to the politicizing of the community is coming out. Are there ways that national organizations can facilitate that and make it a safer experience?

O'Leary: We must remember that invisibility has always been the core of our oppression. Our slogans have been "gay pride" not necessarily "gay jobs." Our problem and our greatest challenge is to become visible and to remain every place that we are in society. This is a multi-level, multi-structured organizational process of coming out. I think we can facilitate that, and we all do by our actions.

People talk about a National Coming-Out Day. Perhaps it would work if we set it five years into the future and somebody really wanted to coordinate it. The fact is that everybody is going to come out in their own time, space and way. The only thing we can do is to make it easier, to grease the wheels so that people have a place to go.

Levi: If we knew the answer we would probably be doing more of it. Some of it is the molding that we in our various roles are trying to do of societal attitudes; the

higher visibility through marches and increased visibility of gay and lesbian people in the media. We need to provide that recurring message to gay people out there who think that they are the "only one." The more repeated, positive images that we can portray can only help.

Basile: We need to keep finding ways that are safe for people to take the first step, whether it is going to a private meeting at someone's house, writing a check to an organization, or something else that is going on. The coming out process is facilitated or done in many, many small steps. If you provide a safe way for someone to take the first steps, it is a little easier. Getting involved by just going to a fundraiser is the first step that many people take. When they don't get hurt, it is easier to do the next.

Stoddard: As Vic said, it's incremental. It is a question of timing and geography. It is not particularly difficult right now to come out in big cities, but is very difficult to come out in a city like Boise.

Even the public spokespeople for gay organizations in Boise, as far as they exist, will still not give their last names. They don't feel safe. They feel they would be stigmatized, they would feel alone and utterly different from everybody else in their community. That was so in New York 20 years, even 15 years ago. But it is not so now because the *New York Times* uses the word "gay" finally and talks about gay issues. There is a gay rights statute, and similar circumstances now exist in other major cities. It creates the sense that there is not just one person or a few isolated individuals, but a community of people of whom one can be a part.

McCoy: In the Third World gay/lesbian community, that process is even further complicated. The presence of positive role models in our communities is just so lacking. Since the beginning of the "gay liberation" movement, those few people of color who are lesbians and gays and are out have not been proven to have been able to survive being out. When you have a community of people dealing with basic survival issues based on race and complicate that by adding on sexuality, the result is even greater closetedness.

Just look at NCBLG as an example, for people of color to come out means that you lose what you consider valuable. It has just been in the last five years that we have had people like Jeff, like Virginia Appuzzo, who have been able to be out and survive; and their being out has not cost them their standards of living. The gay community at large has got to begin to look critically at how we empower people to be role models. Not necessarily even in the mainstream of gay liberation, but just to be role models. How much has the gay liberation washed the backs of those who have been out?

Even in the last five years, we have not taken care of our leadership in ways that encourage that kind of coming out. Another thing we haven't done within the community is any kind of education directed toward issues of self-love. People don't come out because there is some real basic self-hatred at work. We don't empower that kind of consciousness raising in the individual. When you look at the Third World gay and lesbian community where self-hatred is something that begins at birth, where it is a challenge to just feel good about yourself, and you add on that sexuality piece, that person is extremely burdened and we don't have ways of doing that.

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WORKING IN A NONGAY ENVIRONMENT: A practical approach

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) released a study a few years ago that surveyed employment discrimination among gay men and lesbians in New York City. Among the findings, 61 percent of the respondents believed that to some degree their homosexuality could be a problem for them at work. In *The Cox Report on the American Corporation*, a survey of American corporate attitudes, management consultant Alan Cox confirmed what many of us have known all along: that corporate America is homophobic. On the grass-roots level, a gay high-tech engineer working in California's Silicon Valley has conducted his own nationwide survey to measure antigay sentiment in the high-tech industry.

Other surveys have been conducted, but in the end there is little hard data to support what we all know: Being gay in a nongay work environment can be a problem.

From a practical standpoint, surveys like *The Cox Report* and the NGTF study offer us little in the way of relevant, useful information. As important as they are sociologically, statistics aren't particularly helpful when you're trying to deal with a wisecracking coworker. Dealing with negative attitudes about homosexuality in the workplace — whether in a corporate boardroom or a department store stockroom — is a very real, daily problem for many of us. Of course, we need to be informed about attitudes, and surveys can do that. But we also need to know how to handle our homosexuality on the job, so we can deal with those attitudes in a practical and successful way.

The place to begin is not with other people's attitudes about homosexuality, but with our own. "If we can't feel good about ourselves," says Ken Ross, a clinical psychologist in Beverly Hills, "then we can't expect others to react positively to us."

A clinical cliché? Not necessarily. When faced with having to work every day with a homophobic colleague; how else do we begin to diffuse the situation than by marshalling our own positive self-esteem? Self-esteem alone won't solve the problem, of course, but without it we can't put the situation into perspective. And without perspective, we can't find ways to resolve the issue, whatever it is.

The issues are many — from one as seemingly uncomplicated as handling a wisecracking coworker to one as complex and sensitive as dealing with the subject of AIDS in the workplace. But in every case, developing a strategy to tackle the issue will at least arm us with the determination and self-confidence to face it and, hopefully, resolve it.

A case in point, and one that is timely as we prepare for the coming crush of holiday parties. Marcia Hawkes, a Montebello, California, therapist who describes herself as a "confidence counselor," designed a series of workshops to teach gay men and lesbians how to relax and feel more confident in social situations. A lack of social confidence has nothing to do with gayness necessarily, says Hawkes, although being in or out of the closet can compound self-consciousness, particularly in a nongay social setting like an office party.

Chief among Hawkes' confidence-building techniques are goal-setting and self-reward.

"Even though an office party may be called a 'party,' it really is a work-related activity, not a social event," Hawkes explains. "That means you're there for business reasons, not personal ones. And you can increase your chances of success, even of having fun, when you put the event in perspective and establish a few concrete goals."

"Your goals might be to arrive at the 'party,' greet your boss, converse briefly with each of the sales directors present, then leave after one hour. Achieving these goals will give you a sense of accomplishment, and you'll probably decide you had fun, too."

Hawkes adds emphatically, "Then reward yourself. Go out dancing or buy yourself a present."

(More on Hawkes' techniques in a subsequent column.)

It's easy to dismiss social awkwardness as a relatively insignificant problem when there are more pressing issues like AIDS and discrimination for us to deal with. But in its own way, resolving that awkwardness is a step toward enhancing self-esteem and handling sexuality. That in turn can help others handle it as well.

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Guest Review: Alan Neff, Seattle Gay News

David Mamet, playwright (*Sexual Perversity in Chicago*) and screenwriter (*The Untouchables*), has turned director to film *House of Games*, which he also wrote. He's just too clever for words. His wife Lindsay Crouse stars as a super successful psychiatrist/writer (shades of Jennifer James?), and she looks pretty butch with her closely cropped blonde hair and smartly tailored, shoulder-padded suits. She gives great deadpan. At one point when she says, "I'm out of control," her facial muscles hardly twitch.

She meets Joe Mantegna, who exudes smarmy sexiness, at a sleazy tavern that has an illegal poker game in the back. She's on a mercy mission for one of her clients, a compulsive gambler. The psychiatrist's recent bestseller, *Driven*, is about compulsion and obsession in everyday life.

Psychobabble provides a rather shaky catalyst for her to get further involved with Mantegna who turns out to be a professional con man, and tries to fleece our delectable doctor (why do movie shrinks have so much less common sense than average people?). She assertively calls him a bully, he replies nonchalantly, "Oh, aren't you a caution." These two aren't fully developed characters, they're rejects from a sitcom.

House of Cards wraps itself up in a veneer of pseudo-feminism, smart-ass dialogue, and film noir atmosphere. The movie is a stacked deck, all right, and the audience is the victim. One more thing, Mr. Mamet. The setting is Seattle and you have your gutsy heroine ordering a scotch and water at Charlie's Tavern (610 Pike). According to our state liquor laws, that just isn't possible.

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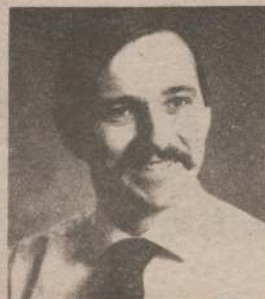
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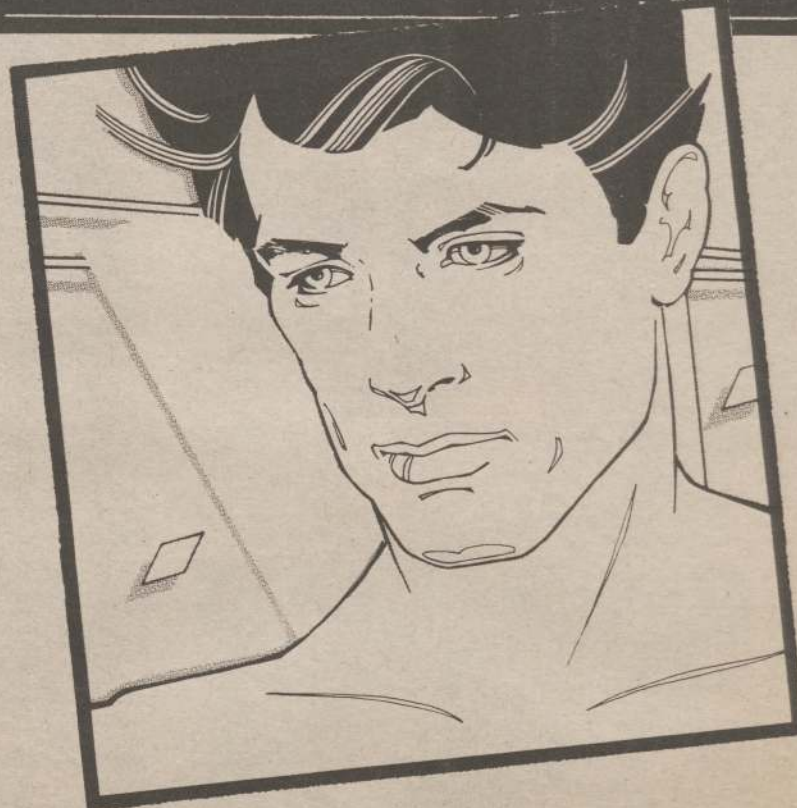
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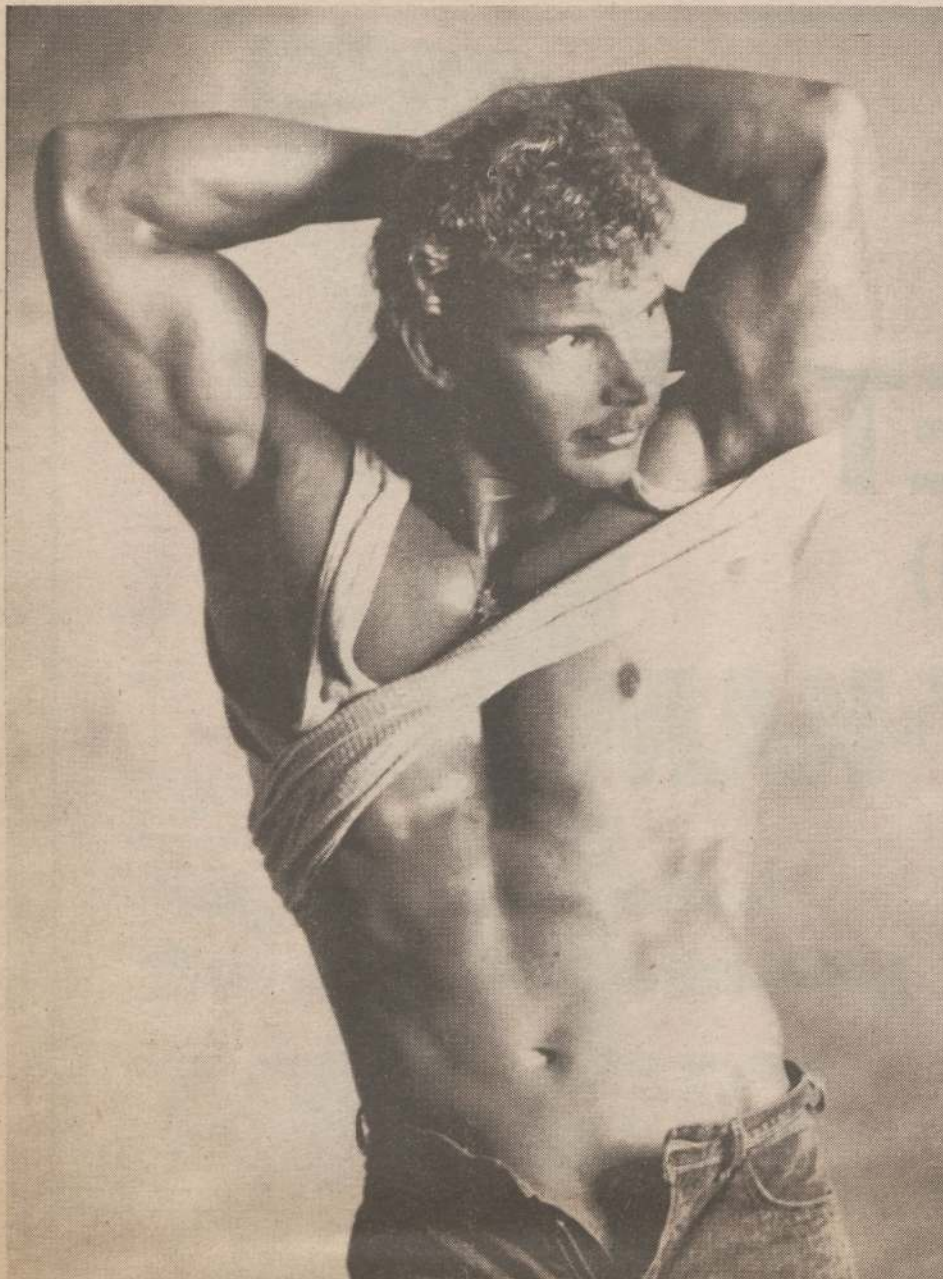
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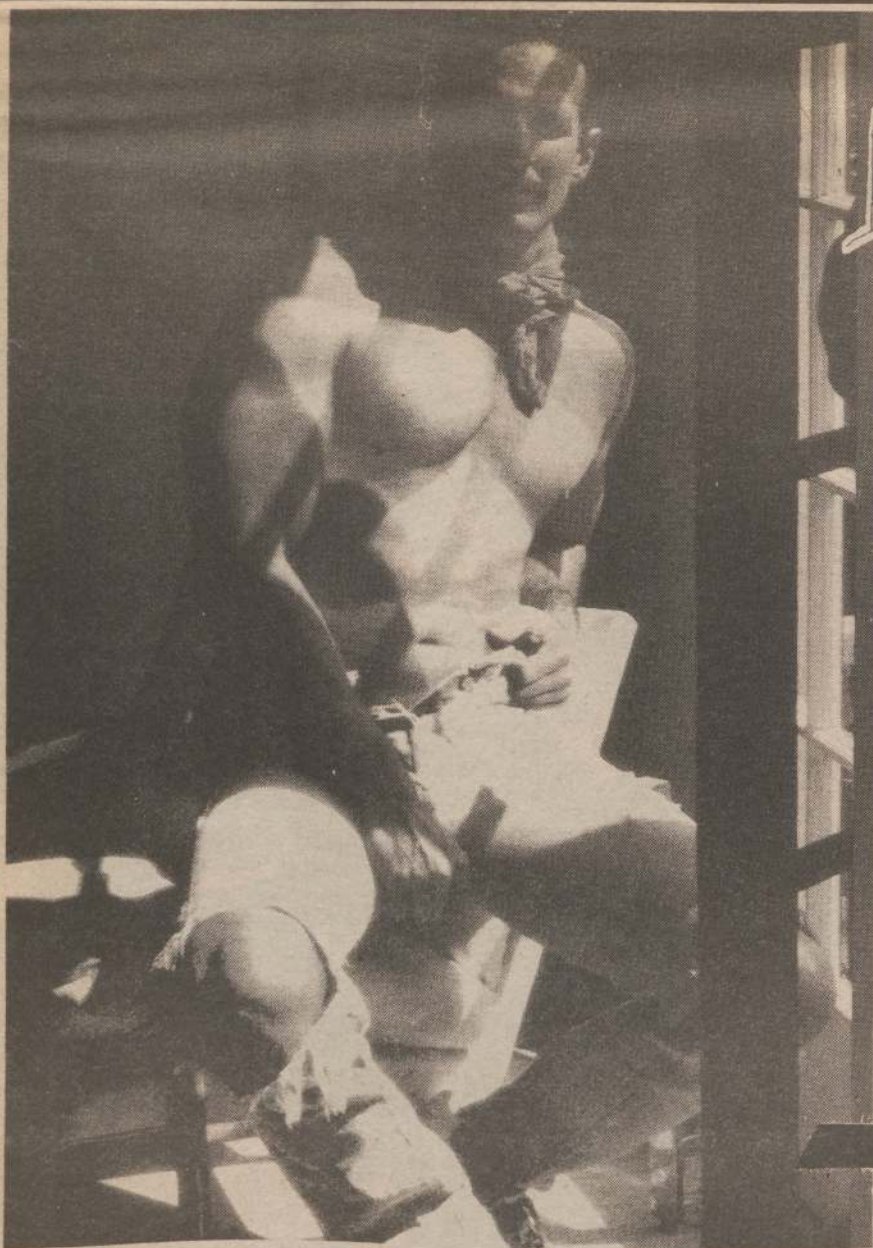


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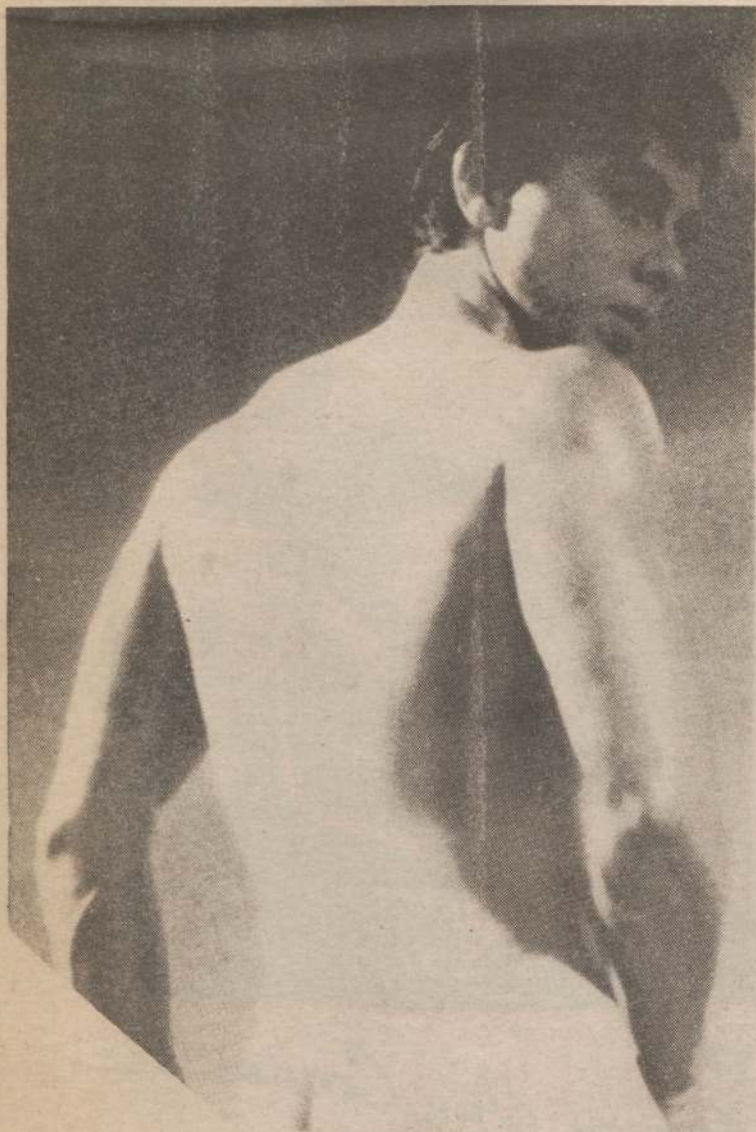


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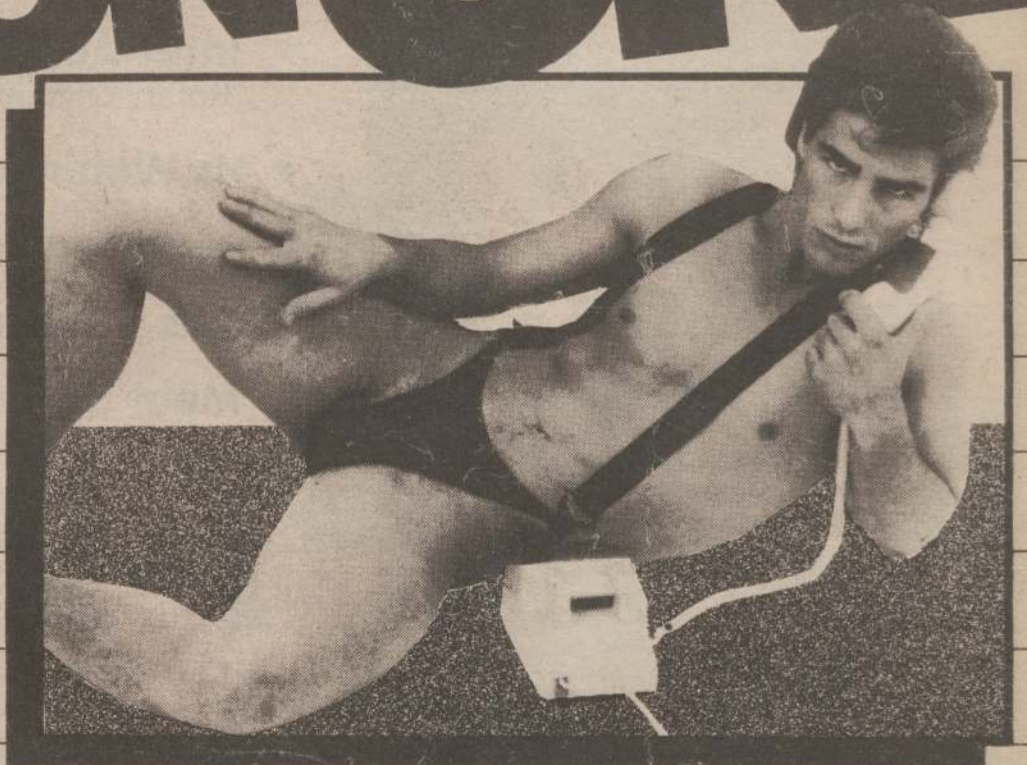
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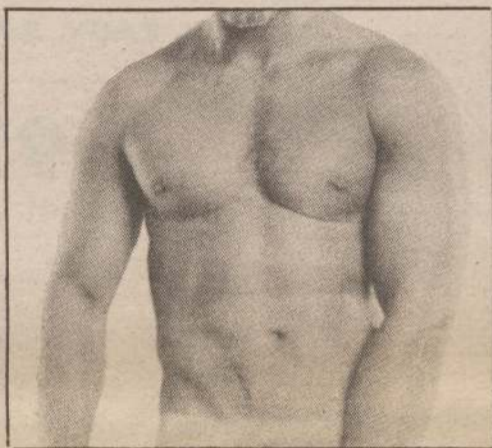


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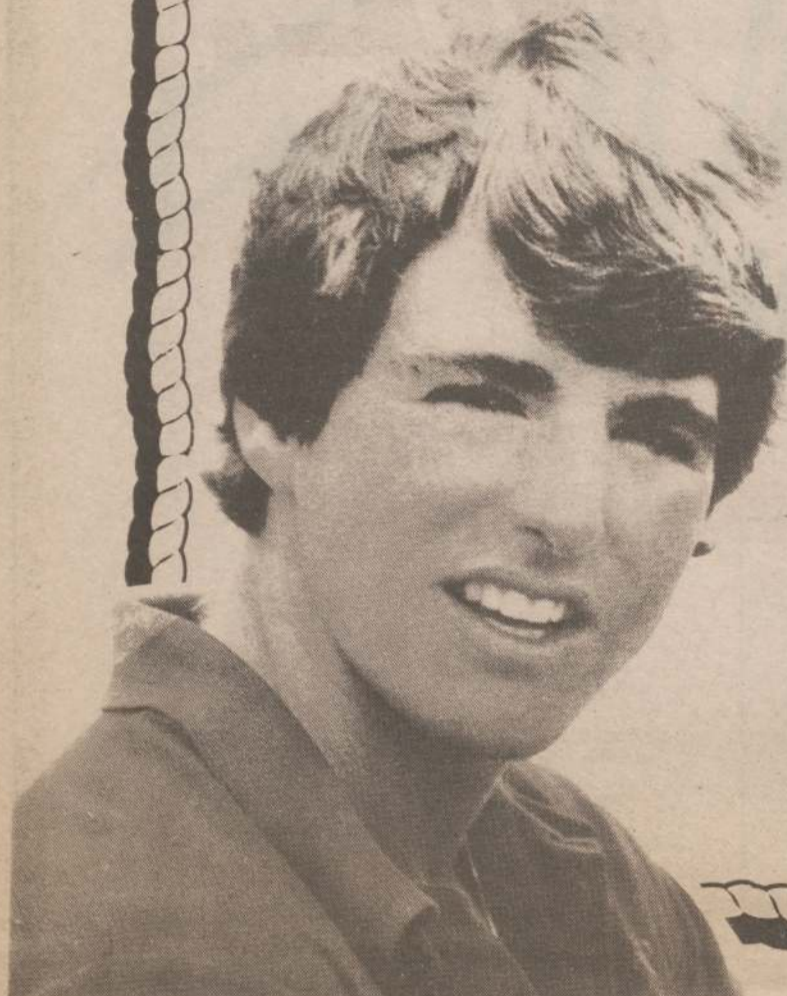
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

11/14-15

PLGPC: "Battle of the Bars" fundraising weekend.

11/15

AGRA: fundraiser. "Casino Night", Talk of the Town. 7pm.

11/16

AGRA: Texas Gay Rodeo Association Kickoff Party. Charles. 10pm.
PFLAG: Monthly Meeting - hosting religious groups. Mt. of Olives Church. 7:30pm.

11/18

LGCS: AIDS Presentation, Flex Complex.
SHANTI: Seminar w/ Jason Serinus at the Cullen Aud: Psychoimmunity and the Healing Process. St. Joe's, 7-10pm. Fee. Reservations required. 265-3884.

11/19

SHANTI: Workshop for PWA's w/ Jason Serinus. Call 265-3884 for reservations and information.

11/20-21

AAP: Sharing Weekend. \$\$\$ collected at clubs.

11/21

AZ GAY YOUTH: Film, "Life and Times of Harvey Milk." Augustana Lutheran Church. 3pm. 493-9326.
HOUSE OF DAWN: Self-hypnosis workshop with Cal. \$45., bring lunch. 267-1203.

11/24

SHANTI: Open Forum discussion/lecture, 16th Street & Indian School, 7pm. Call for topic.

11/26-29

AGRA: Fundraising weekend.

11/27

LGCS: Fundraising "Allnighter" at Trax.

11/28 LADS: Monte Carlo Night. "Lads Goes Hawaiian." Painters Hall, 1841 N. 24th St.

12/1

DESERT ADVENTURES: Monthly Meeting. Unitarian Universalist. 7pm. 995-5021.

12/6

PLGPC: Christmas Hoedown. Farrah's.
HOUSE OF DAWN: "Physician Heal Thyself." Workshop w/ Jack & Calvin. 2-5pm.
DIGNITY: Fundraising event. Mass, Mexican dinner, entertainment, fun. 3pm. 258-2556/266-4326.

12/8

HOUSE OF DAWN: "Lessons with Nikola Tesla — PEACE". 8pm.

ONGOING:

AAP: Surviving Partners Support Group. Tuesdays, 7-9.
PWA/PWARC Support Group. Tuesdays, 2-4. Support for families, friends, significant others.
Wednesdays, 7-9. HTLV3 test positive Support Group. Sundays, 4-6.

AZ GAY YOUTH: Meets Mondays at 7:30pm.

AFFIRMATION: Family home evenings. 2nd & 4th Mondays.

BOWLING: Squaw Peak Lanes, 32nd St. & Indian School Wednesdays at 9 pm.
Thunderbird Lanes, Thunderbird & Black Canyon. Sundays at 10 am.

CBPA: Meets 1st Mondays, mornings, and 3rd Thursdays, evenings.

COUPLES OF ARIZONA: Meets 1st Saturdays at noon, Augustana Lutheran Church, 12th St. & Virginia.

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HOUSE OF DAWN: "Lessons with Nikola Tesla" - continuing series, Tuesdays at 8:30. Videos and discussions Mondays at 7:30. Phone for info. Also available by request.

LGCS & AAIL: AIDS Information Outreach with Video Presentation. 3rd Mondays at FLEX Complex. Outreach available upon request — contact R. Heygi.

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GENTLE SHEPHERD: Sundays at 10:30 am. 7655 E. Redfield, Scsdl.
CASA DE CRISTO: Sundays at 8:30, 10:30, and 7 pm. Turney east of 7th St.

PHOENIX SHANTI: Reaching for Alternatives (a "Loving" Support group for PWAs), Wednesdays at 7pm. Women & AIDS, alternate Wednesdays at 7pm. Family, friends, and significant others support group, Wednesdays, 7-9. HTLV3 "test-positive" support group, Sundays at 7pm. Call for info, regarding Welcome Wagon visitation/help line for PWAs.

RELATIONSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP: Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7pm. Unitarian Universalist. 870-9597.

WELLNESS GROUP: Mondays. Contact Gerie Mayer-Gibbons through AAP or SHANTI.

Phone individual organizations for specifics.

If you have something that needs said, let us know, and we'll do what we can to get the word out. Thanks.

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The Hayloft
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266-0875

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253-3376

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258-9477

Farrah's Club 4158
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957-3679

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267-8707

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Phoenix 85002
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Phoenix 85030
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Phoenix, 85064
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Phoenix 85068
435-0828

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Tucson, 85703

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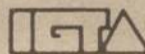
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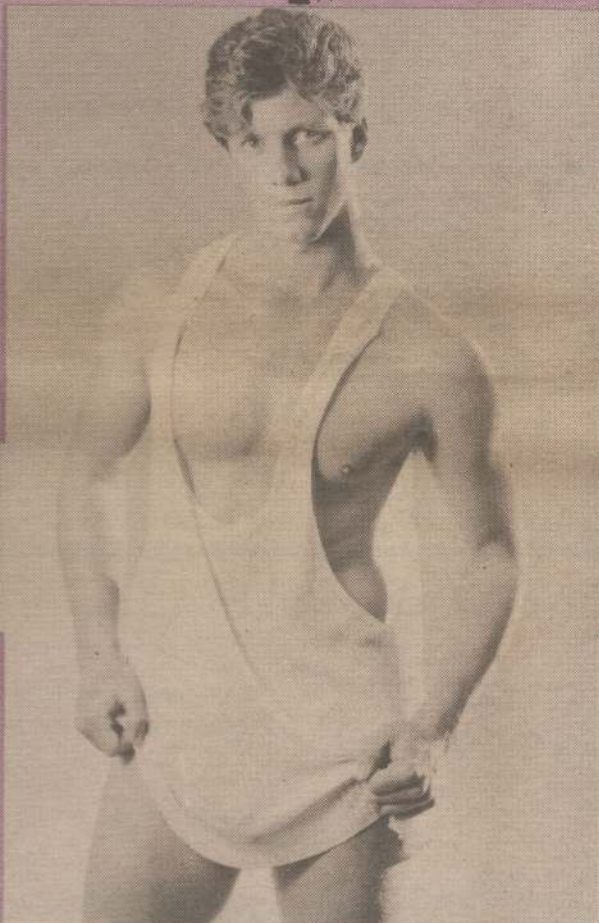
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