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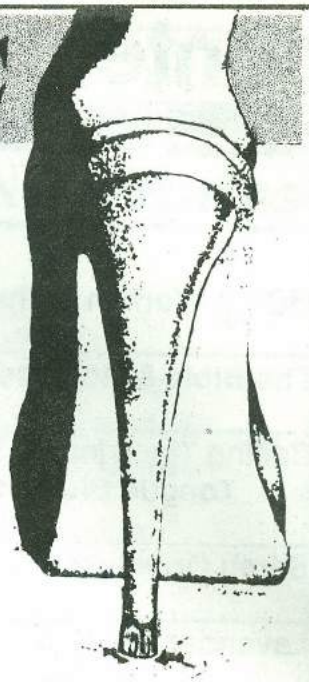

A big tisk-tisk is in order for **Our Mermories**. Girls, canceling the show at the last minute is a big NO-NO! Not only were the performers "P.O.'d", but I heard your clientele went on over to **Scorpion's** (de puro corage).....Congratulations to Sandy! She won $100 from B94 FM. I take it you will invest it well. A new wig perhaps? If we meet you at the **Briar Patch**, will you lend us $4.00 to get into the **OP**?.....Poor **Chuy**! Some degenerate ripped off his shoes in Juarez and he had to walk home barefooted. Since your money or anything else wasn't missing, I take it someone was just being a snake..... By the way **Gibby**, if you're going to be stuffing my purse with junk, make sure it works and is up to date (the light bulb was a dud, the entry forms were expired, and the bandana reeked of **Crazy Eddie**!) Rumor has it that **Joe John** is real big on Grahamn's (no pun intended), except they keep him playing pool with the butch boys while the strippers dance. Sas!.....What about **Cliff's Place** opening on Florence and Paisano? Plush? So I hear! OK girls, it's time to warm **Beverly Nicole** (miss OP), and **Edie de Marco** (former Miss OP). The **Miss Halloween contest** is scheduled for November 2 and **Hunter and the Headliners** on the 9th. Starting on November 7, the regular Sunday Shows will be presented on Friday nights. The line up for Fridays is as follows: Nov. 7: **Tasha KOHL** (former Miss Gay Texas and Gay America), Nov. 14: **Tina Renee** (current Miss Gay Texas), Nov. 21: **Donna Day** (former Miss Gay Texas), Nov. 28: **Rachel Masters** (3rd runner up to Miss Gay America 1986). Wednesday nights will be Ladies' night with no cover for the ladies. On November 19 there will be a female strip contest, on the 20 a male strip contest. Finalists for both will compete on Sunday the 23rd. See you next month!!

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letters

Dear Impulse:

While your magazine disclaims opinions of its columnists, I do assume that what is written should be focused, timely, and overall, knowledgeable. This is certainly not true of the Money Talks column as penned by Monica Moneypenny as appeared in your September 1986 edition.

Essentially I found the article on 'New Income Tax Laws' to be devoid of specifics, rife with mis-statements, and lacking in perspective.

For example, Monica assures her readers that she has "Good news to report", that "the average guy is going to come out dollars ahead", and that "the new tax bill is good for the majority of people and good for the country as a whole." Monica must be privy to information uncommonly known to make these sweeping statements. In fact, people's perception of the new Tax Reform Law is clouded at best. Whether a two-or-one-income "family" with a more-than-sizeable credit debt brought about by the "I deserve that" attitude will actually benefit from tax reform is and will be the subject of much conjecture. I think this will be of considerable concern in the West where credit card debt is the nation's highest. Similarly, loss of passive investments, particularly in the real estate area, will cause rents to rise due to the phasing out of these monies and the lengthened depreciation schedule. I think this significant in a market such as El Paso where it is adjudged that 60% live in rental housing. Additionally, the manufacturing sector, which fuels much of El Paso, will decline due to the eventual loss of Investment Tax Credits. Clearly, the only winners of this simplified taxation will be those who no longer have to pay taxes; but they probably won't be able to pay their ever increasing rents nor keep their jobs in any event. Similarly, most of these folk will come to increasingly rely on public unemployment (which they must now pay taxes on) and public giving (which is forbidden except to the itemizers). Further, loss of the Capital Gains advantage will discourage investment in Initial Public Offerings and other speculative instruments which form a basis for small business formation and growth. High-hoped-for returns will be replaced by steady equity income offered primarily through older and more respected concerns. Monica Moneypenny said that all of this is good?

Monica Moneypenny atated that "For the average taxfiler, most deductions will remain the same." Apparently, Monica's definition of "the average taxfiler" is one who never itemizes. This seems in direct contradiction to your 'audience' market which appears on page 8 of your publication. Either your local market, as defined on page 8, is correct and Monica is not addressing their needs, or your data configuration does not reflect the local circumstances (and Monica chooses to perpetuate that hoax). Monica (as well as I*mpulse Magazine*) needs to think-through their reader-audience and then provide facts which serve to inform and enlighten that overall group.

Monica Moneypenny's article was startling in its ommissions. She failed to address the 1987 phase-in rate period, the role of municipal bonds in generating tax-free income, the newly imposed mutual fund management fee tax, the changes in Miscellaneous deductions, and a host of other tips that might benefit her readers.

In the future I will expect Ms. Moneypenny's column to not only focus upon worthwhile facts as a result of indepth reading and research, but also to present these findings in a clear and unbiased manner. She does her readers a disservice through intermingling fact and opinion, over-generalizing, and, in essense, underestimating her audience. Please be aware that while illiteracy may stalk the land, twenty-five percent of adults have completed college and a goodly percentage of those are underemployed. It shouldn't be hard to replace a 'teller of tales' with an expositor of facts.

A Disgruntled Reader

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Dear Impulse,

KUDOS to the El Paso Business Alliance for bringing Lynn Lavner and Romanovsky & Phillips to the Old Plantation for an evening of comedy and music. I was amazed to see such talent in "Gay El Paso." I was also very pleased to see that somehow the alliance booked such a class act for the community. For that I thank all of the members. I also want to say that I am joining the alliance so that an evening like that night can happen once more in El Paso. It was impressive to watch the evening take shape and run smoother than almost any straight concert that I have ever seen.

I hope that together we can all help sponsor these events. Is there any word on bringing Leather & Lace back to El Paso?

Thanks for a grand time,
A New Member

Dear New Member,

We are happy that you enjoyed the concert and that you were motivated enough to become a part of one of our gay organizations. It is very possible that we may have Lynn Lavner and/or Romanovsky & Phillips in the near future again. Now that you have joined the business alliance maybe you will have some ideas to offer for future first-class performances.

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AT WORK

by Stephen Husa and Stephen Dolainski

THE STRESS OF AIDS: HANDLING IT AT WORK

AIDS has not only brought fear and grief into our personal world, it has created extraordinary stress for us in the workplace as well. Much of the AIDS-related stress we experience at work can be traced to three areas of concern: job security, dealing with coworkers and insurance coverage.

Answers to the question "What can I do about it?" are not always immediately apparent. The issue of AIDS in the workplace is still largely uncharted territory for many companies. By finding some answers, we reduce our own stress, as well as help eliminate the fear and prejudice of others.

JOB SECURITY

Concerns about job security are very real--and not at all unfounded. People with AIDS have been fired from their jobs; people mistakenly identified as having AIDS, even people only suspected of having the disease, have lost their jobs.

Fortunately, these incidents are relatively infrequent in proportion to the number of known cases of AIDS. Most workers are still covered by either state or federal job discrimination laws, and increasingly, the nation's business community is becoming more sensitive to the human and legal problems of AIDS-related discrimination. Some companies, such as BankAmerica and Pacific Bell, have developed policy guidelines or support programs to help employees deal with catastrophic illnesses like AIDS. More companies are providing educational and other resources to train managers to handle AIDS-related issues, according to the American Management Association (AMA). (The AMA has published an excellent briefing, "AIDS-The Workplace Issues." The booklet is available to nonmembers for $10; contact AMA, 212-586-8100.)

Still, we ask, what steps can we take to protect ourselves?

The first step is recognizing where the danger lies. Ignorance--about how to handle the potentially disruptive effects of AIDS in the workplace, and about contagion and legal issues--is probably the greatest threat of job security.

Ignorance, and the fear it breeds in ourselves and in others, can only be combated with education. As we stressed in a previous column ("AIDS: Handling a Difficult Subject at the Office"), keeping yourself well informed about the disease, particularly about its causes and transmission, prepares you to deal with others' fears.

Your self-education should not stop there unless you know where to turn for help, you will be unable to do anything about discrimination, ignorance and fear among your coworkers, or about the unwillingness or inability of management to address these problems.

Mary Rowe, an adjunct professor at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, advises personally researching the educational or support programs already in place at other companies. That information, she suggests, can be presented as a model for your company. You can pass it along to management directly or by means of an anonymous but responsible letter from a concerned employee. Most companies would likely be receptive to a suggestion that could produce a more productive, stress-free work environment.

DEALING WITH COWORKERS

Nongay coworkers are not always as sensitive to the stress of AIDS as we might wish them to be. Increasing their awareness through education is a long-term process and not necessarily one that can be accomplished single- handedly. There are times when a more immediate solution is needed.

One instance would be the occasion of a rumor about your or someone else's health. Regardless of how the rumor got started--a prolonged absence due to a non-AIDS-related illness, maliciousness--this situation needs to be defused immediately and directly. A frank but gentle discussion of the facts may be the most effective route. It may be necessary to request your manager's assistance, so be prepared to recommend resources if your manager feels unqualified to handle AIDS-related situations. A good place to start is "The Fear of AIDS," an article coauthored by Mary Rowe which appeared in the July-August issue of *Harvard Business Review*. Targeted to management, the article outlines the issues, suggests courses of action and includes an excellent resource list.

The thoughtlessness of others--displayed by jokes and derogatory remarks--is a common source of stress at work. The only way to put an end to that irritation is to express your disapproval, which will probably be appreciated by others. A simple, polite request to refrain from thoughtlessness and bad taste does not jeopardize your discretion. Just make sure you're not guilty of the same offense at the expense of others.

INSURANCE

Specific questions about the adequateness of your group health and life insurance coverage should be directed to the appropriate individual at your company or to an insurance professional. But generally speaking, if you are in good health and have adequate group coverage, you probably have little reason for concern. Even if you become sick and lose your job, new federal legislation (The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act--COBRA) guarantees "qualified employees....the option of continuing their [group health] coverage" for up to at least 18 months.

However, due to new AIDS-related underwriting guidelines adopted by some insurance companies, your insurability may come into question if, for example, you change jobs. Questions about pre-existing condition(s) may arise, and you would be wise to consult with a professional before taking any action that might change your status or insurability. One organization that can help answer AIDS-related insurance questions is Concerned Insurance Professionals for Human Rights (CIPHR), P.O. Box 691006, LA, CA 90069-9006.

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MCC's WOMAN OF THE WORLD

BY STEVE WARREN

Gay Church Expands Ministry World-wide Despite Censorship, Suspicion, Local Laws

How do you make a church grow? Put a committed Christian lesbian in charge of international expansion. The Rev. Elder Jean Anne White has been Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) World Church Extension executive secretary since 1979, in addition to her work as pastor in London, England. Between visiting Indonesia in January and Nigeria in September, White came to California in July to give an update on the denomination's growth.

Although her current work technically falls in the "missionary" category, it's a far cry from her efforts as an evangelical missionary which took her to the Far East in 1964. She was stationed in Macao when the "cultural revolution" swept China, and spent two years and eight months in a Chinese prison camp. The affable 45-year-old lesbian keeps well hidden her emotional scars from that experience.

An MCC member since 1972, White has also made use of her training as a nurse, midwife and hospital administrator.

Despite recent erosions of our rights in the U.S., hearing White describe conditions for gays in other parts of the world is enough to make us count our blessings. Because of government censorship of the mail in Liberia, for example, the letters she exchanges with gay men and lesbians there use "elephant" as a code word for homosexual--a funny response to a sad situation.

Two MCC's are forming in Indonesia in the wake of White's visit, one of gay men and one of lesbians. "There isn't a lot of interaction between them there," White says with resigned matter-of-factness, although Rev. Johanna Kawengian will serve as pastor to both groups.

Not only are gay Christians a sexual minority but a spiritual minority as well in a country she describes as "80 percent Muslim." A legal code called the Pancasila says all ways of worshipping God are acceptable, which allows MCC to operate there; but homosexuality is also sanctioned and men and women are equal under the Pancasila. In practice straight male Muslims rule the roost and homophobia is the order of the day.

The most interesting thing about MCC's Indonesian congregations is that most of the members have to earn their living through prostitution ("the alternative is stealing") because of their dual minority status.

Indonesian law permits polygamy but outlaws adultery. White was surprised to be taken to a "women's brothel" of "74 lesbians and a madam," where wives who have fallen from their husbands' sexual favor go to be satisfied by other women, thus not technically committing adultery. Likewise men who want sex outside of their marriages can only legally do it with other men, so they patronize transvestite prostitutes.

There's a great gulf between rich and poor in Indonesia, White points out, and while a few members of the new MCC's are "well-to-do," the majority are not. Many, however, are skilled artisans and the church is raising money to subsidize them and give them a chance to start earning a living with their crafts instead of their bodies.

Another Asian frontier being crossed this year is Japan, recently visited by Bill Potter of MCC Honolulu. "He went to Kobe on business,"White explains, " and asked if we had any contacts there." Potter met with 14 English-speaking Japanese who want to start holding regular meetings from which an MCC will evolve. As that group expands, bilinguals can branch out and start a Japanese-language church.

While older, larger, wealthier denominations would never think of doing their missionary work so haphazardly, MCC has no options but can excuse this as a case of being led by the Spirit. "That's how we have to do a lot of it," White says, "through our members as they travel. We don't have the money to send people everywhere. My trip to Indonesia was paid for by a private donor and the same person paid for me to go to Africa in September."

On that African trip, the clergywoman reports with a wry smile, she had the honor of opening the "Jean White Memorial Clinic" in Nigeria. A building has been donated for that purpose and a small fee will be charged those able to pay, to support a local nurse to run the clinic. The government had offered land for a church building last year, White says, but "there have been two military coups since Christmas."

There are nine MCC's in Nigeria and most of their members are heterosexual. After reading a highly negative story about the church in an Italian newspaper in the mid-'70's, someone wrote to the

fellowship to ask about affiliating. They're aware of the denomination's primary outreach in other countries--Rev. Sylvanus Maduka attended one of the biennial conferences and church representatives have visited Nigeria on a few occasions. As long as they can belong to a Christian church, sexuality is not an issue with the Nigerians.

White has, however, received inquiries from a "women's group" in Nigeria that was unaware of the existence of the other MCC's in the country. She was to meet with them in September and suspects this will lead to the development of a more typical MCC there.

On that same trip White stopped over in Liberia to meet the "elephants" she has been corresponding with.

Australia is another country where MCC has been established for a relatively long time, considering that the denomination will only be 18 years old this October and chartered its first church outside the U.S. in Toronto in 1973. There are presently eight congregations in Australia and three in New Zealand.

The New Zealand parliament recently decriminalized homosexuality for consenting adults over 21, White advises. The most immediate advantage is that people who test positive for AIDS needn't be afraid of being branded felons.

Concern about AIDS is stimulating interest in MCC abroad, White says, because as in many parts of the States the church has access to the latest, most factual information about the epidemic as well as experience in AIDS-related counseling.

Curiously, the only continent with no MCC's at present is the one closest to fellowship headquarters in Los Angeles. "I think South America will open up," White predicts, with Brazil looking especially ripe. Interest has been expressed in several countries there, but only by scattered individuals, none appearing to have the making of a core group.

Iglesia Communidad Metropolitana (ICM) of Mexico City has 60 members and is looking for a building to buy with $21,000 raised in a recent fund drive. An ICM group is meeting in Costa Rica with 14 members.

ICM is MCC's two-pronged Hispanic Americas outreach--Spanish-speaking churches within the U.S. as well as churches elsewhere in Latin America. Because of their activity more church literature has been translated into Spanish than any other language, with French second. At least one church brochure is available in ten languages, including Chinese and Polish.

Because the church in the U.S. is ultra-sensitive on the issue of inclusivity, in its worldwide expansion it tries to consider local customs and of necessity laws wherever it goes. The aim of MCC's global outreach is not "conversion of the heathens," but to give Christians, particularly sexual minorities, the opportunity to worship together openly and without fear as whole persons.

Politics is also a factor. For instance, while people have been inviting MCC to the Philippines, "It wasn't safe to go in under Marcos," White says. "It should be safe under Cory Aquino, and I think we'll see something happening there soon." The happiest incident of the church's inability to establish a foothold, according to White, is in the Netherlands where gays suffer so little oppression they feel no need for a separate church.

Occasionally MCC will advertise to test the waters in an untapped country. A recent ad in a Greek paper had drawn 19 replies before White left for the U.S., and she expected to find more waiting for her at home. Korea may be the next country where this approach is used.

Being based in London White is in closer touch with news on the European front, and much of it is good. The elusive Dutch sent representatives to a recent MCC district conference held in England. After five years of attending the European Gay Christian Forum with observer status, MCC was voted into membership this year and a woman from MCC Copenhagen was elected Women's President.

"They had resisted us," White says, "because all of their groups work within existing denominations. People in Europe are very wary of cults, so until they're assured you're not a cult they regard you with suspicion." Although church attendance in general is extremely low in many parts of Europe, White says, the people still have ties to the religions they were born into: "We just don't go. We *are*."

Coincidentally the French government, which has refused to incorporate MCC as a church, has given the group in Lyon official status as a cult. Negotiations are underway for reconsideration. "In Europe," White reminds us, "there is much less separation between church and state than you have here."

photo by Steve Warren

MCC Rev. Elder Jean White

Under a scheme of spinning satellite churches off of anchor churches, a congregation in Strasbourg has spun off from Lyon and White hopes to establish other MCC's in northern Spain and French-speaking Switzerland. Yet another offshoot of Lyon is a group in Turin, Italy, composed primarily of priests and nuns.

There are seven MCC's in England where, White says, people respond better to small groups, up to 40 or 50, than large ones.

Inquiries have come in from Eastern Europe and while no work has officially started there White is hopeful of crossing the Iron Curtain eventually.

MCC's first Euroopean conference will be held in the "gay town" of Sitges, Spain, March 7-11 of next year, with the church's founder, Rev. Troy D. Perry, expected to attend. This should provide an excellent opportunity for assessing the current situation and targeting future growth for the only worldwide Christian denomination with a primary outreach to gay men and lesbians.

Inquiries regarding MCC's international work may be sent to: Rev. Jean White, 207 Streatham High Road, London, England SW 16 6EG, or c/o UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029. Donations may be designated for World Church Extension or Hispanic Americas Ministry. △

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The Bible and Homosexuality

by Rev. Michael E. England
reviewed by Steve Warren

"How can you call yourself a Christian if you're gay?"

That's a question we hear frequently from parents, friends and television and street corner evangelists. More importantly it's a question many lesbians and gay men still ask themselves.

Despite the phenomenal growth of gay religious organizations within almost every major denomination since Rev. Troy D. Perry founded Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in 1968 to reach out to gays who felt alienated from God's love, many still fail to see how the Christian message applies to them.

The main stumbling block between gays and religion is the traditional attitude of mainline churches, the preaching that homosexuality is sinful and the expulsion of many of us from churches because of our gayness. It's natural for someone who's been rejected by a church to equate that with rejection by God.

My favorite religious tract is a pamphlet boldly titled "What Jesus Said About Homosexuality." When you open it, the other pages are blank!

It's a cute gimmick, but it doesn't explain the scriptural writings of Paul and others which are commonly used to condemn us. These are dealt with in a manner that's intelligent but not scholarly to the point of unreadability, in the booklet *The Bible and Homosexuality* by Rev. Michael E. England, former pastor of MCC of San Francisco, who has done extensive research in this area and teaches frequent seminars on the subject.

England begins by explaining the processes of translation and interpretation and how they need to be open to newfound information. Many errors in biblical interpretation stem from lifting passages out of context (a practice called "prooftexting" which is akin to quoting a critic as saying "colossal" when what was said was "a colossal failure"); others are based on mistakes in translation or a misunderstanding of the sociocultural context in which they were written. New discoveries are constantly shedding light on the last two areas. There are eternal truths in the Bible but our comprehension of them is always changing. Imagine (or research) the major archaeological finds that have been made since the King James Version was published in 1611.

Sometimes differing translations reflect the biases and hang-ups of the translators--or their employers (King James, the Catholic church, etc.). In the story of David and Jonathan some translations say (*I Samuel 20:41*) "They kissed each other...." while such paraphrases (not the same as translations) as the Living Bible distort it to "They sadly shook hands...." The same change is made to Paul's instruction (*Romans 16:16*), "Greet each other with a holy kiss," a common practice in most MCC's while many churches settle for a handshake or less.

Many of the passages used to condemn homosexuality refer in fact to the customs of ancient fertility cults, which the Jews and later the Christians were exhorted to shun. These cults believed that having sex in the temple would encourage the gods to make the land more fertile. Such vital work could hardly be left to amateurs, so offical temple prostitutes--male and female--were used.

Deuteronomy 23:17-18, I Kings 14:22-24 and *22:46* and *II Kings 23:7* translate the female and male forms of the Hebrew word for "temple prostitute," in the King James Version, as "whore" and "sodomite" respectively. "Whore" is an unfortunate choice of words caused by limited knowledge in King James' time; "sodomite" is just plain wrong, even by the 17th century understanding of the word, which covered all "unnatural" sex acts, homosexual and otherwise.

Genesis 19:4-11 is the account of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. While the "sin of Sodom" is regarded by most modern scholars to be inhospitality, not homosexuality, words like "sodomy" and sodomite" remain in our language to encourage the uneducated who are more concerned with their own opinions than the facts.

Verse 5 of that account is typically translated as in the Revised Standard Version, "And they called to Lot, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them.'" While we sometimes speak of knowing someone "in the biblical sense," Dr. Derek Bailey found in the 1950's that the Hebrew word for "know" used in this verse occurs 943 other times in the Old Testament (not counting a story similar to that of Sodom and Gomorrah in *Judges 19:22.* In only ten of those instances does the word have a sexual meaning, and all of those are heterosexual.

Whatever the meaning of "know" and the intent of the original Sodomites, their unfriendly behavior was typical of that for which God had already decided to destroy the city.

Leviticus 18:22 and *20:13-14* are the portions of the Holiness code which condemn lying with or having intercourse with "a man as with a woman." This law, which refers only to anal intercourse between males and none of our other forms of sexual expression, is again thought to have been intended to deter the Israelites from imitating fertility cults (the god Molech is mentioned). It may also have alluded to the military practice of the day (though probably not an Israeli custom) of raping conquered soldiers to add to their humiliation.

These laws also reflect the status of women in that time, when it was thought okay to use them as sexual objects but not to use other men (created in the image they had of God) in the same way.

Christians, even those hypocrites who fling these passages at us while ignoring Levitical statutes regarding food and clothing, have the further promise that Christ freed us from these laws while

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newswatch

ACTIVIST LEAVES EL PASO

EL PASO--El Paso lost one of its more politically active and socially committed citizens in October. John Sutton relocated from El Paso to the Boston area as part of a career move. John, an El Paso resident for over ten years, was highly involved with both gay and straight political and social causes.

John campaigned in different political races in Texas for local, state and national elected offices as well as general issue items (e.g., rapid transit). He worked with the Democratic Party in El Paso and was a delegate to precinct, county and state conventions as well as holding the position of precinct chair. For several years, John was a board member of the El Paso Child Crisis Center and labored diligently in both an advisory and fundraising capacity for that organization. The El Paso Women's Political Caucus also benefited from his energy and support as both a general and board member.

As the El Paso area representative to the Texas Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Lesbian and Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA), and Lesbian and Gay Democrats of Texas (LGDT), John's influence has been felt statewide. All three organizations attempt to raise the consciousness of the Texas gay community. LGRA and LGDT specifically work against discriminatory legislation in the Texas Legislature and lobby for gay rights.

Locally, John Sutton was the driving force and founder of the Gay and Lesbian Association of El Paso (GALA). GALA, the first local general purpose gay and lesbian organization, sponsored three years of Gay Pride Week activities and other social events that included beerbusts, dances, film and music fests and art shows. It published the No-Name Newsletter (later Borderline) which was the first locally produced source of information specificaly geared to the gay community. GALA was also the sponsoring organization for the original El Paso Gay Switchboard. John was involved in the founding of the United Community Church which later became the present-day El Paso Metropolitan Community Church. More recently, he filled the position of Political Information Chair for the El Paso Business Alliance.

As can be seen from the preceding paragraphs, El Paso's loss is definitely Boston's gain. Individuals as forceful, concerned and motivated are truly a rarity in any organization or community. John Sutton will be sorely missed.

Gay activist John Sutton and friend Judy.

LAROUCHIANS LOSE BIG IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK--The voters in New York, unlike those in Illinois earlier this year, have kept an eye on Lyndon LaRouche's envoys. This time voters have managed to stop the extremists' march into governing positions. LaRouchian forces lost all primary races for Democratic nominations in five congressional and one senatorial seat. The LaRouchians did, however, manage to get 5-19 percent of the votes for these congressional seats. In the 61st state Senatorial District, LaRouchian Stephen Kaylor even managed to pick up a dangerous 40 percent of the vote. LaRouchian loser, Ronald Kokinda, stated that the loss was due to "attacks from Governor Mario Cuomo and other political crooks, press hostility that deliberately distorted our position" and attacks by "the drug lobby."

ANTI-GAY LITERATURE

WASHINGTON--A new piece of anit-gay "literature" has just been presented to legislators on Capitol Hill. Entitled *AIDS: Civil Rights or Civil Wrongs--An Urgent Report to the Nation*, the slick 32-page booklet produced by the National Perspectives Institute proposed the closure of gay bars and "any other areas where homosexuals congregate." Opening with a forward comparing AIDS to the "Black Plague," the booklet "explains" how the gay rights movement owes its beginnings solely to Communist Party member Henry Hay. It also states that most gay men "regularly ingest saliva, semen, urine and feces" and that "many of these encounters involve total strangers." The pamphlet then goes on to blame the American Psychiatric Association for "its role in the spread of AIDS" for removing homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. The Institute identifies itself as

a nonprofit scholarly research organization based in Chesapeake, Va.

HIV POSITIVE MEN MAY BE ABLE TO PRODUCE ANTIBODIES

PITTSBURGH--Researchers at The University of Pittsburgh and Pitt's Men's Study have uncovered evidence that some HIV positive gay men may be able to produce antibodies against the influenza and pneumonia that often affect PWAs.

Dr. Kuo-Liang Huang of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and Dr. Charles Rinaldo of the Pitt's Men's Study presented their findings last week at the 26th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in New Orleans. "The findings are important because they suggest that immune system levels in homosexual men who test HIV-positive can work to develop antibodies and may work for other viruses," said Huang.

Huang also said that the results show that gay men who test positive for HIV exposure developed antibodies to the influenza and pneumonia that are as strong as those men, gay and non-gay, who did not test HIV-positive.

Researchers have had varied findings on the percent of HIV-positive individuals who will eventually come down with AIDS; research currently indicates a 10 to 25 percent range.

"MEASURING THE GAY & LESBIAN POPULATION"

CHICAGO--As part of a continuing series, the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP) publishes the educational pamphlet "Measuring the Gay and Lesbian Population". The pamphlet reviews the scientific research addressing the topics of 1) how many gays and lesbians are in the USA, and 2) what are their demographic characteristics. The pamphlet discusses research of the past four decades, from the Kinsey reports of 1948 to surveys conducted in 1986. In addition to presenting information about the USA in general, the brochure also presents more detailed studies of San Francisco, Wahsington, DC, and Chicago. The pamphlet covers both direct measurements of the gay and lesbian population and indirect measurement through the 1980 USA Census data.

This pamphlet is part of a continuing series of educational pamphlets published by NOGLSTP and funded by the Chicago Resource Center. A previous pamphlet discusses the contributions of famous gay and lesbain scientists.

For more information: Joseph Schreiner, NOGLSTP President, P.O. Box 14138, Chicago, Ill, 60614.

SLOAN vs. FALWELL-ROUND THREE

SACRAMENTO--After 26 months of controversy and legal battles the Reverend Jerry Falwell has finally paid his former Baptist bible college schoolmate, the Reverend Jerry Sloan the $5000 which Falwell promised to pay to Sloan for proving the Falwell made certain derogatory statements about the Metropolitan Community Churches.

Sloan collected a Moral Majority check for a total of $8982.90. This figure included the original $5000 plus interest, court costs and a $2875 awarded to him by an appellate panel of the Sacramento Superior Court.

The controversy started on Friday, July 13, 1984, when Falwell appeared on a live Sacramento TV talk show with Sloan in the audience. He asked Falwell about certain statements that he had made on the Old Time Gospel Hour TV program about the predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Churches.

Falwell vehemently denied that he had called the MCC "brute beasts", and "Thank God, this vile and satanic system will one day be utterly annhilated and there will be a celebration in heaven."

Sloan told Falwell he had the statement on tape. Falwell then offered Sloan $5000 if he could produce the tape.

The tape was taken to KCRA-TV, reviewed, and played on two newscasts. All who listened to the tape agreed Falwell owed Sloan $5000. Falwell refused to pay when asked to do so by Sloan's attorney, Rosemary Metrailer.

On November 30, 1984, the day Falwell was due in Sacramento on a fund raising

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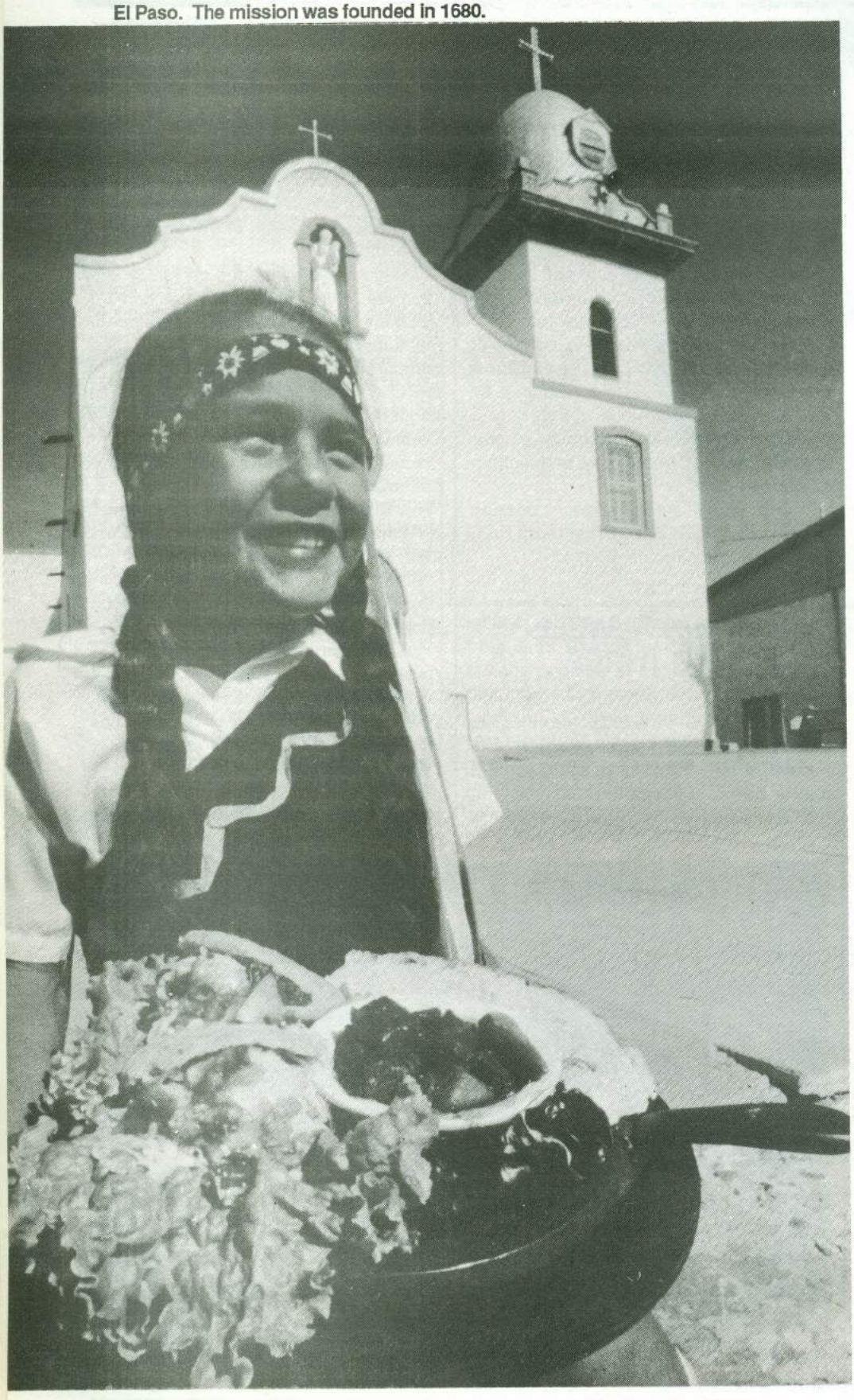
photo by Tim Warford

Rev. Jerry Sloan and his attorney Mary Metrailer holding a 18" X 3' blow-up of the check.

TIGUA MEAL--Tigua Indian Cindy Gomez, 8, holds a plate of Tigua red chile, gorditas and Indian Bread. All of the items are available daily at the Tigua's restaurant located in a cultural center near the Ysleta Mission, background, east of El Paso. The mission was founded in 1680.



Calling Tigua Indian Food Bland Could Get Your Tongue Blown Off

By Susan Cooper

Call American Indian cooking bland around a Tigua Indian and you're likely to get your tongue blown off by some green chile stew that makes most Szechwan Chinese dishes seem like oatmeal.

Native American dishes have just never been considered *haute cuisine*, or *nouvelle* anything. Buffalo is a long way from the menu at any five star restaurant. While the American Indian popularized corn on the cob--Europeans still consider it fit only for livestock.

Indeed, those who have experienced most traditional native American dishes are quick to use the word "bland."

These critics speak with a forked tongue and it's a safe bet that they've never had the opportunity to sit down for a meal in the Tigua's Ysleta del Sur Pueblo about 15 miles east of El Paso, Texas.

The Tigua's secret recipe green chile stew (a counterpart form of Mexican *caldillo*) is so hot that just the fumes coming off the pot have been known to strip the chrome off of bumpers in a nearby parking lot when the wind shifts.

Food is serious business in the area. In 1877 it resulted in a Salt War when some gringos laid claim to nearby salt flats and tried to charge for the natural deposits. A mob killed a judge and a Texas Ranger in a consumer action that left the salt free for the taking. The mayors of El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, recently met in the middle of an international bridge over the Rio Grande and declared the cities the "Mexican Food Capital of the World." There are over 175 restaurants in El Paso alone specializing in Mexican food, as well as a world reknown line of Old El Paso food products produced by Pet Foods.

Over 1000 Tiguas make their homes around the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, their ancestors having journeyed to the Rio Grande River community with the Spanish in 1682 from their native New Mexico lands homelands. They are Pueblo Indians whose original native American spelling was "Tewas." That spelling was later changed, with their association with the Spanish exploration of the west, to "Tiguas."

They were farmers, not fighters. Through the periods of history when Geronimo and the Apaches were pestering the long knives at nearby Ft. Bliss, the Tiguas were growing crops, becoming Catholics and taking on a Spanish-Mexican flavor in their food that has gained the tribe's current restaurant note in magazines from *People* and *Life*.

As the Tiguas assimilated with the Spanish in the late 1600's, and again into the Tex-Mex border culture of El Paso and Juarez, Mexico--Indian foods were modified and blended into recipes that make a stop at their reservation a more than palatable experience for tourists.

One item that has stood the test of time is the adobe oven bread baked in outdoor *hornos* (ovens). The Tigua cooks are quick to add that the recipes can be prepared in standard kitchens with modern conveniences, though it won't produce the same results, expecially the bread which is traditionally cooked in the outdoor ovens over mesquite logs.

Adventurous cooks might find a challenge in this native American Tigua Indian dinner of **Adobe Oven Bread, Red Chile, Gorditas**, provided to *Impulse* readers from the kitchens of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo:

ADOBE OVEN BREAD

1 package yeast
1/2 cup warm water
5 cups all purpose flour
2 tablespoons lard
1 1/2 cups hot water
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons sugar

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Mix lard, hot water, salt and sugar and one cup flour in bowl. Add yeast and continue to mix, adding remaining flour. All flour may not be needed depending upon moisture in flour. Spread flour over board, turning out dough. Knead for 10 minutes, adding flour as necessary to prevent sticking. Place dough into greased bowl, turning once to cover with grease. Cover and let rise in warm place, double in size. Divide in half, and place into 2 greased 9 in. round pans. Score top and pull sections apart a bit. Cover and rise again until doubled. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

RED CHILE

Whole Dried Chile Caribe or Chile Ancho
Garlic cloves
Oregano
Beef blade cut (or pot roast)
Onion
Saffron

Prepare the chile by removing stems, cover with water and soak until tender. Then boil chiles with a clove of fresh garlic and a small amount of oregano. Blend chile in a food processor or blender and strain to remove seeds and piths from the pods, as well as skins. Add salt if desired.

Prepare the cut of beef by covering with water and boil slowly with onion, garlic and oregano until tender. Cook meat and shred into thin strips.

Combine meat and chile sauce adjusting flavor with *Asafran* (saffron) cumin powder, salt and pepper and oregano if preferred. Serve hot. Asafran needs to be used sparingly.

GORDITAS

2 cups masa harina
2 tablespoons lard
1 teaspoon salt
About 1 cup of water
corn oil

The deep-fried cornmeal type "little fat ones" are made by combining the masa, lard, salt and enough of the water to result in a smooth dough. Divide into a dozen parts rolling each into a ball. Pat each into a small pancake about 1/4 inch thick, pinching around the edge. Deep fry until brown, drain. Fill with beef filling, top with lettuce, chopped tomato and grated cheese. The filling is made by frying a pound of lean ground meat in a pan, adding 1 or 2 tablespoons of lard if necessary. When brown add one medium sized onion and cook until soft. Moisten with commercially available red chile or enchilada sauce.

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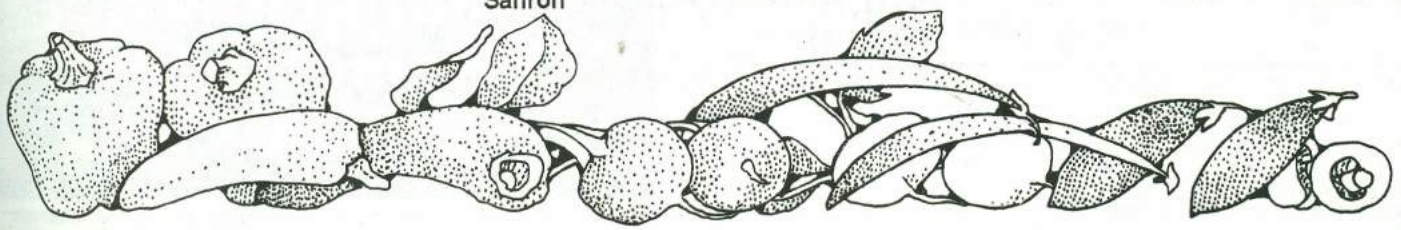

money talk$

By Monica Moneypenny

Dear Disgruntled Reader

Monica is back! This month Monica would like to respond to a recent letter signed "a disgruntled reader". First I would like to thank you for taking the time to write, even critically. Secondly, the exact impact of the new tax law is yet to be determined and it's admitted by most that the short term impact is likely to be neutral or negative while the long term impact is likely to be positive. The primary objective of a tax code is to raise revenue for the government; not perform social reallocation of resources. To the extent that the tax code allows deductions or credits, the tax rates for everyone are necessarily raised since the pool of income to be taxed is reduced. Think about it for a minute. Do you want to pay higher taxes so that some developer can build more apartments and charge lower rent? Not me. If it's necessary to have lower rent why not rent stamps! (Ala food stamps)

Now, disgruntled reader, I will answer some of your specific questions. First, 80% of all taxpayers have under $40,000 of income and most major deductions have been retained with the exception of deductions for consumer debt and sales tax. Why should I have to pay higher taxes so you can borrow yourself to the hilt? Second, competition will keep rental housing from raising rents to any degree. Have you noticed the number of "For Rent" signs out there as well as the "freebees" available such as "one month free ", etc.? One major complex here in El Paso recently went into bankruptcy because of low rents and lack of occupancy. This is prior to enactment of the new tax code. Third, the Investment Tax Credit is of little use to El Paso's major industry. Most of El Paso's manufacturing industry is in the electronic and apparel areas which are here because they are labor intensive, not capital intensive. If anything, these industries will expand due to lower tax rates. Fourth, the capital gains tax increase should have little impact on investment since everyone will pay the same. If the only way a business can raise capital is by the use of the tax code, it's not really much of a business, is it?

Finally, just let Monica add that she is planning a move in the near future and will no longer be able to write for *Impulse*. How about it, Disgruntled Reader, why not come forward and take over. Why not get involved in the community and make a positive contribution? See everyone next month. Ta, ta!

Gay Women

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SARAH ORNE JEWETT

by Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

It was a warm Autumn day; a metalic blue October afternoon. No time to be in a college American Lit class. In the front of the room, Mrs. John Calvini droned on like a fly in the sun about Sarah Orne Jewett. At that moment, I'm afraid, I, along with most of the rest of the class, couldn't have cared less.

Then, suddenly, I was all ears. Calvini was talking about an "intense friendship." I had heard her use those words before in relation to Emily Dickinson and one or two other women and I'd learned that the phrase was her modest little way of avoiding what was to her the totally unacceptable topic of Lesbianism. "Unacceptable" because it could never be admitted, never even thought possible that anyone who created beautifully could be a homosexual.

Sadly, little Mrs. Calvini was not unique. Many are the scholars and teachers who seem to feel that the only option for homosexuals--male or female--is to spend life dithering in guilt and shame. They certainly can't create anything. So, I figured then, that they'd invented "intense friendships" to explain what they couldn't ignore. Well, if Miss Jewett had an intense friendship, with someone, it was good enough reason for me to learn more about her.

She was born in 1849 in South Berwick, Maine, as much a New Englander as Willa Cather had the blood of the Midwest in her veins. Her formal schooling was spotty but she learned to love the natural beauty of the countryside and the hearty culture of her area which makes New England more a state of mind than it is anything else.

She came to the literary scene in the lingering golden autumn of New England's most distinguished era, a time dominated by the great pentad of Emerson, Longfellow, Lowell, Holmes and Whitier. But Autumn in New England is not a twilight time, but a brilliant burst of color and fragrance that is redolent of an energy rivaled only by Spring. Autumn is decidedly vibrant and so this literary autumn of the Brahmin Tradition was sparklingly alive with the writing of women such as Louisa May Alcott, Helen Hunt Jackson--and Sara Jewett. Without sentimental excess, they loved New England and spoke with quiet defiance to the new, raw toned realism that was coming from the South and West.

But there was something else about many of these women who, like Jewett, rose to prominence in the arts in the late 19th Century. They did not see themselves nor did they act as shadows of men. They were women identifying women who operated as independent human beings fulfilling themselves by themselves. When they formed relationships, it was most usually with other women. This was common enough to have been given the term "Boston Marriage" to describe it.

Mark DeWolfe Howe, the 19th Century editor of the *Atlantic Monthly* wrote about such relationships and noted that there was no truer word for them than "union." The 20th Century writer Lillian Faderman maintains that "Lesbian is an accurate word even if we can never know the level of sexual involvment." So thus, I conclude that what my college prof couldn't even mention except indirectly, Sarah Jewett and others handled very well indeed... She was a Lesbian. Even the most assiduous of her many biographers have been unable to find the slightest heterosexual interest. Usually what happens is that after admitting that her deepest relationships were with women, they, of whom Richard Cary is a good example, hurry on to redeem her by mentioning that she had friendships (never intense) with "scores of men." In its own way, that's as silly as some gay writers who insist on claling every unmarried person in history a homosexual. Stupid!

So call it "Boston Marriage" or "union" or whatever you want, Sarah had one with Annie Fields. Fields was a strikingly beautiful woman, 14 years Sarah's senior. In 1854, at the age of 19, she had married James T. Fields the owner of the Atlantic Monthly and one of America's best known publishers. The editor of the magazine was William Dean Howells and it was through him that Sarah met the Fields when she was 22. It probably wasn't love at first sight but over the years, things ripened until Fields recognized the serious closeness between his wife and Sarah.

I say "serious closeness" because in that day, he probably never have thought of Lesbianism. Most men didn't. The primary reason was that it was "medically proven" that women felt nothing sexually. Thus, anything between them *had* to be nothing more than mere friendship. There just couln't be any sex.

In 1880, Field who was 65, knew himself to be dieing and began to do everything possible to encourage the relationship between Sarah and his wife. As he saw it, their closeness would be the ideal thing to fill the gap in Annie's life after he was gone. That was nice of the old boy but they certainly didn't need his help. Sarah was a frequent visitor to Gambrel Cottage, the Fields's sea-side place in Manchester, Massachusetts. There among the sea breezes and hollyhocks, Sarah told Annie that she left her heart.

It was love, wonderful and glorious. In 1880, Sarah wrote of the previous year that in that magical summer by the sea she and Annie had given themselves to each other and sealed their committment with an exchange of rings.

Given themselves to each other? I wouldn't read too much into that. Sex? Maybe yes. Maybe no. But that it was love, there is no doubt. In a poem penned

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that same year, Sarah wrote to Annie that "your dear love holds me close to you." And there is more, much more.

For example, in her novel, *Deephaven*, published in 1877, Sarah depicts two women on a summer vacation in a New England coastal town that is clearly Manchester. Their life is joyous together and at the end of the summer, one suggests to the other, "We should copy the Ladies of Llangollen." In a very real way, Sarah and Annie did just that.

James Fields died in April, 1881 and Sarah, at Annie's invitation, moved in immediately. Sometimes it is the case that love is wonderful--if the two of you don't have to live together. The adjustments required can be ruinously hard. Don't forget, Sarah was 32 and Annie was 46. At those ages, one can be set in one's ways. I speak from experience.

There was once a guy. In every letter that we wrote to each other; every weekend that we spent together, we loved each other more. We longed to be together--forever, always. I moved in.

It lasted three weeks.

With Sarah and Annie it was different. Their letters show that they worked well together. No heady, firerockets romance, but a steady and even deepening relationship built on love that they worked at, reinforced by mutual interests. For example, both enjoyed travel and in the Summer of 1882, they went to Europe, the first of four such visits.

When they returned, Sarah set up a schedule she would keep for the rest of her life. For most of the year, she lived with Annie in Boston or Manchester. But for several months each year, she was cloistered in South Berwick writing full time. Annie understood. She shared that interest as well and understood a writer's needs. But though apart, there were daily letters, sometimes no more than love notes, that kept the bond strong.

More than anything, it was love that enabled Sarah to write with so much energy and concentration--and to write of love as she did. Love that makes one a better person; that makes one, as she said, "unconsciously beautiful, like a saint."

Having that kind of love is perhaps the reason why she feels no need to hide the beauty of same-sex love. She describes it openly and freely. But in her day, she could get away with that. She could and did espouse her belief that love between two women had great redemptive power that could make a person something far beyond what they thought they could be.

But the generation of women writers was already at work who could not say that--at least openly. As medical views changed and it was discovered that women did indeed have sexual feeling, a sex-hating society began to understand that two women's love for each other could have its physical side. Thus, Lesbians were forced to join male homosexuals in bearing the burden of condemnation.

But for the moment, society's ignorance was a Lesbian sanctuary and Sarah and Annie could have their "Boston Marriage", as could others, admired and even, perhaps, envied as were the Ladies of Llangollen.

Meanwhile, Sarah continued to "spin silvery webs to catch the flying reader." If the webs were carefully and wonderfully spun, it was because of Annie's love. Love, Sarah wrote in a sonnet to Annie was the greatest mystery, the secret

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LAVENDER AGEISM

by Christine Burton

Until I was forty I felt very much a part of humankind. I had never said or done anything to conceal my lesbianism. If my heterosexual acquaintances and neighbors could have pulled their concern away from their own heterosexual problems long enough to notice, they were at liberty to observe my comings and goings with female companions only, and to make of it anything they wished.

In those preFalwellian days our sexual orientation was not the trendy thing to ridicule. Then it was fashionable to denigrate "niggers" and "kikes," which kept the arrogant, accusing spotlight away from us. Most lesbian women and gay men felt that a moderate amount of discretion was sufficient.

I was successful in my profession. I enjoyed life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I felt totally normal, a lavender thread woven into the fabric of American humanity, and I was optimistic that our Constitutional dream of justice for all would eventually come true. Fundamentalists had not yet ignored the Golden Rule and influenced our government to ignore justice.

On a brilliant day in late August of the year that I turned forty, I sat with a group of lesbian and gay hikers high on a mountain ledge, enjoying a panorama that stretched our eyes in all directions. In the silence our spirits expanded.

After a time Jonathan spoke, "So it's the great four-o for you this month."

I wondered why forty was the great four-o. We don't say the great thirty-nine, the great seven or the great sixty-one. I asked him.

"You've lived another decade," he explained. "Life moves through our consciousness by days and years; we count it by decades. Like rosary beads, we think in tens. Why? Ten fingers and ten toes, I suppose."

"That makes sense. But the great four-o; why not just four-o?"

"In your forties you become middle-aged--at forty-five to be precise. Then at sixty-five you are old. Dictionary says so. Some sort of experts are saying nowadays that you're not middle-aged until sometime in your fifties and old age doesn't begin until your seventies. But as long as the dictionary hasn't caught up with them you're probably middle-aged in your forties. That makes it the big four-o."

The rigidity of his attitude irked me, especially since I was the one who had just turned forty. "We don't have to follow the dictionary, do we?"

"It's the other way around. The dictionary follows us; it records our usage of words. That's the way we talk because that's the way we think."

Hiking down that mountain I felt as though the lavender thread that was me had been jerked out of the fabric. I felt separated from humanity, the way I did when I learned what straights called us: queer, sick, one of those (with a nasty leer), and the condemnation they thought would "cure" me: "I suppose she can't get a man." But until my fortieth birthday discrimination had been only dual Female and homosexual. Now there would be a thid one. At forty, jobs would be harder to get. And hang onto your lover, no matter what, you might not be able to get another.

‘A lover of life and a giver of love is always attractive.’

Now, many years later, I could tell Jonathan that it comes as a surprise when some people start treating you like you're old. If you're past sixty and forget something they think you're senile--as though teenagers never forget anything. People of all ages get tired from time to time, but when you're tired they think you're getting feeble.

You don't feel old. Your libido is in higher gear than ever, you love with more intensity and stability, your mind thinks wider and deeper, and you note there is no shortage of women who fall in love with you. Like whiskey, life seems to improve with age.

Perhaps our concepts of time itself are faulty. In terms of evolution, the planet is in its adolescence, the human species is an infant. Yet, this beautiful young land of ours is full of people of all ages and sexual orientations who think of themselves as older than they are. Sharpen your ears and you'll hear people say: "I'm not as young as I used to be." (Neither is a six-year-old. Last year s/he was five.) Another phrase: "At my age....." implying that they expect less from themselves now. Are they putting themselves on a shelf? Are they looking for an excuse to do less? To live less? Does the inherent laziness in all of us tempt us to begin taking it easy, especially since our cutlure insists on it? We forget that partially used faculties deteriorated and unused muscles become useless. We become old before our time.

On her seventieth birthday, I heard a lesbian say, "Now, all I have to do is wait." If longevity is for her, she has a very long time to do nothing but wait. And I've been told that the fear among most gay men is that nobody will want them when they are older. It is probable that such people are not wanted, not because of their years by because of their attitudes toward themselves. A lover of life and a giver of love is always attractive.

Older people differ little from others except they've been enriched by more experience. And if they are lesbian or gay, they are just as homosexual as they ever were, perhaps more so because the spirit, to find itself, grows in independence with the years.

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

by Kelley M. Holmes

Dear Editor:

On August 14th I submitted to my Air Force superiors a statement declaring my homosexuality in the interest of being discharged immediately.

As I await my discharge, I have written an open letter to my Commander in Chief, President Reagan. A copy has been sent directly to him. Also enclosed you will find a somewhat-shorter statement that I wish to be directed to the American gay youth.

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed you will find two staff-sergeant chevrons. They were once worn by a young man who earned them in less than three years on active duty. According to one of his Airman Performance Reports, he was "unsurpassed by his peers", "one of USAFE's best", and an "outstanding performer". The stripes were mine, and I have sent them to you to make a statement. I want it known that an "outstanding performer" can be gay, and is. I am being discharged for homosexuality.

As Commander in Chief, Department of Defense policy is your policy. In case you are not familiar with the official rationale for excluding gay men and lesbians from active duty, allow me to quote a DOD fact sheet (OASD, Sept., 1984.) and comment on it point by point.

".....(Homosexuals) adversely (affect) the ability of the Armed Forces to maintain discipline, good order, and morale...." On what stereotype this sewage is based is known but to bigots. It is silly, nothing more. Conversely, if one were to generalize, with first observing, as opposed to guessing or assuming, one would be startled to see that gay servicemembers are often the sharpest and most disciplined servicemembers in the ranks. To quote again from one of my APRs: "He consistently displays an outstanding professional attitude, dedication to duty, and a deep sense of responsibility.... and provides inspirational leadership to his co-workers...." If the authors are concerned that discipline will be harder to maintain because of heterosexual response to serving with homosexuals, the disciplinary problems would be heterosexual, not homosexual, in nature. White men have learned to accept blacks and women into their ranks; heterosexuals will have to accept gay men and lesbians as well. If they have a problem with this, there are institutions already in place that can deal

with this (i.e. Social Actions). As for morale, high morale will naturally follow as we work to build a more just and democratic military system.

"....to foster mutual trust and confidence among service-members...." This seems to be written for the benefit of *my* argument. Today there are thousands of gays in the military. None of them can trust every servicemember he or she encounters daily. There is an ever-present worry that someone will turn them in. It is a concern, not so much because of the social stigma they might encounter back home, but rather because of the career loss itself. Perhaps the authors feel heterosexuals will feel threatened by gays and will worry that the "queers" will try something with them. This is paranoia, or at least naivete, at its worst.

"....to ensure the integrity of the system of rank and command.." Again, the exclusionary rule is working against its very purpose. In my case, many of my co-workers knew I am gay. Others did not, simply because they could not be trusted not to tell my superiors. This was a concern only because I did not enjoy military support in legitimizing my leadership role. Conversely, there was a constant threat of sanctioned persecution, perpetrated by institutional bigotry. And the Air Force Social Actions office certainly does not see that gay men and lesbians are treated fairly, equally, and with justice.

"....to facilitate assignment and worldwide deployment of servicemembers who frequently must live and work under close conditions affording minimal privacy..." Mr. President, my dear, dear man, gay men and lesbians are in the military ranks. They always have been and always will be. Unless you can commission someone to come up with a machine that will enter our minds and read our thoughts. Wait. I had better stop.... I don't want to stumble upon any secret plans you may already have.... Anyway, we are here. Everywhere servicemembers go, we are there, working and living among them. Denial does not change that, except to make it worse. We must acknowledge each other in order to understand each other. And that is good, to understand.

"....to recruit and retain members of the Armed Forces..." I am sorry, but this is dumb. How much talent are we choosing not to use? How many talented people choose not to join, simply because of DOD bigotry? Such a tremendous loss. In exchange for what? The military apparently prefers to recruit bigots, those who would not join if the gay exclusionary rule were lifted. The armed forces obviously have their quota of THEM already.

"....to maintain the public acceptability of military ser- vice..." The American public deserves more credit than this. The majority of Americans no longer support persecution of gays. A military plagued with bigotry is not only unacceptable, but it is also against what we so gleefully proclaim to be "the American way".

"....and to prevent breaches of security." To gays of today, a threat to their careers due to disclosure is of far more concern than the disclosure itself. Gays in the military today are closeted more often because of the rule than because of any residual social stigma. Many gays have told their families and friends, remaining closeted only to the military. All gays desire the freedom, though some might not use it, to come out completely. Hence, security, the primary reason given by advocates of the exclusionary rule, stands, in fact, as the very reason it should be rescinded. My career is proof. In 1983, rumored to be gay, I fought for four months to retain my military career (my career, not my reputation). My "extraordinary sense of loyalty and superb dedication" was commended in my APR. In 1986, at my own initiative, however, I told my commander that I am gay and desire to be discharged, so that I might prove that gay stigma is no longer strong.

In 1984 a group of congressmen and women requested that a survey be taken by the General Accounting Office to determine the cost incurred by the taxpayer due to the gay exclusionary rule. Though no congressional action has been taken on it, the survey demonstrated that bigotry is, indeed, costly. It failed to reflect, however, many hidden costs, both financial and emotional, such as the personnel loss suffered by the military due to the decision of many gays to leave the service after serving a full tour. MANY gays choose not to reenlist because, for them, the "great way of life" ain't so great, and the "adventure" is a misadventure. The military is very pro-family. Usually assumed to be for the good of society, it leaves many behind. For instance, it is terribly disheartening for gays to see married recruits pampered with innumerable benefits, some very subtle, while gay lovers are not blessed with separate rations, allowances for quarters, and joint-spouse. I could only guess how many gay couples are split up due to reassignment, one being sold down the river, reminiscent of slave days.

Something must be done. If the DOD leadership truly believes the foolishness they expect us to, the American armed forces are in sad, sorry shape. If the vice-presidency ain't worth a pitcher of warm spit, the official DOD rationale for persecuting gays ain't worth a tar sandwich, 'cause it ain't nothin' but bigotry all gussied up on toasted rye. And not even your revered, silver-tongued Falwell can make that stuff palatable.

Kelley M. Holmes

Having a love of metaphore, the late Winston Churchill made his famous enigmatic puzzle statement many years ago in a attempt to demystify the intentions of the Soviet Union. He concluded that the key lay in Russian national interest. For decades now, hoping to check a problematic entity, scholars have used this sage analysis as the basis for their Societ studies. Though perhaps blind to it, we ourselves have a problematic entity, the American armed forces, and the Soviet Union has long been its apt metaphore.

Both are traditional institutions hesitant to change, suspicious of deviant voices, and conspiratory in their visceral commitment to self-preservation. Millions within and without suffer for it. Throughout the history of both institutions, gays have been blatantly persecuted. In our own United States military gay men and lesbians are openly persecuted! That is not good, not good at all. And if we as a people have any desire whatsoever for change, we must find the key. And that key is military self-interest.

We, as gay men and lesbians, must illustrate to our fellow citizens the tremendous loss it is not to fully utilize our talents in the armed services. We must show them our worth. But how do we do that? How do we show our worth? Not by declining to enlist. We must enlist. Not by performing badly. Though we are bitter and receive little support, we must perform well. We will not demonstrate our worth, military loss, by declining to reenlist after a four-year tour of duty. We must make our presence known. At the peak of our careers, when all is well, we must declare our homosexuality and ask that we be discharged.

Just as followers of Gandhi queued to receive violent blows from club-wielding British, American gay men and lesbians today must come forth and compel the military to discharge their own, some of their best, and some of their bravest. Only then, when the resource loss is evident, will the American military recognize its self-interest, and thus change an American enigma.

Kelley M. Holmes

fortunes

by Tycho

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH: 1, Stephen Crane, Antonio Canova; 2, Marie Antoinette; 4, Auguste Rodin; 10, Richard Burton, Vachal Lindsay; 14, Senator Joseph McCarthy; 15, Dr. Josephine Baker; 19,Clifton Webb; 20, James Pope-Hennessey; 21, Voltaire, all Scorpios. Sagittarius birthdays in November are: 22, Billie Jean King;25, Dr. Mary Walker; 28, Rita Mae Brown, William Blake; 30, Sir Phillip Sidney.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Your life as a full partner is what's important now. No matter how long you've been together, the present offers new paths of communication and commitment. The feeling of togetherness makes for a very warm November.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Dreaming of a dreamy person in a dreamy place sounds like an enjoyable way to pass the time. Something in your real life situation has stopped you cold in your tracks. Take care of that problem and then make dreams come true.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) A long distance phone call could make your month. Go ahead. Reach way out there and touch someone. This call could combine business and personal concerns in an unusual way. Push those magic buttons, Gemini.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Your day to day life is not at all like your night to night life. The routine is getting you down. You can't seem to break out of the rut you're in. But when the moon comes out and you're with the one you love....aaaah.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) No member of the zodiac is working harder at making things work than you are. You're learning a great deal about confrontations and power struggles. Rather than being pulled down by the situation, you find it interesting, even fascinating.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22) You're buzzing all around, busy as a bee. You've got a lot to say, and a lot to hear from a lot of different people. Though you're not travelling far, you will have some short enjoyable jaunts. It's a very full time for Virgo.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22) October was a seesaw kind of month. First you were this and then you were that. November is different. It has more to do with how you can best be good to you regardless of the changing weather. You're gaining a lot of self esteem.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21) Creative compromise is the name of the game. If you play the game well, you'll come out in a fairly short time as the big winner. Don't let that powerfully strong ego of yours get in the way of real success.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21) Anticipation is often accompanied by frustration or anxiety. But for those of you with a clear mind and a steady heart, the ability to wait is made enjoyable by both the excitement you feel and the focus it provides.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19) Your role as a guide could take various forms, but essentially you'll provide direction to an individual or a group that is lost. The issue is an emotional one. Your guidance should clarify the issue and level of understanding.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18) The feeling of being bound and determined is exacerbated by the call of the wild and exotic. Rushing off in a frenzy to anyone or anyplace would be a mistake. Give yourself a month before making any big decision.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20) The rich, abundant, colorful side of your personality is given full expression. You now have what Aquarius is longing for. It could be a person or a place that sparks this vibrancy, this fullness of living.

SOME INFAMOUS GAY HOMOPHOBES

by A. Nolder Gay

The recent death, apparently from AIDS, of New York attorney Roy Cohn dredged up a lot of memories for gay people of my generation. Roy Cohn began his meteoric rise to infamy nearly thirty-five years ago as chief investigator for U.S. Senator Joe McCarthy in the early 1950's. Although he went on to many other years of notoriety, he will primarily be remembered for that early association.

"McCarthyism" is commonly associated with hysterical anti-Communism, but beginning in 1950 conservative politicians on the make, of whom McCarthy was only one, began to associate "sexual perverts" with alleged Communist infiltration of the Federal government. There was a certain symmetry to the hue and cry; the Communists wanted the minds of the average American, while the perverts wanted their bodies. On the whole, the perverts had the better deal.

The hysteria, discussed in John D'Emilio's book *Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities*, looks ridiculour now, but certainly wasn't funny at the time. All through the 1950's there were witch hunts in civil government, the military, atate and local communities, and industries with government contracts; thousands of gays were excluded or fired from jobs. The FBI and the Post Office gathered data on gays, put tracers on their mail, and notified employers of their perverted tastes, also causing gays to lose their jobs.

There were rumors at the time that Cohn was homosexual, even that he and his co-investigator G. David Schine (who later married), and even McCarthy himself, were getting it on with each other, though some of this was radical fag-baiting. Until the end Cohn denied he was gay or had AIDS, but last summer he was being treated with an experimental anti-AIDS drug at the National Institute of Health, allegedly after intervention by persons highly placed in the naked pursuit of power and the powerful, including leading Mafia figures, Aristotle Spellman, Richard Nixon and Reagan, among others whom I would not invite to a dinner party. Just before his death he was disbarred by the New York Supreme Court. A sordid story, from start to finish.

".....But I have no more regret at Roy Cohn's death than I would have for killing of a poisonous snake in my back yard."

At the time of Cohn's death another infamous gay homophobe was trotting around the lecture circuit pimping his life story, the appallingly mistitled *The Gentleman From Maryland: The Conscience of a Conservative.* Former Representative Robert Bauman was an arrogant opponent of gay rights while in Congress, a champion of the Moral Majority and similar organizations, and got caught out picking up black teenagers at one of Washington's more dismal hustler bars by the very FBI surveillance he had supported in the case of others. His was an equally sordid career, and even now that he's "out" and pleading for tolerance (which he isn't getting from his former associates), he still refuses to support gay rights legislation. In other words, he's peddling a book the brunt of which is to indicate how little he's learned from his experience.

For a long time there was an unwritten gay rule that you didn't disclose another gay person's orientation under any circumstances to any non-gay person. More recently the argument has been advanced that closeted gays who actively oppose gay rights measures should be publicly unmasked. In the debates over the ordination of homosexuals to the Episcopal priesthood a few years ago, a particularly obnoxious Southern bishop made vicious attacks on gays in the church until a gay priest, who had witnessed the good bishop's cavortings in the Club Baths on his frequent trips to New York, went to him privately and threatened to expose him to the Presiding Bishop unless he ceased his venom, which he did (at least in public).

A better known example is that of John T. "Terry" Dolan, executive director of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, a very powerful lobby which frequently supports rabid homophobes for Congress and opposes gay rights. Perry Deane Young, who had earlier co-authored Dave Kopay's coming-out story, wrote another book called *God's Bullies*, a study of the new religious right. In it he devotes several pages to Dolan's proclivities, including nocturnal visits to Washington's gay bars, and even interviewed one of Dolan's pickups to get the flavor of the experience. Public

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Scheduled NOVEMBER

EL PASO/JUAREZ EVENTS

WORLD FINALS RODEO COMES TO EL PASO IN NOVEMBER

Rodeo stars from Canada, Australia, Mexico and the U.S. will be competing in El Paso during the Coors 1986 World Finals Rodeo beginning November 3 and running through the 8.

The annual event, governed by the North American Rodeo Commission, wraps up twelve months of international competition. It will be held at the El Paso County Coliseum beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Over 600 of the world's top cowboys will be competing for their share of $150,000 in money and prizes in events that include steer wrestling, bullriding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping and ladies barrel racing.

Elsewhere in El Paso during November, on the classical side, New York Marimbist Leigh Howard Stevens will perform with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra in the El Paso Civic Center Theatre November 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.

To confirm these El Paso/Juarez events and for further information refer to the phone number listed for each event, or, if pertaining to the El Paso Civic, Convention and Tourist Center, call (800) 351-6024 from outside Texas; (800) 592-6001 from within Texas.

MUSIC & DANCE

NOV 1: Girls Next Door, El Paso Civic Center, Santa Fe & San Francisco (534-0646). At 8. Call for ticket information. Female country music trio.

NOV 2 & 3: Pro-Musica El Paso, El Paso High School, 1600 N. Virginia (532-9139). Sat at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2:30 p.m. $5 - $10. Henrietta Davis, Soprano & Steven Prutsman, Pianist.

NOV 5 - 26: Art a La Carte concert Series, San Jacinto Plaza, Main & Mesa (541-4481). Wednesdays only 11:45 to 1:15. Free. Local artists, music & entertainment.

NOV 14 & 15: Marimbist Leigh Howard Stevens & El Paso Symphony Orchestra, El Paso Civic Center Theatre, San Francisco & Santa Fe (532-8707). At 8. $4 - $13.50.

NOV 21: Mike Warnke, El Paso Civic Cetner, Santa Fe & San Francisco (534-0646). At 7:30. Call for ticket information. Christian comedian.

NOV 28 & 29: Ballet Folklorico Paso del Norte, Chamizal National Memorial Theater, Sand Marcial & Delta (534-6277). Fri & Sat at 8, Sun at 3. $3.

THEATER & STAGES

NOV 1: The Odd Couple, El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana (532-1317). Fri & Sat at 8. $3 & $5.

NOV 1 & 2: Music Man, Chamizal National Memorial Theater, San Marcial & Delta (534-6277). Sat at 8, Sun at 3. $3 & $4.

NOV 1 & 2: The Real Inspector Hound, SRO Warehouse Theatre, 1301 Texas (533-1671). Sat at 8, Sun at 2:30. $6.50 & $7.50 single, or, $30 season.

NOV6 - 16: Little Shop of Horrors, Union Dinner Theatre, UTEP (747-5711). Dinner $13.50; gen adm $5. Dinner at 6:30, matinee at 8.

NOV10 - 14: Lady Liberty, Chamizal National Memorial Theater, San Marcial & Delta (534-6277). Time varies. $1. Youth oriented musical presented by New York City's Theatreworks U.S.A.

NOV 13 - 16: The Dance of the Pink Flamigo, Fox Fine Arts Theatre, UTEP Campus (747-5146). Fri & sat at 8, Sun at 2:30. Season $15 & $10.

NOV 14 - DEC 20: Sex on the Sixth Floor, El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana (532-1317). Fri & Sat at 8. $3 & $5.

NOV 21 - 23: Tales of the Rio Grande, El Paso Community College, 9370 Gateway no. Blvd. (594-2424). Call for time and ticket information.

NOV 21 - 23: You Can't Take it With You, Chamizal National Memorial Theater, San Marcial & Delta (534-6277). Fri & Sat at 8, Sun at 3. $2 & $3.

SPORTS & MAJOR EVENTS

NOV 1 & 2: Western Film Festival, Ft. Bliss and various city theaters (534-0500). Fri at 7, Sat 10 - midnight, Sun noon - 5.

NOV 3 - 8: Coors 1986 World Finals Rodeo, El Paso County Coliseum, Paisano & Boone (532-3636). Mon - Sat 7:30 p.m. $6 & $8. World final rodeo events featuring finalists from Canada, U.S., Mexico and Australia.

NOV 14 - 16: Continental Antique Show, El Paso Civic Center, Santa Fe & San Francisco (534-0646). At 1. $3.

NOV 27: Sun Bowl Parade, Downtown El Paso (533-4416). At 10 a.m. One of the top Thanksgiving Day Parades.

NOV 28 & 29: Miss Texas Teen, El Paso Civic Center Theatre, Santa Fe & San Francisco (53204661). Call for time and ticket information.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: University of Texas at El Paso, Sun Bowl Stadium (747-5234). Nov 22: Colorado State; Nov 29: Utah. Game time 7:00 p.m. $6 & $8.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: University of Texas at El Paso, UTEP Special Events Center, Baltimore & Mesa (747-5724). Nov 16: Athletes in Action, 7:35 p.m.; Nov 29: Oregon State University at 3 p.m. Ticket prices vary.

DOG RACING: Juarez Racetrack, off Ave. 16 de Septiembre, Juarez (778-6322). Greyhound racing at 7:30 p.m. hightly Wed thru Sun; matinee Sun at 2:30 p.m.

Marimbist Headlines November Symphony

LEIGH HOWARD STEVENS

Classical marimba sounds will fill the El Paso Civic Center Theatre as guest artist Leigh Howard Stevens performs in concert with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra November 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.

During the program Maestro Abraham Chavez, Jr. will direct such movements as Mozart's Impressario Overture, K. 486; Symphony No. 38, K. 504 in D Major ("Prague"), Mozart; Kurka's Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra and Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien, Op. 45.

Besides the selections he will perform for the El Paso symphony audience in November, Steven's repertoire ranges from Renaissance music and the Preludes and Fuges of Bach to original marimba works written by contemporary and avant-garde American and Japanese composers.....much of which was considered technically and musically impossible by one player until he himself developed a new system of independent four mallet technique. Stevens' book *Method of Movement for Marimba* has been cited as the most authoritative text on the subject of four mallet technique.

With over 200 college campus appearances, performances with symphony orchestras, European concert tours, master-classes and radio and television appearances both here and abroad, Stevens has managed to generate new marimba lovers the world over. The reaction of concertgoers to the artistry of Leigh Howard Stevens was best summed up by the Denver Post: "Cheers at the end is a measure of just how good he is."

A gracuate of the Eastman School of Music and recipient of the prestigious Performer's Certificate, Stevens serves on the educational staff of Ludwig Industries and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Percussive Arts Society.

During the day Saturday, Stevens will head a Percussion Clinic in concert with the University of Texas at El Paso's Music Departments' Sixth Annual "Day of Percussion" at the Fox Fine Arts Center at 10 a.m.

Following the clinic, Stevens will perform a solo recital at noon in addition to performances by the UTEP Marching Drum Corps and the UTEP Marimba Ensemble. The UTEP Day of Percussion is free and open to the public. Information on this event is available at (915) 757-5606.

Tickets for the two evening Stevens/El Paso Symphony Orchestra performance are available at the El Paso Symphony Office, El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Ten Civic Center Plaza, (915) 532-8707. They range in price from $4 - $13.50. Visa, MasterCard and The Popular charge cards are accepted.

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The Best Thing About AIDS

by Steve Warren

While I'm not glad the AIDS crisis happened, some good things have come out of it--new ways we've learned to relate to each other and care for each other, the sense of unity that only develops when we stand together against a common enemy, and a new maturity that allows "Gay Pride" to be a fact instead of a slogan.

The best thing to come out of the AIDS crisis is *The AIDS Show: Artists Involved with Death and Survival.* Beginning as a stage revue at San Francisco's Theatre Rhinoceros, it has become the nucleus of a video documentary which will air November 14 on adventurous PBS outlets around the country. If your local station is not among them, I suggest leaving a bushel basket of chicken shit on their doorstep to see if they get the message. (El Paso's PBS channel 13 will air The AIDS Show at 10 p.m.)

Two gay filmmakers, Peter (*Word Is Out*) Adair and Robert (*The Times of Harvey Milk*) Epstein, had agreed to collaborate on a film about AIDS. When they saw this powerful stage show they realized it was doing averything they hoped to do, but for a more limited audience. They chose it as their subject.

The AIDS Show was conceived early in 1984 by the theater's founder, Allan Estes. Before he could do anything about it he was diagnosed with AIDS and died soon afterward. Leland Moss became director of the show designed "to educate and empower" audiences to deal with the epidemic.

An open call was held for writers and performers, many of whom turned out to be writer-performers. The resulting collection of songs and comic and dramatic monologues and sketches was a kaleidoscopic view of societal responses, primarily but not exclusively within the gay community, to the first five years of living and dying with AIDS.

A series of New Year's Eve parties showed evolving attitudes, as did telephone monologues by Moss in which he played "Murray," the heretorfore unseen friend at the other end of Arnold Beckoff's phone in *Torch Song Trilogy.* Like many of us he came to San Francisco a party animal, watched people die and changed his habits. Inbetween these framing devices, various episodes explored fear, denial, ignorance, prejudice, love, friendship and grief--all the things we've been dealing with since the nightmare began.

The AIDS Show opened in the fall of 1984--before *As Is, The Normal Heart, Buddies,* or *An Early Frost.* It was scheduled for a brief run to be followed by performances of all or part of the show at hospitals and community events. The fact that it was supremely entertaining while accomplishing all its noble aims made the public demand holdover after holdover, between trips to Boston, San Diego and other cities.

By the spring of 1985 two things were obvious: San Francisco wouldn't let the show go, and parts of it were already becoming dated. It was decided to open the fall season with a revised version called *Unfinished Business: The New AIDS Show.* Brilliant writer-comedian Doug Holsclaw, whose "Spice Queen" was one of the revue's highest lights, became co-director with Moss. Stephen Sondheim gave permission for one of his songs, "Not a Day Goes By," to be used in the new edition.

Unfinished Business repeated the success of its predecessor, helping the thousands who saw it to cope better with AIDS by maintaining a sense of humor as well as leaning compassion for those who may be coping differently from us.

Meanwhile Epstein and Adair taped both versions of the show, along with rehearsal scenes and interviews with the creators. They've donated complete but unedited performance tapes to the theater and squeezed as much as they could into their own one-hour documentary, which first aired in San Francisco during Gay Freedom Week last June.

After viewing *The AIDS Shows* several times in various configurations on stages and in less formal settings,I didn't think it could draw any more laughs or tears out of me, but the video proved I had hidden resources.

Tapes of the complete shows may be available someday, but meanwhile I urge you to catch these excerpts, well-photographed and edited (although some sketches should have been omitted rather than cut as drastically as they have been) and placed in a meaningful context. I confess that all the personal stories told by the actors and writers in their interviews and Adair in his narration turned me off briefly, until I reminded myself that AIDS is about people. The most dangerous thing we can do is to allow it to become depersonalized, to divorce our emotions from our reactions to governamental bureaucracy and indifference, and the insistence of some gay men on continuing to play Russian roulette with unsafe sex and health practices.

San Francisco, which has had the highest per capita incidence of AIDS since the beginning of the epidemic, has had to adapt faster than most areas of the country. As a result even gay and lesbian viewers in some places won't be ready for part of what they see in *The AIDS Show.* Most nongays will surely not be ready for this vivid presentation of gay reality, but they had better get ready.

Some of the language has been softened for the video, but "the F word" comes through loud and clear a few times (subject to bleeping by local stations, of course). Epstein says the cast was given the option of changing their lines,

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bookworms

by Page Turner

Worlds Apart: An anthology of lesbian and gay science fiction and fantasy

De Carnin, Camilla, editor. *Worlds Apart: An anthology of lesbian and gay science fiction and fantasy.* Boston: Alyson Publications, 1986. $7.95.

The subtitle of this work says it all. The eleven short stories are by fairly well known fantasy and science fiction writers--Marion Zimmer Bradley, Samuel R. Delany, and Walt Liebscher to name a few. They cover a wide range of possibilities from an android who finds a man "provocatively desireable" in "Do Androids Dream of Electric Love?" to two musicians who fall in love in a post nuclear world in "Harper Conan and Singer David."

This anthology has been reviewed in other sources as one of the best of its type. This reviewer, while appreciating the writing ability, had trouble identifying the gay aspects of some of the stories as in "Houston, Houston, Do You Read?" A better description of some of the stories might perhaps have been gender confused. But it is still rewarding to read what mainstream authors do with a gay story line.

Science fiction and fantasy is a particularly accessible genre for gay themes. Writers do not seem to be so afraid of presenting homosexuality in a make believe world.

The President's Son

Kraus, Krandall. *The President's Son.* Boston: Alyson Publications, 1986. $7.95.

What really takes place behind the scenes of a presidential reelection campaign? Krandall Kraus, former vice presidential consultant tells what might happen if the President's only son were gay.

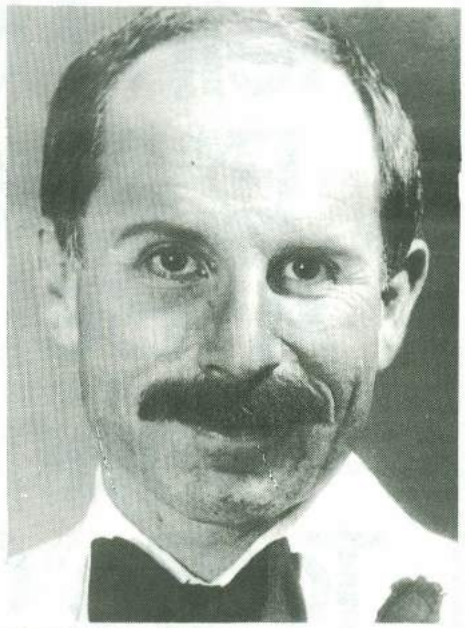
President Donald Marshall is facing a difficult reelection. His foreign and domestic programs are unsuccessful. The Senate will probably defeat his recommended sale of an advanced defense system to the Sudan. Other candidates are doing well in the polls. It is clearly time for an aggressive campaign to reelect him.

Thaddeus Billings, the President's primary advisor, is the real heavy here. First he marries off DJ, the President's gay son, to an "understanding" woman. Then he sends DJ and his blue collar lover, Terry, out of the country for an extended vacation. Billings then calls them back because it is felt DJ must campaign for his father and present the proper family image. Sound familiar?

The story's second heavy is Carl Stone, the head of the CIA. Stone and Billings plan various scenarios to strengthen the President's political position and his chance of reelection--and therefore continuing their jobs. These include separating Terry and DJ; assassinating the President of Egypt; and keeping DJ and his wife in the public eye.

This political thriller works on many arenas. The dirty dealings of the aides are perfectly believable. The loving President who chooses to remain ignorant of his aides' activities is all too familiar. The utterly plastic, totally supportive first lady whose favorite color is red is scarry. But what is most frightening is the blatant fact that those in power are willing to commit any activity, legal or not, to remain in office.

Read this as a close to real life thriller but do not expect a happy ending.



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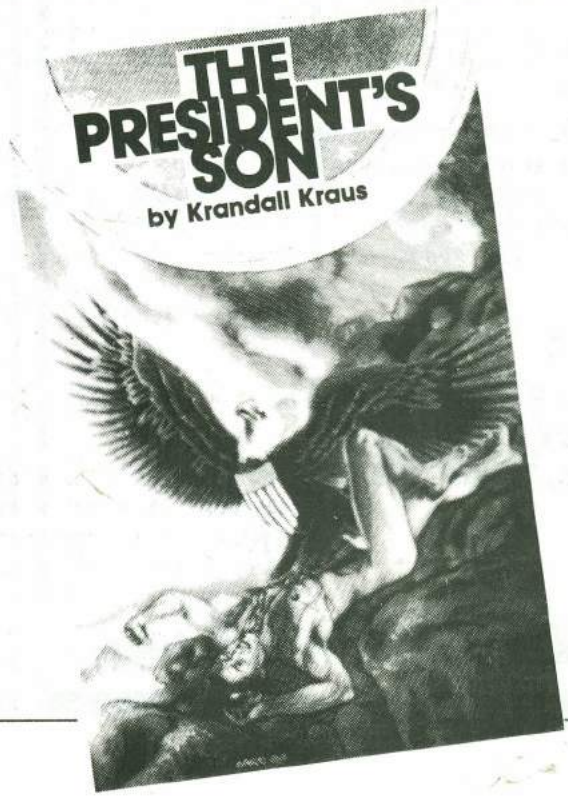

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tour, a law suit for breach on contract was filed in Sacramento Municipal Court. He was greeted with the papers as he stepped off of his private jet in front of all the Sacramento media. At the trial, Sacramento Municipal Court Judge Michael Ullman ruled in a seven page opinion that Sloan had proved Falwell had indeed made the statements about MCC and should pay the $5000.

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS AN ELEPHANT & AN ASS?

WASHINGTON--The Democrats may or may not be as wonderful a bunch as you thought they were. The Democratic Policy Commission, which operates under the National Democratic Party, recently released a 71-page report in which it makes numerous references to supporting the "traditional family" and eliminates any reference to support of gay rights as stated at their 1984 convention. An unnamed party official stated that this is an attempt to change the party's identification with "weird lifestyles." The report, which also opposes government spending on domestic needs, and favors the military, is now being considered by the national party.

MILITARY AFTER US AGAIN

WEST POINT, N.Y.--In their quest for truth, justice and the heterosexual way, the U.S. Military Academy has given less-than honorable discharges from the Army to eight military police officers for alleged lesbianism. The women contend that they were threatened with dishonorable discharges or imprisonment during and investigation preceding the discharges. Six of the women admitted they were lesbians, two denied it. Reports show that a 31-year-old divorced mother of two, tried to kill herself with a drug overdose after her discharge. Col. John P. Yeagley, public affairs officer for the academy, when questioned about the liklihood that the women's lesbianism would interfere in their work, stated, "That's not the question. The question is, you may not practice homosexuality and be in the Army." Bart Steichman, a lawyer for the Vietnam Veterans of America, said, "The courts have ruled that you can't give a less-than-honorable discharge unless the homosexuality interfered with the performance of their duty," he said. "The Army ignores that."

AIDS VACCINE TO BE TESTED IN HOUSTON

HOUSTON-- A new experimental AIDS vaccine may soon be tested on 40 high-risk AIDS cases in Houston.

The vaccine was developed by two Washington D.C. research laboratories, and has, until now, only been tested on rabbits. The vaccine produced antibodies in the rabbits which prevented the virus from reproducing. Houston's Institute for Biological Disorders, the nation's first AIDS hospital, will be conducting the test on its non-infected volunteers in the next couple of months, pending approval by the FDA.

GAY MAN WINS CASE

SAN FRANCISCO--North American Life and Casualty has now been forced to render life insurance to a gay man to whom they had previously denied coverage.

The company initially refused life insurance to Miller, claiming that he had "poor morals" because he lived with the man he designated as his beneficiary. Al Grove, representative for the insurance company stated, "We don't care whether a person is gay or not. What we are concerned about is the AIDS issue."

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D & M BAR CLOSES AFTER 35 YEARS

EL PASO--Loyal patrons of El Paso's first womens' gay bar, the D & M, celebrated 35 years of memories in a bash held at Our Memories bar on October 12. The D & M opened up in August, 1951. Owners, Mabel Batengale and Delia Pacheco certainly were courageous pioneers in the '50's. They can recall many incidents of homophobic harassments in those days, but despite all the social pressures, they overcame the obstacles and created somewhat of a haven for lesbians blooming in El Paso in the '50's. The ambiance was festive and full of memories.

The D & M closed its doors in August this year. It will be remembered forever by many as the place where many lesbians sought peace of mind among others of their own kind.

STAMP YOUR DOLLAR

CHICAGO--Several gay bar and business owners here have started a campaign to increase awareness of the gay community in the financial arena. They have instituted the policy of marking their dollars with a red stamp which says "gay dollar" next to Washington's face. They hope this measure will show fellow citizens, and especially city aldermen what impact gays and lesbians have on the financial goings on in the city. The U.S. Secret Service, who is in charge of all currency violations, has stated that the measure is not illegal as long as it doesn't make the bills unfit for circulation.

Newswatch is drawn from several news sources, including the *Washington Blade*, the *Montrose Voice*, and *TWN*.

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According to sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, homosexuals are more numerous than the public may realize. Kinsey estimated that 10% of the population, or more than 20 million Americans, are gay. "We're everywhere, and we're the most affluent of any minority," says Peter G. Frisch, publisher of *The Advocate*.

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* More than 80% own at least one car and more than 40% own 2 or more cars.
* 80% order drinks by brand names.
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* 97% are employed.
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BIBLE AND HOMOSEXUALITY

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preaching a law of love. As Paul wrote:

"Now we have been released from the law--for we have died to what bound us--and we serve in the new spirit, not the antiquated letter."

(*Romans 7:6*, New American Bible)

"Any of you who seek your justification in the law have severed yourselves from Christ and fallen from God's favor."

(*Galatians 5:4*, New American Bible)

Translators have an expecially hard time with words which appear only in lists, with no context to clarify their specific meaning. The Greek word *arsenokeeteh* is found this way in *I Timothy 1:10* and accompanied by *malakee* in *I Corinthians 6:9.*

There is no question that the persons listed are outside of God's favor because of their acts, but neither is there justification for translating either or both words as "homosexuals," as some translations do. *Malakee* literally meant "soft." Its colloquial usage here more likely meant "morally weak" than King James' "effeminate." In any case the latter stereotype for gays is of more recent vintage.

Arsenokeeteh breaks into two words, the first meaning "male" and the second a crude Greek term equivalent to "fucker." The combination is found nowhere else in the Bible and rarely in other ancient writings, so it's still not clear who was doing what to whom in Paul's mind; it may be yet another reference to temple prostitutes. Neither word can be found in other Greek writings of the time in reference to homosexual acts--the Greeks had other words for those (though no word for a homosexual person).

Finally we have good ol' *Romans 1:26-27;*

"That is why God has abandoned themd to degrading passions: why their women have turned from natural intercourse to unnatural practices and why their menfolk have given up natural intercvourse to be consumed with passion for each other, men doing shameless things with men and getting an appropriate reward for their perversion."

(Jerusalem Bible)

This discourse on the penalties for idolatry includes what may be the only reference to lesbian behavior in the Bible, if that is what it refers to.

The idolatrous activity addressed here was again probably in the context of fertility cults. The rationalization that homosexuality is natural for some of us is probably not valid because Paul wasn't aware of such a distinction, let alone varying degrees of bisexuality.

Rev. England devotes more than four pages to this passage, concluding in part:

Whatever....Paul may have thought about homosexual behavior in general, he does not give us that information explicitly, here in the Romans passage or anywhere in his writing. What he discusses here is homosexual practices which are both idolatrous and lustful....He is not referring to loving and caring relationships which acknowledge the image of the Creator in the creature....

Since God's verdict on all of creation was 'It is good,' this verdict does extend to sexuality. Nevertheless, the loving or lustful quality of sexuality, its idolatrous or godly content, are dependent upon how it is expressed by the individual....

When we so abandon ourselves to desire and selfishness that the other's personhood is obscured by our lust (whether in fertility cult worship or in the desperate pursuit of satisfaction in other ways), then....we are certainly failing to respect the image of God in ourselves and in the other. God has created every human being with free will. God will allow each of us to pursue the course we choose....If we insist on giving ourselves up to our lust, God will allow us to do so and will not abridge our freedom to reject God, even as actively as fertility cult worship did in Rome.

If you've read this far I urge you to continue your research in the fine scholarly works which are turning up in bookstores with increasing frequency, or in Rev. England's booklet which is available (@ $3 per copy) from the UFMCC Dept. of Christian Social Action, P.O. Box 8835, Silver Spring, MD 20907; or phone (301) 681-3110.

All the information in the world won't convince those people who say, "If the King James Version was good enough for Jesus it's good enough for me!" but you'll feel better having intelligent answers to their stupid questions; and a little more knowledge may be comforting to the rational people in your life--including yourself--who are concerned about your spirituality. △

SARAH ORNE JEWETT

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heart of life itself. For humans, it was not given to understand that mystery, but as with the trees or flowers, only experience it as "I experience you."

On the afternoon of September 3, 1902, her 53rd biethday, Sarah was badly injured in a carriage accident. It left her with periods of dizziness and she could read and write only with great difficulty. Annie, of course, took care of her but there was little improvement. Annie worried herself to exhaustion. Concerned for her spouse, Sarah confided to Willa Cather who came for a visit that she was afraid that she would out-live her lover.

It was not to be. In March, 1909, Sarah suffered a stroke and a month later she died. She was buried not far from where she had been born in South Berwick. She had lived a life full of beauty and of love. Few are as fortunate and none could ask for more. △

OUR HISTORY

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exposure in this case did not lead to the loss of Dolan's job, though he seems to have a lower profile these days.

Why the phenomenon of the homophobic gay? The usual defense is that this is simple libertarianism. Dolan's argument, for instance, is that he is against gay rights because he is against civil rights legislation generally as being too much government intervention in general. This of course flies in the face of a history of government intervention *against* gays which cannot be remedied except by positive legislation.

I think there is another reason, and that's fascination with power, which for some people (gay and straight) is an effective substitute for the free play of sexuality. There are some general insights into this relationship in a second-rate novel about the McCarthy era, Alexander Federoff's *The Side of the Angels* (1960). One of the characters, Warren Taggert, is an upper-class Clevelander who "comes out" sexually in New Orleans during Mardi Gras. As he couples with Mike Cowan, a wealthy and

politically-connected Washingtonian, "A gutteral shout tore through their chests and threw them, bound together, into insensible blackness." (I told you it was a second-rate novel!)

Warren moves to Washington, eventually breaks up with Mike, then moves to New York and gets involved with a right-wing, McCarthyite magazine, *American View*, which supports Gen. Douglas MacArthur for President in 1952. Says Federoff, "As forceful a motive as [Warren's] political conviction was his personal need. A secret outcast in his aberration, he could in his work be associated with the most conformist of men....Assuming conformity like a uniform, he turned his back forever on the loneliness of a homosexual's desperate existence."

Purple prose aside, there is an interesting insight here into Roy Cohn's behavior and that of others. Many of us had to choose between our sexuality and a "respectable" career, and in that sense between sexuality and personal power. A few went beyond that, on the power trip. The penalty for their lack of self-awareness and self-acceptance was borne, unfortunately, not by themselves but by other gay men and women. I know what the costs of the choice were and I hope I am not an unduly uncharitable person. But I have no more regret at Roy Cohn's death than I would have for killing of a poisonous snake in my back yard. △

LAVENDER AGEISM

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Ageism is divisive. It blinds the young and it fractionates the old. At a time when the lesbian and gay community is under more vicious attack than ever before, we need to bind ourselves together with mutual understanding and compassion. If we could keep in mind that the goal of the Fundamentalists is to eliminate us, we would see the necessity for cohering. Everyone of us who can, needs to come out of the closet as far as possible and in as many places as possible. The retired lesbian woman or gay man need not fear loss of income. Given more moral support by the community they could lead us to visibility, which is our only hope for respect and freedom.

With increased longevity we might ask ourselves: what is old? To primitive tribes thirty was old. Yet more and more we are reading obituaries of those over one hundred. Then there is that inner age--the true one: I'm as old as I would be if I had no idea when I was born. With that conviction one could put the lavender thread back into the fabric. △

Christine Burton, a syndicated columnist, is editor of Golden Threads, *a contact quarterly for lesbians over fifty. She herself is so old she's forgotten how old she is; don't ask her.*

Best Thing About AIDS

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with the understanding that they'd be more likely to get on television with more moderate language. "I think they changed them when they remembered to," he speculates.

Don't miss *The AIDS Show* on November 14. Tape it and watch it again. Show it to your friends. If you don't see your past or present in it, you'll see your future. Until we can wipe out AIDS itself we have to pursue the battle against the fear of AIDS. With humor, drama and compassion, *The AIDS Show: Artists Involved with Death and Survival* is one of the most potent weapons we have in that struggle.

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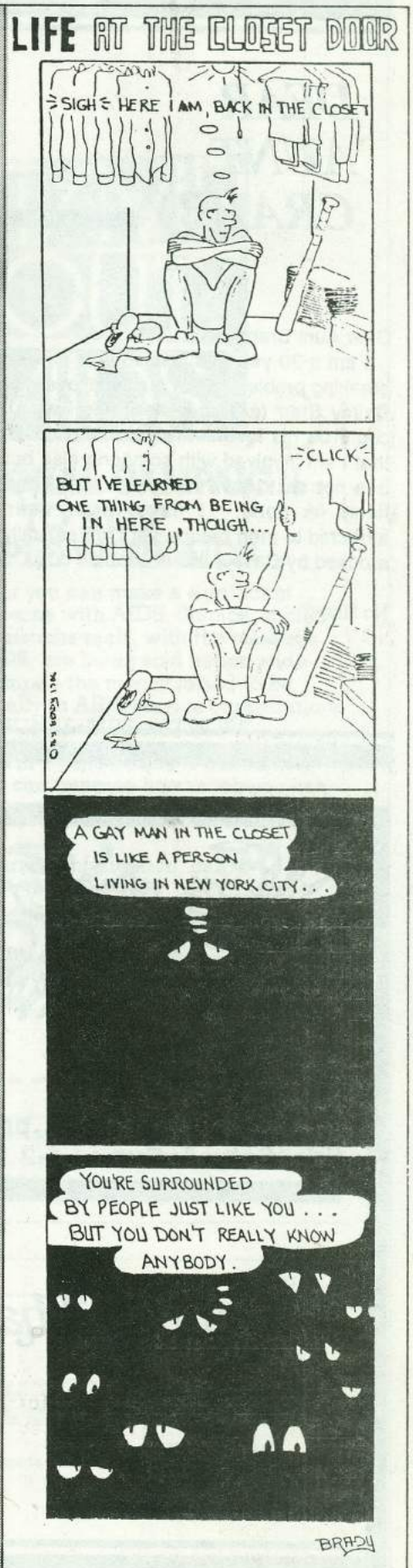

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No Name

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by Tony Bengert

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AIDS INFORMATION LINE 541-4266 offers continually updated facts about AIDS and how to avoid it via a recorded message 24 hours a day. Callers who need more information or who have questions about SWAC's volunteer programs may leave a message for later call back.

CONDOMS.....Up to 80 percent of AIDS could be avoided, experts say, if condoms are used for all sexual activities involving two or more persons. When using condoms be sure to use a water based lubricant. Many popular lubricants tend to destroy the rubber materials used in condoms.

FUNDRAISERS.....Thanks to Don at Diamond Lil's for $69 from a money raiser that continues, check it out! And Bob at the Mining Company for $180 for AIDS education from the opening night party. In addition $170 was raised at the first of many AIDSZILLA raffles at the OP!

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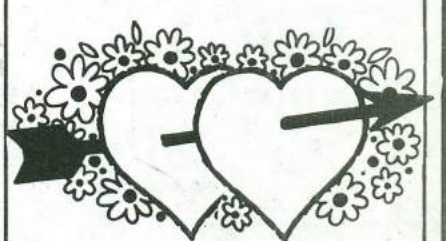

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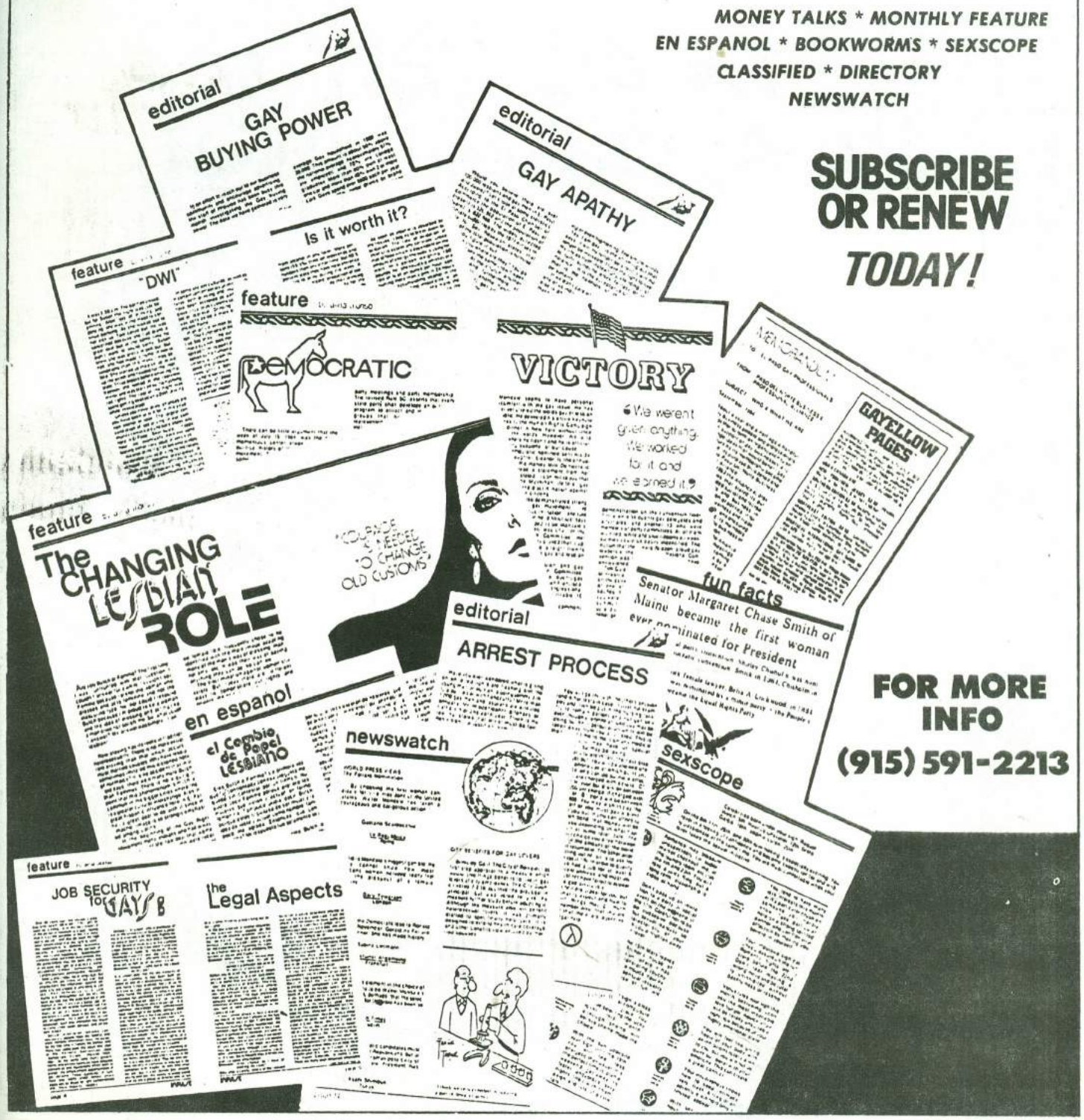

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