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REPUBLIC AND GAZETTE CONTINUE ANTI-HOMOSEXUAL VIEWPOINT COVERAGE OF AIDS

Phoenix — Following Benson's cartoon on AIDS, *The Arizona Republic*, May 20, in which two victims of the disease were being reprimanded with "I told you it's not nice to fool Mother Nature!", both the *Republic* and its associated publication *The Phoenix Gazette* have continued carrying material slanted against the gay community and its involvement with AIDS, the disease which has primarily affected gay communities of the country.

On May 25, Patrick Buchanan, Chicago Tribune columnist was printer in the *Republic*. As did the Benson cartoon, the column caused a great deal of concern in the gay community of Phoenix. *AIDS... Nature Is Exacting Terrible Retribution From Homosexuals* sounded by title to perhaps be somewhat supportive of the dilemma and fear caused by AIDS, however from the first sentence "The sexual revolution has begun to devour its children.", through its final "The poor homosexuals; they have declared war upon nature, and now nature is exacting an awful retribution.", it was not, obviously, intended for the enjoyment of the gay reader. Nor was it wrongly stating its issue. It was well written (except for a journalistic faux pas of letting emotions guide the closing paragraph), well-researched and concise to a degree had it not rambled into the subject of Hepatitis A.

The problem voiced by many is 'Hold it - the results aren't in yet.' Most are concerned about the uneducated or previously unread seeing writings of this nature for the first time as their basic introduction to and education in AIDS while the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and many medical research teams still are investigating whether this is a generally susceptible disease which only cropped up publically in the gay community rather than being caused by it. The biggest argument to that is that by and large the less sexually active homosexual is not attracting the disease to any reportable level. It seems at this point to be travelling via contagious communication and is therefore assumed to be viral in nature. Gays were not the first to have AIDS. One of its sub-ailments, Kaposi's sarcoma, was discovered in Africa over one hundred years ago. Now suddenly Kaposi's sarcoma is a "gay disease".

'Where's the writer for the other possibilities.' ask many. 'Where' is

dictated by the editorial content policies of the publication involved.

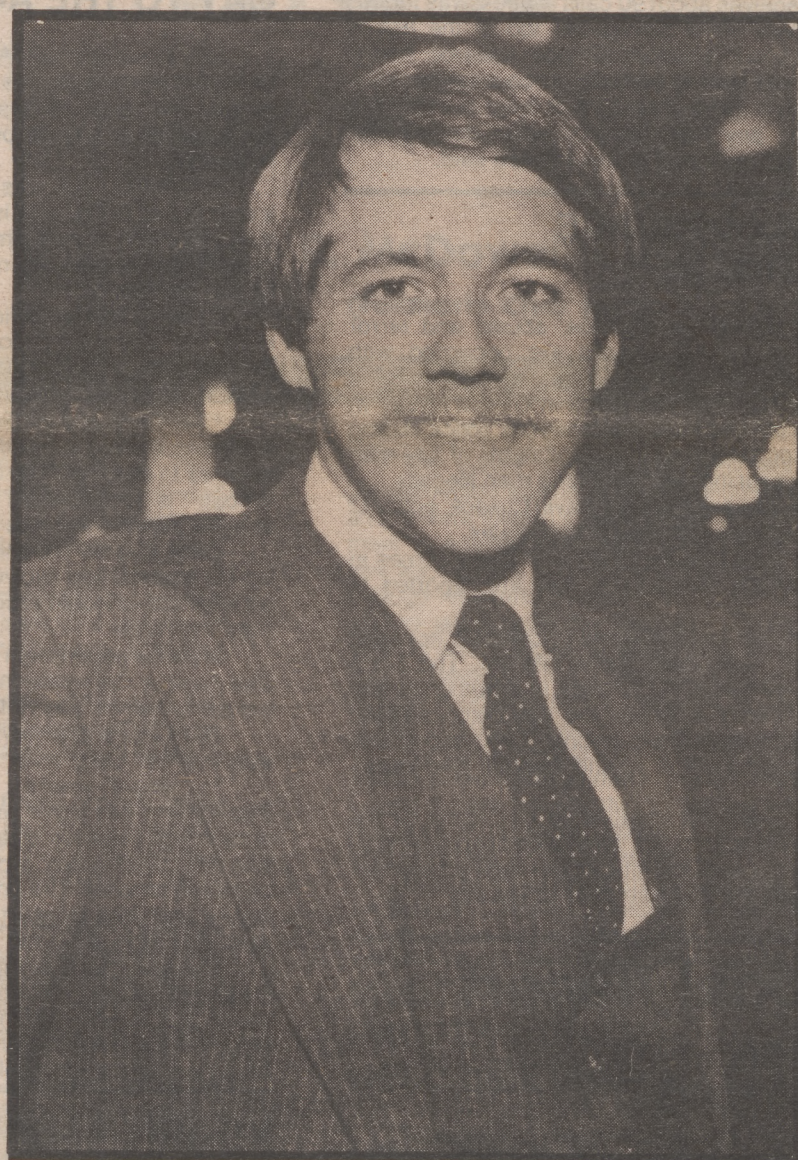
That policy continued to show its make-up in a confusing cartoon by Boro, *The Phoenix Gazette*, May 31. Confusing because no one spoken with seemed to be able to grasp any one intent of it while others had opposing viewpoints. In three sections the cartoon attempted to relate the effect of AIDS on a gay couple. In the first was the one saying to the other, "It just doesn't seem the same between us anymore..." In the second, "Do you have another lover?". And in the third comes the response "No... I have AIDS", while it shows the questioning lover running away.

What factual material this scenario is based on is not known. From appearances, gay people do not appear to separate, as lovers, over AIDS. At least it is not a reported problem. Why does Boro feel that is the reaction? With several cases of AIDS being present in Phoenix (including the associative diseases) and with many of these cases involving persons in lover relationships, those who have made it known that AIDS is present have not separated; at least not to a degree worthy of making it "cartoonable". There are precautions being taken by couples where one has the disease and the other does not, but of those known and spoken with, precaution has been the by-word. This is perhaps related to the gay community's acceptance of the fact that school on the cause and spread of AIDS is still in session. Further, now there is testing available which will tell anyone, including the lover of an AIDS victim, whether he has the proclivity to succumb to AIDS - and many tested don't, obviously, or there would be no need for the testing program being promoted across the country so rapidly.

There will be more negative reporting in national media - but hopefully, sometimes they will perform an assumed duty to all readers and present equally from both sides. We haven't witnessed this in the *Republic* and *Gazette* as they have editorialized three times, but to date all contra information has been in the form of small wire service items.

Don't hesitate to call the editors, writers or cartoonists if you want to speak your mind. Only through that will they know their responsibility to report both sides of an issue.

ALGTF PLANS GAY PRIDE WEEK MARCH, SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT



David Clarenbach Democratic Rep. Wisconsin State Legislature

Phoenix — David Clarenbach, six-term Democratic Representative to the Wisconsin Legislature and Speaker Protem of the Assembly, has been set as keynote speaker for the Third Annual Lesbian and Gay Human Rights March on June 25. An estimated crowd of three to five thousand are expected to attend this year's march.

Clarenbach sponsored legislation in Wisconsin which guaranteed civil rights regardless of sexual orientation. The new laws there are considered the most progressive by the national gay community.

"Clarenbach is an important leader in the civil rights movement at the state level and a voice which should be heard in Arizona", according to Kirk Baxter and

Josie Barnard, Co-chairs of the Arizona Lesbian and Gay Task Force which sponsors the event.

Local entertainers Francine Reed, Margo Reed, Caryl DeGroot and Bill Folk will join Clarenbach at the Civic Plaza following the march down Central Avenue.

The ALGTF, founded to provide outreach in Arizona, has begun working with politically active coalitions nationally to promote human rights legislation. The theme of this year's March, "Uniting for Freedom, Recognition and Understanding", symbolizes the groups efforts to consolidate the Lesbian and Gay Community into an effective voice in the human rights movement. For further information call 829-1535.

PHOENIX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES NEW ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR

Phoenix — The Phoenix Symphony Orchestra today announced the appointment of Clark Etienne Suttle as Associate Conductor. Maestro Theo Alcantara commented that, "I am very pleased about Mr. Suttle's appointment to the Phoenix

Symphony Orchestra. His background as an Associate Conductor with a major orchestra and recipient of many conducting awards is very valuable to us as we ourselves move toward major orchestra.

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International Report

BAN ON GAY TV ADS IN LONDON

by Lindsay Taylor

London (IGNA) — Britain's Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) has again come under attack for refusing to allow ads for gay organizations to be shown on television.

The IBA has been criticized a number of times in the past for its refusal to sanction such ads, even though it maintains that it has no anti-gay policy. The only breach of the ban occurred on January 1st of this year, when a 10-second ad for the London weekly *Capital Gay* appeared on Channel 4.

The latest incident occurred when London Weekend Television planned to include an ad for two gay counselling services, London Friend and Lesbian Line, in a series of public service announcements.

A spokeswoman for the IBA said the decision had been made following the reaction to a similar announcement advertising Leicester Gayline, which was broadcast on Central Television. She said that the large number of complaints received on that occasion indicated to the IBA that advertising gay counselling services would be offensive to a large proportion of the population. The IBA also considered that London Friend and Lesbian Line were "likely to be partial," and that advice to teenagers, especially those who were confused about their sexuality, should come from "neutral" sources, and not from counsellors who were openly gay. The spokeswoman declined to comment on a suggestion put to her by *Capital Gay* that heterosexual counselling services, such as one called Pilot that is run by a fundamentalist Christian minister, might be far from neutral, or at least ill-informed about homosexuality.

London Friend, which has operated since 1968 and which receives about 90 calls a week, was furious about the ban. "It is outrageous too of the IBA to suggest that our positive attitude towards homosexuality would lead to partiality in counselling situations. It is particularly abhorrent of them to imply that we would be any less impartial when dealing with young people," a Friend representative said.

ANTI-GAY UPSURGE IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney (IGNA) — Violence, abuse, and terror tactics aimed at homosexuals are occurring with increasing regularity in gay areas of Sydney, with "queer bashings" commonplace in Oxford Street. In addition, the police of a major inner-city police station have been accused of violating the rights of gay men by raids, trespassing, and detaining men illegally.

The charges are made by David Cusack, editor of *Gay Counseling News* of New South Wales.

Cusack adds that the "horror of these crimes is intensified by the fact that so few are reported to police."

The upsurge has occurred in contrast to public attitudes that have been more tolerant. The State Parliament, reflecting the change in community attitudes, has recently amended the Anti-Discrimination Act to include homosexuals among its provisions, and the State Government is edging towards decriminalization.

Cusack views the assaults on gay rights by the police as "the last gasp of a dying breed of bullies who were born fifty years too late, or perhaps a reminder that this is now the Chinese Year of the Pig."

National Report

HELP FOR BASHED GAYS

Sacramento (IGNA) — Legislation allowing \$10,000 in damages for what was described as "gay bashing" — violence aimed at homosexuals — has been approved by a committee of the California Assembly.

The bill by Assemblyman Tom Bates, D-Berkeley, was sent to the Assembly floor on a party-line 7-to-3 Judiciary Committee vote — a bare majority. Democrats were for it, Republicans against.

It would add homosexuals and two other groups, the elderly and the disabled, to the coverage of a state law that permits the victim to collect \$10,000 in punitive damages from the attacker, in addition to actual damages.

The law now covers people who are victims of violence because of their race, religion, sex, national origin, or ancestry, political affiliation, or position in a labor dispute.

"What is occurring all over this state is what's called gay-bashing," Bates said. He said people drive around looking for homosexuals to beat up.

The bulk of such crimes has occurred in San Francisco, where there are more gays per capita and where there is a much more visible gay community. Other attacks have occurred in the Russian River resort area, frequented by gays.

The Capitol's most prominent anti-gay lobbyist, the Rev. W. B. Timlake of the Committee on Moral Concerns, said the bill would give unwarranted special treatment to homosexuals.

GAY VICTIMS

by Daniel Curzon

San Francisco (IGNA) — Gays and lesbians are reluctant to report crimes to the police, making it difficult to determine whether they are more likely to be victimized than heterosexuals, said a survey of crime victims released recently by Mayor Dianne Feinstein's office.

This conclusion differs from one drawn last year in an initial draft of the same survey. Based on the earlier report, Feinstein had labeled a "myth" the belief that gays are more likely to be victims of violent attacks.

"Many people know being gay is a very good way to get beaten up on the streets," said Randy Stallings, president of the gay Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club. Stallings, who served on the review panel that went over the report, said the revised version of the survey was "fair" and "accurate."

The final report also cites data culled from community agencies that provide emergency services to gays. The data suggest that 82 percent of anti-gay attacks are not reported to the police.

Indeed, this reporter was verbally abused in the Castro District of San Francisco just a few days before writing this report. A car stopped and one of the occupants asked if he were "a queer" or "a fag." There had been no provocation. The reporter was dressed in a sports coat and had just left a take-out restaurant and was getting into his car. He did not report the verbal assault to the police.

The Mayor's office plans to implement some key recommendations of the report. One is to establish a 24-hour clearinghouse to serve victims of violent crimes and another is to set up an emergency fund to help them.

POLICE MUST READMIT GAY TO THE ACADEMY

San Francisco (IGNA) — The San Francisco Civil Service Commission has ordered a man who complained he was harassed during police training because he is gay to be readmitted to the Police Academy.

P. Thomas Cady was ordered to be readmitted by a vote of 3 to 2. The vote is believed to be the first time a gay has won reinstatement to a city job after complaining that he was discriminated against because of sexual preference.

Cady, a former police chief of a small town in Kentucky, said graffiti mocking him and other gays in general were scrawled on the wall of Northern Police Station, where Cady was stationed.

"Kill Cady and All Faggots" was written on the Northern Station's bathroom wall. Cady was also referred to as a "girl" by another officer. Another called out: "Is your asshole sore?" to the trainee, while another asked, "Are you the fairy officer?"

Cady said he resigned under such pressure during his field training two years ago after being told that his instructors would recommend that he be dropped from the force.

A police department representative argued at the Civil Service Commission hearing that Cady's on-the-job performance was not satisfactory.

But Cady's attorney, Matt Coles, said the issue was whether Cady was "treated like everyone else."

In recent weeks, the San Francisco Police Department has come up for criticism from the gay community because of a health bulletin about AIDS that has been issued, a bulletin said to be inaccurate by health officials. The police have also issued plastic gloves and face masks to officers who may have to deal with AIDS patients.

Despite efforts by civilian forces to introduce gay male and lesbian officers into the police force, with some forty actually on the force at present, relations between the police department and gays continues to be adversarial and troubled.

NATION'S LONGEST-RUNNING GAY RADIO PROGRAM

San Francisco (IGNA) — "Fruit Punch" will celebrate its tenth anniversary on June 8th with a gala birthday party to be aired live over KPFA of the San Francisco Bay Area.

"Fruit Punch" is a weekly gay men's radio program aired Wednesdays over a listener-supported radio station, run by an unpaid, volunteer collective.

It was the management of KPFA in 1973 that approached the Berkeley Gay Rap to produce a gay program. According to one of the founders, Christopher Long, many people joined the program at the outset, but the ranks thinned quickly. "Everyone wanted to be a 'media star.' People wanted to read their own poetry, play their music, but nobody wanted to edit tape or do the hardcore production work. Some people dropped out for political reasons. They thought there was very little support from the station — that we were on the air as a result of tokenism. Others didn't want to get involved in the station's internal politics."

Roland Schembari, one of the early members of the collective, thinks that "Fruit Punch" has changed for the better over the years, "because the people involved have developed better skills — or brought previous skills to the show — production values are much higher, and overall the program has evolved a more listenable air sound."

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Current member David John agrees. "We've changed a lot over the years," he says. "Now we're more subtly political. It used to be more strident. Those times may come again, but for now, I can see 'Fruit Punch' fostering different forms of gay culture."

Documentaries produced and distributed produced by the collective include its 1974 "The Advocate: Advocating What?" (an early critique of the commercialization of gay culture) and award-winning documentaries by member David Lemble, who brought a background in professional, commercial broadcasting to the group.

David John says, "The new blood we get every year or so... allows us to change and to stay alive. We've got three new members recently, and already I see the direction changing a little bit. We're different from what we were ten years ago. We're different from what we were two years ago."

"Fruit Punch" will celebrate its first decade on June 8th, and start its second.

ANTI-GAY EX-SHERIFF APPOINTED

Sacramento, CA (IGNA) — Governor George Deukmejian has appointed former Sacramento County Sheriff Duane Lowe as the \$48,384-a-year chief investigator of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Lowe, 52, is frequently brusque in style and blunt in language, as evidenced by his 12 years at sheriff. He lost his job to former Sacramento police lieutenant Robbie Waters in the November 1982 election.

Lowe was appointed despite criticism of his comments about liberal judges and homosexuals.

He once told a reporter that he did not mind being quoted for calling "a queer a queer" or calling state Supreme Court justices "those jellyheads."

CHURCHMEN DODGE GAY ISSUE

San Francisco (IGNA) — The debate at a National Council of Churches meeting recently focused on whether to admit a group of predominantly gay churches into its membership.

The 266-delegate governing board for the national council, which represents an estimated 40 million Christians, met for four days to consider important church issues. But the group was divided on whether to admit the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Churches, and so the Faith and Order Commission recommended that each denomination vote on the issue on the basis of its own theology.

In the discussion, the panel of theologians expressed sharply differing, but mostly negative, views

of the religious implications of allowing the predominantly gay MCC to join them.

Next May, the council's governing board will vote on the gay churches' eligibility, in preparation for another series of votes on whether actually to admit them.

Members of more liberal denominations perceive the issue as a question of social justice for oppressed people traditionally excluded from many Christian churches.

But members of other denominations said that they could not be part of the council if the council accepts a group that believes homosexuality is as much a gift of God as heterosexuality.

"The constituents of the Orthodox church, clergy and laity, would not permit being part of any organization that would include the MCC," said Father Alex Dounouras of the Greek Orthodox Church. "It would not even be a debatable issue."

"The black family is holding on by a tenuous thread (because) racism has weakened black family life..." said the Rev. Leonary Murray of the African Methodist Church. "For us to embrace the philosophy of homosexuality would simply be a luxury we cannot afford."

United Methodist Minister Roy Sano gave the most impassioned plea for acceptance of the gay churches, calling for ending the "tradition of the elders muffling the word of God."

The Rev. Roy Eastman, of the Dallas MCC, added: "Underneath all of this is not the issue of whether we're a valid church. The underlying issue is homosexuality," he said.

GAY ACADEMIC UNION CONFERENCE WANTS YOU

San Diego (IGNA) — The Gay Academic Union will hold its Ninth National Conference in San Diego during the Thanksgiving weekend, November 25-27, 1983. A call for papers has been issued.

Those interested in presenting formal presentations in the Arts, Behavioral Sciences, Business, Education, History, Mental Health, Physical Health, and Women's issues, and more, should send their proposals to P.O. Box 82123, San Diego, Ca 92138.

Past national conferences of GAU have drawn between 300 and 600 participants. Previous conferences were held in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

The GAU was founded in 1973 and flourished for several years until factionalism between men and women in the New York chapter brought the organization to a virtual standstill.

Local chapters have continued to thrive throughout the United States, with a membership of

approximately 1100 at present.

The stated purposes of GAU are to oppose discrimination against gays and women in academia and to work toward greater job security and advancement in academia and the professions, to promote new approaches to understanding the gay experience through research, publications, conferences, and gay art, to encourage the teaching of gay studies in schools and colleges, to support individual academics and professionals in the process of coming out, and to provide opportunities for members to gather together to share ideas and experiences.

The GAU awards annual \$1000 scholarships to graduate and undergraduate gay and lesbian students judged to have the potential for making significant contributions in research, teaching, community service, or in scientific or artistic endeavor.

Awards are given at an annual banquet, including the Evelyn C. Hooker Research Award, a President's Award, and a Special Recognition Award.

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HELD MEETING

Tucson — Tucson mental health professionals met with representatives of the Tucson/Pima County gay and lesbian communities on Friday, May 20, 1983 at the Tucson Botanical Gardens Porter House. The meeting was the first of a series of networking meetings intended to assist the mental health professional in offering sensitive, informed services to gay and lesbian clients.

Twenty-eight participants listened to brief presentations on a variety of topics providing an overview of community resources for legal, health, religion and substance abuse issues. Two area bookstores, Antigone and Book Brothers, described the array of fiction and nonfiction publications available to the counselor or client. Following the presentations, a luncheon and social hour provided time for participants to get together with questions, comments and referrals for assistance.

Several immediate benefits of the networking meeting occurred — a planning committee for subsequent networking meetings was identified and interested persons volunteered to examine the needs, purposes and structure of the area Peer Counseling Program.

Future networking topics will include: Aging, Gay Youth, Gay Parents, Parents of Gays, Substance Abuse, Legal Issues, Religion and the Gay/Lesbian Person, Health and Medical Issues, Married Gays & Lesbians, Grief and Loss, and Publication Resources. All meetings are conducted without charge and open to the Tucson/Pima County mental health community.

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PETER ALLEN SUBJECT OF NEW AUTHORIZED PHOTO BIOGRAPHY

In May 1964 she was central to an event that was to change Peter Allen's life forever. As told in *Peter Allen: "Between the Moon and New York City"* by David Smith and Neal Peters, she had stopped in at a Hong Kong nightclub to catch an act billed as "The Allen Brothers." From that fateful night would blossom a friendship, a marriage (to Garland's daughter, Liza Minnelli), and a career that shows no signs of faltering, almost twenty years later.

The whole world knows of Peter

Allen's record-breaking runs at such venues as Reno Sweeney and Radio City Music Hall in New York; of his command performance earlier this year for Queen Elizabeth II in his native Australia; and of his conquering of South America, where his hit song, "I Go to Rio," took on new dimension. *Peter Allen: "Between the Moon and New York City"* details these highs as well as the lows, from the humble beginnings in Australia (when the shame of his father's suicide forced Peter and his mother to leave town) to the tragic death of his friend, mentor, and, yes mother-in-law, Judy Garland.

Drawn from David Smith's fifteen-year association with Peter Allen, and utilizing the unique photo-editing talents of Neal Peters, *Peter Allen: "Between The Moon and New York City"* contains 21 of

Peter Allen's most loved songs and the stories behind their creation, and is literally crammed with many rare unpublished photos. Numbering over 200 in color as well as black and white, they include many intimate family pictures, shots with Judy and Liza, and an exciting array of this dynamic, performer doing what he does best — entertaining his adoring fans.

For further information please contact Jerry Marshall at (212) 477-2100. *Peter Allen: "Between the Moon and New York City"* by David Smith and Neal Peters - \$10.95 - Trade Paperback. ISBN: 0-933328-57-5. Nonfiction, 8½" x 11" - 160 pages.

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let's hit this one all at once, a tactic which took a lot of work. We're trying to get them closed down as quickly as possible."

Infuriated by the massive raid, Alchermes convinced his attorneys to file suit last Friday against the city Mayor Robert Dressler, City Commission members and seven police officers. It asked for an injunction against future raids and seizures, \$35,000 for seized magazines, films and equipment, \$1,000 a week for lost business and a million dollars in punitive damages.

The same afternoon the suit was filed, Alchermes said he saw two detectives looking through various titles of movies and magazines. A couple hours later, police appeared again, confiscating another 10 films, projectors and coin boxes just 10 days after they had taken 19.

This time, Alchermes said, officers made a real mess, breaking glass, knocking over plants and throwing two projectors on the floor. The owner then decided to call Channel 7 News and the Fort Lauderdale News to get coverage of the police damage.

Lt. Long called the damage reports "total fabrication. We'll probably use a crowbar to pry off the coin boxes, but we don't break glass that's ridiculous. It's total lies as far as we're concerned."

Alchermes feels that police may have been trying to get back at him for the lawsuit filed the same day as the reportedly destructive raid. He did say he would drop the suit if police would guarantee to drop charges against all the clerks and customers from Downtown Adult Books.

In the meantime, he hopes the new setup might become a trend that will keep police out of the city bookstores in the future.

"This will be safer for the people," he said. "Police are leery of coming into a private club."

ADOPT A BUS, SAYS DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

Dallas Gay News/via GPA Wire

The Department of Communications of the Dallas Gay Alliance has undertaken the project to put signs on the sides of Dallas Transit buses that say "The Dallas Gay Community - Working Towards a Better Understanding."

They are scheduled to appear around June 1, and will continue to grow in number until Gay Pride Week. The Dallas Gay Alliance has funded the costs of printing the signs, but is turning to the community for support in renting the space (\$80 per bus).

If you see a member of the Alliance collecting funds on the street or if you see a collection jar in your favorite bar, please consider making a contribution, they said.

Contributions can be mailed to DGA Adopt-a-Bus, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

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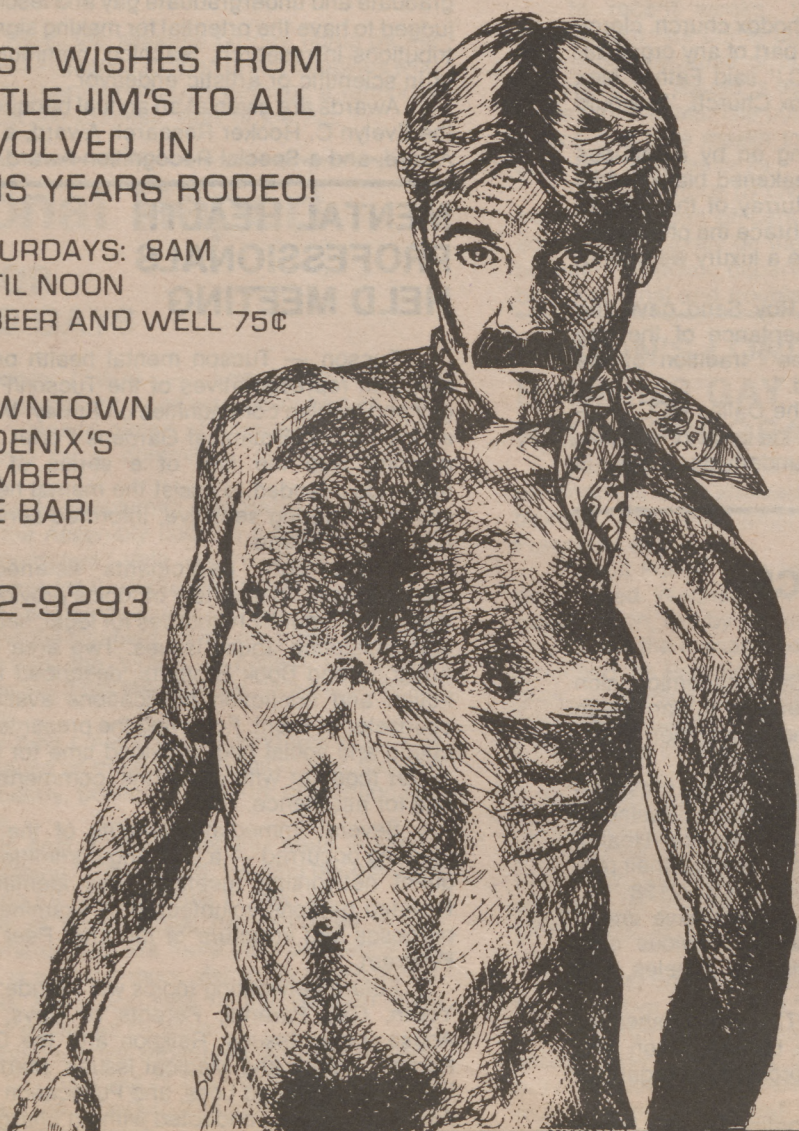
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NEW SYSTEM MAY SAVE BOOKSTORES

by Joseph McQuay
TWN - Florida

via GPA Wire Service

Fort Lauderdale — One bookstore operator feels he may have cracked the puzzle of police harassment and the answer seems almost too simple: change the adult bookstores, open to the public, into private men's social clubs.

Dan Alchermes, co-owner of Downtown Adult Books, said by this weekend the store will be operated in just that fashion. Patrons will buy a \$2 membership card which allows them entry into the store at any time. For an extra \$3, patrons can enter the arcade area and view one of 20 films, which now can be turned on with a simple switch instead of dropping tokens or quarters.

The new system is designed to provide a hassle-free environment for his customers, who are at least 90 percent gay, Alchermes said. The membership card required applicants to swear they are not a police officer who could do harm to the bookstore.

"Both my partner and I will be notaries, so if they sign that and I put my notary seal on it, (any police officer) would be committing a felony. You can't lie to a notary," Alchermes said.

"This is probably an idea that could limit our ability to go in at any time," said Lieutenant G. Long, commander of the organized crime bureau for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. "It may actually be better."

Long said if the private club setup works as it's designed, police officers and city officials may have to rethink their tactics on dealing with adult bookstores. For the past seven months, vice officers have stayed busy raiding bookstores for pornography. On April 26, officers made just such a raid at Downtown, confiscating 19 films, projectors and coin boxes.

"This represents a change in our technique," Lt. Long stated. "We figured

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A LEGAL AYE

by Henry Walter Weiss

via GPA Wire Service

"Selecting a Lawyer"

A recent letter asked "Can you give me the name of a good gay lawyer in Columbus, Ohio?"

"Why a gay lawyer?" I often ask in response to such a question. "Are you cruising or do you have legal work to be done?"

Why a gay lawyer, indeed! A person's sexual orientation is quite irrelevant to the effective practice of law. What is important about a lawyer is that he be honest, competent, and sensitive to the issues he must handle.

Gay people do not require "gay lawyers." They do, however, require lawyers who will appreciate and understand the issues of concern to them. When two women come into an attorney's office to discuss their wills, a traditionally-minded attorney might well ask one to remain in the waiting room while he spoke with the other. Only if the lawyer is attuned to the fact that she or he is dealing with a couple will they be treated as such.

If a lawyer thinks the two men in his or her office are business partners and nothing more, the lawyer may well make suggestions which make good business sense in an arm's length transaction but no sense whatsoever in a deal involving lovers.

Thus the lawyer's sexual orientation is irrelevant. His or her sensitivity to gay concerns, however, is most important.

How then, to pick a lawyer? Here are some suggestions:

1. Lawyers advertise. Clip an ad or check in the local gay yellow pages and call for an

appointment. Rely on good vibrations. This is a well-known "pig-in-a-poke" system, and it is often quite effective.

2. Call a referral service. Your local bar association or Gay Switchboard may provide such service. Again make an appointment and reach your own conclusions. Here you may have further insurance in the fact that the referring organization has probably done its own check on the prospect.

3. Get a personal recommendation. If you can, find someone who has had similar work done and is satisfied. Remember there is considerable specialization in the legal profession. The woman who did that great job on your negligence case may do a lousy job on your gay divorce or real estate transaction. Be sure the person you employ has experience in the field where you need expertise. The best recommendation is a satisfied customer.

And when you talk to a lawyer, don't be afraid to talk about fees. If the matter is routine in nature a firm fee should be quoted. If the time involved or the result sought is unclear, you cannot, however, expect a firm commitment.

In the end, more than anything else, the lawyer should engender trust. If he or she does not, don't stay with that attorney. Stare the process of selection all over, without regard to time or money.

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TRAVEL NEWS UPDATE

by David Starkman

HERTZ RENT-A-CAR said it would make cars available with mobile telephones in the CHICAGO area starting this fall. Similar service is expected to be available in NEW YORK, MIAMI, PHILADELPHIA, early in 1984.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES HAS dropped their fares to AUSTRALIA down under. Now you can fly to AUSTRALIA from any mainland U.S. city that Continental serves for just \$970. And when you travel to AUSTRALIA on Continental Airlines you can stop in HONOLULU, FIJI and NEW ZEALAND for no additional airfare. Plus, on the way to the South Pacific, you can also make a free stopover in LOS ANGELES. Seats on Continental's special \$970 fare (Fare Basis ML4) are limited and all trips must be on or before August 31, 1983.

PACIFIC EAST AIR will begin LOS ANGELES - MAUI flights June 8. Fare will be \$165 each way for tickets bought before May 31, 1983, \$189 thereafter on Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$209 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. There will be no Monday or Tuesday flights.

THE MOST FOR the least from PHOENIX (all nonstop and each way based on round-trip purchase): CHICAGO - \$139; DETROIT - \$139; HOUSTON (Hobby) - \$99; MEMPHIS - \$139; MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL - \$139; PORTLAND - \$139; SAN DIEGO - \$35. Fares are subject to change and may include other restrictions.

VALLEY HO RESORT in SCOTTSDALE is offering a "4 for 1 PLUS" very special package good thru September 6, 1983. Up to four people can stay in a room for the price of one and with a Ramada special money saving coupon you get an extra 15% off. Bookings may be made thru this office.

FINAL REMINDER THAT payment is due for the Bronco's Rodeo package due June 15,

1983. By June 30 all airline seats and rooms at the Comstock hotel must be relinquished. No seats or hotel rooms will be available for the 1983 August event after that date. All participants who have given a deposit to 21st Century Travel should have received a receipt by return mail, if not, please call my office.

AMERICA WEST, THE new PHOENIX based airline operating Boeing 737-200 jets, announced it will provide service from PHOENIX to LOS ANGELES, COLORADO SPRINGS, WICHITA and KANSAS CITY. Bookings will begin in July and service will commence on August 1, 1983. Fares will be announced shortly.

SPOTLIGHT

AUBERGE DU CENTRE-VILLE, 1070 Rue Mackay, Montreal, Que., H3G2H1 Montreal's only gay resort hotel, The Inn, located in the heart of downtown Montreal, within walking distance of clubs, restaurants, and stores. Rooms are equipped with telephones, FM radios and one or more large double bed. Recent additions include a sauna, community showers, two colour TV lounges and a duo shower. Rates start at \$35 for a single, \$45 for a double, and \$15 for each additional person in the same room. In relation to the character of The Inn... From the time The Inn was founded in 1967, it has acquired an atmosphere which is relatively unique among establishments having a constant flow of guests. The fact that they are from various backgrounds and cities does not seem to alter their stay. The owners regard themselves as a large family and would gladly welcome you to join them when your travels take you to Montreal.

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TUCSON SEEN

by Jim Shafer

MY FLAME MAY BE BURNING BRIGHTLY, BUT I THINK MY CANDLE IS ABOUT TO GO THE WAY OF EDNA ST. V.M. BURN OUT IS SUCH A BORING WAY TO GO... WELL, OFF TO MY MEDICINE CHEST FOR A FISTFUL OF VITAMINS AND ASSORTED OTHER PICK-ME-UPS. If I survive June, I can survive anything: I think I said that last year.

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Week activities are solidifying. Everything I listed in my last missive will take place as scheduled... Did you all take notes? This is a quiz!! Watch around town for posters which will give details of these events. At press time there will be two final fundraising events scheduled before LGPW: Mud Wrestling at the Back Pocket, Sunday, June 12, at 2:00 P.M., entry donation \$1.00; Ms., Mr., Miss Lesbian/Gay Pride 1983 Contest Saturday, June 18, 9:00 P.M. to Midnight. Entry and information at the Finline.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee has determined that 50% of the "net" funds remaining after Pride Week shall be donated to AIDS research.

There will be an AIDS Benefit show Friday, June 17, at 9:30 P.M. at The Graduate starring Kitty Litter, Monte Jon, Casey Starr, Mona Littlemore, Shree and Miss Brenda Starr. Support this worthy effort and enjoy some sparkling entertainment.

Dubious congratulations to *The Western Express* Bowling Team for its winning(?) last place in the final standings of the Community Bowling League's Winter season. The W. E. volleyball team lost first place in the final games last week to the team, "Men at Work". Better luck next season fellas!

Enjoy and participate in Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. I hope to see most of you at the various happenings. Hugs from Shafer.

Like water sports? Give thanks to Ben Franklin, who invented the first water skis, wet suits, and scuba flippers.

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GAY DADS

The Participants...

KEN is 33 and has a son nearly six years old who lives with his mother and her parents in a distant city. Ken works for an airline company and flies to that city to see his son once a month, but is not permitted to take the child from home. He is currently involved in a legal dispute to get better visitation rights. He and the child's mother barely speak.

DEN is 40, an ivy-league college graduate and works as an architect. He is married and has returned to live with his wife after a short separation. His lover lives elsewhere. Den has two sons aged 12 and 8 and a daughter 7. Den came out at age 38, and his wife is aware of his sexuality. His older son knows of his gayness.

JERRY is 35 and his son is six and a half. The boy's mother, a lesbian, and Jerry decided to have a child after a long friendship, but their relationship deteriorated after the boy's birth. This forced Jerry into a paternity recognition suit and visitation battles. After a long separation from his son, Jerry now sees him about once a week.

SAM is 58 and has sons 28 and 31, both of whom are married. A photographer, Sam only came out several years ago after 30 years of marriage. He said he never really loved his wife, and is now divorced. His sons know he is gay, and Sam says that he doesn't think that has affected their relationship.

Some experts estimate that half or more of all gay men are fathers. Until recently, virtually all of these men lived dual lives — hiding their gayness as they continued to maintain a facade of being successfully married or at least unequivocally heterosexual. Most gay fathers say they have individually felt they were the only ones who were in this seemingly contradictory position. Many complained that they couldn't come out to their straight peers for fear of losing the most cherished parts of their lives. Likewise, they often felt they couldn't let their gay peers know they were husbands and fathers due to the prejudices of the increasingly "open" gay community which shunned "bisexuals" or gay "family men" who were not capable of being out of the closet, completely free to pursue the "gay lifestyle" without marital and parental responsibilities.

That is changing.

At the meeting I attended, each man introduced himself and said how many children he had and their ages. The ages of the fathers ranged from mid-twenties to mid-fifties. One man had a child as young as a year old, while another had children in their late 20s. Most had two or three children, and one man was the father of five.

Of these men, some are still married. Very few have exclusive custody, but most have shared custody, and still others are involved in legal disputes over custody and visitation. Some of the men are openly gay and others guarded in disclosing their sexual preference.

Because this group of men challenges many of the stereotypes and images associated with the gay male community, took the opportunity to interview eight men who are gay fathers or lovers of gay fathers to examine the many problems and joys of being a gay daddy. Due to the need for confidentiality in most of these men's lives, only first names (some are changed) are used and children's and wife's names are deleted.

On Being a Gay Father

DEN: I think if you took a poll, I think there'd be a majority of gay men in the community who would envy us for being fathers. I think (society) still has a need for fathering, and that's why this group is so politically important in this decade, because the issue of who can be parents and who should't be parents is real potent. Maybe I'm generalizing, but I don't think I am — the men in this group, by and large, are much better fathers than many of the straight fathers that I know. There is a better sense of love and what that means, because they have experienced it. A lot of straight men have never worked through this.

PAUL: One thing that my lover has always said to me about his daughters is that he feels he is a much better father now than when he was living with his wife in a single-family unit because there was so much animosity between the two of them and so much stress that he was really affected by it. He feels a stronger sense to be a better father now because in a sense he has taken one thing away from them — the sense of a secure home; and by that I mean four people living together in one house — so maybe in other ways he wants to be a better father by over-compensating in some other areas. A lot of gay fathers I've talked to have said they want to give their kids more attention when they are with them than maybe they would do in one home with one roof and six people. Now that I am involved with someone who is a gay parent, I have a lot more contact with people who are in the same kind of situation, and open. I see a lot of fathers really altering their lives in ways my father would never have altered his life, and most men would not alter their lives to match up with their children. They don't want to take on a new career, or really change plans because they don't want to give up contact with their kids. I really admire that. It's a very loving and nurturing and realistic thing."

RUSS: I really feel that I have more time on a two-and-a-half day weekend with the children. I have more time and it is better time than when I was there because they are here. That's why it's wonderful having Freeman because it gives me a break in that weekend so that I can be with one of the children alone —

or neither of them. Time is so concentrated and there is so much taken from me and given in that time that it is exhausting.

DEN: After four years of marriage, my wife and I very consciously decided to have children, and worked at it methodically. We went through Lamaze classes together. I was present at the birth of each of those kids and particularly with the third one. As soon as she was coming out, the doctor handed me the scissors and let me cut the umbilical cord, and then handed this baby to me without washing it, and I looked in her eyes, and to this day, when I look in her eyes, I have the same feeling. The same feeling as with lovers; you can still remember that first time. But with children, it's before that moment of birth; they didn't exist, and there, all of a sudden they are looking at you, and they are very aware of all this.

On the Mothers of Their Children

DICK: When we were separating, we were going to a therapist. After about the third or fourth session, the therapist told my wife, "He is the finest father I have ever experienced, and don't you dare do anything to change that. You have four of the most incredibly adjusted children that I've ever had in this office, so whatever he has decided to do, you have to let him do." That just drove her crazy. It was the supreme insult. I was supposed to be sick and perverse and all that to have done to her what I did — to deliberately "flaunt my lifestyle in her face" and "to steal the best years of her life" and to do this with "reckless disregard" for who she was as a person. But the therapist worked with her really well and finally got her through that. That's why we are now pretty good friends.

JERRY: If my son gets a cold soon after a visit, his mother says he caught it from me. Once she said he's allergic to the house. If he slept too long, then he must not have slept enough at my place. Or he didn't sleep, so he must have slept too long. One thing after another. I felt his mother did a lot of fighting through our son and it was very unfortunate.

RUSS: My ex-wife has made several remarks over the years that are pointed digs. At one point, she said our son, because of my homosexuality, would grow up to be homosexual because of my influence.

JERRY: My experience is similar. When I first sued for paternity, her mother had to be right there. And I wasn't allowed to feed my son, as if I might be poisoning him or something. It was very aggravating, but I went along with the circumstances simply to be with him. When I reestablished my relationship with my son, we had supervised visitation with people watching us all the time, which I don't particularly like. There is this sort of notion that if you are let into a room with this child, you'll be out of control. My son's mother is now somewhat relieved that our son is getting a little older so he'll be able to defend himself. Even though she is a lesbian, she used this idea that a homosexual man rapes children.

PAUL: Mike's wife's biggest complaint is that their daughters won't be able to be debutantes because of his homosexuality. I think she is really using that.

KEN: My ex-wife made the accusation that every time I come visit and leave, my son screams out in his sleep and that is a reason for me not to come and visit. We don't talk now. If we say ten words during a visit, that's a lot. I think she knows that her son's father may have sexual interests she's not happy about. But she knows that that doesn't indicate that I'd be a bad father. I think that my ex-wife and her parents are really afraid because of their extreme ignorance on the subject of being gay. They don't want to know. It's almost as if they have totally discounted me as a person. I think that their goal is to keep my son away from me as long as they can until he reaches an age where he can "defend himself." In fact, they cited in this petition they drew up to counteract an order handed down here — they said the child was not safe in my presence unless I was with someone else. They never specified who would be okay to be with.

DEN: I know that I have a marriage and I love this woman. And I also happen to have a male lover. I happen to know that this is a historical kind of relationship, and that it has

been written about since the beginning of history. So it is not unusual, and it should be included in the gay scene. And we should be seeing that being gay is much broader in scope than anyone ever imagined in the 60s.

Gay Fathers And Their Lovers

DICK: When my lover and I first met, we lied to each other about who we were. Then one day he saw me and I had my wedding ring on. And he said, "Oh, you're married too." And I said, "Yes, and I have two kids." We met before the boys were born. And he said, "Oh, so do I." And when both the boys were born, I didn't tell him for a long time, because I thought somehow if he knew that I was continuing to have kids, it was diminishing him. Since then we've talked about how crazy we were fighting all of this. It was probably two or three years more before I met another gay man who I knew was divorced, and he said he had two children. I asked him if there were more, and he said, "My God, there are so many of us, you would never believe it." I thought he was just kidding himself, that there really weren't that many others. And I continued to believe that, until I started coming out in the gay community, and then I was really overwhelmed, and still am. Friday night, I went out the Charlie's and I know that on Friday night at least a third of the men there are fathers. And it was a really funny feeling, like, my God, we are everywhere.

RUSS: All of us come from the positions of believing that there is no one else out there who are gay fathers.

JERRY: The trouble I ran into led to a different reaction because my time with my son was somewhat limited, so I tried to establish my lover relationship and not bring him that much into it. But with the allegations about me being sexual with my son, I felt a tremendous protection of my lover because, through the legal channels, I found out that my son's mother was trying to find out who he was, sort of as another angle (to deny visitation) and my going through accusations of that sort was much different than allowing my lover to go through that, so I very much watched to protect him from anything like that. That burden on someone who doesn't even have the children wasn't fair, so I was very protective of that. He doesn't have that much of a relationship with my son.

FREEMAN: I look forward to seeing Russ's kids. I enjoy them much more than going to the bars. I plan on it. And I just love their energy. The little girl sort of teams up with Russ and I team up with the boy. And that's a lot more fun than going to the bars. I've done that circuit so many times in so many cities that I am just sick of it. If I never see another gay bar, I know I could be happy. I used to go to the bars after moving in with Russ, but I started assessing the time, and it was more "quality time" being here with them.

PAUL: One thing I think is difficult to understand if you have kids is that one goes through life thinking they're going to have children. And those of you who did have fulfilled that. I can only speak for myself, but it took me a long time to get used to the fact that I was not going to have kids once I started to deal with my sexuality and my homosexuality. That was a real traumatic thing for me to deal with. So I just got used to the idea and get comfortable with it, and start living my life based on that, and now I have my lover's little kids in my life, and I have to change gears all over again. I guess I think there is a difference between people who don't have kids and people who do have kids. Even though I have children living with me now, part-time, I'll never know what it is like to have fathered a child. I feel forced to accept some responsibilities for them but not all the responsibilities for them.

On Honesty

DICK: I think lying is a miserable way to have to exist. I became such a skillful liar that I was never sure when I was telling the truth or lying. It got to where I would ask myself if I really said something, and if so, was it right? What Den said about looking in his daughter's eyes... that, for me, was what finally allowed me to admit to myself who I am. As my four kids

have grown, they have not changed one bit from the second they were born. Their spirit is exactly the same, and they are four uniquely different people who have the same parents. They are a separate, special thing, and nothing we have done or not done in our lives is going to change that. No amount of planning and forming and shaping changes who they are. One of those times when I was really dealing with what I had to be honest about, it was like God said to me, "Why are you denying who you are? You are a separate, special person I made in a separate, special way. And part of that happens to be that you are homosexual."

RUSS: When I was 18 years old, I went to New York City to experience homosexuality. I was so freaked out by what I saw that I went back to Vermont and signed up for the Marine Corps and did everything to absolutely prove to my parents and to myself that I wasn't gay. And I personally have no regrets marrying and having those babies and all. My ex-wife has all of those regrets because I saddled her with the responsibility of raising them and it was unfair of me not to be honest with her when I married her by saying that I have these feelings. I was aware of those feelings, but they were so far back and repressed that I was ashamed to admit it. And I was afraid of losing her, because I loved her. I would not have admitted it to her, and she is angry to this evening because I did not tell her. We were married for two years before our son was born and it was wonderful... just wonderful. To not have experienced that... gee... I don't know.

SAM: Due to the fact that we're gay in a community of gays, we are really more open, and we want our children to be open, and we are out to see that they are what they want to be. In the straight community you have to follow the lines, just like we did when we grew up.

DICK: When we got married, I said I didn't want children because I knew my gay feelings. A couple of years after the first daughter was born, we went on a trip to California, and I told my wife I wanted a vasectomy because I didn't want any more kids. And she just went crazy. The scene was just incredible, with her screaming how much I must hate her if I didn't want to be the father of her children.

RUSS: If I could back up thirteen years — I came within moments of telling my ex-wife the truth — and I wish I had told her the truth. I think any young man who is seriously thinking of marrying a woman whom he thinks he loves and wants to share with has to be honest. I think that she has to have that honesty, so they can weigh the factors. That marriage may only last five years, or it may last forever. But I think that the truth is very important. I think my son should be a lot more psychologically together than I ever was when I was growing up because of the honesty. There was no dishonesty when I was growing up.

On Coming Out to Their Children

DEN: I told my 13-year-old son about my gayness as a result of a discussion in the father's group. It had to do with the timing of telling children. The general notion in this group has been that you need to be honest with people who are closest and dearest to you, but timing is really important. It just seemed to me that it was time for him to know something more about it, so I simply sat him down one day after the word came up in the conversation. He'd heard it in the streets as a negative term, so I decided to change the dimension of the word for him. And I said that there are lots of different kinds of people in the world, and there are different sexual preferences, and I enumerated them. I had explained the facts of life to him when he was just old enough to understand. By the time he was six or seven, he knew what sperm was and the egg, and so forth — just as a means of explaining how he had arrived in the world. I said it wasn't as simple as men desiring women, or women desiring men, and that as a matter of fact, I am gay. And I said that that was probably a big surprise to him, but as well as anybody, he knew I wasn't a crazy person. I told him I wanted to keep the information confidential, that it was just between us. There was really strong eye to eye contact. I tried to project a sense of concern, of giving important informa-

SPEAK OUT

by Phil Nash

DICK is 40 and works in the management of a restaurant supply company. His two daughters are aged 16 and 13, and his two sons are 10 and 8. He and his wife have been married 18 years, but Dick no longer lives at home. They remain friends. Dick's lover of 10 years is also a father. Everyone in Dick's family knows he's gay.

RUSS is 37 and has a son 11 and a daughter 10. He is a furniture craftsman. His children visit him and his lover Freeman every weekend. Russ's ex-wife and their children live in town and communicate regularly. His children know he is gay.

FREEMAN is Russ's gay spouse of three years. They live together in an old restored home. Freeman is a technical worker in the communications industry, and shares fully in the responsibility of the two children when they come to visit. Russ's ex-wife is only beginning to acknowledge Freeman's existence.

PAUL is the "boyfriend" of Mike (not interviewed) who has six-year-old twin daughters. Paul, an accountant, recently moved in with Mike after dating for about a year. The two men see the girls one weeknight every week and every other weekend. Paul has only met Mike's wife (the divorce is pending) and occasionally speaks to her over the phone.

tion. It probably only lasted five minutes. He didn't want to ask any questions, and hasn't since. I said "This may be altogether different for you, and it probably will be because we each have different categories we can fall into, and even within the categories, there are differences." Since then, I haven't had any negative vibes, no phobias that I feel, no changes in the relationship except maybe a sense of "Boy, he really leveled with me!"

(Den also says he hasn't told his two younger children because they are too young. His wife is not happy he told their son).

JERRY: My son was raised in a lesbian household and he knows that I'm gay since I've had a lover for three years. He asked me one time if I loved him more than I love my lover, and that was what was important to him. He went through a period when we were re-establishing our relationship when he was trying to figure out how much I loved him. I assured him that my love for him was very special, and that it was separate from any other relationship I have. And he was satisfied with that.

RUSS: My wife told the children at the time we divorced that we divorced because I was homosexual. I was not included in that conversation, which made me angry. I wanted to know how it was that she put it across. A year ago my son and I were washing the truck. It was a time when he was here with me without his sister, and it seemed like the right moment to tell him from my side that I was in a relationship with Freeman and that I loved Freeman and that it was more than just being friends and more than just being buddies. It was a relationship where I cared about him and that we had sex. From the time he was able to read, he's been given an understanding in the male-female relationship. I talked to him for about five minutes, and I asked if he had any questions, and if he understood. He said yes, he did. My daughter is totally oblivious.

DICK: Let me tell you one of my favorite stories about my 10-year-old son: We (a group of gay fathers) went to the stock show with our kids, and I sat behind Russ and Freeman and Russ's kids. About halfway through the rodeo, Joel said, "Dad, are those guys roommates?" And I said, "Yeah." And he said, "Are the more than roommates?" And I said, "Yes, they are." He's very bright and very wild and a fun boy. The younger boy doesn't really care. He knows what's going on, and it's no big deal for him. I was out spending a week with the kids a while back and the boys had a bag of Jolly Ranchers and they kept saying, "Give me another gay farmer." I finally said to Joel, "Enough is enough." Finally I said to Joel, "I don't like that. I'm gay and most of my friends are." He said, "Well, dad, you may be gay but you're not homo." And I said I didn't know the difference. And that was all I wanted to tell him at the time. My older daughter is letting some of her friends know that her dad is gay, and she's having problems with that. They're not being judgmental, though. It's just a curiosity. They constantly ask questions, and she's getting tired of the questions, like "What does your dad do, and does he still sleep with your mother, or what does he do when he has sex?" She says that gets real old. One night when I was out visiting with the kids, they were sitting around the table doing their homework, and out of the clear blue sky, Joel says, "Does it bother any of you that I'm gay?" Old dad just about fell out of the chair. I said, "Joel, do you know what you're saying?" He says, "Yeah, I know what I'm saying. I find boys pretty neat."

On Gay Fathers Joining

RUSS: The group is wonderful. It is a sharing thing. It is good for my two children to know that other children have gay parents. And I really do like married men. I enjoy them for their company. I would say it's different than being around gay male lovers who are in a rela-

tionship because the experience those two lovers have had is so different than the experiences I have had. I cannot talk to two gay lovers on the same level. They aren't interested... I mean, who cares about the orthodontist?

JERRY: I find it very fascinating to see the variety of the experience in the group. It is also very practical to me to see from others in the group with older children things my son might need as he grows up.

DEN: It is very refreshing to be in a group where so much honesty can prevail, and reinforce the good feelings we are already beginning to have about ourselves by contrasting with other experiences. Sometimes I feel how fortunate I am when I hear some of the stories.

KEN: I have come to feel that I am just as good a father as the rest of them. I may not have been a jock or anything when I was growing up. I think after being around so many other fathers and seeing and hearing a lot of things about being a gay father, I did a complete turnabout from thinking I was no one... that I was no role model for my own child. I am the perfect role model mainly because I consider myself very giving, very caring, and very loving. I don't want to compete with what my wife wants to give him, but I know I have an awful lot to give him.

DICK: For me, it is finding that my problems are not unique. That all of the things I thought were mine alone are shared by everyone I've met. And for my children to be aware that they are not alone... that there are many other children who are in situations that are just the same. I also have a special affinity for other gay men who are fathers. They are better lovers. I can tell, even if a man doesn't tell me, when I go to bed with him, almost without fail if

he is a father.

PAUL: I benefit from the gay fathers group because it benefits the person with whom I am involved. There are things that Mike may want to talk about that he simply can't explain to me. It is really good to have that. Also, I feel a really wonderful sense of fellowship among the fathers, and that is really nice.

JERRY: I've seen a lot of young kids who are gay and they see having children as a possibility. I think that is very positive and very good. Having children does complicate your life, but it is very much worthwhile. I look at life as though you are going to run into a lot of difficulties in having children, or being a child. But you can take it. You can do it. If we can give our children that same perception, we have given them a lot.

DEN: I think this kind of group is really a transition group — a transition in consciousness — now that it will be in the press, it will be much more conscious in the community that the prototype of the gay father exists. That may give way in the next decade or two to a whole other expression. My father once said something to me back before he was a grandfather that really stuck with me. He said, "When the time is right for kids to be born, they will be born." I think no matter what happens in the future in the way the sexual revolution takes us, children will be borne one way or another. It just has to get down to young men asking themselves, "Will my genes go forth in history?" Although children are not an extension of us, they do add to our life experience in a very positive way, and like Socrates said, "An unexamined life isn't worth living." Our children give our lives a lot of meaning, and if we can communicate that to the gay community at large, I think it would be a good thing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

You say in your editorial for May 25, 1983, that you "... hope Mr. Benson, his editor and the management of *The Arizona Republic* will exhibit a greater degree of dignity in dealing with issues of this nature..." Well, that's really sweet, but I don't think wishful thinking will change much.

Gay people in Phoenix say that they want the anti-discrimination laws that we enjoy here in Tucson. You simply cannot hope these things will happen, we have to fight for them. The first thing to do is change the very damaging viewpoint held by the Republic and its staff. In reading your article I read of no plans to "storm" the Republic with a demonstration.

To change the intolerance we suffer in the United States, we Gays will have to fight for our individual rights. I realize that it's a real battle but we've got to start taking stands before we lose the ground we've already gained.

D. Northcutt
Tucson, Arizona

To The Editor:

On June 25, 1983, the third annual Lesbian and Gay Human Rights March and Rally will be held in downtown Phoenix. Gay men and lesbians and their families and friends will turn out from around the state to march and show their commitment to the cause.

For the past year the Arizona Lesbian and Gay Task Force has devoted a great deal of time and hard work to the task of planning, organizing, publicizing and fund raising for the entire event. Their

effort deserves the appreciation of Arizona's entire gay community.

Several political organizations will be on hand to demonstrate their support for our civil rights. They include proponents of pro-choice legislation and anti-nuclear legislation. The participation of some of these groups in the event has raised some questions as to how we want the gay community to be perceived in the media and by the general public.

The groups that will be marching with us will carry banners that identify their cause and show their support for ours. At the rally the emphasis will be entirely on the issue of lesbian and gay civil rights, and these other organizations will not be speaking. The march needs the support of everyone who is willing. The better the turn out, the better the statement we can make.

Opponents of civil rights for homosexuals and supporters of laws that discriminate against sexual preference have waged a somewhat successful campaign to stereotype homosexuals and gay rights supporters as left wing radicals who actively promote the moral decay of society. Some of the groups supporting us at the rally are also subject to this type of categorizing. The stereotype of our movement as being a liberal cause must have met with some acceptance with the non-gay community, because few if any organizations or politicians that are identified as conservative actively support us.

The political and moral ideals of gay men and lesbian women are widely varied. Our homosexuality does not determine what these ideals may be. Will this march or future marches reflect this diversity of views? Does the support we get from these organizations contribute to this preconceived image of homosexuals as politically left? And if there are real negative aspects to this, do they outweigh the obvious benefits that any outside contributions to the march provide?

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GAY MEN WITH AIDS BEGIN SERIES DEALING WITH THE EPIDEMIC

by Michael Callen and Richard Berkowitz

via GPA Wire Service

Michael Callen and Richard Berkowitz are both presently recovering from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. They are the co-founders of GAY MEN WITH AIDS, (GMWA, P.O. Box 106, 70 Greenwich Avenue, New York N.Y. 10011), a support group in New York City founded in 1982. This is the first in a series of articles dealing with AIDS, the different theories currently being put forward to explain how AIDS is contracted, and the implications which follow from the acceptance of each theory.

Far too much discussion about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome occurs in a scientific vacuum. No useful discussion of AIDS can occur unless one clearly understands the different theories being proposed to explain the disease and the different medical, political and emotional ramifications which follow from each theory.

Based on the available evidence some theories are more plausible than others. We begin our series by discussing the two most popular theories regarding the cause of AIDS in gay men.

WHAT CAUSES AIDS?

There are two general theories under serious discussion at the moment: the "new" agent theory and the multifactorial theory.

THE NEW AGENT THEORY: Some researchers believe that the cause of AIDS is a new AIDS agent, presumably a virus, which attacks the immune system and which is the common link between all of the groups at risk (Haitian entrants, I/V drug abusers, hemophiliacs and infants of high risk groups who are also victims of poverty). This theory proposes that this punitive new killer virus has been introduced into the gay male community and is being spread by sexual contact. Some propose that even a single exposure to this virus will

produce AIDS after a long incubation period.

THE MULTIFACTORIAL THEORY:

Other researchers believe that a number of different factors must occur in order for AIDS to develop. Rather than occurring after a single exposure, this theory suggests that the syndrome "builds up" over a period of continued exposure to sperm containing large amounts of cytomegalovirus (CMV). CMV (which will be discussed later in our series) is a common virus and has long been recognized as a cause of disease in many different settings. It can also be carried by people who are in apparently good health.

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE FOR THE "NEW" VIRUS THEORY? The argument in favor of the new agent theory rests on the appearance of a similar syndrome occurring in each of the risk groups listed above. Hypothetically, a disease resulting from a single agent transmitted by sexual contact and by blood could link these groups. Hepatitis B, for example, is spread in such a way and occurs more frequently in gay men and people who receive blood transfusions than in the "general" population. But it's important to remember that it is an assumption that what is being labeled as "AIDS" in each risk group is in fact the same disease.

Added to the assumption that the disease is the same in each group is the further assumption that the disease is new in each group and that it develops the same way. Just because a disease is newly recognized does not necessarily mean that the disease is new. Many different agents are known to cause disturbances in the function of the immune system. Thus, one must be cautious in presuming that the appearance of similar diseases in different groups is occurring for the same reasons. Stated simply, although the pathways to immune suppression are many and varied, once a person becomes immunosuppressed, the diseases one encounters may be the same.

Thus, what is being labeled as "AIDS" may not actually be developing in the same way in each of the different groups.

Nevertheless, several viruses have been proposed as being responsible for the epidemic. These include a human T-cell leukemia virus (HTLV) and the African Swine Fever Virus (ASFV). However, HTLV has not been uniformly identified in all AIDS patients and it is possible that the presence of antibodies to HTLV is a result, rather than a cause, of the underlying immune deficiency. Studies on ASFV have yet to be done. Even if antibodies to ASFV are discovered in some AIDS patients, it is likely that this too will prove to be a virus that affects individuals who are already immunosuppressed.

Although it would be economical to evoke a "new" agent to account for AIDS in each of the groups, the facts remain that in the three years since AIDS in gay men was first recognized:

1. No "new" virus has been shown to play a causative role in the disease;
2. Attempts to replicate AIDS in animals by injecting them with the blood and other body fluids of AIDS patients have all failed; and
3. Not a single health care worker has developed AIDS solely from patient contact.

In summary, no firm evidence has been produced to support the view that a new virus is the cause of AIDS nor that the disease can be "spread" by casual contact.

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE FOR THE "MULTIFACTORIAL" THEORY? The multifactorial theory of AIDS proposes that the key links in AIDS in gay men are repeated infection with CMV against a backdrop of mild immunosuppression caused by exposure to sperm. But, you may say, surely gay men have been exposed to their partners' sperm since the beginning of time. And since CMV is not a new virus, why would AIDS be occurring in gay men now?

To answer the pressing question of "Why now?", the multifactorial theory proposes that the new element in sexually active urban gay men is the shockingly high prevalence of CMV. Instead of proposing a new virus, the multifactorial

theory proposes that there is simply a lot more of an old virus.

Evidence suggests that the number of sexually active urban gay men carrying CMV has increased dramatically over the last decade. One New York City study has shown that as many as ONE OUT OF EVERY THREE sexually active gay men are capable of infecting their sexual partners with CMV in 1983.

OVERSIMPLIFIED, the multifactorial theory proposes that since you may be multiply and repeatedly infected with CMV, AIDS in gay men may be the result of the body's inability to free itself from these repeated CMV infections.

In this theory, AIDS is seen as developing over a period of time rather than spreading from a single contact in the classic sense of contagion.

In addition to repeated infection with CMV, other significant factors which we believe may be involved in the development of AIDS in gay men include the immunosuppressive effects of being exposed to the sperm of many different partners and the harmful effects of immune complexes.

Immune complexes are combinations of antibodies and the agent that stimulated the formation of the antibody in the first place. Immune complexes are not normally found in the blood of healthy individuals. Unfortunately, the lifestyle of a sexually active urban gay man can expose him to many different factors which produce immune complexes. For example, immune complexes occur on exposure to sperm and they have also been associated with hepatitis B, syphilis, CMV and possibly even gonorrhea.

Simply put, the single virus theory is based on what we DON'T know about this disease. And the multi-factorial theory is based on what we DO know about this and other diseases.

In our next article we plan to explore the different medical, political and emotional ramifications of both of these theories.

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audience - great repartee!

Phoenix — An estimated 3,000 plus persons braved the 100° weather to visit the *Connection's* sixth annual edition of the *Country Fair*. The highlight of this year's Fair was the strong lineup of entertainment which started at Noon and continued, one act after the other, until Midnight. Appearing during the day and evening were Ken Sacha, St. Tropez, Mondo Fax, The Breens, Sharon McKnight, Steppin' Out, Carol O'Shaughnessy, Emo the Mime, and Cream Cheese.

The Fair is comprised of booths manned by local organizations, artists and businesses all selling wares, passing out information, or tempting the passer-by to throw a baseball at the dunking booth. *Connection's* disco *Der Druke* was open wide to the fairground and was spinning hot dance music throughout the day and

evening.

The event also played host to the first major introduction of the *Connection's* large new brick patio, complete with outdoor bar, old fashioned globe streetlamps, fountain and bar-b-que.

The audience was most appreciative of owner Dale Williams' efforts and the line-up of entertainment he provided. Many comments were overheard about the quality of the sound and lighting which were of major rock festival quality and proportion.

Next on schedule for the *Connection* is the return of the annual *Connection Luau*, held each year on Labor Day weekend Sunday. In past years it has been the major of the two annual events, however this year's *Country Fair*, based on the reception of the audiences takes no back-seat to any other event.

MINION, A CONTINENTAL RESTAURANT WITH A FRIENDLY AND ELEGANT ATMOSPHERE



Phoenix — *Minion*, a restaurant at 3rd Ave. and Clarendon, Phoenix, has been established for two years under the ownership of Art and LaVerne.

Previously the restaurant was located in Mesa.

The mixed-crowd restaurant has been a popular dining spot for gay people since its opening. The owners and staff are most friendly and congenial. The food, in no less than six visits, has been excellent (especially beef - try the Steak

Diane, or just a steak). The deserts, of the Cherries Jubilee and Bananas Foster classification, are mouth watering no matter how full one might be. A great many of the entrees, salads and deserts are prepared and cooked at the table by a tuxedoed waiter.

The bar area is one of the finest in the city... large, most comfortable with living room styled furniture, a fireplace in the center and a very accommodating bar.

Entertainment has commenced with the opening of *Pete Peterson and his Detroit Jazz and Blues Band* on June 3. Shows are nightly at nine and eleven PM. For the earlier patron, the cocktail hour commences at three PM Monday through Friday with hot complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Continues till seven PM.

The large building was built combining contemporary architecture with a country French/Normandy interior scheme. The main dining room includes both table and booth accommodations as well as two fireplaces. A separate private party facility seats parties of twenty to forty and the entire restaurant is available for parties to 250 as recently used for the *Directory* publication's anniversary.

Reservations are available by calling 277-4980. Major charge cards are accepted. The owners are nearly always on premises to oversee the operation and chat with the customers.



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SONS OF APOLLO ON GRAND CANYON FIVE RUN

Over eighty members and friends of the sons of Apollo once again met together for the organizations Fifth Annual Grand Canyon Run. THE RUN, now one of the best known in the country and one which has attracted visitors from foreign countries this year saw run entrants from California, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, New York and other states. The person traveling farthest by bike was from Kentucky.

Persons attending related glowing reports of the good times which were had with persons making new friends from throughout the country. Entertainment was provided by run attendees by Chaps, the ensemble from Desert Sky Singers and by Cissy Goldberg.

Tom Spear, Vice President of S.O.A., said he felt this was one of the best of the organizations money events. He pointed out this is one of the oldest continuing club events in Arizona and that its national and international reknown gives recognition to the whole community.

ROKS, A NEW BAR, OPENS IN PHOENIX

Guy Loney, host of the annual and very well attended "Hot Rocks" party, has transferred his hosting talents into his own bar, the former Club Lido at 1810 E. McDowell "Strip". The new bar, ROKS, is the fifth bar on McDowell along with other gay owned businesses.

Loney is planning on operating ROKS to attract a predominantly leather and levi crowd. The official Grand Opening is set for Thursday, June 16. The bar is open now nightly, 4 PM till 1 AM.

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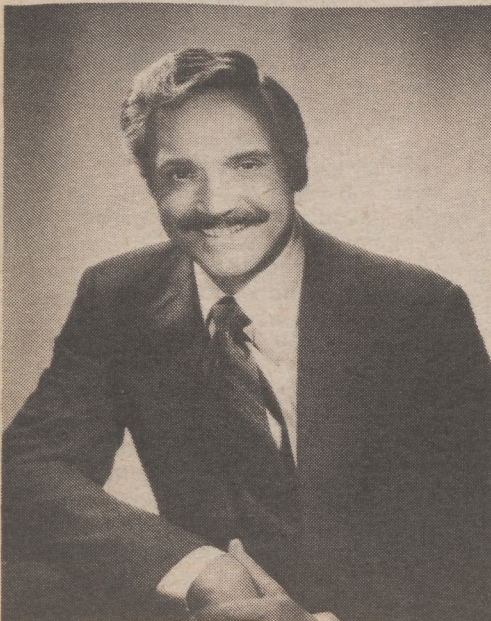
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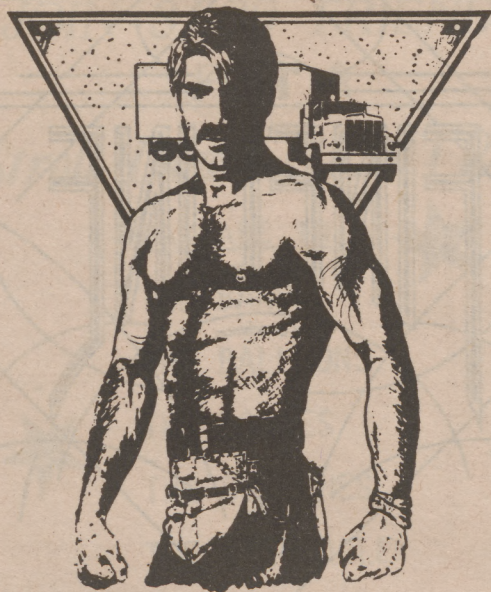
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OUT & ABOUT

by Garry Mangum



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I've been told that my column has become a sounding board for my own personal gripes and is not being used for its original purpose — to inform people of things going on in and around the bars and businesses of Phoenix.

I think in my very first column I explained the name of my column, *Out & About*, by saying it would deal with being "out" (out of the closet, out on the town) and be "about" whatever was important in those areas.

I think I've done a fair job in most respects. Perhaps at times I've stepped on feet, or maybe failed to mention something of importance. But I have tried to be fair and objective.

There are over 20 establishments in Phoenix and as many community organizations if not more. It is impossible to visit every bar or business between issues. My kidneys would never last. It is virtually impossible to attend every function held by every organization.

I know every bar or organization considers its events to be the most important. When I began writing, I sent out a letter with a deadline schedule for my column and asked that any information be brought to my attention for inclusion in my column.

There was little response and many who did respond required that I "follow up with Bill", "talk to Tom", etc.

I am still available most days at work (231-0168), or a message can be left there for me to return a call. If the information is important, contact the newspaper at its number and leave a message.

I have never meant to slight or omit any group. Many times I print news about events without being asked, simply because I know it's happening.

This column is about what's happening and without input from those making things happen, I have nothing to print. And remember, more people read the newspaper than you realize. This is a good spot to get a free piece of publicity. You can't ask for more than that!

Wednesday, June 8

BRONCO'S - Meet the Contestants, 9 P.M., for *Reno Gay Rodeo Special Show*. All proceeds to MD & AIDS.

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Friday, June 10

SAMMY'S - Fatty's Fabulous Fat Feast! Steak Dinner, \$4.25!

BRONCO'S - Oklahoma!, 8 P.M. \$3 cover.

Saturday, June 11

BRONCO'S - Oklahoma!, 8 P.M. \$3 cover. Steak dinner prior to show.

Sunday, June 12

SAMMY'S - Showtime 9 P.M., Starring Tish Tanner, Casey Starr, Moosala, Lady Cassandra - \$2 cover.

CONNECTION - BBQ on the Patio, 6 P.M., \$1.50 per.

Wednesday, June 15

GRAND CAMEL - Rodeo Night- Westside greets and meets contestants for Miss, Mr. & Ms. Gay Rodeo-Phoenix, 9 P.M.

Saturday, June 18

***Deadline for *Out & About* (June 22 issue).

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Sunday, June 19

GRAND CAMEL - Sunday Brunch, Noon till 3 P.M.

COMING EVENTS:

June 24 & 25, **SHAMOO'S** presents *Casa Nights* with JoAnne, Ebony, Tish Tanner, Moosala, Penelope Poole, Lady Cassandra, Dani Ried & more.

June 28, **B.A.B.E.S.** (Bar & Business Employees Society) meeting at 307, 10 A.M.

July 3, **SAMMY'S** presents a second engagement of *Dreamgirls*.

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status. Mr. Suttle is a superb musician and most talented conductor."

Suttle will assume his responsibilities as Associate Conductor on July 1, 1983. According to the New Associate Conductor, "I am very pleased to accept the invitation to join the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Theo Alcantara. In my acquaintance with the orchestra I have been greatly impressed by their skill and virtuosity." He added, "The Maestro has organized a fine ensemble of musicians."

Suttle leaves the post of Associate Conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic, an orchestra he joined in 1979 as an Exxon Conductor. He has been invited to guest conduct orchestras across the United States including the St. Louis Symphony, National Symphony, Grand Rapids Symphony and the Denver Symphony.

Suttle holds a Master of Music in Conducting and Bachelor of Music in Double Bass Performance; both degrees were earned at the University of Michigan. He studied conducting under Julius Rudel for three years and one year with Uri Mayer. He also spent ten years in private study with Laurence Hurst, Professor of Double Bass, at the University of Michigan.

Among the awards Suttle has received during his career are the Bronze Medal, International Performance Competition in Geneva, Switzerland; Stanley Medal from the University of Michigan (highest award given by the School of Music to the most outstanding

university senior); Finalist, National Symphony Conducting Auditions in Washington D.C.; Third Prize in the Baltimore Conducting Competition.

Leslie Lerman, Executive Vice-President and Managing Director of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, commented that, "Our new Associate Conductor Clark Suttle brings another dimension to the expertise of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra. We expect that Mr. Suttle's versatile talents will be enjoyed by many in his fine conducting and the creative and dynamic leadership he will give our expanded Educational and Community Outreach Program."

As the Associate Conductor, Suttle will conduct six subscription concerts with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra. His inaugural appearance will be made on October 31 and November 1, 1983 as Count Conductor for the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra Halloween special featuring the works of Mussorgsky, Saint-Saens, Dukas, de Falla, T. Kulla and Berlioz.

Mr. Suttle will work directly with the Education and Outreach Programs, including the new Saturday morning Discovery Series and the Symphony-in-the-Schools. These programs are designed to provide a new musical experience to students, children and families. Suttle will open the new pre-concert lecture program on October 7, 1983. When asked about the expanded Education and Outreach Program, Suttle commented, "I am looking forward to reaching into the community to share the exciting, educational experiences with all involved."

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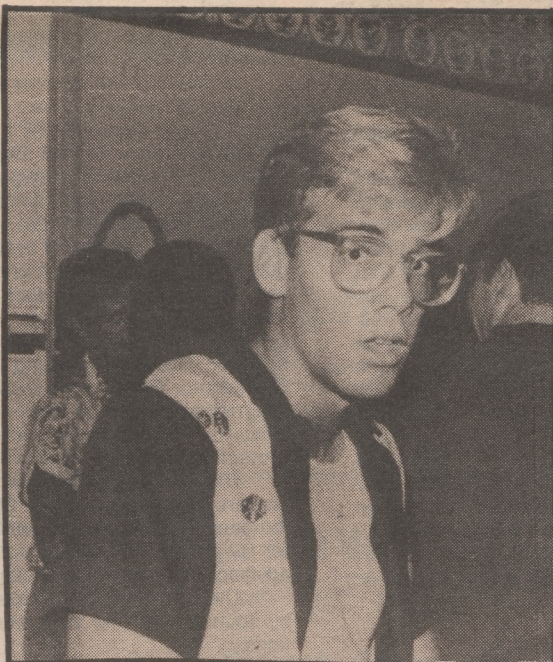
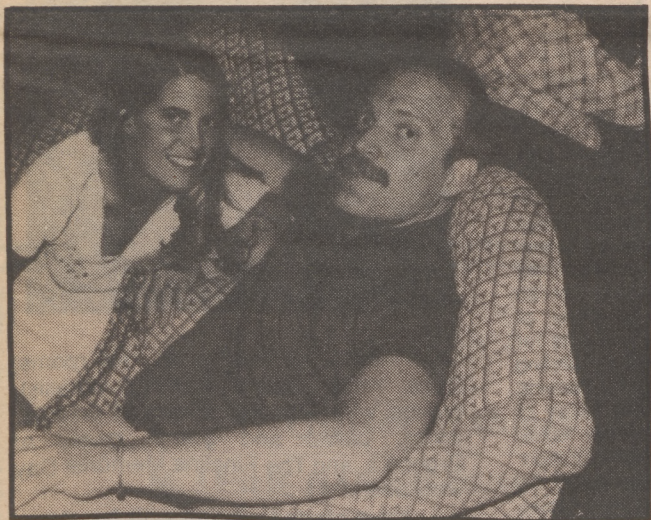
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MARCH 1983*

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Phoenix — On Saturday, June 18, the parking lot between Trax and Solid Gold will be used for a swap meet. The scheduled hours are from Noon until 9:00 P.M. A \$10.00 selling space donation is required which will be donated to the Arizona AIDS Research and Treatment Fund. Anyone interested in selling space should complete the entry blank below and return it to either Trax or Solid Gold. For more information call Trax, 254-0231 or Solid Gold, 252-9815.

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DIRECTORY kicks off third year with party at Minion. A very large crowd of well-wishers joined the staff of Directory in celebrating their anniversary and in reviewing proofs of the new book, due out the weekend of June 12 & 13, the largest book to date and the first utilizing color advertising. The book is the principal guide to gay owned or operated or supportive businesses in Arizona.



MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen



ON THE JOB: GAY PEOPLE AT WORK

by Arthur S. Lazere, C.P.A.

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PLAYS TO ADMIRING
CROWD AT BRONCO'S
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WE ARE EVERYWHERE!

It has been my privilege as an activist and as a journalist to meet a wide variety of Lesbian and Gay people who participate in our movement in diverse ways. Our diversity is part of our strength; we are connected every which way with our non-gay counterparts — someone among us can communicate as a peer with virtually anyone in the non-gay community.

Howard Wallace was one of the early pioneers in connecting the labor movement and the Gay rights movement. The product of a middle class family in Denver, Colorado, Wallace's early idealism was, in part, a reaction to the racist and conservative views espoused by his father. During the McCarthy era, Howard, then a high school student, joined the American Civil Liberties Union and the United World Federalists. He was active in Black civil rights work in the 1950's and the antiwar movement of the 1960's. Making his living in warehouse work and truck driving, Howard was involved in organizing for the teamsters.

In 1972 Wallace came out and became active in Gay rights issues in San Francisco. As early as 1974 he was able to enlist labor support for community picketing of ABC-TV, protesting an infamously homophobic episode of *Marcus Welby, M.D.* He was a founder of Bay Area Gay Liberation in 1975. In 1976 Wallace negotiated an agreement of mutual support between BAGL and a group of 22 local union leaders. The agreement called for union support of inclusion of Gay rights clauses in union contracts with employers. In exchange, BAGL offered the unions support in trying to defeat a number of anti-labor propositions on the San Francisco ballot that year.

Noting that women, Blacks, and Latinos all have caucuses within the labor movement, Wallace was a founder this year and is presently co-chair of the Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance. Seeking members among trade union people in the Bay Area, the L/LA is encouraging establishment of Gay caucuses within union locals. The Alliance seeks union support of Gay rights legislation, Gay rights clauses in union contracts along with enforcement of such clauses through grievance procedures,

and openly Gay leadership within the union movement. The organization is also committed to helping Lesbian and Gay workers organize in the workplace.

Lesbian/Bay Labor Alliance; 240 Golden Gate Avenue; San Francisco, CA 94102.

For many American Gays, Australia is interesting because it has exported Joan Sutherland and a remarkable number of hunky leathermen. I met recently with Ray Israel who is President of the Gay Business Association (New South Wales), a two year old Sydney organization with about fifty members, including ten Lesbians. Israel, 40, is in the retail carpeting business. The goals of the Gay Business Association are similar to those of our business groups in the United States, although the Sydney group has not yet been involved in Gay rights efforts as have many American business groups.

In the Australian states of South Australia and Victoria, sexual acts between consenting adults are legal. In New South Wales, however, homosexual acts between two men are punishable by fourteen years in prison. Despite that retrograde law, New South Wales also has strong legislation protecting Gays from discrimination in employment and housing. What an extraordinary contradiction! Israel told me that despite the nondiscrimination law, the closets are as pervasive in Sydney as they are in the United States. Still, Sydney's Oxford Street is "as busy as Castro Street" and Sydney has three regularly published Gay newspapers. If you are headed for "down under" your inquiries will be welcome.

Gay Business Association (NSW), Box 41, Paddington, New South Wales, Australia.

The Lesbian Rights Project is celebrating its fifth anniversary. Attorneys Donna Ritchens

and Roberta Achtenberg with their support staff provide a variety of services, principally for the Lesbian community. First, LRP provides legal assistance to Lesbians who otherwise could not afford attorneys when the issues in the case involve sexual orientation — a specialized sort of legal aid. Secondly, they pursue precedent setting cases, seeking to establish new law through judicial interpretation. A recent case in this category was that of a Lesbian who was seeking a position as a deputy sheriff in Contra Costa County, California. Having scored well on the examinations, the applicant was turned down when, during lie-detector questioning, she admitted to being a Lesbian. Although the case was not in a jurisdiction with a Gay rights law, the Lesbian Rights Project was able to prevail under the state constitution provisions of equal protection and due process of law. Denise Kreps now serving as a deputy sheriff.

A third area of activity for the Project is the filing of amicus briefs — "friends of the court." In this capacity LRP has contributed to the legal efforts of the Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee on immigration issues.

While usually representing women, LRP will make exception to that rule when a man presents an ideal case for establishing a precedent of value to Gay men and Lesbians. They are currently litigating such a case for an employee of an agency of the state of California who is seeking spousal benefits for his lover. This case is testing the legal standing of Governor Brown's executive order banning discrimination by the state on the basis of sexual orientation. It also falls under the "equal protection" clause of California's constitution.

The Project has also published books for lawyers dealing with the rights of Lesbian mothers and Gay fathers, as well as a manual for lay people on Lesbian rights. They provide advisory and referral services nationwide.

The Lesbian Rights Project is funded both by foundations and by community contributions.

Lesbian Rights Project, 1370 Mission Street, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94131.

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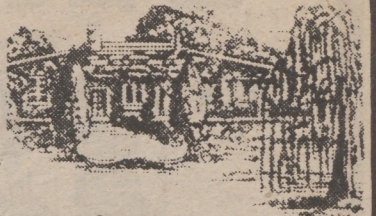
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