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GRNL AIDS Project leader, Terry Bean, (center), accepts \$2,000 check from Arizona AIDS Fund's Bruce Karon, (Left) and Larry Smith.

Arizona AIDS Fund donates \$2,000 to GRNL project

Phoenix — The Arizona AIDS Fund recently voted to donate \$2,000 to the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) to help further efforts of lobbying Congressional members for their assistance in gaining federal support of research being done on AIDS. The funds were presented at the Reno National Gay Rodeo to GRNL's AIDS Project leader Terry Bean by Bruce Karon and Larry Smith, both of the Arizona AIDS Fund.

In May GRNL established its Special AIDS Lobby and announced that it would be headed by highly respected former

California Congressman Jim Corman (See Volume II, Issue 15, 6-22-83). GRNL head, Steve Endean said, "We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Congressman Corman's stature, experience and ability playing a leading lobbying role for us on AIDS." Serving on the board with Corman is Judy Goldsmith, President of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Dan Bradley, former President of the national Legal Services Corporation, and Allan Jonas, former

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Increased AIDS Coverage

Publisher's note

You will notice an increase in the amount of space in this issue given to the topic of AIDS. It has been the policy of *The Western Express* to give AIDS prime coverage since we first started reporting on it in early spring, 1982. Sources of information we have, those over twenty publications we subscribe to, the Gay Press Association Wire-service, the National Gay Task Force and the Gay Rights National Lobby and, locally, most all fundraisers, and a great amount of work and time being spent by many of our local organizations have turned for the most part to the subject of

AIDS. It has worked its way into the very fabric of our lifestyle. It has become our campaign from here in Phoenix to New York and to Vienna and the IGA conference. The coverage is both positive and negative. Positive when you read of the entertainers raising funds and negative when you find the frequency of AIDS is on the increase. We hope you gain useful information from this coverage on AIDS. Further that you join in the battle against it. Several organizations requesting manpower and financial assistance are listed herein.

The 'Biggest Little Rodeo' in the world

by Ernie Potvin

Hardly a soul rode into Reno on horseback for the eighth annual National Gay Rodeo, but somehow there were 25,000 weekend cowhands kickin' up the dust at the Nevada State Fairgrounds August 4 to 7. What couldn't be counted were the additional thousands who never strayed from their electric hotels, hanging on to the slot machines tighter than the rodeo riders could hold on to their mounts. Whatever the total numbers, attendance was slightly down from last year, but the country spirit was definitely up. The moral majority types who tried to block the event were nowhere to be seen and Reno 'the biggest little city in the world' had a rodeo to match.

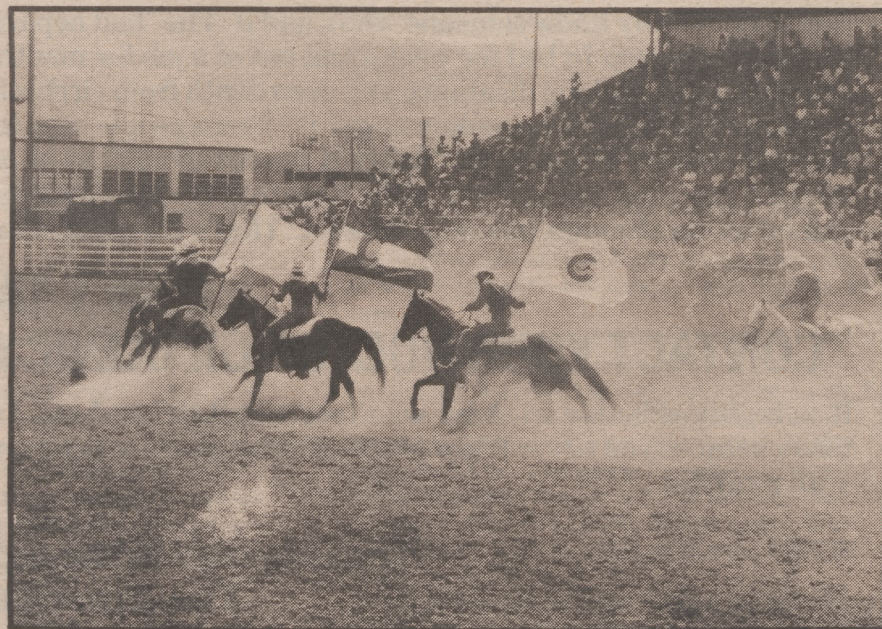
ENDLESS NIGHTS OF STOMPIN' BOOTS

The biggest new hit was the addition of the first Reno Rodeo Country

The crowds in the bleachers yelled wildly at the stomping frenzy of the clogging groups. Clogging is a form of mountain dance performed in formations with taps on the shoes. Notable favorites were the Bugle Boys from San Diego.

The larger number of groups were the square dancers. Two years ago the Foggy City Squares of San Francisco were the first to perform at the Reno Gay Rodeo. This year there were twelve gay square dance clubs hailing from Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, Colorado, Florida, and California.

The Mustangs of Florida were a big crowd favorite. Having formed in 1977, they were also the oldest group on hand. The fastest growing is Puddletown Squares of Seattle which have graduated 160 dancers and several callers since last October. Their director Art Smith said "gay people are dying for alternatives, and square dancing is one of the



Denver Drill Team

Photo by Kent Garvey

Dance Festival which turned the funky livestock pavilion into a western dancer's heaven. Eighteen gay country dance groups came in from as far away as Florida, and, in the desert heat, they danced to non-stop Nashville music with joyous smiles on sweaty faces. Hundreds of spectators were converted to the square dance and cloggers craze as instructional classes were interspersed with group exhibitions.

Ron Brewer of San Francisco's Barbary Coast Cloggers coordinated the four day event. Although billed as non-competitive, the spirit was anything but.

best." The various levels of dancing depend on the number of calls the groups master. There is the Basic 48, the Mainstream 68, and the Plus One and Plus Two levels with countless more calls. Hundreds of Rodeo goers spent the entire weekend trying to learn as many new steps as they could and saw little of the cowboy action in the Rodeo ring.

The Midnight Squares from San Francisco were the most advanced square dance group in the Festival, and their complex exhibition left the crowd

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why more than half of all gay men will sooner or later become infected.

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Because of the long incubation period for hepatitis B, it is possible for unrecognized infection to be present at the time the vaccine is given. The vaccine may not prevent hepatitis B in such patients.

In three studies involving 3,350 persons, the overall rate of adverse reactions did not differ significantly in those given vaccine and those given placebo (an inactive substance). As with any vaccine, broad use often reveals rare adverse reactions not observed during clinical trials.

Over 200,000 people are estimated to have received the vaccine since its release, and the vaccine continues to be generally well tolerated. Hepatitis B has a long incubation period, and unrecognized infection may already be present at the time the vaccine is given. Thus, reported cases of hepatitis are to be expected and do not appear to be caused by the vaccine. Reactions such as fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, and local pain have occurred. Joint pain has been reported; rash has been reported rarely. Serious illnesses affecting the nervous system—including Guillain-Barré syndrome—have been reported rarely, but no cause and effect relationship has been established.



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International Report

International Gay Association holds annual conference

by Michael Brown

Vienna (IGNA) — Vienna was chosen for the annual IGA conference this year, in IGA's continuing effort to unite gays internationally, to put pressure on homophobic governments, and to work on matters of worldwide concern, such as AIDS.

In some places, the laws are so harsh that gays cannot organize, and here sometimes outsiders can help.

Eastern Europe was represented as were the Third World countries of Indonesia, Venezuela and Brazil.

A variety of topics was discussed, from gay health to the situation in Communist countries, to the admission of South Africa, as well as S&M, religion, and changing the World Health Organization's classification of homosexuality as an illness.

The stormiest debate took place over the admission of South Africa's gays to the organization. Leftist delegates worked to attach anti-apartheid conditions to the admission of GASA (the Gays of South Africa), but the IGA constitution forbids adding conditions. A group must be either accepted or rejected.

South African opponents tried to associate GASA with South Africa's white supremacy policies, for example, by pointing out that the GASA paper is written in English and Africans, not Bantu, etc. To this reporter's knowledge, no other group was told to explain its credentials and policies. GASA likewise was not even asked its policies before being attacked as racist. GASA's admission was postponed for discussion at the 1984 conference in Helsinki.

Business meetings included the strengthening of IGA structures and finance committees. The most active countries were the Scandinavian and the Dutch. Only two British groups (CHE and Gay Medical Association) belong, with CHE not participating this year. A separate group of Scots arrived in a minibus.

Since the World Psychiatric Association was meeting in Vienna at the same time, the IGA delegates sent a delegation to express gay concerns.

National Report

Nation's lawyers fail to endorse gay rights bill

by Ernie Potvin

via GPA Wire Service

In a vote that was closer than anyone expected, 134 to 158, the American Bar Association failed to pass a gay rights resolution in Atlanta when it was introduced for the first time at the ABA's annual convention during the first week of August. It was presented by Attorney Dan Bradley, former head of the Legal Services Corporation, a quasi-governmental organization that provides legal help for the poor. Bradley came out openly gay following his resignation from that post in March of last year.

The resolution he presented urged states and cities to enact laws barring discrimination against homosexuals in jobs and housing. The delegates heard an impassioned plea from Bradley who said, "I am proud to be a lawyer, and I am equally proud to be a homosexual... We're not asking you to approve homosexuality. We seek your approval of legislation to end discrimination."

The most impactful speaker addressing the delegates on behalf of the resolution was former Maryland congressman Robert E. Bauman, a conservative Republican who lost reelection in 1980 after being charged with soliciting sex with a teenage boy.

Prior to that event Bauman was a leading spokesman for the new right in Congress, and, ironically, a vocal opponent of gay rights legislation. Following several years of searching for a 'cure' to his gayness, he followed the advice of three psychiatrists and decided to accept the inevitable. He said the hardest part of his decision was dealing with the effect it may have on his four children who range in age from 11 to 21.

In urging the 300,000 member Bar Association to support legislation to ban discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment, and public accommodations, the delegates saw a Bauman they had not seen before. Only two years ago he resigned from the ABA stating it had become "too liberal."

Bauman said, "We gay people have come too far to turn back now. We don't ask for approval... we

simply and plainly demand, as citizens of the United States, our constitutional and civil rights. We are as much a part of America as anyone else. And we mean to be treated as citizens in full partnership. Yes, I am still a political conservative, and yes, I am gay. So what? That's not in my text, but it sort of fit in there. What difference does it make?"

He acknowledged having voted against gay rights bills himself in the past and said, "I was wrong, a person can mature." The ABA took only 20 minutes on the matter before voting the resolution down, but former congressman Bauman and others said they would be back next year to try again.

National candlelight vigil set

Washington, D.C. — Thousands of people will participate in a candlelight vigil on Capitol Hill the evening of October 8, 1983 in Washington, D.C. The announcement was made by the NATIONAL AIDS VIGIL COMMISSION.

The coalition, formed under the aegis of gay and non-gay organizations, focuses national attention and public awareness on the syndrome (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) that has already affected over 1,800 loves.

The AIDS Vigil is a single issue action highlighting discrimination against persons with AIDS; to support the critical task of local and national AIDS organizations and to demand increasing crucial necessary federal funding for research of this dread disease.

The Vigil Commission is comprised of an ever-widening group of congressional, medical, educational and business groups, unaccustomed to mass demonstrations. Nevertheless, our nation has never faced a health crisis of such magnitude in recent years as that presented by AIDS.

A list of endorsers and more detailed logistics of the Vigil; route of the March and featured speakers will be forthcoming.

Ex-Congressman Bauman says he will become a gay activist

by Ernie Potvin

via GPA Wire Service

Ever since the loss of his congressional seat in 1980, ex-congressman Robert E. Bauman, the conservative Republican from Maryland, has had a tough time getting either a government appointment or legal clients. He continues to support President Reagan, and remains opposed to abortion rights, but has made a turn about in his former position on gay rights. Last week he announced he was joining forces with the Gay Rights National Lobby in Washington, and plans to direct pressure on fellow conservatives to vote for the Gay Civil Rights Bill awaiting passage in the House. He said that his involvement with GRNL will be that of an unpaid consultant.

Steve Endean, the Executive Director of GRNL said it was incredibly important that Bauman speak out for the bill because it has always been perceived as a liberal cause exclusively, and that is not the case.

Endean has been subject to considerable fire lately by Advocate publisher David Goodstein, and syndicated Washington gay columnist Larry Bush. They would like to see him removed from his position with GRNL and from the Human Rights Campaign Fund for allegedly immature leadership and ineffectiveness. This in spite of the fact that, under Endean's direction, 81% of the races GRNL supported were won in 1982, and over \$600,000 was raised by HRCF.

Bauman will be most helpful in countering one of Goodstein's other charges... that being "Endean not only lacks experience, but his youth, poverty, and fear of dealing with powerful authorities, especially conservative Republicans, has caused critical problems." It's a task Bauman seems itchy to take on. Last week Bauman said he would like to discuss the issues either publicly or privately with Jerry Fallwall.

Bauman said he has not been alone in his hypocrisy. "I used to believe that homosexuality was a sin," he said, "I've lived in a world of self denial for 40 years."

In coming out publicly, and declaring his intentions to work for the movement, he sounded like other significant Washington figures who left their closets ahead of him. He told the press, "I can't tell you how many gays there are in the House and the Senate. I know they're there." Continuing Bauman offered, "I have run into gay officials in the Reagan Administration, gay labor leaders, gay priests, gay professors, gay congressman. So what? We are everywhere."

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Six gunmen assault Hollywood gay bar

by Ernie Potvin

via GPA Wire Service

Rafael Rivero, the sole survivor of a police shootout, August 8, at a Hollywood liquor store holdup, has been positively identified by witnesses as one of the holdup men in the previous week's assault of the Lodge, a gay bar in North Hollywood. Rivero, like his four dead companions killed in the shootout, is believed to be a Cuban refugee from the 1980 freedom flotilla boatlift. The Lodge witnesses have yet to view coronor's photos of the four dead men pending a police search for photos of them live. In the meantime a few valuables, possibly taken from Lodge customers, have been recovered, and more may be expected to be found.

The Lodge was surprised shortly after midnight July 31, when six armed robbers took over the bar robbing patrons of their money and jewelry as well as relieving the receipts from one of the bar's three cash registers. There were no serious injuries but one patron was hit with a bottle, and several bullet holes remain in the ceiling as evidence of the nervous gunmen's effort at controlling the crowd.

Witnesses said the robbers left before they could collect the valuables from all 200 patrons they had forced to lie on the floor. Police investigators said 31 victims reported losses totaling \$19,911 including \$1,300 from the bar itself.

The unmasked robbers were described as being dressed in street clothes, two blacks, three latins, and one caucasian. Some witnesses thought they sounded either Cuban or Puerto Rican.

Reports differ as to what time the robbery started, but witnesses we talked

to said the police arrived about one half hour later. Police spokesmen said response time was 15 minutes. Calls were reportedly made by several neighbors, and from Lodge owner Stu Zinn who was locked into the bar's office at the time.

One witness gave the following report. "I was there with my lover. It was really very crowded. Suddenly we heard some shots and people started yelling get down, get down. From the front to the back, it was like dominoes, then someone shouted, 'Oh my God, they're coming in from the back.' I saw two guys with what looked like 22 semi-automatics. Some guy coming out of the women's john gave one of them some lip and was hit with a bottle around the eye. They were yanking the watches, rings, and necklaces off of people, not allowing them to hand them over. The D.J. shut off the music, but the lights remained low. Somebody started to come in through the back door and Steve, the doorman, waved him off. One tall black guy with a pool stick jammed it into a guy's crotch and yelled, 'You horny, queer?, you horny?' One of them kept urging they get out before the cops arrive. After about fifteen minutes they left. When they did leave, the lights went up and the bartender called the police. They got there about fifteen minutes later. What I want to know is why there wasn't a silent alarm?"

Hollywood Station detectives said the investigation will continue, and robbery victims of the Lodge will be notified when and if needed. The search will also continue for the sixth missing suspect.

Excerpts from the Gay Press

Vitamin C touted as cure for AIDS

San Antonio — A man diagnosed with AIDS claims to have regained his

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former good health through vitamin therapy and the work of a nutritionist. Describing his condition as "deeply into the group who supposedly die of Kaposi's sarcoma or opportunistic infections" as recently as April of this year, the sufferer claimed that massive amounts of vitamin C (10,000 to 20,000 milligrams per day) supplemented with necessary calcium, zinc and magnesium were responsible for his rapid recovery. *The Calendar.*

Texas/Louisiana M/C's buy land

Houston — The Texas Council of Clubs, an organization of motorcycle clubs, has announced the purchase of over 33 acres of land in Milam County, Texas. The property is to be owned jointly by the member clubs of Texas and New Orleans. Usage is planned for outdoor events for all gay men and women. *Club Scene.*

Storeowner afraid of getting AIDS from gay customers

Washington — The owner of a local Chinese furniture store has cancelled his advertising with *The Washington Blade* a gay weekly newspaper, because of an article in *China Times*, a Chinese language newspaper. After reading an article in *CT* he felt that by advertising in a gay newspaper and by attracting a gay clientele that he was exposing his family to AIDS. *The Washington Blade.*

Philly Mayor to strengthen city's gay rights

Philadelphia — Mayor Wilson Goode who openly courted the city's gay vote in his successful bid for office and who, after winning, was quick to give the gay community recognition for their roll in the election is expected to issue a major position paper on lesbian and gay concerns sometime in August. Already written, the paper includes an executive order forbidding discrimination in all types of employment based on sexual preference, calls for the annual proclamation of Gay Pride Week and creates a Sexual Minorities Council within the city government. The state already has such a council created by Gov. Milton Shapp in 1975. *Gay News.*

Taxi Zum Klo "Contraband" in Virginia

Norfolk — The controversial award winning German movie, *Taxi Zum Klo*, which has raised eyes around the country has, after a year in court, lost its case in Norfolk. The ACLU had joined the fight with the state and had gained a rehearing of the original lost battle of a year previous, however Judge Alfred Whitehurst ruled "I feel I have no disposition but to reaffirm what I ruled then, that it is contraband." Promovision International Films, Ltd. has stated that it will again try to return the case to court. *Our Own.*

Nine gay murders in Indiana

Indianapolis — Nine gay related murders have taken place in Indianapolis over a period of 30 months. There were similarities between all of the homicides. Local gay leaders have termed police handling of the investigation lackadaisical, needlessly slow and useless. East Coast FBI agents have been called into the investigations to piece together psychological profiles of the murderer. They believe at this time that there are at least two murderers. *The Gay News-Telegraph.*

"Queer bashings" a problem in Seattle

Seattle — With no stated estimate of numbers, Seattle is experiencing an upswing in the frequency of so-called "queer bashings". Attackers are supposedly under 18 years of age. As a result of the attacks Community United Against Violence (CUAV) in San Francisco has recommended that the gay community in Seattle commence a whis-

tle carrying campaign. Their research has shown that a shrill whistle can be effective in scaring off attackers. Further they hope when someone hears the whistle of someone else in trouble that he too will use his whistle as several will bring too much attention to the attackers for them to stay around. *Seattle Gay News.*

Sunset Junction Street Fair in L.A. expected to draw over 200,000

Los Angeles — The fourth annual Sunset Junction Street Fair has been announced for August 27 and 28 from noon to 10 PM. The fair is held along the 3600-4000 blocks of Sunset Blvd. in Silver Lake. Drawing 60,000 in its first year, then 150,000, then 200,000 in 1982, the event is expected to surpass that number in 1983. *Frontiers.*

Rip Taylor opening in Vegas

Winter Park, FL — In an interview with *New Direction's* Danny Vazquez and on the subject of Rip Taylor's stint on the \$1.98 Show, Taylor related one incident, "Oh you saw the show! One girl was a contortionist, had a heart attack and died in her own arms!" In the interview he announced plans to open in Las Vegas at the Riviera with Joan Rivers and The Village People. What a show. As he

said, "every freak in America will come and come and see us." *New Direction*

Demonstrators at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory mostly gay.

San Jose — Of the over 1,000 people arrested at Livermore's Lawrence Laboratory in anti-nuclear demonstrations last month, over 50% were lesbians and 25% gay men, according to *Our Paper*. All those gay people imprisoned didn't let the opportunity pass to have a party, so they had a parade with floats made out of toilet paper, plastic bowls, paper plates and anything else they could find. *Our Paper.*

Hollywood plans \$1 Million AIDS fundraiser

Hollywood — Producer Richard Sheehan who put together the San Francisco AIDS/KS benefit which starred Debby Reynolds and Shirley MacLaine and raised \$53,000 has announced a benefit for AIDS/KS at the Hollywood Bowl on August 28. Already announced as guest performers are again Reynolds and MacLaine plus performances and appearances by Rip Taylor, George Kirby, John Agar, Beatrice Arthur, Corinne Calvet, Billy Eckstine, Carrie

Fisher, Lou Gossett, Robert Guillaume, Joyce Haber, Monte Hall, Huntz Hall, Florence Henderson, Herb Jeffries, Morgana King, Michelle Lee, Ruta Lee, Penny Marshall, Virginia O'Brien, Gerald S. O'Loughlin, LaWanda Page, Surgar Ray Robinson, Esther Rolle, Isabel Sanford, Sally Struthers and Susan Sullivan. Over two hundred celebrities are expected to take part in the show which has already been termed a "must attend" affair for the entertainment industry. Chairpersons for the event in addition to Sheehan are Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, Socialite Sybil Brand and Publicist Guild President Tony Habeeb. Tickets are available through the Hollywood Bowl box office, 2301 Highland Ave., Hollywood, CA 90068. Dinner and show runs \$150 and \$250 each. Performance only tickets are \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50, \$75 & \$100. Over two thousand tickets were already sold by August 10. *Update*

Lesbian and Gay International Winter Olympics 1986

St. Paul — A manual is now available describing the upcoming 1986 Lesbian and Gay Winter Olympics to be held in St. Paul, Minn. It's available for a \$10 donation to ML/GC-IGOA mailed to same, 900 Albion St., St. Paul, MN, 55116. *Bleep Bulletin.*



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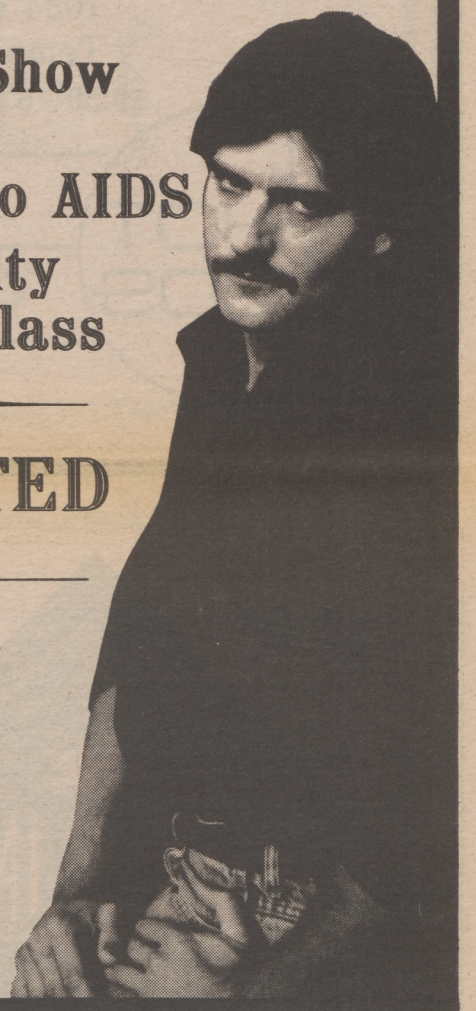
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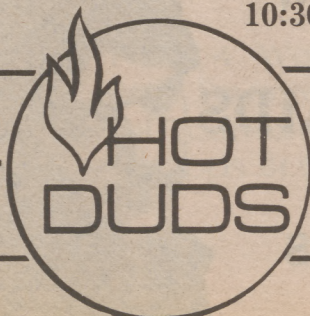
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President of the *American Cancer Society*, who will sit as a special advisor.

The donation from the Arizona AIDS Fund is believed to be one of the largest community (state) donations yet made to GRNL since the starting of its *Special AIDS Lobby* and directed for that usage. The money has been raised by special functions held ranging from a private party which garnered over \$400 to a beer bust bringing in over \$800, and the Phoenix campaign for Reno's Miss, Ms. and Mr. Gay Rodeo contest which netted over \$3,000 to Arizona AIDS Fund.

Administering the *Arizona AIDS Fund* are Bill Daly, Ken Fisher, Bob Hegyi, Scott Jacobson and Larry Smith, all of Phoenix, and Michael Heimbuch and Bruce Karon of Tucson. Rowe Babcock, Phoenix, is a trustee of the Fund. The board is backed by an advisory committee similarly comprised of local businessmen. Boards around the country have experienced difficulty in identifying and selecting worthy causes to donate community AIDS funds to. Support of any single AIDS patient's medical costs, based on national averages, would wipe out most existing funds and could create problems in insurance coverage and qualification for other benefits. Similarly, suggestions for paid straight media advertisements educating the general public about AIDS was found to be prohibitively expensive by individual boards. Arizona board member Bob Hegyi stated that he was "glad we could find a worthy cause where the money will contribute to something everyone can benefit by. We have also set up other similar donations, one for medical research and the other for the support of a hotline for AIDS."

GRNL'S *AIDS Project* has stated as its goals the following: 1. to secure adequate federal funding for basic and epidemiological research; 2. to obtain major funding and a well-informed commitment from the federal government to undertake an effective and sensitive AIDS public education program; 3. to promote greater responsiveness by the federal agencies responsible for helping AIDS patients cope with the financial, social and personal problems associated with AIDS; and 4. to promote greater responsiveness by the federal government in supporting the many excellent local programs of education about and the study of AIDS.

GRNL charges that "The federal government has been very slow to respond to the AIDS epidemic." It has reported that of an estimated need of \$50 million in AIDS research money for 1984, thus far only \$17.1 million can be identified with \$12 million from the *National Institutes of Health*, \$4.2 million from the *Centers for Disease Control*, \$0.4 million from the *Food and Drug Administration*, and none from any other source. It is the obtaining of the additional needed funding that donations such as that from the *Arizona AIDS Fund* will be used for. Through financially supporting the newly formed *GRNL AIDS Project*, they, in turn, can present the case for communities throughout the country demanding more attention from Congress.

In addition to the donation to GRNL, the *Arizona AIDS Fund* has voted a \$1,000 donation to the *Centers for Disease Control* in Atlanta, earmarked specifically for the usage of Dr. Donald Francis in his research into AIDS. Dr. Francis, formerly of Phoenix, was placed on the staff of the CDC in 1982 due to his highly acclaimed research on the Hepatitis B vaccine.

\$175 per month was voted as support for the Lesbian and Gay Assistance Information Line (switchboard) of *Metro Phoenix Gay Community Services* (MPGCS). The 'Information Line' has been in existence for several years as an emergency hotline. One of the first actions of the *Arizona AIDS Fund*, following their formation in March, was to request that the switchboard's scope be enlarged to include handling emergency and informational calls regarding AIDS. The new monthly donation, it is hoped, will allow the MPGCS to expand to meet these needs. Currently there are over thirty volunteers manning the phones in the Phoenix office location.



Individuals, organizations and businesses interested in donating their time or money to the Arizona AIDS Fund or in sponsoring fund raising events are requested to contact R. Hegyi (daytimes), 5150 N. 7th St., Phoenix, 85014, or call 277-1929. In evenings, please call the Information Line, 957-0363, 7 to 10 PM.

Arizona AIDS Fund Financial Report as of August 12, 1983

RECEIPTS \$ 267.00

Benefits and Fund Raisers:	
Reno Rodeo Contest	\$3,366.57
Tucson Community	1,695.50
Trax	1,265.45
Profile Phoenix Party	412.50
Full Moon Saloon	268.00
Shamoo's	205.00
Arizona Lesbian/Gay Task Force	83.11

\$7,296.13

Interest on account: \$ 42.33

Gross Receipts: \$7,605.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Donation to Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) —

Donation to Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL)	\$2,000.00
Donation to C.D.C. AIDS Research	\$1,000.00
Letters to Congress urging research (stationary, printing, postage)	496.19
Information pamphlets (distribution in Phoenix/Tucson)	298.10
Use of Lesbian/Gay Assistance & Information line (957-0363)	175.00
Administrative expenses (ledger, receipt book, stamps)	15.70

Gross disbursements: \$3,984.99

Balance in account as of August 12, 1983: \$3,620.47

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in awe. "It's like a jigsaw puzzle," a dancer explained, "you're given instruction and if you follow the path correctly the square continues to function, and if you miss the path, you run into a blockade and the whole square breaks down." Obviously it was as much concentrated work as it was dedicated fun.

In winding up the Rodeo Dance Festival coordinator Ron Brewer, an incredible dancer himself, called out all the accomplished and beginning dancers to form a massive circle. "We're going to revive some of our heritage," he said, "a dance our granddaddies and grandmas did in the grange halls and town meeting halls all across America. Grab your neighbor's hand, and whatever you do, don't let go. Don't let go!" And with that the music went wild, the circle moved left and right and broke into an intricate serpentine pattern lasting a good twenty minutes, and no one let go until the jubilant end.

BRUSHING DOWN AND SADDLING UP

Meanwhile back at the barns cowboys and cowgirls from most of the western states were giving tender loving care to their horses. One rider, Jimbo from Garden Grove, California, was rumored to sleep with his horse, they were so close. Several cowboys watched closely as Jimbo lead the animal around the figure eight pattern of the classic barrel race in which the horse had to come to a complete motionless stop without wasting precious seconds. Whereas some others continued to fidget and prance, as expected Jimbo's horse stopped on a dime.

Virtually all the participating cowboys were raised on ranches and farms and have long histories of rodeo riding. If there were any non-gays among them they must have been hiding. One of the scapiest was 26 year old Richard Bray who won "All Around Cowboy" at the first Colorado Gay Rodeo held last July. While many of the riders participated in only a few events, Richard entered all eleven. He entered the two gay rodeos after several years absence from the

sport due to injuries. "I've got a metal plate in the hip, several steel pins in the arm, and all these teeth are false," he said running his finger across his smile. He didn't do as well in the this Reno Gay Rodeo but he intends to keep coming back.

One of the more colorful cowboys we met was Stoney Burke who has been coming to the rodeo for eight years from an isolated ranch in southeast Arizona. "Real cowboys like myself only spend 20% of the time on horseback working cows," said Stoney, "we spend more time driving trucks and being mechanics." Stoney likes dancing at gay bars, but the nearest one in Tucson is a couple hundred miles away, and he adds, "I wouldn't want to live any closer." As the rodeo's 'barn boss' he is the collector for what will someday be gay rodeo lore. It was a delight to hear him tell about 'Phillis', a "monster bull with 36 inch horns that had killed several people before we got him, and no one in the gay rodeo would dare to ride." He explained, "at this rodeo we give all the bulls female names, and that one was named after the founder Phil Ragsdale." I reasoned it had to be a form of cowboy camp.

BUCKING BRONCS AND BREAKING BONES

Mike Lytle, a Texas cowboy now residing in Los Angeles, had a rough time riding the broncs in Reno. On Friday he managed to get a black eye and bruised arm, on Saturday he got what he thought was a minor break at the thumb joint, and on Sunday, with his arm all bandaged, the wild horse he was riding threw him to the ground and went flying into a fence. Through it all he won the title of Champion Bronc Rider of the '83 Reno Gay Rodeo. Back in L.A. he learned he had a broken wrist and is now sporting a cast to the elbow.

If there is a lesson to learn here, it may be that more gay people are taking up western dancing than rodeo riding. On Thursday morning a couple of cowboys were standing over the pens looking at the bulls that the stock contractor had brought in for them to ride. Tim Chavez of Ogden, Utah said "they look real good, stout and strong, good thing

they're mostly mulies." Mulies? "They're the ones that have been de-horned. They do more damage by kicking than charging. They like to roll you, butt you and step on you." Lee Williams, the other cowboy said, "well I got one with horns at this rodeo last year and ended up the rodeo's biggest casualty. Ripped me open. I had 57 stitches in the crotch." Each cowboy or cowgirl takes their turn at the chute and is obliged to ride whatever animal comes up, horns or no horns.

MILK MAIDS AND RIBBONS

Not all the Rodeo events are as dangerous as riding broncs and bulls, but they sure can be rough and tumble. Among them is the wild cow decorating and milking contests. In both events the wild cows come bolting out of the chutes held only by a leader rope and often dragging the cowboy/girl half way around the rodeo ring. The partners, sometimes in drag, have to wrestle it down and retrieve a few drops of milk in one case, or decorate the animal with a pink ribbon around its tail in the other. Neither is an easy feat, and always provides uproarious fun for both participants and spectators.

With all the confusion in the ring of half a dozen wild cows, 18 "cowpersons" some in drag, a couple of rodeo clowns, several pick-up riders on horseback, three judges, and the official rodeo photographer, it's no wonder this rodeo circus would need a 'ringmaster.' That man was Dave Wilson, the arena director who kept all the action moving. He also had the job of keeping the announcer in the tower abreast of what was happening. And that was no easy task being as the funny looking cowboy in the tower was Frank Cala, an Italian businessman and comedian from L.A. who had never announced a rodeo before in his life.

At one point Cowboy Frank asked the crowd, "You know the difference between gay and straight rodeos? . . . At the straight rodeo they shout, Ride that sucker!" He survived the appreciative groans. Between Dave and Frank they kept the action moving a lot faster than in previous years. Part of the reason for the relatively quick paced show was the

fact that slack-time preliminaries were held this year for the first time which eliminated many in the very large field of entrants.

THE COLORADO KIDS

One of the more impressive highlights of the rodeo was the equestrian drill team from Denver. Their exhibition of precision riding with banners flying thrilled the grandstand every day. The team is an outgrowth of the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association whose first rodeo last month drew a crowd of 1,200. Next year they expect it will grow to 10,000. Like the western dance craze which has seen tremendous growth in the gay community in the last three years, the move is now on for establishing several regional gay rodeos. A Houston group is planning one for next March, and a few Southern California horse people are beginning to discuss the possibility of holding one also.

MUNCHING ON THE MIDWAY

Once again there were plenty of booths with western artwork and crafts for those who hadn't blown it all at the casinos. Leather goods and Indian jewelry predominated and in between were a dozen places to munch hotdogs, pizza, ribs, or Thai food. Where the rodeo organizers fell down once again was with their highly touted barbecue catered by the Peppermill Hotel. It was a bust. Long lines moved slowly toward a spread that was hardly worth it. The promised 10 ounce New York steak became a 6 ounce New York strip. It was only one of the problems that cropped up for Phil Ragsdale and his lover Joe Sedlack who have almost single handedly put on the Reno Gay Rodeo since its beginning in 1976. That year they drew 250 people, were refused live stock by cattle owners, and ended up purchasing a few calves and a pony for the limited event.

Phil agrees with his detractors that the rodeo needs improved administrative handling, and the possibility of additional help may be forthcoming from the many hotel casinos that benefit so much from the thousands of tourists he brings

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AFTER HOURS UNTIL 4

This is the first of a new series of articles on medicine and health written by Phoenix physician Dr. Ken Fisher. Dr. Fisher is a general practitioner and has established a highly respected medical practice. He has proven his interest in the overall welfare of the community through intensive study on AIDS and he sits as a director of the Arizona AIDS Fund. In addition to his practice and work with the AIDS fund, Dr. Fisher has conducted seminars and has given lectures on medical subjects of interest. Subjects of future articles include Hepatitis and women's medical issues.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

by Dr. Ken Fisher

AIDS — Some precautions you can take

AIDS is the name given to a recently recognized medical syndrome. It is not inherited, but appears to be obtained from a combination of infectious and environmental factors; thus, it is ACQUIRED. The IMMUNE DEFICIENCY is the common link to all affected by this disease. SYNDROME refers to the variable and complex ways that this disease can present itself.

Two thousand people have been diagnosed with AIDS since 1979. Over half are dead. The yearly mortality rate is 40% with a five year mortality of nearly 100%. Victims fall into four broad categories; Homosexuals 75%, Heroin addicts 15%, Haitians 5% and Hemophiliacs 1%; with 4% falling into no specific risk category. Gay males affected tend to be between the ages of 25 and 65 with an average age of 37. Although strongly associated with a history of sexual promiscuity, many cases have been reported in non-promiscuous homosexual and bisexual males. From all scientific data, the evidence is clear that AIDS is passed by an infectious process, most likely a single agent, and most likely viral. The incubation period may be anywhere from 6 months to 4 years, depending on the individual. The geographic

spread and geometric rise in numbers cannot be explained by any other process. To date, no organism has been identified. There is no test for AIDS. There is no way of identifying a symptomatic victim. Diagnosis is based on rigid criteria set up by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA. Diagnosis is based on the findings of unexplained swollen lymph nodes, persisting over several months and the biopsy or culture of Kaposi's sarcoma or one of several opportunistic infections.

The specific diseases in the syndrome are becoming well documented. Of the cancers, the most common is the previously rare Kaposi's sarcoma. It presents itself as red to purple spots that persist and may be flat or raised. Also seen in AIDS is lymphoma involving the tissues which cover the brain. Opportunistic infections are those that invade only when there is a breakdown of the natural barriers to disease. Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia is a parasitic infection of the lungs and is the most common infection seen in diagnosing AIDS. Other infectious agents include mycobacterium species related to the tuberculosis bacteria, various fungal and parasitic agents. A concern that the diagnostic criteria may be too rigid is becoming an important topic among researchers because there are many who don't fit into the above categories, but have many unexplained signs and symptoms associated with the syndrome.

The signs and symptoms that should alert anyone at risk for AIDS are as follows:

1. Swollen lymph nodes (glands) in the neck, armpit or groin that may or may not be painful and have been present for several months. Self-examination should be done monthly;
2. Red or purplish flat or raised blotches, bumps or spots, usually painless, occurring on or under the skin. They may be found in the mouth, nose, eyelids or rectum. They may look like bruises that don't go away. Again, self-examination should be done monthly;
3. Persistent white spots inside the mouth;
4. Fever of greater than 99 degrees

or drenching night sweats lasting for several days or weeks;

5. Generalized fatigue unrelated to physical exertion or stress, drug use or tension;
6. Persistent dry cough or shortness of breath unrelated to smoking or other infection;
7. Persistent diarrhea unexplained by other causes;
8. Weight loss of greater than 10 pounds over two months without explanation;
9. Development of major, unexplained confusion, memory loss or a major shift in personality.

An evaluation by a physician is recommended for anyone at risk with one or more of these symptoms.

Being homosexual does not increase the risk of getting AIDS, but certain sexual practices in the gay lifestyle do seem to set up conditions that promote transmission. It appears that infection requires the mixing of infected body fluids from one partner with the blood of the unaffected partner. In hemophiliacs this is accomplished by the injection of blood products derived from multiple donors. In drug abusers needles used in common is the means of transmission. With the Haitian population a combination of folk medicine using the same needles on several patients and the practice of prostitution by young males in the community appears most likely to spread the infection. In the homosexual population the mode of transmission appears to be associated with passive rectal sexual activity. The rectum, unlike the female vagina, does not have the capacity to stretch without damage. It also functions as an organ of great absorptive capacity. Small hemorrhages from the acts of anal intercourse, rimming or fisting set up conditions for an infective agent to be absorbed readily. This is not a command or even a suggestion to give up these practices. These activities performed within a monogamous relationship carry far less risk than arbitrary activity with anonymous partners of uncertain health.

If certain activities are more highly associated with the transmission of the infectious agent, then any measure to curtail or control these activities should lower the risk.

High risk is associated with large numbers of different and anonymous partners. Limiting the numbers of different sexual partners and having some knowledge of your partner's health status will greatly reduce the risk of contracting AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases (STD's).

Various drug users are associates with the transmission of AIDS when they

are injected with unclean needles. Also, under the influence of drugs, more aggressive activities are known to occur, causing a greater potential for damage to the rectal mucosae.

It appears as though AIDS will be a significant public health problem for several years to come. Whereas the task of finding the infectious agent and obtaining a vaccine or cure seems to be a monumental task, we must remember that we are at the same stage of research today with AIDS that we were fifteen years ago with Hepatitis B. AIDS is now the number one priority with the Centers for Disease Control. Lobbying efforts by those concerned have opened the federal government's purse strings and research has begun without reservation.

Physicians who care for large numbers of gay men have been overwhelmed by patients who want some reassurance that they have no signs of AIDS and some evidence that they are not carrying the infective agent. No specific test exists as yet. The best that can be done at this time is first to determine the risk level of the individual, based on his history of sexual activities. Next a general physical exam paying close attention to any of the signs previously listed. If warranted, basic blood tests, cultures, biopsies should be performed. Specific T-lymphocyte studies are reserved for patients in whom a strong suspicion of AIDS is present. T-lymphocyte ratios are abnormal in a number of infections and cancerous illnesses. Their use is not to diagnose, but to confirm a previously made diagnosis and to follow the progress of the disease.

What can be done on an individual and community level to prevent and cure AIDS? First everyone at risk needs to become informed. Understand that the disease is infectious and that the transmission most likely occurs through the rectal membranes during passive anal sex. Understand that high risk is associated with large numbers of different partners, especially if they are of unknown health status. Lowering your risk profile will not only protect you, but may protect others. The use of condoms has been suggested for those engaging in anonymous anal intercourse. Showering as part of foreplay not only assures a cleaner partner but allows a cursory examination for lymph nodes, lesions, warts, etc.

After years of nearly unrestrained sexual freedom, the gay community now finds itself responsible for that freedom. It will be difficult for many to find the balance between healthy, fulfilling, guilt-free sexual activity and responsible reduction of risk for AIDS transmission.

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Alwun House Caribbean Carnival Aug. 19



Alwun House gardens

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Phoenix — Alwun House, the multi-art media cultural center, opens its fourth Caribbean Carnival on August 19. The show-party continues August 20.

This year's theme "Island Carnival Revelry" will be punctuated by live bands leading off with the award winning SANCTUARY's Trinidadian calypso music. Following is the REGGAE ALL STAR BAND with their international themes.

Special sound systems and lighting have been installed for the Carnival which takes place on the lawn of Alwun House. Guests should wear cool summer costumes and are invited to 'mask' for the event. "Reggae Dance" demonstrations, "Neon @ Large" a special display by Jerry Herbal, Carl Samuels' tropical fauna paintings, Hal Fogel's whimsical

"Urban Dread" photo series, and Judith Anderson's photographs all will be part of special events and showings during the Carnival.

Alwun House is located at the corner of 12th St. and Roosevelt in Phoenix. The historic house, built in 1912 has received special city awards for landscape and visual improvement. Its gardens, tropical plantings and koi ponds are famous and all contribute to that special ambience which is Alwun House.

The Caribbean Carnival opens on Friday and Saturday, August 19 & 20 from 6PM each evening. Tickets are available in advance at Zia records and all Juttenhoops stores and at R. Hegyi Gift and Card Shop. For further information call 253-7887.

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B.A.B.E.S. to elect officers, plan fall events

Phoenix — The Bar and Business Employees Association will elect its first officers in its next meeting, Noon Tuesday, August 23 at *Cruising Central*.

B.A.B.E.S. is also planning two fall events. On Sept. 18 the club will present the First Annual Great American Spaghetti Feast and Variety Extravaganza at *Sammy's*. Tickets are \$6.00 per person for dinner and the show which will feature the most varied assortment of talent this town has ever seen. Tickets will be available by calling 231-0168 or at your favorite bar.

On October 30 B.A.B.E.S., in cooperation with *Regal Productions*, will present "Halloween '83 — The Empire Ball". The Phoenix Hilton Hotel has been chosen as this year's location for this event which annually proves to be a sell-out. Tickets and information will be available soon.

If you work in a gay-owned or gay-oriented business and would like to become a member of B.A.B.E.S., please attend the next meeting.

Jim and Shelley scheduled for Taylor's

Phoenix — This brother and sister act is going into their third season, and going into it strong! Projects for 1983 include release of a new single and their first album, both entitled "Swept Away". The album will include various cover material that has proven itself performance after performance, as well as several original pieces.

This is no ordinary duo. Their smooth pop style and rich vocal blend take you from one end of the musical spectrum to the other. They have been compared to Manilow and Midler, Rogers and West, Ashford and Simpson. Along with their music, Jim and Shelley possess a distinctive brand of humor and intense energy. This, coupled with keen insight creates a special intimacy and excitement that is experienced by all who see them. According to Jerry Fitzpatrick, *Topman*, "They are a theatrical experience and demand to be heard."

Jim and Shelley have performed throughout New England, including top clubs in New York, Boston and in resort areas such as Provincetown and Tanglewood. They will be appearing at Taylor's, 4223 N. 7th Street, Phoenix from August 21-24 and August 28-31. Showtimes are 9:30 and 11:30 P.M.

Dignity to hold convention in Seattle

Phoenix — Dignity, the International Organization of Gay Catholics and their friends, will hold its 16th biennial convention in Seattle, Washington, September 2-5, 1983. Over 1,000 members and friends of Dignity from across the nation, Canada and Europe are expected to attend. The theme of the four day meeting is "Let Us Build a City of God."

The new Seattle Sheraton Hotel with its fabulous convention facilities will provide a spectacular setting for the convention activities. Some of the outstanding speakers schedule to address the convention are Virginia Apuzzo, Mary S. Calderone, Matthew Fox, John McNeil and Frank Scheuren.

Also being held in conjunction with the convention are meetings of the Dignity International Board of Directors and meetings of the Houses of Delegates for the thirteen regions of Dignity.

The Phoenix chapter of Dignity will participate in this convention by sending two delegates to the House of Delegates meetings and the convention. Other members and friends of the chapter are also planning to attend this very important event.

In preparation for the convention, the local chapter is hosting an outdoor bar-b-que and swim party following the regular home Mass on August 21. This special event will be a fund raiser to help defray the chapter's expenses in sending delegates to the convention. For more information about Dignity, the convention or the bar-b-que, please call 866-1035.

West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival, September 2-5

The West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival will have tickets available at the gate. Four day tickets, Friday, September 2, through Monday, September 5, will be on a sliding scale, \$80.00 - \$100.00, (plus \$10.00) if bought at the gate. Three day tickets, Saturday, September 3, through Monday, September 5, are also on a sliding scale, \$60.00 - \$75.00, (plus \$10.00). Tickets bought at the gate are cash only.

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Robin Tyler, comedienne and producer of West Coast Women's Festival

The festival will feature music, comedy, workshops, camping and food. Some of the scheduled performers include Margie Adam, Teresa Trull & Barbara Higbey, Kellie Greene & Co., Ann Weldon, Carol McDonald & Witch, Sally Piano, The Robin Flower Band, Gayle Marie, Dell Street and Luna. Comics include Robin Tyler, Judy Carter, Carol Roberts, Lotus Weinstock, Emily Levine and more.

Children attending the festival must be pre-registered in order to be in Childcare. The concerts will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. The festival will be held at San Marcos Camp outside of Santa Barbara. (From Los Angeles, take Highway 101 North to Santa Barbara, exit on San Marcos Pass, Highway 154. From there it is approximately 13 miles.

For further information, you can call the festival office, (213) 851-9479 until Thursday, September 1, 1983.

Boycott of magazine urged

San Francisco (IGNA) — The Coalition for Human Rights, representing over 50 gay, lesbian, and bisexual organizations, has called for a boycott

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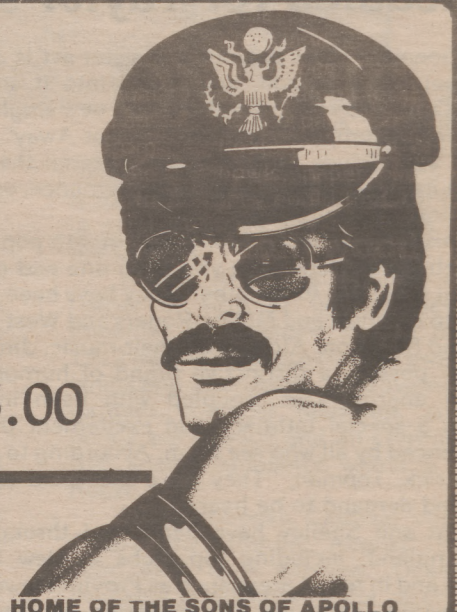
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of *California* magazine for its July cover story called
"Whitewash."At its July 20 meeting, the Coalition
unanimously condemned the article for attempting
to blame the gay community for the spread of the
AIDS epidemic while exonerating the federal
government, which continues to delay adequate
research funding.The Coalition says that attacking the gay com-
munity, already under attack by the disease, is
another example of blaming the victims.The group seeks equal space for a reply to the
"lies, distortions and homophobia" in the
"Whitewash" article, as well as an apology from the
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to appear at
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by Jim Shafer

Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea MAXIMA culpa! I
have sinned against my dear friends who own and
operate the Copper Star Cafe as well as their poten-
tial patrons. In my review of this fine restaurant, I
gave a wrong location. The Copper Star is at the
N.E. corner of North Sixth Ave. and Helen Street. I'll
just offer the traditional excuse and say that when I
was writing the review I must of had a few too many
cocktails. Now, on to the Old Pueblo.A new group of theatre people here are organiz-
ing as the Santa Cruz Production Co. and are writing
and rehearsing their first effort. The Sonoran Desert
seems to be a breeding ground for new dramatic
endeavors. Best wishes for the success of this one.
I'll have more information about Santa Cruz Pro-
duction Co. in the next issue of the *Express*.Great Outdoors — Tucson, has a complete
calendar of events set up for the next several
months. A couple of great outings for all you water
sports enthusiasts are coming up this month. A free
(no fee) outing to Lake Patagonia is planned for
August 21, for all members and guests: bring your
suntan oil, water wings and hot dogs. Call Wayne at
792-1586 for further information. On August 28, all
you rubber freaks prepare to 'Tube the Gila River'.
There is a \$3.00 fee for this one, but it's a fund raiser
for the club and there is always a big crowd (some-
times the guests outnumber the members on a
tubing trip). Call Curry at 299-0394 for more
information.We've had a few birthdays hereabouts recently
and I'd like to convey my sincere condolences to a
few of these souls whose sense of mortality has been
amplified thereby:Bill Neal on the third of August lost his stamina
and curled up very early in the evening. (I'm told
everything curled up . . . tightly). Jackie W. had by
that time semi-recovered from his celebration on the
first, but never got a chance to help Bill with his. Shy
Tom's birthday was the 5th and came out of his shell
long enough for . . . Terry C. was just a mad, madgirl on the 7th — at least that was the day he was
moving in high gear. He came into Rita's that after-
noon and returned to the scene of his crimes after
dinner with Mitch and Mike in tow. That was the
night Shafer's Taxi service was in great demand
what with Terry in dire need of conveyance and Bob
and Gary having to give up on a stalled vehicle. (Is it
working now Bob? Hope your sister wasn't upset
with you.) But I digress. Attention everyone!! 'Mom'
(aka Tommy Schelling) will be very domestic while
on vacation, probably preparing for her George's
birthday on the 21st.**BAR NEWS***Ruby's* is still the nicest women's bar in Tucson
and, NO! men are not hated and made to feel un-
welcome there. That is real men, not the cardboard,
super-macho types. Besides, where else can I get a
good cup of espresso (at a reasonable price) until I
get my machine out of storage in T.O.*The Graduate* still has sandwiches during the
week and Casino Night (Black Jack) on Sunday
nights.*The Joshua Tree/Back Pocket* has a Tea-Dance
on Sundays as well as the Steak-Fry at 5:00 P.M. Mr.
Monte Jon officiates at the grill.*Rita's Rendezvous* is cool and comfortable with
all those fans stirring the air and blowing out the
smoke. Ray Appleman DJ's on Friday and Saturday.
There are plans for the Second Mr. Gay Tucson con-
test at Rita's so all you body-beautifuls out there
start puffing out your muscles and keep an eye
peeled for the entry date. Welcome home Peter.*The Fineline* has sailed through summer in fine
fettle and looks forward to a flourishing fall. Dick
and his staff wish to welcome back all returning
U.ofA. students and issue a special welcome to all
new students — remember, you have to have the
proper I.D. All three bars at The Fineline offer good
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by David Starkman

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FOOTBALL FANS! — the dates have been announced for the "Bowls". the four day package include — ROSE BOWL, PASADENA, Dec. 31 '83 to Jan. 3 '84 — SUGAR BOWL, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31 to Jan. 3 — ORANGE BOWL, MIAMI, Dec. 31 to Jan. 3 — SUGAR BOWL, TAMPA, Jan. 20 to Jan. 23. The excitement surrounding this year's football match-ups is unprecedented. Make reservations now to assure that you don't miss one thrilling moment!

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David Starkman can be reached at 21st Century Travel, 2432 W. Peoria, Suite 1082, Phoenix, AZ 85029. Phone number 234-0542, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

OUT AND ABOUT

by Garry Mangum

The Rodeo - everyone is asking me about the Rodeo. I was there, I think, and I had a wonderful time... as long as I stayed away from the Rodeo itself!

It's a shame that one of our country's largest gay events, which attracts more and more each year, must be marred by overwhelming disorganization and confusion.

Phoenix and Arizona can well be proud of the seventy plus representatives who were one of the largest single organized delegations in attendance. They truly were in evidence at every Rodeo function.

Of course, everyone was upset with the outcome of the Mr., Miss and Ms. Reno Gay Rodeo contests, but after some confusion concerning totals and God knows what else, Mary Carter was announced as Ms. Reno Gay Rodeo Top Dollar, having raised the most money of any contestant in her category, \$1,400. Our other representatives, Michael Cooney and Ebony did their very best, but the judges chose Miss Fresno and Mr. Sacramento for the Mr. and Miss titles. The Ms. title went to Ms. Reno herself.

The confusion at the contest over the figures only illustrated the over-all disorganization of the entire Rodeo. The fact that judges were picked 30 minutes prior to the contest was also a little disconcerting.

The Bronco Players, who presented "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas" were thwarted in their efforts to perform Thursday night, because there was no power to the midway stage. But at Friday's performance the group wowed over 2,500 enthusiastic fans.

I didn't attend the awards ceremony on Sunday night, but I did get my belt buckle from last year's Rodeo, but only after a disagreement and then it was handed to Ken Cameron off-stage after the ceremony.

The overall opinion of those attending was not favorable. Everyone had a wonderful time, but no one wants to go back. And that's a shame, because with a

little more organization the Rodeo could be enjoyable. I'm not saying everyone had a terrible time, but those of us who had to be a part of the festivities did not enjoy the confusion surrounding every single event.

There are already plans being made to avoid Reno next year and head for Denver's Rodeo which was very successful this past year.

But whether it's Reno or Denver, I'm sure Phoenix will be well represented!

Thanks to everyone for making my birthday so memorable!! Special thanks to Cruising Central, The 307, TRAX, Bronco's, Shamoo's and Sammy's (I think I made all those spots at least once!)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Sammy's Italian Buffet. \$2 - all you can eat!

Shamoo's Talent Night - 9:30 PM with Cash prize.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Hotbod's 3rd Anniversary! Party from 7 PM. No cover.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Shamoo's "Backstage Revue" at 9:30 PM featuring Nicki Alexander, David Zinns, Rocky and Misty McCrae.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Tommy & Clyde's "Prom Night -1958". Dance contests and a King and Queen election. Dig out your favorite '50's garb and go.

shamoo's "Backstage Revue" at 9:30 PM featuring Nicki Alexander, David Zinns, Rocky and Misty McCrae.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Sammy's Showtime! 9 PM featuring Tish Tanner.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

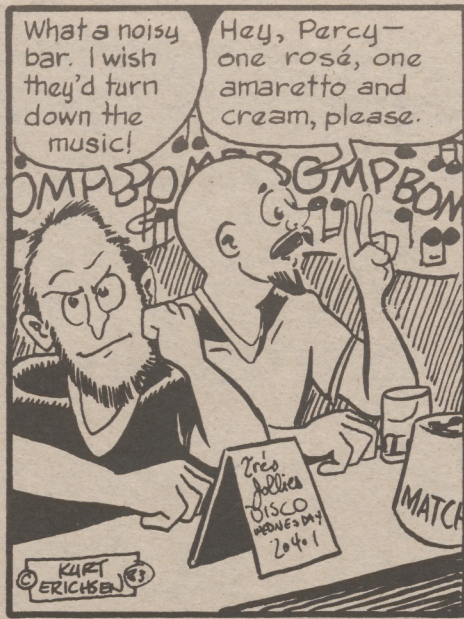
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by Kurt Erichsen



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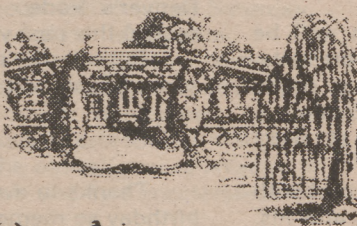
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NOTICES

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Transvestites & Transsexuals are invited to join "Spectrum", P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix, AZ 85063.

Gay Men's Health Clinic testing and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases every Friday, 6 to 8 P.M. El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, 101 W. Irvington Rd., Tucson, Ph. 573-0096 during clinic hours. Sponsored by P.A.L.H.A.

Great Outdoors of Tucson hiking and camping club for men and women. Meets first Thursday of each month. Call 795-7615, Tucson, for more details.

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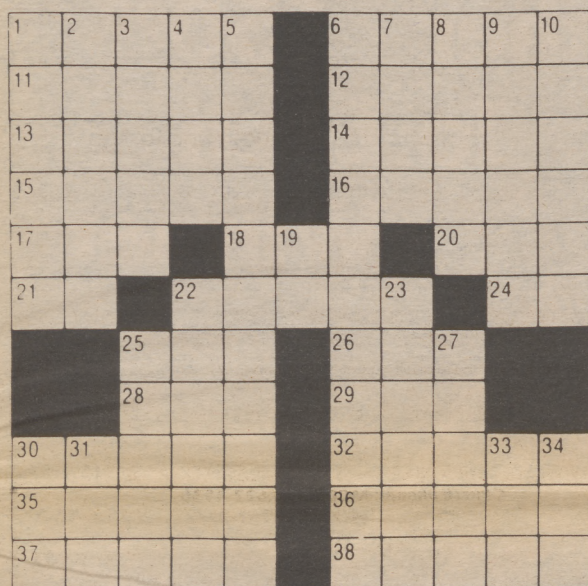
The selection of puzzles will include *Crosswords* (this issue), *Shuffle* (Jumble), *Cryptoquips* (Cryptograms), and *Wordsearch*. An advance hint to solvers is that the puzzles are all gay oriented so therefore an 'English Queen' will probably refer more to 'Mary' or to 'Oscar' than to 'Victoria' or 'Elizabeth' (unless, of course it asks 'Queen, relative of English Queen' at which point there would be several additional candidates related to the latter two).

To complete in the bi-monthly contest, simply complete a puzzle, print on it your name and return address and forward it to The Western Express-Puzzle, P.O. Box 32575, Phoenix, AZ 85064. The first correctly solved puzzle with the earliest postmark will win the prize offered in that issue in which that puzzle appeared. In case of duplications of correctly completed puzzles bearing the same postmark, one will be chosen at random as the winner. The initials of the winner and the postmark date will be published in the following issue of the newspaper. Winners will individually be notified by mail. That notification will serve as validation for receiving any prize.

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The prize for correctly solving the *Crossword* in this issue is a \$20 Gift Certificate from Hot Dud's clothing Store, 4745 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, courtesy of Hot Dud's and *The Western Express*.

CROSSWORD NUMBER 17 by Joan Gold



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ACROSS

1. Attacked, bothered by
6. Favorite summer spot
11. Rome's beach
12. Display in variety
13. Prick, barb
14. Drink noisily
15. _____ gay or coin
16. Mr. Jarrett
17. Unrefined metal
18. "_____ Got Plenty of Nothin'"
20. Born (Fr.)
21. First person objective

22. Bring together
24. Nurse (abbr.)
25. Obtuse, acute or right (abbr.)
26. Org. of boys & masters (abbr.)
28. Sgt, Cpl, or Plc
29. Spring month (abbr.)
30. Spicy soup
32. Animals or party stars
35. Primary or lowest
36. More crippled
37. Takes off, discards
38. Cabbage salads

DOWN

1. Something to admire at beach
2. Place to swim, not on west (abbr.)
3. Add fuel
4. Ireland
5. Something to smear on loved one's body
6. Sports equipment, or admire these in tight trunks
7. First name of writer Gardner
8. "Her face is _____"
- 2 words mean ugly
9. President once attacked by rabbit
10. Punctuation mark
19. Nickname for Violet
22. State of nudists
23. Catching a glimpse of action in the bushes
25. Spice
27. Something to sniff
30. TV network (abbr.)
31. Exclamation of derision
33. Not old
34. Nun's titles (abbr.)



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at Cruising Central. Election of officers scheduled. Open to any employee of a gay or gay oriented business.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

TRAX Marguerita Night 9 PM till Mid-night. \$2.00

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Bronco's "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas Turnabout Show" 9 PM.
TRAX hot august night from 8 PM till 4 AM! Stuart Barkal of Probe L.A. returns to Phoenix for this one night to be guest DJ.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Bronco's "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas Turnabout Show" 9 PM.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Shamoo's "Christmas in August Turnabout. Starring, among others, The Viper of the Newsprint... Dragon Lady!

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into town. The first rodeo was staged as a benefit for the Imperial Court of Reno and subsequently as a benefit for the fight against muscular dystrophy, and this year, AIDS.

Again this year Phil arranged for contests in a dozen western cities to run for the titles of Mr., (male) Ms., (female) and Miss (drag) Reno Gay Rodeo by holding fundraisers to combat muscular dystrophy in their home towns. The candidates from Fresno came in first raising \$8,014. and Phoenix was second with \$7,143. Representing Phoenix were Mr. Michael Cooney, Ms. Mary Carter, and Miss Ebony, who must have brought along a trunk of dresses for the occasion. Even as we were leaving for the airport, Miss Ebony, oblivious to the world, hobbled into the street in front of our tour bus in a long white gown. We had seen her in tan, in gold, in red, in black, in yellow, and now her second outfit in white.

INDIAN DRUMS AND ELECTRIC GUITARS

There was non-stop music throughout the four day rodeo weekend. The feature headliners were Sharon McNight and Rose Maddox, who gave concerts on both the Rodeo Fairgrounds and at special parties in two major hotels. Both were sensational crowd pleasers. One concert by Sharon was held around the pool and lanai area of the Sand's Hotel. It looked like the world's largest gay bar with 2,500 people crammed into the area and hanging over the balconies. She resurrected old tunes like 'Mule Train' and lead the crowd into a sing-along with 'camp' songs, as in boy's camp. There wasn't much to dance to, but the crowd went into a frenzy with her closing number 'Don't Forget Me' with a bevy of look alikes mimicking every gesture and word.

But that was only part of the music heard at the '83 Reno Gay Rodeo. The country midway was alive with even more. With its members arriving from Palm Springs and far away Texas, the all-women Cross Country Band reassembled to bring brightly wimmin's western music to the rodeo masses. My favorite

lyric was "When the moon comes up over Big Bear Lake, I'll be going down on you."

Other entertainment on the fairgrounds was provided by Pat Williams' production of *The Best Little Whorehouse* in Reno, once again sponsored by Bronco's of Phoenix. It was a smashing success. The crowds loved it, but the cast did encounter a few minor problems.

Here was another place where administrative planning was shown lacking. No provisions for either sound equipment or lighting were made, and the presentation was scheduled for the open midway after dark. Luckily, another entertainer, country singer Dena Kaye, lent her spotlight and sound board so the show could go on.

Not much equipment was required, however, for a troupe of Gay American Indians who performed in beautiful costumes with the simple accompaniment of a single drum. They represented many tribal groups and expressed a desire to make the Reno Gay Rodeo a gathering time for Gay American Indians. Among the group was an Arizona berdache named Oona from the San Carlos Navajo reservation who had been elected the first National Indian Gay Princess.

MORE POOP IN A RODEO PARADE

Finally, in yet a completely different musical vein, we had the GAY Freedom Band of Los Angeles which played nothing but stirring, upbeat marches and Broadway musical numbers to the thousands seated in the grandstands prior to the gay rodeo's opening parade. Although they were not at their full complement in numbers, the sound was nicely captured up under the roof and resounded in full tones. As the band struck up their final concert number the rodeo parade proceeded to gallop, march, and drive in. The colorful ensemble represented the full range of performers and entertainers assembled for the weekend. Cowboys and cowgirls, rodeo clowns and horses, singers and musicians, more horses and entertainers, a float carrying the entire cast of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, a few more horses and the winners of Mr., Ms. and Miss contests of half a dozen cities, a final horse or two and, unlike the Tournament of Roses parade, not a pooper scooper in sight.

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