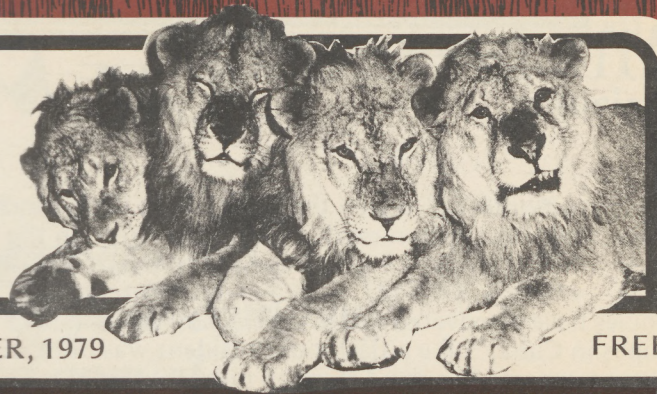


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NATIONAL MARCH FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS

OCT. 14

This past month we've seen the price of gas finally inch across the dollar-a-gallon mark in certain stations in the Valley, while the price of gold has risen to over \$400 an ounce — where will it end? And now our "intelligence" agencies have discovered (after years) Russian combat troupes in Cuba. Like a flash our President was on it and even reported to the American public just what we are going to do about it — and here it is: On October 17 1800 Marines will be deployed onto our base at Guantanamo. Fully dressed out for combat these FEW "good men" will storm onto the beach, armed to the teeth (with guns loaded with BLANKS!!!), firing wildly, going through maneuvers, ending up along the barbed wire fence which separates us from *them*. There they'll stay for a month, following which they will trot themselves back onto the boats and come back home.

Some response to the presence of Russian troupes off our southern coast! But that's our grinning Jimmie — speak softly and leave your big stick in the closet. And won't Castro and his subject be scared?! They'll probably laugh themselves to death.

Meanwhile, His Holiness, Pope John Paul II has gotten a look at Hanover Street and Roxbury (Carter sent his *charming* wife to greet him on behalf of the American public), and millions of Americans have paused to hear the Pope's messages to the United Nations and our own country.

All this while our august and estimable (?) Supreme Court decided that it is alright for our government to spy on people in public restrooms (no, I'm not kidding!). I hope they get an eye full...! Meanwhile life goes on in Arizona, and nobody much notices, nobody much cares.

However, Gay America, and to some degree, Gay Arizona, will shortly make a noticeable noise in our Nation's capital. On October 14, somewhere in the neighborhood of 200,000 people, mostly Gay men and lesbians, will present themselves both to Washington and to the nation at large in a unified demonstration.

The impact of this March on Washington can be great, or it can be insignificant — depending on how many people actually do participate, and of course, depending on how they (we) conduct themselves while in the public eye. Important and significant legislation (pro-Gay) could be the outcome of the October 14 March, legislation which could change the shape of America's attitude on the subject of Gay Rights and Equality. It is an awesome opportunity for a large contingency of Gays and supporters to make a positive and meaningful statement about ourselves and our desires.

Aside from those things, this March affords Gays and lesbians the opportunity to collect in a very large group to share ideas, information and points of view. This in itself makes the March worthwhile, at least for those of us who have hopes of making a better America for all. Next month we'll take a look at what happened in Washington, and how effective it actually was.

We have reprinted in this issue the pamphlet which states the purpose for the March and give other information regarding it.

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Casa de Cristo, Metropolitan Community Church of Phoenix, will be celebrating the dedication of their new sanctuary on Sunday, October 7, at 2:00 p.m. Located at 1029 East Turney, the entirely new structure was built with love and paid for by the local congregation. The beautiful new structure is a credit to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, of which it is a part. We understand that Casa de Cristo is the first among the fellowship to build and own its own edifice. Congratulations to both Rev. Pattison and his hardworking congregation!

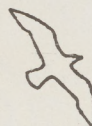
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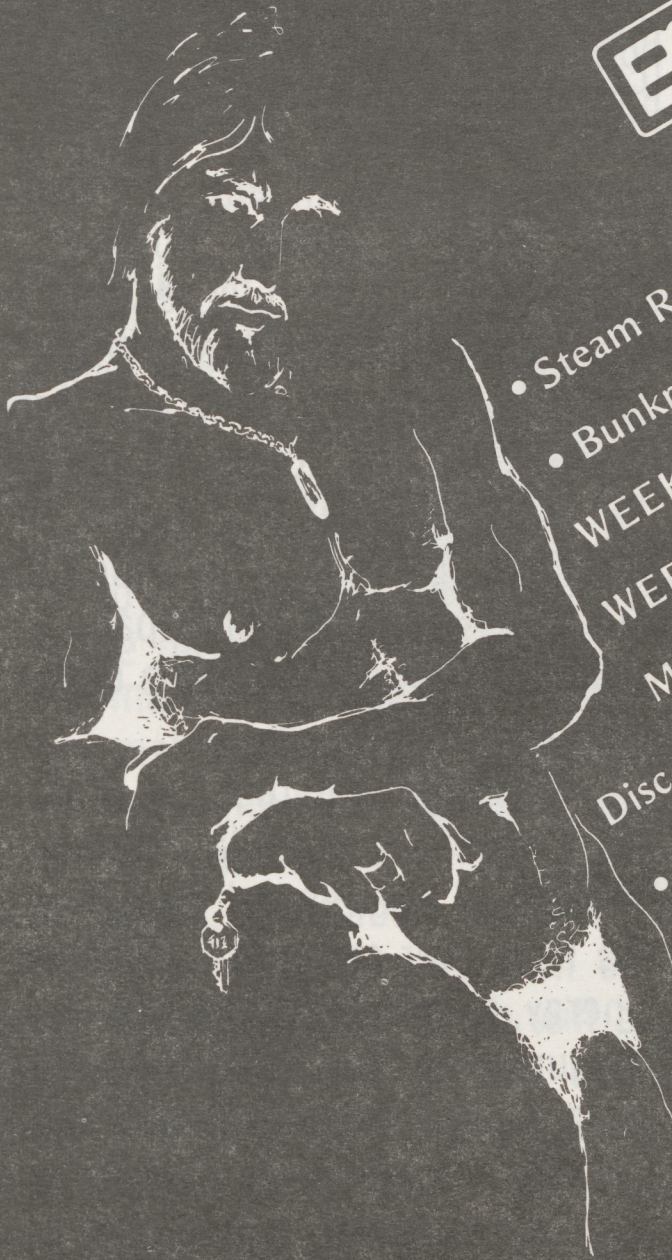
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WHY WE ARE MARCHING

People throughout the nation are joining together to make the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights an inspiring and successful event, an event so important that it will propel lesbian and gay liberation forward in a way that hasn't been done since the Stonewall Riot. The March on Washington will mark an important point in the evolution of lesbian and gay strength: the coming together of people and organizations from all over the country to work for the first national action planned by the lesbian and gay community.

1979 is the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, the historic rebellion that helped to launch the current wave of lesbian and gay liberation. What better way for us to commemorate this anniversary than by mobilizing our sisters and brothers, as well as all our supporters, in the first national march for lesbian and gay rights. The march will be a celebration of our community solidarity and a sign of our political strength.

The success of local marches of hundreds of thousands of lesbians

and gay males indicates that we can organize a huge national march on Washington, D.C. The progress we have made in ten years is staggering. Lesbian and gay organizations now flourish throughout the country, in isolated communities, large urban centers and college campuses. Our issue has become the focus of international attention, and is discussed and debated widely. However, our power will not be fully realized until we unite our energies and resources. After ten years of growth and regional activity, joining forces is necessary for the growth of our movement. A massive mobilization in which all of our diverse forces participate is the essential first step to move us in that direction.

It is apparent that the March on Washington is stimulating more interest and excitement than anything we have ever organized. We have the energy, expertise, experience and the resources to bring about an extraordinary event. We also have a valuable network of hundreds of lesbian and gay organizations across the nation. It is crucial for local groups to plug into the march network, and this is happening throughout the nation.

It is important to remember that the organizing work, in many ways, is

as important as the event itself. This is because:

—A network of organizations and organizers will be established. Presently there is great isolation between groups and especially between different regions of the country. The march can capture the imagination of those who have not participated in local events.

—Local groups will be strengthened by reaching out to their communities and involving new people and tapping new resources.

—Trust and cooperation will be developed between people and groups working in coalition for the march so that we may work together on future projects.

The march will mobilize lesbians and gay males on a grass roots level. We will invite the participation of our supporters among women, Third World people, the labor movement, and other progressive groups in our society. Moreover, this march will be built by all segments of our community— young and old, Third World and white, poor and affluent, political and non-political, the disabled, workers and the unemployed, and transpeople. We will be in Washington, building a broad, mass movement to fight for our freedom. Our demonstration will insist on

freedom for all gay people, and must reflect the anger and pride of our community in the face of government callousness, double-talk, and inaction. We should march on Washington, not to plead with the government for token concessions, but to demand and struggle for liberation and an end to persecution.

We must recognize that our strength lies in our diversity. It lies in our ability to organize a genuine national movement for lesbian and gay rights. Let the March on Washington on October 14, 1979 lay the foundation for such a movement.

The march will have other positive effects. It will heighten national awareness of our issues in a way that a small, local campaign cannot. It will serve as an important educational tool for both our community and the non-gay community. A demonstration will support lobbying efforts by showing beyond any doubt that a strong gay constituency exists in this nation, a constituency that is politically active and ready to mobilize. Congress must be pressured by a major escalation of our visibility and power which a massive convergence on the nation's capital can provide. Most of all, the march will be exhilarating for all of us and give us the boost we need to

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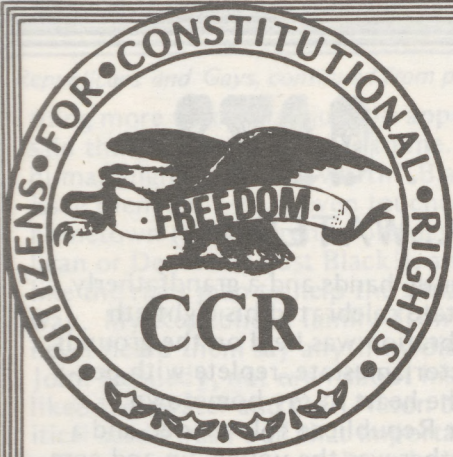
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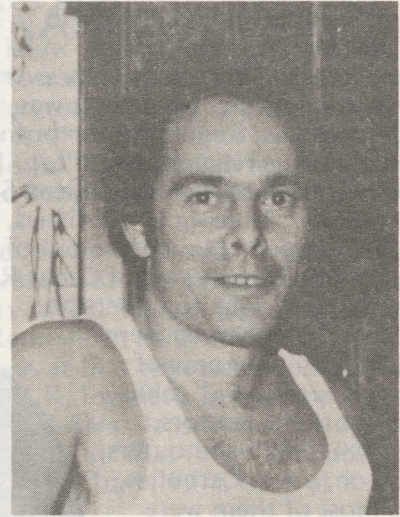
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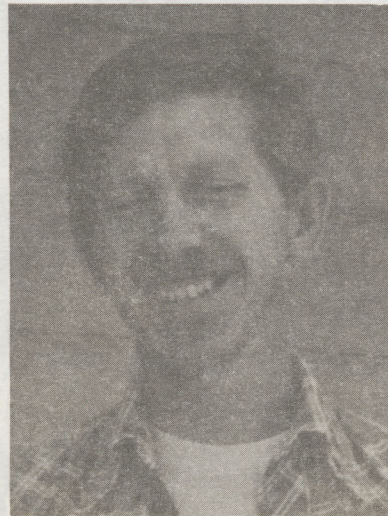
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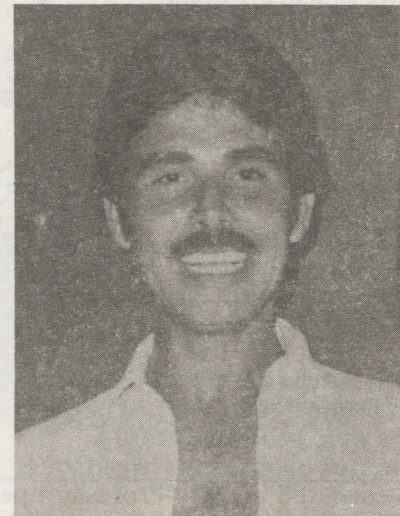
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REPUBLICANS AND . . . GAYS

IN ARIZONA, THAT'S LIKE OIL AND...WATER!

When I was a child, practically everyone I knew was Republican. My family was, and had been for generations, Republican on both sides. Sounds strangely like a religion, doesn't it. I had a grandfather who had been a Republican State Senator.

Democrats? In Iowa in the fifties, they were few and far-between. Maybe one out of ten, perhaps fewer, in my home town of Cedar Rapids were Democrats. I came to understand that they (Democrats) were mostly low-life people of "foreign extraction", blue-collar workers, janitors, yard-men, down-and-outers, and — oh, yes — Catholics, since most of them were "foreigners" too. My Republican forebears did a good job on my generation! Actually, I don't recall being told these things, but I know I came to believe them. Some of this may have been because the few Democrats I did encounter as a child were, in fact, representative of those I described above.

Republicans, on the other hand, were the "right" people (no pun intended, I think). I knew that unlike the nearly-illiterate, foreign-born Democrats, Republicans were generally prosperous (as opposed to "wealthy"), well-educated, mostly Protestant people. The direct antithesis of the peasant Democrats who had caused Franklin Delano Roosevelt to be elected (in reply to the mess the Republicans had made of the economy which led to the Great Depression).

Not only did I have my own family as role-models of what Republicans were, but Ike was in the White House — kindly old man with the gracious beaming smile. I remember when he was nominated and elected, and how *everyone* was so jubilant. I saw it on television, it was wonderful — I was five at the time.

And a short thirty miles from my home was (is) the birthplace of Herbert Clark Hoover — West Branch Iowa. He was an old man then, I remember seeing him — heavy, ancient, white-faced, slow

moving with big, gentle hands and a grandfatherly smile. The entire state celebrated his eightieth birthday — the celebration was held on the grounds of an enormous Victorian estate, replete with peacocks and lions in the heart of my hometown. Hoover was another Republican role-model, and a good one too. Another was the young, up-and-coming Richard Nixon, of Watergate fame — then unblemished by scandal. Seeing Eisenhower and Nixon in the high offices of the country evoked an incredible sense of well-being, of security to a small boy in the midst of a Republican world.

I was just too young to understand some things, like the Korean War.

Conservative was the word most often associated with Republicanism, but what did that mean?

Now, understand, I asked questions, I lived in a world of adults, I read the newspaper. So, when I asked about it, the answer which apparently came was that conservative meant not rushing head-long into things, being thoughtful and considerate, having the best interests of all in mind — that sort of thing.

Liberal (Democrat) on the other hand described brash and cocky people who would throw caution to the wind at the slightest provocation. They caused wars, they were Southern Dixiecrats, bigots, Klansmen, and so forth.

That pretty much sums it up. Republicans were good, hardworking people, who managed to find lines of work which afforded them certain comforts (money), while Democrats were

down-and-out laboring people who didn't amount to anything — but they did cause strikes, and strikes were *bad*.

John Kennedy caught my attention, but then why shouldn't he have? He was, after all, young, handsome, aggressive, masculine and outspoken. It was only natural for a budding Gay boy in his early teens to respond to John Kennedy. But there was some-

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truing more there than just his appealing manliness. He said things that made sense to me. He talked about human dignity, human worth. Blacks were the big issue then, and yes, it even touched my lilly-white hometown (they weren't considered as either Republican or Democrat, just Black!), and Kennedy seemed like the right man to help the situation — to me, any way. My Republican family didn't see it that way. I never heard them say anything disperaging about John Kennedy, not even about his religion. They just liked Goldwater and then Nixon better. But the political scene wasn't all that important to me then — most everyone who got elected was Republican, so it didn't matter — everything would be "safe and sound" and secure.

Some years later when I moved to Louisiana, Republicans were a minority and an oddity. Democrats were everywhere, and they were *all* corrupt, all bigots. So it was only natural when I became twenty-one, I registered Republican. So dispised in Northern Louisiana were Republicans that the voter records were kept in two separate books — one huge one for

Democrats and one thin volume with only a few pages for Republicans. And every effort was made to prevent a person from registering Republican. But I did it, and I was proud...then.

During the years of integration in the South, I got involved with the issue — Republicans were doing that there, and I protested the war (Viet Nam) and worked on an underground newspaper in college (yep, that's where it all began!). But I probably wouldn't have in Iowa. I still had to learn that Republicans in the South were more like Democrats in the North.

Arizona inherited me in 1970, and I registered as a Republican, but only out of tradition and ignorance. It wasn't until May of 1978 that I began to understand where the Republican Party in Arizona is coming from. It was at that time, as a result of my involvement with CCR, I wanted to become a Deputy Registrar of Voters. It is almost always a simple thing to do, but not that time. We published an article about it in the June, 1978 issue of *The Pride*, and here it is again:

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ARIZONA G.O.P.**

About a month ago Bj Bud, Chairperson of CCR's Deputy Registrar Committee solicited us to become Deputy Registrars. We agreed to do so. In both cases the party affiliation has been Republican and neither of us thought there was any reason to change. We have both been Republicans for many years, though our politics may not be the brand of Republicanism being sported about by *Arizona* Republicans these days we are finding.

After attending a Deputy Registrar training session led by Mrs. Kathleen Eth of the Dept. of Elections and having completed all the necessary forms, we waited patiently for confirmation from District 19. It did not come.

Bj Bud, as Chairperson of the committee, checked into the situation and reported back to us, dismayed by the reply she had obtained. We were not surprised.

Bj was referred to Mr. Bob Lynch, District 19 Republican Chairman for clarification on the issue by Helen Furlock at Republican County Headquarters.

Lynch had informed himself after obtaining our names of the CCR point of view on ERA, Gay Rights and other issues. His reply to Bj was that he didn't

want to waste his quota on that kind of people. He said CCR is an "organization and is for homosexual rights, the ERA and some other things that are not compatible with the Republican Party in my district."

Bj informed him that she also lives in District 19, and is a Republican, AND she, too, favors these things. Perhaps Mr. Lynch is less informed about the political stands of his district than he thinks.

Persuant to that conversation, the subject was discussed at a recent CCR Steering Committee meeting, at which time, David Custead, who is a Republican Precinct Committeeman and a CCR Deputy Registrar, said he would pursue it further.

In a telephone conversation with persons at Republican County Headquarters, Dave was told that his two friends (us) were attempting to use him and insodoing would destroy his credibility with the Party. The Republican Party, he was told, does not want Deputy Registrars who are "a part of such radical groups," and wouldn't espouse the Republican point of view.

Additionally, he was informed that District 19 is a "very conservative district, and would not want homosexuals registering people to vote in this district."

Now, if the Republican Party and Mr. Bob Lynch think they have scored some kind of victory for righteousness, the flag, morality...or whatever...

they are wrong, dead wrong. If ever they wanted to motivate people to work against them, this is most CERTAINLY the way to do it...

We find the whole thing interesting and curious. First of all, merely belonging to an organization, in this case CCR, doesn't make one a homosexual, no more than supporting ERA makes one a woman.

The point of this is very simple — The Republican Party apparently does not want us, or any one like us. The intelligent approach in such a situation would be merely to change party affiliations and join another. So far the Democrats have been receptive. This whole attitude only points out how right-wing the Republican Party has become in Arizona with all the overtones of repression that ought to turn all our stomachs. And, sadly enough, party members are unaware of this, since most of us have come here from places where Republicanism is a great deal more progressive than it is here.

Are you a registered voter? Are you a Republican? Perhaps you would do well to investigate the party's stands on various issues. You may be very surprised.

In the meantime, we are not discouraged, merely annoyed at the stupidity of some ill-informed, narrow-minded, bigotted, right-wing zanies.

—Jack.

Once again, CCR's Deputy Registrars are out registering Gay people to vote. I've been out myself on numerous occasions over the past few montis helping with that endeavor. And sadly (and alarmingly), a large number of you — somewhere around 30% — are registering Republican!

Now, I understand we all want certain things out of life: We want to "belong", we want to "fit in". Everyone needs his/her place. We're supposed to "amount to something". And so, we all (not just Gay people) attempt to become successful — house, car, good job, possessions, and all that other middle class stuff.

Where politics are concerned, some of us also try to "fit in". And since the majority of Arizona is Republican, and since Republicans are generally represented as the "successful people", middle and upper middle

class (Republican, big business, money, social status), well-educated, and so forth — some of us (and here I AM speaking of Gay people) seem to think this represents security and they should therefore be counted among these people.

Suci confused thinking!!! How can we Gays possibly consider ourselves to be a part of a group of people who say and believe things such as are recorded in the article highlighted above? I frankly can't see it.. An immediate parallel to this were the Jews and Gays (and others) in Germany who fell in with the Nazis, because it was "the thing to do", only to have the Nazis turn on them and murder them, after the Nazis had gotten all they wanted from them. Now, maybe that's a little strong, but we may very well be murdered with anti-Gay leg-

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isolation in this state if we allow (by falling in and voting with) these Republicans to have their way with us.

This may seem like an awfully large amount of space to devote to such a subject in a publication such as ours, but it really *is* important. So important that I would devote the *entire* issue to it if I thought it would help.

Now, Deputy Registrars are not allowed to tell you which party you should choose when you register, but I am asking those of you who will be registering

to consider this carefully before you say "Republican". And to those of you who are already registered Republican — I ask you: Are you *really* helping the Arizona Gay Community (and yourselves in particular) by voting for Arizona Republican who would like to see all Gay people imprisoned...or worse? How similar to Trudy Camping are you, anyway? I am a Gay Arizona Democrat who wants us all to enjoy the freedoms and liberties that now only belong to a few. How about you?
—Jack Caldwell.

LAPD retracts misleading statistics

The Los Angeles Police Department has admitted that child molestation statistics issued by some members of the department are "misleading" when they attempt to show that most child molesters are homosexuals.

L.A. Police Chief Daryl F. Gates said that statistics issued by Sgt. Lloyd Martin of the sexually exploited child unit which showed that 70-percent of child molestings in Los Angeles in 1976 had been committed by homosexuals were incorrect.

Lesbian entry bill set

Senator Alan Cranston (D., CA) today introduced a private bill on behalf of Zenaida Porte Rebutan, a 37-year-old Filipino, who has been denied admission to the U.S. because she is a lesbian.

Cranston's bill would grant Ms. Rebutan a waiver from the Immigration and Nationality Act and permit her to be reunited with her family.

Even the U.S. Public Health Service, Cranston said, has requested that immigration authorities stop asking them to decide if an alien is homosexual. The agency says homosexuality is not a medical condition.

"While present medical opinion keeps pace with the times, U.S. immigration law remains an anachronism, sadly and often brutally out of touch with reality," Cranston said. "Immigration and naturalization Service statutes have become throwbacks to another age, reflecting neither current medical opinion (in the case of homosexual admissions) or the compassion that lies at the very heart of our system of justice."

Cranston called for Congressional action "to bring these statutes up to date." In the meantime, he said, the admission of Ms. Rebutan would be "a real contribution to the reform of immigration law so clearly needed."

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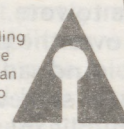
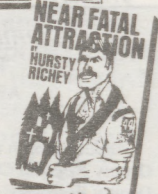
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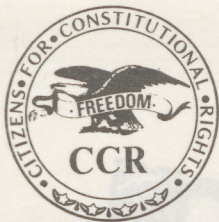
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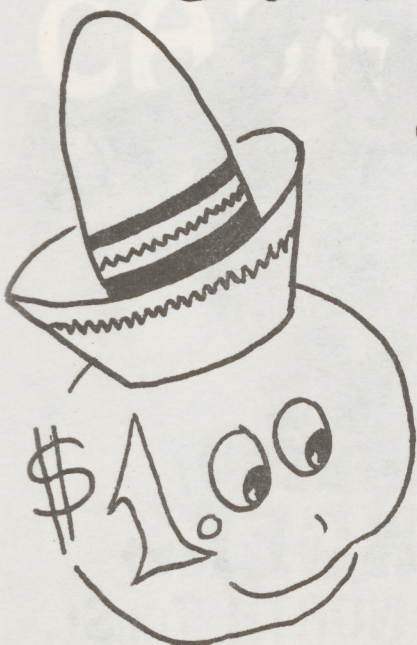
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According to Sam Worthington, it will be "a day to get rid of some old undesirables and to pick up some bargains, plus meeting with people from most groups and organizations in the Gay community."

Groups and organizations can set up booths for park and swap or anything they have to peddle, or just to share information, activities or goals with the community. There have been a number of new groups and services established recently and this could be a fun way to get acquainted and also introduce you to the Alternative Relations Center.

There is going to be a snack and refreshment booth, which will be sponsored by Gay Arizona Youth. The Center is asking \$5 contributions for each booth. These booths will be set up inside the building and be available on a first come, first serve basis. In case of an overflow, it will be expanded into the parking lot.

Also on November 11th, at 2:00 p.m., a

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We are also inviting the business community to be represented by making a contribution to ARC, the proceeds to go to buy tables and chairs for the Center. These things are very much needed and will be used on Nov. 11. ARC will publicly acknowledge and thank the contributors. The community supports these businesses and now is the chance for the businesses to help support the efforts of the Center. ARC is located at 1836 Grand Avenue. Groups and organizations wishing to be represented at the park and swap or having an information booth, please call ARC at 254-6500, or Sam at 931-3239.

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AN EVENING OF GAY THEATRE OPENS OCTOBER 6

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Originally planned for October 5th and 6th performances only, THEATRE FOR GAYS is very pleased to announce that, based upon advance ticket sales, they will extend the run of the show to include Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13.

Tickets, at \$3.00 each, went on sale September 7, and within the next fifteen days, all but five had been sold for the first two performances. Co-producers Bud Guiles and Steve Schemmel said that although they anticipate some "no-shows", very few seats may be available, and persons wishing to buy tickets at the door may have to be turned away. Tickets for the October 12 and 13 performances are now available at the Phoenix Alternative Relations Center, 254-6500, or by calling 258-9773 after 5 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased by mailing a check or money-order to DIGNITY/PHOENIX, 4033 S. 45th Pl., Phoenix, Arizona 85040. Reservations will be held until 6:30 p.m. on performance nights.

Presented by the Phoenix Chapter of DIGNITY and THEATRE FOR GAYS, "An Evening of Gay Theatre" consists of three one-act plays. In ONE PERSON, the "author" appears and apologizes for bringing the audience to the theatre, since this is for only one particular person in

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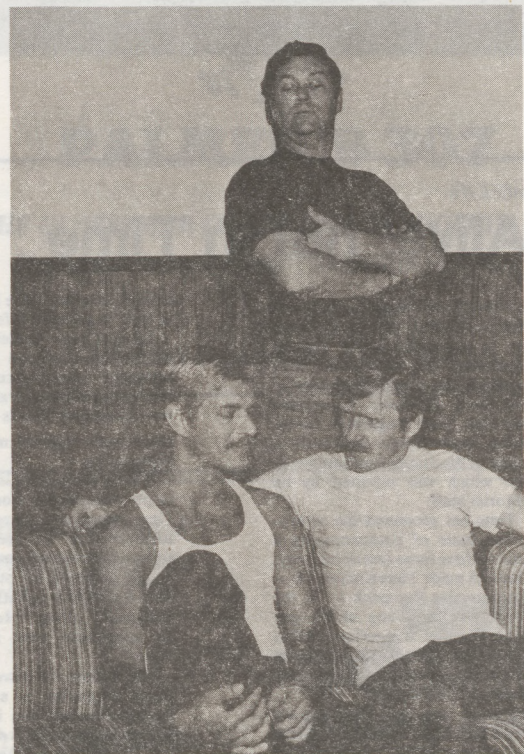
In the second offering, FRED & HAROLD have come to Harold's New York apartment for a one-nighter. Without meaning to, they explore today's morality (or lack of it), and each reach a hysterical decision whether or not to go ahead and do it anyway. T-SHIRTS is a stunning, biting, funny look at three Gays in the paralysis and stagnation of the Seventies. The playwright raises subtle questions, at the same time holding a mirror to "Gay Life".

All three plays were written by Robert Patrick, said to be New York City's most produced playwright. Mr. Patrick told Theatre For Gays that he is extremely honored to have his plays chosen to initiate Gay Theatre in Arizona, and that he hopes to attend one or more performances. His internationally famous KENNEDY'S CHILDREN was chosen to open the Kennedy Theatre Center in Washington, D.C., and his musical epic, OR-PHEUS AND MERIKA commemorated America's Bicentennial at the Chelsea Theater in New York. His plays are known throughout the world, and have received numerous awards, including "Obie" nominations for Off-Broadway productions.

Michael Simpson directs Bud Guiles, Jon Pady, Steve Schemmel, and Pat Williams in the plays.



Pat Williams (left) and Bud Guiles (right) in a quiet moment in FRED AND HOWARD.



Steve Schemmel (standing) doesn't believe what's happened with Jon Pady (left) and Bud Guiles (right) in T-SHIRTS.

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GayLife

Alive! not in Time

When Time magazine came out with its April 23, 1979 issue on gay life in America, many liberals applauded the objective, non-sensationalist approach the magazine used. However, it appears now that Time magazine's advertising department practices a brand of discrimination similar to that which was reported by its editorial staff.

Time has presented the controversial issue of homosexuality a total of three times as a cover story. This had made Time a maverick — a progressive maverick — in the nationwide reporting of the gay rights struggle. It is estimated that Time magazine has the largest readership of any ostensibly heterosexual publication.

Alive! is a gay publication based in Miami, Florida. Alive! is not a particularly pornographic magazine, although nude male spreads sometimes appear. Alive! is a feature and entertainment-oriented magazine, which covers

news of interest to the Miami area as well as national information.

Thus it was something of a surprise to Christian Lange and company when a conservative, conventionally-styled ad for Alive! was rejected by Time's advertising department without much of an explanation.

A letter from Jane Griffith of the Copy Acceptance Committee at Time magazine states that the advertisement "has been reviewed and we regret to tell you that it will not be accepted for publication." Ms. Griffith's rejection notice continued, saying, "However, we do appreciate your interest in Time."

The editors of Alive! feel that Time magazine is applying a double standard that is less than straightforward. "It is deceptive to run the attention-getting features on the gay lifestyle while still perpetrating that tired old discrimination that denies gay businesspersons access to the public."

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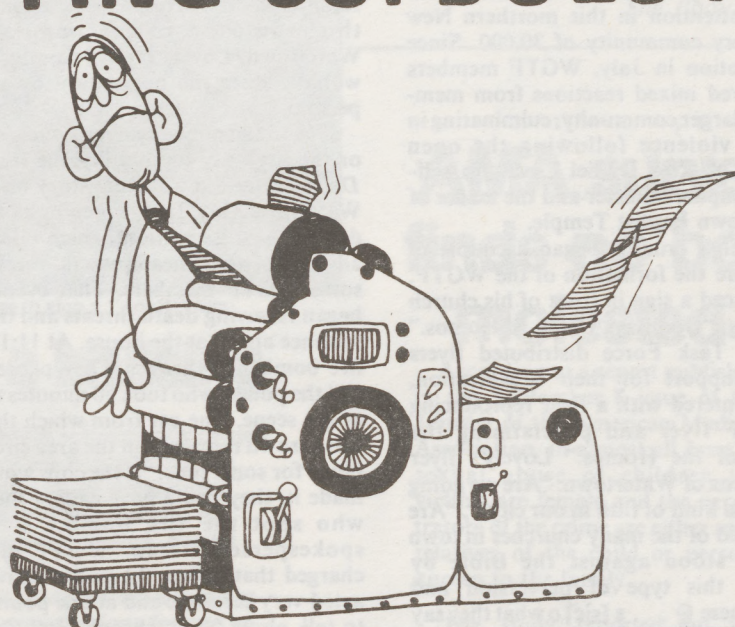
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Watertown minister preaches 'death to homos'

GayLife

By Robert J. Korzuch II and the
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Harrasment, beatings, death threats and even fire bombs aimed at the newly formed Watertown Gay Task Force have made it the center of attention in this northern New York factory community of 30,000. Since their formation in July, WGTF members have received mixed reactions from members of the larger community, culminating in nights of violence following the open opposition of Rev. Daniel Lovely, a self-professed Baptist minister and the leader of the Watertown Baptist Temple.

Mr. Lovely's crusade began a couple of weeks before the formation of the WGTF. He had placed a sign in front of his church proclaiming, "God Says Death to Homos." When the Task Force distributed flyers soliciting support for their organization, Lovely countered with a flyer reproducing the WGTF flyer and proclaiming the "Invasion of the Homos." Lovely's flyer asked citizens of Watertown: "Are we going to allow this kind of filth in our city?" "Are you ashamed of the many churches in town who have stood against the Bible by supporting this type of perversion and ordaining these Q...s [sic] o what they say are God's ministries?" Lovely also quoted familiar anti-gay passages from Leviticus.

At their regular Sunday meeting, GTF members denounced Lovely's circulars as "smut." "We're not out to hurt anyone," said a middle-aged lesbian member, "but we're not going to be stepped on." It was stressed that only non-violent tactics would be used in response to Love's opposition. "We're going to handle this in a peaceful way," GTF President Patricia Tanner said. "We're not going to stoop to Lovely's level."

On Sunday, August 19, three GTF members attended services at Lovely's church and met with him. Lovely agreed to debate the issue on television as soon as arrangements could be made. He also invited the WGTF members to stay for coffee and cake saying, "Go downstairs and have some cake and coffee, you can taste the arsenic in it."

Lovely, unlike Anita Bryant and other religious opponents to gay rights, does not feign love for the homosexual "sinner." "They should be killed through governmental means," he told the *Watertown Daily Times* on Friday August 17. "There are a lot pf people in Watertown who enjoy living in a non-Christian world and its got to be stopped."

"I push on homosexual issues no more

than I push on any other kind of sinful issue. I'm pushing for death for adultresses. The Bible teaches death to adultresses and adulterers. The Bible teaches death to people that commit a relationship with a beast," Lovely told Syracuse's WSYR-TV news reporter Don Torrence. When asked what this would do to the population of Watertown, Lovely replied calmly, "I say it would reduce the population by about 50 percent."

Due to the publicity over Lovely's attacks on the city's gay community, the *Watertown Daily Times* did a feature story on the new Watertown Gay Task Force in its Wednesday, August 22 edition, which released the address of their headquarters, the home of some WGTF members. That evening they began receiving death threats and threats of violence aimed at the house. At 11:15 p.m. a fire bomb was thrown. They proceeded to call the police, who took 50 minutes to arrive at the scene. The car from which the bomb was thrown remained in the area circling the block for some time. "If the cops would have made it, they could have caught the people who shot the fire bomb," a WGTF spokesperson stated. WGTF members charged that "when the police arrived they acted very sarcastic and at one point started to talk about Willowbrook Golf Course to show that they weren't really interested in what happened."

WGTF members, with the help from gay organizations in Syracuse, moved to get legal advice to force the police to give them protection. The news media was told that research was being done on the possibility of a civil suit against the city for negligence and against Lovely for creating a climate of violence. The New York State Attorney General's office put pressure on the Watertown Police and the next evening police protection improved. Police watched the house and check it out every 10 to 15 minutes, and state police, who had refused to intervene the previous night, showed up a few times.

WGTF members pulled out of the debate with Lovely, charging that "with Mr. Lovely's statements that homosexuals should be executed, he has discredited himself to all but a small lunatic fringe of the population. We have better things to do than debate a madman. We are willing to discuss and debate at anytime with any reasonable person or group."

Lovely was granted airtime on WOTT Radio's "Hotline", a call-in talk show on Friday August 24. WGTF members decided that it would be best to allow Lovely to

further discredit himself without participation in the program. One listener asked, "We have a Constitution that reads separation of church and state, don't we?" Lovely replied, "This is not a church and state issue, this is a government and god issue."

"I wish some of these Christian ministers would get out of the closet like the queers are supposed to be coming out of the closet and stand up for what the Bible teaches and stop worrying about their public relations with the people of Watertown," Lovely told the radio audience. After the broadcast, WOTT contacted the Gay Task Force demanding that they take equal time on Monday's broadcast.

Also on Friday, seven Jefferson County ministers met to discuss the treatment of gay citizens. Rev. Russ Champlin, chaplain of Jefferson Community College, commented, "The suggestion that homosexuals should be executed smacks of the Dark Ages. I don't believe execution is the proper role of churches in the Christian community today."

"If we are going to have a wholesome community we can't be running around hysterically and throw everyone with whom we disagree into the Black River," Rev. Smiley asserted.

Iran Minister shakes his booty

TEHRAN — The Justice Minister in the government of the Ayatollah Khomeini, Asdollah Mobasheri, has accused a New Zealand gay rights organization of issuing a death threat against him. The New Zealand ambassador, who was apparently negotiating a sale of NZ sheep, apologized — before having seen the letter sent to the minister by the National Gay Rights Coalition.

The letter, which was subsequently published, protested the execution of 26 homosexuals by the Ayatollah's revolutionary government, and hoped that Iran would "maintain its revolution without restricting individual freedom and human rights...in its just fight for national self-determination and independence." The letter was signed by New Zealand's gay rights coordinator, Robin Duff of Christchurch.

NZ's Minister for Foreign Affairs later admitted that the letter "certainly contains no threats."

Reports that Iran's Justice Minister has gone into hiding are unconfirmed. The fate of the sheep has not been determined. □



Stonewall lives: New York gays hit the streets of Greenwich Village to stop a "snuff" film.

Movie "Cruising" gets a bruising

NEW YORK — Thousands of gays have taken to the streets of Greenwich Village to protest the making of a film which apparently glorifies the murder and mutilation of gay men, and represents them as pathetic creatures who are better off dead.

Demonstrations have resulted in the arrests of a number of protesters, some of whom have said the police roughed them up. The protest has been the most unified display of solidarity in the New York gay community since Anita Bryant's Dade County campaign in 1977.

The \$12-million film, *Cruising*, adapted from the Gerald Walker novel of the same name by writer/director William Friedkin, was to be filmed in New York leather bars. The story involves a detective, played by Al Pacino, on the trail of a sadistic homosexual murderer who tortures and decapitates his pick-ups. The detective realizes his own homosexuality mid-film, and finally catches the killer and stabs him to death. Later, we discover that Pacino's lover has been brutally murdered, and there is the strong suggestion that the detective has caught the sadistic-homosexual-killer syndrome.

Cruising came to public attention after the highly secret script was leaked to Arthur Bell of *The Village Voice*. In his *Voice* column, Bell said the film promised to be "the most oppressive, ugly, bigoted look at homosexuality ever presented on the screen," and called it a "snuff film."

Director Friedkin subsequently denied a National Gay Task Force request to see the script and "make suggestions" about it. Friedkin responded that his film was "an accurate picture, honest and forthright."

In New York, people from a number of gay activist organizations formed an ad hoc committee to educate the public. At a public meeting to plan actions against the filming, gay leaders urged an overflow crowd to commit acts of civil disobedience, and to turn up for demonstrations each day that filming was underway.

During the week of July 23, thousands of demonstrators, chanting "Hey hey! Ho ho! Movie *Cruising's* got to go!", filled the same streets which saw the Stonewall riots ten years ago. Several times near battles broke out as demonstrators threw bottles and bricks, smashed windows and blocked streets. Fifty additional police were put on duty in the precinct, and a number of demonstrators were arrested. One demonstrator was kicked and beaten by five cops. Said one policeman, "These pansies are trying to act like men." Several policemen were also injured.

The demonstrations have resulted in owners of Greenwich Village gay bars denying Friedkin permission to shoot scenes inside their establishments. Twenty gay extras quit the film, and other gays in the production crew have leaked secret filming locations to demonstrators who show up to blow

whistles and walk in front of cameras.

A request by the ad hoc committee that the city government withdraw *Cruising's* film permit was denied by Mayor Koch. Koch cited the First Amendment and said he would not be a party to censorship.

The filming of *Cruising* has continued, but with substantially increased production costs resulting from protracted filming sessions, and the building of extra sets to simulate gay leather bars. □

The Body Politic

AMA survey finds no boys molested

According to a report published in the September 8 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, in almost all cases of sexual abuse of children the victims are female and the perpetrators of the crime are either male relatives of the child or persons known to the family.

The study reported on was conducted in Seattle by the University of Washington medical school research team. Each of the 96 doctors who replied reported seeing at least one child and as many as 7 who appeared to have been sexually abused.

Of the 102 cases the doctors reported, 57 involved intercourse with or molestation of a daughter by the father or stepfather. In most of the other cases the abuse was committed by another relative, a babysitter or a friend of the family. None of the victims were male children.

In addition none of the cases were reported to state authorities, even though state law requires that such reports be made. The physicians said that they did not report the cases because they thought such reporting would be harmful to the family, that the problems could be handled more efficiently without such reporting and that they were dissatisfied with the manner in which state social service agencies handled the problems which were reported. *Gay Life*

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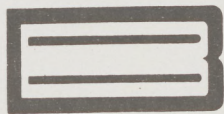
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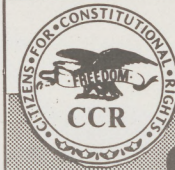
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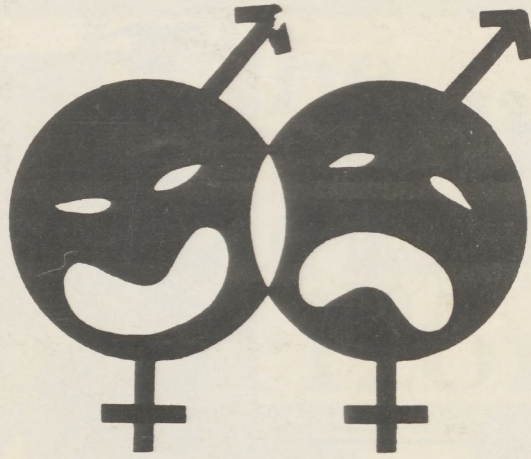
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