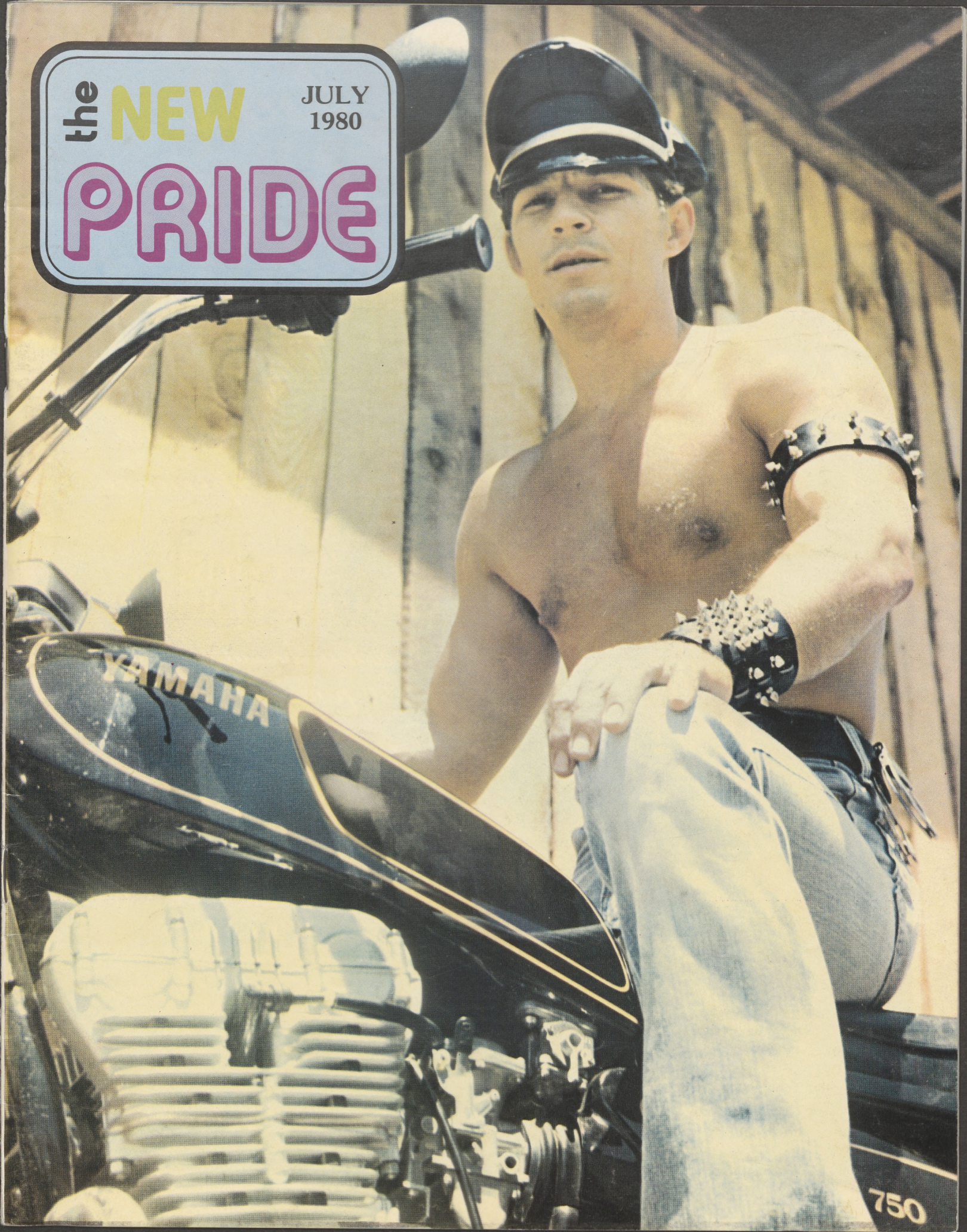


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TO PUT SOMETHING HERE

If you have an item you would like us to print in this column, call us, or send it along to us. We'll help you get the word out (944-0559).

ARC MUST MOVE

PHOENIX, AZ (PNS) — The Alternative Relations Center, Phoenix' Gay community service facility, received news early this week that the center would no longer have the use of the building at 1836 Grand Ave. The word that they would have to vacate the building by August 1 came as a shock to board members. When asked what would happen to the ARC, board member Bob Hegyi said that no firm plans have been made, but that there are several possibilities for relocating, including purchase of a permanent building, but that under no circumstances would the center close its doors.

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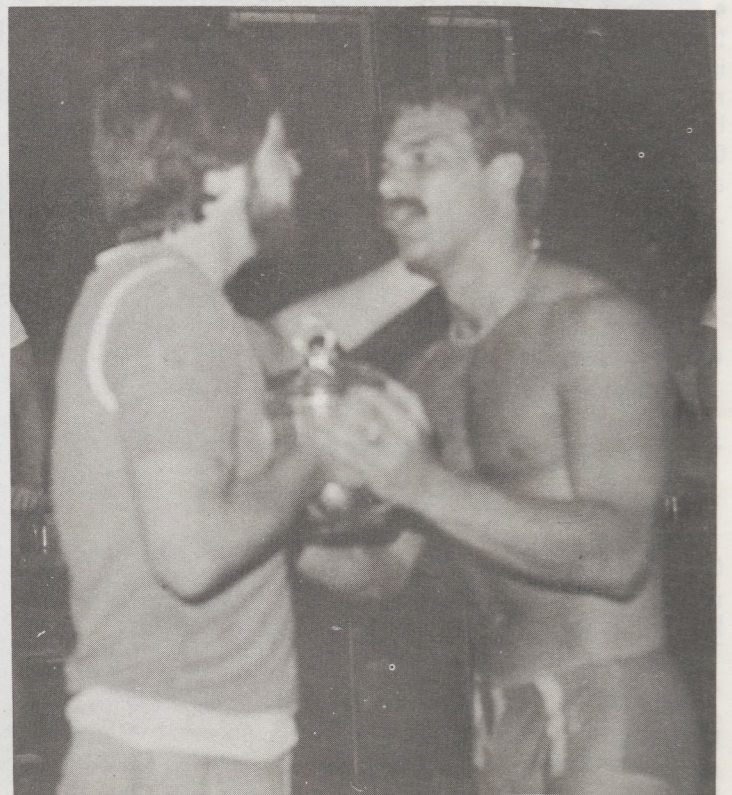
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MR. FORUM CONTEST

Fifteen contestants entered the annual Mr. Forum Contest last month which played to a packed house, as it always does. And as usual, neither the heat of the night, nor the crowded conditions in the bar dampened the high spirits of contestants and viewers alike.

The board of judges really had a difficult time making their decision, since the crowd applauded and whistled wildly for nearly all of the contestants as they danced and paraded around the dance floor, strutting their stuff.

The finalists in the contest are pictured above, and the winner, Bob Ess, is shown to the right as Danny Butler presents him with the trophy, a silver champagne bucket. Each year this contest proves to be fun, entertaining and a sheer delight to the eyes, and this year was no exception.



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GAY RIGHTS MEASURES LOSE

SANTA CLARA, CA. (IGNA)—Proving that conservative voters, in particular fundamentalist ones, can vote to repeal the rights of minorities, two measures that banned discrimination against homosexuals have been repealed here.

Measure A in Santa Clara County went down to defeat by more than 3 to 1. Measure B in the city of San Jose did almost as badly.

Church groups, heavily financed by Anita Bryant's "Save America's Children," succeeded in having Gay rights put to a test of voters' acceptance after both the county Board of Supervisors and the San Jose City Council enacted the ordinances.

County Supervisor Rod Diridon also lost in the 12th State Senate race. He trailed Republican Dan O'Keefe by almost the same margin as the Gay rights ordinance lost by.

Earlier Diridon had been the target of an unsuccessful recall after he voted in favor of Gay rights.

Gay politicians had hoped that the sensationalism of the material distributed by the anti-Gay forces would annoy voters or even backfire, but this did not happen.

NAVY TRYING TO DE-LESBIANIZE SHIP

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (IGNA)—The Navy is trying to discharge eight women crew members of the missile test ship Norton Sound for homosexual conduct.

"Of course we will file a complaint, and we may end up going to court," said Susan McGrievy, an ACLU lawyer who is representing the women. "They can't be discharged for homosexuality."

McGrievy said that a U.S. District Court decision in Wisconsin directed the Army to reinstate a woman who had been discharged for being a Lesbian because the Army could not show that homosexuality disqualified her for service.

But Lieutenant Commander Mark Baker said that no such court decision has been applied to the Navy, where regulations call for dismissal of anyone for morale and security reasons.

A hearing will be arranged before an administrative board. If the board approves their discharge, the women can appeal to the Secretary of the Navy.

An investigation began when a female crew member told a superior that some women were engaging in homosexual acts.

Lt. Commander Baker said the investigation resulted in 8 of the original 24 women under investigation receiving letters stating that they would be processed for discharge for reasons of misconduct.

Sixty-one women are aboard the ship, which has a total crew of 375. The ship is in the Long Beach Naval Shipyard for maintenance.

The Navy said that the investigation of the other 16 women originally "suspected" has been dropped.

Thus Gays are getting conflicting decisions about their status in the United States Armed Forces.

FAMOUS MUSICAL COUPLE

LONDON (IGNA)—A world-renowned opera singer has talked openly at last about his forty-year relationship with Benjamin Britten, one of the foremost composers of the twentieth century.

In a story in the *London Observer*, Sir Peter Pears, at the age of 70, agreed to discuss the homosexuality of the two men, who were lovers and also colleagues in various musical endeavors, most notably *Death in Venice*.

Benjamin Britten himself had not been open about his homosexuality before his death in 1976. Even Pears finds it difficult to talk about the problems facing even so respectable a Gay couple during their years together. Although Britten might joke about being homosexual among close and knowing friends, he never shared the promiscuity and outrageous delight of the Auden/Isherwood circle.

According to the forthcoming biography by Robert Duncan, who wrote the libretto for Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia*, Britten was "a reluctant homosexual, a man in flight from himself, who often punished others for the sin he felt he'd committed himself."

Benjamin Britten, however, was a careful keeper of diaries, letters, and photos, and turned them over to his biographer before his death.

GAYS EXCLUDED FROM MEMORIAL CEREMONY

NEW ZEALAND (IGNA)—Gay people who wanted to lay a wreath at the annual Anzac ceremony in Wanganui were turned down when they asked permission from local authorities.

According to *Pink Triangle*, the group was told in a letter from Mr. H. B. Fraser-Tytler that "as arrangements for the dawn service have been completed, it is not possible to include your organisation on this occasion".

However, when Mr. Fraser-Tytler was later telephoned by a group calling itself the Wanganui East Boys Club with the same request, they were informed that they were to be at the Cenotaph at 5:30 a.m. on Anzac Day, when they could easily be fitted into the ceremony.

The Wanganui East Boys Club was a figment of the imagination of a member of the Wanganui Gay Rights Group, checking to see what would happen.

The refusal to let Gays participate seems to be a case of outright discrimination. In New Zealand, they have no right to acknowledge their dead, including those killed in German concentration camps.



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THE WIZARD OF OZ AT HARPO'S — OUTSTANDING!

The cast of Harpo's **Wizard of Oz** has really outdone itself this time! Their version of *The Wizard* was first presented at the Casa, though it bore little resemblance to the new version. Most of that original cast is in this current run, and they are wonderful.

There are 15 troupers in this production, including Martha (Dorothy), Penelope (Glenda, the Good Witch of the North), Tony Bartoli (as Uncle Henry — we call that type-casting), Tim Williamson (the Scarecrow), George McNulty (the Cowardly Lion), Chuck Gehlert (the Tin-man), and Dragon Lady — who else? — as the Wicked Witch of the West, replete with green make-up. There are also Munchkins (with Jesse Beaner as the Mayor), Flying monkeys (including one enormous one played by Tish Tanner), and of course, the Wizard himself skillfully played by Galen Hayes from Aunt Charlie's.

Now this show is not your basic drag show. Quite the contrary, it is good amateur theatre, complete with scene changes and narration (by Dani Reed...*oh, brother!*).

If you haven't seen it, you still can. The cast will present two special shows on Tuesday, July 22. These two performances will benefit the on-going work of CCR, Citizens For Constitutional Rights — Arizona's Gay Rights

organization. So, do yourself a favor, and call 258-1624 for reservation information. *The New Pride* says, BRAVO! to the cast for their outstanding performances.



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perspective. I also thought (and was taught) that Democrats were all the poor, uneducated people (who would never amount to anything), and that they were poor and uneducated because they didn't care about themselves or anybody else. How wrong I was!

Now I find myself thoroughly disgusted with what the Republicans are trying to pull off, and wondering how I could have been so stupid as not to recognize them for what they truly must be. My own lack of education allowed me to think that way.

But let's get down to cases: About the ERA--Democrats support it. About Abortion--it's a matter of personal choice, as it should be. And about Gays--well, you only have to read the associated story which began this to know the answer.

Locally, Gays are working hand-in-hand with the Democratic party. Various members of CCR are at this very moment working for the election of Democratic candidates in Arizona, and countless others are doing likewise all over the country. Why? It is really very simple:

If we are ever to have consenting adults legislation passed in this state, if we are ever going to see those hideous (and unconstitutional) laws which make us criminals removed from the Arizona Revised Statutes, and if we ever hope to see the day in Arizona when being Gay is just another facet of "normal" and not be in jeopardy of losing our jobs, our homes, our families, our self-respect, and all the rest, then we are going to have to work for these things through "the system".

In Arizona, you have but two choices by which to work through the system: The Republican party or the Democratic



REPUBLICANS, *continued from previous page.*

serving them dinner, driving their trucks, working in (some of) their stores, and a myriad of other menial, servant-class type things (as long as we don't get too up-ity). But in areas of our private (and Constitutionally guaranteed in the Bill of Rights--just like the Blacks) rights -- well, just forget it. As far as they're concerned, we have no rights, nor are we going to get any. The only right we have in relation to them is the "right" to be exploited. They don't want us to teach school, establish families, have children, and on, and on, and on. Neither do they want us to become politically active, (with organizations like CCR, among others, who stand against this kind of repression, and could use YOUR help and support too) and they go out of their way to insure we won't--at least not within their party.

Gays rank right in there with all the other subversives--the ERA'ers, the minorities, the unions, and so forth. Actually, we may rank a little lower than the others, since we weren't even discussed openly at their platform committee meetings, unlike the Democrats.

Obviously, those who do not believe in freedom of choice of the individual, who do not advocate equality for women, who so fervently hold high the banner of the antiquated Nuclear Family (it never did work too well, did it), who hang on to illogical faith because it allows them to feel (and act) superior to others--OBVIOUSLY, people like this are not about to support our kind of freedom, and certainly they do not!

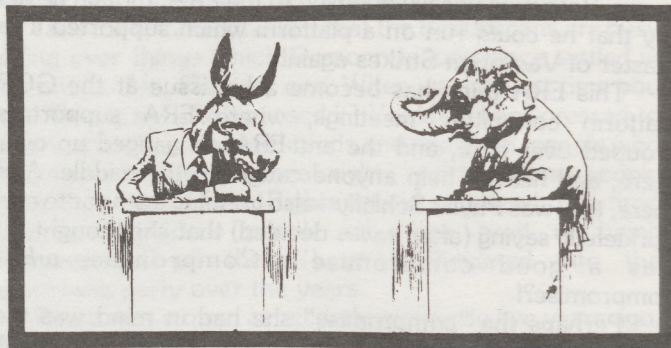
The records of their revered and duly elected officials--our Congressmen in Washington--shreik their vehement hate and disgust for Gays in no uncertain terms.

party.

Does the Republican party want to see Gay Equality? Of course not, and why should it. They are, afterall, the party of "control". That kind of freedom is not only dangerous to them, but it is also (in their estimation) "immoral", "unchristian" behavior which is beyond their control once it exists. "When the camel gets his nose in the tent..."

But it's no problem in the philosophy of the Democratic party as it exists today. In fact, the inclusion of Gays among the Democratic party is helping to make it far stronger than it would otherwise be. And more and more it is becoming the party of equality, and fairness, and freedom; and more and more, it is becoming "the party of the people".

The decisions made at the poll this November will set the stage for the next ten years for Gays in America. If we want repression, if we want to run back into our closets and shut (and lock) the door behind us, if we want worse conditions than existed in the wake of the McCarthyism of the 50's, then we can rush right out and vote for Reagan and his Republican cronies. But if we want equality among all Americans, if we want freedom of choice, if we want an end to Gay witch hunts and harassment, if we want consenting adults legislation and a Gay Rights Bill, we'd damn well better side with our Democrat friends, and help them help us all.

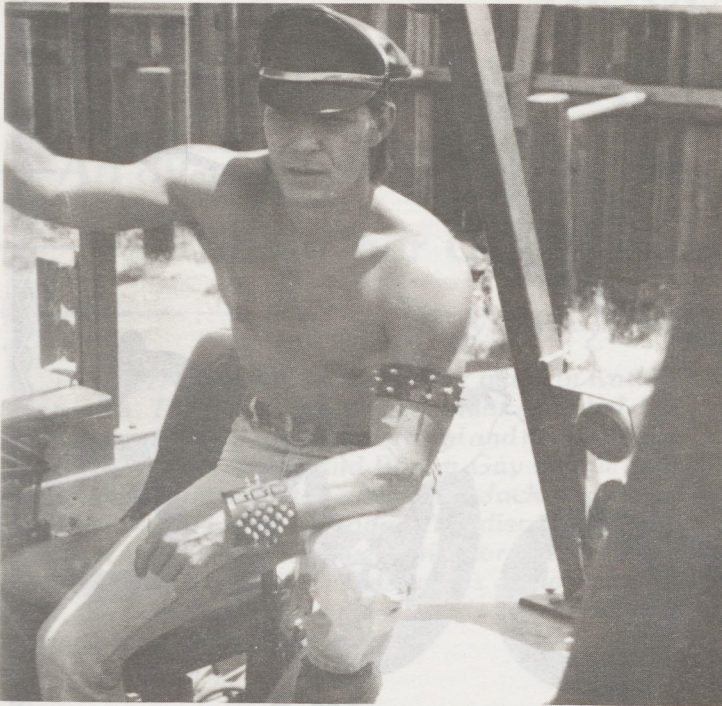


Example: Last November, while I was in Washington for the March, I spent a day lobbying in the "hallowed halls" of Congress for the causes of Gay people. I visited the offices of all of Arizona's Senators and Representatives, among them, Barry Goldwater, a Republican standard-bearer since the dawn of time.

Goldwater's *right-hand man*, Jack Murphy, told me that the Senator had called together his staff that morning, and instructed them to neither receive nor speak with any of "them", and Goldwater had no intention of doing so either. Quoting the aged Senator, Murphy told me Goldwater views the Gay issue "as a MORAL issue, and not a matter of Civil Rights", and that his "religious convictions" would not allow him to confront us. Now that is the perfect approach, isn't it -- to deny his constituents, his electors, an "audience". That's not my idea of good representation in the Nation's Capital--in fact, that's NO representation.

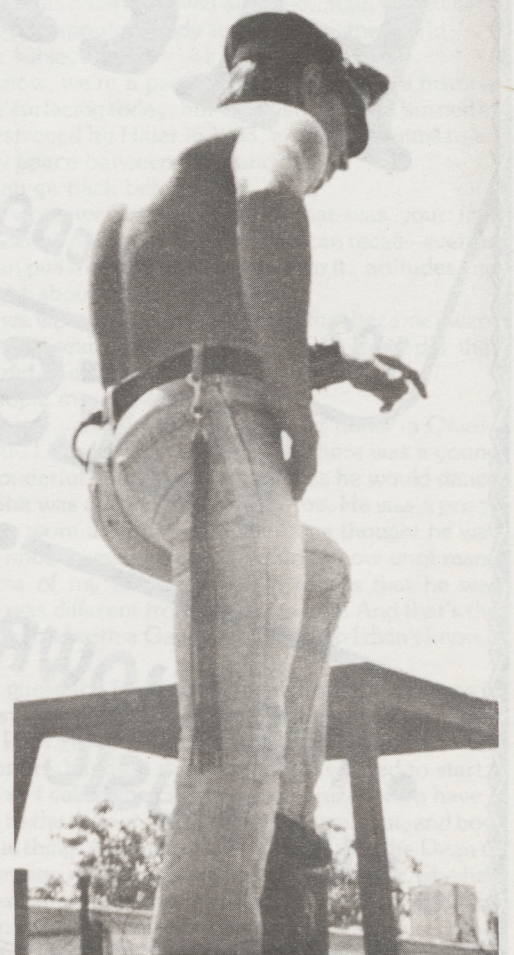
So don't expect ANY consideration from the Republican party, or from their officials in Washington (or in the Arizona State House, for that matter). It's time for Gays in Arizona to wake up and take note--you can *play* Republican if you think you must, but when you go to vote in November, remember who you really are, and what you really want your future to be. Republicans want you in the closet with the Women, the Blacks, the Indians, and all the rest of the *undesirables*. *Is that where you want to be?*

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—An 89-year-old woman talks
 — about her Gay friends
 — in years past.

The after-dinner discussion took place in Kathi's livingroom. The participants were Aunt Annabel, 89-years old and bright as a dollar; Kathi and her teen-age daughter, Wendy; Mike and Ron, a Gay couple into their nineteenth year together; and Jack and Skip, publishers of The New Pride. The discussion was recorded and transcribed verbatim for presentation here. We join it as Mike winds up his explanation of CCR, the Gay Rights Movement in Arizona and what it is trying to accomplish:



Mike: We've been working to change the criminal laws and get that kind of stuff off the books. I don't want people to have weapons against me. I think it's far too hard and it's not agreed what the rest of the objectives are. I have a simple basic common denominator: Strike the criminal laws that apply to consenting adults, then the diversity of people can be what they are naturally without the oppression.

Wendy: Well, you say you want to strike the criminal laws---you're dealing with politics and the basic politics is personal feelings and if someone resents Gays, then they're not going to want them to be legal.

Mike: You can't control people's feelings and emotions. It is not the province of a political or social organization to try to do that. You can enunciate your desires and so forth, but I don't think it's your privilege to try to control others' behavior. I just don't want others to control mine.

Kathi: I don't think that anyone has the right to legislate morality.

All: Right, absolutely...

Mike: But that's where it stops. I don't have any interests in claiming Gayness to be a minority. It is a minority, but practically everything else is---the fact that I like Science Fiction makes me part of a minority, too.

Ron: America is a majority of minorities, and if they ever get together, look out!

Mike: I don't want to claim myself to be anything privileged. All I want to be is off the books.

Kathi: You just want to be allowed to be you.

Ron: But I am so much more of an idealist than he (Mike) is. He stops there, but ideally I don't.

Mike: I understand that. But I listen to people who want privilege and I say I'm not going to work for privilege. All I want is to remove the barriers as I see them and that's the extent of my Gay political activity. But other political activities I may be interested in. And this is part of the source of controversy in the Gay community. It says---this guy wants something, another person wants something **else**, and so on.

Jack: And we can't be all things to all people.

Mike: Personally, I have a basic minimum set of goals and once those goals are achieved, I'll say that's victory number one, and then we split up and form other combines for other purposes.

Kathi: I don't think there is any place, or should be, for sex in politics, period.

Wendy: But the crux of the Gay political movement is to fight these

criminal laws. Well, they stem from religious beliefs---and you cannot fight faith because faith is illogical.

Kathi: Wendy, they come from fear.

Wendy: Fear---which stems from their faith.

Skip: Well, maybe the fundamentalists will drop a bomb on us from one of their communications satellites.

Kathi: I think the fundies have hollowed out a mountain somewhere and have got a huge computer ready to take over the world.

Mike: On to other subjects...

Ron: Right. You know, we're a people without much of a history. Bits and pieces are surfacing today, but so much of it was burned in Nazi Germany, destroyed by Hitler in 1933, and there seems to be a lot of dead empty space between 1933 and 1969.

Aunt Annabel: I can go back before 1933.

Ron: Well, that's what we want to hear. What was your first encounter or knowledge of Gay people that you can recall---even as a little girl, if you can pull that out, we'd love to hear it...attitudes and what people thought about Gays.

Jack: I think what we want to hear is---when you first became aware that there were homosexual people in the world---how did that happen and what did you know about Gays.

Ron: And were people more tolerant, or less.

Aunt Annabel: When I was a young girl, living at home in Ohio---back in about 1910---I would go to dances, and there was a young man who was a wonderful dancer, and oftentimes he would dance with my mother. She was a wonderful dancer, too. He was a prissy little thing---he even wore a corset---and everyone thought he was very strange, but nobody ever said and I didn't know until many years later because of my association with others that he was probably Gay. He was different from everyone else. And that's the very first encounter I had with a Gay person, though I didn't know it at the time.

As an adult, I guess the first I really knew about all this was in the 20's when I first learned about Lesbians. It happened that I was the president of a PTA group at the school my son attended, I had nothing but time on my hands in those days. We wanted to start a Girl Scout group, so I called the Girl Scout organization to have a speaker come out to the school. So this woman came out, and boy, was she a gorgeous thing! A beautiful woman. She was the Dean of Women at a University, and I was just fascinated with her. She had noticed my interest, and after the meeting she said to me, "Mrs. Rainie, if you'll come down to my office tomorrow, I'll tell you more

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SPECIAL FEATURE

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about Girl Scouts." So, I made an appointment and went down to her office. Well, she did give me more information, and while I was there that day there was a woman came in and she introduced me to this woman, and later I found out that she was her partner.

So, anyhow, I worked with those women for quite a while, and people used to say to me, "Annabel, you stay away from this woman, you keep away from these people, they're terrible people." Well, I didn't know what they were talking about. These women were Lesbians. I couldn't understand why I should stay away from them. Anyway, I worked with them for quite a while, but I still didn't understand what it was all about.

And then later in the 20's I was in Los Angeles and was an assistant manager of a large company. We fit foundation garments--style garments and maternity and surgical garments too. One day this woman came in, and oh, she was a beautiful woman--Mary. She came to work for the company as a fitter, and people commenced to warn me about Mary. "Now, Annabel, Mary likes you. Now you keep away from her, now you look out for Mary. Mary this, Mary that."

Well, I didn't know what the hell they were talking about. I'd never heard of a Lesbian or a homosexual, and they never came right out and told me, but they were always warning me, warning me, warning me.



So Mary was one of our best fitters, and she was very fond of me, and I was fond of her. Sometimes she would take me with her on weekends when she'd go to visit friends. Of course I know now that her friends were Gay people, like she was. But I must have been an excuse or a cover-up or something for her. 2 or 3 times I went with her to visit friends in different places.

Finally I left Los Angeles and the company sent me to Bakersfield to open a place there. And Mary came to visit me. My son was about 8 years old at the time. He was crazy about Mary and she was always nice to him. I lived in a small apartment. My child slept on the couch and the only place I had for anybody else to sleep was with me. So we went to bed that night, and we lay there and talked for a long time and finally Mary commenced to work me over. I was frankly horrified. Then we sat up all night and talked.

And it wasn't too long after that when I picked up the *LA Times* one day, and here was a big picture of this Mary--beautiful woman--and she had been killed, someone had murdered her. Then I realized that people like Mary sometimes had terrible problems and got into trouble. It was very sad, she was so beautiful. But I didn't understand what Gay people were all about.

Then in about 1933 I went to Fresno where I was a buyer in a store. And when the salesman came to town we had to go to the hotels to see their lines, you know.

Well, there was this one handsome brute--oh, he was a handsome man--and he used to come to town, probably once a month, and I'd have to go to the hotel. He was the only salesman who didn't make a pass at me--want me to go to bed with him or something. And I liked this guy because of that.

So one morning I was on my way to the radio station--I did a radio program five mornings a week--and this friend of mine on the police department used to pick me up each morning and drive me to the station. And this one morning he picked me up and on the way he said, "Irish (he always called me Irish), do you know so and so?" and I said yes, I expect to see him before the day is over. And my policeman friend said, "You won't see the son of a bitch before this day is over because he's down in the jail," and he went on and on. The salesman was a homosexual, and had been picked up by the police in a park, and I didn't know what that was all about then, and I didn't want to ask. I suppose I should have but I didn't.

Later on that morning I got a call at work from a bonding company, and so I went there during lunch. I went a \$500 bond for him--I thought he was terrific and I liked him. He was a real nice person.

So, after he got out of jail later that day, he came down to the store and thanked me for getting him out of jail. He told me what had happened--that he had been in this park where he met a service man. They had gone to the salesman's hotel, and had been followed by the police who got the hotel manager to unlock his door where they found the two men in bed together. Apparently there had been complaints about Gay people doing such things in the park and the police had staked it out. It was a classic case. He said to me, "Rainie, now I'm in trouble, and I'm going to have to make a court appearance and I'll need an attorney."

Well, I knew just about every attorney in Fresno, so I called a friend of mine and sent the salesman down to see him. Later, the attorney called me and said "Why the hell did you send me a guy like this?" And I told him that he was in trouble and that I liked him, and the attorney said, "Well, just because it's you, I'll take the case." So, a couple of days before he was to appear, the attorney called again to say "Well, you got me into this mess, and I know the judge who will be hearing the case. Now I'll do what I can, but the judge is going to throw the book at him, and there's nothing I can do about it."

So, I took myself up to talk to the judge about this guy. The judge told me what would happen to him. As a result of all this, my salesman friend did lose his job. Later when I lived in San Francisco, he used to come to see me.

Mike: Under the law in most places until the last few years, that was all perfectly legal for the police to do that kind of thing.

Aunt Annabel: Later, in 1945, I was working in the shipyards, and I learned more about homosexuals there.

I had another experience with a woman I knew very well. She worked in a cocktail lounge, played piano, and we used to go there alot. One time after I retired, I was back there (San Mateo) to visit and she asked me to spend the weekend with her. So I went with her, and after dinner while we were chatting she said, "I've always wanted to ask you something," and she looked me right in the eye and said, "Annabel, are you a Lesbian?" And I said, "No, I'm not a Lesbian, what made you think that?" "Well," she said, "You've always been around nice looking women and never seemed interested in men, so I thought you were." Well, she was a Lesbian, and so was her housekeeper and her friends.

I could never understand--and don't to this day--why other people make such an issue of what your life is. I think you people have the right to live the life you want to live. If I wanted to go to your room (Ron) and go to bed with you, I wouldn't think it was anyone else's business.

Mike: It's not, but even heterosexually until very recently that was

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illegal in this state. People make an issue of it because they are driven to control others lives.

Aunt Annabel: How do you know you are different from other people, whether that's from birth or what. That's my problem that I'd like an answer to.

Mike: Simplistically, sexual attraction is something that nobody, whether hetero or homo, knows what causes them to be attracted to another person. In heterosexual life, certain people are attracted to each other and the differences between the attractions among which you might say are otherwise comparable people is very distinctive, the same thing that causes differences in whether they are heterosexual or homosexual. Nobody seems to quite like the same things, and thank God for that, otherwise there'd be one popular person in the world and alot of dissatisfied people.

Ron: I think the common mistake that most people make when they talk about homosexual people is we're defined as sexual people. Don't define us in sexual terms--that's a mistake. It's an emotional situation, not necessarily sexual. My attraction to Mike is sexual, but it's far more intensely emotional.

Skip: Sometime ago, Aunt Annabel, Jack and I were asked to come out to the Unitarian Universalist Church to talk to a group of children who were 9-10-11-12 years old. They had a class that dealt with human sexuality, and the kids had studied alot about all kinds of sexuality--heterosexual, homosexual, asexual.

Aunt Annabel: See, they didn't have those in my day.

Jack: Nor in ours, either.

Skip: Well, the Unitarian Church is very open. And there were about 15 kids and they asked questions like, "Why are people so upset about Gay people, it seems perfectly natural to me--and it's none of their business what you do in the privacy of your bedroom as two consenting adults. Why is that?" We had to say we didn't know why that was, and we couldn't really answer that question effectively.

Aunt Annabel: See--everybody seems to connect it with sex, and I think that's a mistake.

Mike: Something amusing about that anecdote Skip, is that the Unitarian Church is the direct linear descendent of the Puritans...Cotton Mather, Increase Mather...all the old churches in Boston with all the fire and brimstone, Hester Prynne and the brand of the scarlet letter...those churches evolved into the Unitarian Universalist community which is one of the most open communities there is and you look at that and say I don't understand and the same lack of understanding is why people are attracted to one another, whatever sex they are.

Wendy: Well, you have to look at it this way, Aunt Annabel: The love that you (Ron) feel for him (Mike) is comparable to what I'd feel towards a guy. But the only difference is sex.

Skip: Actually, the only difference is gender.

Mike: It's more simple than that. Marriage started out as a property relationship and had nothing to do with sex. It had alot to do with the inheritance of property. You look at Mosiac Law. You could have your concubines, but the wife was a privileged person, and she bore the sons who inherited the property. And the concubine's sons were used for slave labor. The point is the relationship between individuals on a child-bearing basis followed a property right structure and still does today, and it wasn't until fairly late--the Middle Ages--that sex as opposed to marriage and property rights and progeny became a question to be regulated. Essentially it came out of the Inquisition minds of the Middle Ages that said I want to define sins so that I can have power over people who have sinned, and therefore sex will be a sin in almost all possible ways that are enjoyable. And therefore I will increase my power over the individual through that. Prior to the Middle Ages, sex as opposed to marriage and property inheritance was not basically regulated.

Wendy: You can't deny there are biological differences.

Mike: Biological--is strictly the ability to have progeny. The only characteristic difference is that between man and woman you can have kids. But basically the surrounding structure on how you deal

with that deals with the fact that you can have kids, and kids inherit property after you're dead and you want to control that.

Skip: There's always been a great debate on why homosexuals are homosexual and many think that it's conditioning in your life, some think it's genetic, that it's in your chemistry--mental, physical--others think it's a blending. Many people say if you had a mousey father and a domineering mother, that is the reason--and this was the stereotype family relationship that made the child gravitate towards homosexuality, and so forth.

Mike: Kinsey went through all of that and found that there were very few people who were exclusively homosexual or heterosexual and that the vast majority had some mixture of both.

Aunt Annabel: During my life, I have been a widow for many, many years and in my lifetime I've had two very close men friends who were homosexuals, and I don't really know why they were attracted to me--either of them would have married me.

Skip: But they were attracted to you because of you.

Aunt Annabel: They told me they were homosexuals later and the one reason I liked them so much is because they had respect for me. I wasn't just a sex-object to them and they didn't paw me and claw me and take me off to bed like so many others. I've never heard anyone explain it the way you're doing here.

Mike: I'd say, though, Annabel, you never heard it explained, and I don't know if we have explained. I'm not sure if anyone can explain life--all we can do is search it a little bit. You like people because you like them. I don't think you can explain that either, and I don't think you can put the why's down on paper.



Aunt Annabel: I like most people and I can't recall ever having hated another person to the extent that I wouldn't try to help them if they asked. But what I've never understood about Gay people is how do you know you're Gay people--do you know from the time you're born or is it something pertaining only to sex?

Ron: My furthest back recollection is when I was a small boy--maybe six or seven--and I used to go to the movies on Saturday afternoons and watch Batman and think, "My God, that man is absolutely beautiful." Nobody ever brought me out--it was always there.

Mike: It varies--and I don't think any of us can reach far enough back to find out why or exactly when. I can appreciate that there are people who are heterosexually attracted, homosexually attracted and in the middle, and I know all kinds. What I can't understand is all

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the running around and asking why. Now, that is like asking why I like a painting by Rembrandt and why I don't like a painting by, say, Charles Davis. The reason for how a person evolves his life is, in my opinion, not directly knowable. You could write volumes as thick as Goethe's and write all the philosophies in the world and STILL not have the answer of why people are people. I cannot explain myself, and I don't know anybody who can, and therefore anybody who cannot explain himself and tries to explain the human race is obviously a liar at the outset!

Skip: One of the biggest problems of Gay people is not being able to accept themselves: I am, accept me for it.

Mike: But the causes are still a mystery. What makes one person a good athlete and another an oaf.

Skip: I'm saying that the cause is unimportant. It is saying: I am, therefore I am, and others say: I accept you, just like Aunt Annabel has said. That's the way it should be.

Ron: We are victims of self-oppression in so many incidents. We learn to hate ourselves. What do you think this dressing up like women is all about--

Mike: Ah, baloney!

Ron: Now, wait--people often equate that to homosexuality, which is usually a mistake--

Mike: Hey, hey--self-oppression can only be applied by the self. Ron is judging.

Ron: Of course I am.

Mike: He is judging because he thinks that someone who does something that he wouldn't want to do is oppressing himself. That's a judgement, that's not necessarily true. If somebody wants to be a drag queen, they're as entitled to do that--

Ron: Society says that you cannot be Gay and be a man, therefore you must be a woman (or appear as one); and therefore you self-oppress to be what they say you should be--

Mike: Ron--self-oppression is **no** oppression. By definition, it cannot be that you oppress yourself.

Ron: There are many people in this country who believe that a homosexual male cannot be male--

Mike: You're not understanding. You can do that, but you can't really oppress yourself.

Skip: You can if you accept someone else's oppression--someone else's definitions.

Mike: No. What I do accept is that other people's values will condition you, if you let them. So, if you like that...well, fine.

Jack: And all Aunt Annabel wanted to know was how a person knows he or she is Gay, and we still haven't answered that. So let's try to and leave the drag queens alone...that's a whole 'nuther subject.

Ron: I know I'm Gay when I look at a man and go: *Wow!*

Jack: It goes beyond that, some straight men go *Wow!* too, but I think for us, it starts very early, Ron.

Ron: But nobody made me that way.

Jack: That's right, so there is that kind--the kind of people who as far back as they can remember have had these feelings. And then there are also people who discover it later on in their lives. Those people either meet another Gay person, or find themselves in the company of a contemporary who is discovering himself and they share this discovery process and both turn out to be Gay at the same time. Or a person reads about the subject and learns some things from that, and recognizes his or her self in what they read, and says: Hey, that sounds like me. Sometimes it's an education process that maybe takes place as a small child, or for some a little later in life, and for others in their adult lives. They haven't really come to terms with themselves until it slaps them in the face at some point.

Mike: I can speak to that very clearly because with me it was a discovery process. One day, literally, I was looking in the mirror while shaving, and thinking at the same time, and literally mouthed the words, "I'm queer".

Aunt Annabel: That's what we used to call Gay people.

Mike: I was 22 then. The point was, I had prior to that time, experimented with both heterosexual and homosexual activities.

Wendy: What led you to that then?

Mike: I have no idea of how it came about. It wasn't a formulated idea in either direction until I came to a point when I literally said it.

Wendy: Do you think most effeminate men are homosexual?

Mike: No. I've known an awful lot of men who we'd call *nellie*, and are married, have children, a very happy home-life and all the rest...I know people who stutter, and this situation is controllable because almost everyone of them can sing without stuttering. How do they come to stutter? We don't know, and the same, I think, goes for effeminacy. There are traits that people have--either they're born with them, nobody knows. And probably no one ever will.

Kathi: Aunt Annabel has asked me--about Ron's grandmother. He said she knew about him and had commented about it.



Aunt Annabel: That's one thing that puzzled me, because you told me that, which was something I wondered about...it puzzled me.

Ron: It's puzzled me for years. I think that was some kind of connection with history because I know my grandmother knew people before the turn of the century who were Gay--fairies, they called them.

Mike: Fairies then meant *nellie*. The application of "fag" to homosexuals comes from English public schools where young boys were forced to do the bidding of the older ones, and in some cases that involved serving them sexually.

Jack: The same as the word "lucky".

Ron: Well, somehow my grandmother knew me--long before I knew myself. I think I was about six at the time, and when she told me I looked at her face, and I knew what she was saying, but not exactly what she meant. I don't think I recognized *sexual* at that time. But she didn't convince me I was different, I already knew that, but I hadn't told anyone about these feelings.

Mike: Have we helped your understanding, Annabel? You've asked questions and we've tried to answer them.

Aunt Annabel: Well, yes, it is helping, but go on.

Mike: I'm convinced in my own mind that the roots--the deep roots--are not really knowable. What we can know though is how we handle the things we observe. You handled it with your friends and it

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was said to you, "Well, those are different, homosexuals or queer, or they're Lesbians." You established your own value system as to whether they were still friends of yours or not.

Aunt Annabel: Yea, I didn't care what they were...they were still my friends.

Mike: Exactly, and you don't know why you chose them above the gossip.

Aunt Annabel: And I don't know why they chose me.

Skip: I think they felt they were in contact with you as a person.

Jack: They could feel comfortable with you because you weren't sitting in judgement of them.

Ron: The same reason we're here now.

Skip: There has to be a comfort factor. The woman, Mary, that you mentioned who was in bed with you--the realization comes at that point or maybe a little later when you say, "I enjoyed that, I felt very close to that person, we understood each other, it was fulfilling". I think that is one of the points when a person realizes they are this (Gay).

Wendy: Do you think it's detrimental to classify as one or the other? Do you come to that breaking point?

Jack: I think some people *have* to come to that point and say, "This is what I am, this is what I want to be. I am most comfortable here and least comfortable over here." That was the kind of advice my father gave me when I was a teenager: You've got to make up your mind what you are--you can't sit on the fence.

Wendy: Was he saying this in regards to your sexuality?

Jack: Yes--it was the topic of discussion at the time.

Wendy: So he wasn't real stuffy about it?

Jack: Oh no, no, no. It was no problem, though I had put it off for a long time, because I didn't know for sure how I would react. But I found that I could talk to my parents about this--I was seventeen at the time--and it helped alot. That was the strongest advice he ever gave me: Make up your mind what you want to be, and then be what you see as the best that you can be within that framework.

Skip: It's something like taking a trip. You can't go both directions at once, and you say I do enjoy going West, but I really enjoy more going East, so--

Wendy: Wasn't it hard to make that decision?

Skip: No, it was there for a very long time--from the time I was about six years old. The first realization was actually before that, and when I went to kindergarten, I knew who I did and didn't like, and the one's I liked were all boys and finally I gravitated to it.

Jack: And didn't your mother pretty much keep little girls away from you because none of them were good enough for you?

Skip: Yes, she did. She wasn't overbearing about it, but she was pretty domineering. I was an only child and I had it figured out by the time I was eight years old.

Wendy: Well, how about your parents. What did they say?

Skip: My mother said it was ok to be Gay, as long as I didn't have sex with men. My father never said much.

Jack: But, Skip's father was supportive. Skip and I have been together for nearly ten years and early on in our relationship his father used to come over to our house and spent time with me. We got along just fine.

Kathi: I've always thought that the religious movements that have swept across the country over the years have had a profound effect on people's attitudes towards Gays. That pendulum seems to swing back and forth.

Mike: It all started in the Middle Ages, and before that there was the affect of sexual tolerance--except in some isolated societies--both heterosexual and homosexual.

Kathi: Mike, don't you think that most of the pressure on the homosexual community has evolved religiously?

Mike: Oh, sure, but it didn't evolve that much until after the period of the Inquisition. But it wasn't so much the Catholic Church. It seems to have come a little later with the arising of people like John Calvin, Knox, and some of the others like them.

Kathi: But Catholic people who I know now seem to be less inclined

to be as harsh as the Baptists and some others, and I think that's probably because of their Priests and nuns.

Mike: Catholicism has always had a strong appreciation for the weakness of sin and all sex is effectively sin--and an essential opportunity for redemption, because Catholicism is a *very practical* religion, as is Islam and the Eastern Orthodox.

Skip: There's another facet of the Catholic Church and homosexuality, and that is the enormous contribution to the Catholic Church made by homosexuals in the form of art and music and so forth.

Mike: But overall, the Catholic Church has remained pretty much unchanged in relation to sex. While what has happened since the Inquisition when almost any sin was used to punish people was that people sprang out of that--and the notables, Calvin and Knox, who were pure hell-fire and brimstone claimed there was no possibility for redemption. You had to accept that along with the predestination ideas that said only the *Elect* will go to heaven, and those *Elect* are pre-chosen. Everybody else is automatically a sinner and doomed to the fire; and therefore, you've got to suffer, suffer, suffer. Control, control, control was the way to operate the race, and that idea rolled forward right to the Puritans and to American society. We can see this view clearly in American society, and we can see it in Germany because of Luther who was also influenced by these people and these ideas. But you don't see it in France, Spain, Africa, Japan...they're not the same. What we see in this country as universal ideas are not, and the liberation, non-liberation, etc., is essentially in the Anglo-Saxon world, and not in the rest of it.

Kathi: When you were raised in Ohio, Aunt Annabel, were there noticeable homosexuals around in Barnsville and places like that?

Aunt Annabel: No, except for the young man at the dances that people called queer. They must have been around, but you must remember that people only talked in whispers about things like that then, if at all. Now I live in a retirement environment in San Jose--there are 250 of us in this building, and no one talks about homosexuals, and if there are any living there, I don't know about it. We do have a mix of all races, but not Gays that I know of.

Ron: Well, we often don't see what is actually there. Like the two old guys on the Muppet Show who are always giving them hell from the box. Did it ever occur to you that they are an old couple? And then there's Bert and Ernie.

Mike: There just hasn't been enough time yet to see how people will represent themselves openly. Hiding is no problem, but being open is something else. It's my solemn belief that you cannot eliminate prejudice on a wholesale basis, but you can eliminate laws. Don't frustrate yourself trying to fight prejudice that way. We can only do that on a one-to-one, individual basis...

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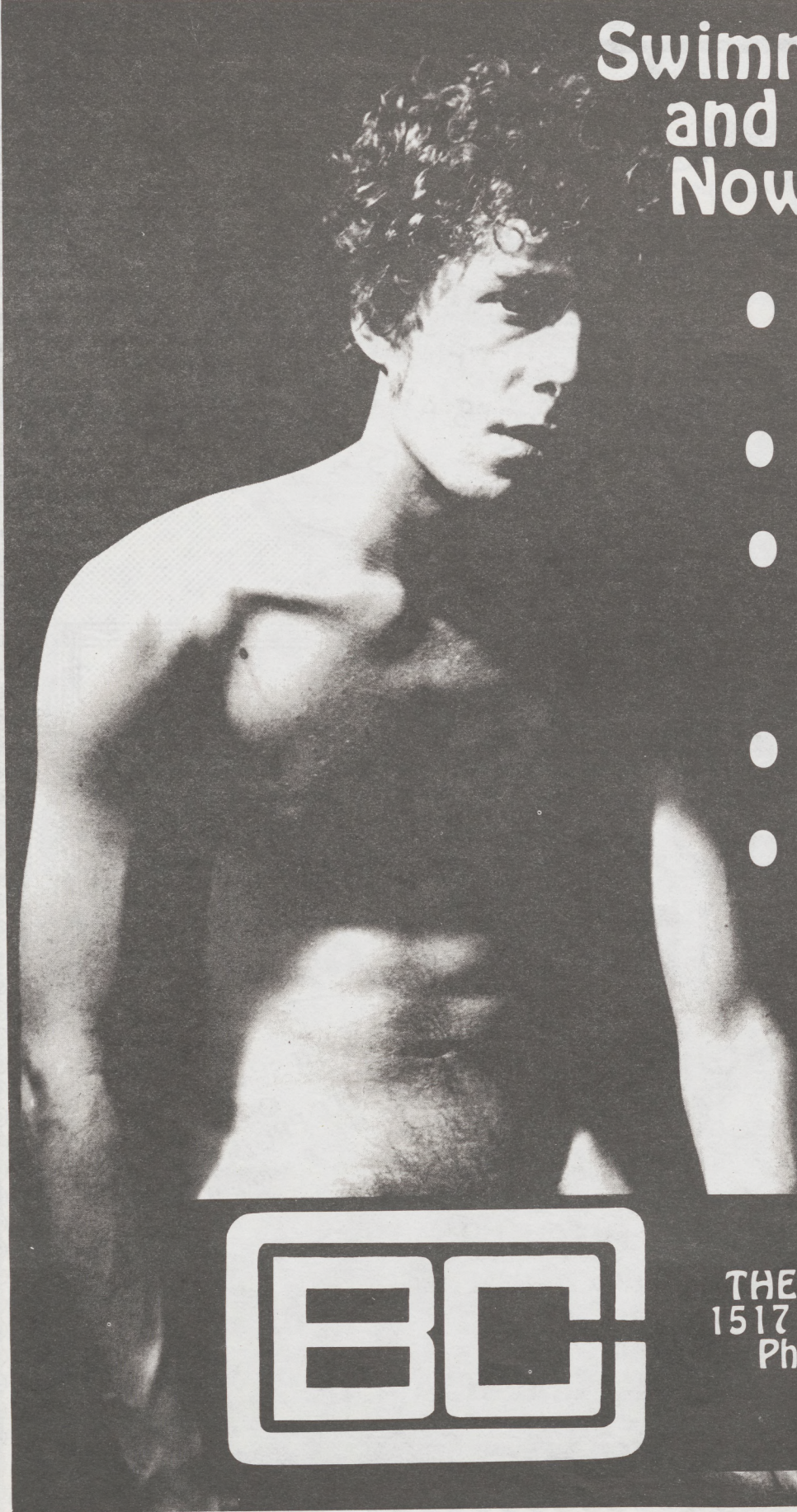
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RUSSIAN PRIEST ACCUSED OF HOMOSEXUALITY

U.S.S.R. (IGNA)—Writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn is quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* about the arrest of a Soviet priest, whom he says the KGB is trying to destroy by falsely charging him with homosexual acts and drunken orgies.

According to Solzhenitsyn, Father Dmitri Dudko is not guilty of this "vile" crime. Rather, Father Dudko "has renewed the age-old sermons to the hearts of the people, sermons which are forbidden in the U.S.S.R., and the people, pining for the word of God for half a century, came to him in throngs."

The Nobel Prize winner accuses the KGB of coaching false witnesses to say that the priest's parish discussions with young people are covers for sexual activity.

FCC TELLS BROADCASTERS TO ADDRESS NEEDS OF GAYS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (IGNA)—The Federal Communications Commission has ordered radio and television broadcasters to listen to the concerns of homosexuals to determine which community needs should be addressed in their programming.

The FCC's action stems from a 1976 petition filed by the National Gay Task Force and 142 other homosexual organizations that complained that they were not being consulted by local radio and TV stations, even though they said they made up a significant portion (10%) of the nation's population.

However, the commission ruled that stations do not have to seek out these groups. But if the groups come to the stations, then broadcasters must continue to contact them to ascertain their needs. It thus behooves Gays to go to the broadcasters.

The new rule should encourage broadcasters to devote more news and public affairs programs to the problems and interests and accurate portrayals of homosexuals.

Under Commission rules, broadcasters who fail to ascertain the needs of their community risk a challenge to their broadcast licenses when they come up for renewal before the FCC.

Handicapped persons received the same inclusion in the FCC ruling.

DENIES BEING ONE OF THOSE

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIF. (IGNA)—A former Alameda County sheriff's lieutenant is trying to prove that he isn't Gay after two men accused him of making homosexual advances, charges that cost him his job.

William Ziegler, 32, had been a deputy for almost 12 years when he was accused last fall of what he considers to be "probably the worst thing you can accuse a cop of being...a homosexual."

Ziegler claims that because he was one of the organizers of a deputies' sickout last summer his superiors vowed to get him. Apparently in Alameda County a charge of homosexuality is still considered a damaging accusation.

Ziegler was demoted to sergeant last November, shortly after one of the deputies under his charge told his superiors that Ziegler had made a pass at him in a bar.

Ziegler, who admits to having a drinking problem, said that he was so drunk at the time that he didn't recall his conversation with the man.

In a two-hour tape-recorded interrogation with his superiors, Ziegler insisted, according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, that "I know my morals and I know my convictions, and no matter how much liquor you drink you don't change that."

Deputy Felix Ellison charged that Ziegler said, "Let's go get a room" to him, then fondled Ellison's genitals.

Ziegler was fired last April for "conduct unbecoming an officer" and for improper use of a firearm when a young black Oakland man told police he shot Ziegler with the sergeant's own gun because Ziegler had made a homosexual advance.

Ziegler was wounded superficially in the shoulder.

Ziegler says that the black man, Robert Woods, flagged his car down, then attempted to rob him, and grabbed the gun during the struggle.

Since his firing, Ziegler said, he has received telephone threats and he finds that he "can't hardly face" his neighbors in the Castro Valley neighborhood where he grew up and now lives with his sister.

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD URGES AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR GAYS

NEW YORK (IGNA)—The National Lawyers Guild, an organization consisting of over 6,000 progressive lawyers, law students, and legal workers, recently adopted guidelines requiring it to take affirmative action to promote Lesbian and Gay issues in its coalition work.

Specifically, the guidelines call for the Guild and its members when forming coalitions to include Lesbian and Gay groups; to suggest Lesbian and Gay speakers at coalition-sponsored programs, demonstrations, rallies, conferences, etc; to educate other groups in coalitions who have negative positions toward Gay people and Gay rights; and to discontinue participating in any coalition where Gay people, groups, or organizations are explicitly excluded.

The National Lawyers Guild is currently involved in a lawsuit to force the Federal Bureau of Prisons to accept Lesbian/Gay publications sent inmates.

This summer the Bay Area Chapter of the Guild will sponsor the organization's 5th annual Gay summer project, focussing on "Police Abuse in the Gay Community."



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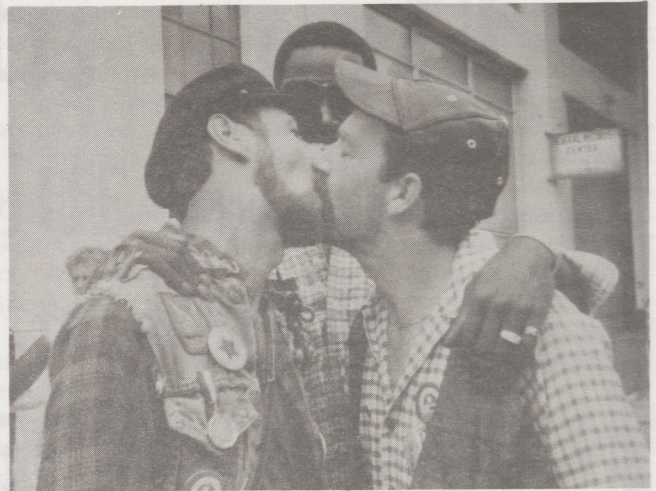
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PLLC MEMBERS IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR GAY FREEDOM DAY

Phoenix Levi-Leather Club members traveled via train to San Francisco to attend their Gay Freedom Day Celebration. The photos here are courtesy of Pat Williams.

According to club members, some 70,000 people marched and celebrated in the streets, while another 250,000 lined the streets to watch. Numerous groups and organizations were represented, most from California, though there were groups from as far away as Hawaii. "We waited in line for four hours," commented Pat Williams, "before we got to march."

Following the march, a variety of carnival rides were available, if you wanted to stand through the long lines. (More coverage on following pages.)



The New Pride wishes to thank Dale Williams (Connecton owner, pictured above) and others among the PLLC group for passing out The New Pride to on-lookers.



SAN FRANCISCO'S GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE THE DIFFERENT DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

by Jeff Jarvis, San Francisco Enquirer

SOON THERE'LL BE A PARADE FOR NONE OF THE ABOVE: There was a T-shirt on sale at yesterday's Gay Freedom Day Parade, blue with white letters. You're supposed to check off which one applies to you:

- I'm looking for a lover.
 - I want a significant relationship.
 - I'm just plain horny.
 - Please leave me alone.
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It's just what we need in these times of eclectic sexuality, when mating is no longer simply "boy meets girl", but also girl meets boy, boy meets boy, girl meets girl, and boy and girl meet girl and boy.

Such rampant confusion among the sexual foragers of San Francisco — "Is he?...Is she?" — is one sign that gays have begun to enter the mainstream.

Another sign is the fact that San Francisco's annual Gay Freedom Day Parade has come to resemble a Fourth of July parade.

Instead of VFW members wearing their funny little hats, there were Gay telephone workers wearing helmets ("Every queen should have a princess," said their sign).

Following not far behind this year, as every year, were East Bay Feminists Against Nukes, Gay Latinos, Gay Asians, Gay Jews, Gay Presbyterians, Gay Deaf People and straight politicians looking for Gay votes. There were bands and floats and baton twirlers and clowns.



Phoenix group waits for train... and waits...and waits.

As Gay parades go, this year's was nothing unusual. And that's fine. Two years ago, there were enemies to fight — namely John Briggs and Anita Bryant. Last year, there were hours of soporific speeches. But this year, there were carnival rides — a Ferris Wheel, a "whirl-around", a ring-toss, where you could win a stuffed horse. It's become a party, an annual get-together, just for the heck of it.

"We are everywhere," the Gays say, and every year they prove their point. From reading their signs, you could see that there were, in addition to the Gay phone workers and

Gay Presbyterians: Gay Atheists, Gay Dentists (who threw candy to the crowd), Gay travel agents, Gay students, Gay aircraft mechanics, Gay welders, Gay lawyers, Gay florists, Gay publishers, Gay Republicans, Gay Democrats, Gay



Libertarians ("the radical caucus"), "commie queers", Gays against the death penalty, Gay softball teams, Gay outdoors clubs, Gay bars, Gay fathers, Gay mothers, Gay singers, Gay tuba players, a "Gay skateboarder for Gay Rights", and Gay cowboys — something for everybody who's Gay.

Not all of them are from San Francisco, either. Marching yesterday were the "Durham North Carolina Pansy Brigade", and the "Phoenix (Arizona) Levi-Leather Club", and the Gay Hawaiians.

Four women waited at Market and Spear streets for just the right group to join. Finally, it arrived. "SOL," said their sign — "Slightly Older Lesbians".

Well, not quite all of it is in the mainstream. Take, for instance, the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence," a dozen men



The flying nun

Examiner Judith Calson Rausch

— some bearded — dressed in drag as nuns. I doubt they'll ever be able to join the Bohemian Club, or the Knights of Columbus.

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PARADE, continued from previous page

The guy with the leather pants and the studded codpiece and the two guys who painted their bodies purple won't meet the dress code at Ernie's.

And the women proclaiming themselves lesbians for sado-masochism ("Try it, you'll like it," said their sign) are not likely candidates for the Junior League.

Nonetheless, Gays are a power to be reckoned with. That's why Assemblyman Art Agnos and Sheriff Mike Hennessy rode on a float together, judicial candidates Phil Moscone and Ina Geymant rode in separate convertibles. D.A. Arlo Smith rode in a Model-T, and other convertibles carried two candidates for the Assembly, two for the Community College Board, one for Congress and one for school board.



PLLC members shown here all lined up to march in S.F. parade.

(Photos courtesy Pat Williams)

That's why yesterday's parade was being recorded by TV crews from Germany, Australia, Canada, Italy and Japan.

Odd notes from the parade: A slender woman stood near the stage wearing nothing above the waist — and no one even noticed, except one reporter. A man in brief snakeskin underwear had coiled around him a 12-foot-long live snake. People did notice that. A man from the builders' convention next door wandered into the Gay crowd. He was wearing a button that said, "Have you hugged your builder today?" No one tried. Emcee Armistead Maupin had the thousands in the crowd jump up and down on the ground, and then he told

them why: At that moment, Jerry Ford was speaking to the builders in the Brooks Hall below. The woman who was signing for deaf people on stage had fun translating a bandleader's instructions to the crowd: "Shake your can."

City official Rudy Nothenberg noticed that Assemblyman Willie Brown was scheduled to speak after the band called Messiah. "They got that in the wrong order," Rudy said. Willie shook his head and replied: "No, you shoulda said that they listed me twice." And it's a miracle that the male parade monitor in leather chaps didn't get run over when he called the Dykes on Bikes "ladies".

It would be misleading to say that yesterday's parade was nothing but a party. Some people had fought to have more political speeches. At least one speaker had angry words about the CBS "documentary" on San Francisco's Gays. There was a banner commemorating the Gay riot on City Hall last May. And there was talk of San Jose, where voters recently repealed a Gay Rights measure. The San Jose Gays spared no subtlety on their float — six of them crucified themselves on white crosses.

It also would be misleading to say that the freakishness mentioned and pictured here pervaded the parade. Quite the contrary, there were far fewer freaks and drag queens and nuders this year than in years past. Gays are, in a manner of speaking, getting straighter.

Next year's Gay Freedom Day Parade won't be much different from the Columbus Day Parade, the St. Patrick's Day Parade or the Chinese New Year's Parade. It will be just another parade.

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"But, how do you know you wouldn't enjoy dancing with a troll if you've never danced with a troll?"

ROONEY TAKES ON CRITICS OVER GAY DOCUMENTARY

by William A. Henry III
Boston Globe

LOS ANGELES—Andrew Rooney, the humorist for "60 Minutes" wasn't kidding.

Five journalists among 100 at a press conference a week ago had asked another CBS News official some tough questions about the accuracy and balance of a CBS News documentary set in San Francisco, *Gay Power, Gay Politics*, which had provoked overwhelmingly negative mail and a protest to the National News Council.

Rooney had nothing to do with the show. In fact, he said much later, he hadn't even seen it. But apparently he was furious that anyone would challenge what he called the "impeccable intent" of CBS News.

He called the questions about the show "arrogant". He said the reporters were "representing special interest groups rather than journalists". Later he labeled the questions "advocacy" and said the questioners were "no longer being journalists," though all of them asked about journalistic standards and ethics rather than the legislative and social issues of Gay rights.

Twice Rooney said he knew, without any other evidence than the questions, that the people who asked them were homosexual. When asked how he knew, he told one reporter, "Prejudice saves me a great deal of time in making quick judgements...There are certain things, I don't know, I wasn't sure in all cases."

When some of the reporters who had asked the questions told him they believed he had impugned their personal integrity, he argued, back-tracked, then used an obscenity and refused to talk to them further.

CBS Press relations chief, Barrie Richardson, said, "I don't think comment would be appropriate until I have spoken to our legal department." Richardson said he had referred the matter to CBS News Vice President Robert Chandler, who attended the press conference and handled the original questions about the show.

The session was among the most combative during a two-week annual meeting between network personnel and the country's major television critics.

During NBC's section, Michael Landon, producer and star of *Little House on the Prairie*, refused to answer on subjects ranging from his plans for the show to his reasons for making commercials supporting Ronald Reagan for president. Landon cut a scheduled hour news conference to 25 minutes, spent more than a third of it on byplay and "questions" from cast and crew, insulted reporters repeatedly and eventually called them a roomful of drunks.

At the beginning of ABC's days, critics spent nearly an hour badgering actress Lee Remick with questions preceded by hostile reviews of the film adaptation of Marilyn French's novel, *The Women's Room* which ABC made and had just screened for the press.

Rooney's outburst came toward the end of an hour-long press conference structured as a hybrid between a policy interview with Chandler and star personality interviews with correspondents Ed Bradley and Rooney. The short, portly, florid, white-haired, 60ish Rooney had told a small cluster of reporters beforehand that after years of writing anonymous words that made Harry Reasoner and other "talent" into stars, he enjoyed the limelight and would never willingly write for another performer again.

During the news conference the majority of questions went to Chandler, and most of the rest to Bradley. Until he attacked the critics, in answer to a general question about coverage of TV, Rooney had been largely ignored.

"I'm impressed by the arrogance of many of the questions," Rooney said. "I am surprised by the questions representing interest groups and not journalists."

The first question alleged factual error in the documentary, including use of a heterosexual sado-masochism parlor of what homosexual activists hoped to spread. The second questioner quoted a follow-up show aired by the San Francisco CBS affiliate in which most of the participants in the documentary told the CBS producers, face-to-face, that the show distorted and misrepresented their interviews.

A third questioner asked whether the show equated the entire Gay Rights movement with its most extremist members. A fourth asked about the fairness of juxtaposing an interview with a Gay moderate and footage of a "torture chamber". A fifth asked about the future assignments of the producers.

No one shouted, no one advocated Gay Rights, and only one explicitly attacked the show.

In contrast to the ulterior motives Rooney attributed to the journalists asking these questions, he said, "At CBS News — and I'll say it for ABC too because I've worked there — the intent is impeccable."

Because of those good intentions and the vast flow of information to the public, he added, "It's not a tragedy when *60 Minutes* does something that's not quite accurate, not quite fair, not quite moral...the American people do not know how lucky it is to have the network news that it has operating by the journalistic principles that it does."

A few minutes later, Rooney decried the rise of quasi-journalistic magazine shows, looking like news but made by the networks' entertainment departments. He said the news department should take more of a role in collaborating to create such shows, and belittled its unwillingness to do so with a homosexual joke. "It's like two guys in a tent on a coming trip — they don't dare touch each other."

At the end of the formal press conference Rooney continued talking with reporters. Without prompting or questioning he lauded himself for his lack of prejudice against Blacks and Jews. Asked which questions he thought were "arrogant", he said, "Why were so many of the questions from Gays...I thought it was unbecoming for anyone in an advocacy position to press it so much." At that point a reporter went to summon the first of the questioners, who came up beside Rooney, denied being homosexual or an advocate of homosexuality and asked him to repeat the allegations.

"Yes," Rooney said, "I'll say it again. I thought there were too many questions that were what I would consider advocacy questions, in other words, people who were Gays." When the reporter objected, Rooney said, "What the hell is wrong...Don't put me in the position of having said you were Gay. I had no — I never dreamed — I thought there were — don't you think there were advocacy..."

The reporter said, "I caution you to get one of your flunkies around here to call CBS attorneys immediately to find out the meaning of slander."

Rooney answered, "I said nothing that was designed in any way to condemn you or anyone." A moment later, however, as another reporter protested, he interjected, "I'm sorry. But I repeat the statements."

Later that night he walked up to one of the reporters and asked point-blank if he were homosexual. The answer was, "I don't know why it matters, but no."

BRITISH TV DOES GAY SERIES

LONDON (IGNA)—British television has, at last, decided to investigate the existence of the Gay community's life-styles, that is, apart from its traditional depiction of Gays as patients who need curing, as comic jokes, as criminals, and so on.

London Weekend Television formed its Minorities Unit in 1979, which for the first time in the history of British TV, will cover such groups in special programs. Blacks had first attention, followed by Gays, with a initial projected series of 11 weekly half-hour shows called *Gay Life*.

The decision was to screen them late night on Sundays because the subject is "sensitive," a time when most people have retired to sleep for Monday morning work.

The series started in February, 1980 and began with a look into job discrimination in the Civil Service with special emphasis on the security risks of employing Gays. This followed a recent Gay spy scandal, and so was calculated to be topical.

The next program dealt with Gay stereotypes: clones in disco clubs, men in leather, drag queens, all interviewed with an overvoice commenting. Then came police harassment, followed by another on Lesbians' custody of children and on adoption.

According to Executive Producer Barry Cox, the ratings were typical for a late night Sunday slot.

Criticism has come from some Lesbian organizations and individuals. Major complaints range from the predominantly male production staff and male emphasis in content to methods of presentation.

Specific complaints were that the series treated Gays like "wild life" specimens and that the "impartial," invisible, authoritative commentator gave a "common sense" point of view that often cancelled out any pro-Gay stance that emerged from the interviews or other information. Also criticized was the use of Gay opponents to present their views, "to create a balance," when those views often get screentime anyway.

The major complaint seemed to be superficially of approach.

The TV team answered objections at a meeting and admitted mistakes and faults, partly due to inexperience with this type of program. They noted the criticisms, but added that their professional ethics would make them resist undue outside pressure.

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PRÉSIDENT OF WORLD AIRWAYS CHANGES TUNE

OAKLAND, CALIF. (IGNA)—The controversial president of World Airways, Edward Daly, has reversed an earlier outburst against Gays and pledged his comply to non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Late last year, The International Gay News Agency broke the news of Daly's memo to his employees in which he wrote: "This company doesn't need hoodlums, racketeers, queers..." International Gay News Agency obtained a copy of the memo from an employee of World.

In response, the Golden Gate Business Association, a primarily Gay organization, wrote a letter to Daly calling him to task for his remarks. When no response came from Daly, the Golden Gate Business Association's Board of Directors approved a boycott of World Airways. Major Gay organizations across the country endorsed the planned boycott.

On June 9, 1980, President Daly broke his silence and wrote to the G.G.B.A.: "Neither World Airways nor I (have) ever or will ever discriminate against anyone on any basis, including their sexual orientation."

In view of Daly's statement, the boycott will not be implemented.

GAY SYNAGOGUE INDUCTED

MIAMI, FLA. (IGNA)—The Metropolitan Community Synagogue of Greater Miami, a congregation serving the Jewish Gay community, was formally inducted into the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on June 7th.

In the midst of the Havdalah service, which marks the separation between the conclusion of the Sabbath and the rest of the week, Rabbi Lewis Bogage presented the U.A.H.C.'s charter to the Gay synagogue.

Unanimously elected to membership by 4,000 delegates at the last conference of Reformed Jews, the Miami synagogue became the second such synagogue to achieve membership. The first was Beth Chaim Chadashim of Los Angeles.

The ceremony was marked by Hebrew singing, a reading from the psalms of a special prayer about the emergence from hiding, a telling of the history of the M.C.S. congregation, and a reading of congratulatory telegrams and messages.

GAYS HIRE LOBBYIST

MIAMI, FLA. (IGNA)—Florida's Gay people will have a lobbyist vying for the attention of the state's legislators because of a series of fund-raisers.

The Florida Gay Task Force held a series of parties around the state in late March to raise the \$10,000 needed to pay a lobbyist.

"We feel this is the next step in the battle for assuring equal rights for all men and women," said Bernie Berkowitz, president of the Broward County Coalition for Human Rights.

Last year the states Gay activists hired a part-time lobbyist. Now they are interviewing candidates. "We hope it'll be a woman," Berkowitz said. "We want her to work to remove some of the stupid laws that are on the books now and perhaps work on some laws that will help promote equal rights."

DEFENDANT COMMITS SUICIDE

SAN MATEO, CALIF. (IGNA)—A defendant in the May 21st, 1979 White Night riot in San Francisco died from a .38 caliber gun shot wound in the head while at his parents' home in San Mateo County on April 7, 1980. The San Mateo Coroner ruled the death a suicide.

The death of William Kirk Budd was revealed June 3 in the courtroom of Municipal Court Judge Williamson, where Budd was to have appeared with eight other defendants still facing serious charges stemming from the events around San Francisco City Hall during White Night. A death certificate was presented as proof that the case had been disposed of. Judge Williamson then dismissed William ("Billy") Budd's case.

His body was found in his bedroom after his mother returned home from work.

He left a note to his family attempting to explain his decision. In one part of the letter he said, "You're better off with me out of your life." He went on to say, "I'm sorry...I didn't mean to do anything wrong, but I just keep doing it."

His body was cremated and his ashes scattered at sea by the Neptune Society.

He was 20 years old and is survived by his Gay brothers and Sisters.

GAYNESS IS NOT CAUSED BY AUTO ACCIDENT

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (IGNA)—A 22 year old man who claimed that the trauma of a 1975 automobile accident changed him into a homosexual has lost his case in Hudson County Superior Court.

A jury decided that Ciro Chaumont had not proved his case and was entitled to no damages.

Chaumont sued the drivers of five cars involved in an accident in Passaic on October, 1975. Chaumont was a passenger in a car driven by a friend.

Chaumont claimed that his nose was broken and his face cut in the crash. He said that the resulting disfigurement disrupted his career and bruised his self-esteem.

The plaintiff's psychiatrist, Sergio Marti, testified that before the accident Chaumont was weak, Narcissistic, and latent homosexual. The facial scars convinced Chaumont that women would reject him.

Since he found easier acceptance among men, he gradually became an overt homosexual, the doctor testified.

But defence attorneys presented evidence that a "penny arcade" that Chaumont claimed to be leaving the night of the crash was actually a Gay bar he visited often.

SEXUAL FANTASIES

Dr. William M. Masters, co-founder of the Masters and Johnson Institute, has revealed some findings of the couple's latest project, which concerns sexual fantasies, although the full report won't be available until 1983.

According to Masters, groups of homosexual and heterosexual males and females were found to share two frequent fantasies——cross-preference and forced sex.

Homosexuals fantasized about heterosexual encounters, and heterosexuals, perhaps surprisingly, did the opposite. Both groups share the rape fantasy, Masters told the audience here.

The results make a mockery of the "Latent homosexual" diagnosis that some therapists have used to justify treating some people in the past. "If we have a latent homosexual, we must have a latent heterosexual," Masters said.

WOMEN ATHLETES' FILM ENCOUNTERS RESISTANCE

EUGENE, ORE. (IGNA)—The university that served as the setting for a slovenly fraternity in *Animal House* has rejected the request of Academy-Award-winning film maker Robert Towne to film his version of life and love among women athletes (entitled *Personal Best*) on the University of Oregon campus.

University officials twice turned down the Warner Brothers project, allegedly because of language, use of drugs, and Lesbianism.

The official turndown came in an April 8th letter from Vice President for affairs Kurt Simic, with the encouragement of the university's athletic department. Simic said the movie, to star Mariel Hemingway of *Manhattan*, might damage the university's image.

A member of the athletic department told *The Oregon Statesman* that the Lesbian theme was the reason for the rejection.

Writer-producer-director Towne told the paper that the film "tries to say that whatever incidental contact occurs between people of two sexes——either sex, both sexes——the important thing in the relationship is affection, courage, and loyalty."

Towne wished to film sequences at the June 21—29 Olympic Trials, an event that may end up as the American track world's version of the Olympics.

He was quoted in the *Register-Guard* newspaper as saying he is no longer interested. "I am deeply offended by the U of O," Towne said. "I think they are obscene. I think they have been incredible monsters. I feel like I've been treated like some sleazo, pornographic film operator."



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FUNDAMENTALISTS ONCE MORE

PULLMAN, WA. (IGNA)—Bible-toting fundamentalists dominated a public hearing in this university town on a proposed amendment to the Washington State University administrative code to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals.

The religionists read scripture into the hearing record and contended that Gays were "a minority of choice." Those favoring the amendment argued that it is needed to end discrimination at WSU in such areas as employment, housing, and tenure.

Not all the Christians at the hearing opposed the amendment, however. James Nielson of the Common Ministry spoke in favor of protecting homosexuals. "They live and breathe fear and rejections," Nielsin said.

Others, Such as Leslie Little, a WSU staff member, spoke out forcefully against the amendment. "I believe it is a sin and it is wrong. We should not encourage sinful behavior," said Little.

A speech instructor, John Salvana, spoke up to say, "I

am openly saying that I am Gay. I am here because I'm afraid of losing my job."

He said he was speaking in behalf of other professors and staff members who were also Gay but who were afraid to attend the public meeting.

The campus Christians said they feared that the university would force their organization to accept Gay members if the amendment were adopted. This, they argued, would be an infringement of religious liberty.

Peter Pasquale, a student and a principal opponent of campus Gays said the language of the amendment based on "sexual preference" was too vague.

Pasquale said, it could be used to outlaw discrimination against those involved in prostitution, incest, and sex with animals as well as homosexuals.

The dispute grew out of an attempt by the Associated Students of WSU to give \$100 to help fund the Gay Awareness Committee. A campus vote against Gays resulted.

LESBIAN POLICE OFFICER CHARGES DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. (IGNA)—The first openly acknowledged Lesbian on the Washington, D.C. police force, Sandy Austin, has filed a complaint with the department's equal opportunity office. Austin claims that she was removed from her 5-month-old detail as an undercover officer with the Seventh District's vice squad because she is Gay.

She had been working her usual evening tour, she told *The Washington Post*, and was ready to hit the streets, when Lt. George Wesley, a supervisor, called her into his office. Wesley told her she was being relieved of her undercover assignment and would be returned to uniform work.

In her written complaint, Austin said that no reasons were given for the change, although it implied a reprimand despite having received a letter of commendation for exemplary service after 15 months of work with the vice squad. "Then it hit me, this sudden turn of events could only have come out because they had found out I was Gay," she said.

"After all, this was the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, and no one was allowed to have a private life, especially females——and especially if it was different from everyone else's."

One week after making her complaint, Ms. Austin was reinstated, after a *Washington Post* reporter began to make inquiries about her complaint. At that time, Austin's commanding officer, Deputy Chief James Kelly, told a reporter that he had returned Austin to her old detail to "keep down any bad press."

Under the District of Columbia's human rights laws, it is illegal to discriminate against city employees on the basis of sexual preference.

But for Sandy Austin, the issue has not died with reinstatement. She says that she's been market, officially and publicly:

"From now on, every step I take is going to be carefully monitored," she said. "They're going to get on my back and try to get me upset and watch for me to make a mistake so they can come down on me."

Austin says that there were others like her in the department, but they are afraid to acknowledge that they are Gay.

She added, "I'm not trying to be a hero or an example. I'm a good cop and I want to work in vice. I just want to be left alone. I don't want any raw deals. I just want to be about my job."

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FROM THE MOUTH OF THE DRAGON

After a somewhat lengthy leave of absence, I find myself (with poison pen in hand) writing for **The New Pride** once again. I missed you my darling fans, who are "Legion", as you've made me a legend in my own time.

- At this point, I should mention **The Shadowettes** and the **Now That Was Tacky (TWT)** columns, but that would be like comparing a flawless diamond (my column) to rather tarnished rhinestones (their columns), and they really aren't worth my articulated efforts.
- Wasn't **Goldberg** wafer thin at the recent ARC benefit appearance? How concerned she was, in her monologue, about my weight gain. It seems the only thing we have in common is our age, and everyone knows I'm 43!
- Speaking of **Goldberg**, rumor has it that she recently tested for a TV commercial in L.A.. I wasn't aware that they were resurrecting any of the footage from "Green Acres" for commercial use. Perhaps just Arnold!
- The rare appearance of **Miss Bette Davis** at the ARC benefit was a memorable experience. She looked great darlings...for her age. What a bustline...no doubt it's been shot fill of silicone.
- Rumor has it, the **Czar** was 86ed from **Bullwinkle**. Crowns do not always royalty make.
- If the **Drag Groupie** possesses so much knowledge of the theater why isn't he as gainfully employed as the drag queens he endeavors to direct, produce, and no doubt procure? Talent will out, and in this case it is sadly lacking.
- I wish **Penelope** would break out her Websters dictionary. I always get the feeling when she introduces her cast at **Harpo's**, as fabulous, fabulous, fabulous...if they took a dump on the stage, it would no doubt be "fabulous."
- **Tish Tanner** should rename "Annie Get Your Gun" to "Annie Get Your Gimp", as she ended up with 15 (fifteen) stitches in her pudgy little ankle as a result of fun and frolic on the Salt. Wonder if they used her for a raft?
- Then there's always **Jon H.** who fell off the stage and injured his ankle. Drugs and booze do not a dancer make. Pity he didn't fall on his head, as he would have bounced right back again.
- **Bartoli** wants to start a fan club (I owe it all to Bartoli!). The list of celebrities who are expected to worship at his shrine is endless. And **Goldberg** can't find any ego in him...please girls, I'm not ready.
- Speaking of **Bartoli**, one wonders how **Chuckie**, and the rest of his "chicken-delights" would feel if they knew he had a son as old, or older than many of his dial-a-tricks.
- Overheard **D.W.** mention the fact that he was so pleased about all the publicity he was receiving in all the columns, and he hopes he doesn't end up in the slammer. Well darling, when one olays in the **SNOW** you have to expect a little frostbite.
- One wonders if the ever beautiful, ever glamorous, ever talented **JoAnne** will fly to New Orleans for a reunion with her ex, **George C.**, meet him in Lubbock, or just wait til he returns to Phoenix, and then have herself committed.

- **FLASH** — from Lubbock — Lucy has a broken shoulder which she received while frolicking with her latest flame. No doubt she fell out of bed.
- **Brandy's** "Rose" was fine, however, it made me appreciate my **Moosella** all the more.
- Let me not forget the 2nd Annual **Entertainer of the Year** contest on August 3rd, at the Club Phoenix. Your hostess for the big event will be the rather seasoned duo — **Cissy Goldberg** and **JoAnne**.
- It would seem that this week-end was very busy in the Phoenix jail, what with **David S.** and **Carman Del Rio** as quests of the establishment.
- In closing, I've missed you darlings. Keep hanging your dirty linen on the lines as I need the copy.



Hello again! Your very favorite sisters of slime are back once again to prove the point that tasteless journalism can be fun. And speaking of tasteless, we have been informed that this rag, for which we have had the pleasure (up until now) to write has taken four steps backwards into the dung heap by now printing that tasteless, boring and somewhat disgusting column "From the Bowels of the Dragon" authored by none other that gargantua herself, **Dragon Lady**. Score: Class 1 — Editors 0. We may just vomit.

Now on to the good news. The ARC benefit held at **Farrah's** was truly two nights to remember. Shades of the old Casa to be sure, with a surprisingly good looking **Miss JoAnne** and a remarkably slim **Ms. Cissy Goldberg** playing co-hostess. The Goldberg (Arnold, to his friends) was just as sharp as ever, kibitzing with the audience and **JoAnne** (including cinch) truly got preposterous of the bospherous. There were too many highlights too numerous to mention. Including many old stand-bys performed by **Ebony**, **Moosala**, **Billy**, and miss showgirl herself, **Carmen Del Rio** just to name a few. **Danny B.** with **Craig** and **Tou-Tou** literally stole the show with their ballet act (Swan Lake just emptied) and followed it up with their rendition of the Village People with a surprisingly good-hoofin' **Ms. Bette Davis**. A fun time was had by all for a very good cause. Over \$2,000 was raised for the center with major contributions coming from **Farrah's**, the host bar (\$500), the **Czar** (\$500), **Harpo's** (\$200) and **Eva F.** (\$100). An excellent idea to repeat this soon!!!

NOT TRUE RUMOR DEPT: **Jesse Beaner** does not drive a low-rider just so he won't have to get out of his car when picking lettuce.

BARTENDER OF THE MONTH: To **Craig** at the **Forum** for being everybody's sweetheart.

OVERHEARD AT THE BAR QUOTE: "After seeing the performances on the **Harpo's** stage I think the name should be changed from **Penelope's Poopettes** to **Penelope's Porkettes**!!!!

Note to the man who wears the red "Killer" shirt at the **Connection**. We don't want to say that you're in need of a chest lift, but if it falls any further you'll be able to dot the "i" with your navel!

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UPCHUCK EVENT OF THE YEAR: **Mrs. Dragoona Racoona Lady** has announced the engagement of her hippo to **Ms. Tish Tanner** (Harpoona-Tuna) formerly of Fatback, Texas. When confronted with the facts, **Dragon Lady** did admit that it was for real but commented that after the ceremony she will *not* be known as **Mrs. Dragoona Racoona Harpoona Tuna**. The Shadowettes would like to join with the Editors of this magazine in wishing these two many happy mud baths together.

Entertainer of the Year is shaping up to be a very big event again this year, with entry blanks available now. The response has been great so if you're planning to enter, call 271-9381 for details.

FOOL OF THE MONTH: To the "added" performers who decided on their own to help the pros at the ARC benefit. You know who you are.

Well, that's it for this month sweeties, and remember, before you make the big no-no, think twice, The Shadowettes Know!!

SIN-cerely,

Now That Was Tacky

- Seems that one night not too long ago, the ever increasing **Dragon Lady**, along with **Ms. Mary Ethel Trash** (of The New Pride), sat around Harpo's making fun of **Tony Baloney's** abundant waist-line. How very rude! May we remind you that "People who live in lard houses shouldn't throw stones."
- And speaking of **Dragon Lady**...His enormous weight gain doesn't seem to have effected the old Dragon's sex life at all...his hand doesn't care if he's fat!
- It would appear that if **Steve S's** sex life gets much more active, he won't have time to work his job as waiter at **Taylor's**. In fact, when **Dr. Bob** at the clinic found out just how busy Steve really is, he told him to check in twice a week.
- Our secret source, we won't name names (but his initials are **Dani Reed**), tells Tacky about his finding **Tish Tanner** and **Quinton** on the basement stairs one night at Harpo's, doing lewd things with oneanother. When asked how he could tell it was **Miss Q**, someone replied that it had to be him...all you could see were glow-in-the-dark teeth!
- We hear that **Mike R's** (Forum B.T.) sex life is like a piece of swiss cheese...some parts are missing, and what's there stinks.
- We understand that the so-called author of the **Shadowette's** column has chosen not to spar with the writers and various gossip pimps who create the **Now that was Tacky (TWT)** masterpiece...on the other hand, we don't wish to have a battle of wits with him/her/it either, as it is our policy not to battle with anyone who is unarmed!
- Poor old **Blanche (duBois de Bolvive)** really has her share of day-to-day problems...it appears that she's loosing her muscular control...seems that the other day when she was naked in her back yard, she squatted down to pet the dog, and her heel slipped in! And to top it all off, her hearing is just about shot. For weeks now she's been going into the bathroom every few minutes and sticking her finger down her throat. Seems that she wanted to loose some of the flab

around her middle and the doctor told her to do 20 sit-ups every morning, and she thought he said **spit-ups**.

- Do leather and frozen daiquiries go together? Just ask **Joe M.** (ex-Club Tubs manager).
- Contrary to rumors being spread, **Dragon Lady** and **Tish (The Lard Ladies of Harpo's)** have had a change of plans about their impending marriage. Finances being what they are, they can't quite afford to tie the knot right now...seems that the minister wanted to charge them by the pound!
- We hear that when **Galen** (Aunt Charlie of Aunt Charlie's) came on the stage as the Wizard in the production of The Wizard of Oz, several members of the audience were overtaken by the aroma of over aged ham which suddenly filled the air!
- **Steve M.** (Myrtle Myth) has been described by a local bar owner as "Having a body like a flattened-out Michelob bottle".
- **Jesse the Beaner** is thinking about marrying an octopus and trying to have a bunch of children...He says they may not be much to look at, but boy will they be able to pick lettuce!
- After being asked um-teen times by **Barry A.** (The Barroness of Farrah's), "You never say anything nice about me, can't you think of something?" Well, Tacky has this to say...You're wonderful, fabulous, fantastic, you have the body of a Greek God, the face of an angel, the world's most captivating personality, you dress like a professional model, and you are nearly perfect in any other way. Tacky hopes you're happy now, and we're glad that you didn't hurt yourself when you fell out of the top bunk at the tubs. It must have been embarrassing for you, what with everyone running around yelling "earthquake".
- **Donny** and **Rick** at the Connection have a new little game they play: passing gas at each other behind the bar. We certainly hope no one has an accident and needs to go home to change their shorts! Be careful Donny, **Rick** was once known as the **Bionic Butt!**
- Did Tacky really over-hear someone at the Forum say that after his recent vacation, "when **Chuckie M.** is viewed naked from the rear, he looks like a hula-hoop with legs"?
- It's hard to believe, but it's true...**Tony Baloney** (Harpo's co-owner), while trying to protect the bar from the scruffy element in the McDowell area, actually took a pocket knife away from **David C.** (Bullwinkle co-owner) when he came visiting and to see a show. Now, that WAS tacky!
- **Ms. Blanche** was singing "The Poor Old Low-down Moo Cow Blues" since her husband went out of town for two weeks...fortunately her depression only lasted from the time she put him on the plane til the time she hit the first T-room at the airport.
- Is that really **Gary C.** (Forum waiter) fluttering around certain of the Forum's "socialite" customers, like a butterfly in heat?
- Times must be getting hard for poor old **Blanche**. Since fewer and fewer people are interested in her saggy body, she's now resorting to taking food to the tubs in order to bribe them. She ties a string onto a sandwich and throws it out into the hall and when someone (anyone) walks by, she yanks the string. You might call it *trolling for tricks*.

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• We just couldn't get away this month without making comment on the terrific job that was done on the ARC benefit show at Farrah's. It was a real treat to see Cissy Goldberg back on the stage in Phoenix. It was a noble gesture for a good cause.

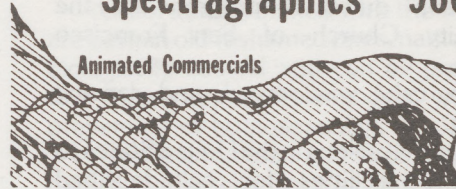
• And speaking of helping worthwhile causes, the cast at Harpo's will be doing a special **Benefit production of The Wizard of Oz** to raise operating funds so that CCR can continue working for **Gay Rights** here in Arizona. If you haven't seen this adult version of The Wizard, don't miss it...it is really, really GOOD. Two shows on Tuesday night, **July 22nd**. Call **258-1624** for reservations, you'll be glad you did.

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GAY DANCE IN PRISON

VACAVILLE, CA. (IGNA)—The Gay, transvestite, and transsexual prisoners at the Vacaville Correctional Facility have held an awards program and social inside the prison walls.

Permission for the evening was granted by prison officials after the prison outreach program of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco requested the occasion.

Awards were given, cake was served, and dancing rounded out the evening.

Vacaville is one of the few prisons in the United States to have special protective facilities for self-identified homosexual prisoners. Most Gay prisoners are in the closet because they risk beatings and rapes if they are known to be Gay.

There are some thirty prisoners at Vacaville who attend weekly get-togethers sponsored by the prison outreach program. One of the leaders is Elizabeth, a male-to-female transsexual, who remains in the all-male prison ("Trapped inside a men's institution," as she puts it) because she has yet to complete the final operation she needs to be considered a woman legally.

Elizabeth is not entitled to have cosmetics according to prison rules, but she and several others have managed to obtain some.

The outreach program is trying to expand in order to make life less oppressive for Gay prisoners in other facilities.

VIOLENCE IN DES MOINES

DES MOINES, IOWA (IGNA)—A series of violent events directed at homosexuals and certain Gay bars has not yet been explained by local law enforcement authorities.

The county's chief prosecutor, Dan Johnston, said that the violence may be a result of harassment of Gays by straights or possibly of a war between Gays for control of Gay bars in the city.

There has been a fire, a shooting, and three assaults at the Country Cove Tap Room and Dance Hall.

Frank Gossen, 23, reported that he was almost hit by a car in an alley near the Cove and then shot in the buttock by a man holding a gun out of the car window.

Gossen said that he believes he is one of several persons in the Gay community who have been harassed, beaten, or stabbed in that section of Des Moines by unknown assailants.

WARREN G. HARDING?

(IGNA)—Some American presidents have uttered memorable lines during their administrations. George Washington said this country should have "no foreign entanglements." Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Although not known for his public speeches, a quotation from President Warren G. Harding has surfaced that may be more revealing than he intended. His line: "It's a good thing I'm not a woman. I'd always be pregnant."

Whether this was meant to be a comment on his sexual appetite or on his preferred position remains to be investigated by historians.

CONCENTRATION CAMP HAIRCUTS

NEW YORK (IGNA)—In what may turn out to provoke a new Gay fashion, the two male stars who have played the leading role in Broadway's **Bent**, a play about the Nazi's treatment of homosexuals, have opted for authentic-looking concentration camp haircuts.

Star Richard Gere told Robert Cybula, the play's hairstylist, that he didn't want his hair cut flatteringly. "I want a bad haircut," he said.

Cybula added, "I never had a request for a bad haircut before, but he didn't feel that they had good hairdressers at Nazi concentration camps."

Actor Michael York, who took over the role from Gere on June 2, was pictured in Arthur Bell's column in *The Village Voice* in a similar close-cropped hairstyle, making him look considerably less pretty than in his previous roles.

The play has been playing on Broadway for over six months, and is rumored to be scheduled to be made into a film by Rainer W. Fassbinder.

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A GLIMMER OF LIGHT IN CUBA

The homosexuals among the current Cuban refugees will not benefit from the new information, but apparently some new ideas about homosexuality are creeping into official Communist health guides in Cuba.

The Commission on Family Education has published a book called *The Intimate Life of Man and Woman*, translated from a book written in Gernam by Dr. Siegfried Schnabl, a sexologist in the German Democratic Republic. (East Germany)

According to an analysis of Chapter 10 of this new book ("Homosexuality in Man and Woman") by Stephen J. Risch and Randolph E. Wills of Cornell University, "there is a brief review and strong condemnation of the juridical, religious, and social sanctions against homosexuality." It is also clearly stated that homosexuals "should have equal rights, respect, and recognition and that any kind of social discrimination is reprehensible."

Some notable changes pointed out in the book are: — that homosexuality "cannot be classified as a sickness; rather, it must be seen as a *variant* of sexuality. Homosexuals do not "suffer" from homosexuality; they suffer from the difficulties that their condition causes them in society." — emotional prejudice and the imposition of penalties based on grandiloquent notions such as "crime against nature" and "contrary to public sensibility" cannot be justified. What two people agree to do in private in no way damages society's

moral standards, and there is no reason whatsoever to take action against them."

Unfortunatley mixed with the new enlightened attitudes are certain old-fashioned ones, namely, that homosexuality is biologically caused and can be prevented hormonally and that heterosexual role-models would contribute to the prevention of homosexuality.

Professors Risch and Wills of Cornell give an historical explanation of why Cuba's Communist government has been so anti-Gay, by saying that at the time of the revolution in 1960, "open homosexuals were almost exclusively associated with the privileged classes of the society. They were pimps and prostitutes, the flamboyant operators of gambling casinos and smuggling rackets, and were nearly always associated with the very rich and materialistic lifestyle of the bourgeoisie. After the revolution, many Cubans mistakenly thought homosexuality was itself in some way caused by these "decadent" lifestyles.

A further reason that the Cubans were concerned with homosexuality "was that they feared it would weaken the structure of the family——an institution which they saw as the foundation on which to build their new society.

The new text is intended to be used by doctors, psychologists, teachers, sociologists, and other professionals, and so it can be expected that these new views will be widely disseminated.

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GAY PAPER THREATENED WITH BAN

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. (IGNA)—Councilman R. L. (Buddy) Riggs has asked his colleagues to ban a Gay newspaper from Virginia Beach's public libraries. The publication, entitled *Our Own*, has been distributed to city libraries for a year and a half, according to library Director Marcie Sims.

Recently some City Council members have been receiving free issues.

"As far as I'm concerned the thing ought to be taken out of the libraries completely," Riggs said. "We don't have *Playboy* sitting out for people to look at. I don't want any children to pick up the newspaper by mistake. There's a certain element in any city that wants to read that kind of trash. Let them find it somewhere else.

Riggs said that he has received some complimentary copies of *Our Own*, but he threw them away without reading them.

The issue that sparked the controversy has been removed from the library shelves. It contained a cartoon reprinted from the *National Lampoon*, depicting a child sucking his thumb, which is shaped like a penis.

Mrs. Sims said that future issues of the newspaper will be reviewed by the staff. If they are found to be controversial, they will be brought to the Library Board for approval before being placed on the shelves.

The solution doesn't do far enough for Riggs. "I would like to vote to get rid of it," he said. "I got calls... One man said he won't let his children go into any of our libraries until the paper is removed."

Riggs said that if there is enough sentiment on the council to ban the publication, he would make a motion to do so.

Mrs. Sims said that her library staff decided earlier that the newspaper met standards of accuracy and provided information that is not otherwise available.

HOMOS ON THE RANGE

CANADA (IGNA)—The popular notion that Western Canada was settled by farming families under a strict regime of law and order has been challenged by recently assembled evidence that male homosexual activity may have been a wide-spread aspect of settlement.

Australian writer, Terry Chapman, has written a study called *Sexual Deviations in Western Canada: 1890-1920*, revealing that criminal records of the period relating to buggery, sodomy, gross indecency, and indecent assault on males indicate the occurrence of much homosexual activity.

Ms. Chapman found that prosecutions were common. She accounts for the wide-spread activity by noting that males greatly outnumbered females during the settlement period and that logging and mining isolated large numbers of men together in remote locations.

The histories of the United States and Australia, if investigated, might reveal similar findings

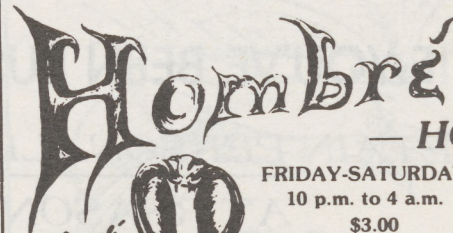


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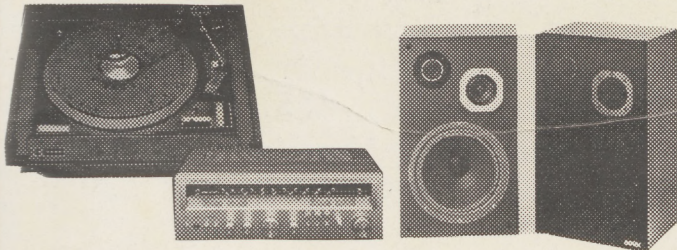
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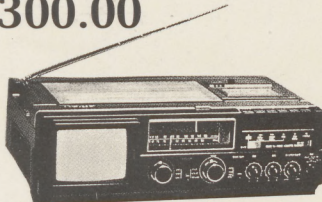


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