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DeCONCINI DELETES ANTI-GAY AMENDMENT

Phoenix businesses
pledge ARC support

PHOENIX - The evening of September 9, found Bob Hegyi's home filled to overflowing, standing room only capacity with Phoenix Gay bar owners/representatives, board members and other interested persons of the Gay community for the second 1980 Alternative Relations Center (ARC) Fund Raising meeting.

Among those present were Fred McNamara, Manager Aunt Charlie's; Pat Williams of Taylor's/Connection; 307 owner Palmer Ganske; Trax owner Chuck Stanley; Tom Wood, owner of Tommy and Clyde's; Ron Farrah of Farrah's along with Bob deBrecht (Brandy) and Lon Pearson; and Clint Baron representing Arizona Gay News. Others present included Bob Ulsrud of Penguin Productions; Advocate representatives Mal Bernstein and Bill Irwin as well as Skip Green and Jack Caldwell of The New Pride.

An update on ARC fund raising purposes and activities was presented by Paul Consales, ARC Board Chairperson and Jerry Boehm, Fund Raising Drive Coordinator. After general discussion, the following special events were permanently established as personal contributions to the 1980 ARC Building Fund Drive by Phoenix Gay bar owners and other organizations:

AUNT CHARLIE'S - A \$25 per plate benefit dinner (date to be determined) for 65-70 persons. Employees will donate both their time and tips and Aunt Charlie's will donate a percentage of the bar receipts. Topping off this special event will be the auction of a \$1,500 painting by prominent Phoenix artist Ralph (Gus) Kniffin. Also being considered is a special ARC brunch.

TOMMY AND CLYDE'S - A super special Plant Auction will be held at Tommy and Clyde's on September 28. Anyone knowing of the location of a "Jolly Green Giant" auctioneer, please call Tom Woods, owner. And what better way to end their fund raising efforts than by the Tuesday, October 7 -- "Wet Jockey Short Contest?"

TAYLOR'S / CONNECTION - Raffle tickets for a color TV console, donated by Dale Williams, owner, will become available beginning the week of September 15. Dale's special activities for the ARC Building Fund drive will culminate with a super-hot disco bash at the Connection on Sunday, November 9.

PENGUIN PRODUCTIONS - A production of their version of "Hello Dolly" will be staged in mid-October. All door proceeds will go to the ARC Building Fund. Specific dates and times will be published later.

TRAX - a special band for wild and wooley dancing has been hired for the evening of October 30, Thursday. Admission charges will be donated to the ARC Building Fund. Chuck Stanley, Trax's owner, indicated there would be a continuous, "unique" Fund Raising attraction. This should be a spectacular "behind-the-scenes" money raiser.

307 (The Numbers) - Palmer, 307 owner, stated he would back 100 percent any activities his manager, Ron Johnson, would conceive as ARC Fund Raising events. He also stated that during the evenings of November 7 and 8, when PLLC's shuttle bus service is transporting members of the Gay community to other Gay bars, that each bar should "kick-in" a percentage of the evening's profits.

PHOENIX LEVI/LEATHER CLUB - Along with their \$1,000 challenge, PLLC will provide shuttle bus service to all Phoenix Gay bars during the evenings of November 7 and 8. Schedules to be announced in AGN. On December 6 and 7, PLLC will present its Third Annual Fine Arts Sale And Auction. After expenses, proceeds will be donated to the ARC Building Fund.

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WASHINGTON, DC - In what has been described by the Gay Rights National Lobby as a "temporary victory", the Senate appropriations Subcommittee had deleted the anti-Gay "McDonald Amendment" from the Legal Services appropriations legislation, H.R. 7584. A motion by Senator Dennis DeConcini (D-Arizona) to delete the amendment passed by a voice vote, apparently by a 6-2 margin. Senator Paul Laxalt (R-Nevada), author of the anti-Gay "Family Protection Act", and New Right Senator Jake Garn (R-Utah) supported the retention of the McDonald amendment in the Senate bill. Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT), who is the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee and is also a co-sponsor of S. 2081 (the Gay fair employment bill), was a vigorous supporter of the pro-justice position.



DeConcini

Although pleased with the Subcommittee result, Steve Endean, GRNL Executive Director, who has been coordinating strategy for the Senate fight, indicated that he is certain that the Senate will see further action on the Legal Services anti-Gay prohibition. "We are firmly convinced that the origin of this anti-Gay amendment is a New Right strategy to force a roll-call vote in this election year. It is likely that the amendment will be re-introduced on the floor of the Senate." Endean went on to urge strong response by the Lesbian and Gay communities. "At this time, it is critical that our movement, our communities, and, for that matter, all people who believe in equal justice, expend every ounce of energy to put constituent pressure on for the Senate vote. Later, only after Senate action has been completed, it will be important to thank our friends in both houses and to demand accountability from those that voted for the anti-justice position."

In just one of the efforts to defeat the expected floor vote in the Senate, the Gay Rights National Lobby has sent a "Congressional Action Alert" to 16,000 targeted in its Constituent Network. The purpose, of course, of the Alert, which includes two postcards to be sent to the Senators, is to mobilize pro-justice constituent pressure. The Gay Rights National Lobby contends that constituent pressure is the key to a successful legislative strategy. "As long as Members of the House and Senate believe that their constituents oppose justice for Gays, and that a pro-justice position is dangerous politically, we are going to end up on the short end of these votes," Endean said.

To become a part of the Constituent Network, just send a post card or letter saying "Make me a part of your Constituent Network." Congressional Action Alerts are sent in discreet envelopes. Write GRNL, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, DC 20013.

Immigration victory for Gays

WASHINGTON, DC - Suspected Gay aliens will no longer be subject to probing interrogation on their private sexual life by immigration authorities under a new policy announced by the Department of Justice, September 10. The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and Gay Rights Advocates (GRA) were given advance notice of this decision by Associate Attorney General John H. Shenefield at a special Justice Department briefing on Tuesday, Sept. 9. The new policy replaces the parole procedure in effect since August, 1979. The State Department is expected to bring its procedures for visa applications into conformance with the Justice Department guidelines.

Henceforth, only those individuals who self-identify themselves as homosexual to immigration personnel will be subject to exclusion. Wearing political buttons, T-shirts

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News Briefs

GAY STUDENTS ELECT OFFICERS

TUCSON - The Gay Students Organization (GSO) at the University of Arizona elected new officers at the meeting of September 9. They are: Jill Fenton, Co-Executive; Brian Weede, Co-Executive, Howard Pomerantz, Treasurer and James Uhrig is a hold-over Secretary from last year.

Also of major importance to GSO was the appearance of seven members of Arizona State University's Gay organization, Gay Academic Union, (GAU/ASU). Their visit provided a vital spark in beginning a more extensive exchange of ideas and support between the two groups. Specifically both groups hope to visit each other periodically and to work out ideas and projects together.


GSO/UA meets every Tuesday night (holidays excepted) at 8:30 p.m. in room 350 of the Student Union. The Peer Counseling Program offers free and confidential counseling to anyone for whom homosexuality is a concern. Call Switchboard 626-HELP for information and appointments.

L.A.D.S. MONTE CARLO NIGHT

PHOENIX - Preparations for Los Amigos del Sol's "Monte Carlo Nite" are well underway, observes L.A.D.S. president Dan Kleven, with dozens of members devoting untold hours to mastering the intricacies of dealing black jack, manning the craps tables and memorizing the pay-offs of the roulette wheel.

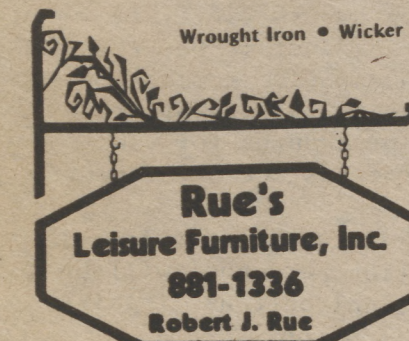
The event, open to the community, is set for October 4 (Saturday) at the Pulaski Club, 4331 E. McDowell, Phoenix. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. General admission is \$1.00 per person, with gaming chips, beverage and food coupons available on the premises. At the evenings close, chips will be redeemed for "markers" which, in turn, may be used for a prize auction. In addition there will be hourly door prizes.

Calling the support of the business community "fantastic," Kleven notes prizes already have been donated by Aunt Charlie's, James Donnelly, Farrah's, Forum/Boardwalk, Full Moon, Grand Camel, Harpo's, Incognito, NuTowne, Taylor's. T.J.'s, 3-0-7, Unlimited and Womansplace Bookstore among others. Additional prizes have been donated by a number of "artsy-craftsy" Los Amigos members. Those attending the festive event "will get a big bang for the buck" Kleven promises.



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GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES ELECTIONS

TUCSON - Gay Community Services (GCS) of Tucson will be holding elections for new officers and Board Members on Tuesday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pima Friends Meeting Hall, 739 E. 5th Street. Anyone may run for office or Board seats. Only those present who have paid their yearly dues (\$12.00), will be allowed to vote. Get involved with your community - run for office and vote.....

GAY DENTISTS ASKED TO RESPOND

BEVERLY HILLS, CA - About three years ago in Northern California, groups of Gay and Lesbian health professionals started to organize Human Rights groups. Early this year the Northern and Southern California Dentists for Human Rights decided to try to generate an interest in Human Rights organizations for dentists across the country. To that end, these groups will be holding daily hospitality meetings in conjunction with the National American Dental Association meeting held this year in New Orleans, October 11 - 15. For further information please contact Al Obermaier in Tucson 888-0638.

OJ OR NOT OJ FOR ANITA?

MIAMI, FL - Anita Bryant's contract with the Florida Citrus Commission has run out, and for the first time since 1969 it hasn't been renewed - yet. Officials of the commission told the New York Times that Bryant's contract for commercials, which paid her \$100,000 in the year before it expired August 31, was held by the production company headed by Bob Green, her former husband and manager. At least in part because of complications ensuing from the couple's divorce, the contract has not been renewed.

But, says the commission's Bernie Lester, such a renewal has not yet been ruled out. "The contract had to expire, because of the divorce and so forth," Lester told the Times. "We haven't determined what we're going to do. We didn't set any particular date on continuing the relationship." Not mentioned by either Lester or the Times as a contributing factor in the contract negotiations is a Lesbian and Gay organized boycott against Florida citrus products dating back to 1977, when Bryant and Green together led a successful campaign to repeal a Lesbian and Gay rights ordinance in Dade County, Florida. Since that time Bryant has been a symbol of the movement to halt Lesbian and Gay rights.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR HOMOSEXUAL

LONDON, ENGLAND (GayLife) - The knighthood awarded to British author and critic Angus Wilson in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List has given British Aristocracy something of a problem. Sir Angus recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of his "marriage" to his male companion, a fact that was splurged all over the "quality" newspapers of Britain.

GSO WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

TUCSON - Gay Students Organization (GSO) of the University of Arizona will have a wine and cheese party at a member's house, Tuesday, September 23 at 8:30 p.m. Carpools will meet in room 350 of the Student Union at 8:00 p.m. Bring appropriate munchies if you can. Call 881-5386 for more information.

RIGHT-WING ROUNDTABLE

DALLAS, TX - Some 20,000 fundamentalist ministers and lay right-wing leaders gathered here recently to participate in a National Affairs Briefing organized by Religious Roundtable, an organization of New Right politicians, clergy and financiers in Washington, DC, that helps coordinate the political lobbying of Christian groups. The Guardian reports that the purpose of the conference was to teach fundamentalist leaders how to promote the political goals of the religious wing of the New Right.

Such prominent leaders of the Right Wing as presidential candidate Ronald Reagan, ERA opponent Phyllis Schlafly and anti-Gay legislators Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and Rep. Philip Crane (R-IL) addressed the group, attacked "traditional right-wing targets" such as ERA, abortion, Lesbian and Gay rights, and desegregation and deplored the separation of church and state, according to the Guardian.

One of the major focuses of the briefing was on methods to activate the estimated 12,000 to 20,000 fundamentalists who reside within each Congressional district, but are not registered voters. Lance Tarrance of Lance Tarrance, Inc., a political polling firm formed especially to sound out fundamentalist views for conservative organizations, told the group that these voters could provide the margin of difference in congressional races if they are mobilized. James Robinson, a Texas evangelist whose television program was removed from the air by a Dallas station after repeated anti-Gay remarks, told his listeners, "Not voting is a sin against the almighty God."

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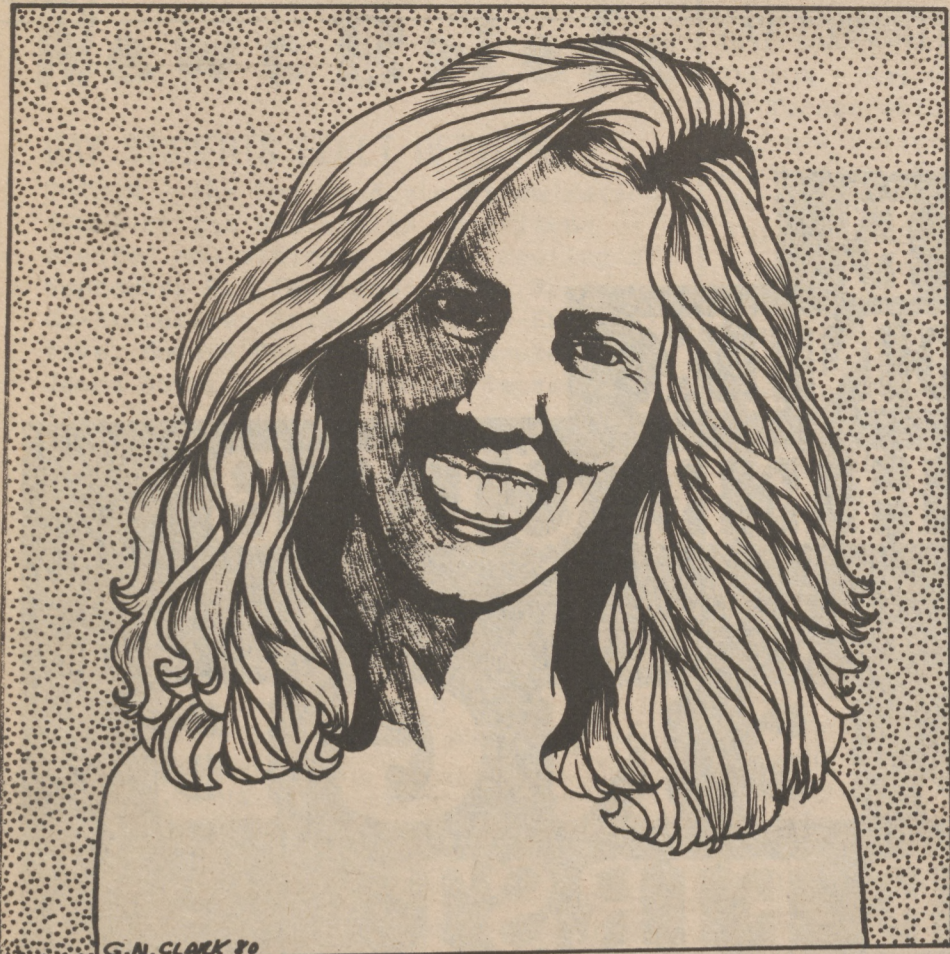
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Holly Near in Tucson Concert

TUCSON - Popular singer Holly Near will appear in concert on Sunday, September 21 at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott St. in Tucson at 7:00 p.m. WomenWoven productions, Inc., is sponsoring the concert. WomenWoven is a nonprofit organization which supports and produces Women in the Arts. Tickets for the performance are \$6.00 each for adults; \$5.00 for disabled and senior citizens; \$3.00 for children 12 and under. They are available in Tucson at Antigone Books; Books Brothers, Ltd.; Food Conspiracy or in Phoenix at Womansplace Bookstore. Tickets can also be ordered by mail % WomenWoven Productions, Inc., P.O. Box 41084, Tucson, AZ 85717.

Holly Near began performing at age seven; was a film and television actress in the 60's; was a female lead in "Hair" on Broadway; was the featured performer with Jane Fonda's notorious "Free The Army" Show. Recently, Holly has been focusing on her music and has recorded four albums in the last five years on her own label, Redwood Records. In March, 1979, the National Association of Independent Record Distributors voted her latest album, "Imagine My Surprise," best album of the year. She is a riveting performer with an amazing voice. She has a rare ability to move people with her music. Holly's commitment to social change is central to her art. She inspires and educates her audience about the anti-Nuclear movement, Women's movement, Disabled movement, Struggles of Third World Peoples, and many more. Her performance: Energizing. Accompanying Holly is Adrienne Torf. For further information call 623-9559 in Tucson.

An evening for Gay rights

PHOENIX - Gay Civil Rights Activist Roland (Ron) Atkins and Gay police officer Steve Horn will be the guests of ACLU in a panel discussion on Saturday, September 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Arizona Education Association Building, 2102 W. Indian School Road, Phoenix. Plenty of parking in the rear of the building. There is a \$3.00 donation at the door.

Atkins will speak on the history of the Gay liberation movement, traced through Hitler's Germany to the present. Horn will discuss his discharge (pending) from the Mesa Police Department and what the future might present. (See AGN 8 Sept. and elsewhere this issue). Everyone is invited to attend this important meeting for the current Arizona focus on the Gay/Lesbian liberation movement.

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or other symbols expressing support for the Gay rights movement will not be sufficient to trigger inquiry into an alien's sexual orientation. However, a button or other sign which states that the wearer is a homosexual or the identification of an individual as homosexual by a traveling companion would lead to specific inquiry. If the suspected alien answers 'No' to the question, "Are you a homosexual?" he or she will be permitted to enter the United States without further inquiry.

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TRIXIE TELLS ALL

By

Baroness Trixie Von Sleute'



PHOENIX - Well, here I am again. Reaction to this column has been very good and well received. Let me say thanks to all of you who enjoy reading it. I enjoy writing it for all of you.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE: It was almost three years ago that I met two people who have since been a constant inspiration and helping hands to me. We have shared together, laughed together and have solved problems together. The people I speak of are Ron Farrah and Lon Pearson of Farrah's Lounge. Now mind you, it was difficult for me to write this tribute for fear that people might mistake it as self-serving. But I decided these things needed to be said. After all, people do know I work for Ron and Lon occasionally, but even if I didn't, I would still write this tribute. But I felt on this occasion of their 11th Anniversary, I wanted everyone to know not only how I feel but also how others feel about them.

For those who know Ron and Lon and how they know of their friendliness, caring and honesty. Customers at Farrah's Lounge are always welcome and they keep returning because Ron and Lon care. Employees are treated with fairness and respect. As a matter of fact, employees is probably the wrong term. "Family" would be more appropriate which is evident by the fact that employees refer to Ron and Lon as "Daddy". There is a love and respect among them all that cannot be described.

Ron and Lon have been good friends, shoulders to cry on, doctor, mother, dad, employer and chauffeur. So on September 27, Ron and Lon celebrate their 11th anniversary. Remember in a Gay relationship, 11 years is a very long time. For this fact alone they deserve recognition. So stop by Farrah's Lounge and give Ron and Lon you personal greetings and congratulations. This would mean more to them than any gift money could buy.

Please join me in saluting Ron and Lon on their 11th Anniversary, and may they have many more too numerous to count. Ron and Lon, I adore you, admire you greatly, and most of all, I love you very much.

IN MY OPINION: The reason why Harpo's has been called "Phoenix's premier show bar" has to be because of Penelope Poopie' and Poopette Review. Now much has been written about the great and many talents of the incomparable Penelope Poopie', unbelievable Tish Tanner, Inimitable Dani Reid and Ravishing Rikki Ray. After viewing both shows on a recent Saturday, I want to zero in on a couple of points. The production numbers were just that - good production with cast members in full costumes. The numbers added a great deal of professionalism to both shows. The shows were fast moving and had their share of laughs. Only sour note of the evening was Penelope's number, "Money, Money". Penelope is too much of a professional to have to do this sort of junk. I've always thought of this number as crude and uncalled for. Frankly, my dear, stay with your usual quality work, leave the tacky stuff for the amateurs.

I want to focus in on several cast members that I believe deserve mentioning. I love Tish Tanner and she has a great comedic talent but she adds a different perspective with serious numbers. Although Tish is known for comedy, I hope she does more serious work in the future, work I feel, she obviously does so well.

The refreshing part of the evening was when Toby Marshall was on stage. His glowing smile and great personality brightens the entire production. He adds a new dimension with his performances in production numbers. With more work, Toby's Groucho Marx number (complete with costume) could be a real show stopper. The show is worth seeing just to see Toby.

Goldie O'Brien is a welcomed addition to the show. She's been billed as the "new" Moosela. Well, I wouldn't go that far yet, but she does have talent. I understand this business is new to Goldie. All I can say is just keep working on those numbers. Goldie does an interesting interpretation of Marilyn Monroe, but it does need much more work to be believable despite the original soundtrack.

All in all, the shows have come a long way since opening day. I had a very enjoyable evening. My thanks to Tony, Jimmy and of course Penelope Poopie' for your warm hospitality.

Believe me when I say, it is worthwhile to take in the shows at Harpo's. Reservations advised. IN CLOSING - To Jerry M. of Tucson. I still love you and please contact me.

Well gang, that's all for this week. After a hectic schedule, the old Baroness needed time to rest. I assure you of a lot of goodies next week. So until next time, it's Ta Ta For Now.

KLUB KNEWS

FIRST SOUTHERN ARIZONA G.O. CAMPOUT OCT. 3 AND 4

TUCSON - We're finally ready to try our first Great Outdoors experience in Southern Arizona. We've planned a two-day overnight at 8,000 feet in the Santa Catalina mountains. We'll be primitive car camping, so as to make things as easy as possible this first time out. That means we'll be camping within sight of the vehicles, but NO FACILITIES will be available. Thus, you'll need to bring your own water, food, and provide for your own sanitation arrangements (i.e. bring a trowel, and some toilet paper). You are responsible for your own sleeping gear, tentage and food. The monsoon is gone for good, so rain is very unlikely, but a tent is probably desirable for both warmth and/or privacy. Temperatures will get no higher than 80 and lows will be near 40. Jackets are a must! Fall colors may be in full swing. Experienced hands should find this trip a snap, but if you're inexperienced in the out-of-doors, let the organizers know and we'll try to help you out. Remember the dates - October 3rd and 4th. Bring a friend, or two, or more! For more information call Doug at 623-7132 or David at 327-1661 (both in Tucson).

DESERT ADVENTURES

On October 4 and 5, Desert Adventure will have a camping trip to Verde Hot Springs. The cost is \$2.50 per person and the reservation cut-off date is September 19. This event will take you to an extremely picturesque and remote part of the upper Verde Valley Canyon. Campsite will be at the river's edge. Across the river from the campsite is the famous Verde Hot Springs. Here one could spend hours enjoying the natural hot springs or nearby fishing or swimming. Departure from Phoenix will be by car pool on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 8 a.m. and drive directly to the Verde Hot Springs area returning to Phoenix Sunday at your leisure.

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Perspective

DOOR DRUDGERY

by Terri - Phoenix

In recent months you may have noticed that more and more Phoenix drinking establishments have hired people to sit at the door and check various forms of I.D. Anyone who has ever worked in the bar realizes the need for this action. This being an election year, makes it harder on bar owners, bartenders and yes, even patrons.

All of us, at one time or another, have witnessed Phoenix's finest entering one of our bars to count heads and seek out the under-aged. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about it, but equally as unfortunate is the seemingly endless hassles and fights given to the person whose job it is to protect us.

State law makes it illegal to enter a bar or buy any alcoholic beverage without having your I.D. with you - no matter how old you are. The law stipulates that the only acceptable forms of I.D. for this state are:

1. Valid Arizona driver's license.
2. Arizona 19-year-old card.
3. Valid military I.D. (Green Card).

If you are not carrying one of these forms of I.D., you may not legally enter any bar or buy any alcoholic beverage.

Door people are just like anyone else, they have a job to do, and part of that job is making sure that if a policeman enters the bar you're in, and ask for you I.D., you won't go to jail. So why not make it a little easier on them and yourself. Carry your I.D. with you, and have it ready to show the door person as you enter the bar. It could cost the Gay community the option of visiting the bar that lost its license because of those few that refuse to do what the law requires.

Tucson ERA walkathon Sept. 27

TUCSON, AZ - On September 27, the Tucson Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) will hold a Walk-A-Thon in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. In a twilight march, walkers will cover a 12 kilometer course in Northwest Tucson which will start and end at Jacobs Park, on Fairview between Miracle Mile and Prince.

A kick-off rally will be held at the starting point at 4:00 p.m. Speakers will include representatives of many organizations supporting the ERA, including NOW, Mormons for ERA, the Black Women's Awareness Task Force, several union and professional organizations, Arizonans of Faith for the ERA, and others. Also, pro-ERA legislative candidates will speak and there will be entertainment songs and skits. Tucson NOW President Kate McGee will lead off the march at 5:30 p.m. and the walk should take 2½ to 3 hours to complete.

Approximately 200 walkers are expected to participate. Each person will be sponsored in the walk by individuals or companies who have pledged a contribution for each kilometer completed by the walker. NOW expects to raise \$10,000 for the NOW ERA ratification Fund from this event, half of which will be used in Arizona and the rest in the national campaign.

Tucson's 1980 Walk-A-Thon for Equal Rights is part of a nationwide commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted women's suffrage. The same suffragettes who led the movement to gain women the right to vote also wrote and first campaigned for the Equal Rights Amendment, and NOW plans to use the funds collected in the Walk-A-Thons to continue their work. This is the 4th year the NOW has held nationwide Walk-A-Thons, and this year, Walk-A-Thons are scheduled in 47 states.

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JANUS PRODUCTIONS - A special "Benefit Night" will be hosted by Janus Productions during its first fall production of "Lying In State". Time and date to be announced.

The last and final meeting of the Phoenix bar owners/ARC has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 23 at Bob Hegyi's home, 7:30 p.m. at 22 East Echo Lane, to finalize the Gay community's efforts and participation in the 1980 ARC Building Fund Drive. It is hoped that a full compliment of Phoenix bar owners will be in attendance.

...Don M. and Barry have something Eileen Over said are her favorites to suck on!

...It takes a quart of gin to get Lloyd B. from the Graduate to the Hair Tiz!

COUNTER VIEWPOINT

Dear Ten Speed:

What kind of bubble are you living in? Who cares what a person chooses to wear, whether it be a colored handkerchief or drag? Who cares whether someone is making a fortune from leather or lube. Who cares whether someone else is hopping from bed to bed, body to body or bush to bush. What do WE do when the fist fucking stops? The collective WE do nothing, the participants in the fucking make their own decisions as individuals as to what they do with their lives.

I invite you to re-read your own third paragraph. You state, "Gay people spend more time and effort putting each other down." But, isn't that exactly what your entire article was doing? I completely reject your theory that special codes are a "reflection of guilt, shame, and fear" and that "it shows lack of respect...for (my) own sexual orientation." Take note though, in the previous sentence the key words are "I" and "my" because I am an individual and if I choose to use codes (and I often do wear handkerchiefs and/or keys), that's my decision and I have no guilt, shame, fear or lack of respect. I ask you, when was the last time you got to know someone wearing a handkerchief? I find the people who do, as diverse a group of people as any I've known. They come in all races, creeds, ethnic backgrounds, professions, sexes (yes, women sometimes wear them too), you name it.

I also disagree that "costume Gayness" rob us of our individuality. I was accused once of being a "Castro Clone" because I had short hair, neatly trimmed beard, jeans and a lumberjack shirt. Well, I've had short hair for over 30 years, a neatly trimmed beard for 13 years and worn jeans and flannel shirts for most of my life growing up in cold South Dakota. However, I sometimes wear a suit and tie to work too. So, am I any less of an individual?

Concerning the effects of some of these "superficial aspects of the Gay lifestyle" on straights, I must once again take the exception. I discussed many important subjects (employment, housing, legislation, etc.) with straights while traveling on the Gay Freedom Train to the March on Washington last fall. Did I lose credibility with those people because I happened to have a handkerchief

hanging in my pocket? I doubt if many of them even knew that it was some sort of a Gay signal.

Now Ten Speed, I'm not putting you down for your beliefs or views. I'm just asking that in the future you put your viewpoints in a little more of the first person singular, because your ideas are yours, just as mine are mine. A point in fact: I don't believe the political climate is right for a Gay march in Phoenix in 1981; others disagree with me, and that's fine. However I will not allow myself to be made to feel guilty because my view is not Gay politically correct, according to others. I do, however, fully support the ARC fund raising efforts, as I believe that ARC not only provides support to the Gay community, but also serves as an educational building block to the rest of the community that will eventually help change the political climate in Phoenix.

Yours in unified Gay brotherhood/sisterhood

Doug - Phoenix

P.S. What color is my handkerchief? Any color I choose.

ters ... Letters ... Letters

EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Trisie's column week of Sept. 12th, and the criticism expressed concerning the shows at the Unlimited. It seems to me that we Gays have enough trouble trying to become a united community, and criticizing our own bars is not the answer. This only widens the gap between Gay men and women. As for the shows, maybe they do fall short of some of the show bars in town, but they are new at it and many of their employees are new.

Being a regular at the U.L., I know how hard Del and Audrey, along with the rest of the staff have worked to make it a bar we all can enjoy. Let's face it, no Gay bar is perfect every night and neither are any of us. Let's try to stick to the old saying, "If you can't say anything nice, why say it?" This letter is not written out of anger. I'm just a person who believes in fairness. Up until that issue, I felt the AGN has been very good about reporting on the bars equally, Trixie included.

I guess what I am saying, is get back on the track. We all enjoy the AGN and I read it every week. Let's pull together.

Gail Napier - Phoenix

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- (69)MOVIE - Drama
 "Whatever Happened To Baby T?" An old classic concerning the retirement of a much loved entertainer and the subsequent feeling of loss of her fellow performers. Their final feelings echo each other with "good luck and much love, Baby T!" Melissa York, Doctty Van Bolen, Erica Erotica. (3 hrs.)
- 8:00(2)THAT'S INCOGNITO! - Variety
 Bea Jaye interviews well-known bar owners, Cindi and Darlene, who discuss their recent vacation. Bee Jaye continues with her life story when only 5 minutes of the vacation can be discussed on television.
- (7)THE TAILOR'S SAGA - Drama
 Miss Pinn, in her ever relentless search for the person to take her virginity from her, seeks out the advice of her immediate superior, Miss Sally Toyota, who has had her virginity taken many, many times. Miss Pinn: Phil Orugsky (60 min)
- 9:00(2)THE DYKE VAN DICK SHOW - Comedy
 Laura's daughter comes to town for a lengthy stay, too lengthy for Laura. It not only gives away her true age, but puts a real damper on her private life. Laura: Dani Bicardi. Lisa: Lady Catastrophe. (60 min)
- (7)THE WILD QUEENDOM - Variety
 Christi Loveshitz welcomes Miss Erica Erotica. She plugs her new movie, "My Name Is My Game" and explains how she got her name. Also guesting is Ladie Tea in a farewell performance that is guaranteed to bring tears to even the most die-hard people. Clinton Lunden Orchestra. (60 min.)

WHAT A SURPRISE !!

FORT MEADE, MD (GayLife) - Perry Watkins was drafted into the Army in 1967 despite checking off the box on a form stating that he was homosexual. He was open about his sexuality while stationed with NATO forces in Germany, and even performed as a female impersonator in a Berlin club. His act was even written up in the *Army Times*. While he was stationed in Korea, the army brought up his homosexuality, but he had an outstanding record, and could stay in the service. Now, the brass at Fort Meade, Maryland, wants him out because they've "discovered" he is Gay!

BRINK'S JOB SUSPECT SOUGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - FBI agents are looking for a man "known to associate with homosexuals" whom they believe to be the one who stole \$1.85 million from a Brink's armored truck here. The Associated Press reports that agents are combing the city's Castro area, carrying pictures of George Manuel Bosque, 25, who is wanted in connection with the heist. The agents are asking Gay bar patrons and others if they know where Bosque might be.

Bosque, who worked part-time at Brink's, has been charged with making off with the loot after a routine pickup at San Francisco Airport several weeks ago. He allegedly took two large sacks of money out of his Brink's armored van before abandoning it at a nearby hotel and commandeering a motel maid's car, according to authorities. The car was found later.

Agents are also looking for a man they believe to be Bosque's Daly City roommate, Carl H. Denton, 22, according to William D. Newman, special agent in charge of the San Francisco FBI office. Miami agents have questioned members of Bosque's family there to see if they know of his whereabouts.

WELL, ONLY RULA LENSKA IS FLAWLESS

NEW YORK, NY (GayLife) - Researchers have found it impossible to duplicate findings by sex therapists William Masters and Virginia Johnson because their work is flawed by methodological errors and slipshod reporting, two California psychologists said. Bernie Zilbergeld and Michael Evans wrote in *Psychology Today* that Masters and Johnson "have gone far beyond the allowable limits of nonperfection." For instance, on homosexuality, Evans and Zilbergeld noted that Masters and Johnson "claim they were surprisingly successful at, in effect, changing homosexuals into heterosexuals. The heart of our criticism is that many of their homosexuals weren't really homosexuals. We know they misdiagnosed many of their patients."

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Gerty, Gerty, Gerty, Stein is back, back, back

When Gertrude Stein returned to America from Paris in 1934, the translux on the New York Times Building announced to New Yorkers that "Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back. Appropriately, that is the title of a one-hour, one woman dramatic special starring Pat Bond as

Gertrude Stein in a lighthearted re-creation of the life and times of this fascinating woman. Produced at the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, the program airs nationally next weekend. In Tucson the program will be televised on KUAT-TV (Channel 6) on Sunday, September 21, at 5:00 p.m. In Phoenix, KAET-TV will have two showings of the program, one on Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 p.m. and again on Monday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Stein enriched the lives of many of this century's great literary and artistic figures including Picasso, Braque, Matisse, Thornton Wilder, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Alice B. Toklas, her lover for over 30 years. Anecdotes and reminiscences about these famous people are recounted by Pat Bond as Miss Stein in this public television special. Actress Pat Bond has performed numerous one-woman shows that have included "Conversations with Pat Bond" as well as interpretations of Colette, Lizzie Borden, and Aimee Semple McPherson. She is known to public television audiences for her appearance in "Word Is Out," a critically acclaimed film that aired on PBS in 1978, documenting the lives of 26 Lesbian and Gay men. Ms. Bond will also appear in the United Artists film "House of God" to be released this fall.

All advance reviews of "Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back" have been overwhelming and we encourage all AGN readers to view this unusual performance of one of the world's most famous Lesbian women as interpreted by one of the most popular performers in clubs and film who also happens to be Lesbian.

THE PHOENIX WOMAN

We are sorry but the Phoenix Woman column was not received in time for this weeks issue. Watch for it next week.

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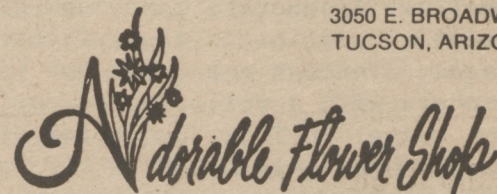
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PHOENIX BAR HOPPING.....

PHOENIX - TAYLOR'S: Probably one of the most popular weekly events in Phoenix is the Wednesday night steak dinner at Taylor's. Starting at 6 P.M. the Lounge starts to seat people and it is constantly full until the last steak is gone (which has been happening every week). There are no reservations and you are served on a first come basis.

Dale Williams has put together one of the best dinner packages in town: 14 oz. Porterhouse steak, stuffed baked potato, fresh fruit, hot muffin, salad and a glass of wine for \$6.00! (Eat your heart out Sizzler). Because the beef is a special cut and the butcher can only provide a limited quantity each week (the Williams organization refuses to serve frozen meat), it is recommended you get there early and wait your turn. You won't be sorry you did.

TRAX: Fast becoming the home bar for many of the hunkiest men in Phoenix, Trax (the old Bullwinkle) gives you the flavor of old Sante Fe, with the huge beams above your head and the natural worn wood of the bars (yes they have two) and walls. A separate game room as you enter this establishment blends into a dance floor (new wave music) and main bar area. Through the doors you will find a more intimate atmosphere with a well-stocked small bar and pool table. If you travel to Trax, don't forget to check out one of Phoenix's best assets behind the back bar, the blonde Tom, Yum!

SAMMY'S STEAK HOUSE AND SALOON: The newest addition to the Phoenix night life scene has just opened at 21st Street and McDowell (on the site of the Club 21). Damn, is this place huge! Step into a world of slick western. Well-appointed, you would swear you were in L.A. or New York. Separate game room, good disco, quiet lounge, full service restaurant, and the expertise of Sammy (of Forum fame) promises to make this eatery/dance/lounge one of the premier stops on any tour of Phoenix.

ON THE SHOW SCENE: Don't forget that Cissy Goldberg's guest appearance at Harpo's ends this Sunday, September 21. A truly phenomenal performer that always packs a crowd wherever she appears. It will be a must to make reservations for the last two shows on Sunday.

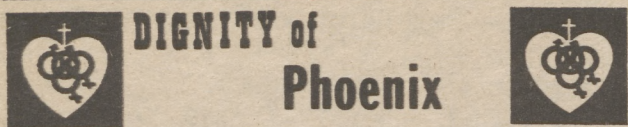
On the other side of town, D.L.'s has Arizona's foremost male impersonator, Scotty, returning this Friday

and adding Jimmy as their male lead on Saturday, D.L.'s will be having a grand going-away-party for Lady T. as she leaves for California.

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- ...Rumor has it that at the JT/BP they only keep Warner J. around to make Candas look good. That's what Stuart S. said to Mark S.
- ...The cast at Jekyll's is taking a vote too!
- ...Not only did the First Lady resign from her marriage, but now has resigned from TKO!
- ...Luigi was seen going upstairs at the Toole Box and everyone ran downstairs!
- ...While most neighbors just borrow a cup of sugar, Don M. and Dale Y. are planning to exchange tricks.
- ...Only Tommy S. would dine at Tucson National and have after-dinner drinks at the Congress!
- ...Steve M. was going to pay alimony but West Center didn't want to get involved.
- ...Joe S. can't understand why he never makes the 10 best dressed list.
- ...While talking about Candas, Miss Polly said she had a bird once too!
- ...Rita C. confessed that she had an organ, but it must come in a kit because it has numbers and letters on it.
- ...Bob and Mary B. are planning an employees party at Uncle Al's pool. (Now Tom, that's pushy).
- ...JoJo is not having a secret affair with Jim S.
- ...Mike E. has "tied the knot" so many times that he now does Macrame professionally.
- ...Scott said to Mike, "You are always so horny, you'd do it with a snake."
- ...Danny Z. now has a new billy goat named Mark S.
- ...You can always tell how Del S. and Daisey H. are getting along when you see Daisey out shopping for new glasses.
- ...Little Dan or Ms. Kitty, was seen wearing a "loose gravel" sign last week.
- ...Eddie F. said he was going to be gorgeous next week. He must be seeing a miracle worker.
- ...Kitty Litter is having trouble remembering to take her lover George along when she goes out to a party.
- ...Don N. claims his last night to bartend at the Congress is Friday and he is still leaving town!
- ...Everyone was amazed at how hard Michael J. worked last Friday night.
- ...Phil C. and Eddie F. are planning something special for everyone on Saturday afternoons.
- ...Big George was wondering of NFL stood for National Fag League.
- ...Murray has been singing, "Someone's in the Kitchen with Daniel" lately.
- ...Vinny C. was seen being kissed by a newcomer at the JT.
- ...George M's husband said if he decides to sell anything else, it's going to be George!
- ...Tony C. must have thought he was going to do a show with the elderly instead of for the elderly when she asked Loretta to be in it.
- ...Lovely Louis said his body just wasn't made to do a man's job.
- ...There is no truth to the rumor that Kyle is going to SF to support Steve H.
- ...Mother Johnny has decided that everyone should work two weeks a year and vacation the rest.
- ...Blonde Jay and Dave P. were seen dancing last Saturday at the Hair Tiz.
- ...J.B. said he was planning on giving up his view of Rincon High and moving out East - perhaps by Sabino High.
- ...Gary C. has a color TV fetish and Bob E. has a chocolate syrup fetish. Interesting couple!
- ...George R. did not say that the only thing he was hoping to lose in Vegas was Grandma.
- ...Bill C. knows just the right time to say just the right thing especially to salesmen.
- ...Jim K. said something very funny about Roy H's hair.
- ...Neal B. said he lost his "beeper" after an evening with Roy C. and David S.
- ...TJ was seen showing his muscle to Dingy David (who really isn't dingy, but he has been seen with Barney R.)
- ...They are putting a warning sign up at the JT/BP. "When wearing shorts, do not sit next to John H." !!!
- ...Turbo Dickie got turbo-charged in a hotel room last week.
- ...Peter W. joined the Divorce Club. Was he sponsored by Rick N.???
- ...Everytime H/T Tom goes out with Jesse K. he has to cash his tips!
- ...Mark L. can't understand why he is having problems with his budget working two nights a week.
- ...Teddy I was actually seen sitting down on the patio at Back Pocket.
- ...Charles N. has a problem going to lunch with Gary Y.
- ...Cindi D. is as tired of her Doris Day act as we are!
- ...Charles S. and Joe were seen exchanging chicken recipes.



DIGNITY of Phoenix

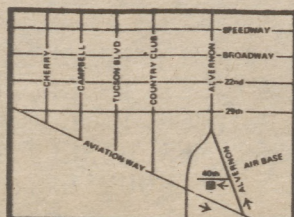
PHOENIX - September happenings: Saturday, Sept. 20 there will be a trip to Tucson to help the Tucson chapter celebrate their third anniversary. Meet at Bud and Mike's at 2:00 p.m. to pool it down. The annual meeting begins at 5:30 and the mass/potluck at approximately 7 p.m. Join the celebration! Call 967-3557 for directions to the center if you aren't able to leave at 2:00.

On September 27, "Day of Recollection" out in the country. Willow Lake to be exact. Meet at Bud and Mike's at 8 a.m. Call 967-3557 for further information.

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God is still MOVING at Holy Trinity. Our services are truly blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit. We are almost finished with our reorganization so that we may better serve the community. An assistant pastor is in the offing as well. We will be starting a study program soon to qualify counselors, and much more. Jesus told us to occupy (the world, including pushing satan back as far as possible) until He comes. Holy Trinity plans to do just that. Our objectives remain the same -- to reach as many as we can with the message of Jesus Christ's love and forgiveness, and to use every means at our disposal.

Holy Trinity has one purpose for its existence - to teach His message, and to provide for the gathering of the saints to worship and learn more of Him who has saved us from our bondage.

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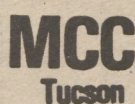
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The Rev. Randall Hill, our new pastor-elect and his spouse Tom arrived in Tucson Sept. 12. Rev. Hill led the worship service last Sunday and we were truly blessed by his inspired message. The Board of Directors will be getting together with Rev. Hill this week (Thurs. Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.) to begin to chart the future course of this Body of Christ.

This is a very exciting time at MCC/Tucson. We are making changes, expanding, and growing. If you have not yet joined us in worship or if you have been away for awhile, please come to church and worship with us this Sunday.

The Rev. Robert Arthur, Southwest District Coordinator UFMCC, will be in Tucson the weekend of Sept. 27 and 28 to install Rev. Hill as our pastor. Please make special plans to attend this very special worship service (Sept. 28, 10:45 a.m.).

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DIGNITY of Tucson



TUCSON - On September 1, Dignity/Tucson marked the beginning of its fourth year of service to the Gay community of southern Arizona. To celebrate the occasion, the local chapter will offer a special mass of thanksgiving and a pot-luck dinner at the Newman Center on Saturday, Sept. 20th starting at 7:00 p.m. The annual meeting of the chapter (corporation) will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Newman Center and is open to the public.

Election of new officers will take place at the annual meeting and there will be reports of various activities undertaken during the past year. Organized four years ago in Tucson, Dignity provides a support service to Gay Catholics and their friends as well as social activities, educational opportunities, involvement in social action and a spiritual arena in which Gay Catholics and other concerned individuals can grow to the fullness of their human nature.

Dignity/Tucson has become a major force within the Gay community during the past three years having been successful at establishing and maintaining several communitywide activities such as a program to sponsor Gay Cuban refugees, development of community leadership programs, on-going dialogue with various religious groups on the subject of homosexuality and spirituality, on-going support to the Community Food Bank, development of communitywide issues through C.R. groups, and several others too numerous to mention.

The local chapter extends welcome to anyone who would like to attend the anniversary celebration. The Newman Center is located at 2nd Street and Cherry Avenue.

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