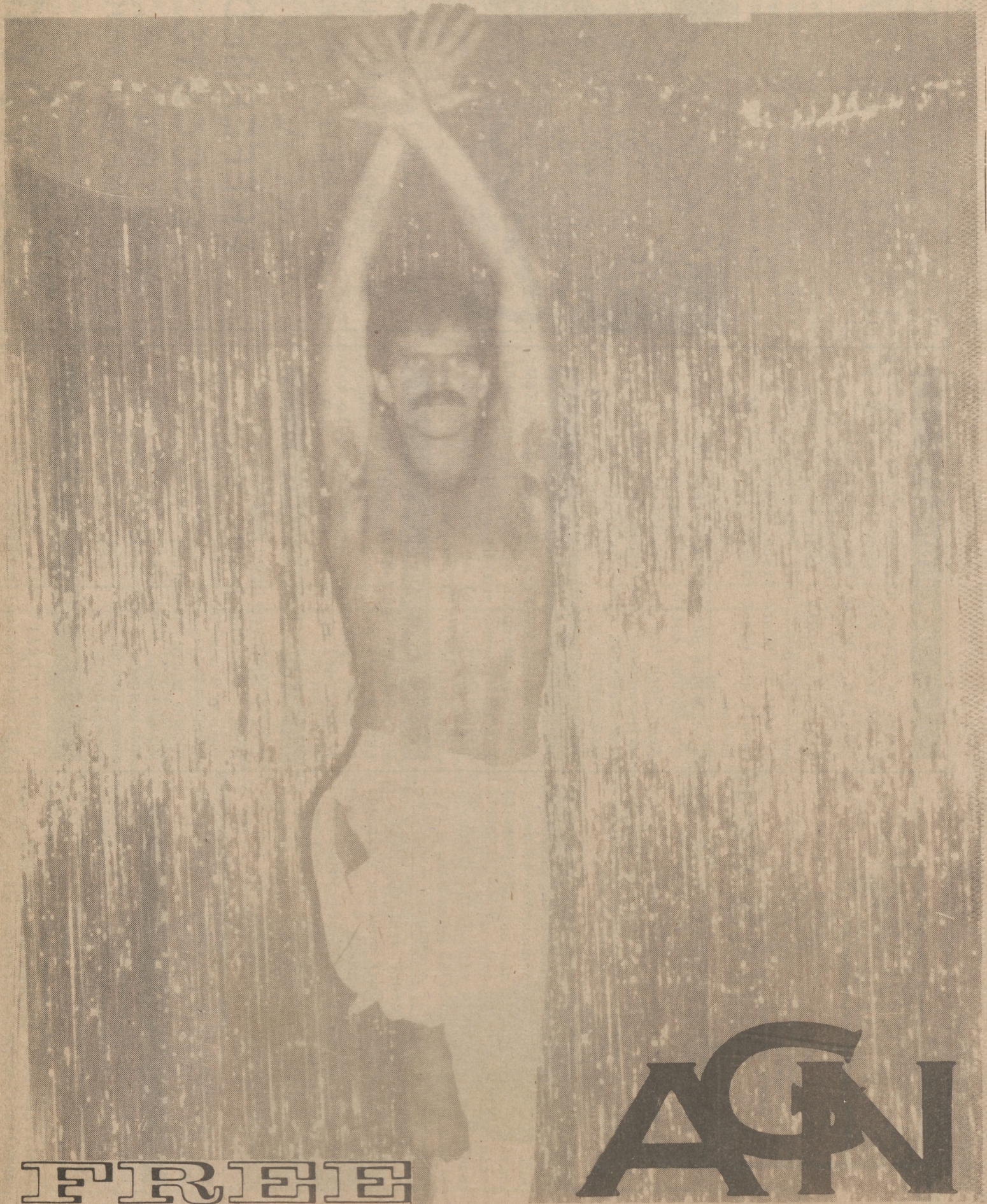


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Editorial

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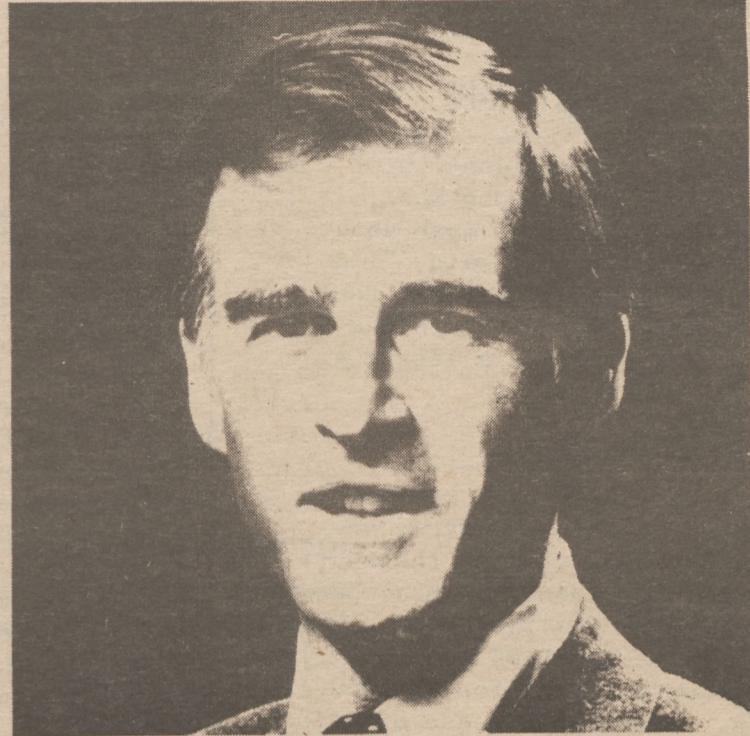
Violence, in all forms, is on a rapid increase all over the country, and this is especially true in our Gay communities of Arizona as well as nationwide. Because of this dramatic increase, we are devoting our center spread to violence; how it is happening, why it is happening and some hints at how to protect yourself from violent acts.

Letters are constantly being received at our offices concerning violent acts, mostly taking place in, about or near Gay bars. It is certainly not our intent to single out any one person, or establishment as being more prone to violence or violent acts. The very fact that an act has occurred is reason enough for all of us, as a community, to do everything in our power to prevent such an act from taking place again. Violence comes in many forms, from the actual use of brute force in attacking someone, to mugging, theft, burglary, vandalism, discrimination, harassment and, more commonly, verbal abuse. The most violent of acts involves the use of weapons - guns, clubs, bottles, etc. The entire world was shocked at the senseless slaying of John Lennon in New York last week. The Gay community was shocked at the slaying of three Gay men as they stood outside of a Gay bar in New York a couple of weeks ago.

The Freeway killers in California, the John Gacey's and the John Hensley's of the world all make headlines because of their most vicious method of violence - murder. But just as cruel, and just as frightening to the victim, are the other forms of violence. Fights and brawls were almost unknown in Gay bars until a few years ago. Vandalism to restrooms and other property in Gay bars has risen to epidemic proportions. Discrimination is raising its ugly head in some of our Arizona community bars. Theft of wallets and other valuables is on the increase in our apartments, homes and clubs. And most noticeable of all is the increase of verbal abuse by members of the Gay community toward one another.

Every Gay person knows at least one Gay brother or sister who has been the victim of violence in one of these forms. It is time to put an end to it! Anything suspicious in nature; anything that just doesn't seem right should be reported to the proper authority. Anyone seeing a discussion turning into an out-and-out argument should report same to a person in charge. Anyone caught vandalizing or thievery should be reported. If the proper authority on the premises does not take immediate action, he/she should be reported to the owner. Any person who willfully commits any form of violence on a premises, or around a premises, should be 86'd from that particular establishment and a network set up to inform other establishments of the action taken.

The longer we take in cleaning out undesirables; the more we procrastinate in thinking that all of this will go away, and if we continue to discriminate and call each other by derogatory terms, the worse the situation will get. The time has come for our Gay communities to take action - work to clean up the violence in our communities, whether it be perpetrated by our own or by our friends or enemies. The time has come. Let's all cooperate!



California Governor Jerry Brown

SAN DIEGO, CA (UpDate) - Governor Jerry Brown told a largely Gay audience here that he felt the Moral Majority's influence in the Reagan administration would begin to decline after the first six months because of all the pressure that would be put on the White House. Brown addressed more than 100 San Diegans at a soup and salad luncheon, for \$100 each admission, in the English Tudor mansion of a local couple in Coronado last Nov. 16.

Brown compared the fate of the Moral Majority to that of McCarthyism under President Eisenhower, noting that Eisenhower's election left McCarthy with no White House to attack. Brown felt the Moral Majority would be unable to effectively attack their own candidate, Ronald Reagan. Reagan like Eisenhower, will move toward the center, Brown predicted. As an example of a more moderate view of Reagan, Brown noted that most of California's environmental legislation was enacted under the Reagan administration. In excess of \$7,000 raised by the luncheon will benefit the Brown campaign. As to whether Brown will be using the funds to run for President or the U.S. Senate, the governor replied only "you know what job I want".

Brown encouraged the group to continue to put pressure on politicians on behalf of Gay rights, and urged the development of alliances, computerized efforts to reach the voter, and the use of electronic media to get the message across. The Governor said the world is changing rapidly and nations are becoming extremely competitive economically. In that competitive environment, he said, "We simply cannot afford to waste anyone's talent - whether they are Black, Gay, Women or Chicano." Brown stressed that the competition is going to be tougher and tougher all the time.

Court closed in Freeway Killer case

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - A preliminary hearing for two men accused in the Freeway Killer case was ordered closed to the press and the public by a judge who refused to hear a news media objection. Municipal Judge Vincent H. Erickson ordered the courtroom cleared of reporters and spectators after an attorney for William G. Bonin asked for the secret hearing, citing a controversial California statute that permits such closures if any defendant requests one. Co-defendant Vernon Butts asked that the hearing remain open, and Deputy District Attorney Aaron Stovitz also advocated an open hearing.

Bonin, a paroled sex offender, is charged with
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News Briefs

2 MILLION GAY NEWSPAPER READERS

NEW YORK, NY (GayLife) - A dramatic phenomenon has surfaced in America during the past few years, called local Gay newspapers. That's right, local Gay newspapers now claim a total readership approaching 2 million, according to the *San Diego Update*, a fact which will apparently be reflected this winter as editors and publishers converge on New York City to form the Gay Press Association.

JUDGE JOKES ABOUT RAPE

DENVER, CO (GPU) - Local feminists are demanding the resignation of U.S. District Court Judge John Kane, Jr., for a joke he allegedly made about rape. Kane reportedly said, "I'd just love to have a garden-variety rape case. It keeps you awake in the afternoon and provides a little vicarious pleasure."

BODY BUILDERS UNITE

NEW YORK, NY (GPU) - The Lambda Association of Body Builders, an organization dedicated to the sport of bodybuilding among Gay men, has been founded in New York City. Some major goals of the LABB include holding physique contests for Gay bodybuilders, promoting a sense of pride and self-worth in each member's achievements through physical fitness and working with other homophile groups to dispel stereotypes perpetuated by the general media. In the coming months, the Association will be striving to open local chapters throughout the country. Persons interested in joining the organization, or those who would like more information, may write to LABB, P.O. Box 25, Kew Gardens Station, New York, NY 11415

REPORT POLICE BRUTALITY

NEW YORK, NY (GayLife) - The Justice Department has issued a regulation banning police agencies from inflicting physical abuse on people because of "race, color, religion, national origin or sex." The National Gay Task Force has asked the Attorney General's office to correct the regulation by adding "sexual orientation." Meanwhile NGTF will be monitoring complaints of police brutality through the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. They ask every Lesbian or Gay person who is a victim of police brutality to report the incident to the local office of the FBI and to Tom Burrows, NGTF, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011 or to call (212)741-5800.

This week's cover.

Our cover feature this week is Craig who will be appearing as the lead male dancer in "Thee Show" which is Sammy's big Xmas show this Monday, December 23rd at Sammy's Steakhouse and Saloon. Check their ad in this issue for full particulars.

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HOW TO KILL A QUEER

HARRISON, AR (GayLife) - A recent Memphis *Commercial Appeal* article reports that a Harrison (AR) man, Kurt Saxon, is responsible for a company that prints books about how to kill people. M&M Publishers (murder and mayhem) published in 1972 a book called *The Poor Man's James Bond*, in which author Saxon prescribes a formula for killing Gays. "Say you're sitting in a booth in a Gay bar," Saxon says. "When you've finished your beer, you drop a few chunks of aluminum cut from a pipe into the bottle and cap it tightly...Then you swish out so you won't be noticed. Soon the gas will burst and the bottle and gasoline will be everywhere... there will be burning faggots galore. Burning faggots, get it? They deserve to be killed."

KLAN TO BATTLE HOMOSEXUALS

HOUSTON, TX (GayLife) - A Ku Klux Klan adviser and a felon convicted on firearms charges have taught Explorer Scouts and Civil Air Patrol cadets at a paramilitary camp how to strangle people, decapitate enemies with a machete, and fire semiautomatic weapons. "I am proud to be a member of the Klan," said Joe Bogart, a guerrilla warfare instructor and Klan adviser, who said he had only been a member for two years. "There are only two groups I'll battle with - communists and homosexuals. That's the basic reason I joined the Klan."

LESBIANISM, THE NATURAL STATE

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (GCN) - Nearly 200 women took to the streets here recently in this city's first Lesbian march. The march, part of Lesbian Liberation week, was called in part to protest a decision by the Wellington City Council to deny advertising on buses and trains to the Lesbian Centre. Banners and placards carried by the marchers proclaimed "Lesbians Are The Most Sensible Women", and "Lesbianism - The Natural State".

After the march, 300 women attended a Lesbian Liberation dance and dinner. "Never before have there been so many New Zealand Lesbians all together in one place," rhapsodized a writer for *Pink Triangle*, the newspaper of the National Gay Rights Coalition of New Zealand.

ARMY STARTS WITCHHUNTS

ATLANTA, GA (GayLife) - The U.S. Army has apparently tossed its hat into the ring with the Navy and Air Force in what would appear to be a campaign to focus on Gay members of the Armed Forces. At Ft. McPherson here, four women soldiers were discharged recently for alleged homosexual tendencies and acts. An Army officer and a fifth enlisted woman also face charges. Because of standard military terminology, it is virtually impossible to determine whether any sexual misconduct is alleged, or whether the individuals are merely accused of being Gay.

CUDDLING IS UNIVERSAL

LONDON, England (GayLife) - Teddy Bears in the back pocket are a rage in London. Worn on the left side, they mean, "I want to cuddle you", and on the right, "I want to be cuddled". Teddies started only a few months ago in San Francisco, but, with the Gay population in London so much in need of cuddles, the vogue made one of the quickest transatlantic crossings known to fashion.

HEPATITIS SCARE HITS S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GayLife) - A recent issue of the *National Enquirer*, the sensationalist tabloid sold in supermarkets all across the United States, pointed an accusing fingers at a supposed Gay man who had infected various flavors of Bud's ice cream. The article contributed to rumors in San Francisco that the Gay employee willfully spread hepatitis because he made the ice cream while he was infected. It turns out, however, that the employee was not Gay after all. According to columnist Herb Caen, Dr. Richard Hamilton of Buena Vista Medical Clinic told him that the employee is heterosexual and that hepatitis can infect anyone. The hepatitis scare resulted in over 4,000 people receiving gamma globulin shots to counter effects of eating the popular brand of ice cream.

BRITONS BLAST IMMIGRATION LAWS

LONDON, England (GayLife) - A heated debate on America's anti-Gay immigration laws led to a close vote in the University of London's Convocation (ruling parliament). Finally, it was a victory for the Gay lobby when the 44-to-39 result was announced. The motion before the Convocation was, "This house deplores the continued enforcement by the United States Immigration Service Regulation(A)4, which prohibits the issue of visas to aliens if they are homosexuals. Bona fide scholars of this and other universities are thus barred from academic facilities in the U.S.A. in breach of the spirit of numerous international agreements and protocols, including that made at Helsinki."

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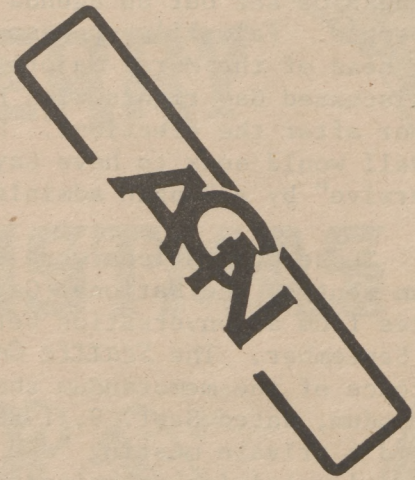


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May the joys of the Holiday Season bring each of you peace, love, contentment and happiness now and throughout the coming year.

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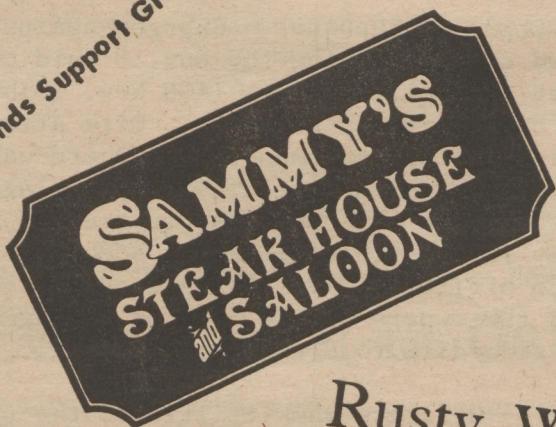
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Falwell denies discussion of Gay issues with Reagan

LYNCHBURG, VA (GayLife) - A Spokesperson for Rev. Jerry Falwell denied that Falwell had discussed Gay issues with Ronald Reagan or set out an agenda to turn back the clock for Gay people. Falwell's spokesperson said that the minister, head of the Moral Majority and a Reagan backer, had not discussed Gay rights with Reagan either during the campaign or after the elections. He rebutted suggestions that Falwell would seek to have Gay organizations labeled as "subversive" by a Reagan administration.

Those suggestions were contained in an anonymous memorandum sent to the National Gay Task Force and purported to be notes from a conversation between Falwell and Reagan in early September. The *Seattle Gay News* first reported the existence of the memorandum shortly before the election. The memorandum, dated Sept. 9, 1980, said that Falwell and Reagan held a private meeting "and the prime topic of discussion was 'containing organized perversion'." The memo went on to state that Falwell would seek to have either Sen. Paul Laxalt or Rep. Larry McDonald introduce a bill charging homosexual organizations with "national subversion," permitting the FBI "the right to seize all lists of members, users or subscribers to any homosexual group, including all publications, legal-aid, health-care, political or social organizations.

According to the memo, the names gathered would be considered "hard-core activists" and available to law enforcement and governmental agencies across the country. Further, the memo stated that Reagan and Falwell discussed "a federal homosexual registration act." The National Gay Task Force had not circulated the memo, since it was unable to verify its contents. Post-election recommendations to President-elect Reagan calling for a stepped-up monitoring of "subversives" led to concerns that Gays might become future targets, as suggested in the memo.

You call this a home ?

WASHINGTON, DC (Out) - A recorded telephone message sponsored by the Nationalist Socialist White People's Party suggests that homosexuals do indeed have a place in society.

"Hello, this is Douglas Knight of the Nationalist Socialist White People's Party," the message begins. "In a recent federal court decision, the radical Gay Activist Alliance was not only granted permission to advertise on well over 1,700 Metro buses but to do so free of charge as a public service. Henceforth, passengers on Washington area Metro buses will be forced to view pictures of men and women actually embracing members of their own sex and opposite those revolting pictures the slogan 'Someone in your life is Gay.' In any decent society, not only would this perversion not be tolerated, but homosexuality would be outlawed altogether. That such a system as the monstrosity headquartered in Washington would tolerate homosexuality is in itself bad enough. Now by ruling that the Gay Activist Alliance may advertise free of charge as a so-called public service, the system has come one step short of actually endorsing homosexuality.

"How much lower can the system possibly sink? This doesn't mean that the Nationalist Socialist White People's Party does not feel that homosexuals do not have a place in society - for that they most certainly do. We feel that, among other things of course, that Hitler was right in his attitude toward homosexuals. In National Socialist Germany, one would not find homosexuals running amuck in the streets attempting to spread their disease and the toleration of it. In National Socialist Germany, identified by the pink triangle, one would find flagrant homosexuals confined in concentration camps. We think that this is still a pretty good idea. . .White Power!"

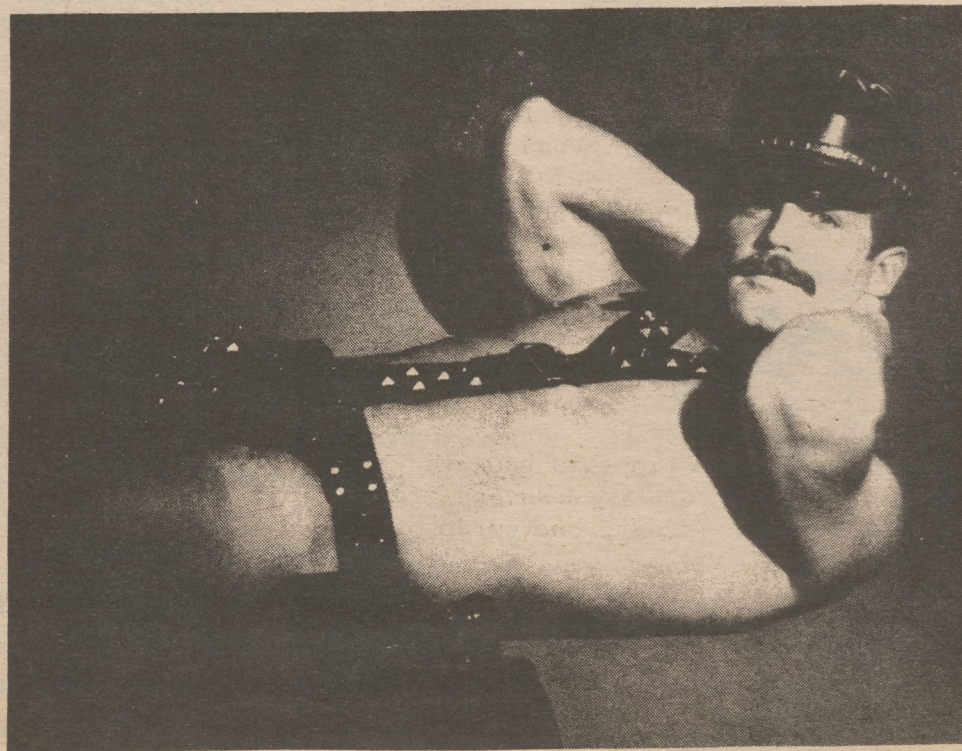
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City drops charges in Hollywood Spa raid

LOS ANGELES, CA (UpDate) - Charges against 16 men arrested for lewd conduct during the Nov. 8 raid on the Steam Heat party at the Hollywood Spa (AGN Nov. 28) have been dropped by the city attorney's office. City Attorney Burt Pines, in making the announcement, said there was insufficient evidence to press any criminal charges against the men. The case of one man has been referred to the district attorney for possible filing of a charge of battery on a police officer. Civil litigation may be instituted against the owners of the Spa for zoning and permit violations, according to Pines.

Officers who infiltrated the party reported that beer and wine were being served and guests were dancing. Permits had not been issued for either entertainment. The six under-cover officers, who remained at the party for approximately three hours, arrested the 16 men after seeing what they said were acts of oral copulation, sodomy and mutual masturbation. Bob Cramer, who conducted the city attorney investigation, said he dropped the charges under the Pryor decision which defines the law of lewd conduct in California today. "A prosecutor must be able to prove to a jury that the defendant knew the conduct was offensive to those present," Cramer said. The Pryor decision is clear in defining lewd conduct only as that which gives public offense, he added. Los Angeles police stated that the party was advertised in a Gay paper and they considered the party as a public event.

Scott Goulet, Spa comptroller, said the party had never been announced in any publication and that invitations had been sent out to members of the Gay community. He pointed out that the ad referred to by police was for the re-opening of the Spa itself, scheduled several days later. When shown a copy of the party announcement by police officers, Goulet identified it as a copy of one of the invitations.

by Paul Nash

book review

GRAPHIC DETAILS by Bev Balliett and Patti Patton. Starr Publications, P.O. Box 55586, Phoenix, AZ 85010. 44 p. \$5.00 postpaid.

A recent development in Lesbian feminist writing has been the publication of erotic writing. There has been much dispute about the meaning and use of the word "erotica." There seems to be some agreement that Lesbian erotica deals with Lesbian sexuality in a feminist, woman-identified way, as opposed to pornography, which is claimed to be exploitative, violent and objectifying.

Graphic Details by Bev Balliett and Patti Patton is a self-published book of "Lesbian erotica and humor," in prose, poetry and photography. Both women did the writing and Patti Patton did all the photographs. The small, 44-page book has 21 written pieces and 12 photos. The layout is very attractively done, with elaborate borders and graphics giving it the look of a work into which much love and care have gone. The reproduction of photos is too dark, but the authors have informed me that this problem has been corrected in the second printing. The first printing of the book was almost delayed by problems with both the printer and the bindery. Both of these companies contracted to do the work, having been informed of its content, and then reneged. The book was finally printed in an all-woman shop, not of feminists, but of "cowgirls who said some of their best friends were Lesbians." Binding of early copies was done by hand, minutes before the authors' first book party, after a second bindery backed out at the last moment.

So what's in this book that was too hot for Phoenix? A lot of gushing and wetness and flannel shirts and cut-off shorts, fairly standard cue words of current Lesbian sexuality. Many Lesbians will recognize their sexuality here, as the women make love to the music of Holly Near records and indulge in "thank-the-goodness-the-week's-over type fucking" (Pg. 24). An exception is "The Many Women in the Woman I Love," by Balliett, which describes two lovers exchanging roles of dominance-submission, told in a delicate, non-violent, loving manner. Several pieces challenge "politically correct" attitudes about Lesbian sexuality that seems to be found in every Lesbian community these days.

The book, by so explicitly challenging the pressure of Lesbian political correctness, is probably more important as a political statement than a sexual one. It makes its arguments in a witty, entertaining way. I found the love scenes much less impressive than the satiric tone of the book, which uses humor successfully to point out the chilling inhibitions which the Lesbian community has been placing on the honest expression of Lesbian sexuality.

Fearing that I've made this book sound like a political essay, I'd like to quote from one of the lovely erotic poems in it, "3 in 1: Nights/Poems" by Patti Patton"

III. I had never loved
 a small woman
 fearing my large
 passions would bruise her
 Imagine
 my surprise in waking
 to your delicate handprints:
 lusty patches decorating my flesh.

(p. 29) Reviewed by Maida Tilchen, Gay Community News.

Privacy Commission in Calif.

SACRAMENTO, CA - Governor Jerry Brown issued an executive order establishing a Commission on Personal Privacy. The 25-member Commission was established to study the problems of sexual minorities and of the adequacy of existing law to protect the personal privacy of all individuals.

The Associated Press issued a release stating that the Commission was established to study discrimination against homosexuals, implying that it was strictly a "homosexual commission". Thomas F. Coleman, Co-chairman of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties (the group that initiated the move for establishment of the Commission), took exception to the AP characterization of the Commission. "The fight for civil liberties and personal privacy is not limited to Gays and Lesbians; the aged, handicapped, youth and unmarried couples, as well as persons within hospitals and other institutions often find themselves victims of a type of discrimination which no one wants to mention or discuss, even though sexual expression is one of the most fundamental behavioral drives of human beings. The educational work of the Commission will assist in ending arbitrary and unjust discrimination of a sexual and personal nature which now exists against all of these groups."

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Library censorship rises

CHICAGO, IL (UpDate) - America's public libraries and schools are facing a new wave of censorship, the director of the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom told the Los Angeles Times. Judith F. Krug, whose office serves as a clearing house for censorship incidents involving libraries and school reading programs, said "it is the beginning of a major assault." Krug cited some recent cases as evidence:

- * In Statesville, NC, a man claiming to represent the Moral Majority has complained to the state Department of Education about the use of *Brave New World* in a high school class because the book allegedly advocates drug culture and blasphemes God. His complaint said Aldous Huxley's book "would make a good bonfire".
- * In Wapakoneta, Ohio, parents of one 10th grade student seek a ban on Ken Kesey's novel *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* because "the book is filth".
- * In Abington, VA, a local fundamentalist minister seeks all books by Harold Robbins and Sydney Sheldon removed from the Washington County Library because he says they are pornographic. The minister also wants lists of everybody who has checked out the two books.

Krug said established conservative groups, the newly emerged Christian Right and the New Right, single issue organizations and both feminist and anti-feminist groups pose the greatest threats to library collections. "The library is the cultural record of our society," she said. "It is 'everyman's' university, and it is that place where the First Amendment in this country reaches fulfillment, where materials cutting across the whole spectrum of thought are available. It should serve the needs of the whole community not only those who are most vocal. The First Amendment protects the rights of minorities. But I think that the heyday of the First Amendment, where the reaction was, 'Oh, we cannot touch the First Amendment' is just about at an end," said Krug, who also is executive director of the Freedom to Read Foundation. "This country is going to stand or fall on our ability to make available to all citizens a broad range of ideas and information," said Krug.

San Francisco violence due to homophobia

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (CCN) - Increasing acts of street violence against Lesbians and Gay males in this city - and allegations that police fail to take action on those attacks - were detailed by victims, community leaders, and officials at a hearing held at City Hall here recently. About 250 people packed the Board of Supervisors chambers to hear testimony by openly Gay Supervisor Harry Britt, who called the hearings; Dick Stingel, chair of Community United Against Violence (CUAV) and Dr. Stuart Fleming, emergency room director at Ralph K. Davis Medical Center in the Castro a heavily Gay area.

Stingel cited a fourfold increase in the frequency of assaults against Lesbians and Gay men in the past year. In 1979, he said, 123 reports of such assaults were received by CUAV; 280 such reports have been received by the organization so far this year, and the attacks have been more numerous since April when CBS aired the controversial program on the city's Gay community, "Gay Power-Gay Politics". According to the San Francisco *Sentinel*, Stingel said that 98 per cent of the attackers were male; 40 percent were black, 30 percent were anglo and that 30 percent were Latino. He said that since last year, Latino involvement has decreased by half; Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver said that the myth that anti-Gay violence is being perpetrated by the Latino community is "simply unfounded and should be laid to rest once and for all."

Four out of five assailants were teenagers between the ages of 14 and 19, Stingel said. In two-thirds of the attacks, the assailants were walking in groups of two to six persons; they generally made anti-Gay remarks prior to the assault, and 90 percent of the victims attribute the attack solely to homophobia.

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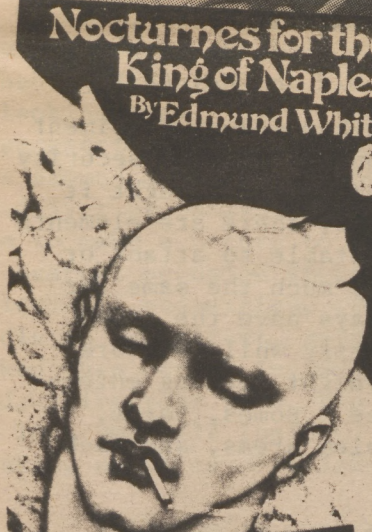
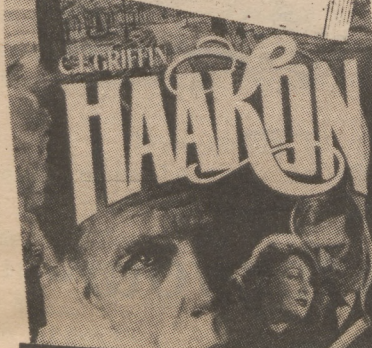
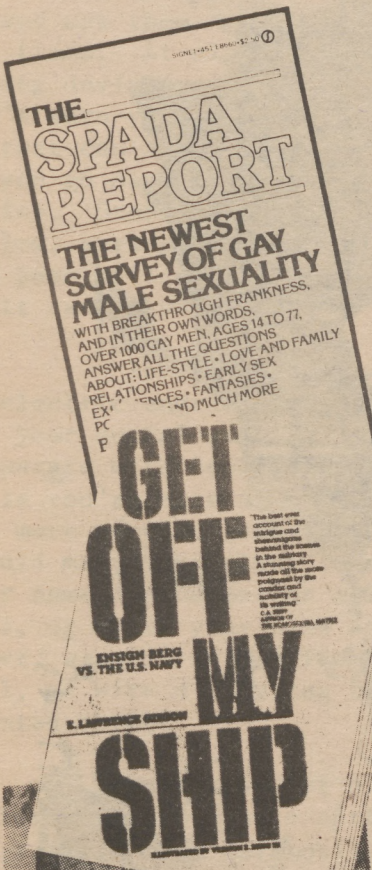
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VIOLENCE! VIOLENCE! VIOLENCE! VIOLENCE! VIOL

As explained in the Editorial on page one, AGN is receiving a heavy influx of mail concerning violence. Here are some examples, and some suggestions as to how to avoid certain kinds of violence.

EDITOR:

I believe your readers should be alerted to an incident that occurred a bit after midnight, Nov. 10. A friend and I had visited one of Phoenix's friendliest bars. When we prepared to depart, I waiting in my car in the parking lot to be sure that my friend got started and headed in the proper direction. He is new to Phoenix and speaks limited English. Also, he was driving a Moped which is a new experience for him. While waiting, I noticed him chatting with three relatively young men; all three were black-haired caucasians and appeared to be in their 20's. They came out of the bar and said hello to me and then chatted with my friend... They drove off in a car that could be three or four years old, it was a dark green car with a light green top and was as large as a Chevrolet or Olds of a few years back. After I saw that my friend was safely enroute I drove to my own house.

Subsequently my friend stopped at a traffic light at which point the three punks suddenly drove up and stopped at the light. Two of them jumped out of the car and pushed him off his Moped and took off with it. Fortunately, he was not injured physically, but both he and I are heartsick over the incident... We notified the Phoenix police and on Tuesday afternoon the Moped was found in a canal. We don't know the extent of damages as yet, but the estimate for repairs is more than he can afford.

Although I consider my friend to be one of the bravest men I've ever know, these three gutless cowards chose their victim well. They knew from the parking lot encounter that he spoke little English. He's only 5'3" tall and weighs only 135 pounds. If any of your readers recognize the three miserable punks described in this letter they should call 262-6141 or 262-6121 and ask for the Auto Theft Detail concerning case #80-131818.

EDITOR:

As manager of Harpo's, I feel that it is my responsibility to respond to the "open letter" in the AGN. The letter sounded as though the entire incident happened right outside the front door or directly on Harpo's property. This is not the case. The incident happened one block north on a side street. There was no, I repeat no, violence on any of Harpo's property.

It is common knowledge of most Gay bar frequenters in Phoenix, and I assume in Tucson, that anytime you park in an area other than the bar's parking lot you are taking a chance of being harassed or beaten up. I can name numerous Gays who have been severely beaten outside of our Phoenix Gay bars, including the two favorite bars of the PLLC. These muggings infuriate us all! Up until Halloween night we at Harpo's had been lucky!

Just last week my lover and I (and many others) had to drop to the ground after parking in a very popular Phoenix Gay bar parking lot because of gun shots being fired in the lot! I can't tell you how scared, worried and upset we were right after the incident; however, we did not rush home and write a letter to the AGN demanding that the bar involved do something about its security and patron protection. This single incident proves how difficult it is for a bar to take care of its own parking lot harassment, let alone those problems on the surrounding side streets.

Another fact that came out in the PLLC letter was that 25 or so of Harpo's Gay patrons stood by and watched these three men get beaten. I have no way of knowing how many people were present at the incident; however, I do know that those of us inside the bar had no idea what was going on outside, on a side street, one block away, until we saw Bob and Mel come into the bar after the fight and asked for someone to call the police. The police were phoned immediately and they informed us that they weren't sure what they could do, but they would be there as soon as possible. I might add that the firemen paramedics arrived long before the police. When the police did arrive we were informed that they could do nothing because it would be the word of one minority against another minority, and unfortunately we were the underdog minority because we were Gay.

Yes, Phoenix Gay community, it is this police apathy towards Gays that we should be concerned about. Not with trying to take out our bad feelings on other Gays and using each other as scapegoats! It is time that we worked together as a unified group. It is time the police realized that we are a part of the tax-paying, property-owning, money-spending Phoenix society. We can, and do, patrol our own parking lots. It is the Phoenix police who should protect us on the streets!



How to beat the security problem for yourself and your home.

by Harold Ivey

A possible increase in anti-homosexual sentiment growing out of the recent elections could bring new security problems for Gay citizens. Just as Nazis once thought it was perfectly all right to persecute Jews, there are elements in American society which find it acceptable to attack or rob Gays. Security problems are pretty much the same for their straight neighbors -- but many Gays have the added complications of leaving their homes empty while at work, and of being more likely to go out at night seeking entertainment and sometimes finding violence. Homes, yards, cars and streets -- those are the problem areas, and each has its dos and don'ts.

For instance, police records show that burglars spend 75% of their time in the master bedroom when they invade a home, because that's where the valuables are. The average burglar doesn't spend more than five or ten minutes in a house, and your jewelry will be a lot safer in the freezer than in your bedroom dresser. If you don't have a safe -- and most people don't -- keep your valuables in unlikely places all over the house. Don't give an unidentified telephone caller any information, and if you receive a number of suspicious phone calls, notify police. Someone could be preparing a timetable or learn when you are away from home. If you live alone, add another name or two to the mailbox to make it appear that you have roommates.

Don't EVER open your door to strangers. Check through a peephole, through a nearby window, or even yell through the door before you let anyone at you face to face. And burglars often pose as deliverymen and repairmen. Note down suspicious license numbers you see around the neighborhood and hold onto them for a week or so. If a burglary is reported in the neighborhood, your alertness may bring fast results. If someone comes to your door at night and wants to use your telephone to call the police or a repairman, make the call for him while he waits -- outside. If you move into a new home or apartment, or lose your key, get the locks changed. Don't leave a spare key hidden in some obvious place to avoid locking yourself out. Leave a spare with a neighbor. But it can be educational to pretend you've locked yourself out. Walk around, and see if you can get back in. If you can, so can a burglar.

Own a dog if you can. Noise is more important than size or teeth. If you're working in the backyard, make sure your front door is locked. You can get robbed in a very few minutes. Spring latch locks can be opened

easily, just like on television. Make sure you have dead bolt locks that extend at least a half inch into the plate -- and use them. Make your home look and sound occupied at all times. At night, leave on some inside lights. Use timing devices to turn on radios and lamps after dark. Don't turn your radio up suspiciously loud when you go out -- that can attract a burglar as fast as it can repel one. If you go away on vacation, tell your neighbors and the police. Stop deliveries, turn the bell on your telephone to low, arrange to have your mail collected or stopped at the post office. Try to arrange to have someone park their car in your driveway while you're gone.

Inventory your valuables, and identify them with an electric engraving pen. Use your driver's license number, not your social security number -- federal officials don't cooperate with local police in matters like this. And even while you're safe at home, your yard may be looted. Plants are more popular than ever with thieves these days. You should make your plant legally identifiable by scratching your name and number on a metal plate and stick in the pot's soil, or write your name and phone number on a piece of paper, wrap it in aluminum foil, and bury it in the plant soil, or wire a tiny tag to an inner lower branch of a planted shrub.

More than 40% of all larcenies reported to police are stolen auto parts and accessories, and thefts of property from automobiles. Don't leave your car parked in a shopping center or anywhere with valuables or packages exposed on the seat or floor. Put them in the trunk. Alarm systems can be effective, but some are not cheap.

Gays going to or from their favorite bar may be more vulnerable than at any other time of their waking day. The location of Gay bars long ago stopped being a secret from hoodlums, and many have had enough to drink so that their alertness and stability are impaired when they leave the bar for home. Police advise: Go in pairs. Stay on the main street. Look like you've got it all together, even if you haven't. Walk straight and stand tall. Look like you have a purpose, and look at everybody. If somebody's coming up behind you, look at him. Don't make the mugging easier by looking away. Don't stop to give directions to a driver or pedestrians. You could be pulled into a car or alley. Turn around and walk the other way if a car slows down and the driver or passengers harass you or annoy you. The car will have to make a U-turn to follow you. If it does, walk into the nearest occupied store or gas station and call the police. If pedestrians come after you, get out in the middle of the street, yell and run. Keep your car doors locked when you're inside. If you have trouble on the road, raise your hood, tie a white cloth to the door handle, and lock yourself inside. Stay there with your flashers blinking until an official or repair vehicle arrives.

If you're cornered, or at gunpoint, give up any and all valuables. It's not worth your life to hold onto them. Study your assailant, try to memorize a physical description and identifying marks. Look for scars, crooked teeth, and things like that. Keep your wits about you, use your common sense, and the odds are in your favor.



EDITOR:

Three nuns are murdered in El Salvador. The world is shocked by this senseless violence, and the United States holds up it's banner for "Human Rights".

John Lennon is shot dead in front of his home in New York City. The world is stunned, and as we mourn, we ask ourselves how this could happen. Human rights isn't an issue.

A man opens fire on a group of homosexuals in front of a bar in New York City, killing three. The Gay community is frightened by the news, but doesn't need to ask why it happened. We know why it happened and human rights isn't an issue.

Gay men are cut, beaten, kicked in a Tucson Gay club by fellow Gays. How could this happen? Why would we turn on ourselves. Is human rights an issue?

Another Tucson Gay club divides its area to separate Gay men from Gay women. Why is this happening? Why are we dividing ourselves. Is human rights an issue?

We as people continue to be shocked by violence, yet soon forget and most importantly never do anything about it. When we can, as the Gay community, begin to accept the responsibility for our own rights, or perhaps the question is, will we ever accept the responsibility?

Name Withheld by Request - Tucson

EDITOR:

As I sit here plowing through paperwork for yet another week of a dance contest, I feel the necessity to voice something that has bothered me recently. There seems to be a lack of enthusiasm -- and excess of hostility -- among the community lately. I have encountered this while hosting our contest at Farrah's Lounge. But I have also witnessed it wherever I've been to, within the community. There are a select few who will forge ahead at a challenge, while the majority of folks sit back -- unwilling to give it a try. But they will be the first (and usually the loudest) to criticize any outcome that is made.

One of the latest (community) social dilemmas facing us, is the hostility among, and between the Lesbians and the Gay men. From the beginning, the concept of Farrah's Lounge was one of "Something For EVERYONE" but lately, there has been discontent (sometimes audible, and even physical) among the more "radical" of either gender. Others choose not to mingle with the other groups at all. Then there are the very few who will make a concerted effort to relate to, and with, the other sex. Unfortunately I have seen this in almost every Gay establishment in and beyond the Valley... That is at least the ones who have not yet slapped up a "no men" or "no women" sign on their door.

Suddenly, Gay people are using Gay establishments for battlegrounds. Ironically, 10 years ago, these businesses might not have been allowed to even open their doors (due to laws and social pressure) to let them gather in.

This January, a whole new conservative government begins it's reign of power. And quite conceivably, this might be a decade of Anti-Gay legislation! However, if Gay men and women cannot even make the effort of accepting each other, how can we convincingly ask for acceptance of our rights when we need to from the straight society? Beyond being Gay, we are all people also. Maybe, if you can't look at that other person because they are a man or a woman, you could try to see them as a fellow human being. We're all shooting for the same cause -- to be treated like citizens of a society, not like barbarians. Let's start acting that way!

I don't expect that this one letter, or myself, as just one person, is going to make a real dent in this problem, but if only one person who has read this changes his or her attitude to the other members of our "family", then my time to write this has not been wasted.

Jeff Hicks - Phoenix

P.S. This letter has been endorsed by Ron Farrah and Lon Pearson, owners of Farrah's Lounge.

EDITOR:

I am writing to you in concern with the letter printed on Nov. 7, 1980 from the Phoenix Levi Leather Club, concerning the bar Harpo's. I want you to know that it seems everyone is stretching this incident out of hand. This is an incident no one likes to see happen, but it happens everywhere. Look at what's been happening at Harpo's. There have been at least 10 car windows broken in the last month but no one is writing to you about that. Me and my lover patronize Harpo's at least 3 times a week and that is the safest place I've been to in Phoenix.

Also, I'd like to remark on the safety risk. I'm not trying to pick on anyone... I'm outraged by the way the police handled this incident and the patrons watching, also if the Levi Leather Club was there, why didn't they help?

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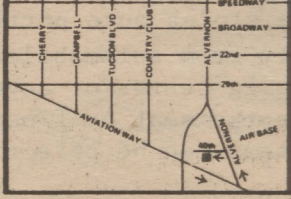
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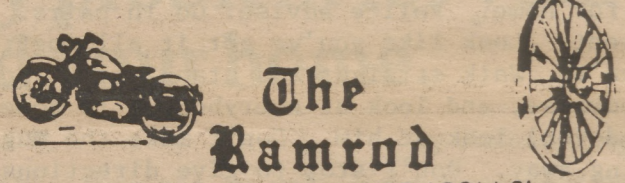
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News Briefs

SUSPECT NABBED IN MURDERS

BOSTON, MA (GCN) - A suspect in two of the recent murders of Gay men in Boston has been found. Robin MacCormack, Mayor Kevin White's liaison to the Lesbian and Gay community, and police officials announced that Robert E. Woodruff, a 22-year old onetime resident of Charlestown who has since enlisted in the Army under an assumed name, is suspected in the deaths of Raymond Kindred and John McGrail. Police officials revealed that Woodruff had been identified by fingerprints found in Kindred's apartment. In addition, McGrail's car, which was missing when his body was found, was later found in Charlestown near Woodruff's home. Officials stated that there was no evidence to identify Woodruff as a member of the Gay community.

McGrail was found in his South Boston apartment October 2 tied face down to his bed. He had been bound with his own neckties and his head was covered with a pillowcase. Part of a coin collection of undetermined value and his 1978 brown Renault were both missing and his apartment had been ransacked.

Kindred was also found dead in his apartment on June 5. He too had been bound face down to his bed with neckties, his head covered with a cotton cloth. His apartment, like McGrail's, had been ransacked, with no evidence of forced entry.

REWARD OFFERED IN MURDER

LOS ANGELES, CA (UpDate) - A \$10,000 reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the killers of Thomas Carroll, who was stabbed to death six months ago, Los Angeles police detectives said. An anonymous friend posted the reward in connection with the death of Carroll, 56, slain outside a North Hollywood night club May 18. Carroll's death is believed to be related to a string of violence over a seven month period in the San Fernando Valley, Lt. William Gaida said.

Because the stabbing took place across the street from a known Gay establishment, police investigators surmise Carroll was leaving the club

and was stabbed from behind as he was entering his car. Friends said Carroll did frequent the club and assumed he had been there that morning. According to Donald Hartenfeld, Carroll's companion for 14 years, Carroll, a WWII vet, was active in the Gay movement.

The murder was another example of queer-bashing, Hartenfeld feels, because Carroll's expensive watch and wallet, containing an extensive amount of money, were not taken.

JUST A RUMOR

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - Despite rumors to the contrary, *The Sentinel*, a biweekly Gay newspaper here, has not filed for bankruptcy, according to a spokesperson for the paper. Although the *Bay Area Reporter*, a rival of the *Sentinel*, printed a news report recently that the paper's publisher, Charles Lee Morris, had filed for bankruptcy, the *Sentinel's* spokesperson told GCN that Morris had filed for what he called a "Chapter 11 request for reorganization of debts." He called the bankruptcy report "just a rumor".

Morris and the *Sentinel* are involved in a labor dispute with several former staff members, including former editor Lydia Shectman, who walked out last year following a dispute over the paper's endorsement in the San Francisco mayoral elections. The staff members are suing Morris for back pay. According to the spokesperson, the "Chapter 11 request" is designed to change jurisdiction in the labor dispute from the state court system to the federal court system. The spokesperson also denied rumors that the *Sentinel* is to cease publishing.

SEATTLE GAYS MEET WITH POLICE

SEATTLE, WA (UpDate) - Three members of the Seattle police department's Crime Prevention Division met with nine representatives of the Gay community last month to discuss violence against Gays in Seattle's parks. Ideas fielded at the meeting included Gays serving in the Seattle police reserve, videotaped Gay awareness education materials for daily police roll calls, and getting police and Gays to know and trust each other. Meetings will continue monthly.

SPORTS JOURNAL

by Jim Larrabee

TUCSON - The Community Soap League will suspend bowling activities for two weeks while members take a holiday break. The results of Wednesday, Dec. 17 will be reported at a later date. Here are the results of Dec. 10 action:

Both One Life To Live and Days Of Our Lives re-summed their winning ways after recovering from the previous week's fiascos, and each team moved up a notch in the standings. After only one week atop the league, Three's Company fell into a tie for second. Ryan't Hope, despite losing 3 of 4 points to a determined All My Children remained within two games of the leaders. General Hospital assumed fourth place via a forfeit. As The World Turns rose from last place for the first time since the early part of the season and tied their absent opponents, The Young And The Restless, for sixth. The Edge Of Night plummeted to the cellar position. The night's bowling leaders were Jim Larrabee (198-520) and Sue Longoria (166-403). The overall league average was 126.2.

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
ONE LIFE TO LIVE	34	14	.708
DAYS OF OUR LIVES	34	18	.654
THREE'S COMPANY	34	18	.654
RYAN'S HOPE	32	20	.615
GENERAL HOSPITAL	29	23	.558
ALL MY CHILDREN	28	24	.538
THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS	22	30	.423
AS THE WORLD TURNS	22	30	.423
THE EDGE OF NIGHT	21	31	.404

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VOLLEYBALL VOX

TUCSON - The Community Volleyball League will also take a holiday break and will resume play January 4 at 1:00 p.m. on the JT/BP court. On Sunday, Dec. 14 it was indeed another excellent afternoon for volleyball. All present appeared to be in a festive mood which was reflected by the actual play.

Our Gang overcame Fish and Swish 15-9, 15-11; The Graduate beat Krazy 15-13, 15-9; Krazy rebounded to take two from Our Gang 15-4, 15-7; and, the Graduate downed Fish and Swish easily 15-3, 15-4. The majority of players then attended a most delightful, pre-Christmas, get-together at

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OUR GANG	20	21	.488
KRAZY	17	23	.425
FISH AND SWISH	9	28	.243

NOTE: With Tucson Gay athletics taking a respite, so does this reporter for two or three weeks. More then.

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FREEWAY KILLER CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

murdering 14 young men whose bodies were left nude near Southern California freeways. Butts is charged with six of the killings in which prosecutors said Bonin was also involved. A reporter for the Associated Press attempted to object to the hearing closure, but was silenced by the judge's deputy marshal, who conferred with the judge and then told the reporter, "The judge says you have no standing in the court." The reporter had sought a hearing with an attorney present to seek opening of the proceedings. Outside court, Stovitz said: "I would much rather have it open. I think the public should know how to protect their children and the children should know how to protect themselves."

Bonin, a Downey truck driver, also is charged with 11 counts of robbery, one count of sodomy and one count of mayhem. Butts, a self-styled magician also from Downey, has been charged with three counts of robbery as well. Five men have been charged in the so-called Freeway Killer case. The latest of these, co-defendant Eric Marten Wijnaendts, 20, of Garden Grove, pleaded innocent to the murder of Harry Todd Turner, 15, whose nude body was found in a Los Angeles alley March 25. Wijnaendts, arrested Dec. 4, was being held without bail. Also facing Freeway Killer trials in Los Angeles or Orange Counties are James Munro, 19 charged with one killing; and Gregory Miley, 19, charged with five. The nude bodies of 44 young men and boys - many of them hitchhikers - have been dumped alongside or near freeways in five Southern California counties since 1972, but investigators said many of the crimes have been committed by different people.

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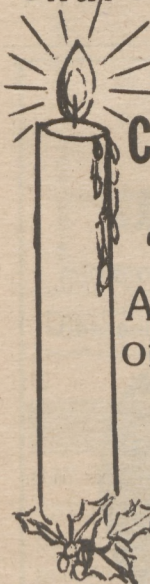


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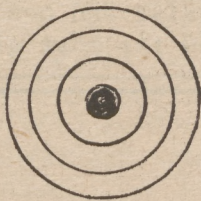
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by Rev. F. Randall Hill

The article entitled "Ministers Preach 'Gay is Good' in Bizarre Homosexual Churches" (Nov. 9, 1980 *National Enquirer*) which attacks all MCC churches is a distortion of the truth, and is filled with numerous overt misleading statements. The article claims such things as "the church is largely a Gay social club", and that sermons proclaim the "Gospel" of Gay love, and at church-sponsored workshops, Gay couples openly fondle and pet, "that Lesbians snuggled together, kissing and fondling passionately."

This is another attempt to distort the truth and to keep our community "bound". Jesus says, "The truth shall set you free!" We proclaim Jesus Christ, as Lord. We embrace all Christian doctrines. We are a family and express a Christian affection one for the other. I, personally am totally unaware of any type "fondling" or "petting" going on in any of our churches.

Our message is simple and clear - God loves all people and calls all people just as they are. Sure, we all have a lot of growing to do, but if we wait until we are better to come to Jesus, we will never come at all! There is no one who is too sinful for Jesus to love.

Our churches have had oppression both in Tucson and elsewhere, but the early church had great oppression. We are to praise the Lord in all circumstances of our lives! God has a will, plan and purpose for each of us. So many so-called Christian churches are trying to impress their will, plan and purpose on us all. All things, including church, can be sinful and evil, or beautiful and in God's plan for us.

The Right Wing is growing and gaining clout. Now is the time to oppose injustices everywhere in all areas of our existences. Now is the time to feed the poor and to stand up for what we honestly believe. We have seen "Moral Majoritized to death" - literally! There are some churches who literally - Love us to death!

God's love is just and free! The enemy would have you believe we do nothing but promote "orgies" in church and defame the altar and pervert the scriptures for our own edification and self-purpose. The world is tired of this type "Christianity and Superficiality!" The Gospel message is God's love for us and our love for God.

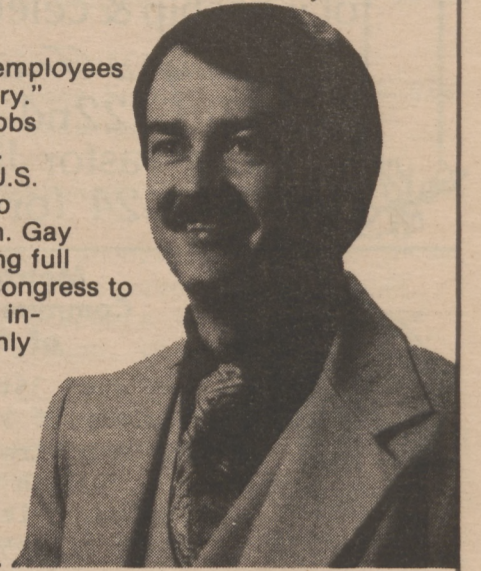
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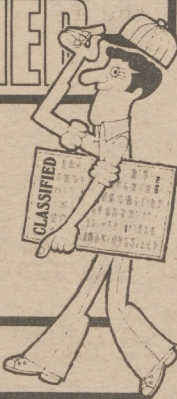
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