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Bryant ministries change priorities from Gays to families

Calif. march backs Gay rights

SACRAMENTO, CA (UPI) - Thousands of homosexuals and Gay-rights supporters marched down rain-drenched streets of the state capital Sunday, January 13, to promote legislation prohibiting job discrimination against homosexuals. But the numbers, estimated by police at from 2,000 to 5,000 fell short of forecasts by rally organizers, who expected more than 10,000 would turn out.

The crowd remained in high spirits despite heavy rains measuring an inch an hour. Spectators along the parade route were sparse and no incidents of violence occurred, despite small counter-demonstration whose participants said they were from the Los Angeles Christian Church. Among the political speakers was Gray Davis, Gov. Edmund G. Brown's chief of staff, who was introduced to a cheering crowd as "the acting governor of the state of California." Davis read a statement from the governor reiterating Brown's support for prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

Cutsinger pleads innocent

SEATTLE (UPI) - Roger Cutsinger, 21, who lost a much-publicized battle to remain in the Army despite his homosexuality, pleaded innocent to first-degree murder in the slaying of his roommate on the University of Washington campus. Superior Court Judge Lloyd Bever set a trial date of Feb. 13 and scheduled a pre-trial hearing for Jan. 22. Dressed in red prison overalls and blue tennis shoes, Cutsinger appeared briefly before the judge to hear the charges against him. Defense lawyer Carl Hultman answered "not guilty" when the judge asked how Cutsinger would plead. Cutsinger is charged with the murder of Larry Duerksen, 29, a library worker, who was shot three times while walking on the campus Dec. 14.

The King County prosecutor's office alleged in an affidavit this week that Cutsinger had taken out a \$500,000 insurance policy on his roommate seven days before the murder and had named himself as beneficiary. The prosecutor also said Cutsinger had bought a .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol at a downtown pawn shop the day of the shooting. Police said the shooting, which occurred on the university campus across the street from the apartment shared by Cutsinger and Duerksen, was witnessed by a woman passerby. She "heard shots, turned and observed one of the men crouched over the other, apparently shooting him," the affidavit said.

A native of Battle Creek, Michigan, Cutsinger had worked as an Army clerk-typist for two years of his three year enlistment at nearby Fort Lewis before disclosing his sexual preference in June. "Hey, I'm Gay, and I turned out all right," Cutsinger told his superiors when a friend of his was denied a chance to enlist because of homosexuality. A three-man Administration Elimination Board voted in early October that Cutsinger be dismissed on the basis of his homosexuality, although he had an unblemished conduct record during his military career. He received his discharge 10 months before his three-year enlistment would have ended.

Adoption OK'd for two Gays

MILWAUKEE, WI (UPI) - A 21-year-old homosexual has adopted a 23-year-old son, also a homosexual. The petition was granted Tuesday, January 8, in Milwaukee County Probate Court. "It was an unusual petition, but there was nothing to indicate they were homosexuals," said reserve Circuit Court Judge Elliot Walstead, who granted the petition. "And if there was something, I don't know if it would have been any of my business."

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HOLLYWOOD, FL (Star) - The froth Anita Bryant stirred among the Gay community several years ago has pretty much died down. Not only among Gays (most are still pleased with the unifying results of her efforts) but in her own camp as well. According to a story by Phillip Ward, the Knight-Rider Syndicate, the word being spread from Bryant's \$250,000 counseling headquarters in Hollywood has changed a little. Larry Coy, one of Anita Bryant Ministries, Inc., seven directors says curing homosexuals is no longer the corporation's primary concern.

"Our emphasis has always been to do whatever is necessary to reinforce the values America was based on," says Coy. "Homosexuality, alcoholism, abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment -- all these are just symptoms of the larger problem. The problem we address is the disintegration of the American Family," he says.

In 1977 and 1978 Anita Bryant Ministries spearheaded a successful campaign against the Dade County Gay rights ordinance. The Ministries outgrew a rented Miami Beach office. Touted then as a means of helping homosexuals become heterosexuals, the counseling services were moved to Hollywood. Renovations on a two story, 8,500-square-foot building, formerly the home of WHFT-TV, a religious television station, have been progressing since August. Officials hope to have a grand opening this month. The waiting room is cluttered with religious pamphlets and Bryant's books clutter waiting room bookshelves and end tables. The secretaries are courteous, always ready with a supply of cola.

Bob Green, Bryant's husband and director of her organizations, Anita Bryant Ministries and Protect America's Children, says, "It was never our intent to counsel homosexuals exclusively. 'It was a 'put-your-money-where-your-mouth-is' type of thing," Coy adds. "After the Dade referendums, the issue was over," he continues. Green adds, "The media often will report the buzzwords to get attention. You say 'Anita Bryant' now and people automatically think of homosexuals." Coy says Protect America's Children is dormant now. One part-time secretary is in charge. The issue however, could quickly change its status. "If the issue comes up for a vote again, we'll crank up Protect America's Children again," assures Coy. "You have to fight the symptoms wherever they arise, on a fundamental level, on a local level, wherever you meet it. Coy goes on to explain the trend now is toward family counseling. He adds family problems are often at the root of homosexuality.

Green remarks, "But we never sat down and said, 'Hey, let's change our emphasis. It broadened all by itself.' With counseling services, 'primarily from a spiritual point of view,' explains Coy, "we hope to (strengthen) fundamental moral principles." Gay leaders in the area do not accept the reasons Anita Bryant Ministries are giving for putting less emphasis on homosexuals.

"I think that the reason for the change was because no money was being made with the homosexual counseling service," tells Bernie Berkowitz, president of the Broward County Coalition of Human Rights, a Gay rights organization. "Anyway, most of the Gay community laughs at Anita Bryant and what she does," he confides. "She's not taken very seriously."

Green denies a decrease in homosexual requests for counseling prompted the ministry to branch out. "Of the six or seven people a day" counseled by the ministry by phone, mail or in person, around a quarter are coming in because of a homosexual problem," reports Coy. He explains the other counseling deals with marital problems, difficulties with adjusting to divorce, drug abuse and alcoholism. According to Coy the number of people counseled has increased 50 percent since the Hollywood center opened. Green says that con-

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News Briefs

EX-PREMIER DENOUNCES EXECUTIONS

NEW YORK, NY (SGN) - Mehdi Bazargan, the Iranian premier hand-picked by the Ayatollah Khomeini, has publicly separated himself from Khomeini's approval of the execution of homosexuals by Iran's revolutionary tribunals. In an interview published in the *New York Times Magazine*, Bazargan criticized the tribunals' actions and said they "don't act in accordance with the Government's (wishes)." Khomeini, in an earlier interview with Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci, had defended the executions of homosexuals by the tribunals.

"What makes them so sure that the sexual act was actually committed?" asked Bazargan. "Who gives them the authority to judge such things? They are very crude tribunals," Bazargan told Fallaci. "They ought to judge in accordance with Islamic law and they don't always do so. In fact, the Koran does not order the execution of adulteresses, homosexuals and prostitutes."

Less than two weeks after publication of the Fallaci interview, Khomeini accepted Bazargan's resignation, spurred by the general policy of differences and the takeover of the American embassy in Tehran. Bazargan resigned as premier November 6.

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WILMINGTON, DE - A Superior Court judge who told a defendant that young boys get raped when they go to prison, used an "unfortunate choice of language," a committee of Delaware's Court on the Judiciary ruled. But the court's Preliminary Investigatory Committee, which makes the first review of misconduct charges against judges, said the words used by Judge Vincent Bifferato did not merit an official reprimand.

"We'll let anybody down there who wants to rape you, to rape you, because that's what happens to nice young boys when you go to jail," the judge told a 19-year-old man as he placed him on probation.

ARTISTS NEED APPLY

PROVINCETOWN, MA - The fine arts work center in Provincetown, Massachusetts, a winter community of young artists and writers, will be accepting applications for Fellowships for the 1980-81 season, it was recently announced. Deadline for applicants is February 1, 1980.

Provincetown has traditionally been an artist colony where visual artists and writers have found creative stimulation and an encouraging working environment. Recently the recipient of a Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Center is now in its twelfth season and continues the Provincetown tradition by offering Fellowships, studio/living accommodations, and an average stipend of \$275 per month to twenty young talents each year.

While the Work Center is not a school, it does have an active resident and visiting staff of established artists and writers who are available for consultation, criticism and inspiration. Applications and information on the Fine Arts Work Center may be obtained by writing the Director, Fine Arts Work Center, Box 565, Provincetown, MA 02657. A non-refundable application fee of \$15 is required.

GAY COWBOYS

ALBERTA, CANADA - Gay cowboys are no fantasy, and no joke according to Terry Chapman, a researcher from the University of Alberta. She says studies of old court records, newspapers and books reveal a high incidence of homosexuality among cowboys. Court records show that conviction of being homosexual meant life imprisonment, while an attempted homosexual act would draw a seven-year term. She claims that the high incidence of homosexuality was a result of the scarcity of women in the Canadian west.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK.....

Don Embinder, publisher of Blueboy magazine - on the fact that his company's stock is now being actively traded over the counter on the New York Stock Exchange: "I think people are beginning to perceive the Gay population as an important and contributing segment of American society. They aren't buying our stock as a social commitment. They're buying it because they think it's a good investment. That's a much healthier outlook."

LESBIAN MOTHER WINS CUSTODY

WILMINGTON, DE (AP) - A lesbian mother has won temporary custody of her daughter in what is believed to be the first case of its kind in Delaware in recent years. Family Court Judge Robert W. Wakefield made his ruling after an emergency hearing on a petition by the woman's parents, who had claimed their 23-year-old daughter was incapable of caring for her 4-year-old child because she is a lesbian. But attorneys said the judge apparently has decided not to consider the mother's avowed homosexuality in determining if she is a competent parent.

MILITARY DISCHARGE ANTI-RELIGIOUS

WASHINGTON, DC (SGN) - Tad Boomer, the Air Force Staff Sergeant who has been fighting the Air Force's policy of anti-Gay discrimination, has asked the U.S. Attorney General to file suit against the Department of Defense. In his request, Boomer charges the Defense Department with religious discrimination, because the Department doesn't recognize the Metropolitan Community Church as a "religious institution." Boomer asserts that this is the "key" to unlock the military branch's discharge policy, because the discrimination would be based on religion, not sex or sexual preference.

Boomer said that the federal government recognizes MCC as an official church, as it is granted tax-exemption status -- and that a dismissal of a member of the church by the military would clearly be a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

ARC SEMINAR SET FOR FEBRUARY 2

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Gay Community Center (ARC) will be sponsoring a Workshop/Seminar on "Relationships" on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Center at 1836 Grand Ave. Everyone is welcome; couples, singles or whatever. The presenters will be two Mental Health Professionals and much of the time will be devoted to questions and answers as well as discussions.

Participants will be asked for a \$3.00 donation with proceeds going to the Center

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lected, plus the elusive avian creatures are more difficult than humans to capture and to hold. A bird in the hand, you might say, is not worth much in the bush and is better off left in the hand. The crime in question was the napping of the Phoenix Zoo's Cockatoo. The act appears deliberate and pre-conceived inasmuch as the interloper came equipped with special tools to cut into the cage, plus a net to capture the poor creature. I have never approved of my bird cousins being incarcerated, so hope that the crime was committed by a bird devotee who is giving the poor Cockatoo a happier life sans bars. Only in gay life is it a better life with bars!

CLUB FOOTERS: After many years of being a Friday night fixture in Phoenix, the Sons of Apollo have decided to invade Saturday night and see what additional charms might be found there. As of immediately, the Sons' weekly beer bust is now being held at the Ramrod on Saturday evenings from 9:00 until 11:00. And amid the clinking of steins, methinks I hear some toasts to two new members - whom I also wish to congratulate - Tom and Eddie.

BAR FLYING: Connection has some groovy, macho posters available in its distribution rack. I'm sure many people will find it just their "brand." The Unlimited, under its new ownership and Peggy's expert management, is pushing into 1980 with many special things going on. Tonight (1/18) is Country Western Night. Next Friday night, the 25th, is Oldies-But-Goodies

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evening. And another live show is in the offing in February, in the pre-Valentine season. The Sportsman is spreading its wings (to use a favorite expression of mine) and making some changes and expansions to its staff. Welcome to my old friend John M., who is now on bar there. Other developments will be announced shortly. And a reminder - for special Sunday afternoon pleasure, Bullwinkle has a Tea Dance each week from 3:00 until 8:00 PM. Other new plans from this popular disco bistro will be announced shortly.

OFF THE TAIL FEATHER: Now that Americans have found something to get their righteous anger up about - the dismissal of Bert Parks from the Miss America Pageant - it is nice to know that such world-shaking injustices will not go unnoticed. And I herewith deny that I am going to be taking over the position. I have been approached, yes; but I am still waiting to hear from the Mr. America people, for whom I would much prefer to work. My talents lie much more in that direction! I herewith submit free of charge my big brainstorm for a commercial song for the friendly folks at Photomat to use to appease impatient customers -- "Someday My Prints Will Come." (You're welcome!)

Well, I am off on another of my 50-mile fliers due west from Phoenix. I do it every so often to keep an eye out for some of those vandals who are costing us utility users extra money by damaging power equipment. I am well armed with my own "bird shot" with which to follow through. Ready, aim--!

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DR. FEELGOOD

Many fun things are dangerous. Two of the most dangerous sexual practices in the Gay community are fist fucking and rimming. This weeks' article will deal with rimming and next weeks' will talk about fist fucking.

Rimming - an oral/anal contact - can lead to a variety of diseases, which very rarely occur in non-rimmers. For this reason many doctors will mis-diagnose these diseases. Rimming can infect the active partner with Hepatitis A or B, Amebiasis, Giardiasis, Shigellosis, Typhoid Fever, Salmonella infections and Worms (pin, tape, etc.).

In Southern Arizona, Amebiasis and Giardiasis are probably our biggest problems. These diseases can be picked up in Mexico from food and water sources. The disease organisms then make a little love nest in the guts of the infected person. There, they produce lots of baby organisms which are passed out of the body through the anus. Eventually these organisms will invade the gut walls and liver where they can cause serious damage.

In general all of the rimming diseases will eventually produce some symptoms. Salmonella, Shigella and Typhoid Fever will produce the most dramatic symptoms; violent diarrhea, fever, dehydration, etc. Hepatitis may or may not produce dramatic symptoms; cola colored urine, clay colored stools and jaundice. Worms can cause itching and sometimes be seen in the stools or around the anus.

The real problems develop with Amebiasis and Giardiasis. These diseases can produce little or no symptoms up to the point that serious damage has occurred. In general, they produce an intermittent diarrhea with fluffy stools, cramping and farting. Sometimes these symptoms are mistaken for "distressed bowel syndrome." With Giardia, there can be a loss of appetite and strage feelings in the stomach and guts. A feeling that things just aren't right is a good clue to rimmers to get checked out.

How can these diseases be prevented? I don't know. To give up rimming would be giving up a very enjoyable sexual practice - to many. Limiting your rimming to only well known sexual partners might help. Avoiding rimming with anyone who exhibits questionable symptoms would be a very good idea.

NOTE: There has been a recent outbreak of syphilis

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- ...Tall John is now called "Moonshine John," but he doesn't remember why!
- ...Mother Johnny once had grey hair, a long, long time ago.
- ...Big D Tony did a boo-boo last Friday.
- ...Judy C. said she wanted to start up a bowling team or a Balling team.
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The Casa Dinner Club will be having another one of their outings this Saturday evening. They will go to the Far East Restaurant for dinner. The Dinner Club is a social outreach of the congregation of Casa de Cristo. At 8:30 p.m. an all-church bowling party will be held at the Squaw Peak Lanes.

Sunday Bible School starts off the Lord's Day at 9:30 a.m. There are now organized classes for all age groups. A Nursery is maintained for the little ones. The Primary Class is for children from kindergarten thru grade three. Grades four thru six make up the Junior class. Presently those in junior and senior high constitute the Young People's Class. There is also an Adult Bible Class for all adults. Everyone is welcome to become a part of the Sunday School.

The Pastor's message at the 10:45 a.m. Celebration Service will be taken from this week's assigned scripture portion: St. Mark 2:13-3:35. Immediately following the morning service, a bake sale, sponsored by Gay-Cos (Gay Christian Outreach Services) will be held on the church patio. The new acappella choir meets for its practice session at 6:00 p.m. and the day is concluded with the Sunday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor's message this Sunday evening will be "The Certainty of Christ's Return."

This past Sunday the members of Casa de Cristo took up a special love offering to be given to the Central Baptist Church which recently had a fire as a result of arson. The offering has been given on behalf of Gay Christians who have also experienced acts of violence directed against them.

Casa de Cristo MCC has also increased its missionary outreach. It has taken on quarterly financial support of the Interfaith Counseling Services in Scottsdale. The church also maintains a missionary interest (financial, food, clothing) on the Papago Indian Reservation. Casa de Cristo believes that it is imperative for a local church to expand beyond its own four walls in reaching out in many varied ways with the Gospel of Christ.

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We are starting a new project. We call it Project Love. We are encouraging everyone who attends to bring some item(s) of non-perishable food to go into a fund for persons who are in severe need of food. If you have plenty to eat, remember that there are those who don't. You yourself could have some catastrophe hit your life and need temporary help. Show your love for others by contributing to Project Love.

Our services are really great lately. God is pouring His spirit out upon us in a special way. As a result, love, tolerance, sharing is growing at Holy Trinity. Come share it all with us, Sundays, 7:30 p.m. at 4831 E. 22nd St. Pastor: Jim Rice 323-2424.

MCC

Sunday worship services are at 6 p.m. at the Danforth Chapel on the A.S.U. Campus. TEMPE We have an outreach to Gay students, however, non-students are also welcome. Prison ministry, hospital and jail visitation, individual and couple counseling are also available. For more information write: Rev. Kay Palin, Oasis MCC, P.O. Box 10272, Phoenix, AZ 85064, PH: 279-5878.

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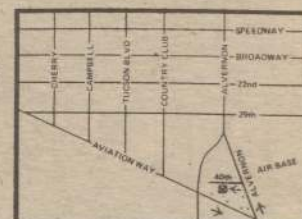
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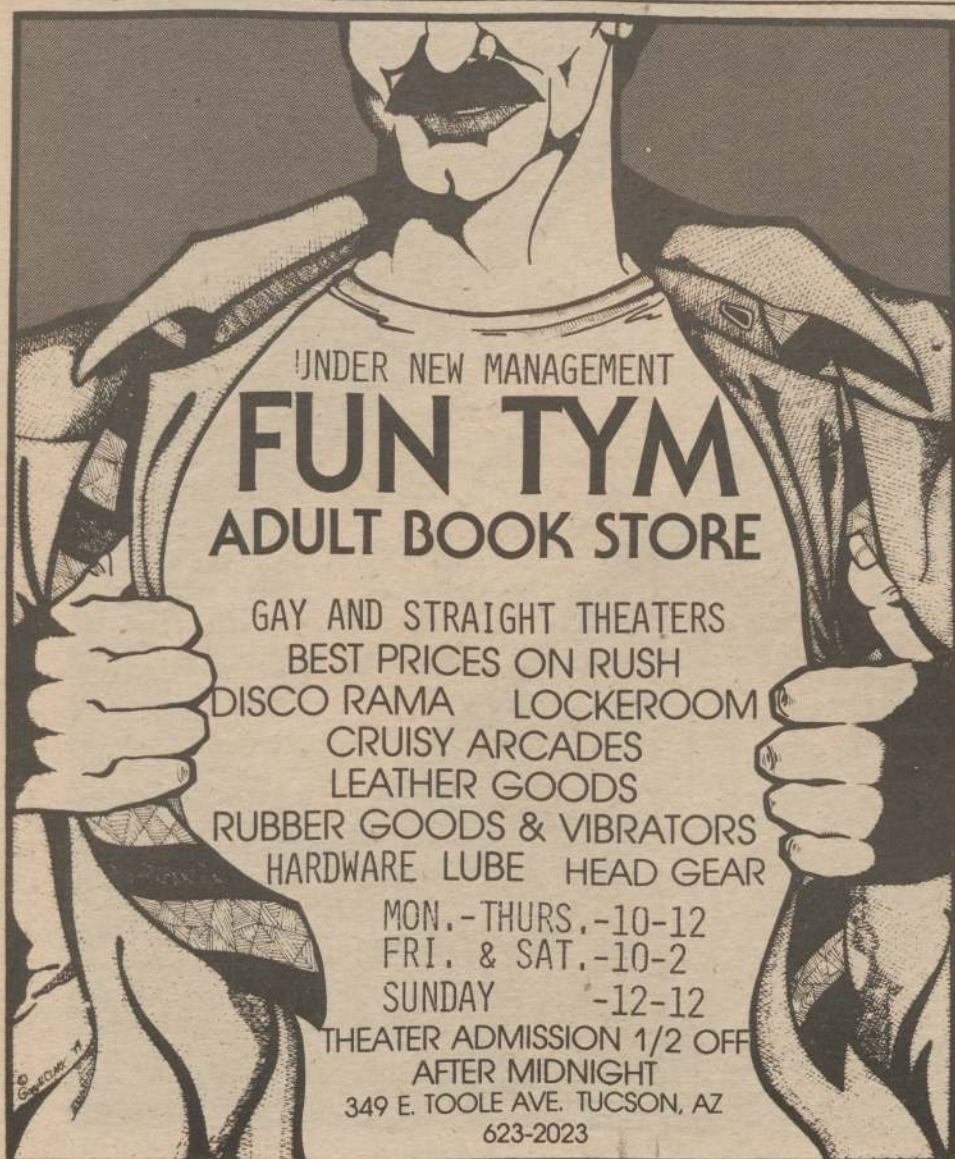
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- ...Walter has spent a lot of time in the bars while Bob is in Hawaii.
- ...Don and Edddie F. are planning to move again.
- ...If Don P. can get Monte-Jon, Kitty Litter and Cindi D. to all work together he should think of working for the United Nations.
- ...Was that Samantha answering the phone and tending bar at the Graduate Saturday.
- ...Billy at the Toole Box hates the owl because it tricked out with Tom K.
- ...Why did they say "See you later big guy" to Sofonda at Caesar's?
- ...Doc says - you never know how important your mouth is until it gets screwed up.
- ...The Diamond Dancers are being booked at the Steppes.
- ...Max is so pleased with the opening of Stepps!
- ...Stuart S. and David H. are starting a mutual admiration society for John H. and the way things are going J.B. will be a charter member.
- ...Mark H. and Joe K. like to leave large tips on the bar.
- ...Coors Ralph fell off "his wagon" and Phil H. played "welcome wagon."
- ...T.J. cleaned house again!
- ...Del. S. and Charles N. still have much in common, they both read the want ads for someone else.
- ...Bucky and Gavin are expecting.
- ...Big George is playing it straight while Big Mama is visiting.
- ...Loretta is getting more grey hairs from all the lunch business now than she was getting when there wasn't any business.
- ...Luigi is thawing out in the Sahara desert.
- ...Fred Mc. won't shower with George M. because Fred says it's too small. Hnnnnnn!
- ...After Judy Ohhhh's kissing spree, half of Tucson has come down with sore throats, colds and flu.
- ...Phil C. tried to do what to Ed W. over a piece of cake?
- ...Bucky and Gavin are expecting.
- ...George R. made it on time. Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!
- ...Tommy S. made it home on time. Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!
- ...George R. made it home on time. Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!
- ...Ken from San Diego is so trashy that he fits right into the local scene.
- ...Miss Polly was seen checking out the Gay bar addresses in San Diego.
- ...Gene Z. is afraid to tell George that he has seven more brothers coming to visit.
- ...Teddy I is going to be a grandfather.
- ...Chester didn't realize a DWI was part of his Gay-Line bus tour of Tucson.
- ...Al K. did something to Candis that a lot of people would like to do to her.



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VIEWPOINT

by William L. Coulter

January's *Playboy* is on the stands and the story that begins on page 117 is worth a careful reading. It's by Nora Gallagher and it's called "The San Francisco Experience." The opinion-molding power of *Playboy's* pages means Ms. Gallagher's story ought to show us what direction homophobia will be taking next. Like most *Playboy* stories, it's damned well-written. That makes its distortions all the more insidious.

Ms. Gallagher's self-assigned task is to get inside Gay life - as she understands it to be. So she dons Castro clone clothes, the padding of a man and she trots off to the Glory Holes to find out what being Gay is all about. To no one's surprise, she finds the cubicle sex cloisters to be sleazy, superficial and degrading. Then she presents a hearsay itinerary of Gayness - back room sex, baths, fist-fucking, S&M, kinks, cranks and crack-ups. A sordid excursion into San Francisco's sexual underbelly, indeed (the kind that sells magazines). Apparently, this is what Ms. Gallagher (who, one gathers, is adamantly straight) decides Gay life is.

She tells us about the put-upon straights of San Francisco. How they feel threatened by the sight of men loving men. How a schoolboy yearns for the suburbs, where he can escape "weirdos." How straight women in the Castro despise the fact that, on Gay turf, their breasts and blonde hair isn't the focus of male attention. How "liberal" straights are panic-stricken by the fact that San Francisco Gays have political clout. It's not that Ms. Gallagher's story is an out-and-out sounding of homophobia. It's more like closet homophobia.

The images she develops imply the retrogressive notion that being Gay is fine, so long as you don't flaunt it. Two men kissing on Castro street is somehow disruptive to culture, while a man and woman groping in a public park is not. Not only this - but Gay life comes off as dirty, preoccupied with cheap sex and emotionally hollow. Meanwhile, Ms. Gallagher shows the liberal, egalitarian straights of San Francisco doing their level best to "tolerate" Gays all the while sustaining mainstream values. An heroic struggle, indeed. What is most appalling is that her article suggests a change in tone of liberalism. *Playboy* has traditionally defended sexual freedom - Gay or straight.

"The San Francisco Experience" is loaded with a new and disturbing ambivalence. The feeling that the patience of liberal straights has run out - almost. Perhaps it expresses the fear that we are no longer dependent upon their generosity for our survival. Gays have power now - which seems to scare the hell out of everyone.

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tributions finance the ministry. People donate whatever they can afford in return for counseling. The center also seeks contributions from a mailing list. Coy could not say how many specific results could be traced to the Ministry, its history is too short. "The priority," he says, "is to get back to rebuilding the family." *Montrose Star*

ADOPTION - CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

The adopted son agreed to talk to reporters if his name and that of the father were withheld. He said the adoption was the best and most economical way to achieve their goal. He said they want to make each other heirs without drafting a will. They also want to share each other's last name without hiring a lawyer. His natural parents, he said, know of the adoption. "They feel whatever I do in my life is fine. If it makes me happy, they're all for it. And the best part of it is that it's legal," he said.

Michigan dismissals

KALAMAZOO, MI (GPU) - Gross indecency charges against a dozen men, out of more than 42 arrested last October in connection with activities at the U.S. 131 rest stop near here, have been dismissed by Kalamazoo Circuit Court Judge C.H. Mullen. Mullen said that, if the facts were the same in future rest stop cases, they too would be dismissed. The basis of the dismissals was Mullen's ruling that television monitoring by police in restrooms "creates a Big Brother atmosphere."

Kalamazoo County District Court Judge Peter Westra has also dismissed five additional gross indecency cases. Charges against two of the men were dropped because they allegedly engaged in mutual masturbation, which Judge Westra refused to consider an "act of gross indecency." The three other cases were dismissed when he ruled that search warrant laws do not cover the gathering of evidence with the use of hidden TV cameras and videotape recorders. "I personally have very strong doubts about the propriety of this kind of surveillance activity," Judge Westra remarked following the dismissals.

The arrests of the 42 men at the rest stop followed a lengthy police investigation during which thousands of dollars worth of surveillance equipment was installed at the rest stop. The men arrested ranged in age from 18 to 66, all but two married. They included a clergyman, two school teachers, laborers, businessmen and several professionals.

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Inmate sentenced in sex assault

SAFFORD, AZ - State prison inmate Donovan Rivers, 29, was sentenced last Tuesday, January 8, to seven years in prison after pleading no contest in Graham County Superior Court to sexual assault on another male inmate. The case is believed the first in the state involving two males since the revised criminal code went into effect October 1978. The code makes it unlawful for any person to have intercourse with an unconsenting person. The previous law had covered forcible sex acts between male and female.

Rivers assaulted a 19-year-old man Sept. 6 at the Fort Grant Training Center. River, who had pleaded innocent in September, changed the plea to no contest Tuesday, just minutes before jury selection had begun. Judge Ruskin Lines pronounced the sentence, which will run concurrently with the seven to 14 years Rivers is serving for grand theft and forgery. He was sentenced December 18, 1972 on those charges in Maricopa County.

Gay cadets seek acceptance

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (UPI) - The first admitted homosexuals to qualify for the San Francisco police academy now are trying to pass another test - acceptance among the rank and file. Seven lesbians and nine homosexual men are among 200 police recruits entering the academy over an eight-month period that began in November. They represent the first "up front" Gays on the force in a city with a large homosexual population.

John (not his real name), one of the 16 Gay recruits, said he was anxious about entering police work. But, he added, he thinks he knows how to become accepted. "What I'm going to try to do is pick the meanest, biggest redneck on the force for a best friend. Then, when you outmacho him, outrun him; when he thinks you're the last person on earth who'd be Gay, you break the news to him. Even if he withdraws his friendship, he'll have to see that the stereotype of limp wrists, soft voices and strange walks doesn't hold water." The 16 recruits - at least for now - are keeping their identities secret.

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Aquarius: January 20 to February 18

Subtle insights give you a chance for personal accomplishments. You'll have to get an early start, but try to avoid a personality clash. Watch your step in handling financial matters or possessions, ambivalence could be costly. Weigh the pros and cons on business matters so you don't get into a snag. Don't look for family support for current problems, social arrangements, or sudden business pressures. Self reliance has a meaning.



Pisces: February 19 to March 20

There's a favorable financial trend, but a few knotty personal problems must be solved in which you may have to change travel plans. There's likely to be an on-going tug-of-war between you and your mate or a close companion. Try to bring about a fair compromise. This is not the time to take a stand or insist on having your own way. Curtail spending. Overestimating the extent of mutual involvement could mar a recent started love relationship. Give it time to become more meaningful.



Aries: March 21 to April 19

From the postmidnight hours on, a level headed approach can start the week off in the right direction. Later, however, complications can derail the best-laid plans. Patience is in very short supply. Seek the underlying cause of your frustration, (lack of sex). Don't blame it on your loved ones. Don't take chances that could adversely affect your health or job.



Taurus: April 20 to May 20

If you're due for one now is the time for a medical or dental checkup. Stay away from officious busybodies. You'll need to watch your step now in dealing with loved ones or co-workers; a disclosure could generate plenty of tension that may seriously affect relationships. Don't get in over your head now with promises to loved ones.



Gemini: May 21 to June 20

A goal is in sight, particularly if you're seeking an agreement from your mate or a new romantic attraction about a future plan. The return to the job scene finds you in no mood to deal with its problems. Tensions simmer down somewhat, but recent problems leave their lingering aftereffects. In late week, a sudden health condition is upsetting.



CANCER: June 21 to July 22

Avoid eccentric behavior. You have a chance to gain through others especially from family members. A conflicting mixture of aspects can have you swinging between a totally unrealistic view of the future. Clogged channels of communication are apt to make progress difficult. Be careful on how you treat an authority figure. Think twice before agreeing to tempting travel plans or arrangements. As the workweek draws to a close, be wary not to let your frustrations spill over into the realm of personal relations.



Leo: July 23 to August 22

Efforts to improve harmony with your mate, favorite companion, or other associates apt to meet with success.

Keep tabs on others spending. Keep your eye on accounts as well as partnership monetary affairs. Don't run up a bill or otherwise endanger credit. Be willing to compromise in a home-related conflict.



Virgo: August 23 to September 22

Allow your mate or others to set the pace for joint activities. You're liable to find yourself dealing with sensitive or contrary people; be willing to compromise; don't let the tension hamper or disrupt partnerships. Be careful of making a false move in a relationship; it's possible to create the wrong impression. Current adverse trends indicate impaired judgement in dealing with future interest.



Libra: September 23 to October 23

Take advantage of fortunate trends to improve ties of affection and relations with loved ones. Nervous tension could lead to upsets that could affect your health. Protect your job interests and physical welfare by avoiding troublesome people. If you chick up on accounts, credit or taxes, you're apt to come up with a puzzling situation. You could be confronted with a dilemma.



Scorpio: October 24 to November 22

Troubles involving loved ones or friends can throw a monkey wrench into your efforts to relax and enjoy life. The bothersome trend continues into monetary matters an additional trouble-making theme. Show an interest into co-workers problems instead of having your own way. Social activities could blossom very happily. Organize your time or interest effectively.



Sagittarius: November 23 to December 21

A conflict arises on home front responsibilities. Avert a flare-up. You are sensitive to situations involving ties of affection or creative pursuits; doubtful trends call for a display of good judgement re loved ones. You could alienate others by overdoing or spending too much for domestic items. Impair your judgement in a way that you don't hamper your work efforts or affect your health. Do go off on time-wasting tangents.



Capricorn: December 22 to January 19

If there is a way to get things totally mixed up, it will be found. Missed meetings, misunderstood messages, or travel snags are all part of the picture. Double-check timetables or have instructions repeated if you're doubtful. Be prepared to resolve family-related friction, it may be connected with your family's uneasiness about a strange friend. A tendency toward fascination with intrigue may cause strained relations with loved ones. Don't take chances with loved ones, some trends are unfavorable for romantic aspirations.

in TUCSON is it true.....

- ...Rusty and Bill are trying to get everyone fat with their good cooking at the BP.
- ...May must have been a good month for making bar people - two owners and three tenders celebrated birthdays this month. Congratulations to Dale, Polly, Roger, Peter and JoJo.

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Seems that Jan's and Baloney's impromptu parties way up north really attract the "pretty" people from town. All except for Alexis (Miss Bimbo Broadbeam - 1943) who has a way of turning a party into a pit-stop. She seems to feel she's as petite as Shirley Temple but reminds the Shadowettes more of a herd of wild sows on the rampage! Just ask Scott.

Overheard at the bar at the 307 from the one and only Dragon Lady, "What do you mean they forgot my social security number? Two is an easy number to remember!" (Research shows JoAnne has No. 1).

Advice to George F.: On your 603rd attempt at a diet, try leaving the table first instead of devouring it after everyone else has left..... and speaking of diets, seems that Becky has gone so far astray from hers that the Shadowettes have lost count of her chins!.....We're proud to see that Dale M. has absolutely no hang-ups regarding race, color or national origins.

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Sean is back from San Diego looking "healthier" than ever. If his backside gets any bigger, he'll look more like a cab coming down the street with both back doors open.

BARTENDER OF THE MONTH AWARD: To the 106 bartenders who no longer work at the Forum.....Congratulations are in order to Skip of the Pride on his receiving the "Senior Citizens can be useful award" from the Rotary in Sun City.

HOW RUMORS START DEPT: Lots of talk around town about a zillion different bars in the mill. The Shadowettes confidential sources reveal that for certain happening will be the former Miss Matty's will be re-opening as Ziegfield's with the flair on cuisine prepared by the Italian mad-woman herself, Sammy S. Watch for this one. Also that old Casa deadly duo Tony B. and Jimmy Goo have something really "festive" opening soon! Should be a winner. (It's about time).

Well darlings, that's it for this week. But remember, before you do the big, big no-no, look over your shoulder, The Shadowettes Know!

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