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TKO INSTALLS OFFICERS



TUCSON - The Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) celebrated their first anniversary last Saturday, July 12 and held their first installation of officers at the same banquet. Shown are the new officers for the 1980-81 year. Left to Right standing are Vice President Lloyd Bonner; Corresponding Secretary Manse McLaughlin; President Lee Ridinger and Treasurer Bill James. Secretary TJ was not present for the photo. See related story below and more photos on page four this issue AGN.

TUCSON - Last weekend was a fun time for members of the Tucson Knight Owls, their guests - members of the Sons of Apollo and the Phoenix Levi/Leather Club, and their friends. The occasion marked the first anniversary of TKO and a banquet was held to celebrate the installation of the new officers for the coming year. Officers installed for the 1980-81 term are Lee Ridinger, President; Lloyd Bonner, Vice President; TJ, Secretary; Manse McLaughlin, Corresponding Secretary, and the only returning officer from last year, Bill James, Treasurer. Mike Reid, Master-At-Arms, gave the oath of office to the new officers.

The evening began at the Joshua Tree, Saturday, July 12, about 6:00 p.m. A cocktail hour was followed by a sit-down dinner for approximately 125 persons. Guests included businesspeople who have been supportive of the Tucson Knight Owls. Special guest, Tucson Citizen reporters Marilyn Evans and Carla McClain, were given a standing ovation for their efforts in the recently published series of articles on homosexuality in the City of Tucson.

Outgoing officers, Dale McKissack, Murray Lorenzen, and Joe Schrader are to be commended for the hard work they put into the organization during its formative year and the present viability of the Tucson Knight Owls is a monument to their efforts.

Thanks should also go to Bob Bishop and Vinnie Cicciarelli, owners of the Joshua Tree, Bill and Rusty of the R & R Cafe who put out a great spread of food and all the waiters and bartenders who assisted in making this first anniversary evening one to remember.

National network set to aid Gay Cuban refugees

WASHINGTON, DC - Based on estimates supplied by the U.S. State Department and on sources inside refugee camps, a minimum of 2,000 and as many as 10,000 Gay men and Lesbians are among the Cuban refugees in the United States.

Existing resettlement agencies are either unable or unwilling to work with the homosexual refugees. In response to this, the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) called for a meeting of representatives of numerous organizations, both Gay and non-Gay, in Washington, DC to coordinate a nationwide effort for the resettlement of Gay and Lesbian Cuban refugees.

Participating organizations in this meeting, which was held in the MCC church of Washington, DC, were: UFMCC; NGTF; Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL); National Association of Business Councils; Dade County Coalition for Human Rights; Parents and Friends of Gays; Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund; Gay Rights Advocates; National Organization for Women (NOW); Integrity, Inc.; Dignity, Inc.; American Council for Nationalities Services and the Illinois Gay Task Force.

Resettlement efforts already underway are being coordinated by the UFMCC Lesbian/Gay Cuban Task Force under the direction of the Rev. Bob Arthur. Needed are sponsors to house refugees, jobs, clothing, health care, educational opportunities (English classes), and legal assistance. Money is also being raised for the coordinated inter-organizational national effort. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the UFMCC Cuban Refugee Relief Fund, c/o UFMCC, Suite 304, 5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

A packet is being prepared to assist local organizations and individuals who want to sponsor and otherwise assist Lesbian and Gay Cubans. The packet will be distributed through the UFMCC. For further information contact the Rev. Bob Arthur, (213) 464-5100; R. Adam DeBaugh, (202) 543-2260 or Tom Burrows (NGTF) (212) 741-5800.

Meetings Start For 1981 Phoenix Gay Pride March

PHOENIX - Plans are now being made for a candlelight march in Phoenix on June 27, 1981. The purpose of the march is to promote community awareness of Gays and our issues and to promote togetherness and spirit within the Gay community. It's time to come out of the closets and into the streets so that conditions will change and we all can live better lives. It's time all Gay people from all walks of life came together and showed their support and sense of community, instead of leading their own little lives and letting others do the work. So show your support not only for our lifestyle, but for our rights as Gay people and human beings by being a part of this march.

Community support is needed to help plan this march and make it a success. There are many areas included in the planning of the march, so if you or someone you know, would like to contribute their time and talents to a worthy cause, come to the next meeting to be held at ARC, 1836 Grand Avenue, Phoenix on July 23, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

by Jim Blanchard

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE YET????

News Briefs

NO GAY LADIES ALLOWED

MELBOURNE, Australia (GCN) - Lesbians and Gay men here are boycotting a popular disco following alleged attacks on women by the disco's promoter. According to the Ashley's Boycott Committee, Clinton Walsh, promoter of "Gay Night" at Ashley's, instituted a policy that on Wednesday nights (the night designated by the disco's management as "Gay Night"), no women would be allowed to enter unless accompanied by a Gay male. Walsh reportedly instituted the policy after vandalism to the women's toilets. Challenged on the policy, Walsh reportedly said that he supported "Gay ladies' rights," but that "Gay ladies were nothing but trouble."

Protesters who have picketed the disco were reportedly attacked by what the committee described as "thugs" hired by Ashley's management. "Whilst police stood by and smiled or turned their backs, the picketers had placards ripped up, leaflets destroyed, and were threatened with assault. Some were threatened with death, and chased through the streets, the committee states. Walsh is still employed by the management of Ashley's to promote "Gay Night."

The committee can be contacted c/o O. Buckle, 239 Brunswick St., Fitzroy, Australia, 3065. The phone number is (03)419-5366.

WRONGFUL LIFE

LOS ANGELES, CA (GCN) - In a precedent-setting decision, an appeals court has upheld a child's right to sue for damages because it was conceived and born with a severe genetic defect.

Two-year-old Shauna Cullender has Tay-Sachs disease, a defect which only allows infants to develop normally for their first 6-9 months, later causing them to regress and die by the age of 3 or 4. The Boston Herald reports that her father is suing two laboratories in her behalf for improperly testing him and his wife. They were told they did not carry the disease.

The suit claims the negligence of the laboratories led to her birth, when she would have been better off not having been born at all. The Herald quotes Craig Dummit, attorney for one of the laboratories, saying, "Now the court is saying the fetus has rights before it is conceived...When the right-to-lifers get hold of this they're going to be clamoring to change abortion laws."

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TUCSON MAN DIES

TUCSON - Lauri W. Nykanen, former chief librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital, died last Saturday, July 12 at St. Joseph's Hospital after a long illness. He was 66.

Born and educated in Minnesota, Laurie was decorated several times for his service in the Army during World War II. He came to Tucson in 1960 and was hired as the chief librarian at the VA Hospital. Before retiring in 1975, his efforts to expand the library gave him a reputation as an expert medical librarian.

Memorial services were held Sunday evening. He will be sadly missed by his many friends.

SODOMY LAW STRUCK

PITTSBURGH, PA (GayLife) - The Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down the state sodomy law which proscribes anal or oral sex between unmarried individuals. The 4-3 decision in the case of Commonwealth vs. Patrick Gagliano upheld a lower court ruling nullifying what used to be known as the "voluntary deviate sexual intercourse" section of the state law.

LESBIAN DENIED CUSTODY

LAKELAND, CO (Gaylife) - Golden District Judge Winston Wolvington ordered Lesbian mother Carol Mueller to relinquish custody of her 9-year-old son to their father and to pay him \$200 per month child support. The children's father sued for custody after he learned his ex-wife was in a relationship with another woman.

NO GAY COP FOR DALLAS

DALLAS, TX (GayLife) - a 29-year-old man, Steven C. Childers, has sued the police department here for refusing to hire him because he is homosexual. Assistant City Attorney Joe Werner said in court that Childers was not hired as a police officer because he was a "habitual law violator," since sodomy is illegal in Texas.

SEND ALL GAYS TO SAN FRANCISCO

TALLAHASSEE, FL (GayLife) - Rev. Sutek and his wife Suzanne tried to disrupt a Gay rights rally in Tallahassee. His wife told reporters, "I think they should all be sent to San Francisco and then we'll pray California falls into the ocean." The Rev. carried a sign, "We don't welcome proud queers."

PHOENIX ARC BUILDING TO BE RAZED

PHOENIX - The Alternative Relations Center received the bad news this past Monday. The building has been sold and the new owners plan to demolish the building. This puts the ARC and all the other organizations using their facilities in an emergency situation.

The owners have advised all tenants on that particular corners of Grand and McDowell that they must vacate the premises by August 1, 1980 so that they can begin demolition. Anyone knowing of a building that could be used for the Phoenix Gay community center please contact the ARC immediately at 254-6500 or 257-0350.

ENTERTAINER OF YEAR II, AUG. 3

PHOENIX - The Second Annual Entertainer of the Year awards will be held at the Club Phoenix on Sunday, August 3. Limelight Productions is putting on this year's extravaganza and Cissy Goldberg and JoAnne will be co-hosting the event. There were eighteen contestants last year and hundreds in the audience cheered Moosala who won the 1979 Entertainer of the Year award. Watch for further announcements.

1981 GAY PRIDE PARADE MEETINGS

PHOENIX - Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays to help plan Phoenix's first Gay and Lesbian Pride March to take place next Gay Pride Week (1981). The meetings will be held at the Alternative Relations Center (ARC), 1836 Grand Avenue in Phoenix. Everyone is welcome to join in on the planning of this first for Phoenix.

PRINCESS NOTES GAY MURDERS

NEW YORK, NY (GayLife) - In an interview with Princess Ashraf, twin sister of the exiled Shah of Iran, the princess stated, "All this talk of human rights (in Iran), all this talk of the Shah's repressiveness and crimes. Where were those people when Khomeini began murdering pregnant women, thought to be adulteresses, and homosexuals, said to be enemies of God?"

SCHNEIDER TO PORTRAY LESBIAN

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS (GayLife) - Actress Maria Schneider, who appeared in "Last Tango In Paris," will play a Lesbian in a new Dutch film, "Woman Like Eve," directed by a woman, Nouchka Van Brakel.

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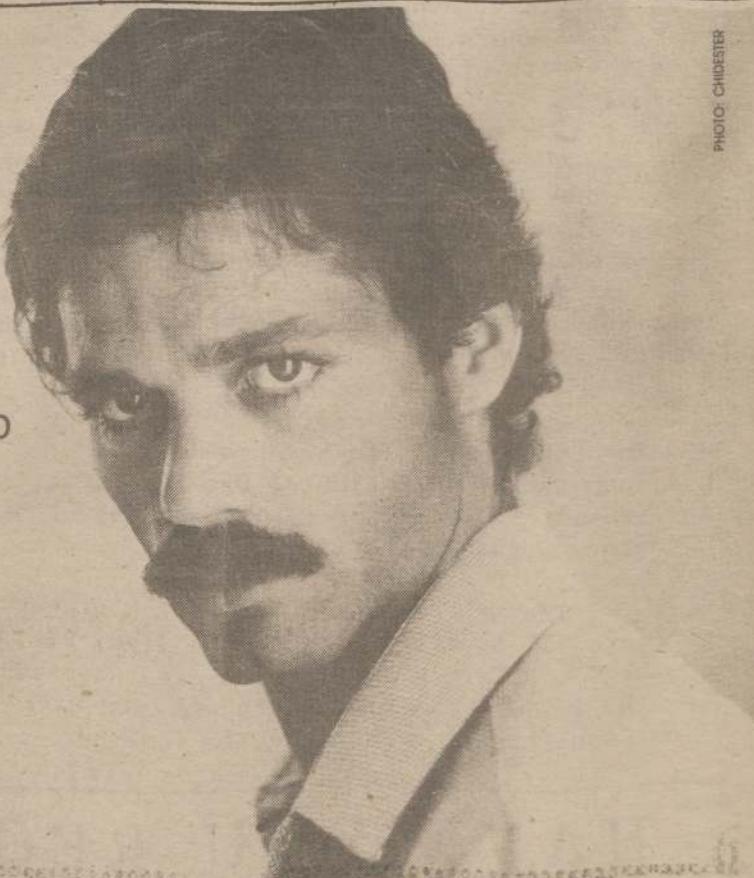


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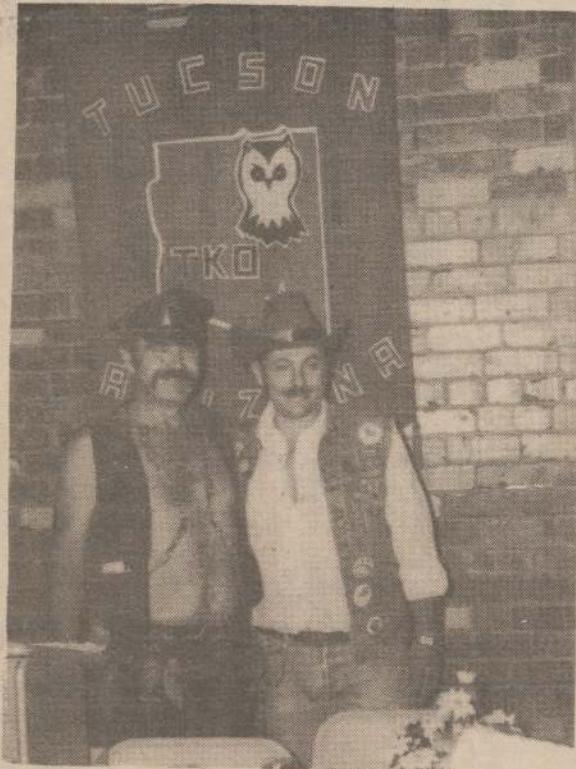
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Accepting the award for the absent Secretary TJ, is JoJo.



Sgt. At Arms Mike gives oath of office to returning Treasurer Bill.



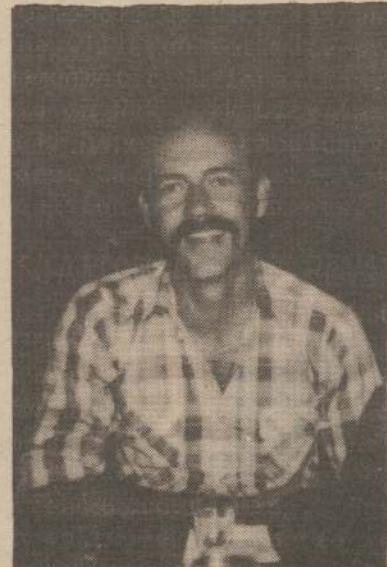
Outgoing V.P. Murray congratulating new Vice President Lloyd.



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Editorial

THERE IS A TIME AND PLACE FOR EVERYTHING -
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Many people work long hours, in Gay communities from coast to coast, in a valiant attempt to gain equal rights for all Gay people. Whatever small strides that are made, come at a very high cost. There is always someone standing in the background just waiting to pounce on us and take away from us whatever little freedom we have gained. This means that we must be constantly on our guard, put our best foot forward when in public, and continue to move onward in this common struggle.

Because of these strides ahead, many Gay people feel free to do their "own thing" when they believe that they are in the privacy of bars, clubs, bookstores and parks. With the exception of private clubs, bars, bookstores and parks are public places and are subject to legal restraint, as they should be. Even "private" clubs are being raided in various cities because of the blatant male-to-male "action" that is taking place. The only "private" place to be half-way safe is the privacy of your own bedroom, and even then, in some places in this country today, the bedroom is not safe - for homosexuals.

This past weekend, in Tucson, some public "action" took place in a public bar in front of about 100 members of the public. Thank God there was not a vice officer present! We are free to hold hands, kiss, dance, drink, converse, etc., in these public establishments (try that about ten years ago), but bars were not made for, or even intended to be, a bedroom (although in some of the larger cities, some bars do offer a semi-private backroom). Pool tables are not designed as beds, and the sooner the more liberal of our society understands that, the sooner the rest of us can feel at ease. If I, or any of the others that were affronted by this crass action wanted to see "live" sexual action, there are a number of places I could recommend. To place the public in a position that they have to watch sexual acts, is perverted, and I, personally again, am outraged. I am writing this to explain to the bar owners, that action such as this allowed on their premises not only places their license in jeopardy, but places the entire community in jeopardy of a vice crackdown that could close many of our establishments and cause enormous harm to the human rights movement.

Another flagrant breaking of the law is the growing practice of openly smoking dope, either in a public establishment or immediately outside the establishment. This is an illegal act, and because of its prevalence, could cause increased harassment from vice officers visiting the premises to "check it out." Enough violations bring the liquor board investigators and the entire system comes down on "these" public places.

If you have any feelings about your community; if you are really concerned about your new found freedoms; if you want to stay out of trouble and if you want to help solve the situation, please ask your bartender, manager, owner or person of authority when some wrongful action is taking place on the premises, and ask him to stop it. If no response, please contact the Arizona Gay News. It is your future too!

Americans favor ERA 2-1

DETROIT, MI (AP) - The Americans who are familiar with the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution favor its ratification by nearly a 2-1 margin, a new poll says. The Associated Press-NBC News poll also says that most Americans think abortion is a matter to be left to a pregnant woman and her doctor. Both positions run contrary to the platform drafted this week for the Republican convention. The GOP platform drops the party's traditional support of the ERA and calls for a constitutional amendment banning most abortions.

The poll, conducted last week among 1,948 adults, found that 43 percent of those asked favored the ERA, 23 percent opposed the amendment, 8 percent were unsure and 26 percent said they had not heard or read enough about the ERA to have an opinion. On abortion, 73 percent of those asked said they agreed with this statement: "The decision to have an abortion should be left to the woman and her physician." Nineteen percent disagreed. Four percent were unsure.

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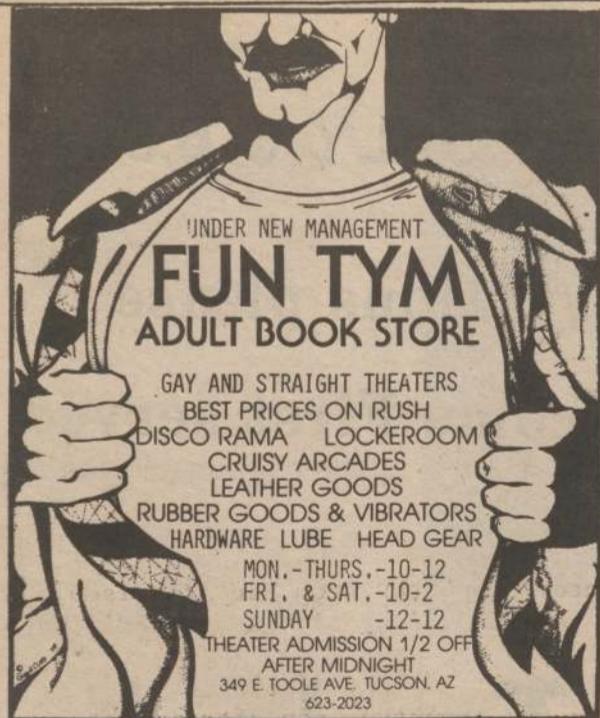


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FT. HUACHUCA, AZ - His name is Pvt. Michael S. Beatty. He is 21 years old, a high school graduate plus one year of Technical School and his home town is Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He wants to stay in the Army.

Michael joined the Army about six months ago. He went to basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood and then on to Ft. Hood in Texas. It was during this period of his young life that Michael began having guilt trips about the possibility of his being homosexual. It all came tumbling down around him when he arrived at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He was here about a month, when the guilt trip made him attempt to take his own life. Upon being admitted to the base hospital, Michael confided to the physician that he had attempted to overdose because of his homosexual feelings. There has been no sexual activity. The doctor, at first, told him that a discharge would not be pursued. Now, however, Army authorities are seeking his discharge and Michael feels that he is being coerced into accepting an Administrative Discharge (Chapter 13). His lawyer, appointed from the Adjutant General's Office, does not feel that Michael has much of a chance staying in the service. His MO's have been pulled because of the doctor's recommendation of his "problems dealing with homosexuality." This despite Michael's good job record and good class record.

In a telephone interview with AGN, Michael has decided to fight his discharge and is seeking support, mainly moral support, in his fight. The AGN has given him several contacts to assist him in his fight. Those interested, or who can help should write Michael, who is presently being held at the in-patient unit of the psychiatric ward, and will probably remain there until his discharge becomes final, unless a miracle happens. Pvt. Michael S. Beatty, U.S. Army MEDDAC, P.O. Box 66, Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85613.



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Gay Vote '80

WASHINGTON, DC - At a crowded press conference held on June 24, representatives of the Gay and Lesbian community from around the country proclaimed victory as they distributed copies of the Gay rights plank adopted by the Democratic Platform Committee early that morning. President Carter's Director of Issues, Martin Franks, and feminist leader Gloria Steinem, representing the Kennedy campaign, also participated in order to underscore the broad base of support finally achieved after years of struggle. As Issues Director Franks stated, it was a victory "long overdue."

The victory statement concluded months of coordinated efforts at the state and national levels and weeks of intense lobbying during Platform Committee meetings in Washington, DC. Following earlier correspondence and phone conversations, several Gay leaders met with the issues directors of both the Carter and Kennedy campaigns on June 11. Two days later, Lucia Valeska, Co-Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, and Congressman Martin Sabo of Minnesota presented testimony before the full platform Committee. Starting June 17, a vigil began outside the closed Platform Drafting Subcommittee meetings. For the next four days, few entered or left without feeling the pressure of the Gay rights issue. Finally, very early on the morning of June 20, Senator Patrick Moynihan of New York emerged to "caucus" with the Gay lobby. While the final wording was not everything being sought, he advised: "I'd stand up and shout victory."

During the final four days of meetings, a strategy was devised to bring the Gay rights issue to the floor of the full Committee. When it was finally introduced, an unusual hush fell over the room as Bill Kraus, President of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club of San Francisco, rose to speak. In a carefully balanced, impassioned statement, the members of the Platform Committee learned first-hand the concerns of the Gay and Lesbian community. Ginny Apuzzo, who spoke next, further elaborated. Both speeches received sustained and enthusiastic applause.

"None of this would have been possible without the grass-roots support at the state level," said Tom Bastow and Mary Spottswood Pou, Co-Directors of the National Convention Project. "In electing Gay and Lesbian delegates around the country; in testifying before regional Platform Committee hearings from Baltimore to Seattle; in lobbying members of the Platform Committee before they came to Washington...Gay men and Lesbians demonstrated conclusively that we are determined to participate fully in the democratic process and to achieve our rights and privileges."

guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

As further evidence of Gay political clout, the current count of Gay and Lesbian delegates and alternates to the Democratic Convention in New York indicates that more than 70 members will participate in the Gay caucus. "That is more than the delegations from 16 states and is roughly equivalent to the Arizona delegation," Bastow and Pou stated.

The text of the Gay rights plank, as contained in the majority report of the Democratic Platform Committee, reads as follows:

"--We must affirm the dignity of all people and the right of each individual to have equal access to and participation in the institutions and services of our society, including actions to protect all groups from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex or sexual orientation. This includes specifically the right of foreign citizens to enter into this country. Appropriate legislative and Administrative actions to achieve these goals should be undertaken."

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Lesbian and Gay Democrats won another major victory at the meeting of the Democratic Rules Committee on July 9. Stephen F. Weltman, an openly Gay committee member of Los Angeles and a Kennedy supporter, with the help of the National Convention Project and openly Lesbian committee member Jo Daly, a Kennedy supporter from San Francisco, succeeded in passing a sexual orientation non-discrimination amendment to the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. The Charter, as amended, now includes "sexual orientation" in two important non-discrimination clauses.

The adoption of this Rules change is particularly significant because the Charter, unlike the Party Platform (which also includes a Gay Rights Plank for the first time as described above) is a permanent document. It is expected to add further legitimacy to the participation of Lesbians and Gays within the Democratic Party. Speaking for the proposed changes which had the backing of the 31-member California Lesbian and Gay Delegation, Weltman cited the unanimous adoption of a Gay Rights Plank in the 1980 Platform. San Francisco Mayor Diane Deinstein, a Carter delegate to the Rules Committee, also urged Party support. Her efforts in favor of the amendment were believed to be important in gaining much-needed support from the Carter forces.

National Convention Project leaders are extremely pleased with the outcome. Says Mary Spottswood Pou, Co-Director of the Project, "our success in the Rules Committee

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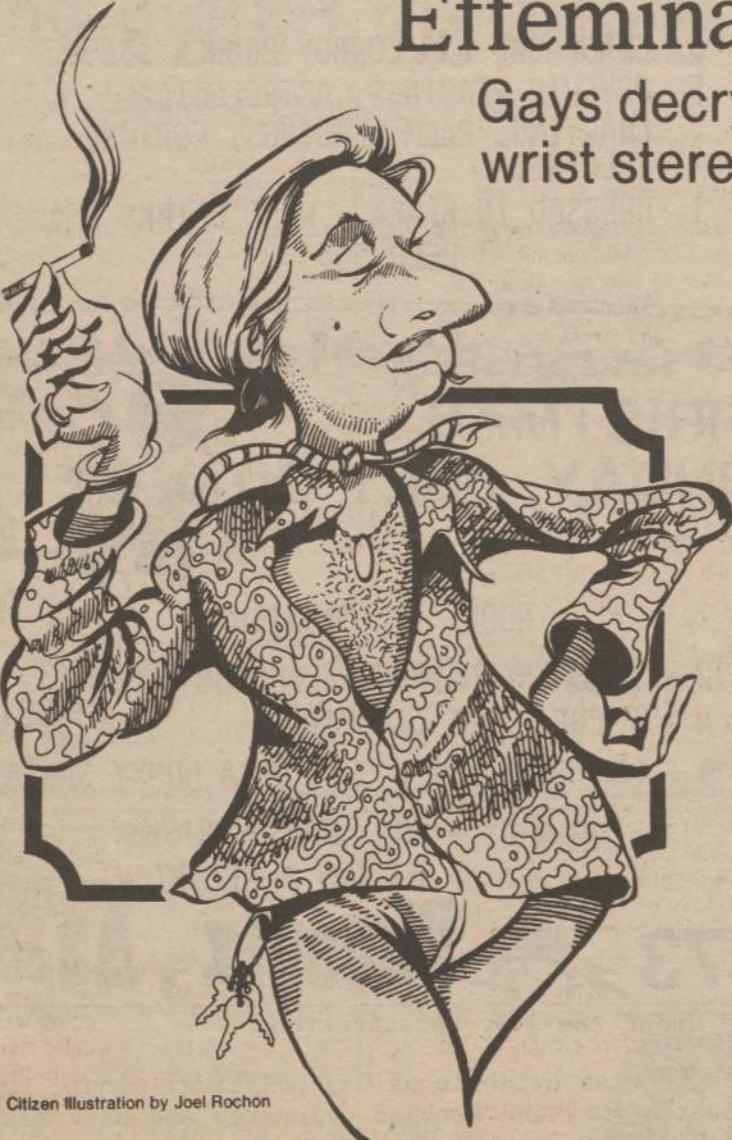
HOMOSEXUALITY

HOW GAY IS IT?

Continuing our series of reprints of the Tucson Citizen series of articles dealing with, "Homosexuality: How Gay Is It?" We encourage our readers to write their comments to The Tucson Citizen, P.O. Box 26767, Tucson, AZ 85726.

Effeminate image is false

Gays decry limp wrist stereotype



Citizen illustration by Joel Rochon

Say "homosexual" and the first thing a straight person pictures is this flamboyantly feminine fag with limp wrists, lisping and prancing, wearing earrings and saying things like "Oh, my dear, how nice your shirt looks!"

That's the homosexual everyone recognizes. But it is a stereotype that makes gays, as well as straights, shudder. Many call it a degrading image, mainly because it's not true.

As one put it, "I don't think I'm feminine myself, even though I like guys. Yet that's the stereotype — that we're all feminine and deep down all faggots really want to be girls. Well, there is no way I ever want to look or act feminine. If femininity turned me on, I would be straight."

It appears that the flamer is a rare bird. The vast majority of gay men in Tucson interviewed for this report look, act and talk no differently from straight people and are just about invisible in a mixed crowd.

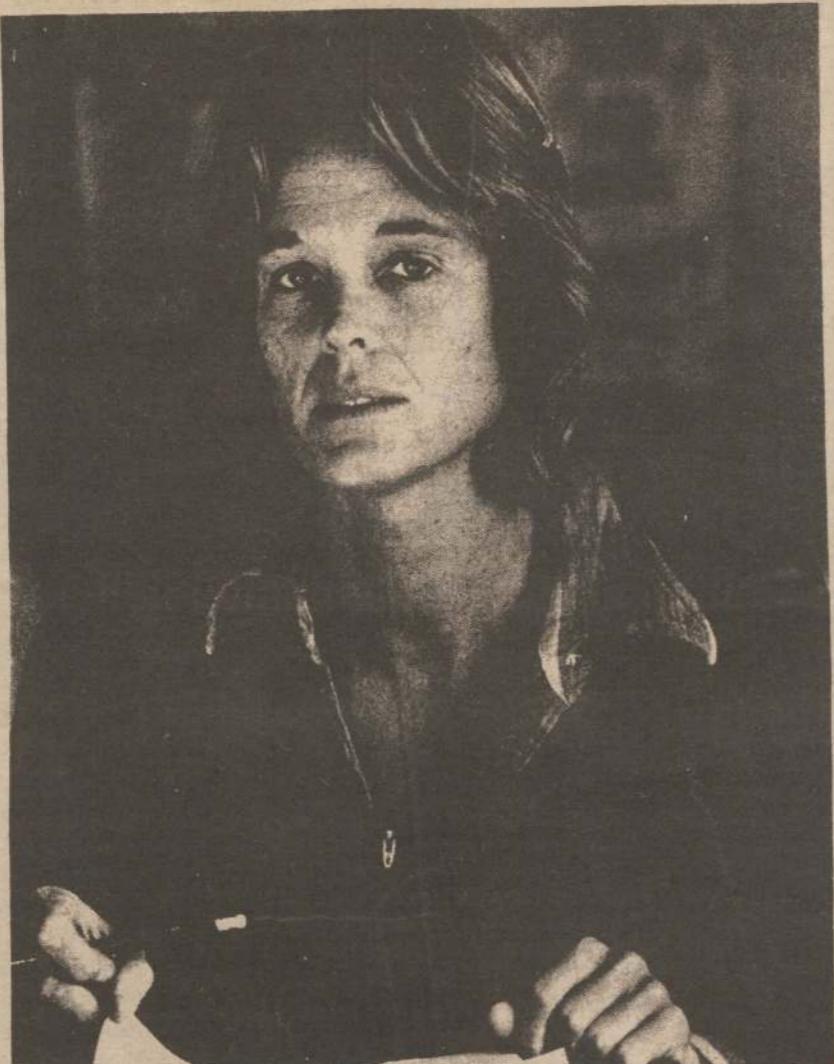
"Homosexuality does not mean that a male does not feel male," said Dr. Alayne Yates, a University of Arizona authority on childhood sexuality. "Most do, and don't question their masculinity."

Gays run the gamut from supermasculine macho men to the superfem types, with countless variations in between.

One young Tucson gay, who does not look feminine at first glance, admitted that he likes us makeup — a little mascara now and then, nothing too obvious.

He said, "I remember looking in the mirror when I was a teen-ager and seeing my stuff and I wanted to do something with it. I like to use makeup. It makes me look better. If it was okay, I'd wear more."

One gay sees it as an expression of anger at the society that rejects homosexuality. "They want to flaunt it in our faces," he said.



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Ann Yellot: There is an intellectual communion or attraction in the lesbian part of feminism — a tremendous amount of energy and a great feeling of unity. But there are the same troubles between lesbians as in male-female relationships.

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Gay glossary: Tricks are in tearooms

bicycle — a slang term for bisexual.

breeder — a heterosexual man or woman (used derisively by gay, feminist women).

butch — the partner in a homosexual relationship, male or female, who plays the masculine role.

coming out — the process, usually gradual, of revealing one's homosexual identity.

cross dressing — dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex. Both heterosexuals and homosexuals cross-dress, but for different reasons (see transvestite).

cruising — searching for a sexual partner.

drag — the costume of the opposite sex.

drag queen — a male homosexual who dresses as a woman, for any of several reasons. The term is often used derisively by other gays.

dyke (also *bull dyke*) — a homosexual female who exaggerates a masculine appearance and actions, and assumes an aggressively male role in a lesbian couple.

diesel dyke — a homosexual female whose appearance and actions usually imitate a tough truckdriver.

faggot or **fag** — a derisive term for a male homosexual, dating to the 12th century when witches (usually lesbians) were burned at the stake. Instead of using bundles of sticks (the actual meaning of faggot), gay males were laid down at the foot of the stake and ignited as fuel for the fire.

fairy — the stereotypical homosexual with exaggerated feminine movements.

fem, femme — the partner in either a gay male or lesbian couple who assumes the feminine role.

female impersonator — drag queen (see above).

gay — from the French "gai," which came to mean a male actor who played women's roles in the French theatre during the 18th century. Homosexuals prefer the word gay, saying it refers to a complete lifestyle while homosexual refers simply to sex.

het — short for heterosexual.

homophobia — 1. the irrational fear and/or hatred of homosexuality or homosexuals by heterosexuals. 2. hatred of their own sexual orientation by homosexuals and attempts to repress it.

homosexual — the clinical term describing a person with strong preferential sexual attraction to members of the same sex, regardless of whether or not the homosexual person acts on those preferences.

kiki — lesbians who like nice clothes, make-up and look very feminine.

lesbian — a homosexual female. Term originally meant an inhabitant of Lesbos, an island off the coast of Greece and home of an all-female, Amazon-like culture.

lover — homosexual's partner, the person he or she is in love with. More than a sexual partner.

s and m — sadomasochism, a style of sexual activity that involves pain, bondage, often the use of whips and chains and other sexual devices. Practiced by a small segment of male "macho" gays, but not limited to homosexuals.

straight — heterosexual.

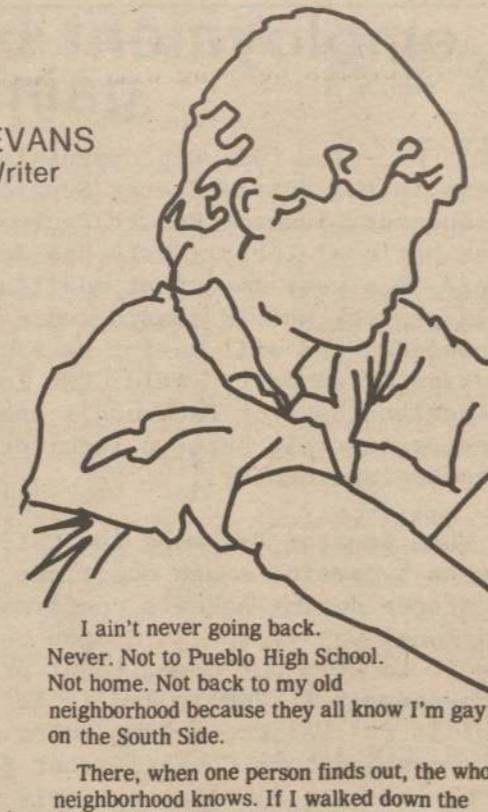
tearooms — men's restrooms in public parks where gays seek sexual encounters.

transsexual — a person unhappy with his or her gender and who believes he or she is really the opposite sex. Often cross-dresses and may undergo sex-change surgery.

transvestite — a person who gets sexual pleasure from dressing in clothes of the opposite sex; often heterosexual men.

tricking — engaging in brief, frequent sexual acts.

By MARILYN EVANS
Citizen Staff Writer



"My mom knows. She asked me once if I was homosexual and I lied and said I wasn't. But she found out and took me to see a psychiatrist."

A 15-year-old gay: My dad would kill me

she'd love me and stuff, anyway. But when she found out, she took me to see a psychiatrist anyway.

And she told her best friend, and the best friend told her kid, who's my age. And by now that kid's told everybody in the neighborhood. So I can't go home.

I wanna go back to high school, though. Next year, I wanna go to a different high school. I'm good at sports and I want to play football and swim.

I want to become a professional bowler. I figure that's something it won't matter if you're gay or not. I bowl a 186 average now, but that's not good enough for the pros.

Once, I ran away with my friend, Joe, but they caught us together a few days later and sent us back home. Joe is 16 and didn't have a home to go to because he ran away from Cholla High School two years ago.

He looks real feminine, like the big guy (Jimmy). Only Joe is real tall and skinny. He used to date girls, like me, only for him it was just a cover. He's a prancing queen on the streets. He used to have sex with some of the guys on the football team when they couldn't get girls.

Joe ran away because he said his family hated him, and he went to Colorado, where he became a prostitute to get by. Then, this old guy picked him up and took him home.

Joe came back to Tucson and slept on the streets because he didn't think his mom and step-dad and family wanted him. His brother told Joe on the phone never to call again, that Joe was disgusting and a disgrace to the family and stuff.

I think it's weird — that families are suppose to love you and help you out when it gets toughest and then they treat you like dirt. You know?

So, me and Joe ran away again and are staying with this guy who is like a mother and a father and a brother to us and counsels us and stuff. He took care of Jimmy when he ran away

last year. And he helped him go back home, only to a different school.

It was this older guy that made my mom find out, though. See, he had an ex-lover who was really jealous, I guess, and he called up my mom when I was still staying at home and told her about me.

Me and Joe and the other big kid, we've all been going to bars. Jimmy has been going to bars for years. High school kids don't have anyplace else to go to meet other gay kids.

There used to be a place at a church where gay kids could go and talk in front of mothers and counselors, but they stopped it because not many kids were going. And there used to be a place where lesbians could go and rap, but they stopped that too.

Jimmy and Joe, they put on make-up to get into the bars because it makes them look older. The big kid puts mascara on his mustache to make it look darker.

Me, I have no trouble because I look older than 15. A lot of older women have tried to pick me up because I look older. I think it's really weird, me being gay and stuff.

Anyway, I could go with girls and I could go with men. I still date girls and I have a girlfriend. I've also had plenty of girls sexually. It's just that I like it better with men. But I still enjoy girls, too.

When I started going to gay bars, I was really freaked out. I saw this one guy I knew for years. He has a wife and family. Man, we were both freaked out, he stared at me and I stared at him. But we were both too embarrassed to go and talk to each other and say that we didn't know each other was gay.

I think it's really weird that you just can't tell who's gay and who isn't. I mean guys who look really masculine like me are gay, and guys you're sure are queer because they look really feminine and walk and talk like girls are straight.

Once Joe and I were sitting in front of one of the bars and a carload of guys came by and yelled, "Any of you silly little faggots got a wig?"

I jumped up and started to chase them, but they were in a car and I couldn't catch them. They're lucky, those —

To some lesbians, gay is a fight song for women's rights

By CARLA McCLEIN
Citizen Staff Writer

A lot of people are convinced that there are more gay people today. For whatever reason, there seems to be more homosexuality in modern life. Look at San Francisco.

People whose business it is to keep tabs on this sort of thing say no. The gay population still hovers right around the usual 10 percent.

What's happening is that more gays are "coming out" — a lot of them people who 20 years ago never would have dreamed of letting anyone in on their secret. The times are a bit more tolerant now, so the closet is not as full.

One interesting phenomenon, however, may be adding to gay numbers, however slightly: "Gay" has become not only a political issue, but a political statement. Forget genetics; biology,

psychology. Some people are making a decision, however temporary, to be gay because they want to say something to the world about their philosophy of life.

This phenomenon applies almost exclusively to women, particularly to women deeply involved in the feminist movement. Lesbians have been long been a major force in women's liberation.

One 29-year-old Tucsonian, who grew up heterosexual with nary a doubt about it, changed her style in her mid-20's and became a lesbian after joining the feminist movement.

"As I got more caught up in the movement, I became more and more radical. I had always heard that the logical conclusion to feminism was lesbianism and it seemed like that was the process I was going to go through."

Her story is similar to Ann Yellot's, a well-known lesbian/feminist activist who started a lot of women's self-help activities in Tucson including the Tucson Women's Center and the Rape Crisis Center.

Both women had gone in search of the sensitivity, deep caring, commitment to a better world, moral support and instinctive communication that they believe are qualities

far more abundant in women than in men. And to a certain degree they found that "higher plateau."

"There was a tremendous amount of energy there and spirituality," she recalled. "It was an incredibly high feeling. The lesbian part of it was more an intellectual communion or attraction. There was a great feeling of unity. I'd never felt anything like it before."

She remained exclusively lesbian for more than two years. Eventually, she pulled away from that out of a certain amount of disillusionment with the "sisterhood" and says she is just "open to people." Today she is dating a man.

Ann remains a lesbian to this day. But like her friend described above, her idealism about the sisterhood has crumbled a bit over the years.

"There are the same kinds of troubles between lesbians as in male-female relationships," she said.

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THE PHOENIX WOMAN

by Donna Taylor

PHOENIX - I am an avowed homosexual. Even as a closet Gay, I was interested in how the media presented my closeted lifestyle. Recently, the *Arizona Republic* published two articles concerning telling parents about being Gay. The articles were well written, but did not portray anything more about Gay lifestyles in Phoenix. But to have the newspapers in Phoenix even publish an article on homosexuality is a minor miracle.

This past week *Phoenix Magazine* produced a series of articles on the family. Included were two articles on Gay family styles. One article presented two Lesbians raising children; the other on two males who want to adopt a child. These articles have presented two types of family styles in Phoenix; however there are other types of Gay families. There are single Gay parents, both male and female, and there are male homosexuals that are raising families also. My only critique of the articles are that they have bypassed recent inroads into the Gay lifestyles - such as the court case in Arizona where two Lesbians were awarded custody by the courts. Such as homosexuals being accepted by employers without having to hide their lifestyle. Such as a church where anyone is welcome - including homosexual couples. But at least the non-Gay world is trying!

By the way - I have a new phone number. If you want information or have a news item you want to see published, call Donna Taylor at 246-7328 in Phoenix. Please ask for Donna.

The Unlimited is now serving dinners and one of our favorite cooks - Lorie - is Chief Chef. Stop in and say hello. There is nothing new on Bronson's yet.

Fair employment bill gains support

WASHINGTON, DC - The fair employment legislation for Lesbians and Gay men in the United States Senate (S. 2081), has gained a new co-sponsor, Senator Robert Packwood (R-Oregon). The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) has described the Senator's sponsorship as a very important addition to the bill. "Senator Packwood, who is considered a moderate, is very highly respected and will assist us significantly in expanding our base of support," said GRNL lobbyist Steve Endean. Endean described Senator Packwood's sponsorship as a result of a close partnership between local organizations and the Gay Rights National Lobby.

When Senator Packwood indicated sympathy with Gay civil rights by posing tough questions to Rubin Askew on his anti-Gay stance during Askew's confirmation hearings, GRNL contacted local Gay groups in Oregon such as the Portland Town Council to help put constituent pressure on for Packwood to co-sponsor S. 2081. And it is largely through the efforts of Jerry Weller, a GRNL Board member and long-time leader of Portland Town Council, that Senator Packwood added his name to the bill. Weller not only met directly with the Senator but also elicited the assistance of the Oregon Women's Political Caucus, which has been working closely with Packwood on abortion matters.

It is clear that Senator Packwood understands that civil rights for Gays/Lesbians is consistent with Republican philosophy of less government intervention in private lives by his comments: "From the Magna Carta on, free men and women have fought attempts by government to deny them their rights. As far as I'm concerned, no government nor any group, no matter how well intentioned, may interfere with the rights of individuals to make private decisions about their lives."

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CACTUS CORNER

by Jim Larrabee

TUCSON - Twenty-eight highly spirited keglers, representing seven of the eight teams in the Community Bowling League (CBL) met for the fifth week of the summer season on Thursday, July 10, at the Cactus Bowling Center.

Results of the evening's matches were as follows: Coco's Angels winged it and sailed past The Family into first place; The Strikers evened out the Odd Squad; The Rovers found themselves but fell victim to The Empire and OSWMA went unchallenged to victory for the second week in a row. The Force was not with us. Current league standings are:

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
COCO'S ANGELS	16	4	.800
THE STRIKERS	15	5	.750
THE EMPIRE	10	10	.500
OSWMA	10	10	.500
THE ROVERS	9	11	.450
THE ODD SQUAD	8	12	.400
THE FAMILY	8	12	.400
THE FORCE	4	16	.200

The contests this Thursday, July 17 will pit Coco's Angeles vs. OSWMA; The Force vs. The Family; The Empire vs. The Strikers and The Rovers vs. The Odd Squad. Come join the fun at 6:30 p.m.

TV

This Week's TV Programs

7:00(2) P*O*O*P - Comedy
Slop Lips is caught with several outfits from another camp and has a difficult time explaining how she got them. Slop Lips: Penelope Poop. (60 min.)

(7) DORK AND CINDY - Comedy
Dork and Cindy are elated at the enormous amount of money raised for a good cause. Dork: Lonnie Fat. Cindy: Ron Fingers. Guest Cast: JoAnne Woodmark, Ebony Ford, Carra de River, Sissy Goldstone, Brandi Snifter. (60 min.)

(69)MOVIE - Drama
"VACATION ABORTED!" (1980)
A made-for-TV movie concerning one member of a local club. The club goes out of town and she can't understand why no one is as nice to her when she gets back. The plot continues when most of the members move permanently back to the former vacation spot. (3 hrs.)

8:00(2) BLOOMER - Animated
Bloomer runs away much to the distress of Miss Beak and all her friends. Voices - Bloomer: Slobbi Jo. Miss Beak: Kicci Rarr. (60 min.)

(7) I ATE ENOUGH - Comedy
Why does Ate continue at her profession seriously when comedy is all she does? Ate: Trisha Tranner. (60 min.)

9:00(2) THE DYKE VAN DICK SHOW - Comedy
That clock on Laura's wall still says nine minutes 'till two. Laura: Dani Bicardi. (60 min.)

(7) THE WILD QUEENDOM - Variety
Interviews of an old review company that have decided to do entire shows instead of bits and pieces. Christi Loveshitz. Mr. Bill Orchestra. (60 min.)

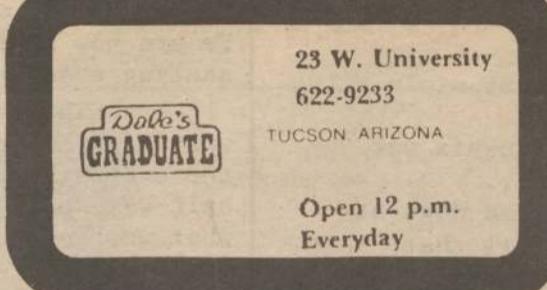
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A GAY STRIKE FOR MINNEAPOLIS?
MINNEAPOLIS, MN (GayLife) - Restaurant and hotel workers were striking in Minneapolis seeking increases in wages, major health insurance, dental insurance and sick leave. "Next to hair dressing, the hotel and restaurant business has more Gay following than any other occupation," said Greg Djerf, a cook at the Sheraton Ritz. All the picketers on that location at the time were Gay. Conversations with the picketers at other sites indicated that between 25% and 40% of local hotel and restaurant employees were known to be Gay.

GAY VP CANDIDATE

MIAMI, FL (GayLife) - Gay activist Jack Campbell of Florida has announced that he will run for vice-president at the Democratic National Convention to be held in New York City in August. Campbell hopes his candidacy will force President Carter to take a more forceful position on Gay Rights.

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DESERT ADVENTURE

by Brian Evitch

PHOENIX - On June 28th, twenty-one persons met at Coal Mine Canyon to check out the Hopi legend of the dancing ghost. Our group did not see the ghost, although several other groups swore that they did. Even though our group did not see the ghost from the Hopi legend, we have succeeded in creating our own legend. At 10 o'clock, one of our members, dressed in white sheets soaked in a green fluorescent dye and an orange feather duster headress, came screaming through the camp. Not only was our camp surprised, but all of the other ghost watchers couldn't figure what the h--- was going on either. After an evening of playing with an Ouija Board around the campfire, we all retired to our sleeping bags. Early the next day we drove to Oak Creek Canyon where we spent a few hours swimming and sunbathing.

The day after returning from the Coal Mine Canyon trip, Desert Adventures hosted "A Night At Skate World." The event was attended by 161 people - 109 men and 52 women. We are now in the process of arranging another roller skating event where we hope to double the attendance.

The management of Skate World was not informed of what kind of group Desert Adventures was, but by the time the evening was over, I think they had a good idea. About half-way through the night their D.J. finally figured out what was happening and adjusted his announcements accordingly. After one such announcement, a little girl came running out of the office exclaiming, "You can't say that!" Whereupon the D.J. said, "Have you looked out on the dance floor lately?" The group was very well behaved. Skate World's management even told us that we could schedule events at their rink anytime.

Desert Adventures' next event will be an inner-tube float down the Salt River. On July 12 at 9:30 a.m. we will be meeting at the parking lot below Stewart Mt. DAM. To get to this parking lot take East McDowell Road to McKellips Road. Go East on McKellips until you get to the Bush Highway and proceed to Stewart Mt. Dam. Look for a sign with Desert Adventures written on it for the turn off to the Stewart Mt. Dam parking lot. If you need more information on this event or some of our upcoming events or if you wish to get on our mailing list, call 257-9290 in Phoenix.

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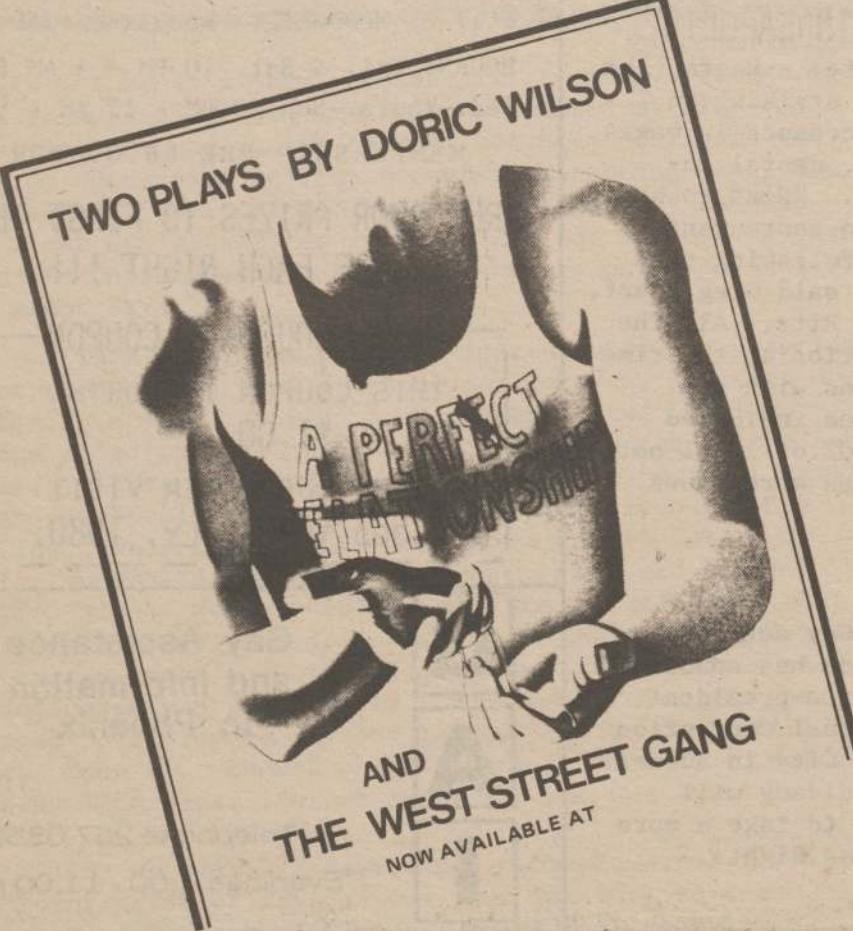
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...Before Doc could get to it, Keith S. of Phoenix was seen picking 50¢ out of the john at the HT.

...One evening out in the desert, Robbie looked down at Tony C. and said, "Where are you putting all that?" Perhaps he was sharing it with a fellow at the other end who fell in last week!

...Roy C. had several people over for brunch last Sunday and the food was so good he left to go out to eat.

...Mark H. and Joe are not very fond of Ray A's version of "Come Fly With Me."

...Bob B. was seen pushing Warner J. around on the streets.

...We'd like to wish Sally B. a speedy recovery and hope you are back to work at the JT soon.

...We are starting to wonder about Ed W. now with Sally gone right now. He has started to spend his days in the men's room at the JT/BP.

...While Dale McK. was showing off the tatoo on his posterior to Rita C., Mary B. was heard to say, "I'll look at it after I finish eating!"

...Luigi is planning another birthday soon and is so excited because he is finally going to turn "30".

...Morris P. and Flower David were caught exchanging pollen last week.

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BISHOP HEDGES ON GAY ISSUE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GayLife) - To the amazement of local Catholics, both Gay and non-Gay, and the Gay community. Archbishop John Quinn stated: "The church holds there is no place for discrimination...because of sexual attraction, but this does not mean there is nothing wrong with homosexual conduct." According to some insiders, Quinn in line for a major papal appointment and is distancing himself from homosexuals as a strategic gesture along that path.

GAY RIGHTS BLEAK FOR DULUTH

DULUTH, MN (GayLife) - Two members of the Duluth City Council have moved to delete the Gay rights clause from the proposed city human rights ordinance. One councilor predicted that if the rights ordinance passes, opponents would petition to decide the matter by referendum.

WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

MOUNT PLEASANT, MI (GayLife) - This year's Michigan Womyn's Festival has been set for August 14-17. To get on their mailing list, write: We Want The Music Collective, 1501 Lyons St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

NO POLICE PROTECTION

TALLAHASSEE, FL (GayLife) - Gay activists who marched from Jacksonville Florida to the state capitol at Tallahassee report they were harassed by hecklers and police did little about it. A protest was filed with Gov. Bob Graham and the FBI asking for an investigation of the sheriffs of Madison and Jefferson Counties, who the Gays claim were lax in offering protection.

GAY V.P. CANDIDATE?

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TV STATION ANGERS REVIVALISTS

CHARLOTTE, NC (Update) - WSOC-TV has gone further in its restrictions of fundamentalist political programming, replacing the Rev. Charles Sustar's "Flames of Revival" and the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Old Time Gospel Hour with children's programming. Sustar, who has been twice pre-empted for Gay political statements on his religious program, has filed a \$15 million suit alleging the TV station has violated his civil rights.

LESBIAN BIKEATHON SET

SEATTLE, WA (GayLife) - The Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund invites women to join in the Third Annual Bikeathon from Seattle to San Francisco in September. Women will be staying in women's communities along the route with special arrangements for children and women driving support vehicles. Write: Bikeathon 1980, LMNDF, P.O. Box 21567, Seattle, WA 98111.

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in TUCSON is it true.....

...JoJo was overheard discussing a "blower" for \$50 with Vinny C.

...Hairdresser Rick is wondering how Norma Jean made it from El Con to the Fun Tym bookstore so quickly.

...Tony S. really saw fireworks on the 4th and his eyes were good proof!

...Some TKO members were seen "toasting" Wilma's revised copy of their constitution.

...Lloyd B. has started a new carry-out and "carry-home" service and Bill C. was his first customer.

...Albert B.'s age is finally catching up to his forehead. Happy birthday Albert.

...Loretta found out it can cost you a lot of money if you don't read directions.

...Mike E. was heard playing hostess at the Toole Box the other night.

...Dale McK. has his own version of "The Shining." Tommy S. is still wondering why everytime he goes out of town there is a new pottle of used poppers in the freezer when he returns.

...Cindi D. was very sentimental at her recent birthday party and was heard to say, "It's too bad Matt M. won't make it for his next birthday!"

...Monte-Jon and Mark S. were both excited and ready for S.F. Wonder if S.F. is excited and ready for them?

...Eddie F. said the new bartender, Eric, at the Graduate, has better looking legs than Stuart. Hard to believe isn't it...

...There is no truth to the rumor that Big George was in court last week to get the legal work started for a sex change.

...Sun Tran is an equal opportunity employer and is taking applications.

...Daisey H. is not pleased over the way Del S. keeps their checking account.

...Ray and Jerry have decided they love the Graduate because Fred and George M. don't get there often?

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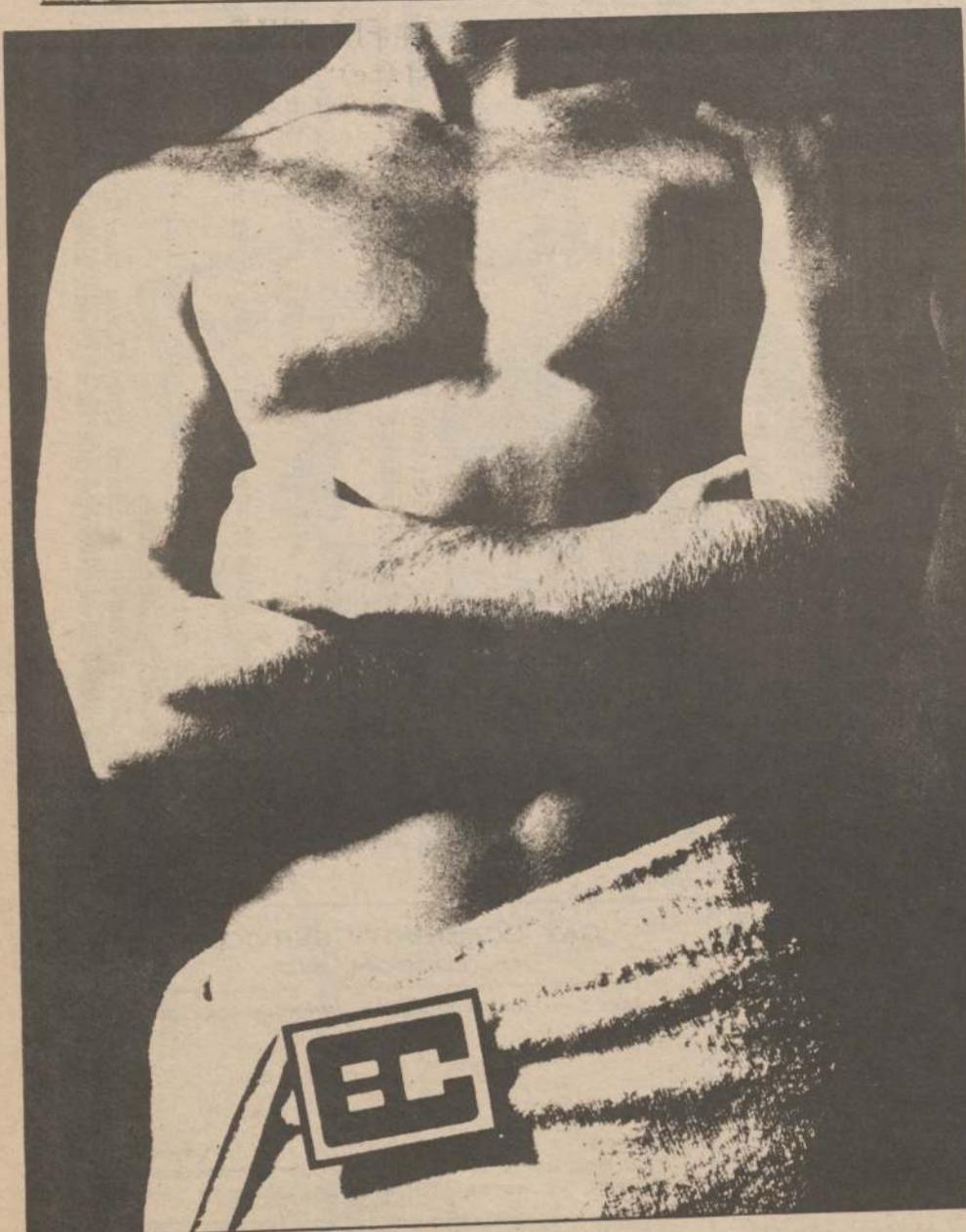
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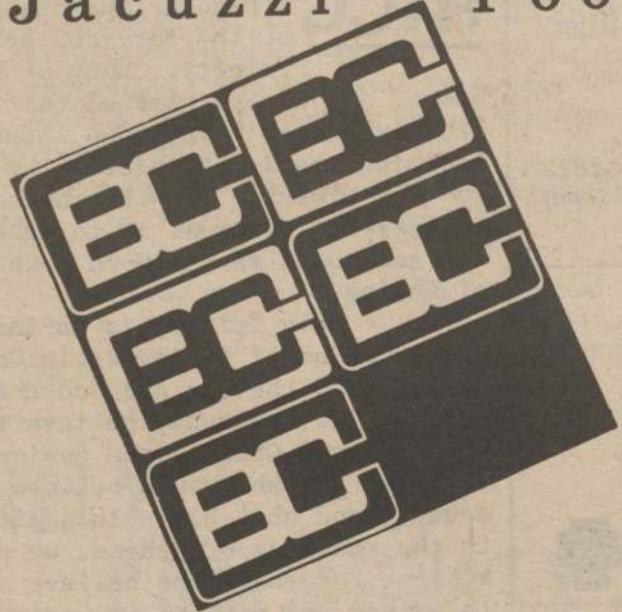
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VIEWPOINT

Language, with all its diversity and color, is interesting. Become formally academic and call it public symbolism if you choose, and it's still interesting. What is more interesting is what those symbols do to us. To the way we think. The way they sometimes control us. As if by magic. Sexism is part of that magic.

The craft of formal definition was the subject in a class of mine one day, and Mark Van Doren's definition of a poet was a good way to start. "A poet is a man who writes poetry," I suggested. To my not-too-surprise, a Nautilus and sun-lamped arm reached -- "The definition's circular," says campus swain, liberal, quasi-feminist. "And besides, girls write poetry too."

A blatant form of sexism traded in for a more subtle one. The opposite of a man, to him, was a girl. He knew better. Everyone knew he knew better, but he still said it. As if language were stronger than he was. And, unfortunately language frequently is. Stronger than the user is. I am not always sure, then, that sexism is a conscious, even malicious act. Sometimes, many times, it is a very sophisticated way of giving in to the stock expressions of our society.

Language has always been one of the vital features of the Gay community. Gay language has even become a part of the color of the larger society's language. But it doesn't take too much looking to see that Gay language translates predominately-male language, and that our rejection of women as primary objects of sexual desire has had an effect on it. Somehow we enlarged "person with whom I choose not to sleep" into "person I choose to indulge" or "person which whom I choose not to associate myself" or "person whom I choose not to consider seriously" or, worst of all, "person to be ridiculed" or "non-person." Camp, for example, is valuable as an escape and as a way of recognizing essential absurdity. Its characteristic gender inversion is useful, furthermore, as a way of resisting society's preoccupation with affected masculinity. Unfortunately, that albeit alternately-valuable tool is generally wielded at the expense of women.

Is there sexism in the Gay community? Maybe it's not always malicious, but it's there. How many of us want to see a gossip column signed "flaming faggot" or "shufflin' nigger," for example. We immediately recognize one as, at the very least, pejorative, and the other as unconscionably racist. But we think little of calling such a one "dragon" lady."

Often what we accept are celluloid women. We use them for wallpaper--Judy, Joan, Marilyn--we all know the list. Celluloid women--idealized, maybe; stylized, always. And we think we've accepted women. But there's a safety zone--they're never real. It's easy to say one accepts Marilyn, but that's the celluloid caricature of her. She's no more a "real" woman than Mammie is a "real" black or Little Shirley is a "real" child or Sam Spade is a "real" detective. They're all collages--bits of the particulars abstracted into a prototype. And, what is worse, given our acceptance of the idealization and our experience with the concrete, we frequently attach "negative" to the difference.

We raise bloody hell when "Cruising" or the CBS pseudo-documentary presents us in some restricted way. Righteous indignation! They haven't recognized us as we are! They've exploited us!

I sometimes wonder if the women the Gay community has accepted aren't those goddesses who can be conveniently racked into rows of 8x10 glossies or who can easily be brought to late-night life on the Gay-bar stage. Exploitive? A restricted view? We say it's all good wholesome fun. (Well, sometimes we don't say wholesome). And sometimes I like it, too. But, then, sometimes I laugh at Polish jokes, which are racist, and at bumbling geriatric skits, which are ageist. The game I play to make myself seem all right anyway is the at-least-I-recognize-it-so-it's-not-so-bad game. It's just a game I play, though. It's not really true.

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is a signal from Jimmy Carter that he and his re-election campaign take the Gay vote very seriously." You also noted that "the Rules Committee agreed to a proposal which creates a 25 member commission to find ways to carry out the Platform." The two Charter amendments as well as the Platform proposals must be approved at the Democratic National Convention in August. Since they are included in the majority reports of the Rules and Platform Committees, however, no problems are anticipated.

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FONDA USING GAYS?

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GayLife) - Jane Fonda was questioned by a German interviewer at the Harvey Milk Democratic Club's fundraiser as to whether she was being used by the Gay community. Fonda replied, "I sure hope so." The reporter then stated, "Aren't you and Mr. Hayden really using them?" She replied, "You're damn right."

GAY: PUNISH BY DEATH

ANDERSON, SC (GayLife) - The president of the fundamentalist Bob Jones University of Greenville stated in a letter to Archbishop George Hyde of the Orthodox Catholic Church: "I reiterate in this letter that I feel it would be good to make homosexuality a capital offense. God regarded homosexuality as a sin so heinous that it should be punished by death."

MRS. REAGAN ATTENDS RIGHT-WING RALLY

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (GayLife) - Mrs. Nancy Reagan was quoted by numerous papers to have attended the "I Love America" rally in Indianapolis, conducted by the Rev. Jerry Falwell. Mr. Falwell is a close friend of Anita Bryant, and has previously said that all homosexuals and communists should be deported to Russia.



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MAYOR SAYS LEAVE US ALONE

CALGARY, CANADA (GayLife) - Mayor Ross Alger turned down a request from Gay organizations asking that he proclaim an official civic day in honor of a Gay conference being held. Mayor Alger explained that he would proclaim civic days for charitable and athletic groups, but never to a "sexually oriented" group. "I just wish they'd go quietly about their business and leave the rest of the world alone," he added.

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WASHINGTON, DC (GayLife) - U.S. District Court Judge Thomas A. Flannery ruled that the FBI's policy of firing employees discovered to be Gay is not an issue in a civil suit brought against the law enforcement agency. The suit was filed by a former employee who resigned after FBI special agents informed him he was about to be dismissed because of his homosexuality. The employee, Donald Ashton, is limited to contesting only the issue of whether his resignation was voluntary or coerced and whether the FBI should be forced to reinstate him with back pay.

GAYS TO MENTAL INSTITUTIONS

SEATTLE, WA (GayLife) - Initiative to the Legislature No. 73 will be the initiative to watch. That is the number assigned to Mormon police officer David Estes' initiative that would send Gays to mental institutions, raise the age of consent and ban publications which "promote" sodomy if passed.

SIPPLE LOSES SUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GayLife) - Oliver Sipple, the ex-Marine who is credited by many with having saved the life of Gerald Ford in 1975 lost his \$15 million invasion of privacy suit last month. Sipple sued several papers after they revealed that he was a homosexual.

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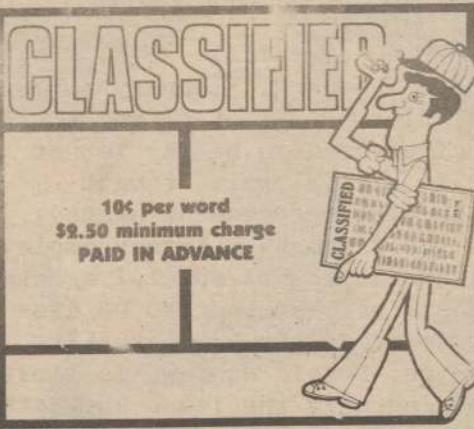
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