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A CLEAR CHOICE FOR PHOENIX GAYS

Recently a well-known Phoenix disco closed its doors (or should I say *had its doors closed*), the result of actions on the part of the area's Liquor Control Board people. On a couple of occasions I've passed by HisCo's 16th Street address at night and have watched numerous former patrons driving out of the parking lot, having just learned of the closure of what Phoenix magazine recently called Phoenix' best disco.

Well, you can't go to *Phoenix' best disco* right now and I personally feel bad about it, as many of you probably do too. The staff and management of that establishment have long been recognized as the most cooperative and eager to help among Phoenix bars. Ask anyone involved with any number of the various charitable (and similar) organizations in Phoenix, and they'll probably name HisCo at the top of the list. It's a rare occasion when a business contributes so generously to the well-being of the Gay Community to such a large extent. Aside from this, the people who work there have proven to be helpful, friendly and considerate.

But, at the moment, HisCo is closed. And what do you suppose is the reason I'm bringing all this up? Well, it's very simple: Not only do I think this interruption of HisCo's business is noteworthy from the standpoint of its popularity over the years, but because of the impact this sort of thing can have on the Community at large.

"*This sort of thing*" I am referring to is the harassment of Gay bars by the police and other "law enforcement" agencies. Now, let's get one thing *straight*: I have no knowledge that this was the case at HisCo, nor am I even suggesting it.

But here we are, in good old Phoenix, and you know what? Municipal elections are coming up this Fall (in December, that is — that's so they can catch the Republican Snowbirds who vote in *two* states, no doubt). And it never fails — for a few months prior to any Municipal Elections in Phoenix, Gay bars, dirty bookstores, drug traffic-ers and prostitutes (we're in *great* company, aren't we?!) all become the object of their attention.

Sometimes they send in a bunch of uniformed officers to check bar patron's IDs (hoping to find people underage, or perhaps they're looking for *criminals*, or just to hassle Gays to keep them in line and to show them who is boss), they also get into the bar's cash registers to see if anyone is running a bar tab (taboo in Arizona). These

boys in blue, who generally find it convenient to totally disrupt the bar's activities for the evening, are *only doing their duty*, they are *only upholding the law*, and of course, they mean nothing personal by all of this.

And, likewise, when the Fire Marshall and friends (who are usually not uniformed) come into busy bars and shut it down or threaten to after counting heads and other such stunts, they're *only doing their duty* too, so I guess we can't hold them accountable either, can we? The same, I imagine, is true for the Liquor Control boys when they do their thing.

Who then, is responsible and accountable for this sort of stuff? And who is responsible for a rash of carding and hassling downtown late at night, and who's responsible for the intimidation techniques, such as police cars conspicuously gathering in parking lots of Gay bars and clubs around town (among others)? Who is responsible for these kinds of intrusions — who is trying to keep you in *your place*? Your City Council (and their friends who may or may not be pulling the strings).

And why not! It *is* an election year, and that means it is time to put on a little show. It's just the way it's done. Get a little publicity, City Council, and make those middle-class, uninvolved voters out there think the Council is a group of righteous Christian gentlemen and ladies, who have the *good* of the City at heart. And these Gays ARE a vulnerable lot, easily threatened, easily re-closeted, easily defeated...easily controlled.

And what about us? Do we fit into this mould, this impression the City Council has of us? Are we really that vulnerable?

A good many of us are, apparently. Time was, a lot of Gays were out of the closets in huge groups, just as they are today. But the Gays who were public in the twenties, were back in their closets during the thirties and forties, and only a few ventured out in the fifties. It seems it doesn't take much to scare Gay people out of the public view, at least some Gay people.

Fewer Gays today are so easily intimidated than at any other time in Modern history in many places, but only in those places where a few Gay people have worked very diligently to ensure their rights. In last month's issue of *The Pride* we printed a Los Angeles Times article, "Homosexuals Worldwide Struggle for Their Rights". In many countries, Gays have refused to be so maligned and mistreated. They have stood up to repression where they found it, resisted it, and replaced it with tolerance. And not just tolerance for themselves, but for a whole lot of minorities and social outcasts.

The same "revolution" is going on in this country, and in many states Gay equality is becoming a reality. Arizona, being the conservative Republican state that it is, has not been in the forefront of this struggle, until recently. Gays here are beginning to do in Arizona what began in other states ten to fifteen years ago.

But the Phoenix City government is not responsive as it should be (they do respond, but it's generally a negative response). They are, contrary to Mayor Hance's statement, aware that there are — indeed — Gay people in Phoenix. They need to become aware of how large a minority we are. They need to hear just how vocal we can be. And

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we Gay people have a perfect opportunity now to make them aware, to make them hear...in no uncertain terms.

The only real effective means of doing this comes in the form of voting...and voting for the RIGHT candidates. At the moment, I'm sure that a mere handful of Gays in Phoenix have any idea of who is on the City Council, much less who they should vote for and against. Well, this is about to change. Within a short time, Citizens For Constitutional Rights will be accumulating information on the various City Council candidates, polling them, asking pointed questions of them, and then publicizing the findings to the Gay Community, just as was done during election time last year.

The Mayor, along with the City Council, controls the police, directs the police (and other authorities). That's where the harassment of Gays is stemming from in this City, and that can be stopped, but only if the right people are elected. Considering the lack of interest on the part of the general public for this sort of election, and considering the immense size of Phoenix' Gay Community, we can easily change the flavor of the Phoenix City Council in this election.

But in order to do this, Gays must register to vote, and then we must vote as a unit. Throughout the summer, CCR Deputy Registrars have been very visible in the bars,

registering people right and left. This will continue until the deadline. If you're not already a registered voter, don't waste a moment — do it as soon as you can. If you don't see a Deputy Registrar when you go out, call CCR's Gayline (263-8196) to find out where and when you can be registered to vote. But don't just sit back and think someone else will do it for you. This is one thing you'll have to do for yourself, and do it now!

It's a proven fact that we can have a big effect on the outcome of elections, last year's general election is an example of that. We can have even more of an effect on this Municipal election, but not unless we vote in large numbers.

Unless we stand up for ourselves, we can't expect any kind of good treatment, nor can we expect others to do it for us. And if we rally around this cause, if we decide we don't like being harassed, intimidated, hassled, arrested and mistreated, we can make huge strides towards a better future for Gays in Phoenix. But it's up to you. If you want your favorite bars closed up tighter than a drum, if you like being stopped and questioned by the police, and if you want worse things to happen to Gays in this city, then just sit back and do nothing, just keep dancing and pretty soon you'll not only have nothing to dance about, but you'll probably have no place to dance either!

—Jack.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND GOINGS-ON AT THE ALTERNATIVE RELATIONS CENTER

The Alternative Relations Center, Phoenix answer to a Gay Community Service Center, has a number of activities and functions going on now. The embryonic center, located at 1836 Grand Avenue (just south of the intersection of 19th Avenue, McDowell and Grand), is beginning to blossom due to the efforts of a few hardworking people.

Among those things already functioning at the ARC are the following:

Phone lines: Information and Assistance — call 257-0350, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.

ARC Building: Open 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to Midnight, Saturdays.

Gay Rap Group: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Gay Youth Meeting: Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Gay Mormons: Sundays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Many other things are planned, and among them are the following: GED will be starting soon, as will a free resume service, job referral service, a Senior Gay Association — details for these things will be released soon.

The ARC has rooms available for clubs and organizations to use for meetings — at modest rates. Persons interested in same should make reservations at least 10 days in advance.

In addition, the ARC is recruiting volunteers to man the telephones, and they are asking for donations of materials,

manpower and funding for the ongoing work of the center.

Membership in the ARC is also available to interested persons (\$15.00, limited; \$25.00, regular). The General Membership Meeting for September will be held at the ARC on Wednesday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m.

GAY ACADEMIC UNION AT ASU MEETING AGAIN

Gay Academic Union, a national organization of Gay College students, branch at Arizona State University will begin meeting again beginning Thursday, September 6. The Rap group, which was a very successful endeavor last year will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union (Room 216).

These Rap groups provide an opportunity for Gays to meet in a supportive atmosphere to share experiences, explore personal issues, and finding new ways to instill confidence, as well as sharing the joys and sorrows of the Gay lifestyle.

GAU's officers include Gary Shiffman, president, Morningwaters, vice president, and David Christian, treasurer, all looking forward to welcoming back last year's participants, as well as welcoming new people to the group.

SOCIAL ISSUES BUSINESS WEEK: September 3, 1979

Gays: A major force in the marketplace

From Castro Street in San Francisco to Christopher Street in New York City, hundreds of thousands of homosexuals held Gay Freedom Day marches in June to mark the 10th anniversary of a police raid on a gay bar in New York, an event generally regarded as having sparked gay activism in the U. S. In that decade, gays have won impressive social and political victories: Forty cities have passed ordinances banning job discrimination against homosexuals, professed gays have been elected city supervisors and state legislators, and gays have been appointed to high government positions.

With less fanfare, gays have also begun an equally important demonstration of economic power. Gay enterprise is no longer associated only with boutiques in gay communities. Homosexuals have established dozens of chambers of commerce and other business and professional organizations to further one another's economic interests, which run the gamut from auto repair shops to tax consultancies. In the process, gays have gained the attention of marketers in such mainstream corporations as Adolph Coors Co., Chartered Bank of London, and Hertz Corp.

"Ten years ago we were willing to be invisible," says David B. Goodstein, president of Liberation Publications Inc., of San Mateo, Calif., which produces a bimonthly gay newsmagazine, *The Advocate*. According to sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, homosexuals are more numerous than the public may realize. Defining a homosexual as a person who has had more than six adult homosexual experiences, Kinsey estimated that 10% of the population, or more than 20 million Americans, are gay. "We're everywhere, and we're the most affluent of any minority," says Peter G. Frisch, publisher of *The Advocate*.

Survey figures. Demographic studies appear to support him. Commissioned by *The Advocate* to survey 73,000 readers in 1977, a straight Los Angeles market-research company, Walker & Struman Research Inc., found that income for the average gay household of 1.4 persons is \$23,600, about 50% above the national average; that 79% of the readers use commercial airlines an average of nearly four trips a year; that more than 80% own at least one car; and that 80% order drinks by brand names. Seventy percent are college graduates, 97% are em-

ployed, and 84% are regular voters—about double the national average.

Kenneth D. Struman, an owner of the



Tour agent Ebensten: His first travel ads were rejected, and "people were appalled."

research company, acknowledges that "minorities have a vested interest in boosting their status," but insists that the data were carefully checked to make sure they were representative. "Gay discretionary spending power is incredible," he says. Projections from another Los Angeles-based study suggest that gays control 19% of spendable income in the U. S. "It is becoming more apparent to the straight community that there is a lot of buying power among gays," says George Terzian, a lawyer who heads the gay Greater Gotham Business Council in New York City.

Operating on this assumption, an increasing number of name-brand companies have begun to promote their goods and services in *The Advocate* and other gay journals. A vice-president of Transamerica Corp.'s Budget Rent a Car subsidiary notes that his company had some reservations about advertising in *The Advocate* because of the personal ads in the magazine's midsection. The company decided to take the plunge, he says, because "for very little money we

reach a potentially large audience that travels a lot, has high disposable income, and likely feels more loyalty to the advertiser." Fidelity Savings & Loan Assn. in San Francisco, whose \$1.9 billion in assets places it among the top

15 S&Ls in California, funded the printing this spring of the gay Golden Gate Business Assn. (GGBA) buyers' guide and has placed ads in *The Advocate*. So have State S&L, Hibernia Bank, and several other financial institutions.

'Business sense.' Few executives want to be quoted by name about such ads for fear of alienating straight customers. But one S&L branch manager in San Francisco remarks that, with 100,000 or more gays in the city, "it would be foolish not to go after the market. We have to advertise—it's just good business sense."

While many advertisers are enthusiastic about the demographics of the gay community, they are also apprehensive. That would certainly describe Coors, which ran informational ads in *The Advocate* and five other gay publications to combat rumors that the Golden (Colo.)-based beer company had given \$1 million to singer Anita Bryant's campaign against gays in Florida. The ads were "an attempt to set the record straight," says Senior Vice-President Peter H. Coors, who says he is unaware that Coors has also placed a full-page ad for Coors Light Beer in *The Advocate*. The Bryant ads, Coors says, caused some straight backlash. "It's a no-win issue," he says. "We were labeled incorrectly as anti-gay, then we were labeled incorrectly as pro-gay. We would prefer it if the whole issue would go away."

Other companies, such as Levi Strauss & Co., of San Francisco, say they have not advertised to gays because they do not target ads to any specific minority. But Levi's corporate marketing services director, John P. Wyek, contends that the gay market is almost as large as the black community and larger than the Hispanic. He says that his company monitors the gay community for clues to fashion trends the way it monitors young urban blacks—to spot fashion trends that may move into the majority community.

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Clothes market. "It has long been recognized in our industry that the gay community is a substantial market for fashion-oriented clothes," says Wyek. Gays reportedly spend an average of \$500 each per year on clothes, and Wyek points out that Levi's original shrink-to-fit, button-fly denim jeans are "a staple product with the gay community." Other marketers note the pacesetter role gays have played in popularizing running shoes and painters' trousers as casual attire, and in sparking disco mania.

Indeed, record companies have welcomed gay executives in part because of their familiarity with music trends. Marc Paul Simon, a homosexual who is soon to become president of a new subsidiary, EarMarc Records, is vice-president of special projects for Casablanca Records & Film Works in Los Angeles, a company with more than \$100 million in annual revenues. Raymond F. Caviano, executive director of the Disco Dept. of Warner Bros. Records & Tapes Inc. and president of its subsidiary, RFC Records, recently discussed being gay and its relation to the disco industry in *The Advocate*.

Other companies say that the affinity of homosexuals for artistic pursuits gives them special value in certain jobs.

The gay executive vice-president of one of the top 200 U. S. companies believes that his "subjective, sensitive side and interest in art, color, and consumers" were important factors in persuading his corporation, a New York-based consumer-products company, to promote him to its third-ranking executive position.

Although this executive does not deny his homosexuality if asked, he advises other gays eager to become senior managers not to volunteer the information. "In business, it is not advisable to come out for controversial causes, whether they be atheism, the Ku Klux Klan, or homosexuality," he says.

Gay images. Most professed homosexuals do not try to establish a gay image in business because, in the words of San Francisco stockbroker Thomas F. White, "I felt it was not relevant." Says Martin M. Topliff, a homosexual who runs a data processing service bureau in San Francisco: "The larger your company gets, the more difficult it is to retain a gay profile. You have to hire the best people and can't afford to discriminate. It's not good economics."

But substantial numbers of gay entrepreneurs who perceive that their main market lies among fellow homosexuals do not agree. The directories of gay business associations in cities such as New York and San Francisco list hundreds of members and services ranging from chiropractors and contractors to typesetters and travel agencies.

Although many of these businesses may not be new, their openly gay orientation is. The new availability of advertising media, both gay and straight, has aided many such transitions. Eight years ago, when Hanns Ebensten, a former vice-president of New York-based Lindblad Travel Inc., started his travel business offering tours for men, he recalls that "people were appalled," and straight publications rejected his ads. Since then gay publications have proliferated, and straight publications, like straight society, have changed their attitudes. Now gay ads run in both straight publications and gay media, and Ebensten counts 20,000 names of

gays in his card file. He figures that gay tours to everywhere from the Grand Canyon to Machu Picchu, Peru, provide 25% of his \$1.5 million annual gross.

Ebensten is one of many gay entrepreneurs. "Gays are the epitome of capitalism," says Steven H. Shiflett, president of Houston's Gay Political Caucus and a member of Houston's gay executive and professional association. As evidence, Shiflett cites gays' representation across the spectrum of business, with special emphasis on real estate. "We've usually been in the vanguard of turning around rundown neighborhoods," agrees San Francisco Realtor Robert T. Tackes, whose gay-oriented company has 60 agents and three offices.

Neighborhoods. As gays have displaced other groups in various neighborhoods, they have caused friction. San Francisco's Western Addition area, a target for urban renewal, is a prime example, according to Wilbur W. Hamilton, executive director of the city's redevelopment agency. In the Western Addition, gays have been identified with "gentrification," the return of the white middle class to the inner city, Hamilton says. This has provoked a black backlash.

"I maintain that gays are not a minority but a group of young men who can afford the luxury of buying up houses and displacing black people, and I resent it," says Idaree Westbrook, a board member of the city's Black Leadership Forum. "The system belongs to them. They do fix up homes beautifully, and that's all the lending institutions care about." Westbrook predicts that, 10 years from now, San Francisco will be "a

Gays often take a hand in turning around rundown neighborhoods

city of nice professional males and no families or children."

Westbrook rejects gays' claims that they are an oppressed minority, but the courts have delivered several legal victories that support that status. In May the California Supreme Court ruled that privately owned utilities cannot arbitrarily discriminate against homosexuals. And last month a federal court judge ruled in Washington, D. C., that the Gay Activists Alliance has as much right to advertise on Washington-area buses as religious groups, opponents of abortion, and Communist Party candidates.

Gays were less successful with boy-
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On San Francisco's Castro Street: Gay business directories list hundreds of entrepreneurs.

cotts against Coors beer and Florida orange juice (attacked because Bryant is its advertising symbol). But Charles F. Brydon, an executive director of the National Gay Task Force in New York, attributes these results to false information and a lack of unanimity on the issues in the gay community rather than to weakness. Here, he says, is a more meaningful fact: In a recent poll of major corporations, 120 of them stated that they do not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference. The number five years ago was eight, he notes.

And Kim R. Cortright, executive secretary of San Francisco's GGBA, reports a symbol of what may be the most important economic development of all for the gay community. Increasingly, he says, companies are requesting his group's mailing list.



Beyond The Valley Of The Clones

by Edward Guthmann

Biology has dealt some pretty cruel blows to mankind in the history of our species, and in the name of fair play I'd say it's about time we took biology in our own hands and evened some scores around here.

There will be those of you reading this who claim that we've already one-upped biology, and I know what you're thinking of: the Castro Clones. Yes, it is a magnificent experiment we have here, but in the next decade, rest assured, our technology will catch up with our imaginations, thus making current techniques in cloning — not to mention test-tube procreation — altogether obsolete.

We are on the cusp of a great age of non-coital reproduction, a time when humans shall be hatched in artificial wombs according to the precise specifications of their parents-to-be. Not only will we be able to determine the physical characteristics of our custom-made progeny, but we shall also — through the systematic manipulation of gene pools — be able to create a personality for the little bugger, as well.

I probably don't need to tell you that gay people will be at the forefront of this movement (as we are at every other), and that our well-acknowledged taste and savvy will be all the more visible once the new birthing techniques become perfected and available to anyone with cash on the line.

Behold, then, my projection for The First Gay Child:

San Francisco. 1989.

Ron and Ken, two San Francisco gay men, today became the proud fathers of the world's first totally gay child. Their son, Jason Todd, was hatched at 3:30 p.m., immediately followed by a champagne reception and tea dance sponsored by the Creative Power Foundation.

According to birthing technicians at Castro Street's newly-opened baby boutique, "As You Like It," the child did not cry at birth, but rather winked inscrutably. His first words were, "Do you come here often?"

The child was born, as per the wishes of his fathers, with three primary characteristics: a roving eye, precision hygiene, and a deep regard for the many possibilities of the color beige.

The proud fathers were soon pushing their child down Castro Street in a black leather baby buggy. Clad in designer baby togs by Lacoste and Adidas booties, Jason Todd nestled beneath several plaid flannel and frayed denim blankets.

The happy child played with some of the gifts received by Ron and Ken at their pre-hatching baby shower: an Evenflo baby bottle filled with Perrier, a small black book for addresses and phone numbers, a red plastic binomial inhaler for amyl nitrate, and a set of pacifiers with tit clamps.

Passers-by stopped to admire the new gay child, who was born with chiseled features, a cleft chin, and a shadow of finely-trimmed peachfuzz on his upper lip. Nearly everyone remarked on Jason Todd's great resemblance to his two daddies.

Asked to describe their son's gene determination, the fathers gladly outlined Jason Todd's progress over the next four years. (The child's personality construction, they said, was the result of many hours of heavy thought.)

At age two, Jason Todd will not only be speaking in sentences, but will be inserting descreetly-timed French phrases into his conversation as well.

At age three, the child's sense of rhythm will be so advanced that each time he hears an over-mixed drum beat he will automatically undress from the waist up.

At four, Jason Todd's day care instructors will be amazed at his uncanny sense of swank and design, as the youngster proceeds to re-do his nursery school facilities in subtle supergraphics and low-slung Angelo Donghia sofas. His teachers will be quite taken aback, however, when Jason Todd begins policing entrance into the restroom, denying admission to all girls wearing open-toed sandals and not in possession of six pieces of I.D.

The two fathers are overjoyed with their new bundle, and are confident that Jason Todd will set a fine example in the years to come for future gay children.



BULLWINKLE's GRAND OPENING FESTIVITIES...

If you missed it, you missed an evening of fun, great music, good food and drink, and great company. Bullwinkle's group of owners went way out of their way to make everyone feel comfortable in this new (and beautiful) disco on McDowell.

No expense was spared on the interior of the bar, which was completely refurbished prior to the grand opening. And the bar sports a staff who will make you feel like you never want to leave. Bullwinkle's is a superb addition to the list of fun places to go in Phoenix, and no matter whether you like to dance, meet new and interesting people, play pool, or just want to have a drink and some conversation, you'll find it at Bullwinkle.

Skip and I have had the pleasure of knowing the owners of Bullwinkle — some of them for nearly ten years — and we are pleased to see people who are so eager to both please and help the Gay Community of Phoenix. —Jack.



Craig, well-known to Phoenix bar goers for his outgoing personality, mixed drinks for the multitudes.



Not Phoenix version of the Marx brothers...but close! George, Don, David, and Charlie — Bullwinkle owners.



Affable barkeep, Scott, kept busy mixing drinks.



Bullwinkle owners George (left) and Don (right) snapping pix of the Grand Opening.



Don (left) and Charlie (right), two of Bullwinkle's owners, serving champagne.



Served by David — one of Bullwinkle's owners, this submarine sandwich was served at the Grand Opening.

FORUM BOARDWALK

MACHO MAN contest

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

CONTESTANTS REGISTER — 9:30 p.m.

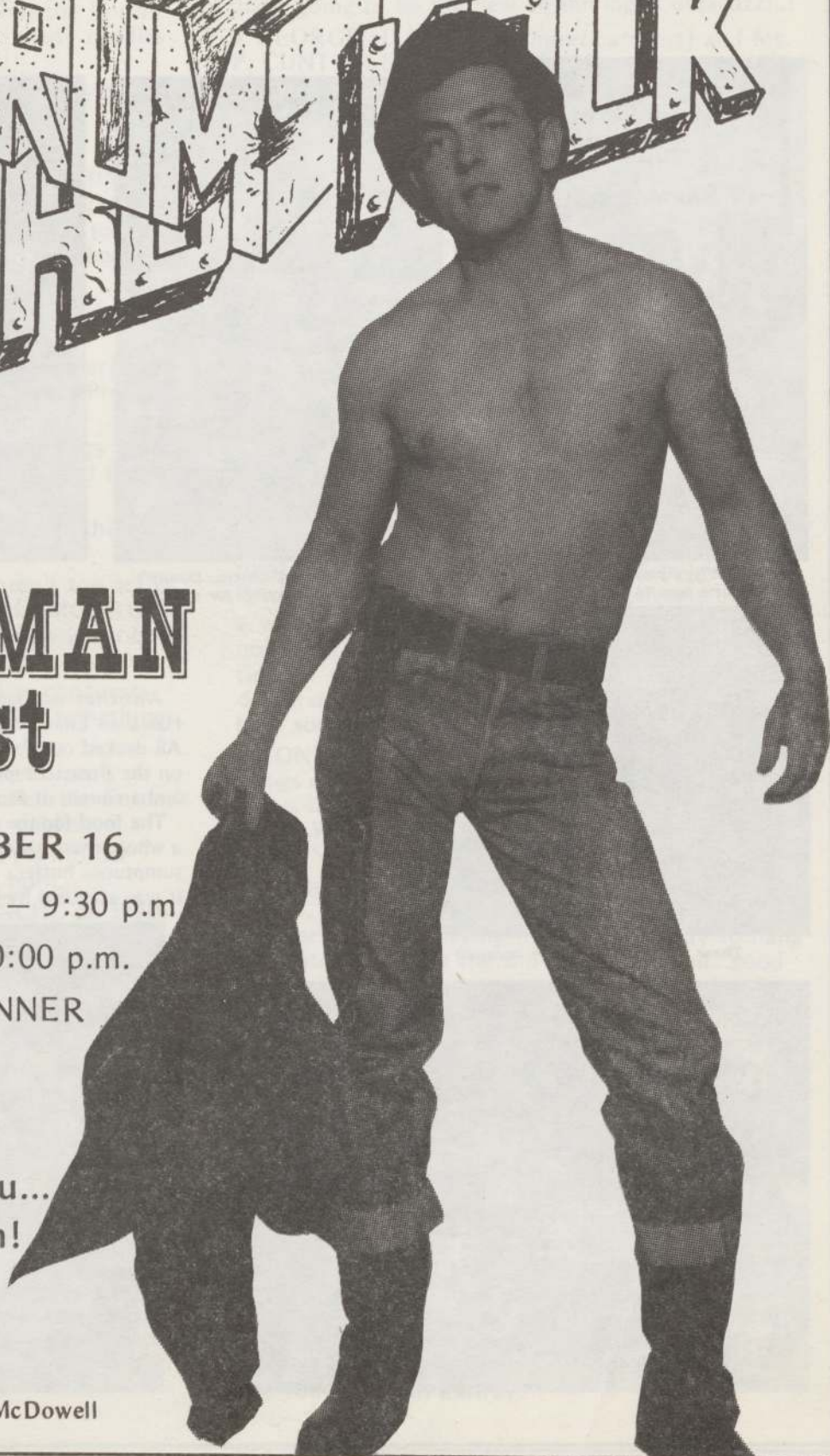
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*Miss Piggy played hostess...
What a ham!!!*



*Mau Mau headhunters...Donny's
been 'head-hunting' for years!*



*A glimpse of the fantastic buffet which
seemed to never end.*



These two dressed for the occasion

Another of Dale William's successes, the Connection's Hawaiian Luau on Sunday, September 2 was sheer delight. All decked out for the occasion, the bar had tons of sand on the floor, complemented by floral decorations and plants, and a couple of fountains tucked in among the flora.

The food for the occasion was equally spectacular, featuring a whole roast pig and all kinds of exotic fruits laid out in a sumptuous buffet. This is an annual event, and as in the past, it was attended by hundreds of the Connection's patrons.





- So DANNY B. (Forum) had a little auto accident... Seems that Bunny hit a rabbit (VW)...That'll teach you to drive when you're sober!
- Speaking of the Forum...The cake that the Forum crew got for Sammy's birthday had so many candles on it that it looked like a prairie fire!!!
- Someone told us that CHUCKIE (Forum bartender) sick from eating too much dark meat...!
- DANNY B. has discovered that Wet Jockey Shorts Contests and BUTTER make a great combination...
- So AQUANETTA got herself mugged the other night by four guys...they must have had guts to attack anything *that* big...it's kinda like piranhas attacking a water buffalo...
- We're sorry to hear that MOOSILA's fan club broke up...The guy died.
- We hear that DONNY (Connection bartender) is a virgin again...Someone put Krazy Glue in his Preparation H...!
- DRAGON LADY got interested in geneology and when she looked up her family tree she found two dogs using it...
- BILL R. (Forum owner) had a bad day at the race track...The opening shot killed his horse.
- Everyone knows that some people aren't too active in bed, but we hear that Ted (CHA CHA MONROE) last trick put pennies on Cha Cha's eyelids when he was through...!
- One of MARK's (Forum Bouncer) last conquests tells us when he's undressed he looks like something that was kept in tupperware too long...!!!
- Though sometimes referred to as the Forum's Courtesy Man, MARK was recently called the Forum's *Discourtesy Man* by one of The Pride publishers...
- We understand that DRAGON LADY's mother had morning sickness AFTER he was born...
- It has been rumored that Ms. BLANCHE du BOIS is quadrasexual...that means someone who will do anything, with anybody, anyplace, anytime...for a quarter.
- Someone who hadn't seen Ms. BLANCHE for a long time recently asked The Pride's JACK C. if he didn't think Blanche looked older. "No," he said, "Blanche isn't getting older...she's just decomposing!"
- SAMMY'S Italian Night at the Forum is really getting popular...On Wednesday nights it looks like the waiting line at a south Phoenix rescue mission. (But the food's fantastic!)
- It's been so long, we'll bet MYRTLE MYTH has forgotten what it's like to sleep in her own bed...!
- We hear that when Ringling Bros. Circus was in town, DRAGON LADY went to see the freak show and they let her in free, saying, "We don't charge family!"
- It has been reported that during the day you can find JOE M. (Club-Tubs Mgr.) hosing down his hole ...No, no, not that one...the one behind the building that's going to be the new swimming pool-jacuzzi...!
- GEORGE H. (Phoenix *Whoreticulturist*) and Ms. P. CUNTSALES are off to San Fran together. Within two days we'll bet they have all the plaster clawed off the ceiling at the Rich Street Baths...they probably had their toe nails sharpened just for the occasion...!!!
- We understand that when TISH TANNER went to San Diego's famous Zoo to see the Hippo exhibit, two guys with a net spied her waiting in line, jumped her and through her over the wall into the Hippo wallow, where she immediately fell in love....we didn't know hippos are that nearsighted...!
- Did FARRAH (T & J's) really go to California for a sex change...from what to what?
- Speaking of T & J's...are those really horse collars on the walls...or are they Ron's old cock rings...?
- It was nice to see MISS PIGGY at the Connection's Luau...We were afraid Dale was going to roast her for the main course. That's not what Pat has in mind when he wants to get eaten...
- We understand that Ms. BLANCHE du BOIS now goes to bed with two guys at the same time (if she can find two who are really that desparate)...that way, if she falls asleep, they'll have someone to talk to...
- TONY BALONEY informs us that is CHA CHA brings one more mirror into the apartment, someone will have to move out...there won't be enough room! We guess it already looks like the fun house at the State Fair!
- Out at Liverspot Manor in prestigious Moo(n) Valley, Ms. BLANCHE du BOIS is so into feminine hygiene that she's trying to find some way to hang her water bed from the shower curtain rod...good luck, sweetie!
- We've been doing a little checking up on TISH TANNER's past, and we've discovered that some years ago in Texas, while she was in drag, she wandered into a straight bar. Well, Tish goes up and drapes herself over the bar, and says, "Bartender, I'll have a Martino." Well, the bartender figures she means a Martini, so that's what he gives her. A few minutes later Tish says, "Bartender, give me another Martino, but this time leave out the little green plum, it gives me heartburn." By this time the bartender can't stand it any more, and says, "Look, lady...in the first place, it isn't a Martino, it's a Martini. And in the second place, it isn't a little green plum, it's an olive. And, in the third place, you don't have heartburn, you've got your tit in an ashtray!"



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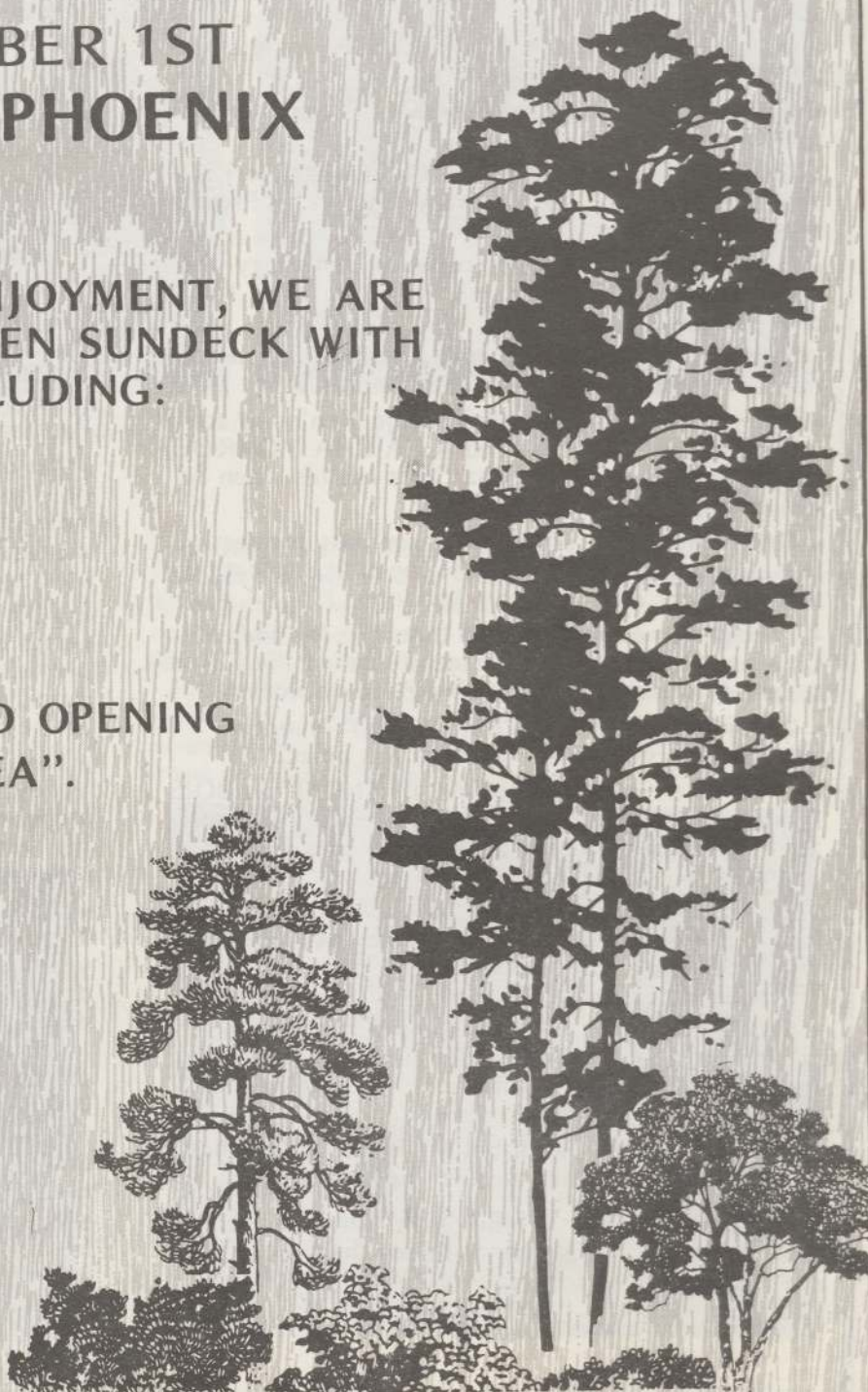
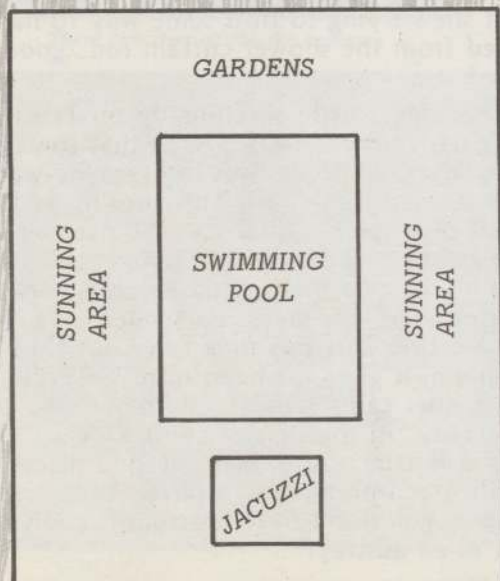
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FORUM'S CONTESTS...

There was just no better place to be on the first three Sunday nights in August than those contests — Wet Jockey Shorts, Hot Buns, and The Mr. Forum Contests. Nor was there anyplace better to be to watch a whole lot of very attractive guys have an awfully good time. This has turned into a yearly event, and Bill Reinke seems to enjoy it at least as much as his customers do. Choices made by the judges were not easy, and it's no wonder...just look at the contestants!

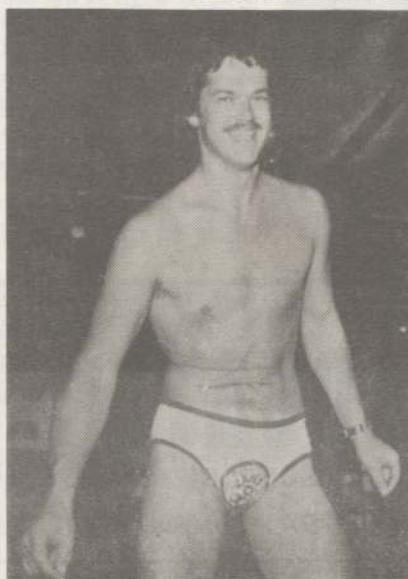
Photo on left shows several contestants in Forum's Wet Jockey Shorts Contest.



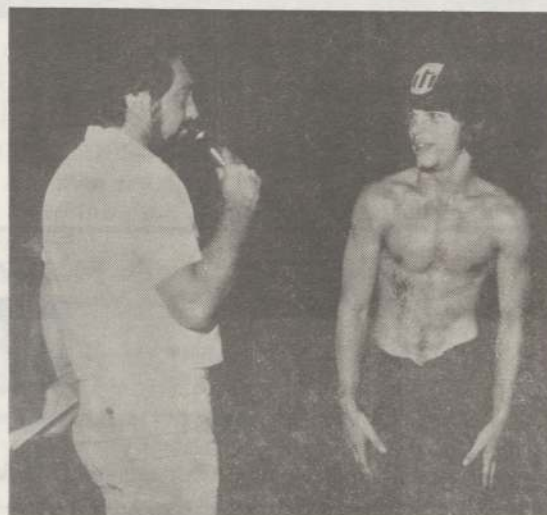
Three Wet Jockey Shorts winners.



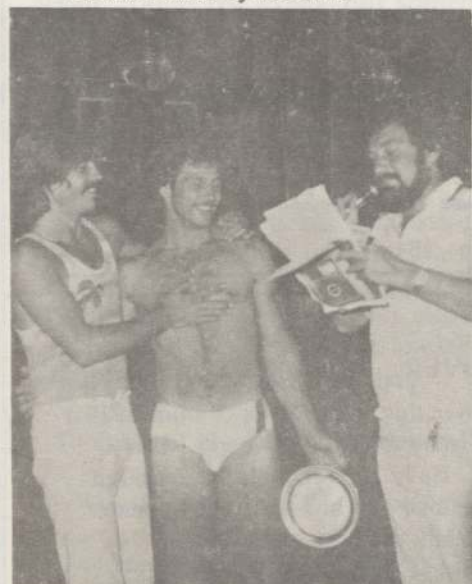
Joe Matt winner of Hot Buns.



Ron Lawrence, winner of Wet Jockey Shorts Contest.



Bill Reinke interviews Hot Buns Contestant



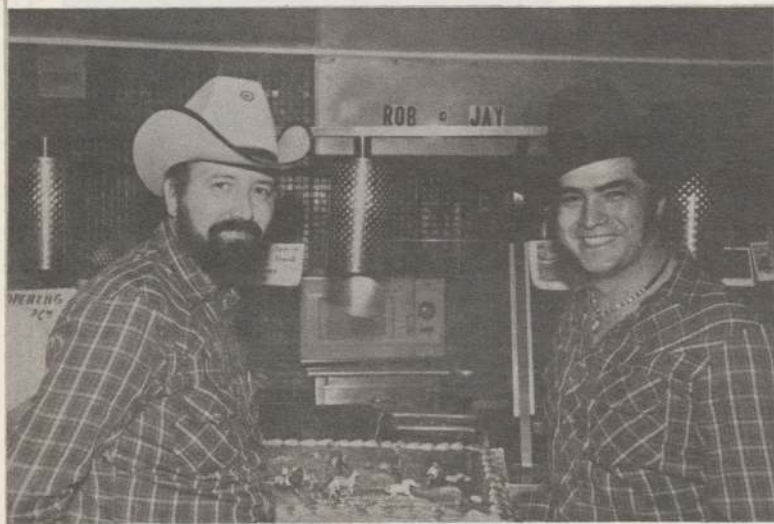
Brad Normandin, Barry Craig and Bill Reinke.



Barry Craig, winner of Mr. Forum 1979, being congratulated by a very friendly Brad Normandin, Mr. Forum 1978



Mr. Forum contestants (left to right): Jim Vogt, David Cozell, John Hook, Kevin Andrews (1st Runner-Up), Barry Craig (Mr. Forum 79), and Joe Matt (2nd Runner-Up).



T & J's Salon, R & J's Restaurant...

Pictured on the left are Rob and Jay, owners of R & J's Restaurant in T & J's Salon, located just north of the Westward Ho (702 N. Central Ave.). The restaurant offers both lunch and dinner items at reasonable prices and features a very pleasant dining room. Food preparation is aptly done by John, (alias Helium Heels, pictured lower right). If you work downtown or anyplace nearby, you're sure to enjoy lunch or dinner here. R & J's is the only truly Gay restaurant in the City.



The place is currently undergoing a metamorphosis and will soon be completely Western in atmosphere — plans are to make it the finest Western bar and restaurant in the Valley. Everyone is so cordial here, you're bound to feel right at home...and Helium Heels will be more than happy to share all the dirt he knows with you!

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GAY ARIZONA YOUTH PLAN EVENTS

Newly-formed GAY, Gay Arizona Youth, meeting at the Alternative Relations Center, has several activities planned for the month of September. To participate, you must be under 21 years old. Jason Wittman is in charge of the group. Their activities are as follows: Sunday, September 16...

at 6:30 p.m. Bowling at Squaw Peak Lanes,
3049 East Indian School Road

Saturday, September 22...

3:00 p.m., Picnic at Madison Park (across 16th
Street from the Casa) Food, activities, a good
time—all planned for the afternoon.

Friday, September 28...

7:30 to 10:00 p.m., Ice Skating at Tower Plaza

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ABOUT OUR COVER...

Pictured on our cover this month is Mr. Forum 1979 winner, Barry Craig (other photos elsewhere). Barry comes from Tucson. He is 21 years old, five feet, ten inches tall with blond hair and blue eyes. A carpenter by trade, Barry originally came to Arizona from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to Barry for winning the contest!



Dear Editors of The Pride:

On August 11, The Information Network (TIN) had its monthly meeting at which we discussed your article "Off My Cuff" from the July-August 1979 issue. The consensus of TIN was to write this letter correcting some of your inaccuracies regarding Gay Pride Week, 1979.

You state in your article, "the flyer produced by the Information Network was not only impossible to read easily, but was incomplete."

In November, 1978, TIN began discussions on Gay Pride Week. By the end of December we had 5,000 questionnaires concerning GPW printed and started distribution. By April, questionnaires were tallied. By May only MCC, Free Spirit and Sunday's Childe had definite plans for GPW '79. A preliminary flyer was distributed by the last of May. The yellow detailed flyers were sent to the printers by the first of June. Included on the flyer were *all* events from June 28-July 2 that TIN had been informed of.

"A speakers Forum was advertised by TIN (who I assume was in charge of it)...That had to be the biggest flop of all."

TIN is not in charge of *any* event of GPW. We are merely a coordinating and information-sharing body. We are no more responsible for the Speakers Forum than for Free Spirit's Art Show or CCR's Barbeque.

The Speaker's Forum was not the brainchild of any Valley organization, but a member of the general gay community. This was all explained the evening of the forum.

"Sunday's Childe held their...2nd Annual Pizza Night...According to some reports...there were about 100 at the event, but someone must have counted everyone twice."

This year was the 3rd Annual Pizza Night, not 2nd as you stated. Lydia Javins, recorder of Sunday's Childe, informally counted 87 people in attendance at various times throughout the 4 hour event.

TIN has already begun discussion on GPW 80. To have a successful GPW to start the next decade, we need full support and help. If you would be willing to share with us your expertise in planning and advertising, would you please do so, we would gladly accept your help.

Together in gay struggle,
Bj Bud, et al., The Information Network.

Struck a nerve, did I? I guess I should say I stand corrected, and I guess where some small details are concerned you have corrected my "inaccuracies."

The fact still remains, that GPW 79 was, for the most part, the pits. And your flyer WAS nearly impossible to read easily, and it WAS incomplete.

Of course there are a myriad of other reasons as to why it was so abysmal, and that's what is really important here — not hurt feelings over the criticism of either your flyer or the many hours put in by a few people (yourselves included) in preparation for the various activities. The overwhelming lack of noticeable interest on the part of the Community in general is disappointing to all of us, and it is something we all must (should) attempt to deal with. Nonetheless, the publicity sucked, and that's something that can be dealt with quickly and easily. Perhaps you might have endeavored to solicit some professional help in the printing area. Bj will recall that last year we printed her Gay Pride Week Calendar which, by the time we laid it out and printed it (for free I might add) it WAS easily read and WAS complete...or am I wrong? Had we been asked this year, we would have done it similarly.

My question to you is: TIN has seen fit to coordinate GPW, and TIN elected to put out the publicity, set the dates, and so forth. It would follow in my mind, then, that TIN would proceed to follow up on their own plans, especially in situations such as the Speaker's Forum. And if TIN was not in charge of it, why then did Bj Bud (whom everyone in town immediately associates with TIN) ask Ron Atkins to be the (only) speaker at the event? If she wasn't in charge of it, why was she involving herself in it? It would seem to me that SOMEONE must be in charge...at least in charge of coordinating the efforts, and checking up on planned events, and it was only natural for us to think that TIN was doing just that. My mistake, I stand corrected.

Aside from these things, it is interesting that you chose to send this letter chastizing us for our criticism at all. You will recall we printed a letter to the editor last month which made similar statements about the lackluster flavor of GPW 79 in Phoenix. That letter, you will recall, was written by the lover of one of the signers of your own letter. How curious.

Of course THE PRIDE stands ready to be of assistance, in whatever way we can...JUST LIKE ALWAYS! We have never refused any such reasonable request, and I doubt we ever will.

—Jack.

TOO BAD THEY DIDN'T TELL IT ALL... NBC's 'HOLOCAUST' REPEATS.

The little article in the middle of these pages was our announcement in April, 1978 of NBC's first running of *Holocaust*. This much-acclaimed mini-series is being repeated beginning September 10 (on Channel 12, locally). Prior to its first run, *Holocaust* received a lot of publicity and, as a result, a phenomenal number of people watched it.

Huddled in front of their televisions, they were all primed to watch this much talked about Big Event. Ten hours of it was presented on several evenings, coming close to overwhelming middle America with scenes of families ripped apart, hoards of gestapos, fire, chaos, concentration camps — Auschwitz, Buchenwald, and Bergen-Belsen — people being herded like cattle into trains. But never too far, the commercials saw to that.

It was worth seeing and worth seeing again, I think. The series was very sympathetic to the Jews, and rightfully so. What they went through was beyond description — and nearly beyond belief. Sad as it was, there was more to this hideous genocide than only the mass destruction of Jews. Throughout the concentration camps were not only Jews, but Gypsies, Poles, Catholic clergy, mental patients, Blacks, and...

GAY PEOPLE!!!

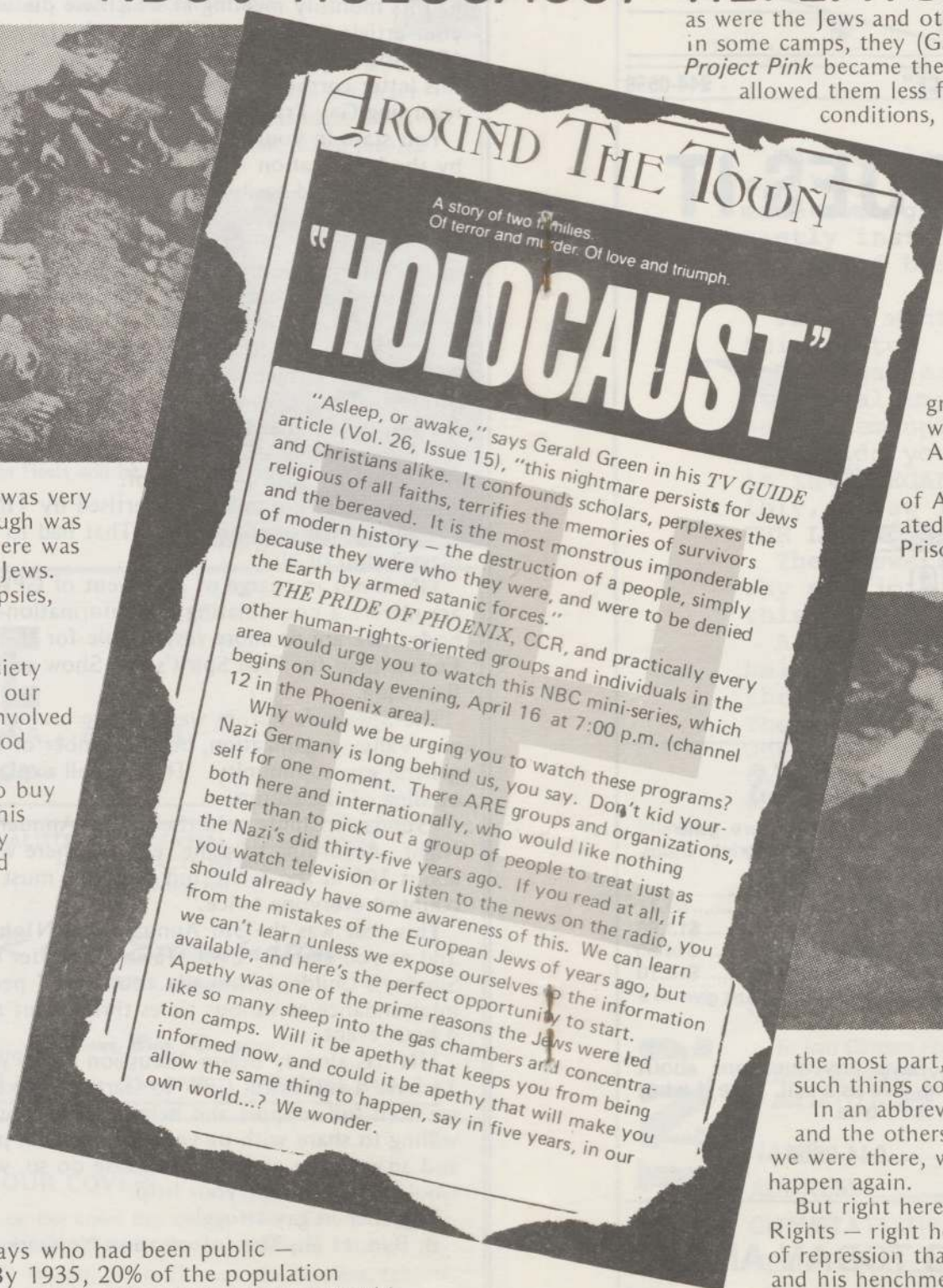
The Gay Movement was a vital part of the fabric of German society (as well as in most other European countries, but not so much in our own country) in the 1920's. There were 100,000 Gays actively involved in the Movement in Germany by 1923, and things looked very good for Gay people at the close of the decade.

But, when it took thousands and thousands of German marks to buy a simple loaf of bread, during the early thirties (while Hitler and his boys were just emerging), the climate changed. People, when they become poor suddenly and can see no hope for improvement tend to become increasingly hateful, bigotted, and repressive towards the rights of others. It went that way in Germany.

There were Gays involved in everything, including the Nazi party in its infancy. That lasted only a short time, though, and one dark night the order came down, and those Gays among the party were either killed on sight — many in the safety of their own homes. Some were shot, others were cut to ribbons (it's called the Night of the Long Knives). Hundreds of others were arrested and carried away, never to be heard from again. But that was only the beginning.

Considered to be the "enemies of the state", Gays, in thousands, were rousted out wherever they could be found, and sent by the carload, right along with the Jews, Gypsies, Blacks, Poles, and all the rest to the concentration camps and to the ovens.

Some were taken into "protective custody". Those were the Gays who had been public — local Gay leaders, and so forth. They went to the camps, too. By 1935, 20% of the population of Dachau was Gay. The same was true in all the other camps as well. And by that date, you would have been hard-put to find a Gay bar anyplace in the German-speaking world. Many fled to other countries, but thousands of others could find no escape from the impending horror. It was not a good time to be a Gay German resident. Even non-German Gays living in those countries were taken away.



Similarities to the plight of the Jews seems to end, for the most part, upon entering the concentration camps. Once there, Gays were not only subjected to the same humiliations as were the Jews and others, but they received *special treatment* from both guards and other inmates. In some camps, they (Gays) wore pink triangles — just as the Jews wore yellow Stars of David — and *Project Pink* became the norm among the concentration camps, where the *special treatment* of Gays allowed them less food, harder and heavier work, and closer scrutiny by the guards. Under such conditions, it comes as no surprise that they dropped like flies.

Others were subjected to the most primitive of behavior modification, some were used by unscrupulous doctors for experimentation of all kinds.

Others, mostly young, were used as sexual objects for various guards and officers. And still others were companions to the Jews, Gypsies, Catholic clergy, Poles, and Blacks into the ovens.

Singled out and constantly hounded, inhumanely treated, starved, and worked to exhaustion, Gays were told to renounce their homosexuality, and if they did not do so, they were beaten and abused, and many died on the spot.

Those who were "cured" went to the Russian Front to be used as a human wall against a sea of Russians, who mowed them down like so much grass. But the overwhelming majority of Gays caught by the Nazis, died or were murdered inside the camps, and very few survived to be liberated by the Allies when the end of the War finally came.

They died in staggering numbers. In 1974 the Ecumenical Protestant Church of Austria conducted an investigation into this subject, and their findings estimated that between 220,000 and 250,000 Gays were slaughtered in the Nazi Prison Camps. These were Gays from all over Europe, wherever it was occupied by the Nazis.

But NBC's *Holocaust* totally overlooked all of this. In the entire production, there is no mention of Gay people, you never see them, you never hear about them — in the minds of the writer and producer, Gay people just didn't exist. But history (though grossly obscured by what is usually in your very own local school system's history books) tells a very different story. Finding the information is an ordeal, but it is there.

Unsuspecting Gays in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, France, and all the other Nazi-occupied countries lived comfortably before the War, all thinking that they were safe. They had, for the most part, begun to be accepted into the societies in which they lived. They thought such things could not happen to them. They were wrong, and they died because of it.

In an abbreviated form, there it is. We, Gays were right there — alongside the Jews and the others that the new German order considered to be "weaklings". And because we were there, we, just like the Jews, have a responsibility to ourselves never to let it happen again.

But right here, in this freedom-born America with its people protected by the Bill of Rights — right here and now are the same kinds of right-wing elements who bred the climate of repression that existed in Germany during those hideous unspeakable times of Hitler and his henchmen, just three short decades ago. While German Gays danced and frolicked in their bars and clubs and cabarets, the Nazis were plotting to exterminate them, but Gays felt safe and secure with their temporary freedoms...but all too soon they were incarcerated, divested of possessions, property and finally, after untold torture and humiliation, led away to be killed.

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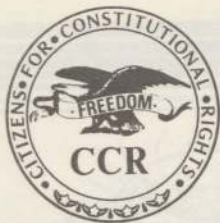
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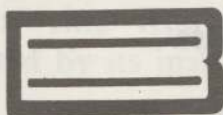
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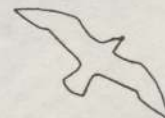
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House Concurrent Resolution 166

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A man's own abodmination against God may well be at times a matter solely between his maker and himself in the pursuit of eternal salvation.

It also can be stated that no man should ever hold malice towards another.

Nevertheless, it is unequivocally clear that consensual sodomy and other homosexual acts should never be accepted as legitimate in this Republic, nor should the class of individuals who advocate such conduct gain special consideration or protected status under law.

The idealism of this Republic that is embodied in its codes, protected under its laws, emulated by its institutions would be clearly debased by the acceptance of such action.

The time has come, America, to turn our hearts back to God and away from the secular humanism that has led us to this day in our history. Let us have this turning finally take place with this issue and let it begin here and now.

Be it, therefore, resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate Concurring) it is the sense of the Congress of the United States that homosexual acts and the class of individuals who advocate such conduct shall never receive special consideration or a protected status under law.

ANTI-GAY RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN WASHINGTON...

When this Resolution was introduced into the House by Georgia Democratic Congressman Larry McDonald, 'Christian Voice's' policy spokesperson, Dr. Robert Grant (McDonald's boss) issued a press release which said, "This is the beginning of a national campaign to oppose HR 2074, the national gay rights bill." And McDonald himself declared, "The time has come when the United States Congress must finally address this issue once and for all. It seems clear to me that the vast majority of Americans, especially Christians, find homosexuality to be immoral and a great offense and would strongly oppose any protected status under the law."

McDonald is a longtime right-winger, and is a supporter of the John Birch Society.

House Concurrent Resolution 166, McDonald's bill, if passed would give "a sense of congress" rather than becoming "law" per se. Congressman Don Edwards is the chairperson of the House subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, to which the Resolution likely will be referred. Edwards is the co-sponsor of the national lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill, HR 2074, ironically, and hearings on the Resolution are not expected.

Whether it should pass or not, the Resolution still poses a considerable threat to Gays and their rights nonetheless. Gay Rights National Lobby Executive Director Steve Endean noted, "The real importance of this legislation lies not in its chance of passage but in creating the climate for action on basic civil rights for this nation's lesbians and gay men. I am sure that 'Christian Voice' will use this legislation to mobilize anti lesbian and Gay male sentiment around the country and

stop the progress of our civil rights struggle. I envision 'Christian Voice' turning on their 100,000 plus supporters to deluge Congress with anti-Gay mail, and (not just incidentally) raising massive sums of money by appealing to the ignorance and hatred of many persons around the country."

And Christian Voice has begun doing just that. They have announced that they plan to mail to their 100,000 members, urging them to write their Congressman in support of the Resolution. Endean believes they will also broadcast for support on the fundamentalist network of television stations, reaching as many as 30,000,000 people weekly.

Repugnant as it is, the Resolution does make a statement about the thinking of a huge minority of people (30 million is no small number of voters). However, all is not lost. The document is, afterall, a resolution and McDonald is, afterall, a well-established crack pot reactionary.

According to Endean and the Gay Rights National Lobby, we should follow a five point plan of action to combat this threat:

- Write to your Congressperson and Senators to oppose House Concurrent Resolution 166 (the McDonald Bill) and support HR 2074 (the lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill).
- Contact at least ten of your friends and ask them to do the same. They in turn should contact ten of their friends.
- Help the Gay Rights National Lobby to build an effective Constituent Network to combat this threat.

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- Contact local lesbian and Gay male organizations and urge that they make this their fight too.
- Ask local non-Gay organizations and community leaders to contact their Congresspersons in support of basic civil rights for Gay people.

"This is not the time for either panic or inaction," Endean said, "Our community has proven during the various referenda that we can respond when we are threatened. The time for action is now."

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Ira Wyman

Fife's in northern California (left), a Provincetown couple: Trying to keep a delicate balance with the straights

WHERE THE BOYS ARE

LIFE/STYLE

NEWSWEEK Every Saturday and Sunday, they gather at the Pines Boatel on Fire Island for the traditional afternoon tea dance. From 4:30 to 7:30, hundreds of summer residents of the well-to-do Long Island, N.Y., vacation community transform the marina into a fashionable, jam-packed New York bar-cum-disco. They rock to blaring music or mill about sipping piña colodas, flaunting exquisite tans, jeans and bikinis. But the scene is not just festive; it is downright gay. "I've never been around so many beautiful men in my life," says Paul Pappas, a middle-aged vacationer from Toronto, looking mildly bewildered. Adds his wife, Catherine: "Now I know how it feels to be in the minority."

Some resort areas have always had a sizable homosexual population, but now a few are predominantly gay. In Provincetown, the artsy New England town on the northern tip of Cape Cod, more than 50 per cent of the prime income-producing property in town is owned by homosexuals. Florida's Key West is a popular gay retreat during the November-to-May winter season, while the Pines and the neighboring community of Cherry Grove on Fire Island are almost exclusively gay. Homosexuals are also flocking to Ft. Lauderdale, which has about fifteen gay hotels and motels, seventeen gay nightclubs, nine gay restaurants and even a gay church. And recently, Guerneville, Calif., a tiny resort town 85 miles north of San Francisco, has become a gay boom town. "This town never seen nothin' like it," says Warren Storey, 73, a native of the community, which is situated on the banks of the meandering Russian River. "Oh, there was

a few, but nothin' like this. No sirree."

Most of the gay resorts, however, are located on the East Coast. "In California, we already live in a resort environment," explains Douglas Edwards, Los Angeles editor of the gay newspaper, the Advocate. "We're not trapped in a major urban situation that we want to escape from on weekends." One travel agent maintains that San Francisco gays want the same kind of vacation as straights. "Some want sun, some want sightseeing, but very few want a total gay experience," says Lindsey Vick. "For that they might as well stay in San Francisco."

Provincetown is the country's oldest gay resort. Since the turn of the century, the

town has been a haven for artists and writers. "The townspeople got used to the artists and the writers and then the gays," says town selectman Marvin Coble. "It was just a matter of due course." In fact, most year-round homosexual residents prefer to play down Provincetown's gay image. "When you say it's a gay town, people think it's a very wild place. But it isn't," says Pam Genevrino, owner of the Pied Piper, a bar catering to lesbians. "Gays and straights are all here for the same reasons: to make a buck, improve our community and enjoy life." But if the gays and straights have achieved a delicate business balance, "there is still anti-gay sentiment," says one prominent resident. "A lot of people are very worried that the town will be taken over by gays."

Homosexuals in Key West still encounter open hostility and harassment. Last winter, local teen-agers attacked several

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Afternoon tea dance at the Pines: 'I've never been around so many beautiful men'



Mario Ruiz

gay residents, among them playwright Tennessee Williams and author Dotson Rader. That prompted residents to organize a group to fight for more night patrols and more pay for policemen; for the moment, the violence seems to be subsiding. But the influx of homosexuals in the past four years has created another problem for the lush, 4-mile-long island: a soaring rise in property values. Many of the new residents are businessmen and professionals who are restoring the century-old gingerbread cottages. Shabby houses that sold for \$30,000 a few years ago are now fetching as much as \$200,000. "It's gonna drive people like me out of here," says photographer Scott Matu. "I don't know who's gonna pump the gas and wait on tables."

The Pines on Fire Island may be the richest gay resort. Although neighboring Cherry Grove is older, it has become so flamboyant that many homosexuals have moved to the Pines. The community caters to New York's gay elite, people in the

fashion, record and entertainment industries, and many of the homeowners spend their winters in Key West. But while the residents are now almost exclusively gay, the resort's nonstop, 24-hour nightlife is beginning to attract straight partygoers from all over the island. "They have the best discos and the best sound systems, and the gay presence adds to the fun because they tend to be uninhibited," says Bob Tate, a magazine publisher and a summer resident of Fire Island's Ocean Beach.

A CLEAN IMAGE: Fife's, a 14-acre resort in Guerneville, Calif., is actively seeking straight patronage. Although the resort is primarily gay on weekends, it is not uncommon to see straight couples walking hand in hand along the path to the Russian River. Owner Peter Pinder, 42, who bought the resort last year, has been host at chamber-of-commerce dinners for local movers and shakers and bridge luncheons for town matrons, and he has advertised in magazines like *Ms.* to attract women vaca-

tioners. To maintain a clean image, nudity is banned on the premises, as are drugs and overt sexual activity, and the prices are kept intentionally steep: a weekend for two in one of the 49 cabins costs a minimum of \$150. "Society has this wonderful knack for separating us from them," laughs Pinder. "Our goal is to break down that barrier."

So far, Fife's has succeeded in winning community support and straight acceptance, unlike the area's other gay resorts, such as the private, all-male Wildwood. "At Fife's, gay men, gay women and even straights can mix together like they just don't do in the city, and there's no hostility," says San Franciscan Craig Morishita. "They talk to each other. They eat and drink with each other. They do everything together but have sex."

DIANE WEATHERS with MICHAEL REESE in Guerneville, Calif., RICHARD RUIZ in Provincetown and JOY McILWAIN in Key West

San Francisco 'Gay Power' Lacks Clout

SAN FRANCISCO — In the wake of this city's recent political history, a lot of people are looking to this fall's mayoral race here as a gauge of what is now called "gay power."

But as is often the case in politics, a lot of people may be wrong.

The "gay power" yardstick has been injected into the political dis-

21 by gays and other San Franciscans, incensed by what they considered a too lenient verdict in the killings of Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, then the leader of the gay political community.

Gain has been defended by the gays but severely criticized within his own police family for allegedly reining in his force in dealing with the protesters.

Some 106 police officers were injured and 10 police cars were burned after the convicted man, former Supervisor Dan White, was sentenced to seven years and eight months in jail, the maximum on the charge of voluntary manslaughter.

In June, the Police Officers Association overwhelmingly cast a vote of no confidence in Gain, and it was after that action that Feinstein called for him to step down.

Gain has agreed to go as of next Jan. 8, but also has been making noises about running for sheriff.

Such action would increase the pressure on Feinstein to name a new chief before the election, a choice she apparently would prefer to defer until after the November balloting.

In all of this, a central political question is just how strong is the gay bloc in this self-styled gay capital of America, how cohesive and how well mobilized?

One acknowledged leader of the gay political community, David

Scott, has entered the race, insisting he means business and is not simply a spoiler.

He was promptly fired by Feinstein from his post as president of the city's Board of Permit Appeals on grounds he was practicing politics on city time.

But there are serious doubts here that his candidacy can sufficiently rally the gay vote, and doubts that it is large enough anyway to be decisive.

Feinstein's prime opponent so far is Quentin Kopp, a member of the board of supervisors since 1971 who is among the city's most prominent and outspoken conservatives.

By moving Kopp over toward the center, Kopp's strategists hope to win over some of the gay voters who are unhappy with Feinstein. He has espoused, for instance, a program for recruiting gays to serve in the Police Department.

Feinstein's campaign manager, veteran California political consultant Don Bradley, professes to be unruffled by the threat of gays, who also are by and large liberal in their political outlook, defecting to Kopp or Scott or just staying home.

The gays' voting strength, he says, "is highly overrated. It's something like Chiang Kai-shek's army."

Bradley says the gays can be

mobilized politically only when the issue is clearly a matter of "sexual orientation," such as 1978's failed initiative to govern the gay teachers in the public school system.

They may be unhappy with Feinstein's posture toward Gain, he says, but they generally think of her as more sympathetic to them than Kopp has been.

The polls in the city at large, which is overwhelmingly Democratic, give Feinstein a very comfortable lead now of 2-to-1 or more in the officially nonpartisan election.

She must win by 50 percent plus one on Nov. 6 or face a runoff with the runner-up within 30 days. Kopp's hope is that the gay vote, which some place at about 10 percent, can muddy the picture and force a runoff.

But Clint Reilly, Kopp's campaign manager, agrees with Bradley that unless there is a clearly identifiable "sexual orientation" issue, gays are likely to vote as the general electorate does on other issues.

And unless Kopp can be made to appear more moderate to all voters, not just gays, in this liberal city, he concedes, Feinstein will be elected.

In any event, for all the talk about "gay power" in San Francisco, the measurement of it will probably have to await another time and another election.



By Jack W. Germond
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cussion because the treatment of homosexuals has emerged as the centerpiece in the assessment of the performance and strength of Mayor Diane Feinstein, who inherited control of City Hall after the killing of Mayor George Moscone last November.

The city's gay population has been unhappy about Feinstein's decision, after some backing and filling, to call for the resignation of Police Chief Charles Gain.

Her action came in the wake of his handling of the riots last May

He'll never be a father

By LIZ DOUP
Gazette Reporter

When he sees them in his office it's a reminder of the past, and the anger that's well contained beneath his calm exterior surfaces again.

Dr. Draffan McBride is a young man schooled in medicine where logic and objectivity rule the decisions.

He is a pediatrician, the best job possible, he says, because he loves children and wants to soothe their aches and pains.

He would like nothing more than to have a brood of lively youngsters to call his own, sharing with them his love of symphony, good books and some of the finer things his doctor's salary could buy.

But he can't be a father because the court says he is not suitable as an adoptive parent. It's the price he's had to pay by stating the truth. He's a homosexual, comfortable in his choice with no inclination to change.

And when he sees the care given some children, he knows he would be a better father.

"I get angry," he says, his soft voice tightening. "I get very angry when I see kids in the office bumped from foster home to foster home, kids who've been abused or sexually molested.

"And then we're told we're not fit to be parents."

The "we" refers to Sam, his roommate, companion, lover, partner. Their relationship surpasses the longevity of many American marriages. For 11 years they've been together, a fact that worked against them in court, not for them.

"That was a deterrent," McBride says. "It meant we were unlikely to change."

He grew up in Scotland in a family of doctors—a father, a cousin, an uncle, an aunt. "I

didn't know there was anything else you could be," he says, in his rolling Scottish accent.

It was a comfortable life for McBride who attended coed schools, went to the dances and thought about his future as a doctor.

But his teen-age years were marred by more than the usual crises linked with that period. He wondered about his sexuality, his preference for young men instead of young women.

"It's hard to grow up with the notion—being afraid of the way you feel—that people think you're perverted, the scum of the earth," he says. "It's hard to have a sense of worth."

But how does one decide he is a homosexual? "When did you decide you were heterosexual?" he answers with a smile.

No one can pinpoint when, he adds. But the thought—the reality—came to him in his teens. "I first really started thinking about it then," he says. "Until I came to accept it, it took a lot of hard thinking. It's something you think about 24 hours day."

He never made a point to deny it, he says, but neither did he talk about it much.

His first "public coming out," as he puts it, was applying for a visa to come to the states.

"Are you a homosexual?" a question on the application form read. "Yes," he answered. He knew his answer meant his visa could be denied. But if he lied, he might be in trouble later on and risk deportation.

Besides, there's comfort in the truth. No lies, no stories, no cover-ups. "That's one of the reasons it's much easier to be open about it," he adds.

He faced the question again when, in the states, he had to register for the military. He answered "yes," a popular answer in the late '60s because it kept a man out of the service.

McBride was referred to a psychiatrist to confirm his statement.

He did. He not only wanted to keep McBride out of the service but would have liked to keep him out of pediatrics. "He thought it was appalling," McBride says.

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The home they share is on a quiet street in Phoenix. Manicured yard, nothing out of place. Two dogs bark their greeting but quiet down quickly when their master is in view.

The atrium is filled with thriving plants, classical piano music emanates from a stereo system.

It's a comfortable home, well cared for, neatly furnished. It's a home McBride purchased for Sam and himself.

"Usually, Sam is a homemaker," he explains. "He does the cooking. When he feels the urge he goes to school or gets a job.

"We would have a lot of time with the children," McBride says.

The children...McBride would like "a bunch" if he could have them.

"I think that's the biggest regret and problem I had in accepting I was gay," he says. "I wouldn't be able to have children."

When he met Sam in Denver, McBride was new to the states. At the time he was going through an internship in Colorado so he could practice in this country. The couple eventually moved to Phoenix planning to make it their home.

Arizona, he explains, allows doctors to practice without becoming American citizens.

They moved here in the early '70s, bought a house, got settled. "The next thing was a family," he says.

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About five years ago, McBride started the adoption process as a single parent. He contacted Juvenile Court, which must certify those who want to adopt, and an adoptions examiner made a visit.

When she asked McBride if he were a homosexual, he told her the truth. "She said there was no hope," he recalls. But the papers were processed and passed on to Judge Charles Roush who would not approve the certification.

About three years ago, he de-

says. "He's sophisticated, cultured, a professional, a community leader."

But on the other hand, McBride is a homosexual. "But for his sexuality," the judge adds, "he would be a sensational parent."

Strick had the law on his side when he would not certify McBride for adoption some months after his application was turned in.

Under the old statutes in effect when Strick was still with Juvenile Court, it was a felony in this state to commit a homo-

could be a parent to a problem child but not to a healthy, "normal" one.

It smacks of second class citizenship for all involved, Strick says, and he would have no part of it.

His decision was a difficult one, and he took his time reviewing the records which included "glowing" reports from the adoptions examiner and from the psychologist and psychiatrist.

"It really is a perfect dilemma," he says. "You get the sword out and play Solomon."

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Getting up and going to work each day is a pleasure, not a pain, for Draffan McBride. "It's the best job in the whole world," he says with obvious pleasure.

His work is with parents, as much as with children. As a pediatrician, he must deal with adults too. "Kids are just so much fun to watch as they grow and change," he says. "Nurturing a human being is one of the greatest things you can do."

He wants that chance. He wants a chance to share with a child the kinds of things he believes are important, while letting the youngster be a person in his own right.

He would like his child "to become himself or herself," he says. "I have no pre-conceived notion about what he should be. A child should be able to develop his potential without fitting into roles. I would allow him to grow up with an open mind."

Tolerance is not an abundant trait, McBride has learned. It irritated him to read about homosexual teachers who were losing jobs because of something as private as their sexual preferences.

He decided to write an article for a pediatricians journal more than a year ago talking about himself. Whether the medical community wanted to hear it or not, gays were working in that field.

The aftermath was stormy. The press was on the phone to

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***He has much to offer a child —
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But the system won't let him.***

cided to try again. This time he and Sam applied as a couple.

"This social worker (adoptions examiner) was more open-minded," he says. "We sat and talked for a long time. She recommended we be certified to adopt an older child, a child who has gotten his sexual identity. She thought that would be helpful."

Individually, Sam and McBride had 12 sessions each with a psychologist who recommended they be certified as adoptive parents. That was followed by sessions with a psychiatrist who also recommended they be certified.

Judge Gerald Strick handled their case and did not certify them.

Their request was the fourth in the state where homosexual couples had applied for adoption. The first three were denied on other grounds. McBride's case was denied because the would-be parents are homosexuals.

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It's a perfect dilemma, Judge Gerald Strick agrees. On the one hand, he thinks Dr. Draffan McBride is a man of courage who has handled a volatile situation with dignity.

"He would have an enormous amount to offer a child," he

sexual act. He would be putting a child in a home where a felony was taking place.

But Strick was not moved by the law in McBride's case; he was considering the adoptive child, he says.

"I'm charged with the responsibility of placing a child in the best possible home," he says. And he doesn't believe the "best possible" is with homosexual parents.

"Kids have trouble enough growing up," he says. "It's going to be difficult without putting a child in a counter-lifestyle home."

A 5-year-old going into kindergarten would have some explaining to do when he tells his friends Mom is a man, Strick says. "Children can be very, very cruel."

The judge says waiting lists of parents wanting to adopt children were long when he made his decision. Enough parents were available even for most hard to place children.

But Strick didn't consider putting a hard to place child in the McBride home. That, he says, would be a slap in the face to the child and the parent.

"It's like saying, 'You're so bad we can't get anybody to have you,'" the judge says. And to McBride it would mean he

McBride, continued from previous pages.

him, some parents pulled their children out of the practice where he works. Some doctors, who knew he was a homosexual, questioned the wisdom in writing the article.

The story and publicity that followed brought McBride threatening, harrasing, obscene phone calls.

But that wasn't all. McBride heard from others too. Support came from parents who applauded his honesty and praised him professionally. Calls came from homosexuals in the community who not only voiced their support but came forth with questions and problems.

It reaffirmed McBride's belief that gays should be more visible because their leadership is needed. He's active in the National Gay Health Conference, a group of physicians, psychologists, social workers, and nurses, all of whom are gay.

"I get mad at gay people," he says. He gets upset with their lack of participation, their unwillingness to get involved. "For many of them, they feel there's no reason to. They have their professions. They live in the suburbs. They have their swimming pool. Life is OK."

It was "OK" for McBride too until he learned he was "unsuit-

able" to be a parent.

He had never been denied an apartment, a job, a seat in a restaurant because he lived differently. The adoption incident was his first bout with discrimination.

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He'll be 35 next month, an attractive man with clear blue eyes and thick brown hair long enough to be stylish, short enough to maintain a doctor's professional image.

His life follows a steady, easy pattern. He has his work, his home, his evenings out with Sam. The epitome of a happy, suburban couple with just one twist.

They have their difficulties, he says. "The problem we face is that we grew up in an age where we had to hide our feelings," he says. "It's difficult for us to be open about these things."

A man and a woman in love can hold hands in a restaurant, exchange a kiss in the park. People passing by are amused or touched by the show of emotion—but they're not repulsed.

It's not so for gays, McBride points out. "It's difficult to hold hands in a restaurant or lean over and give him a kiss," he says. First he must think about the reaction of those around him. "By the time you think about it..." he shrugs off the

statement, the meaning is clear.

Display of emotion "has to be planned in the privacy of our home," he says. In the evenings, hand in hand, they take the dogs for a walk.

But their peace is interrupted at times by passers-by who jeer and shout and, on occasion, toss beer cans in their direction.

Perhaps, McBride speculates, too much attention is given to those who mind, in contrast to those who don't. Sometimes they're stopped short not by other people but "by our own paranoia."

People, he adds, often aren't paying as much attention to others as one might think. They're far more interested in their own lives.

He believes that's true. He believes that in the future adoption of children by people who don't fit comfortably in society's norm will be easier.

California already is leading the way. The state seeks out gay couples to adopt gay children, he says.

And McBride, although not too optimistic, is going to try to adopt again.

"It will change," he says of all the barriers that keep him from being the father he wants to be.

"That's what makes me mad. It will change, and I'll be too old."

Tyler and Perry to head Freedom Train

Rev. Troy D. Perry, founder of the gay-oriented Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and nationally known feminist-comedienne Robin Tyler will headline a whistle-stop tour aboard Amtrak's Gay Freedom Train to the March on Washington. Joining them for train station rallies in Oakland, San Francisco, Ogden (UT), Reno, Cheyenne, Denver, Lincoln, Omaha, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Wilmington will be veteran gay activist Morris Kight,

San Francisco MCC pastor Jim Dykes, and hundreds of Freedom Train passengers.

The gay Freedom Trains to Washington will service most major U.S. cities. However, due to the strict block-booking reservation deadlines Amtrak requires of travel agencies, tickets will be available only during the next few weeks. Sales rates indicate a complete sell-out soon. "Planes, trains and buses from all parts of the country are filling up," says

Greg Carmack of the March National Transportation Office in Houston.

Two events have been added to the March Weekend. They include a meeting of the National Democratic Party Gay Caucus October 13 and a "Night Before" Disco Rock, Jazz and Bluegrass Festival. Other events include: October 14 March & Rally with noted speakers, National Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference October 12-15, Congressional Lobbying Visits on October 15, International Gay Sports Expo and a National Gay Business Breakfast October 13 and a Sunrise Religious Service October 14.

Jury still out on police actions in SF

FBI investigates violence charges; cop's sentence pending for bar raid

Not all is peaceful for the keepers of the peace in Bagdad-by-the-Bay with results still coming in from police versus gay confrontations last spring.

A San Francisco police officer has been found guilty of battery and disturbing the peace as the result of being rowdy in a women's dance bar on Geary Street, and the city's police department itself is under investigation by the FBI because of charges that club-swinging police invaded a gay bar on Castro Street and acted violently the night of the May 21 riots.

Police Officer Daniel Marr will be sentenced August 31, and will face Police Department charges for his part in an all-male invasion of Peg's Place on March 31 in which the popular women's bar's owner and one of her employees were physically and verbally assaulted. Marr's co-defendant Kevin Guerin, a civilian, has been sentenced to a \$200 fine or 10 days in jail.

The two men accompanied by several male companions entered Peg's Place the night of March 31 and were accused of trying to "cause trouble" by Alene Levine, who was on duty at the door. She testified they were loud and unruly and shouted "We are cops, and we can do what we goddamned want to," according to a report by Duke Smith of San Francisco's gay newspaper, The Sentinel.

Levine said that Marr struck her on the

chest, and Marr rejoined that she struck him first with a pool cue and he acted in self-defense. An on-duty police officer who appeared on the scene partially corroborated Levine's story, which apparently the jury accepted thus convicting Marr, Smith reported.

Defense Attorney Stephen Bley attempted to convince the jury that women from Peg's Place had entered into collusion in their trial testimony but the "high number of contradictions" in the prosecution testimony actually helped the prosecutor in the case, because "the discrepancies were so blatant," Smith said.

During the course of the trial outside disturbances kept the proceedings from being dull, Smith reported. A man attempted suicide by jumping off the second story Balcony of City Hall, and the largest earthquake recorded in years sent terrified jurors scrambling down the building's corridors in search of an escape route.

Bar owner Erlinda Symaco and others have filed notice that they will sue for damages received during the incident.

The police invasion of the Elephant Walk on Castro Street last May 21 resulted in a number of charges and complaints against the department. An estimated dozen persons in the bar were reported injured, including one patron who suffered four broken ribs and a partially collapsed lung.

As a result of the charges the FBI has now entered the case on orders from the Attorney General's office in Washington. A spokesman for the FBI indicated that the present inquiry is "preliminary investigation" the purpose of which is to provide the Justice Department with a full report of the incident.

Police officers have been accused of entering the Elephant Walk, brandishing their night sticks, calling patrons "you goddamned queers" and striking several persons. Police spokesmen have answered the charges by alleging that bar patrons on Castro Street had assaulted the police and had thrown bottles at them.

The police have been accused of precipitating the violence on Castro Street which had been quiet until they arrived in force while in downtown San Francisco rioters were trashing City Hall and torching police squad cars. The Castro Street police action has been interpreted by some as retaliation for the downtown rioting.

The riots broke out within hours of the voluntary manslaughter verdict handed down by the jury in the Dan White trial. White had been charged with murder in the November 1978 killings of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. Rioting erupted because of anger over the reduced verdict.

White subsequently was given the maximum sentence of eight years, seven months.

'Sick Thinking'

I have pondered the Aug. 15 *Gazette* article about a homosexual physician over and over in my mind to see if I am wrong in my thinking.

I know there are two sides to every story and do not believe I am a naive person, but this article is so one-sided and biased it perturbs me greatly!

I am enclosing this article to show how much space was taken up with this sick thinking.

I am a mother with five wonderful sons, and seven grandchildren, whom I dearly love. I also am concerned about children and work as a teacher's aide.

What Dr. McBride chooses to be is his choice but to have an article of this size pushed at me saddens me greatly.

WILMA D. AYERS
Phoenix

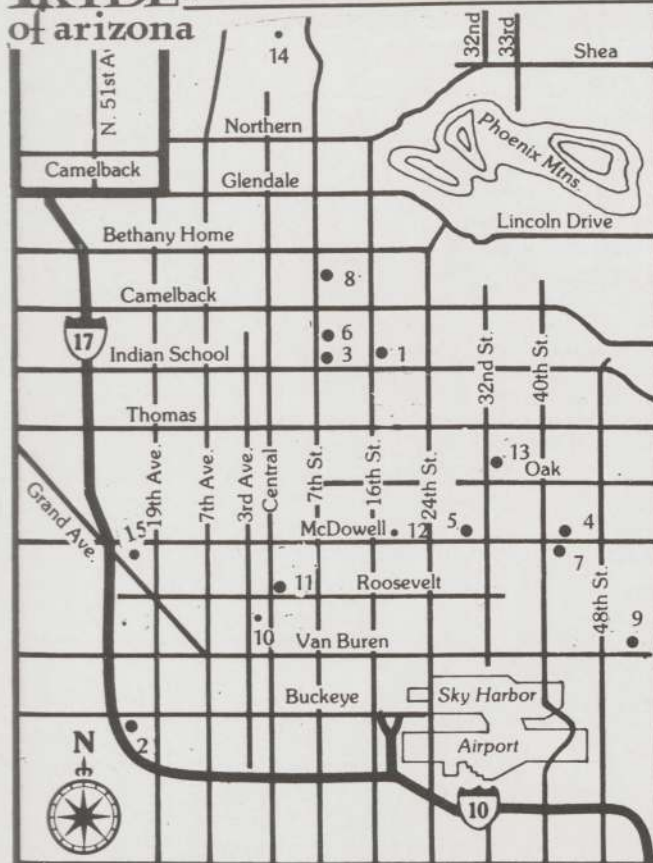
Foreign Gays Can Enter U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Being homosexual will no longer be sufficient reason to deny aliens entry into the United States.

U.S. Surgeon General Julius B. Richmond directed his staff Thursday to stop classifying

homosexuality as a "mental disease or defect." He said the change reflects "current and generally accepted canons of medical practice with respect to homosexuality." He also noted homosexuality cannot be determined through medical tests.

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- THE HALLOWEEN BALL... tickets on sale soon at the Forum (at the Registry again this year).
- The March on Washington, October 14.
- GAY ACADEMIC UNION Rap Groups, Thursdays room 216, MU, ASU Campus, 7:00 p.m.
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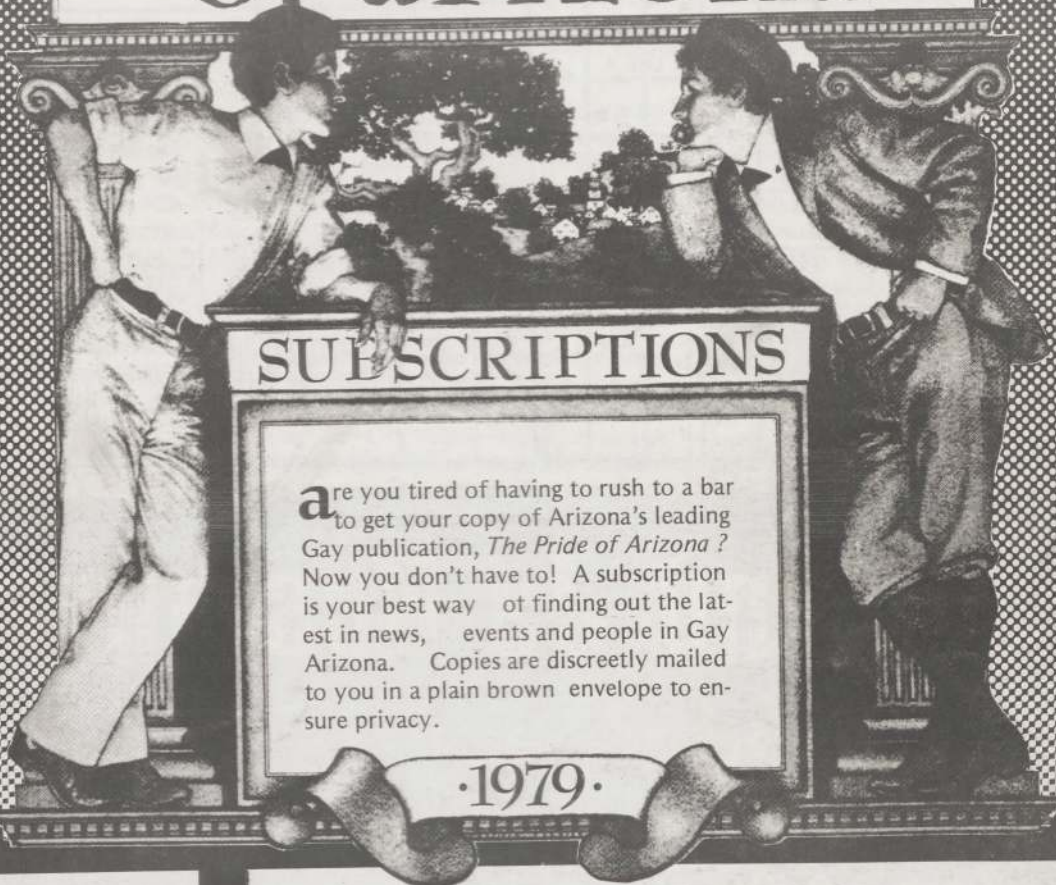
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