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## SENATE PANEL KILLS SEX DEVICE BAN

## Gay Vote '80

Although this summer's Presidential nominating conventions are still many months away, Presidential politics dominate the domestic news, and the men who will be nominated are still far from certain in their selection. So long as that uncertainty persists, Gay people have opportunities to make their interests count at the polling place.

Several national organizations of lesbians and Gay men have contributed expertise and resources to the National Convention Project (NCP) -- Gayvote 1980 -- but more help is needed. Once the nominations have been made, politically motivated Gay people will be encouraged to set out and vote for those candidates, from President on down to the least-powerful offices, who are most likely to advance the interests of justice for Gay people. And, for sure, to turn OUT of office those people whose homophobia is a direct threat to our very existence as free people. Before the conventions however, the NCP is working to set the stage for insertion of a Gay Rights Plank into the platforms of both major political parties. (The Libertarian Party already has a strong philosophical commitment to Gay Rights).

The National Convention Project's most recent successes came in Iowa, where only 4 precincts, out of the more than 40 where such resolutions were introduced, rejected support for inclusion of a Gay Rights Plank in the national platforms. Efforts in the New Hampshire primary focused on developing the public stands of the individual candidates themselves. So far, both Jerry Brown and Ted Kennedy have pledged support for inclusion of a Gay Rights Plank at the Democratic National Convention in August, but President Carter's increasing responsiveness to the potential strength of the Gay vote still falls short of such a pledge. Experienced Gay political activists still smart from the memory of the turnabout they witnessed in 1976, when Carter campaign strategist Stu Eizenstat led them to believe they actually had Carter campaign support early in the convention process, only to see their illusions evaporate once it became clear that Carter would indeed gain the nomination.

On the Republican side, more of the candidates have personally spoken out favorably on matters relating to justice for lesbians and Gay men, but only Illinois' John Anderson has actually come out in favor of inclusion of a Gay Rights Plank as part of the Republican platform. This is the same John Anderson who several years ago led the fight to prevent elimination of Federal funding to Gay service organizations, and who then narrowly survived a right-wing effort to unseat him in his next bid for reelection. Front running George Bush has spoken out strongly AGAINST such a plank.

In Arizona, there is as yet no formal participation in the National Convention Project. And judging from recent sad attempts to galvanize political interest among Gay people in the Grand Canyon state, any movement which does develop will probably be small. But well-placed and well-timed efforts could still have a considerable impact. The remaining paragraphs of this article outline some actions which some people are already beginning to take, and others which are under consideration. Several things are suggested which individuals can do on their own.

If you are reluctant to act in concert with others, or are leary of affiliating with known or openly Gay organizations, ALL gay people are still urged to do WHATEVER they can to affect the outcome of the national conventions. Even if you act only on your own initiative, and merely as an interested citizen, it is very helpful if you can get copies of any pertinent correspondence you have sent and received over to interested Gay organizations. By maximizing communications between all of us who are working on such matters, all of us become more knowledgeable and more powerful.

The various ideas, plans, times and places listed below are mostly oriented toward the Democratic Party. In this article, they also have a Pima County bias. The

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PHOENIX - Citizens for Constitutional Rights announced the removal of the most objectionable and far-reaching part of SB 1117 on Monday, Feb. 25. The action was taken on SB1117 (HB 2131), "Racketeering and Obscene Items," after two successive Monday morning hearings of those for and against the bill. (AGN 1 & 15 Feb.)

"It was yet another attack on the privacy of the Arizona public -- and especially the Gay/Lesbian community -- by Sen. Trudy Camping and her kind," commented Jack Caldwell, CCR Executive Director. Both Caldwell and CCR Chief Lobbyist, Roland Atkins, attended the lengthy hearings. On Monday, Feb. 18, testimony on the Bill was heard exclusively from Bruce Taylor, a young, aggressive attorney for "Citizens for Decency Through Law," a nationwide organization who, by their own admission, are out to rid America of "Italians and the La Cosa Nostra who control the adult bookstore businesses." The organization's president, Charles Keating, resides in Paradise Valley, an exclusive Phoenix suburb. Taylor flew to the Phoenix hearings from Cleveland, Ohio at the behest of Senator Trudy Camping, one of the Bill's authors, and introduced him to the Committee and gallery. The Committee was scheduled to adjourn at 11 a.m. and did so without hearing any other testimony or voting. Taylor's testimony was loaded with vague half-truths and misleading statements.

At the February 25 hearing, Caldwell and Atkins were joined by Louis Rhodes, Executive Director of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), who testified against the Bill. Again a representative from Citizens for Decency Through Law spoke, quoting the results of a poll supposedly taken in Phoenix in which 89% of the respondents stated that some kind of drastic legal action should be taken against porno bookstores and smut peddlers." She also begged the question of child pornography. Assistant Attorney General Phil MacDonnel also spoke in favor of the Bill, and was subsequently subject to a volley of questions from the Senators.

In countering the testimony of the representatives of "Citizens for Decency Through Law," CCR Executive Director Caldwell told the Committee, "I could show you an identical poll in which 89% of the Community would say that no action should be taken. That kind of testimony is merely hearsay." Senator John Mawhinney questioned Caldwell about the existence of child pornography, saying that friends had talked about it, and that he had seen some in a legislative capacity, though he had never actually gone to an adult bookstore. Caldwell replied, "I don't believe you'll find any. But don't take my word for it, or hers (Sherri Pitman of Citizens for Decency Through Law). The only way you'll know for sure is to go there and see for yourself."

Senator Camping had removed herself from the hearing room during Caldwell's testimony. When he finished, she returned and attempted to introduce an amendment which would exempt certain people and circumstances from prosecution under this law - people needing sexual "devices" for medical or psychological reasons, as well as legislators! Senator Gutierrez (D-Tucson) presented a similar amendment leaving off the legislator's exemption, and finally, Senator John Mawhinney successfully amending the pending Bill to exclude the section in question in its entirety. The motion passed 6-3, and the revised Bill received a 9-0 "Do Pass" which sends it on to the legislature to vote on. The amendment was killed so rapidly by the flustered lawmakers that "legislative" and "judicial" purposes for the devices was never explained.

Following the hearing, Roland Atkins, who had also testified at some length commented, "The Bill, and in fact, the sections of Arizona Statutes it sought to make more restrictive were contrary to the Free Speech and Privacy rights of the U.S. Constitution, and were/are also in

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# News Briefs

## CCR BENEFIT COCKTAIL PARTY THIS SATURDAY

PHOENIX - a cocktail party will be held for the benefit of Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) this Saturday, March 1, in the Moon Valley home of CCR supporter Paul Consales.

Proceeds of the evening will provide desperately needed funds to enable CCR to continue the fight for Gay equality in Arizona. Last year's CCR cocktail party was hosted by Mr. Phil Santhon in his home in February 1979, and proved to be a great success and much fun for those in attendance.

Tickets for the March first party require a donation of \$20.00 per person, \$35.00 per couple. You may make reservations by calling 944-0559 or 993-8337 in Phoenix. The party offers an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and some very special guests of honor. Don't wait, make your reservations right away. This promises to be one of the social events of the year.

## WOMEN'S CENTER DANCE/AUCTION/BAZAAR TONIGHT

PHOENIX - It starts at 8:00 p.m. at the Women's Center, 1129 N. 1st Street in Phoenix. A bizarre Bazaar and Auction will be held with prizes that might include breakfast in bed for two; mending; art lessons; pedicure-manicure and facial; a morning of gardening, are just a few of your fantasies that could come true at this fun event. All the proceeds will go to the Women's Center "Stayin' Alive" fund.

Following the Bazaar and Auction will be a Leap Year Dance for Women. Beginning approximately at 9:30 p.m. at the Center, the BYOB dance admission will be \$2.00 with all proceeds going to the Women's Center.

## FREE SPIRIT COFFEE HOUSES FOR MARCH ANNOUNCED

PHOENIX - Free Spirit, as an ongoing service to the Valley's Gay community, holds Coffeehouses on Monday and Friday evenings. These Coffeehouses are held in individuals homes and are offered as a social gathering which is an alternative to the bars. If you would like to host one of these Coffeehouses please contact Free Spirit, 277-0479.

The schedule for Coffeehouses for March is: Each Monday evening during the month of March the Coffeehouses will be held at 144 E. Sharon in Phoenix and each Friday evening at 4446 N. 36th Street, #17 in Phoenix.

Free Spirit also sponsors a Bisexual Rap Group each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at 3829 N. 9th Place (back house), Phoenix. The purpose can be defined as a place to be with friends, a place to face personal growth and identity defined in a safe environment free of Gay and straight labels. For further information concerning Free Spirit and their services call 277-0479 Phoenix.

## GAY FEST '80 PLANNING ART SHOW / SALE

TUCSON - In it's continuing series of events, Gay Fest '80 announces an Art Show and Sale to be presented during late March or early April. All media are welcome. Non-Gay as well as Gay artists may enter. Works will be judged. Entry fee is \$4.00.

Once the entry form and fee are received, the Gay Fest '80 Committee will send the artist information on the location and time to deliver entered works. An entry form appears on Page seven of this issue of AGN.

## "LOVES OF ISADORA" SET FOR FEB. 27 & 28 BY GAU

PHOENIX - The Gay Academic Union (GAU) at Arizona State University will be presenting the classic film about the life of Isadora Duncan, Mother of the modern dance, next Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 27 & 28 at 8 p.m., Psych Bldg. Room 102 on the ASU campus. Admission is \$1.50 at the door.

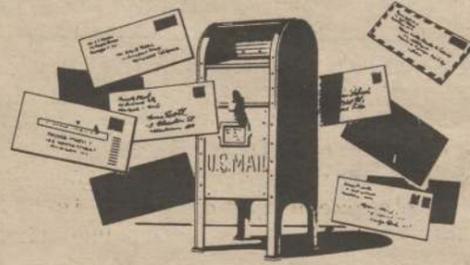
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defiance of the concepts of the individual rights embodied in the Arizona State Constitution.

Fighting proposed legislation such as this is a costly and time-consuming venture, and without the continued financial support of Arizona's Gay/Lesbian community, CCR will have a difficult time persuading Gay Equality in this state.

## Tucson VD clinic closes

TUCSON - The Gay Community Services of Tucson VD Clinic will cease to exist after April 1, 1980. One of the major reasons for the closure is the lack of a permanent location. It was also decided by the GCS Board of Directors and the Clinic members that moral and financial support given the Clinic by the Tucson Gay community is no longer sufficient to keep a Clinic of the size it has grown to in existence. Director Al Obermaier states that the Clinic will be referring all Clinic patients to the Pima County Health Department after the April 1 deadline.



## LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

ED NOTE: AGN has received several letters from persons who have seen the movie "Cruising" and each had their own particular review of the film. Enough has been said of this particular piece of garbage and we do not wish to give it any further publicity. We thank the letter writers but respectfully decline to publish these particular letters.

### DEAR EDITOR:

A few words to let you and the Gay people of Arizona know what's been going on up here in the beautiful pine country of Prescott.

We have formed a small but active group of Gay men and women that have met with the city council, the editor of the Prescott Courier, Teleprompter Cable T.V., local religious leaders and also formed a women's volleyball team.

Our last meeting with the city council has resulted with the council studying the feasibility of introducing a human rights ordinance in August, 1980. The ordinance will (if passed) prohibit discrimination in public housing, accommodation and employment based on religious or political affiliation, ethnic or racial heritage and (stuck in the middle) sexual orientation or preference. The final wording still has to be worked out.

The meeting with Claudette Simpson of the Prescott Courier has been very successful and she promised to place a Gay related article in the paper at least once a week. This has been increased to two or three times a week and the paper has also discontinued calling John Gacy a "homosexual murderer" in their reporting of the Gacy trial.

Teleprompter, the local TV cable, has placed the MCC sign off prayer from San Francisco with Rev. Michael England, at the close of its channel 11 at night. This should make "Buff" Fisher happy.

A local minister has agreed to give communion services to a small group of us who have deep religious feelings and needs. We now have five members but we expect to grow. It's not MCC or Dignity, but God is God to everyone.

The women's volleyball team was formed in January and so far has played three games with various groups, and won three games. They're not billed as a lesbian team, but then does that really matter?

There are three bars in the area that welcome Gays. They do not, at this time, feel free to publish their names, but one allows same sex dancing. If anyone needs information about what to do in Prescott call us at 778-1528. There are other actions planned in the months to come. We'll keep you informed.

Jim Smith, Robert Wright, Shawnee Schafer

ED NOTE: Many Tucsonians will remember Jim Smith who was very active in the Gay organization and political scene in Tucson until his recent move to Prescott. It would appear that he has not lost any of his enthusiasm and all we can say is that Northern Arizona will never be the same but will move very definitely into the 20th century.

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Democrat bias is partly because both the national and local rules of the Democratic Party provide by far the greater opportunity for entrée, and because most politically active Gay people who are visible seem to be Democrats. There is, however, no reason at all why Gay people in both parties can't share their strategies and ideas, at least at this stage of the game. Any Gay Republicans who would like to get their own ball rolling are strongly encouraged to do so. The Tucson bias comes in part from the political make-up of the state, and particularly because of the present strength of the Democratic Party in Pima County.

Most statewide Gay political activity in Arizona so far has been organized through the non-partisan, Phoenix based Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR). This fine group has successfully managed several important legislative matters in the past, and would seem to be a natural focus for politically interested lesbians and Gay men in the metropolitan Phoenix area and elsewhere in the state. This is especially true in terms of the current designs of the National Convention Project. CCR's executive director is Jack P. Caldwell, and he can be reached at Box 9941, Phoenix, AZ 85068; Phone (602) 263-8195.

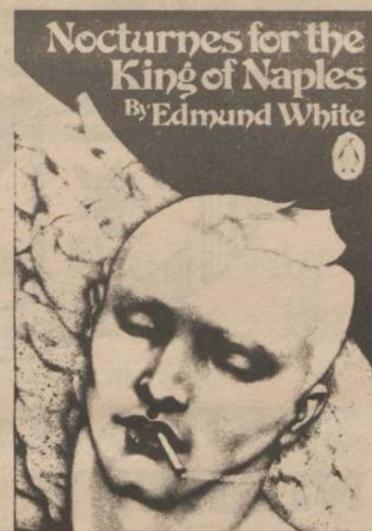
Like Iowa, Arizona is a caucus state, and so, many of the things that worked in Iowa should be applicable here. The caucus units in Arizona, are however, quite different from Iowa, and are actually much more manageable. Because of that, early organization is important. Unfortunately, at certain levels of action important opportunities have already been lost, and several other key events will be taking place within the next two weeks.

At this time, our main efforts in Arizona should be directed at: (1) attempting to elect Gay (open or closeted) or persons friendly to Gay people to delegate positions; and (2) introduction and securing passage of resolutions favoring debate on and passage of a Gay Rights Plank for inclusion in the party platforms to be adopted at the national conventions in Detroit and New York in July and August.

Partly to help in these efforts, and partly to be of educational value later, during the actual campaigns in the fall, as many people as possible should be sending as many letters as possible to every elected and appointed Democratic office-holder and every Democratic Party position-holder, querying them as to their stand on Gay Rights and/or their anticipated roles in considering such matters in the

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While we're still in the barnyard, all you people who thought that D.L.'s had put in one of those new cloth disco dance floors, you're wrong. Her Immenseness, Tish Tanner, accidentally dropped one of her gown-tents while making one of her all too famous hurried exits to the tubs. Ms. Tanner may claim said wrap at R&R Towing Service between 9 & 5 weekdays. And speaking of D.L.'s, the Shadowettes have noticed that with Ms. Chelsea Lane working the stage, the old famous slogan of the past still holds true - No Cover, No Talent.....FOOL OF THE MONTH: To toupe Carl A. for using his foul mouth to make Dr. Dickie's sick show sicker than it truly is.....Memo to George F.: You're as good as the company you keep.

The entries have been announced for the 3rd annual Slutty Derby with the odds-on-favorites including such illuminaries as Tim M. (Ms. Scuzzz), Scott and Cha-Cha R. The winner will receive the usual two small gifts from Dr. Bob.....ON THE BALL DEPARTMENT AWARD: To the PRIDE for missing two consecutive months of publication.

Congratulations are in order to Mark V. and Kitty K. (Lil 'Nel Beastella) for celebrating eight months of wedded bliss. And a special congrats to Mark for donning the pants in a normally two-dress family..... SONG OF THE MONTH is dedicated to Shamoo of Barnaby's entitled "Cheepers Creepers Where'd You Get Those Peepers?" Did little Bobby have something to do with it?...And speaking of Barnaby's the Shadowettes recommend giving this bar a try since it has been done so tastefully ala Sammy. The rumor is not true that Bill R. has re-opened this bar in order to be closer to Turf Paradise.

Blanch DuBois doubled the batch and got the snatch and ran the entire Valley out of Miss Clairol's "Bashful Blonde" turpentine. New shipments should arrive between four to six weeks.....Jack C. claims that Dragon Lady's laugh sounds like ten-thousand mallards in heat attacking one wooden decoy!.....and poor Miss Christi Lunden decided to take a Greyhound to her hometown of Nogales and the poor thing died just outside Tucson. Must be the excess baggage!.....Miss Natalie was so upset by the comment made in the Phoenix Did You Know column that she decided to take the gaspipe. Too bad she stuck it in the wrong end.....Paul G.'s eighteenth attempt at marriage ended in the usual left-at-the-altar situation. Seems she'll have to put her wash 'n wear wedding dress back in her K-Mart bag!

BARBEAT: Aunt Charlie's, a new restaurant in Phoenix, is doing well serving a good bill-of-fare pleasing to all. Galen's personal charm helps add to your dining pleasure.....Barnaby's opening was enjoyed by all but the real proof in the pudding will be when Sammy puts out his speical cuisine! Watch for this one.....WATCH-FOR-DEPARTMENT: A really hot restaurant-disco-show bar

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- ...Roy H. doesn't realize that the Henna rinse he put on before leaving for S.F. is going to wash out in the steam baths!
- ...With the children out of town, perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Diamond won't be disturbed in the morning.
- ...I hear they only wash the dishes once every pay period!
- ...Barbara L. loves her new family room.
- ...I wonder if they are really going to hold Bible classes at Steps on Sunday?
- ...I just found out that Vinnie and Rita C. and Vannesa and Spunky are the same couple.
- ...Last Sunday they were playing "Guess Who's Killing The Great Chefs Of The BP" and Elliot A. didn't like the movie!
- ...Who's that in that tacky blonde wig, Farra Drippy-Fawcet Minors?
- ...Brent F. spent time in the tea room again, while Kevin spent time looking for someone with more money.
- ...Turbo Dickie is nice, but does he have to talk so loud?
- ...Did you see Miss Polly, she took three steps backward before taking one forward.
- ...J.B. told me he got the nylons at Steinfelds, but I bet he used Norma Jeans account.
- ...I could have sworn that Monte-Jon was hired to serve at Roy C.'s party and that wasn't a costume.
- ...I like this bartender on Monday nights much better than the old one in the J/T.
- ...The bar is wonderful, it's too bad the tea rooms are the pits! (Wonder what bar Archie meant?)
- ...Why does Eddie F. have to take all the delivery men into the back room for such a long time?
- ...I wonder why Cindi D. and her crew got that free drink?
- ...I know for a fact that Roger and Peter taught their dog to do strange things to people in bed.
- ...It is hard to believe that cute little JoJo has such a wild reputation.
- ...After a certain party I hear Lady Casondra is wearing a plastic covering over all her costumes.
- ...They tell me Misty has gotten into re-doing costumes.
- ...Ricky has fired her old seamstress and looking for a new one.
- ...I never seem to get drunk here.
- ...Steve is worried that Doc is getting senile. He keeps singing, "I'm getting married in the morning," and the wedding is at night!
- ...Wonder why the third set of bowlers can't go to dinner at El Torero anymore?

- ...Florence Jean Castleberry (Flo) finally left town..... The sun came out, everybody sobered up and all the men started coming out to the bars again!
- ...Steve went to Hawaii with a straight buddy and did not get "lei'd," so next time he wants to go alone and try to get "Layed."
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- ...After Matt M. finds out what David T. is like for 47 days without liquor, he may want Cindi D. back.
- ...Dale Y.'s voice is absolutely unmistakable. Ask the new bartender at the Graduate!
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- ...I heard someone tell T.J. he was gorgeous. Poor fellow must have been in Alaska too long.
- ...Knowing George M., he'll probably have a pinball machine at his wedding.
- ...Knowing Fred Mc., he'll end up saying "I do" to a can of Coors.
- ...I can't imagine how Tommy S. can find the right bus home after cocktail hour.
- ...If Bart would talk more, he probably wouldn't have to do so much cleaning at the H/T.
- ...The way H/T Tom carries on, he must be pretty good in bed or nobody ever comes back for seconds.
- ...Well it is time to hit the streets, maybe I'll find another another high school basketball player - for my health of course.
- ...Harvey and Henry left!

## MI changes sexist policies

NEW YORK, NY (SGN) - For the 1,600,000 readers of *Mechanix Illustrated*, the change must have come as a shock. The popular mechanical "how-to" magazine now uses photos of women in some of the illustrations. This is a complete break with tradition which, just four months ago, resulted in turning down a Seattle woman's offer to supply the magazine with photo's of women doing "non-traditional" projects. Several months back, Kay Reves wrote to MI to offer photographs of women at work in roles traditionally assigned to men. Editor Robert Beason rejected her offer and said that, while women read *Mechanix Illustrated*, "they don't expect to find themselves in our pages. If they want to see women doing things, they look at a woman's magazine.

Beason was replaced in September with a new editor, Dave Petzal, who has since made several policy changes. First among these changes is the use of women in the magazine. *Mechanix Illustrated* is a division of CBS Inc., who submitted a pledge to the National Gay Task Force in 1976 not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, sexual preference, national origin or age.

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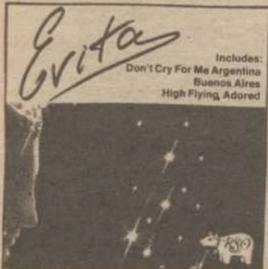
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upcoming caucuses. If nothing else, that can give us a clearer picture of who are friends and enemies are. It would also make clear to many otherwise oblivious members of the power structure that Gay Rights WILL be an issue this year.

In Arizona, Democrats will elect convention delegates (and thus choose Presidential candidates and platform philosophy) in a two-tier caucus arrangement. The first set of caucuses will meet at the Arizona Legislative District level, and those meetings will be held on April 12. At those meetings, any, repeat ANY, Arizona citizen registered as a Democrat in a given legislative district can walk into their meeting, vote for candidates for delegate, introduce resolutions, and vote on said resolutions. In some past instances, fewer than 60 people have selected all the delegates for a given district. These kinds of meetings can be quite chaotic or quite dull. They also can be easily packed -- by EITHER side. This is democracy in its purest (and most bizarre) form, and it is an opportunity which we should sieze!

The delegates selected at these district caucuses will go on to meet later in 4 Arizona regional caucuses, on the 24th of May. That is when Pima county's 5 of Arizona's 20 National Convention delegates will be chosen. Since the National Convention delegates to be chosen will depend heavily on the makeup of the District slates elected earlier, the remainder of this article will concentrate on what can still be done at that level. These District caucuses are less than two months away!

Both major political parties in Arizona are basically organized at the state legislative district level. For instance, the Democratic Party structure in Pima County (specifically, in the metropolitan Tucson area) has most of its power vested in the hands of seven district committees. Membership on these committees consists of a varying number of precinct committee persons, who are ostensibly elected every two years, but who are in reality often only appointed, due to the chronic shortage of persons interested in serving in those positions. At present, almost half of the authorized precinct committee positions in Pima County (256 out of 621) are vacant! And it is these committee people who control the rules for the caucus meetings, and who run the meetings! To volunteer for the position of committee person, you need only to be a registered Democrat in a precinct with a vacancy. You can volunteer by contacting your

district chair. This is generally easily done by calling Pima County Democratic Headquarters at 327-4939. Appointment requires confirmation by the Pima County Board of Supervisors, since these positions are official state offices. So there may not be sufficient time for large numbers of Gay people to gain those positions before the district caucuses are held in April. Still, we should try; many precincts have committee positions open, and 22% of Pima County's 158 precincts have no precinct committee persons at all! It may be possible to serve on an interim basis, pending Board confirmation. In certain districts, however, this will probably not work, most notably in District 10.

Which brings us to matters of the real world -- notably the differences between the politics of the various districts: Metropolitan Tucson elects its state legislators in seven legislative districts, five of which are almost wholly urban. Districts 7 and 9, however, are largely rural, and are also greatly affected by inclusion of many non-Pima County precincts. District 7, for example, includes farthest west and southwest Tucson, most of the Papago Reservation, and much of Pinal County, including San Manuel, home of notorious homophobic Rep. Marge Ollson!

The most liberal (and POTENTIALLY friendly to Gay causes) of the urban Tucson Districts are Districts 11, 12, and 13. Reps. Peter Goudinoff (11) John Kromko (12) and Sister Clare Dunn (13), and Senators Jaime Gutierrez (11) and Morris Farr (13) currently represent these districts in Phoenix. The District Chairs for all three of these districts are reputed to be fair and open-minded people, and should be regarded as approachable in matters of Gay rights. But none of this seems to be known for certain at the present time.

In contrast, District 10, a wholly urban portion of south-central Tucson, constitutes southern Arizona's closest approach to south-side Chicago-style, ward-boss politics. Its District Committee is ruled with an iron hand by Dick Jasciewicz, and his bible-belt conservative, America-first style of politics would seem to bode ill for Gays. The political philosophy of his committee, however, seems inconsistent with the people District 10 residents elect to the legislature; District 10's fourth-term Rep. Larry Bahill is among the most liberal members of the legislature when it comes to matters involving social issues. Interestingly, the colorful Jasciewicz was recently reported to have resigned his District 10 chairmanship, in a pique

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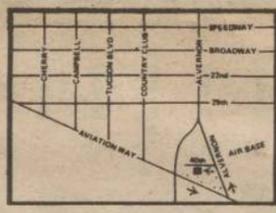
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Liberated Christian Youth is the name of the newest outreach to be established by Casa de Cristo MCC. LCY has had two meetings so far with great response. This group is conducted for and by young people and is limited to those persons in their teens and early twenties. Presently the group is meeting on Thursday evenings and presents a great alternative to the bar scene. Those under age twenty-five who are looking for a Christian alternative, are urged to call the church office for location of LCY meetings. The office number is 265-2831.

The tract: "Cruising At The Casa," has been reprinted and is now available to those requesting same. This is the third publication of this particular tract which states the position taken by the Ministerial Staff of Casa de Cristo.

The music department of Casa de Cristo is going great guns. There are now three choirs ministering in the church" The Casa Choir, The Acappella Choir and the Junior Choir. If you enjoy good music, or enjoy singing yourself, you will find a place for you in one of the choirs. Various other musical talent is presently ministering in the services. It is also planned that a Youth Contemporary Group will begin very shortly.

Are you aware of the fact that a fully organized Sunday Bible School now functions each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.? Sunday School enrollment has now climbed to 33 and is continuing to increase. Casa de Cristo probably has the largest Sunday School within the UFMCC and is the only school to operate separate from the services of the church. A daily vacation Bible School is now in the planning stages for this summer with the intent of reaching out to boys and girls who live in the neighborhood of the sanctuary. The Casa Sunday Bible School has classes for all age groups, from the very youngest child to the oldest adult.

A new Lending Library has been added for those who enjoy good

Christian reading material. The library contains many books dealing especially with Christianity and homosexuality. Books may be checked out following the services of the church.

Speaking of services, you are cordially invited to attend this Sunday's public services at Casa de Cristo, 1029 E. Turney. The morning Celebration is held at 10:45 a.m. with Pastor Fred Pattison bringing a series of Bible messages from the Gospel of St. Mark. The afternoon Praise Service is held at 3:30 p.m., followed by Sunday Evening Prayer at 7:30 p.m.

**GAY COS NEWS**

The Gay Help Line, sponsored by Gay Christian Outreach Services (GayCos), is planning a new series of training classes for those interested in working on this ministry. Mr. Floyd Lewis is in charge of the Gay Help Line. The Help Line is presently housed in the facilities of Casa de Cristo Church.

A new outreach is about to be launched by GayCos. "Turn-A-Bout" is the name to be used by this new venture. This group, led by a young Christian man, promises to be an exciting challenge to those either directly or indirectly involved in drug and/or alcoholic problems. The first gathering of this new group is planned for mid-March. For more info call the Gay Help Line at 265-1102.

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**Olympia brewing chief  
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OLYMPIA, WA - Olympia Brewing Company's chief executive officer resigned last week, a day after he was arrested on lewd conduct charges in connection with alleged homosexual activities in a park restroom here. The company said Leopold F. "Rick" Schmidt, 38 years old, resigned as president and chief executive officer "for medical reasons." Mr. Schmidt is placing himself under the care of a doctor for treatment," Olympia Brewing said in a statement. Mr. Schmidt couldn't be reached for comment.

A city police undercover agent said he arrested Mr. Schmidt along with State Rep. Eric Rohrbach, 27, a Republican and co-chairperson of the House Insurance Committee, and Joseph Gregorius, 39, director of the State Bureau of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Police said the arrests came after a two-week investigation at the park. Mr. Schmidt's uncle, Robert A. Schmidt, 64, grandson of the brewery's founder, has reassumed the duties of chief executive officer from which he had retired in 1977. He will continue as Chairperson. An Olympia Brewing spokesperson said the concern's presidency is vacant and a decision hasn't been made on whether it will be filled. He declined further comment.

Mr. Rohrbach, who couldn't be reached for comment, resigned as a state representative, but denied he is a homosexual, according to published reports. Mr. Gregorius confirmed he was arrested but declined further comment. The accused men haven't yet entered any plea on the misdemeanor charges. Leopold Schmidt had been president of the brewing company since 1974 and chief executive officer since 1977. He earned \$132,000 in 1979. *Wall Street Journal*

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over the appointment of the new County Sheriff. So this might be a propitious time to try to bring District 10 into the 20th century, and Gay rights might be just the issue with which to do it.

Right now, Pima County democrats are in the midst of a series of preliminary district information meetings -- rehearsals, if you will -- for the District delegate selection caucuses in April. Several of these preliminary meetings have already taken place. As might be expected, District 10's was never really announced. But even if the information meeting for your district has already been held, it should be useful to attend one or more of the remaining sessions, in order to learn how to influence the later and most important District caucuses.

The preliminary meetings remaining to be held, all at 7:30 p.m., are listed below:

- Dist. 9 at the Columbus Library, on March 11th.  
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- Dist. 13 at the Unitarian Church, on March 12th.  
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- Dist. 14 at Christ Presbyterian Church, on Feb. 28th  
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Once you've done any or all of the foregoing, Kevin Parks-Ferrin has volunteered to act as a clearing house for all pertinent information. So PLEASE let him know what you are doing and what you have done. He can be reached at 326-2050

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