

## NGTF PROTESTS ARMY ASSIST TO BRYANT TV SPECIAL

Anderson promises  
help for Gays

SAN FRANCISCO - "I'm opposed to discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. And I think that if rights are to mean anything in our society they ought to be codified." So states Republican presidential hopeful John Anderson in an exclusive interview in the forthcoming issue of *The Advocate* (May 15, 1980). In the interview Anderson also tells *The Advocate* that he is willing to co-sponsor both bills dealing with Gay rights currently before the House of Representatives. He strongly backs the first of these, H.R. 2074, which would add "sexual orientation" to the categories covered by the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Anderson announced that he will co-sponsor H.R. 6303 which would stop the Immigration and Naturalization Service from excluding suspected homosexual foreigners. The Illinois congressman also said he would "be willing to sign an executive order to remedy the situation."

Anderson is the only Republican candidate who has faced criticism for voting for a House bill that benefited Gays, and is the only Republican candidate who has endorsed a proposed Gay rights plank in the 1980 Republican Party Platform.

## Security ruling prompts suit

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a suit on behalf of an illustrator whose government security clearance was revoked because he is a homosexual. The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court against military officials, is believed to be the first court test of whether the clearance known as "SCI," which is higher than "top secret," can be revoked by the National Security Agency without "due process." It also is believed to be the first test of whether security agency investigators can demand details of government workers' sex lives and then revoke their security clearance if the holder is homosexual.

The case involved Warren Preston, 41, of Ather-ton, a graphics designer who said he held an SCI clearance for 10 years at Sylvania in Sunnydale, California, where he worked under an Army contract. When Sylvania got a contract from the Navy for another project, he came under a new security investigation.

The suit asks reinstatement of Preston's clearance and \$20,000 in damages for lost wages, injury to reputation and emotional distress from each of the defendants, including the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown and Secretary of the Army Clifford Alexander as well as Mayor Lynn Pochert who recommended that the clearance be revoked. During a lie detector test, Preston said that he was a homosexual. He also answered specific questions about his partners and his activities with them.

In May, 1979, the Army revoked Preston's SCI clearance, saying that he "clearly demonstrated his unreliability, untrustworthiness and unsuitability for access to classified information." "I was demoted and humiliated, given time off without pay and then further demoted to part-time work - all of this when I had done nothing wrong," Preston said. In contrast to the Army, the Department of Defense said that Preston's homosexual activity was legal under California law and that it was consistent with the national interest for him to keep his security clearance.



..... OUR LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD

NEW YORK, NY - Citing questions of church-state separation and the spectre of implicit government sanction of Anita Bryant's anti-Gay crusade, the National Gay Task Force has protested the cooperation of the Defense Department officials in the production of Anita Bryant's television program, "Anita Bryant's Spectacular -- My Little Corner of the World." In a letter to President Jimmy Carter, NGTF Co-Executive Directors Charles Brydon and Lucia Valeska wrote, "We are deeply disturbed and dismayed by the cooperation and participation of elements of the Department of Defense in the television program produced by and on behalf of Anita Bryant Ministries."

Noting the military's past and present record of antipathy toward Gays, and the active participation of government in this religious-sponsored production, Brydon and Valeska questioned the adequacy of official guidelines and the judgment of military officials who elected to extend government assistance. "Beyond this and of immediate and paramount concern to this nation's 20 million tax-paying Lesbian and Gay male citizens is the implicit government sanction extended through this cooperation and participation to the virulent and anti-human rights crusade directed against Gay people by Ms. Bryant and for which she has a national identification and reputation," wrote Brydon and Valeska. Pointing to the anti-Gay activity of Anita Bryant Ministries, Inc. and its link with Protect America's Children -- both entities have the same executive director, Edward Rowe -- Brydon and Valeska concluded their letter to the president with a challenge --

"The central question in all this is government cooperation in Ms. Bryant's self-promotion -- cooperation we see as inconsistent with the human rights policies of your administration. This issue -- the willingness of your administration to actively apply the same value to

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# News Briefs

## FREE SPIRIT TO HONOR JAY MYERS AT PICNIC APRIL 27

PHOENIX - Friends, fellow community leaders and picnic lovers are invited to enjoy a day of fun and frolic in spring sunshine. Free Spirit will host a picnic, in honor of recently resigned Director Jay Myers, on Sunday, April 27 at Papago Park.

After nearly four years of devoted services to Free Spirit and the Valley's Gay community, Jay has determined to take a well earned rest. Since his initial involvement with the organization of Free Spirit's library, Jay has gone on to serve in many other facets of Free Spirit and the struggle for Gay rights. Coordinating the first Gay Pride Week Art Show and Auction, serving as regional facilitator for the National Lesbian and Gay March On Washington and numerous public speaking engagements are but a few of the areas in which Jay has invested his time, energy and talents.

The Directors of Free Spirit invite all members of the Phoenix Gay Community to the picnic Sunday, April 29. For details contact the information and referral line 277-0479.

## DULUTH REVISES RIGHTS ORDINANCE

DULUTH, MN (GCN) - The City Council here considered a revised human rights ordinance at its regular meeting, March 24, after bowing to community pressure and striking protections for sexual preference. The ordinance as originally proposed, included protections to areas of sexual preference in banning discrimination in housing and other community services.

However, initial hearings found vociferous objection to the sexual preference protections, and the council, on March 20, ordered an amended version with references to sexual preference deleted, to be submitted to the council for action next week. Objectors had threatened recall action against city councilors if the ordinance passed as originally proposed.

## BUENOS AIRES BAR RAIDED ILLEGALLY

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (GPU) - Pato's, the only Gay bar in this city, has been raided by Federal Police, who arrested 123 men for homosexuality, despite the fact that homosexuality is not illegal in Argentina.

## DALLAS BATH SUES POLICE

DALLAS, TX (GPU) - The Club Dallas has filed a \$200,000 damage suit against the Dallas Police Department, claiming that its vice squad is harassing its customers by making repeated and unlawful arrests. The suit alleges that police have arrested 39 members of the Club Dallas as part of an effort to drive its owner, J.W. Campbell and Associates of Texas, Inc., out of business.

The federal suit alleges that 30 persons have been arrested for public lewdness at a private club, where prospective members are advised in writing that it caters only to Gays. The suit goes on to challenge the state's lewdness law, claiming that its definition of a public place is unconstitutionally vague. Defendants named in the suit include Dallas Police Chief Glen Kinga, Police Captain Donald Milliken and Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade.

## JOEL GREY AS HARVEY MILK?

NEW YORK (GCN) - If actor Joel Grey has his way, he will portray Harvey Milk, the nation's first openly Gay elected municipal official who was assassinated along with San Francisco's pro-Gay mayor George Moscone by former supervisor Dan White in Nov. 1978, in a made-for-TV movie to be underwritten by ABC or CBS.

New York magazine reports that Grey is researching Milk's life and short political career, with the help of such of Milk's friends as author Franck Robinson, writer Randy Shilts and political strategist Jim Rivaldo. According to the magazine, several Hollywood producers are vying for material for a Milk movie, but the late politician's friends are supporting Grey because he has assured them of the integrity of his project. Other producers, however, have reportedly planned to downplay Harvey's homosexuality which New York quotes Shilts as saying, "is the main point."

## FATHER CAN VISIT SON BUT WITHOUT TRICKS

RALEIGH, NC (GPU) - A Gay father, Sammy Woodruff, has been granted rights to have unsupervised overnight visits with his 4-year-old son. The ruling by the North Carolina Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that such visits were permitted so long as no "boy friends" were spending the night while the son was there. The former Mrs. Woodruff had objected to the all-night visits because of Sammy's "open and Gay lifestyle."

## ADVERTISE FOR POLICE CLERKS IN MINNEAPOLIS GAY PAPER

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (GPU) - Some eyebrows have been raised here by the decision of employment recruiters to advertise for police jobs in a Gay paper, the GLC Voice. Civil Service officials have stated that the ad does not represent any special effort to recruit Gays for police jobs, nor a special effort to calm tensions between Gays and police following a recent police raid on a Gay sauna here.

Captain Jack McCarthy, head of the Minneapolis Police Department's Personnel Department, notes that the department has no official policy on or against hiring Gays. "The only way we know if someone applying for a job is Gay or not is if they make an issue out of it. We don't know, and we don't care."

## MATSUI #53 CO-AUTHOR OF HR-2074

SACRAMENTO, CA (GPU) - Congressman Robert Matsui has become the 53rd co-author of HR-2074, which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include Gay persons. By co-authoring the bill, Matsui has fulfilled a promise which he made speaking to a group of Gay rights advocates in the spring of 1978 when he first ran for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

"It has been twelve years since the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," Matsui noted, "and yet numerous classes of Americans including Gays, are still fighting to be freed from unwarranted and arbitrary discrimination. The time is long overdue to provide the necessary legal safeguards for Gay people in Sacramento, as well as the estimated 20 million nationally."

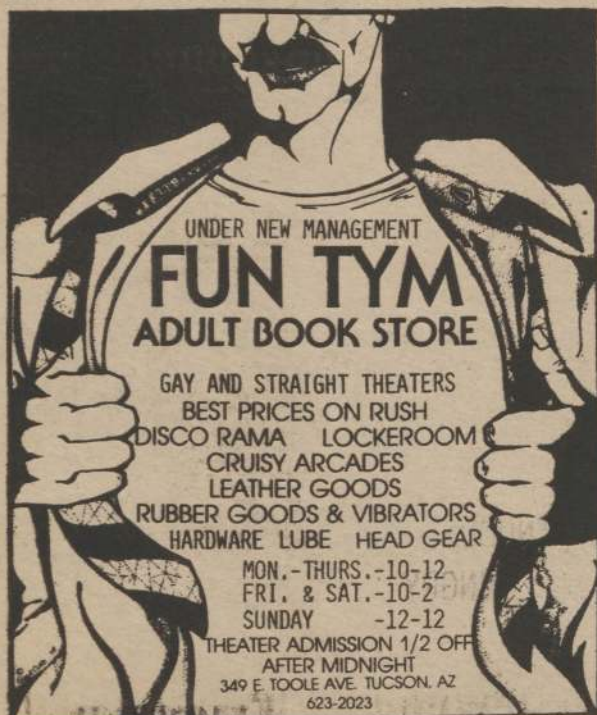
Matsui, who is running for re-election this year, has hired Gay rights supporter Clint Reilly to head his campaign. Libertarian and anti-Gay candidate Robert Lynch, former member of Los Rios Community College Board, announced earlier that he would run in opposition to Matsui, but has since dropped from the race. Political observers here claim that Matsui has a safe seat for re-election.

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## TUCSON LESBIAN THEATER PERFORMS IN MAY

TUCSON - On May 2, 3 and 4 and again on May 9, 10 and 11, at the Invisible Theater, comes a play that should be of special interest to the Gay community. "From Monogamy To Menagemy" is a play dealing with the Lesbian sensibility, written and directed by Linn Lane, a Tucsonan. The play deals with the lives of four women, who deal with their own responsibilities to problems, brought on by group peer pressure, as determined by a set of standards given to them before coming out.

The possibilities given a structure like this are almost endless, and that it's been done with style, wit, and an easy grace, make this two-act play a must see. But what makes this even more delightful is that it was written by a local Lesbian. We are given a rather precise view of life that some of us may have no concept of. All too frequently, works of literature dealing in this theme are written by men who seem to want to titillate the heterosexual audience instead of presenting the real and complex views of lifestyles that are as true to the human condition as Food.

Written, directed, staged and acted entirely by women, is reason enough to go and participate in the joys of theater. "From Monogamy To Menagemy" premieres May 2 and all theater-goers are welcome. Tickets are \$4.00. Advance tickets are available to WomenWoven Productions, P.O. Box 41084, Tucson, AZ 85719. Tickets are also available at the door. Curtain time is 8 p.m. each night. This one we owe to ourselves.

by G.N. Clark

## More on Washington for Jesus

WASHINGTON, DC - An organization called "One Nation Under God" is making a serious effort to pressure Congress this year. It is led by a group of right-wing ministers, many of them religious broadcasters, who seem to regard the political program of the New Right as a necessary part of religious life. They are urging Congress to pass severe restrictions on abortion, divorce, unmarried couples, women's rights, Gay rights and even public education and foreign policy as a matter of religious necessity. They are calling on members of Congress to regard themselves as

"Servants of God first, and then servants of the people." Their program comes close to setting up a theocracy in this country.

They are now engaged in a direct mail lobbying effort. On April 28 and 29 they plan to bus over a million people into Washington for a series of events (marches, rallies, lobbying in person) which they call "Washington for Jesus." This group is large and well financed. It commands the resources of three television networks (The Christian Broadcasting Network-700 Club, the P-T-L Network and the Trinity Network) and a professional direct mail organization. Their political power in some states, Virginia and North Carolina for example, is acknowledged by politicians there.

Interchange, an alliance of several concerned groups set up to monitor and respond to the New Right, is working to inform Congress and the press of four basic facts:

1. "One Nation Under God" does not hold a monopoly on religion; most American Christians disagree with its aims.
2. The organization is political.
3. Their program is repressive, and abhorrent to most Americans.
4. They are powerful enough to be dangerous.

Part of the Interchange effort is a major press conference in Washington for April 29. Several speakers, including Rep. Don Edwards, Father Joseph O'Rourke, and noted civil rights advocate James Farmer will attend. A statement of the issues with the implications of the activities of the New Right will be read, together with names of organizations who agree with it. Copies of this statement are available in the offices of AGN. Money is also needed to cover costs of organizing, printing and mailing. Contributions may be mailed to Interchange, 1777 Lanier Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 or phone (202) 387-2508 or (202) 543-7032.

## NGTF PROTESTS - CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

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## Gays help in crime cleanup

SAN FRANCISCO - Gay merchants and homeowners in the Castro-Market area have been quietly working with police for weeks in what now seems to be a successful effort to rid the area of rampant trafficking in drugs and other crimes. More than 80 arrests involving drug charges have been made in the area in the last three months by police, who said that only "only a handful" of drug arrests had been made in previous months. There has been a marked decrease in muggings, armed robberies and other crimes, they said.

Police Captain George Jeffery said, "We've been successful in the cleanup and a lot of the credit goes to the people in the area. They may have a different sexual lifestyle, but they are essentially middle-class people with great investments in their homes and businesses and they want protection just like anyone else." Some Gays had charged that part of the crime problem was caused when Supervisor Harry Britt insisted last year there be no uniformed patrolmen in the area. Asked about the charges, Jeffery said they were initially true. "At first he thought that would be a popular issue but he's matured a lot in the job," the captain said. "Once he realized the Gay community is no different from any of the others, he's become somewhat a supporter of police presence in the area. "The big cry now is that they want more police strength, not less."

Britt, however, said he has always favored more uniformed police strength in the Castro, with one exception. "People can't get this thing sorted out in their heads that the only time I ever objected to police being in the Castro was on May 21, the night of the City Hall riots, when I said at that particular moment in time the police had not business there," Britt said. "But we obviously need more police on Castro because it's a dangerous place. We need them on foot and not in cars so they can develop a rapport and sensitivity to the community."

Steve Stegman, president of the Eureka Valley Merchants Association said, "There were pushers and a bunch of young straight kids harassing Gays and all kinds of problems for a while. Then the merchants took it upon themselves to do something about it and with the help of the police we did it. The vice squad came down and did an incredible job. We now have one of the cleanest streets in the city."

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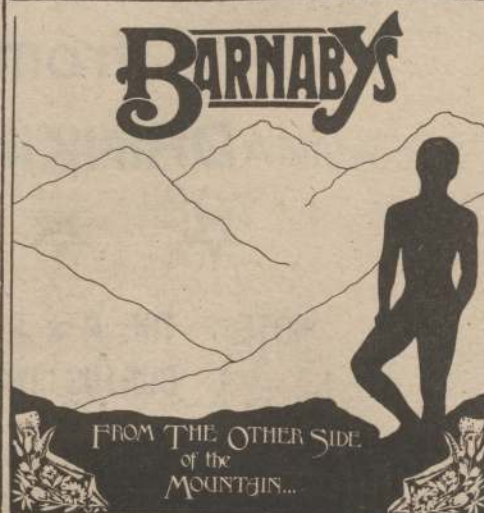
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## Gay theater auditions in Phoenix

PHOENIX - Janus - Theater for Gays will hold auditions at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20 at the Alternative Relations Center, 1836 Grand Avenue, in Phoenix. Rehearsals will begin April 28, with performance dates set for June 6, 7 and June 13 and 14, at the Performing Arts Theater, Third Street at Moreland. "My Cup Runneth Over" by Robert Patrick needs two females, in the mid-20's: Paula - sensitive, sympathetic; Yucca - loveable, innocent clown.

"A Perfect Relationship" by Doric Wilson needs six males, one female: Muriel - a survivor, Joyce Brothers Bette Midler type; Greg - late 20's/mid-30's, "butch"; Ward - mid to late 30's "butch"; Barry - late 20's "humpy"; Tom - Richard - Hank - all straight types, 30's.

Janus is a non-profit production company dedicated to bringing "Off" and "Off-Off Broadway" shows to the Phoenix area. To help offset the expenses of this all-volunteer group, Janus plans to solicit program ads for the June production. Donations to the group are encouraged and will be gratefully accepted. Send a check to Janus - Theater for Gays, P.O. Box 65, Phoenix, AZ 85001. Or contact Steve (9a.m.-4p.m.) 258-9773, or Bud (7-10p.m.) 967-3557. Other productions under consideration are Boy Meets Boy (a musical); The West Street Gang (a comedy); Steambath (drama) Pilate (modern allegory); The Faggot (musical) and With Female Impersonator Bubiz LaRue As Star (a drama).



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## Tucson Gay Pride Committee Formed

TUCSON - On Monday, April 14, representatives of eight "community" organizations together with numerous individual Gays and Lesbians met to form a Tucson "Gay Pride" Committee.

The Committee drafted a list of prospective activities for consideration of inclusion in the June 22 through June 29 Tucson "Gay Pride Week" observance. It was unanimously agreed that the activities should center on a theme stressing the humanity, spirituality, creativity and productivity of Gays and Lesbians as we move into the 80's. Four standing sub-committees were formed to deal with the Publicity, Security, Gay Pride Picnic and an Evening of non-denominational Spiritual Expression. Four exploratory sub-committees were established to investigate areas of An Evening of Women's Expression, An Evening of Youth Expression, An Evening of Political Encounter and a Film-fest.

The finding of the 4 exploratory sub-committees will be presented for evaluation in the Tucson "Gay Pride" Committee meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 28 at 739 East 5th Street (Near Euclid). Hopefully, the four sub-committees will be converted to standing sub-committees representing feasible activities for inclusion in the week-long observances. Two factors to be concluded in this meeting will be determination of a promotional "theme" and formation of a sub-committee on Finance.

Tucson "Gay Pride" Committee meetings are open to participation by the entire Tucson Gay/Lesbian community. Join in and overflow the meeting hall, but if for some reason you can't be present and desire to be a contributing part of this joint effort, contact the Gay Community Services of Tucson Information Line at 748-7339, Mon. thru Fri. from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight; the AGN during business hours or talk to an officer, minister or director of GCS, GSO, Dignity, Holy Trinity, Santa Cruz MCC, Truth Chapel MCC or the Tucson Knight Owls.

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## Bryant tax return tells all

HOLLYWOOD, FL - Anita Bryant Ministries, for Counseling Homosexuals has filed federal income tax statements indicating that she spent only \$150 for counseling from \$968,000 she raised in her 1978 morality campaign. The IRS documents made available through a Freedom of Information Request indicate that Anita Bryant Ministries, Inc., instead spent over \$454,000 in "direct fees for raising contributions" and bankrolled over a half a million dollars of the remaining contributions.

Under IRS regulations, information on the recipients of the fundraising fees are not made public. But IRS officials concede that all of the \$454,000 could have gone to Bryant herself for promotion of her organization. Bryant's group received a temporary approval for tax exempt and tax deductible status in 1977 pending her ability to show her organization actually engaged in charitable activities through the 1978 tax year. IRS officials refused comment on whether the returns would justify granting permanent tax advantages to Bryant, but did indicate that as a new organization the returns would be subject to full audit.

In total, Bryant reports that her group spent only \$56,000 on programs with only \$150 of that going to counseling. The bulk of the expenses of the \$56,000 were for a "documentary," and both press and photo expenses as well as "Christmas gifts" exceeded actual counseling costs. Bryant also reported spending no funds for either direct or indirect political activity although IRS permits up to 20 percent of the funds from such organizations to be used for those purposes. However, no record of separate incorporation for Protect America's Children could be immediately located at IRS offices, raising questions about a possible overlap of the two groups in conflict with IRS rules and the tax filing.

by Larry Bush (Sentinel)

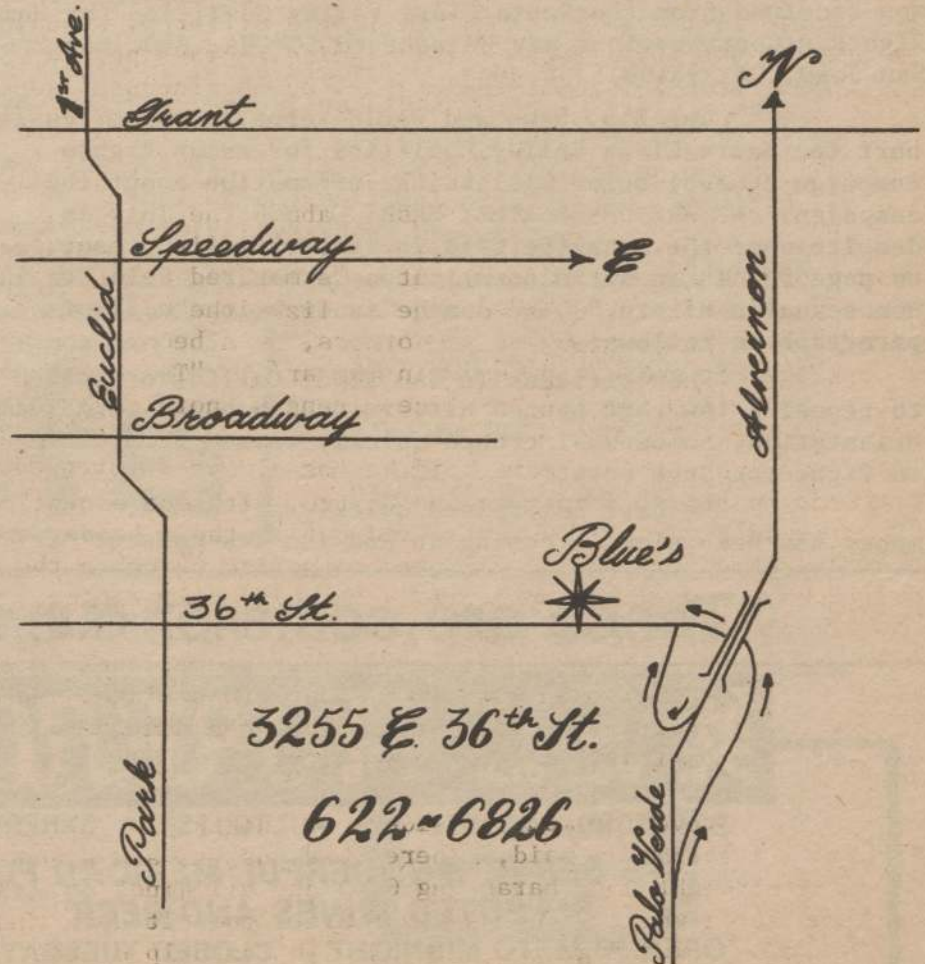
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## Magazine misleads in rights fight

SAN JOSE, CA - In August 1979, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County and the San Jose City Council each passed ordinances prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and public services based on an individual's sexual orientation. A small but well-financed and well-organized group of anti-human rights zealots and religious fundamentalists circulated petitions forcing both ordinances onto the June 3rd ballot. These same fanatics are also committed to driving each elected official supportive of Lesbian and Gay rights out of office. Now, though coincidence or on purpose U.S. News and World Reports magazine printed a very erroneous report on monies being raised. The following press release was received from the Santa Clara Valley Coalition for Human Rights. (Contributions may be sent to SCVCHA, P.O. Box 2066, San Jose, CA 95109):

"The U.S. News and World Reports has seriously hurt the Santa Clara Valley Coalition for Human Rights campaign by publishing misleading information about the campaign. WE ARE DESPERATELY SHORT OF MONEY. This is despite what the magazine said in its April 14th issue, on page 93, in an article entitled, 'A New Big Push for Homosexual's Rights.' The damage is done in the first paragraph as follows:

'When citizens in San Jose, Calif., organized to repeal a law that banned discrimination based on sexual orientation, homosexual groups quickly raised \$250,000 to fight the June vote.'

"We have not raised quickly any money. The money has been slow in coming in and isn't a quarter of

the above stated figure. We are often desperate for funds and are now desperate for funds. Our opposition is sending out mailings and appears to be very well financed.

"It appears that U.S. News and World Reports purposely mislead their readers. According to Johnie Staggs, campaign manager, no one from the magazine has contacted any member of the coalition's staff. This paragraph will only stimulate the conservative readers of the magazine to donate to the homophobic opposition and Gay rights supporters not to donate to the Coalition for Human Rights.

"Finally it is interesting that U.S. News and World Report has selected the terms 'citizens' and 'homosexual groups.' All homosexuals in our Coalition are citizens.

"I would like to repeat that we are short of money and donations can be sent to Santa Clara Valley Coalition for Human Rights, P.O. Box 2066, San Jose, CA 95109."

by Edward H. Sebesta

## Gay rights gains support in Texas

HOUSTON - The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) has announced its support of a suit filed in November attacking the Texas Homosexual Conduct Law, Penal Code Section 21.06. Section 21.06 penalizes sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex in private. The suit filed in Dallas Federal District Court by Dallas civil rights attorney James C. Barber, was on behalf of a Dallas man.

The Texas legislature in 1973 adopted the Model Penal Code of the American Law Institute and added to it Section 21.06. The model code endorsed by the institute does not recognize homosexual activity as criminal. Since 1960, 23 states have eliminated laws similar to the Texas Homosexual Conduct Law. In 1974, the American Psychiatric Association passed a resolution supporting the repeal of criminal statutes singling out homosexual acts by consenting adults in private. In addition more than 30 professional, social and religious groups have endorsed similar statements, including the American Bar Association, American Medical Association, National Council of Churches, United Church of Christ, National Federation of Priests' Council and the Young Women's Christian Association.

A Louis Harris survey, conducted in December 1978, found that 70 percent of the public believed that homosexual relations between consenting adults should not be penalized by law. More than 120 corporations have amended their anti discrimination policies to include Gay men and Lesbians. Included in this group are Exxon, Bank of America, IBM, Proctor & Gamble, Adolph Coors Co., and American Airlines.

While people in Texas maintain a much lower profile than their counterparts in Boston, San Francisco or New York City, they are more and more coming out of the proverbial closet. Steven H. Shiflett, president of Houston's Gay Political Caucus and a member of that city's Gay executive and professional association, was quoted as saying, "Gays are the epitome of capitalism" in a recent

issue of *Business Week*. Shiflett cites Gays' representation across the spectrum of business, with a special emphasis on real estate.

The suit seeks to have Section 21.06 declared unconstitutional and barred from enforcement on the grounds that it violates the individual's right to privacy, due process and equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the first, ninth and fourteenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

A spokesperson for the National Gay Task Force in New York says, "Today, companies are much more aware that they have many Gay people on the staff - from shipping clerks to the president - even if they can't identify them. Even three years ago, most companies weren't perceiving us as a legitimate or large minority. Many still don't." The Texas Human Rights Foundation, founded in 1976, is a non-profit, public litigating corporation chartered by the State of Texas. Its purpose is to fight discrimination on the basis of sex, race, creed, national origin, age, handicap status and sexual or affectional preference.

(Texas Business, Feb.)

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# Perspective

## DEVELOPING A GAY IDENTITY (PART III)

by Dr. Betty Berzon

### THE PHANTOM POPULATION

Let me talk a little bit about why it's important for us to label ourselves politically. We are basically, at present, a phantom population. The politicians are going to continue to say, "there are not enough Gay constituents for me to pay any attention to this Gay legislation that you're proposing I support. It does not have enough significance for me politically because--" and I have heard politicians say this about areas where I knew thousands and thousands of Gay people who are voting citizens, live -- "there simply are no Gay people in my constituency." And as long as we are a phantom population, they'll continue to say that.

The regulatory agencies will say, "Gay people do not comprise a significant component of the community for us to pay that much attention to their needs." Now, that may sound kind of esoteric to you, but it isn't esoteric. The Federal Communications Commission is a regulatory agency. It is bound by law to determine what the significant elements in the community are so that those elements can be represented on the publicly owned airwaves. Now, as taxpaying and voting citizens of this country, we have the right to be included in their determination of what makes up a community....There's been something of a breakthrough in that regard. But as long as regulatory agencies say, "Well, where are all these Gay people you're talking about?" they don't have to pay any attention to us.

The corporate decision-makers will say, "Well, I don't think there's enough Gay buying power for me to pay attention to how our products are marketed or a product that we might develop or an advertising campaign that might be insulting to Gay people. Well, there aren't that many Gay people for us to worry about." You know? "Where are they all?"

And the social agencies will continued to say, "Well, there's no demonstrated need for us to develop special programs for Gay adolescents. Where are all the Gay adolescents?" Special programs for the aging Gay people? "I don't know about that. Where do you see aging Gay people?" Where do you think they are?

So, as long as we don't tell them who we are and where we are and in what significant numbers we exist, they won't pay any attention to us in a very significant way. We're not going to have the voting power and the buying power and the lobbying power to really make a difference. Now, we can only stop being that phantom population when we start

labelling ourselves. And, of course, that's a decision that each individual must make for herself or himself.

### GROWTH TRACKS

Now, I'd like to say some things about being self-determining...Sometimes I say to my clients, "What is your life about?" as Gay people. When I say that to my clients, very often they look at me quite blankly. "What do you mean, what is my life about?" And then when I press them, they begin to get very nervous. Because, for a lot of Gay people - perhaps most Gay people - there's no ready answer, as there is for non-Gay people.

For non-Gay people progress in life is measured by a pre-determined pattern that revolves around the development of the nuclear family. A great deal that happens to you in your life is about, one way or another, becoming a partner in marriage and becoming a parent eventually. That's a major track of modern life, the nuclear family track. And, it even may be something that one decides that one is not going to do, but at least there is something you're deciding you're not going to do. It is a major track along which most people's lives move. And it is the way in which non-Gay people calibrate the progress of their lives.

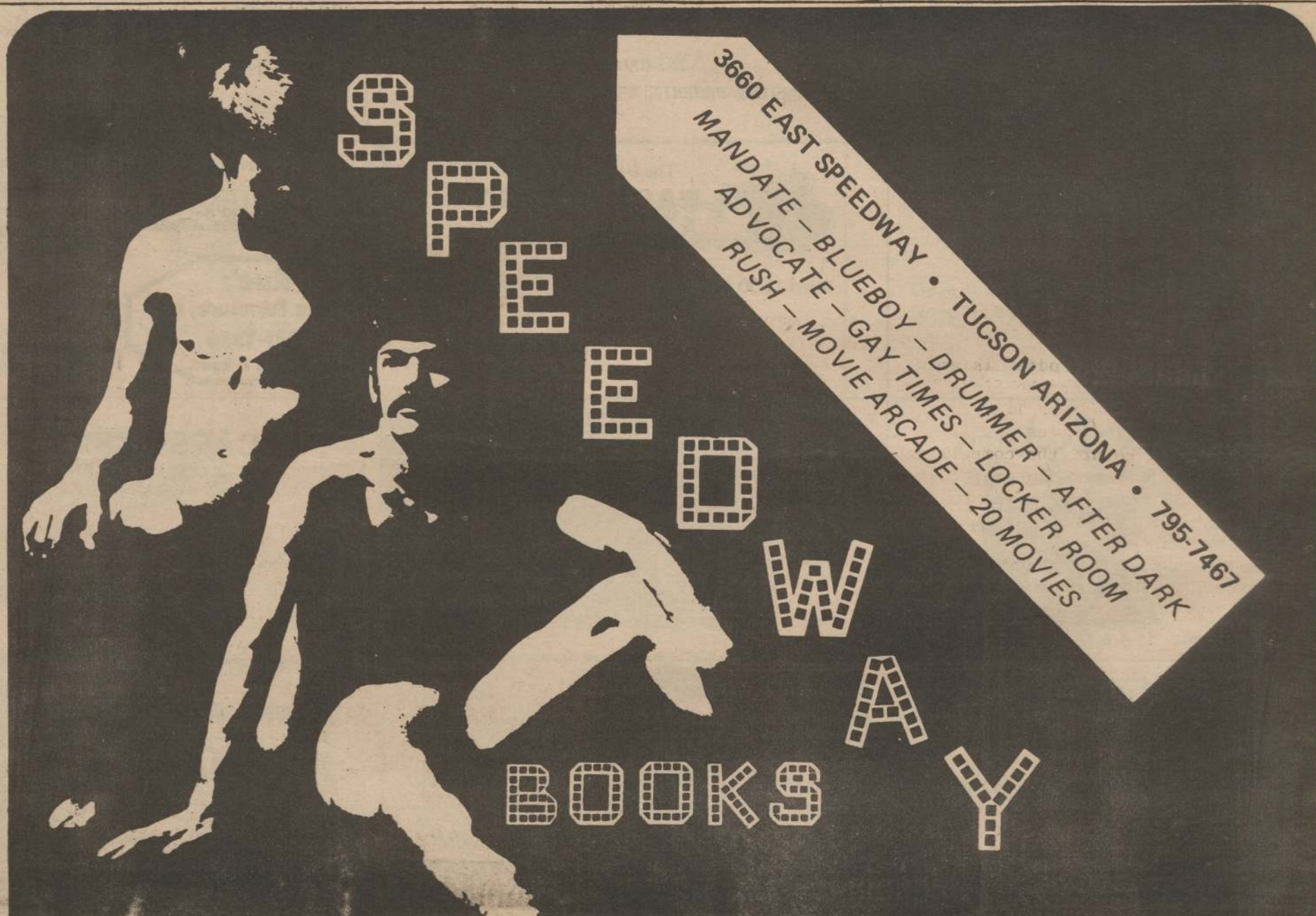
That's possible because this track has these guideposts along it, they're kind of symbolic markers along the way. We think in terms of who we care about, first dates, courtships, engagements, marriage...These are the kinds of things that give comfort, because you know that someone has passed this way before, that kind of something is known about the journey ahead. And we are surrounded by all kinds of information that tells us that this is what life is all about. You know; you grow up, you get married, you have a family, have children, the children grow up and have a family, and this is what life is about.

And there are all kinds of ritual events that go with these developments. And these ritual events are very important for giving form for the lives of the people who are involved with them. And they provide a framework for identity.

One of the first major traumas for practically everyone when you begin the process of taking unto yourself a Gay identity...is the realization that you have lost this framework...for identity in your life. And, so, then what? So, what is your life about? So, how are you going to know whether you're making progress or not? Unless you deal with that loss, and unless you've come to grips with it, and unless you acknowledge it and admit it, you're not really ready to go in the development of your Gay identity.

### NEXT WEEK "A GAY GROWTH TRACK"

ED NOTE: This week's "Perspective" is a continuation of a lecture given recently by Dr. Betty Berzon at the University of Arizona. Because of its length it is being presented in a series. Part IV next week "A Gay Growth Track."



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- ... "Rebecca of 7-Crown Farm" starring Miss Polly as Rebecca who runs a small downtown bordello. Co-starring Billy Joe, Mavis and Bill N. as the "girls".
  - ... "Diamonds are Forever" which casts David T. as a reigning monarch who refuses to give up the throne.
  - ... "Lady and the Tramp Sing the Blues" is a low budget porno flick with Old Lady Cruz taking in a wayward farmboy (David S.) and guiding his sexual exploits to the ultimate orgasm, his own Gay bar.
  - ... Murray stars in the wonderful musical "The Queen and I" which is all about an elderly queen trying to teach her many children (played by the TKO, Sons of Apollo and the Phoenix Levi Leather Club) the value of money with "golden showers."
  - ... "Miracle on Miracle Mile" takes an inside look at the struggles of a cabaret owner trying to keep top entertainment together and bar cost down.
  - ... "Come Blow My Horn" is a first rate documentary about the reading centers of Tucson. Shot on location at Caesar's, BookCellar and Fun Tym bookstores it is narrated by noted authority Stuart S.
  - ... "The Rainmakers" stars Bob B. and Vinny C. as local bar owners who sell umbrellas as a side line to their patrons.
  - ... "F.I.S.T.S." starring Big George. (No comment)
  - ... "From Here To Eternity" a newsreel that shows local bar patrons trying to decide if they should drive to Stepps.
  - ... "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" is a moving account of the many, many, many homes that Eddie F. and Don M. have lived in.
  - ... "Breakfast at the Whores in the Hills" deals with the emotional traumas dinner guests are faced with when invited to dinner there.
  - ... "Please don't Eat the Daisey, Just Nibble" is a romantic comedy about the adventures of David H. at the Toole Box.
  - ... "Smashed-Up - The Story of a Woman" is a compelling drama with Dani Reid in the lead and a cast of 151.
  - ... "Pillow Talk" stars Del S. in a well researched look at some of the best t-rooms to sleep in.
  - ... "The Best Years of Our Lives" reveals the past of a young couple, Norma Jean and Gary Y. who had more fun before they got together.
  - ... "Gentlemen's Agreement" is all about the parting of two friends over a dress. Stars Lois and Angie.
  - ... "The Big Top" brings to the screen the drama of Dave P. trying to buy a new shirt. Starring Dave P. as himself.
  - ... "Speedway Boulevard" tells about an aging actress trying to find love and happiness picking up hitch-hikers on Speedway. Don N. stars.
  - ... "Phantom of the Opera" is a frightening tale of a would-be opera star, played by Fr Peter, who refuses to wear stage make-up.
  - ... "The Bandit Makes Good" has Lady C. playing a local entertainer who mysteriously acquires a fabulous wardrobe.
  - ... "Diary of a Mad Barfly" is a poorly-done documentary of a frustrated recruiter for Anita Bryant who is also a size-queen. Stars Irene.
  - ... "Move Over Darling" is a romantic comedy about a couples first three-way on their wedding night. Stars George R. and Gene Z.
  - ... "Mutiny on the Harley" explores the growing pains of a local men's club starring TKO members and Bill J.
  - ... "The Prime of Jean Brodie" is a tale of a spinster leather-craft teacher who finds happiness one night as a disco star in Phoenix. T.J. in the leading role and several supporting roles.
  - ... "The Churning Point" the compelling drama of two female impersonators who vie for the love of the same man. One (Monte Jon) gives up dresses to win his love, the other (Misty) never takes her dresses off to win his love. Co-starring Barry.
  - ... "The None Story" is all about a lonely engineer who gets none. Phil J. stars.
  - ... "Boys Town" is a fantasy of a young man (Fred Y.) and the perfect world he would like to create.
  - ... "Mary, Queen of Scotch" has Tony C. in the title role who doubles as a doorbell trade operator and a t-room inspector.
  - ... "The Music Man" is a fun tale of a young D.J. trying to be a man. Stars Mark S.
  - ... "The Love Parade" stars Mother Johnny as a tour guide in the maze at the Toole Box.
  - ... "You Can't Take It With You" stars Zircon Joe as a man who really tries to take it with him.
  - ... "The Gay Deceivers" stars Caryl L. and Debbie G. the two girls who often visit Tucson, but nobody is really sure about.



- ... "Finian's Rainbow" brings to the screen blonde Jay as the nurotic bar patron that changes hair color for each holiday.
- ... "Taming Of The Shrew" stars that wonderful couple Tommy S. and Steve M. who spend all their time fighting over who is taming who and who is the shrew.
- ... "Nanook of the North" becomes "Naughty Marietta" is a poignant drama with Kitty Litter as an overweight girl from Northern Arizona who comes to Tucson, is transformed svelte and glamorous, and turns to walking the street.
- ... "The Lavender Hill Mob" has the employees of Stepps cast as religious fanatics who go fishing a lot.
- ... "A Touch Of Class" is a short subject movie with certain baboons cast as some members of the Gay community who destroy restrooms in Gay bars.
- ... "The Sterile Cuckoo" an international drama about an illegal alien (George M.) who wins the love of a famous surgeon (Fred Mc.) who specializes in vasectomy's.
- ... "The Gay Divorcee" a superb performance by Doc as an elderly matron forced by unknown reason to seduce young men and then force them to leave Tucson to join a large prostitution ring in New York. Co-starring N.J. Archie as the head madam and Lloyd B. as the other woman.
- ... "Bye Bye Birdy" is a light headed musical starring Candas who goes to any extreme just to raise her voice.
- ... "The Not-So-Odd Couple When You Rreally Think About It" is an interesting story about a drag-queen (Brenda Starr) and a leather queen (Dale McK.) who find happiness living out of the same dressing room.



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## PHOENIX FAIRY TALES



PHOENIX - News and notes from hither and yon! Greetings once more from the Valley of the Sun -- homecomings can be so heartwarming especially with that Demon of Dirt, Dragon Lady, heralding one's return. Speaking of said Demon -- she seems to be stirring up her own personal bee hive. But I am certain she will get the honey and not the sting from the words she writes. So watch out all you bees!

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Around-Town-Dept.: Aunt Charlie's (Second Street and Camelback) is serving up some fantastic food with the added gourmet touch of the internationally known chef Anna Lisa and their Sunday Brunch continues to be one of the Valley's best. Stop in an peruse their menu while enjoying a drink from their bar -- and they are serving all the Gay community -- even those in dresses and wigs!.....Over the mountains out Barnaby's way, (3241 East Shea) things are really beginning to HOP...stop in for some good food, excellent drinks and fabulous music!.....Gadzooks! All these places to eat and me on a diet!!!!

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Movie-to-See-Dept.: I was fortunate to see a premier showing of "The Consequence" while in Tucson recently. Its story line concerns the consequences facing a Gay prisoner and the warden's 16-year-old son when they fall in love. It is a sensitive, non-exploitive film showing the dilemmas facing Gay men in a society unwilling and unprepared to accept them. Watch for it and don't miss seeing this film, which is already called "a landmark in Gay filmmaking."

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Humor-is-Fun-Dept.: Miss Natalie Rae is pearl diving these days in Barnaby's kitchen -- watch out for those dishpan hands darling!.....Thanks Bunny (Butler) for your compliment but I must admit I can't see that JoAnne has found one ounce of what I have lost. Are you sure it isn't your eyes?.....Baronessa Trixie what-ever-you-call-it was seen trying to be nice in Tucson -- trying is used very loosely!!.....I only ask one question, how come Gracie Latrino can walk into a room and captivate any male she chooses and depart with same?.....I heard Katie B'Natie has a thing for bus terminal rest rooms!!!!

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### Tanner's Best/Worst Places To Be List:

#### BEST

1. In Phoenix with all these fabulous people.
2. The Phoenix Club Baths when the attendant on duty is a personal friend and there is a long waiting list for rooms.
3. At one of Gracie Latrino's fabulous after-hours parties - drugs, sex, rock & roll!!!

#### WORST

1. Anywhere Dani Reid is awaiting the arrival of one or more burly thugs and an I.O.U.
2. The Club Baths when there is a waiting line at the desk waiting for rooms and you can't even remember who you are.
3. Ajo, during Apple Blossom Time without your insect repellent and sunshades.

Until next time, keep out of those troll bug pits and make whoopee with someone close to you --- Cheers Tish Tanner.

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TULSA, OK (GPU) - A family is parents or a parent and child - not Gay couples not even unmarried cohabitating heterosexual pairs. Such was the conclusion of the Oklahoma Conference on the Family-held in Stillwater. Participants included church groups, social workers, grandmothers, nuns, and a strong contingent of "pro-life" groups who brought their infants to the sessions.

A number of professionals who were present expressed grave concerns that the stance of the conference did not meet the needs of Oklahoma families not fitting the traditional molds. Their concerns were voted down.

Other highlights from the conference:

"There's no word sweeter than 'mother' and the nurturing of children is the most important career."  
"The place for sex education is in the home."

"Divorces are too easy to get."

In a final orgy of liberalism, the conference pontificated:

"Men should be considered in child custody cases."

BRYANT TO UNITED KINGDOM?

LONDON, UK (GPU) - During a conversation with an English freelance journalist which was later reported in London's *Gay News*, Anita Bryant's husband, Bob Green, confirmed that the actress-singer was not only coming there with her family for recording sessions, but also that some consideration was being given to moving to the United Kingdom. He added that the family had often considered settling in Oxford. Gays, he suggested, were becoming too aggressive in the States. "They're asserting their power there. They don't act like that in Britain."

During the family's next trip to the UK, Bryant will take part in a low-budget religious television program entitled, "The Controversialists." A 30-minute interview had been scheduled with her for transmission, but the producer of the series was contacted by Bryant's secretary in February and told that she would not be in London on that date. Ms. Bryant even has a favorite pub in Oxford, The Swan. To no one's surprise, it is not listed in any of the British Gay guides.

During his conversation with the freelance journalist, who never raised the question of homosexuality, Green interrupted his volunteered remarks on Gays, stating in a wondering tone, "Why am I telling you all this?" Why indeed?

FOUL!

TORONTO, ONT (GPU) - Ken Campbell, the self-ordained evangelist, fundamentalist minister, and seminary drop-out, has cried foul to the Ontario Human Rights Commission. His claim is that some Gay owned businesses in Toronto are discriminating against self-confessed heterosexuals. In a letter to the Commission, Campbell called upon the Commission to denounce the "anti-social practices" of members of the Lambda Business Council who offer a 10% discount to Gay customers.

Rev. Campbell, known throughout the Toronto Gay community as "Crazy Ken," has been one of the most outspoken critics of efforts to include sexual orientation in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

SANTA CRUZ  
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A Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held at the Casa Nuestra on May 2nd. This is a special celebration for all Hispanic's and everyone is welcome. There are a multitude of events planned. Beginning at 8 p.m. there will be delicious foods including Red Chili Burros. Then at 8:30 p.m. "Salsa Disco" so everyone can work off that scrumptious meal.

An all-star show begins at 11:30 p.m. with some of Tucson's finest entertainers - The Incomperable Brenda Starr; Delightful Lady Casandra; and the multi-talented Dani Reid. Services will also be conducted by Rev. Bern David. The evening also affords an opportunity to meet and chat with Cecelia Bracamonte from Santa Cruz MCC. We urge all to attend. There will be a \$3.00 donation for the Benefit of Santa Cruz MCC. For address and location call 293-4326 or 624-0906 in Tucson.

**HTCC** Last Sunday our Picnic/Pot Luck was a fun time for all those who were there. The food was so divine, as well as the company. The volleyball games were such a success, we decided to form a Volleyball team to take on, and beat the socks off all comers. If you have a team and think you can beat us, just try!

Lately, HTCC is having as many visitors as we have regulars. We are glad to have all of you. Come back, y'all heah?

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** for Mother's Day, May 11, Holy Trinity will host, in association with the other Tucson churches, the "Casa Choir" of Casa de Cristo MCC in Phoenix, for an evening of music. The special presentation will be at the main sanctuary of the Unitarian Church, Holland Hall, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a special brunch prior to the presentation at the Joshua Tree. More details as they become available.

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In the planning stages is an evening of joyful praise in music to be held here in Tucson in May by our "sister congregation" in Phoenix - Casa de Cristo MCC. This is to be a united time of worship in music with Truth Chapel MCC, Santa Cruz MCC, Holy Trinity Community Church of the Desert, Dignity and Casa de Cristo MCC, Phoenix as well as the Tucson community at large. More on this later.

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