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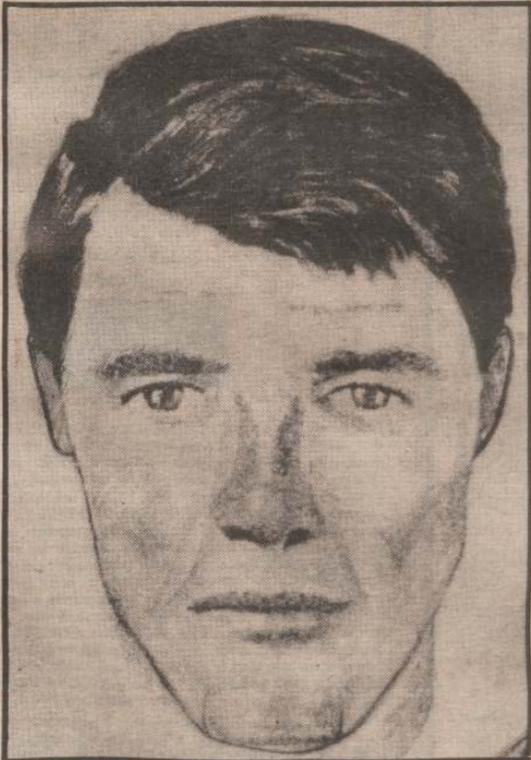
The Phoenix Police Department has provided the following report to *The Western Express* as an alert and a request for any information readers might have.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA POLICE DEPARTMENT Report #83-003324

On January 10, 1983, at 2:09 p.m., STANLEY E. ANDERSON, white/male, 41 years, was discovered dead in his home at 1122 West Palm Lane, Phoenix, Arizona, by police officers. Cause of death was manual strangulation. ANDERSON was fully clothed except for shoes.

ANDERSON was last observed alive on January 8, 1983, 11:00 p.m., at the 307 Bar located at 222 East Roosevelt, Phoenix, Arizona. He was quite intoxicated at the time and was in the company of a white/male subject.

A witness observed a white/male subject back the victim's car out of his driveway on January 9, 1983, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. The victim's vehicle was recovered just outside of Desert Center, California, abandoned, on January 10, 1983 at 11:00 a.m. by the California Highway Patrol.



SUSPECT DESCRIPTION

White/male, 25-30 years, 5'10", 150-160 lbs., black hair, conservative cut; clean shaven with possible stubble of beard. Wearing a dark colored short sleeve shirt.

If the suspect is located or any information is developed, please contact:

Detective Bill Butler, #1738
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Homicide Detail
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Telephone: (602) 262-7456
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ARIZONA LEGISLATURE CONSIDERING BILL LIMITING DISCUSSION OF HOMOSEXUALITY IN CLASSROOMS

In a Bill, HB 2128 introduced on January 18, 1983 by state Representatives Cooper, Wright, Sossaman, Skelly, and Senators West, Davis and Stump, the legislature is to consider making it illegal for a teacher to "encourage" homosexuality. The Bill is printed below for review. What should be noted is the ambiguity regarding what constitutes advocating or encouraging homosexual activity. Who determines is the greatest question. And even if there is a defined "who", what is the method used to judge whether that being related by a teacher is to be considered an act of advocacy or encouragement of homosexuality.

Meetings have been arranged by members of the gay communities of Arizona to discuss amongst themselves and with legislators the ramifications of this bill. The results of those meetings will be reported on in the following issue of *The Western Express*. It is anticipated that a phone campaign will be called to appraise the Governor of the community's opposition to the Bill. This was a method used in 1982 which was attributed by Governor Babbitt as a primary reason for his veto of a Bill which could have affected the operation of bars and other businesses in the gay community as they would have been considered "public nuisances".

Readers are urged to convey their opinion of this bill to their representative legislator and/or to Governor Babbitt. Phone numbers are available either through the directory or through directory assistance. All applicable numbers will be printed in *The Western Express* on February 16, 1983.

Introduced by

Representatives Cooper, Wright, Sossaman,
Skelly, Senator West; Senators Davis, Stump

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PRESCRIBING DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSE INVOLVING ENCOURAGING HOMOSEXUALITY; PRESCRIBING REVOCATION OF TEACHING CERTIFICATE, AND AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-510.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 15, chapter 5, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-510, to read:

15-510. *Encouraging homosexuality as unprofessional conduct; penalty; classification*

A. A COMMON SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER SHALL NOT, IN THE COURSE OF HIS PROFESSIONAL DUTIES, ADVOCATE OR ENCOURAGE ANY HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY WHICH CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

B. TEACHER WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION A IS GUILTY OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND HIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE REVOKED.

C. A TEACHER WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION A IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 6 FELONY.

GAY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL RE-INTRODUCED IN 98th CONGRESS

Washington DC — The Gay Rights National Lobby announced that the federal Gay Civil Rights Bill has been reintroduced in the House of Representatives. Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA) are again chief sponsors of the bill, which has been numbered H.R. 427 for the 98th Congressional Session.

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INTERNATIONAL REPORT

GAY MEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

London (IGNA) — Two groups have recently been formed in London with the aim of fighting diseases to which gay men are falling victim. "Group B" is the name of a self-help group for men who are carriers of Hepatitis B, while the "Terry Higgins Trust" — named after the first Londoner to die of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome — aims to raise around one hundred thousand pounds (approximately \$160,000) to help research into AIDS and related diseases.

British gay men have access to a network of free clinics that provide treatment for all kinds of sexually transmitted diseases. Most major hospitals throughout the country have such clinics, and many of those in Central London provide the best available health care for gay men. But since many doctors are still unfamiliar with the newer diseases, the need for further research and for gays themselves to take the initiative in health education programs has become apparent.

"Group B's" primary aim is to build up a bank of information about hepatitis that will be available to both health professionals and gay men. It also intends to provide a support group for those who are carriers of the disease. Additional impetus has been provided by Health Secretary Norman Fowler's recent announcement that gay men in general are to be given no priority in treatment with the new anti-hepatitis B vaccine. "Group B," therefore, has been working with a London clinic where doctors are willing to vaccinate gay men if they lack natural immunity and have lovers who are carriers.

The "Terry Higgins Trust" was formed to increase information about diseases such as AIDS and Kaposi's sarcoma. Although these diseases are still rare in the UK, four Londoners are known to have died from related infections within the last year. The first fund-raising event will be a party at London's "Heaven Ultradisco" in January.

POSSIBLE BAD BLOOD

Washington, D.C. (IGNA) — The American Red Cross has announced that it is taking steps to decrease the risk of the transmission of AIDS by calling for additional caution in the use of blood and blood products and for "reasonable attempts to limit donations from individuals or groups that may have unacceptably high risk of AIDS."

The Red Cross, which provides one-half of the nation's supply of voluntarily donated blood, said it no longer intends to collect blood from groups that may have high incidence of AIDS. It noted that AIDS has been found chiefly in gay males, intravenous drug users, and Haitians.

Because AIDS "appears to be transmitted from person to person, probably through intimate contact," the Red Cross is acting to reduce the possibility of infection through blood. Recent studies have suggested that the blood-derived medicine used by most hemophiliacs may be a factor in AIDS and that an alternative medication, frozen clotting factor, should be used instead.

Joining with the American Association of Blood Banks and the Council of Community Blood Centers, the Red Cross issued what comes close to a ban on gay blood. It further recommended:

1. The use of a person's own blood in transfusions should be considered more frequently, especially for elective surgery.

2. As part of the regular blood donor screening process, all donors should be asked questions that will elicit possible symptoms of AIDS.

The Red Cross acknowledged that fewer than 10 cases of AIDS have been shown to have possible linkage with transfusions despite 10 million transfusions a year and that evidence that AIDS can be spread by blood components remains incomplete.

The organization said it will continue to monitor new developments and revise its position promptly should medical or other scientific findings indicate that a different course of action is warranted.

WAS GAY ALL ALONG

San Diego (IGNA) — An enlisted seaman apprentice who had told a naval hearing last fall that she was not a lesbian acknowledged in a recent newspaper interview that she was indeed homosexual.

Robin Bruce, 23, of Las Vegas, said in the interview that she received an honorable discharge but that she intends to go to court to fight the military regulations that prohibit homosexuality.

Bruce denied being a lesbian throughout the investigation aboard the San Diego-based submarine

tender *Dixon* because she was placed in the bind of being subject to dismissal for telling the truth. "That's what the Navy wanted to hear," said Bruce to a reporter for the *San Diego Union*.

A three-member panel of officers recommended Bruce's discharge last October after a six-hour hearing involving 20 witnesses.

Bruce was among 12 women and several men who were prosecuted for alleged homosexuality aboard the *Dixon*. One other woman has been discharged and two others recommended for discharge.

GAY BILLBOARD PLANNED IN DALLAS

Dallas Gay News via GPA Wire Service

A billboard carrying the message "The Dallas Gay Community - Working Toward a Better Understanding" will soon appear in Dallas, announced the Dallas Gay Alliance.

The DGA hopes to lease one billboard for a year and then add others as funds become available. The current budget for the project is in excess of \$4,000.00 they said.

The billboard project is part of an outreach program to the non-gay community.

The site of the first billboard was chosen, they said, principally because it can be clearly seen by anyone at City Hall.

GAY ATHEISTS PICKET EVANGELIST IN HOUSTON

by Johannes Stahl - Montrose Voice via GPA Wire Service

Members of the Houston Chapter of the Gay Atheist League of America (GALA) picketed the appearance of TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart at the Sam Houston Coliseum Jan. 8. The Coliseum is in downtown Houston.

Houston GALA President Don Sanders said that the American Atheists joined in with them in the protest and both groups carried signs which read "Gay and Straight Unite to Smash Gay Oppression," "Read Your Bi-Bull" and "One Nation Under God: Iran."

The demonstration went smoothly, according to Sanders, and there were no incidents with the Houston Police Department.

LIBERACE DENIES OWNING A BROWN SUIT

Los Angeles (IGNA) — Well-known entertainer Liberace says that he was not served by a process server to appear in court although she claims he was served. The judge decided that Liberace was correct in this matter. "That man wouldn't be caught dead in a brown business suit," said Superior Court Judge Irving A. Shimer. Thus Liberace is not yet an official defendant in the case being brought by Scott Thorson, a dancer and animal trainer, who claims that Liberace promised him large sums of money if he would serve as chauffeur, bodyguard, confidant, secretary, and lover.

Carol Hagerty, the process server, said in a sworn court declaration that she gave notice of the lawsuit to Liberace on October 16 at the Westbury Music Fair on Long Island. She said the man who accepted the suit was "Liberace, a male white 5-foot-10, 170 pounds, brown hair, dressed in a brown business suit."

The pianist, known for his sequins, furs, and capes, challenged that account. "My hair color is black with gray," he said, adding, "I neither own nor wear a brown business suit."

He said he heard a woman shout his name near the stage door, but security guards prevented her from reaching him.

Liberace has denied Thorson's claims about being the entertainer's lover.

DEAR ABBY'S TAPE FOR GAYS

The administration of former California Governor Jerry Brown, in one of its final acts, released a controversial videotape of Abigail (Dear Abby) Van Buren in which the columnist says, "God made gays just as surely as he made straights and all his children are entitled to love and be loved in dignity."

Earlier the administration has refused to release the tape because an official felt that it, and others made in a series, "smacked of advocacy."

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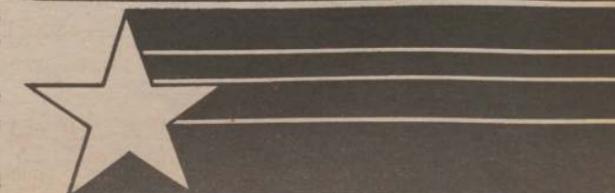
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An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

**For more information
about hepatitis B and the
vaccine to prevent it, contact
your doctor, clinic, or the
American Liver Founda-
tion. 998 Pompton Avenue,
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009
(201) 857-2626.**

This message is brought to you as a public service by
The American Liver Foundation

Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

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The 30-second public service message was one of several made by the Mental Health Promotion Branch of the Mental Health Department to promote better physical and mental health through friendship of various kinds. Homosexuality was the theme in five of them.

But B. T. Collins, Brown's chief of staff, scrapped the five spots dealing with homosexuality in October of 1981, charging that they amounted to an inappropriate use of tax money. At the time, Collins said he did "not want everybody in the world looking at these films, and if I sound like a censor, so be it."

Art Agnos, D-San Francisco, said that he buttonholed then-Governor Brown on the Assembly floor in December of 1982 and asked him to release the tape. He received the tape on the final day of Brown's tenure in office.

In the tape, Dear Abby reads a letter from a concerned mother who has two daughters. One is happily married, while the other is a lesbian. The letter asks, "Where did I fail?" and is signed "Heartsick."

"Dear Heartsick," Abby replies, "You haven't failed. One daughter is straight. The other is gay... Remember, we are all family."

Jerry B. Wheeler, the West Hollywood producer who made the five spots, said: "I was fearful that the political powers would bury the spots for fear of controversy. If we can just get one spot on the air, the entire project will have been well worthwhile."

BOOK ABOUT ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE A DAN WHITE-TYPE

San Francisco (IGNA) — A novel based on a possible attempt to assassinate the man who murdered Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone will appear within the next few months despite fears that it will be considered an attempt to encourage revenge against real-life convicted killer, Dan White.

Author Daniel Curzon claims that the book is "imagination" and is meant to show the escalation of violence that occurs when violence is used to rectify wrongs. "My novel (*From Violent Men*) is no more pro-murder than *Hamlet* is!" said the author about his seventh book, to be published early in 1983.

"Actually the Dan White-like character is a minor figure in the book and doesn't even appear until the last scene. His wife is a much more important character. I'm interested in the effect such a public murder might have on a sensitive, shy woman."

When asked why some agents and publishers have been afraid of possible libel suits because of the portrait of some of the characters, especially the wife, Curzon responded, "I made these characters up. I've never even met Dan White or Dan White's wife. It is a work of the imagination, showing the anger that might follow a crime where a notorious homophobe gets off lightly because the justice system and social sympathy side with the murderer because he murders a gay man. I feel all I've done is give dramatic form to some very real tensions in the air about Dan White, especially since he is scheduled to be released from prison in less than a year after serving only four years for two brutal killings."

SPOUSAL RITES — STILL PERCOLATING

by Konstantin Berlandt
via GPA Wire Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Supervisor Harry Britt was seen kissing a young man of thin lips underneath streamers in the middle of Gay activist Cleve Jones' New Year's Eve party in Noe Valley, south of the Castro, and rumor has it the Supervisor is in love. But official certification of their relationship as domestic partners is not expected in the immediate future.

Attempts to override Mayor Dianne Feinstein's veto of Britt's earlier domestic partner legislation, passed twice in November by the Board of Supervisors, were shelved at the Board meeting January 3 in favor of February hearings on new and somewhat watered down legislation.

The Board had 30 days since the Mayor's December 9 veto to attempt an override, but such an override required at least eight of the Board's eleven members. Although that many originally voted for Britt's proposed legislation, some since announced their intent not to override the Mayor.

Britt's initial bill, drafted by attorney Matt Coles, who also wrote the city's Gay anti-discrimination code, would have placed the words "domestic partners" alongside any reference in city law using "marriage" as a criteria for privileges such as hospital/jail visits, bereavement leave or health plans. Mayor Feinstein, in vetoing the bill, called it "vague" in wording and impact. Britt in late December introduced a softer bill that would still allow Gay and straight singles to register their domestic partner relationship for \$23 but would put off for a year's study considerations of lovers' benefits under the city's employee-paid premium health insurance plan.

No word yet from the Mayor on whether she would support the compromise plan. Feinstein will meet with some Gay and Lesbian leaders Wednesday, Jan. 12.

However, Feinstein's picture appeared in the center of a red circle with a diagonal slash through it this week on the cover of "Coming Up", a monthly events calendar paper distributed in Gay bars and Lesbian gatherings spots. Warns the newspaper's caption about the Mayor: "The honeymoon is over, but then we were never married."

MEN SUPPORTING WOMEN TO TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

A "Take Back the Night" March and Rally will take place in Phoenix on April 9, 1983. The purpose is for women to unite in support of the end to violence against women. Most major cities throughout the country have held similar events. Since men are often the perpetrators of most violence against women, it is important for men to be involved in the elimination of these violent acts. Bill Folk is organizing a group of men to support the women's efforts in marching. Men interested in being involved can call Bill at ARC, 955-6483 for more information. A meeting for men is scheduled for Sunday, February 20th at 7:00 at ARC, 2602 E. Clarendon, Phoenix.



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SAN FRANCISCO PARADE COMMITTEE SELECTS '83 THEME

by Konstantin Berlandt
via GPA Wire Service

SAN FRANCISCO — The Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee, which produces the world's largest Lesbian and Gay event annually, has selected "Strengthen the Ties, Break the Chains" as the theme for the Sunday June 26 parade and celebration.

The parade annually draws a crowd its organizers estimate at around a third of a million people, spectators and marchers down Market Street to Civic Center Plaza.

This year the Parade Committee is concentrating on its bylaw commitment to establish parity of youth, seniors, disabled and people of color in its production process. In November the Committee's General Membership elected to the Parade's Board of Directors three new members from the Latino Democratic Club, the Association of Lesbian and Gay Asians and Black and White Men Together.

Although the parade is still some six months away, fundraising and other subcommittee organizing has already begun. On the night of New Year's Day, '83 Co-Chairs Linda Boyd and Konstantin Berlandt appeared on the KGO-FM David Lamble Gay talk show for three hours. Listener call-ins seemed especially interested in the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) situation.

On the weekend before Christmas at 18th and Castro Streets, the Parade Committee sponsored celebrity Santa's. For \$2 anyone could have their picture taken on Santa's lap or vice versa.

Celebrity Santa's included singer Gwen Avery, poet Tede Matthews, Parade Immigration and Gay Olympics attorney Mary Dunlap, city Human Rights Commission President Phyllis Lyon, comedians Lea DeLaria and Carol Roberts, and writers Randy Shilts ("The Mayor of Castro Street — The Life and Times of

Harvey Milk") and Armistead Maupin ("Tales of the City"), not to mention November's top Gay vote-getter in the race for city Supervisor, Sister Boom Boom, from the order of Perpetual Indulgence.

Boom Boom, whose answer to Christmas is "Bah, humbug!", played the Anti-Santa in honor of pagan winter solstice rights. One young man, Chico Chavez of the Hayward Rah Rah's, who perform in the parade, stripped down to his jockstrap on the chilly corner to receive a paddling from the celebrated Sister.

The weekend's activities, while raising a nominal amount for the Parade Committee, also spread good will and holiday cheer by mocking the traditional sex roles of the season.

Requests for information regarding Freedom Day events in June should be addressed to L/GFDC c/o Women's Building - Box 12, 3543 - 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110, or phone (415) 864-1869.

OUT AND ABOUT

by Garry Mangum

I try to avoid asking new acquaintances their zodiac sign, simply because it is so cliché in gay circles. It's really rather silly and probably has little or no bearing on my conversation with a new friend. But it is better to be safe than sorry - so I usually ask. Of course asking someone what sign they were born under, doesn't guarantee an honest answer. Some people guard their birth signs with a vengeance. What self-respecting Scorpio would divulge this information to an outsider?

I have also come across a few zodiac comics. This type more often than not answers the question "What sign were you born under?" with "Yield," or "Four for a dollar." There are those who like to play "40 questions" when asked and answer the question with a question like "What's it to you?" or "What sign do you think I am?"

One of my favorite types are those born on the cusp - the seven days at the beginning or end of any sign. They never claim responsibility for their 'Jeckel-Hyde' lifestyles, blaming their behavior on the other sign. How would you like to be a Libra fighting a Scorpio cusp? Many of my peers think it is ridiculous for me to be so sign conscious. But I know most of them secretly read their horoscopes daily. I consult mine daily when I first awaken. I then read the sign of my latest heart throb. I always read Taurus next because I go absolutely ga-ga over anyone born between May 15, and May 19. Out of five long term relationships, all five were Taurians. Show me a Taurus and I'll show you a love sick queen! I lastly read the signs of my best friends and work associates. If my reading says to avoid a conflict with a Virgo, I don't even utter a word to my Virgo associates. Or if my reading says to be careful in travel, I am definitely not going out on the town with a Scorpio whose reading warns of impending disaster.

I'm trying desperately to learn more about astrology. Rising moons have me a little confused right now. The only moon rising I've ever been involved with was the one shot at me last weekend from the backseat of a fast moving 1968 oxydized-blue Pontiac Catalina, with a thumbnail scratch on the rear bumper, license plate number AZT-210; I just don't know if the moon was Aries or another Taurus.

It's not exactly a new establishment, but some changes have been made at THE ALTERNATIVE - PHILLIPS!. Check out their new dance floor and FREE Sunday buffet from noon to 3 P.M. Happy Birthday today to Char!!! with a party at 8 P.M.... SAMMY'S has added yet one more Beer Bust on Thursday evenings for just \$1.00 and all well drinks and shots of Schnapps and Comfort at \$1.00 also. For a special Sunday afternoon, be on hand for Sammy's Jazz on Sunday at 3P.M. every week with Mr. Maurey Richards and special guests that have included Margo Reed, Francine Reed, Linda and Carmella and Alice Tatum with many more jazz celebrities scheduled. SAMMY'S will be putting a Heart-On for Phoenix, February 13, as they celebrate Valentines Day with a special "Heart Ball" and show. A King of Hearts will be selected and awarded a cash prize. Showtime is 9 P.M. sharp... CRUISIN' CENTRAL is hopping downtown and features a happy hour every day until 7 P.M.... Don't miss Ken Sacha in his new one man show at TAYLOR'S beginning February 6. For information call 265-0851... SHAMOO'S has added a cable TV hookup for bar entertainment along with a new pool table. Don't forget Friday and Saturday nights and Phoenix' finest show "All That Drag" with Tish Tanner, Erica Erotica, Cliff Hashimoto and the black and beautiful Tamara... A very Happy Birthday to one of Phoenix' better known personalities! The ever popular and overly made-up JoAnne turns 39 — she and Jack Benny — today!

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1982 WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

The Western Express is pleased to announce the results of its first *Western Express Readers Choice Awards*, for 1982. The results were tallied from votes cast by readers during the past four weeks. There were interesting responses including the category receiving the most nominations being *Best Restaurant*. Also heavy, but predictably, were *Best Bartender*, both male and female, and the *Best Entertainer* categories. This held true, with the exception of female categories from Tucson, in both cities based on a percentage of nomination/number of ballots received basis. As far as the *Best Female Impersonator* category, there are many who would be indeed surprised to see their names in nomination. Exhibiting that the ballots, printed in the newspaper, reached a segment of readership who do not frequent gay owned or run establishments as much as others might, there were readers who responded with nominations for businesses one might not have considered. This included support for local department stores and waitresses located throughout Phoenix.

The initial plan of the contest was to bring attention to those persons and businesses, or sponsored events in both cities who/which did, in the estimation of their customers and readers of The Western Express, an admirable job. The fact that most everyone is appreciated is exhibited by the number of nominees in many categories. As with any vote regulated event, there can be only one first and one second (with the exception of ties), and so is the case with this. The results do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers or staff of The Western Express as we were as surprised at some of the results as many readers and, actually more rewarding, many recipients will be. That shows a good cross section of opinion.

We congratulate those who won and placed as runners-up. Especially we thank those who participated in the first awards contest. The SECOND WESTERN EXPRESS READERS CHOICE AWARDS-1983 will commence in mid-December. We encourage good intentional competition for those awards.

Based on results from the ballots, categories number 14, *Best Dance Bar*, and 15, *Best Cruise Bar*, were divided to reflect both *Men's* and *Women's* and, in the case of the latter, *Mixed* responses. This change was made at the discretion of the rules committee

PHOENIX AWARDS.....

First Place listed first, Runners-up listed second.

BEST BARTENDER - MALE

SAL at TRAX
JOHN M. at PHILLIPS!

BEST BARTENDER - FEMALE

CHARLETTE at PHILLIPS!
WENDY at THE FULL MOON

BEST DJ - MALE

RON SMITH - TRAX
TIE: JEFF HICKS - FARRAH'S LOUNGE and
GEORGE HILL at TRAX

BEST DJ - FEMALE

TYKE at THE FULL MOON
SUGAR at RAGGEDY ANN 'N' ANDY'S

BEST ENTERTAINER - MALE

TISH TANNER at SAMMY'S and SHAMOO'S
PAT W. (DOLLY) in BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE
IN TEXAS at BRONCO'S

BEST ENTERTAINER - FEMALE

TIE: LINDA CALDWELL and ALICE TATUM
RUSTY WARREN

BEST FEMALE IMPERSONATOR

JOANNE at SAMMY'S and SHAMOO'S
TISH TANNER at SAMMY'S and SHAMOO'S

BEST ENTERTAINMENT BY A GROUP

SPICE at TAYLOR'S
NEW MOON MUSIC BAND at THE FULL MOON

BEST WAITER

STEVE S. of TAYLOR'S
JOHNNY A. of SHAMOO'S

BEST WAITRESS

KAREN H. of THE FULL MOON
BARB M. of THE FULL MOON

BEST WOMAN'S BAR

THE FULL MOON

BEST MAN'S BAR

TRAX
TIE: FARRAH'S and PHILLIPS!

BEST MIXED BAR

PHILLIPS!
SAMMY'S

BEST DANCE BAR - MEN

FARRAH'S

BEST DANCE BAR - WOMEN

THE FULL MOON

BEST DANCE BAR - MIXED

HOTBOD'S

BEST CRUISE BAR - MEN

TRAX
CONNECTION

BEST CRUISE BAR - WOMEN

RAGGEDY ANN 'N' ANDY'S

BEST COUNTRY/WESTERN BAR

BRONCO'S
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BEST SHOW BAR

SHAMOO'S
SAMMY'S

BEST HAPPY HOUR - MEN

TRAX
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THE FULL MOON

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LAGUNA BEACH

Laguna Beach has that special kind of magic that brings out the kid in most of us. It is located on Pacific Coast Highway (P.C.H.) about half way between Los Angeles and San Diego, in sunny, Southern California. A picturesque resort community and artist's colony, it is also very gay... in fact estimates range as high as one third of the 17,000 year-round inhabitants. Other thousands of gay visitors flock here to swim, sail, cycle, job, surf, or just relax and party.

Sandy beaches, bouganvilla-covered bluffs and the blue Pacific frame one side of Laguna, while the lush, green coastal hills and lovely homes are on the other. A "must" is the unique Festival of Arts, held annually from mid-July to late August. It is a living tableaux of great masterworks of art 'posed' by the local citizens. You can spend hours browsing through antique shops, beach boutiques, art galleries and cafes in quaint courtyards... or sun and cruise at the very active West Street Beach. Within an hours drive are such outstanding attractions as Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Los Alamitos Race Track, Mission San Juan Capistrano, and Anaheim Stadium... home of the California Angels and L. A. Rams.

Since the last tent was removed from "Tent City", a most notorious gay resort, I frequented as a teen-ager, the Coast Inn has become the best-known gay hotel. Unfortunately it's a little run-down and frayed at the edges. You may prefer to stay at a mixed place like the Hotel Firenze, Casa Laguna, or Capri. Eiler's is a charming bed-and-breakfast inn, tollerant of discreet guests. My idea of heaven is the mostly straight luxury resort, Surf & Sand, but it is very, very expensive. All except Eiler's, are within a block or two of the gay bars.

The largest and busiest club is the Coast Inn at 1401 S. Coast Highway... and attracts some of California's hottest, bronzed, muscular, mustachioed, young jocks. You can enter from the Tap Room on P.C.H., or Boom Boom Room off the side street. In-between is a game room and there is also a small disco. One block north at 1305 S. Coast Hwy., is the long established Little Shrimp, which has a very popular piano bar with nightly entertainment. Further south is Main Street, a pub which caters to more mature gay and lesbian couples.

Ten miles north of Laguna are the affluent 'sun-belt' communities of Balboa, Costa Mesa, Corona Del Mar and Newport Beach. Beautiful Newport harbor has more yachts and pleasure craft than the eye can see... and is flanked by multi-million dollar homes. The Newport Station at 1945 Placentia in Costa Mesa is the best disco in the area, and Hans Again at 877 W. 19th is a fun cruise bar for men.

Laguna's favorite gay dinner house is the afore mentioned Little Shrimp, which also features a scrumptious Sunday brunch. For mixed restaurants try Dizz's As Is for dinners, and the Cottage for breakfast. The Corned Beef Corner is the place for fabulous sandwiches. For coffee and snacks try Denney's or the Coast Inn. The long-time but 'closety' Andree's has changed hands and is now called Ron's in Laguna. Reports are controversial to say the least.

There are more good straight restaurants along the south coast of Orange County than in many major American cities. Most are located in and around



Newport Beach. Among my favorites are Alfredo's, Ambrosia, Amelia's, Cannery, Cano's, Chanteclair, Five Crowns, Hemmingway's, La Cuisine, Lakeside, Marrakech, Matteo's, Reuben's, Reuben E. Lee, Riviera, and Villa Nova. In Laguna proper for Mexican food, I like Tortilla Flats, but unless you have the entire night to waste, avoid Las Brisas. The same holds true for the highly touted and vastly over-rated Boardwalk and Towers.

When I was a little kid, there was an old man with a long white beard, who stood in the middle of Laguna's busiest intersection, supposedly 'directing' traffic. Everyone thought him 'crazy', but he was one of those unforgettable characters as colorful as the village itself. The "Greeter", like Tent City and the legendary bar Camille's, are long since gone, but not forgotten by old-timers or kids grown-up! Laguna Beach played a major roll in my growing-up, and still does. I love it and only hope that your fantasies will match my memories.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '83 — America's foremost travel guide — available at most better bars, baths and book stores throughout America. Or send \$11.00 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., P.O. Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have just read your 'Letters to the Editor' in your last issue (Volume II, Issue 4, January 19, 1983) and hail "Name Withheld by Request's" letter concerning Valley Art's idea of producing a Gay Pride PARADE and not a March. I fully recognize that because of discrimination in Phoenix people like "Name Withheld" cannot afford to become public in their views and I totally agree that although we have a long way to go before being gay is accepted as just another way of life, we have come a long way and should be damn proud of it. For every step back we've taken in human rights we have taken two forward somewhere else. Phoenix may be slow in accepting the Gay Community, but we are here, we are not going away and as soon as Arizona's politicians realize the voting power they are missing by not supporting human rights issues, the better off they will be.

I have personally attended Gay Pride Celebration across the country from New York City to San Francisco and can honestly say they were all truly celebrations and parades; not marches of protest. Even though the HATE REIGN of Ms. Anita Bryant, Gays in New York City paraded and were proud to do so, not to scream their protest of her hate for gays, but to show the genuine love we had for each other.

I believe that Phoenix could produce a Parade with a much larger turnout of people parading in joy rather than a 1,000 or so screaming of their oppression. It is time to show the Straight Community we are not trying to force our life down their throats, but that we want to live as free tax-paying Americans with the same rights they enjoy without the threat of discrimination. I believe we can do this by showing them we are proud of who and what we are, rather than by being a mob of fanatics.

I believe the Gay businesses of Phoenix such as the bars would much rather support a Parade than a March, and the more support behind an organized Parade the better. I can sign my name to this letter and I enclose a \$25.00 check for you to pass on to the Valley Art Theatre to support their trust fund. I also include my entire support. If I can personally be of any help to their effort I would like them to contact me. In addition I challenge all your readers (and I know of many who support a Parade and not a March) to get behind this venture with their financial and personal support.

Patrick Williams
Phoenix, AZ.

In response to letter to the Editor, 1-19-83:

Dear "Name withheld by request":

Your closing line, *Name withheld by request*, is probably the most embarrassing point of your letter. It was once said that the worst form of oppression is self-oppression. Read your letter again. You must open your tightly-closed eyes to the reality of your life and next time you will sign your name.

A "Parade" is designed for *glitter and glamour*, such as a "Circus Parade" or "Shriner's Parade", in which no statement is made for political advantage, no real threat is recognized — as in other "Parades" around the country: The media only picks up a freak show. They love it, our enemies love it, the media stays safe.

I was in attendance at the last two "Marches" and they were very fine. I am proud indeed of these people. If you for one moment think the attitude of the rally was *radical or militaristic* (or did you mean *militant*?), I would ask you to go to a Jerry Falwell "I Love America" rallies and really get a dose of fear! OPEN YOUR EYES AND EARS — SEE — HEAR! — Your RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY are hanging by a very thin thread in our current political reality. And you had better remember that *bunch of misfits and radicals* that gave you that small right called free speech and assembly.

ANGRY! You bet I am! I'm angry with our lawmakers that would so quickly further criminalize me (and you). Equate my sexuality with *Second Degree Murder*? — I WILL NOT STAND FOR IT!!!

MAN, you should not be wanting a silly "Circus Parade", you should not be wanting a "March", you should be so damn mad you would want a demonstration!!

I praise the organizers of the last two "Marches". I see NO reasons to "celebrate". I see many reasons to fight back and very fast. You MUST remember a simple fact about this country: No group has ever been *given* its rights, they have always been *taken* — by the ballot or by the bullet.

Do not be foolish. Recognize that a cocksucker is either a *fool* or a *revolutionary*.

In the name of Gay Militancy
Roland Atkins
(Name NOT withheld by request)

NOW AND THEN

B. A. Willson

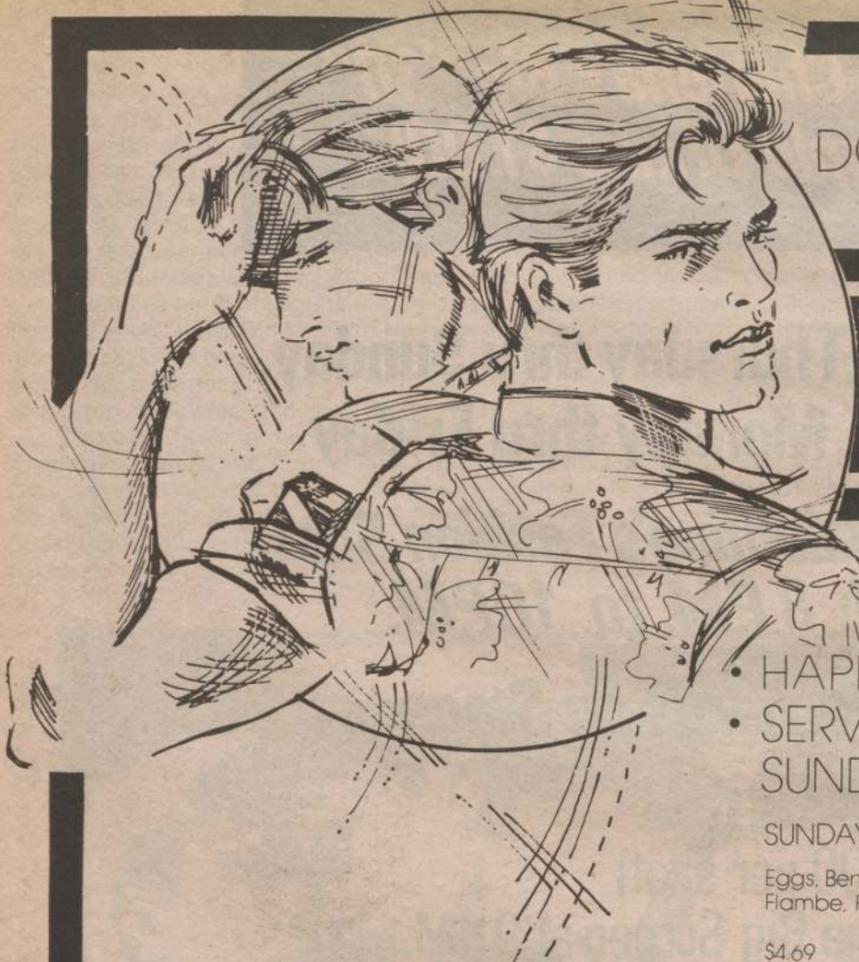
*She was only my touchstone... There was no fear.
Then was an incredible pretension that whetted a singular fine edge of caution;
I learned to avoid the burning hell of passion...
How can I reach you?*

*You are only my chimera... Fear weights reality.
Now is an incredible myriad of seething change that forms a single fragile tear-
drop of brittle crystal;
I must learn to re-experience the pain of ecstasy...
How can I touch you?*

*I am only the matrix... Fear carries total terror.
Now and Then: the incredible creation of vast hurt that birthed a mirror of
arrogance to blind the eye;
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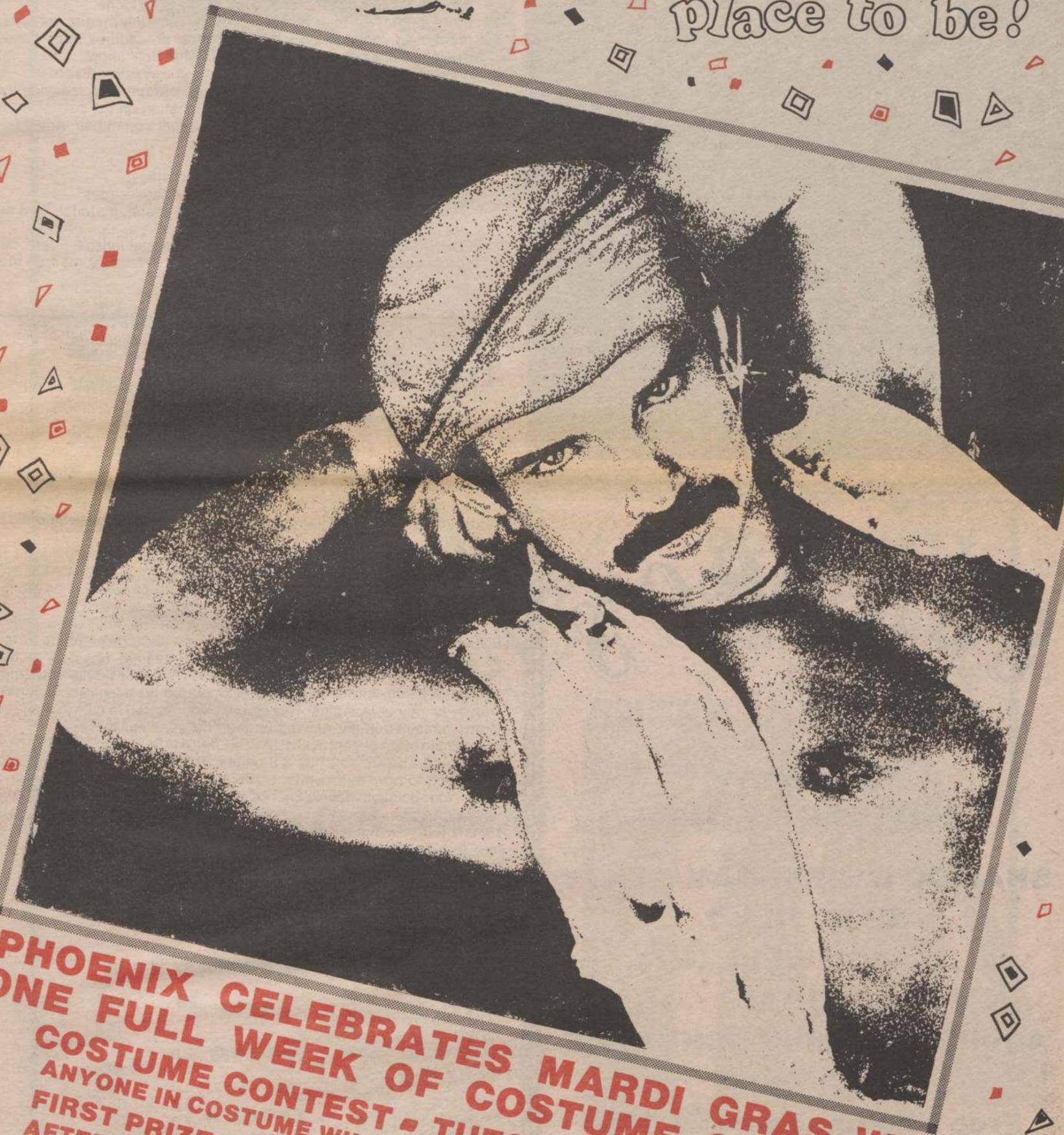
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CONTEST RULES

1. All entries must be postmarked between January 1 and March 31, 1983. Address them to The Western Express - Photos, P.O. Box 32575, Phoenix, AZ. 85064-2575.
2. Each entry, limited to one per category, must be accompanied with a name to be used for credits and a return correspondence address. All entries in the "People" category must be accompanied with the signed releases of identifiable persons with the exception of groups shown at a rally or other public events.
3. All entries must be five inches by seven inches or larger. All categories are open to either color or black and white prints.
4. No photo previously used commercially nor for which a fee was paid to the photographer for its production may be submitted. Submission indicates photographers compliance.
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6. Entrants may at their election provide such information as types of equipment used, settings, or special technical procedures to be published or for the information of the public attending the final show.
7. All entries will become the property of The Western Express.
8. Any decision whether to accept any photograph or to reassign a designated category due to a determined misdesignation on the part of the entrant will be at the discretion of the standing contest committee. Any decision of the committee and of the judges is final.

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- PEOPLE - Individuals, groups and their activities.
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THE SPORTS LINE

by Jim Larrabee

TUCSON — The Community Mixed Bowling League closed out the first half of its 1982-3 fall season, Monday night, January 17. The fourteen-teams, handicap league displayed excellent balance throughout the eighteen weeks as evidenced by the weekly fluctuation in the team standings. Seldom did a team enjoy the luxury of a particular position for more than a week before being ousted by another.

First place seemed exceptionally precarious. Seven different teams held that prestigious spot, most for only a week at a time. CATALINE HEALTH SERVICES and MAYFIELDS'S outdid the others by latching on for three weeks consecutively.

The league balance was demonstrated several other ways. Only one team, BOOKSTORE S.W., had been eliminated from the race as of the sixteenth week. At season's end sixty five percent (or 9 teams) boasted a .500 winning percentage or better. Only a small number (11.5) of points separated first and thirteenth place. And finally, 136 points during the 126 total matches had been won by twenty or less pins. This equality contributed in part to the fact that three teams remained in the running on the final evening.

As the night began, JOSHUA TREE/MICHAEL'S ledc THE GRAND ILLUSION by 1.5 and LUCKY "13" by 3.5 points. The first and last of these teams were scheduled to bowl each other. LUCKY "13" had the unenviable task of trying to win all four points to have a chance. (The GRAND ILLUSION could only do well in its match, then sit and wait.) It captured three of those four which in itself was a remarkable feat, but fell short as THE GRAND ILLUSION did likewise and slipped into first by a mere half-game over a stunned JOSHUA TREE/MICHAEL'S. All three deserve congratulations for their efforts.

Individual leaders thus far are: Jim L. - 586 series; Michael F. - 246 game; Cathy R. - 550 series and a 229 game. High averages belong to Jim L. - 175.7 and Cathy R. - 147.8.

AS OF JANUARY 17, 1983

TEAM	PB	WON	LOST	PCT.
THE GRAND ILLUSION	—	43.0	29.0	.597
JOSHUA TREE/MICHAEL'S	.5	42.5	29.5	.590
LUCKY "13"	2.0	41.0	31.0	.569
MIXED NUTS	4.0	39.0	33.0	.542
WESTERN EXPRESS "PAGES"	4.0	39.0	33.0	.542
MENAGE II	6.5	36.5	35.5	.507
THE PRETENDERS	7.0	36.0	36.0	.500
MAYFIELD'S "FLOWER POWER"	7.0	36.0	36.0	.500
RUBY'S	7.0	36.0	36.0	.500
BACK POCKET II	8.5	34.5	37.5	.479
THE GRADUATE	9.0	34.0	38.0	.472
J.T.'S STAGGERING HARLETTES	11.0	32.0	40.0	.444
CATALINA HEALTH SERVICES	11.5	31.5	40.5	.438
BOOKSTORE S.W.	20.0	23.0	49.0	.319

The fourth annual Spring volleyball season is scheduled to commence Sunday, March 6, at 1:00. Four-player teams will take to a rejuvenated sand court behind the JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET for a ten to twelve week season. Those interested in entering a team or individually may sign up with the bartenders there.

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A LEGAL AYE

by Henry Walter Weiss

Some Questions and Answers

I was recently asked by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund to answer questions posed to them by gay seniors meeting in a workshop sponsored by SAGE.

Here are some of the questions and answers:

1. *What happens to my property if I don't have a will?*

Everyone has a will! The issue is whether you have a will drawn on your behalf, which represents your wishes, or a will drawn by the state, representing the wishes the state thinks you have. If you don't provide for your own will, the state-provided will is outlined in the rules of descent and distribution. These rules name the "distributees" or persons who would take in the absence of a will. They often provide that if you have no surviving spouse, children or parents, your property is divided equally among your brothers and sisters with the children of any deceased brothers or sisters getting their parent's share. If you have no brothers, sisters or descendants of brothers and sisters, your property will be divided among the descendants of your grand-parents who are closest in blood relationship to you.

2. *How does one execute a valid will?*

Execution of a will requires that certain specific formalities must be observed. It is best to execute such an instrument only under the supervision of an attorney. Just as most people wouldn't consider taking out their own appendix, so, too, writing a will and supervising its execution is a job for an expert.

3. *Can I legally nominate my lover, or a friend as executor, trustee or devisee of my estate?*

Yes. Unless the person is under the age of 18, incompetent, a non-resident alien, a convicted felon or unable to perform the job as Executor or Trustee, he or she may be named in a will to serve that function. Anyone can be a devisee, or a beneficiary, under a will.

4. *What restrictions exist on my options or discretions?*

There are very few limitations on the provisions one can put in a will; largely they fall under the rubric of areas which are against public policy. A gift to someone made conditional upon that person divorcing his or her spouse would be such a violation. Generally, under the common law you can disinherit whom you please, and leave your property as you see fit. Specific concerns about specific questions should be discussed with an attorney.

5. *Are there any special requirements if one desires to leave part or an entire estate to charity or a gay organization?*

Yes. You should consider the following:

(a) Make sure you have the proper legal name for the entity you wish to benefit.

(b) If you wish to limit the gift in some fashion, make sure that the organization will accept the limitation you propose. Thus, someone who wishes to leave money which will be used to benefit only men's programs or only women's programs should make sure that the organization involved will be comfortable with such restrictions.

(c) Determine whether gifts to the proposed beneficiary actually qualify for the charitable deduction for estate tax purposes. If not, you must determine the estate tax implications of the proposed gift. (Note that there is no federal estate tax unless the estate exceeds \$275,000., as of January 1, 1983).

(d) Make sure that your will or other instrument properly reflecting your wishes (e.g. life insurance beneficiary designation) is properly prepared and promptly signed.

6. *Who can contest my will and on what grounds?*

Only those persons who would take your estate if the will was not admitted to probate can contest the will. These are generally your distributees (see the answer to Question #1). However, people benefited in a prior will or benefited in a will but whose interest is reduced by a codicil can also object.

Objection may be made that the will was not properly executed, that the decedent was not competent to make a will or that undue influence was exercised on the decedent. There is at least one old case which has been taken to stand for the proposition that a gay relationship might itself constitute "undue influence". However, it is unlikely that the case would be followed, on that proposition, if the matter were heard in the courts today.

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SCOUTING SAN DIEGO

by Bob Ulsrod

Hello again from Southern California! As I'm writing this column, the weather is warm and wonderful and to tell you the truth, downright HOT! I thought Phoenix had nice warm winters but nothing compared to here. It's been in the eighties every day since the first of the year and the deodorant sales are at an all time high.

My last column dealt with which bars had what going on at that time. This time I'll deal with the beer/wine bars and their weekly specials and who's working so you will know them when you go in.

Let's start with Sundays and THE STAGECOACH. Miles will serve you that evening and give you a great beer special of 25¢ draft or \$1.25 pitchers. Pool tables, video machines, good tapes or great conversation will keep you busy from 6 pm to Midnight. If you really want to go crazy there, the same night they have Mad Dog Shooters for 50¢ and it's in a rocks glass, not a shot glass, so your Sundays can be fun or nonremembered as you wish. In case you come in on another night and there is a little bartender serving you, that's Kirk. What a conversationalist! He will keep you there talking about anything you want. Check him out.

THE HAVEN is around the corner and it is a much smaller, more intimate bar, sort of a miniature TRAX. Sundays their draft is 65¢, bottles 75¢. Wednesday at THE HAVEN is Buddy Nite. Bottled Bud for 75¢ and pitchers of Bud for \$1.75. Get it? Buddy Nite? I didn't think so either, but that is what they call it. Brad is pouring then so say hi to him too.

THE HUT only holds about 50 to 60 people at the very most so you have to

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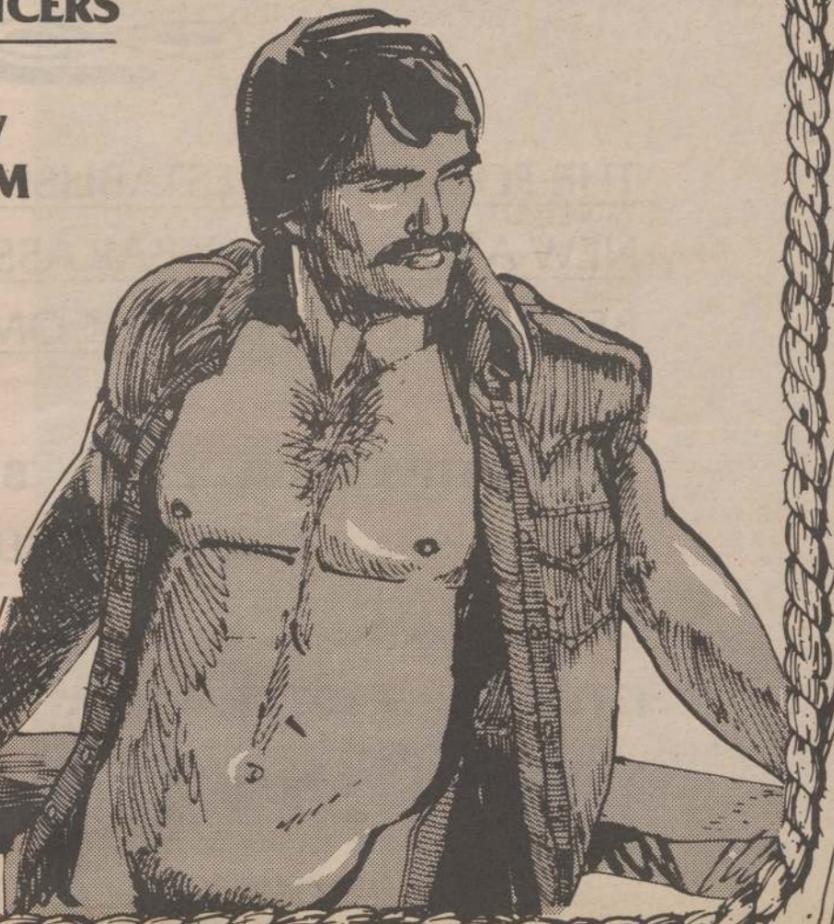
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Well, as I said earlier, the excitement is growing as the Ninth Annual Nicky Awards approaches on January 31. If you'll remember several years back one of Phoenix' hottest entertainers was Lady T. Well, the Mr., Miss & Ms. Gay San Diego contest is the same night as the Nicky's and Lady T is running diligently for Miss Gay San Diego. Keep thinking good thoughts for her. Your's truly has been talked into (they twisted my arm) running for Miss Gay Hillcrest! It's a stepping stone up so think good thoughts for me too! My contest comes up in March. I'll keep everyone posted in future columns.

So again, I hope to see everyone over here at one time or another. It is a fun and friendly city.

JANUS AUDITIONS JUDAS

New Patrick Play Coup for Phoenix

Janus Theatre Co. will hold auditions Monday and Tuesday, February 7 and 8 for the first non-professional production of Robert Patrick's drama "JUDAS."

Mr. Patrick will arrive in Phoenix on February 6 from New York to direct the play.

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Mr. Patrick first offered "JUDAS" to Janus in 1979, when he flew to Phoenix to see what the group did with three of his one-act plays. Options for a possible film or Broadway production delayed the Janus production until now.

"JUDAS" will be performed March 11 through 26 at the Valley Art Theatre in Tempe.

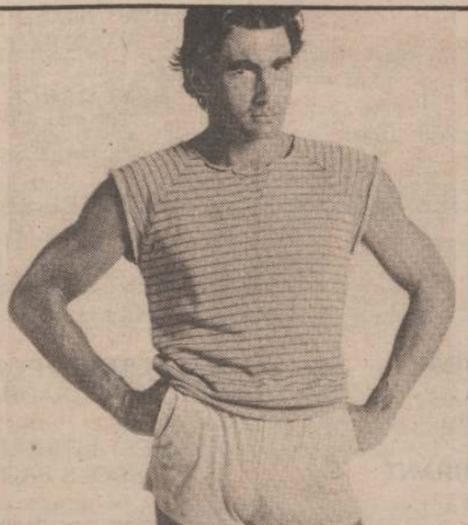
Janus will hold auditions upstairs at PLT, 25 East Coronado. Actors are advised to be there promptly at 7 P.M.

WOMEN'S DANCE

Women come and boogie Saturday evening February 5, 1983. This post-holiday extravaganza will be held at the Alternative Relations Center, 2602 E. Clarendon, Phoenix. Time 8:00-12:00 p.m. All kinds of spirits will be available for your consumption. This dance will benefit the Women Take Back the Night Task Force. Admission will be between \$2.00 and \$4.00. Women come and have a good time with your sisters.

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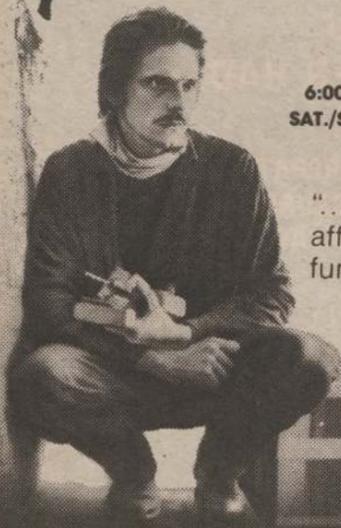
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VINYL VAGABOND

by Rad Bennett

POP GO CASSETTES!

In the past column, we talked about the emergence of the cassette as a viable medium for the quality reproduction of classical music. Popular albums have fared less well, though there are signs of recent improvements that indicate hope for the future.

Over the past years, cassette users who preferred popular music seem to have been held in disdain by manufacturers, as if the fact that they preferred that kind of music meant they didn't care much about the quality of the sound. Pop cassettes were then made (and I have personal assurance from the quality control manager of the Capitol plant on the matter) for the portable player market, which at that time boasted machines that could make the Who sound like alley cats on the backyard fence.

Then came the audiophile half-speed mastered discs, most of which were pop items in the beginning. They sold well, which proved that pop fans really *did* care about sound, in point of fact, becoming almost fanatical about it. Out of this half-speed revolution emerged real-time cassettes, produced on chrome or chrome-equivalent tape from Mobile Fidelity or Nautilus. These are still among the finest pop music efforts in the cassette market. Mobile's best efforts (the Beatle's *Magical Mystery Tour*, Cat Stevens' *Tea for the Tillerman*, Genesis's *Trick of the Tail*, and Steely Dan's *Aja*) are even marginally preferable to the company's fine discs, due to a complete absence of ticks, pops or swish, noises that can creep into the best of records.

Nautilus Records made history a year ago by issuing the Police's *Ghost in the Machine* on real-time cassette simultaneously with the commercial A & M record, and have since gone on to release absolutely stunning cassette versions of Elton John's *Greatest Hits*, Linda Ronstadt's *Simple Dreams*, and John Klemmer's *Straight From the Heart*, among others. Perhaps their greatest cassette achievement, though, is a really hot jazz jam session featuring Victor Feldman, called *Secret of the Andes*, which I'll put up against any record in the field of sonic battle.

Now that the personal portable machine, much more sophisticated and far less costly than the early portables, has caught on, the major labels have begun to catch the drift of the audiophile companies and are starting to produce better pop tapes. A recent sampling showed quality improved across the board, both in full price releases and in the new budget "two-fers" (two albums on one tape). Outstanding among the latter are the Warner Brothers/Elektra/Asylum series, featuring such artists as James Taylor, Talking Heads, and Joni Mitchell, and Vanguard's series featuring the best of such performers as Ian and Sylvia, Joan Baez, Stephane Grapelli, and Pete Seeger. The Vanguard releases in particular impressed me with their consistency; quality on all the tapes tested was in the ballpark as far as comparison with discs goes.

A big step in the direction of quality was taken by RCA, which issued John Denver's new album, the mellow yet pungent *Seasons of the Heart* in both a regular edition and a digital master version produced on chromium oxide cassette. The latter, though not yet comparable to a real time audiophile cassette, is as far beyond a pop cassette of four years ago as a modern car is beyond the Model T.

Virtually all (but not *quite* all) pop cassettes now use the Dolby B noise reduction system that reduces tape hiss to a minimum. The major complaint that still remains with all pop cassettes is that they do not include the song texts usually found on the corresponding records' album covers. It seems that only a strong public outcry will achieve any change in that practice.

All in all, today's cassettes offer convenience, flexibility, and quality at very economical prices. These are important considerations when one faces the fact that the Phillips 5" laser-read digital disc will be released (finally) in early 1983. To be sure, it will offer a quality a bit greater than that currently found, but the players alone, originally announced at around \$500, have been hiked in price to close to \$1000; and the cassette industry, with its economical format and new quality control, is prepared to do battle. Digital discs will probably be the standard someday, but the improvements we've discussed in these articles, plus the price differentials of such staggering variation, have put that day off — perhaps for a decade.

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AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

by Tommi Avicoli, Philadelphia Gay News

via GPA Wire Service

Governor Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey issued a proclamation on January 4, 1983 declaring February "Aids Awareness Month". The proclamation reads in full:

"Whereas Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a highly fatal illness affecting both children and adults; and whereas, New Jersey ranks fourth in the nation in the number of reported AIDS cases; and whereas, AIDS is an escalating problem in New Jersey with more and more new cases being diagnosed; and whereas, many New Jersey residents may be at risk of contracting AIDS, including male homosexuals, drug abusers, Haitian refugees, hemophiliacs and even the young children of some of those at risk; and whereas, there is presently no known, identifiable cause or cure for this devastating syndrome; and whereas, many people in the high risk groups can take preventive measures that may reduce the risk of contracting this fatal illness; and whereas, there is the need for continuing research into the cause and the treatment of AIDS:

Now, therefore, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim February, 1983 as AIDS Awareness Month in New Jersey and urge all citizens of the State who may be at risk to become better informed about this affliction so they, the medical community, and the scientific researchers, may work together to control the spread of AIDS."

Amy Schemelia of the New Jersey Department of State Health told the GAY NEWS that she originally suggested the idea of a proclamation to the New Jersey Gay Coalition, a group that has been working on lobbying State Congressmembers for their support of increased appropriations for AIDS research. Schemelia said the proclamation was mainly for "publicity purposes. It gives a little more weight to it (the idea of an AIDS month)." She said the majority

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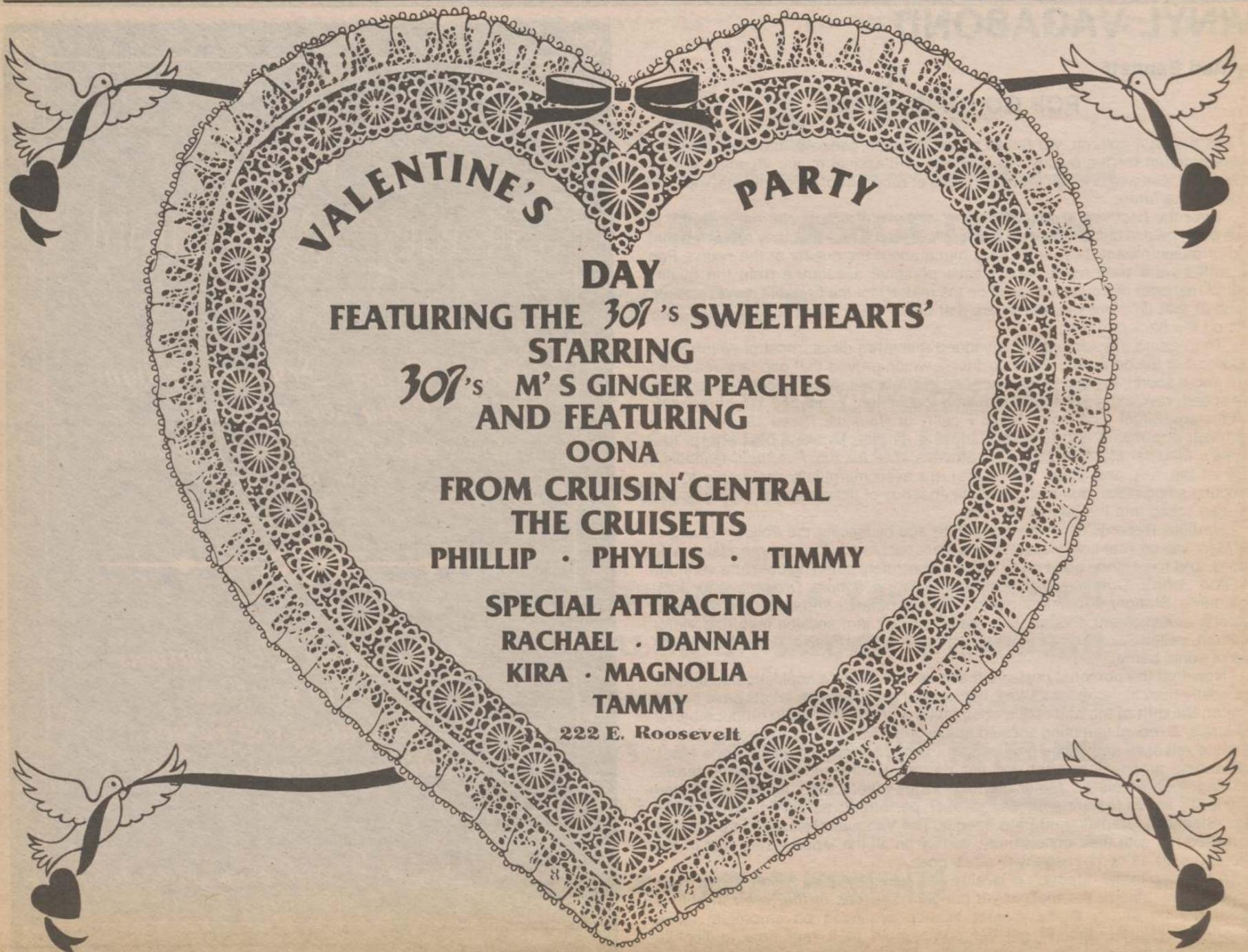
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"With a lot of hard work, we could have a record number of co-sponsors this session," predicted Steve Endean, GRNL's Executive Director. The bill had 61 co-sponsors in the 97th Congress and Endean said he hopes to have between 75 and 80 this time around.

Endean attributed a large part of the gain to GRNL's constituent lobbying of Congressional candidates and to the efforts of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which raised nearly \$600,000 for contribution to Congressional campaigns in the fall 1982 elections, arranged for volunteers to work on campaigns and, in Endean's words, "increasing the clout of the Gay Civil Rights Movement by showing we know how to 'play the political game' and intend to do so."

Hearings on the bill may be held during this session of Congress, although there is no anticipated attempt to move the bill out of Committee. "We're carefully laying the groundwork, building our strength so that, when we do go to the floor of the House, we'll have a shot at passage," said Endean.

BLACK GAY CHURCH FORMED

Washington, D.C. (IGNA) — The newly established Faith Temple held its first formal worship service recently. Its pastor, Dr. James Tinney, a leading Pentecostal theologian, noted that the congregation is composed primarily of members of the Third World Lesbian/Gay Christian church, but it welcomes persons of all races.

Faith Temple is an outgrowth of two events: the expulsion of Tinney, who was excommunicated from the Church of God in Christ, and the continuation of the first city-wide gay revival held in Washington, D.C.

Tinney said, "Faith Temple will worship in the tradition of those black churches representing the masses — the grassroots community — which happen to be mostly Baptist and Pentecostal, but also include Methodist churches as well... Most person, black and white, gay and straight, are more comfortable in free-flowing, somewhat informal worship environments conducive to a lot of individualized expression and audience participation."

Thus Faith Temple joins the ranks of other black gay churches that have been formed during the past year in Harlem and Chicago.

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New Jersey's AIDS cases have occurred in Essex and Hudson Counties which are located in the northern part of the State. She feels the reason for this might well be their proximity to New York City. New Jersey Gay Coalition President, Allan Kratz, said that AIDS awareness month will "let people know about AIDS and understand as much as is known about it."

Michael Francaviglia, who heads an AIDS Awareness Committee for the Coalition, explained that several events are planned throughout the State to help educate people on the disease. These events are being coordinated by the Coalition. They include a series of meetings with Gay organizations throughout the State to discuss what is known about AIDS. Also, plans call for the reprinting of Larry Mass' AIDS article from *The Native* (#54) for distribution at the bars. The *Philadelphia Gay News* has also learned that the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark have initiated plans to open up two clinics for the screening and testing of AIDS.

According to Dr. Robert Palinkas who is on the faculty of the New Jersey Medical School, the clinics will open by the end of the month. In addition, the clinics will operate an AIDS Hotline staffed by trained volunteers from the Gay Community. Palinkas said that credit for the creation of the clinics goes to Dr. James Orleske, a Professor of Pediatrics at the New Jersey Medical School.

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ON FEB. 27, 1983 a picnic for Lesbian mothers and their children will be held at a Phoenix park. Lesbian mothers, their friends, family and lovers are encouraged to bring their children for a delightful afternoon in the sun. For more info. call Donna, 269-6958.

THE NEW YEAR has brought new beginnings for many of us. One new beginning in Phoenix is the formation of a Women's Chorus. The new Women's Chorus wants singers and support personnel. The first rehearsal will be March 6, at 3:00 p.m. at ARC. For more info. call Conni 894-6668 or Donna, 269-6958.

THE PHOENIX CHAPTER of the Gay Parents Group meets the third Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. at Casa de Cristo, 1029 E. Turney, Phoenix. Meetings are open to everyone, but especially geared to gay parents, their spouses and children. Social activities are also planned periodically. For more information concerning this group call 265-2831.

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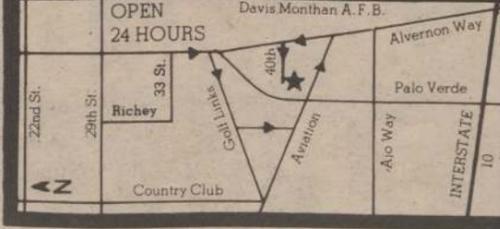
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