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ARIZONA REPUBLIC STRIKES AGAIN



Little Jim's 307, 222 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, the oldest gay bar in business in the city came under attack from *The Arizona Republic* in an article by Teresa Nevil on June 16. The article, a second on the same subject matter, derides the bar for being gay and having a negative effect on neighborhood real estate.

"The area's reputation has caused a loss of business for some during the day," stated the article which went on to say,

"One of the newest buildings in the area is an 18,000-square-foot office building on the northwestern corner of Roosevelt and Third Street. The building remains vacant because prospective tenants are wary of the gay bar next door," said David Kazan, owner of the building."

The bar, acknowledged by owners to previously have attracted a possibly problem causing clientele, has been extensively remodeled both on the interior and exterior and has been equipped with safety lights in the parking area and manned by a full-time door man. Little exists of the problematic nature of the 307

of years past. It might best be described as an attractive 'men's bar'. The renovation commenced prior to and continued through the construction of Kazan's building next door.

This was a second article printed in *The Republic* stating that Kazan claimed the bar was causing a lack of rentals.

The most recent article went on to describe the *East Roosevelt Neighborhood Association*, formed in March to upgrade the area. It quoted various members in a manner which seemed supportive of Kazan's position while none mentioned the bar itself.

The innuendo caused the association's Secretary, and Founder, Eunice Davis, to contact James Harrison, partner in the 307, early the same morning of the printing. A meeting was arranged for later the same day with members of the association and from the gay community, including Bill Rienke, owner of *Sammy's* bar, Joe Mattheisen, manager of the 307, representatives of *The Western Express*, and Harrison. Attending for the East

GAY PRIDE WEEK TO END WITH HUMAN RIGHTS MARCH

PHOENIX — On Saturday, June 25, the Arizona Lesbian & Gay Task Force (ALGTF) will be sponsoring the third annual Gay Pride March. This year's theme is a March for Human Rights. The rally, scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Plaza will have as its keynote speaker David Clarenbach, the Democratic Representative to the Wisconsin State Legislature. Entertainment

will be provided by Francine Reed, Margo Reed, Caryl DeGroot and Bill Folk.

Approximately 3,000 people are expected for this year's march and rally. Anyone interested in marching should meet at the Civic Plaza at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. Transportation will be provided to the starting point of the march. For further information call 829-1535.



The 1982 March and Rally, Phoenix, Arizona

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association were Merv Fusch, member, and Ms. Davis.

Early on in the meeting it was established that the association had no complaint with the bar or its presence in the neighborhood. Acknowledgement of improvements to the 307's building and in its security measures was accorded by Davis, who also requested that the bar join the association. Joining the association was Harrison's intent, however the 307 had not been invited to do so before. This being done, the meeting succeeded in establishing that the association had no intent to 'go after' the bar as it is looking to it as being a contributing member working toward the overall improvement of East Roosevelt. It also removed the possibility that other businesses could use the association in waging a battle against the bar. Without the attendance of either *The Republic* or Mr. Kazan, it appeared there was no concern of anyone's part other than theirs.

It was alleged that an effort is possibly being made to intentionally not rent any of the offices in the new building

through relating that there are 'problems' with the gay bar next door with the objective that it would cause sentiment toward forcing a closure of the 307. Harrison stated that he is prepared to carry through legal suit that his bar is operating legally and within standards of good business practice and that he has no intention of being intimidated by any neighbors when, as he stated, "We've done as much or more than anyone else in improving our property."

The legal action, or at least preparation of files has already begun as, following the first article in *The Republic* in May, the 307 experienced a tremendous upswing in visits by the Phoenix Police Department with as many as nine such occurring in a single evening. Harrison has been in touch and in meetings with the police department regarding harassment of both customers and employees. Attorneys for the 307 are watching the matter very closely and the state liquor board is being appraised of the situation to assure that no unfair or possibly illegitimate action take place which could endanger the future of the business.



James Harrison, Eunice Davis, Merv Fusch, Joe Mattheisen, Don Pintacura.

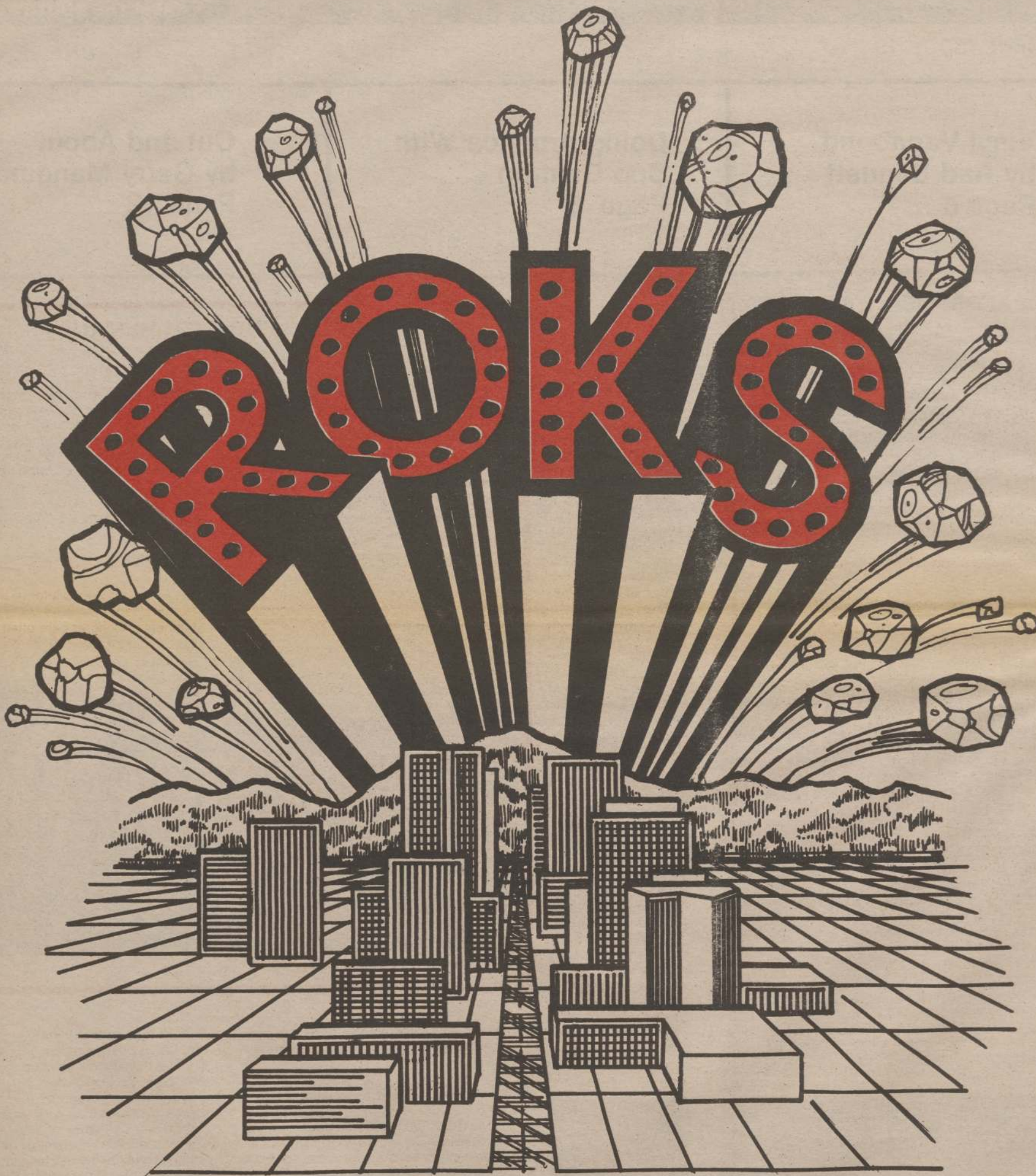


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International Report

BRITISH PROPOSED BAN ON GAY BLOOD

by Lindsay Taylor

London (IGNA) — The directors of Britain's 14 blood transfusion centers are to meet to discuss a publicity program urging gay men not to donate blood. The meeting was suggested by the director of the South London Blood Transfusion Center (the largest in the country), Dr. Keith Rogers.

Dr. Rogers said on May 2nd that a ban on gay blood was necessary to stop the possible spread of AIDS through contaminated blood products. "The most sensible thing we can do is to persuade homosexuals not to give blood," he claimed. Gay activists have attacked the idea, calling it a stop-gap measure that is likely to foster the belief that gays are responsible for the AIDS epidemic.

The Conservative Government's cuts in the National Health Service (NHS) have also been blamed for contributing to the spread of AIDS through blood products. The union representing laboratory technicians, ASTMS, said that it had made representations to health ministers over two years ago, asking that an extra 30 million pounds (about \$48 million) be spent in order to make the UK self-sufficient in blood products.

Most of the UK's supply of Factor VIII, a blood-clotting agent for hemophiliacs, is imported from the United States. A hemophiliac in Cardiff is now suspected of having contracted AIDS after being treated with imported blood products. Even with the recently increased spending on a Blood Products Laboratory, it is expected to be another two years before Britain can produce all of its own Factor VIII.

The National Health Service is under further attack for its slow response to the problems of AIDS in Britain. In particular, criticism has been leveled at the lack of money for research into the causes and possible cures. So far, research has been confined to three pilot studies at London hospitals that are intended to determine the incidence of the disease, especially among gay men.

The Communicable Diseases Surveillance Center knows of only 14 cases of AIDS, but this is known to be a serious underestimate. The Center admits that it hears only of cases in which patients have contracted secondary infections such as Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia.

The Director of the Center has now written to the *British Medical Journal* appealing to doctors to notify the Center as soon as they encounter any cases of the disease.

AIRLINES APPEAL TO GAY CUSTOMERS

New Zealand (IGNA) — A picture of Uncle Sam saying, "I want you in San Francisco for Gay Pride Week" is all part of the promotion of Air New Zealand's gay package tours to America.

The tours are being organized by Sunbird Tours in conjunction with Air New Zealand, with the first tour planned for Gay Pride Week in San Francisco and others later in the year and in 1984, according to Gavin Young writing in *Pink Triangle*.

The tours are being promoted throughout Australia and New Zealand and include three days in Los Angeles with optional day tours, a week in San Francisco staying at a gay hotel.

At the same time, Qantas airline is also courting the gay dollar with a slightly more expensive package than that offered by Air New Zealand.

Air New Zealand also officially sponsored San Francisco gay Supervisor Harry Britt's attendance at the Sydney Festival and Gay Mardi Gras recently.

John Semone, Air New Zealand's district sales manager in San Francisco, said that as a result of that trip, Air New Zealand had probably succeeded in working more closely with the gay community in San Francisco.

National Report

NGTF MEETING WITH PRESIDENTIAL HEALTH ADVISOR ANNOUNCED

by Phil Nash
via GPA Wire Service

Representatives of the National Gay Task Force will meet with Special Assistant to the President for Health Issues, Judy Buckalew, on June 21, announced NGTF Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo June 12. The announcement came during an address to the Fifth Lesbian and Gay Health Conference held in Denver June 9 through 12.

Apuzzo said that a spectrum of health issues affecting the gay and lesbian communities would be discussed. A principal request will be for an increase in the administration's proposal of \$17.6 million for AIDS research in fiscal 1984.

Apuzzo asked that organizations send Mailgrams to the White House demanding increased funding for

AIDS research to re-inforce the demands the representatives present at the meeting, with copies of the messages sent to NGTF.

Later, Apuzzo and other organizational representatives at the Lesbian and Gay Health Conference spoke to delegates at the United States Conference of Mayors on the topic, "AIDS: A Community Challenge". Apuzzo said the group planned to present a list of what some mayors have done in their cities to meet the AIDS crisis, focusing on efforts at public education, inter-departmental task forces, funding and provision of in-kind services to organizations serving patients with AIDS. She also said that the representatives would urge mayors to add their clout to the push on the federal government to increase funding.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN TO HEAD AIDS LOBBY

Washington, DC — The Gay Rights National Lobby has announced that former Congressman Jim Corman will head a special AIDS Lobbying Task Force. The task force is expected to significantly assist the short-staffed Lobby in dealing with the many AIDS-related measures on Capitol Hill, as well as bringing considerable extra clout to GRNL's AIDS lobbying efforts.

Joining former Rep. Corman are Judy Goldsmith, the President of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and Dan Bradley, former President of the national Legal Services Corporation.

Allan Jonas, the former President of the American Cancer Society, has agreed to serve as a Special Advisor to GRNL on its AIDS efforts.

GRNL's Executive Director, Steve Endean, indicated that other prominent community leaders may also soon join the AIDS Task Force.

Rep. Corman, who represented the San Fernando Valley for 20 years, was a leading advocate of both civil rights and national health insurance during this time in Congress.

During his last four years in Congress, he served as chair of the influential Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (the House Democrat's campaign funding group).

Since leaving Congress, he has become a partner in the law firm of Charles Manatt (Chair of the Democratic National Party) and now spends extensive time lobbying Capitol Hill.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Congressman Corman's stature, experience, and ability playing a leading lobbying role for us on AIDS," commented Steve Endean.

Former Members of Congress are often the most sought-after lobbyists because of the relationships they build while in Congress and because of their knowledge of the Hill.

"We're extraordinarily blessed that his commitment to this issue has led him to play this key role," said Endean.

Joining Corman and Goldsmith is Dan Bradley, the former President of the Legal Services Corporation, who has come out publicly as a gay man. When he headed the embattled Legal Services program, he masterminded one of the strongest lobbying efforts to save legal aid for the poor against attacks by the Reagan Administration and the New Right.

The contacts Bradley made in the successful effort are expected to help a great deal on GRNL's Capitol Hill AIDS lobbying campaign.

The special AIDS Task Force is expected to complement the work of GRNL's staff through its ongoing AIDS Project. Endean stressed the special AIDS Task Force very likely will be expanded to include other notable people.

Anyone wishing to contribute support to GRNL's AIDS Project, its AIDS Special Task Force or other programs of GRNL should write: GRNL, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, DC 20013, or call (202) 546-1801.

GAY PLAY AND ACTOR WIN TONY AWARDS

New York (IGNA) — The 1983 Tony Awards ceremony got off to a bang this year with its very first award going to *Torch Song Trilogy* by Harvey Fierstein, a series of three plays about a drag queen and the men in his life.

For what is probably the first time in history, one of the recipients acknowledged his male lover in his acceptance speech. Traditionally, heterosexuals have referred to their husbands and wives or loved ones, but until John Glines, the producer, thanked his "partner and lover, Lawrence Lane," it was considered taboo in major awards ceremonies.

Glines likewise mentioned the late lesbian playwright Jane Chambers and gay actor Billy Blackwell, as well as "all of my brothers and sisters."

Later in the evening author Harvey Fierstein won a second Tony for being the Outstanding Actor in a drama. Fierstein, in a tuxedo, waved his arms about flamboyantly and thanked his mother in a croaking voice.

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NEW TRIAL SOUGHT FOR DAN WHITE

San Francisco (IGNA) — District Attorney Arlo Smith of San Francisco has urged U.S. Attorney Joe Russoniello to prosecute Dan White on a different charge from the one he received a lenient sentence for — this time for violating the civil rights of the two men White murdered, Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

"Such a short sentence for two political assassinations does not serve the interests of justice," Smith wrote.

"The request is being considered seriously," Russoniello said. "We're not treating it frivolously."

Attorney John Wahl, a lawyer for the Milk estate, said he would submit legal briefs on why White should be prosecuted within the next two weeks.

Wahl said that he was encouraged by a response he received when he queried the Attorney General's office in Washington. D. Lowell Jensen, an assistant attorney general, wrote: "We certainly can understand your disenchantment with the state sentence imposed on Mr. White and we are appreciative of your interest and concern that justice be rendered in this case."

Arlo Smith said that "U.S. Supreme Court decisions make it clear that the previous state prosecution would not be a bar to a federal prosecution."

Smith added that a federal prosecution for Dan White "would serve a compelling public interest."

S.F. ARCHDIOCESE SOFTENS ANTI-GAY POLICY

San Francisco (IGNA) — In what is seen in the gay community as a minor change, the Archdiocese of San Francisco has released a new report on homosexuality, restating the church's sharp distinction between gay orientation and gay sexual behavior, but calling on priests to be compassionate and understanding in dealings with homosexuals.

The report was approved by Archbishop John Quinn, who has attracted both praise and condemnation for his past policies towards gays. The praise has been for his stand against Proposition 6, which would have forbidden homosexuals

to teach schoolchildren. The condemnation has been for his refusal to allow several openly gay singing groups to rent Catholic churches for concerts, including cancelling several already scheduled.

Only recently Quinn caused an uproar when he came out in a public interview saying that the Catholic Church will never reverse its stand on homosexual rights and give total acceptance.

The new report stressed again that the Church accepts the fact that homosexuality is not a matter of choice, but it refuses to accept homosexual lifestyles that endorse sexual activity.

The new report says that "homosexual persons should be treated like anyone else. They should be helped and assisted, encouraged to live a Christian life and never be held in contempt in society."

The archdiocese's new policy will be to "work to ensure that all of the parishes in the archdiocese are communities of faith where homosexual men and women will feel welcome, where they will see themselves as genuinely an important part of the church."

It cautions the clergy not to judge homosexuals as a separate group, but as fellow humans with all the human frailties. It urged priests to recognize that all Christians, within the tenets of the church, are sinners and that an intention to live a Christian life should be encouraged even though lapses are bound to occur. The church calls this gradualism.

The report was written by priests for priests and others who may minister to homosexuals, said the Rev. Miles Riley, the spokesman for the archdiocese.

TEXAS PROPOSED NEW SODOMY LAW DIES IN COMMITTEE

Montrose Voice

via GPA Wire Service

With the ending of the current Texas legislative session, the threat of House Bill 2138, the proposed new anti-sodomy law, coming to a vote also ended. The bill died in committee.

Since last autumn, when Texas' previous sodomy statute, section 21.06 of the Penal Code, was declared unconstitutional in a federal court, the right wing has

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sought to restore or replace it. House Bill 2138 was such an effort.

Even with the current legislative effort thwarted, gay men and lesbians need to continue lobbying efforts against such a proposal, said an aide to Rep. Debra Danburg's office. "The people with the Alert Citizens' Committee and the Dallas Doctors Against AIDS are not going to let this issue die just because it didn't pass this session. We have seen what they have been able to do in two months of mobilization. They will not stop, so neither can we."

NOW ELECTS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

TUCSON — In their conference this past weekend, the National Organization of Women (NOW) elected the Southwest Regional Representatives to the National Board. They are as follows: Marcia Niemann, Arizona; Kate McGee, Arizona; Jenny Tipton, California; Pat Brandt, Hawaii. In addition, Marcia Niemann was chosen as the Regional Director for the Southwestern Region.

Full coverage of the conference will be in the next issue of *The Western Express*.

VINYL VAGABOND

by Rad Bennett

"Dishing Videodiscs"

The least expensive entries on the current home video scene are the two forms of videodiscs — either "CED's" or "LV's," both abbreviations describing the image system on essentially the same kind of machines.

It might be of interest to Gay readers to know what Gay material might be available on those systems before making the investment. Durable and easily handled, videodiscs are also cheaper than video cassettes, but will you see what you want?

First off, if you're looking for hard-core pornography, forget it. Though a lot of that is available on video cassette, its future on videodisc doesn't look bright immediately, if at all.

A lot of this has to do with manufacturing. RCA, up to a few months ago, manufactured all the CED discs, and their policy was definitely a *Reader's Digest* kind of approach. Even such mild soft-core as *Last Tango in Paris* had a hard time finding release.

As for LV's, it was initially planned that they would be made in America, but American plants proved not to have the kind of quality control that would insure dust-free manufacturing; if dust gets into the scene while the outer plastic shell is being molded onto the portion containing video information, it causes all kinds of speckles in the picture.

To solve this problem, almost all LV videodisc manufacturing orders were moved to Japan about two years ago. That produced great quality discs, but it seems the Japanese have some quirky ideas about morals. Though they may have certain things in Japan, they won't export them.

This became an image problem carried to an absurd degree. There were certain films

they refused to press, and those had to be done in the U.S., using the best quality control available.

In the Pioneer Artists version of the video music disc made by the Tubes, the Japanese added discreet little red triangles over the exposed genitals. Given that kind of manufacturing censorship, no kind of pornography, Gay or otherwise, was liable to be pressed for the LV system.

Things may loosen up somewhere down the line, though. Pioneer has opened a plant in California which they claim can match Japanese manufacturing standards without the censorship problem. And, it's inevitable that as the software pressing process is perfected, other companies will open plants that can press the offerings of smaller distributors.

In the meantime, there are a number of legit Gay-oriented films that show that U.S. marketing firms know who the buyers are. *La Cage Aux Folles I & II* are available on CED, as is an exceptionally good transfer of *Making Love*. *Cruising* (which now seems in retrospect much more innocent that it did on its initial release) is likewise available on CED, and *Victor/Victoria* can be found there, too, in stereo, yet.

None of these titles is offered in the LV format, though it is highly likely that *Victor/Victoria* will make it before long, now that MGM has made a commitment to the format. The first MGM releases, *2001*, *Clash of the Titans*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and several others were supposed to be released in early May. When United Artists makes its LV

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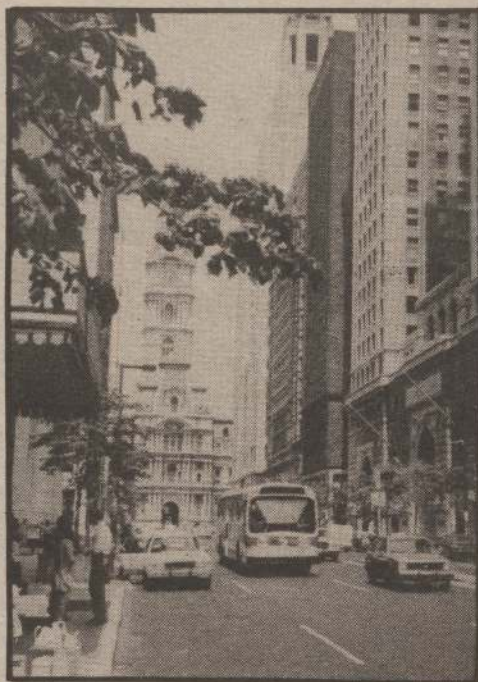
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Center City has more real meaning here than perhaps any other community in America. Nearly all the restaurants, hotels, gay bars, baths, book stores, shops and historical sites are located within a mile of the distinctive City Hall at Broad and Market. Surprisingly there are no gay hotels in this marvelous city, but the elegant Barclay, Warwick, Bellevue-Stratford, or the brand new Hershey-Philadelphia, couldn't be more centrally located. So is the Holiday Inn Midtown, where I usually stay... and from here you can just step out the door and find yourself where it's all at! Many Philadelphia bars are on small alleys which you won't find on most maps, so pick up a copy of the '84 Address Book for more detailed information.

Two super discos attract the hot, young macho studs... Equus at 254 S. 12th St., and Key West at 207 S. Juniper. Both have packed cruise bars downstairs, and even more crowded dance floors upstairs. Mamzelle's at 204 S. Quince is the 'in' disco for lucky ladies. Raffles at 243 S. Camac, has three floors, with restaurant and piano bar below and disco above. Most Blacks boogie at The Smart Place or Letters, while and odd mixture of hustlers, drags and older guys seem to like Odyssey II. The D.C.A., between Camac and 13th is a very busy after hours mens' disco, where you absolutely must be sponsored by an active member... and ten bucks will get you a temporary membership. This complex also includes the Cell Block, a leather bar with no-holds-barred back room.

The Two-Forty-Seven at 247 S. 17th is the number one levi cruise bar, with a restaurant on the second floor and weekend leather only club in the basement. The Bike Stop at 206 S. Quince is the hot new leather bar and home for all the motorcycle clubs. The Post gets the



overflow, and the Westbury has a loyal following of many years standing. Sneakers appeals to more mature women, and J.R.'s gets the pay-for-pleasure boys. Other mens cruise bars are Woody's Seasons and Drury Lane. These can be good days and get some businessmen.

All Pennsylvania clubs are open daily until 2:00 a.m., and only restaurants may remain open on Sundays... but somehow most Philadelphia clubs get around this sticky situation. For gay dining your best bets are the Venture Inn at 255 S. Camac, Seasons at 308 Drury Lane, Equus and Raffles. Woody's at 202 S. 13th is a good place for lunch, and try Sunday brunch at the Key West. For mixed dining the Back Stage, Lickety Split and Monsarrat are all well recommended.

Only twenty years ago, Philadelphia was a culinary wasteland, and gourmet dining was virtually non-existent. The only decent places were the two rival Bookbinders... and they are still here. Of the two I prefer the "Old Original" on Walnut. But wow, how the restaurant scene has changed otherwise. Excellent continental establishments like Deja Vu, La Camargue, La Panatierre, Le Bec Fin, Ristorante de Gaetano and Versailles at the Bellevue-Stratford can

rival New York in both quality & pocketbook... but I think Deux Chemenees is over priced and over rated. For more informal dining I like Bogart's, La Famaglia, the Frog, Garden and the Saloon.

Your best bet for baths are the C.B.C.'s Club Philadelphia at 120 S. 13th St. and Backstreet at Chancellor and Camac. Giovanni's Room at 345 S. 12th is the best serious book store in Pennsylvania. Other book stores like the Adonis, Male Room, Tom Cat and Wild West offer peep shows, private booths, fun and games. The Philadelphia Gay News is a fine publication, and publisher Mark Segal is also greatly responsible for founding the Gay Press Association. For leather and things try the Pleasure Chest at 2039 Walnut.

Philadelphia has more 'firsts' than any other American city... including the first American hospital, bank, medical college, daily newspaper, U.S. Mint, Public Zoo and much more. A must-see is Independence National Historical Park, which has been called America's most historic mile. Among the many attractions are Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, First Bank of the United States, founded by Alexander Hamilton, City Tavern, the favorite watering spot of John Adams, and Philosophical Hall, established by Philadelphia's first citizen, Benjamin Franklin. Other points of interest include Society Hill, Edgar Allen Poe National Historical Site, Betsy Ross House, Franklin Institute, Rodin Museum, Fairmount Park, Penn's Landing, Temple University, Antique Row, Art Museum and Keystone Race Track.

The "Cradle of the Nation" has much to offer, and is enjoying a rebirth of tourist interest. See the world famous Philadelphia Orchestra, the Phillies, Eagles, 76er's and the new U.S.F.L. Stars. This haven of brotherly love has some of the best and friendliest gay clubs on the east coast. It is a likeable, walkable, easy to love world class city. I love it and hope you will too!

For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '84 — America's foremost travel guide — available at most better bars, baths and book stores throughout America. Or send \$12.00 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., P.O. Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114.

**WAYNE AND BRENDA
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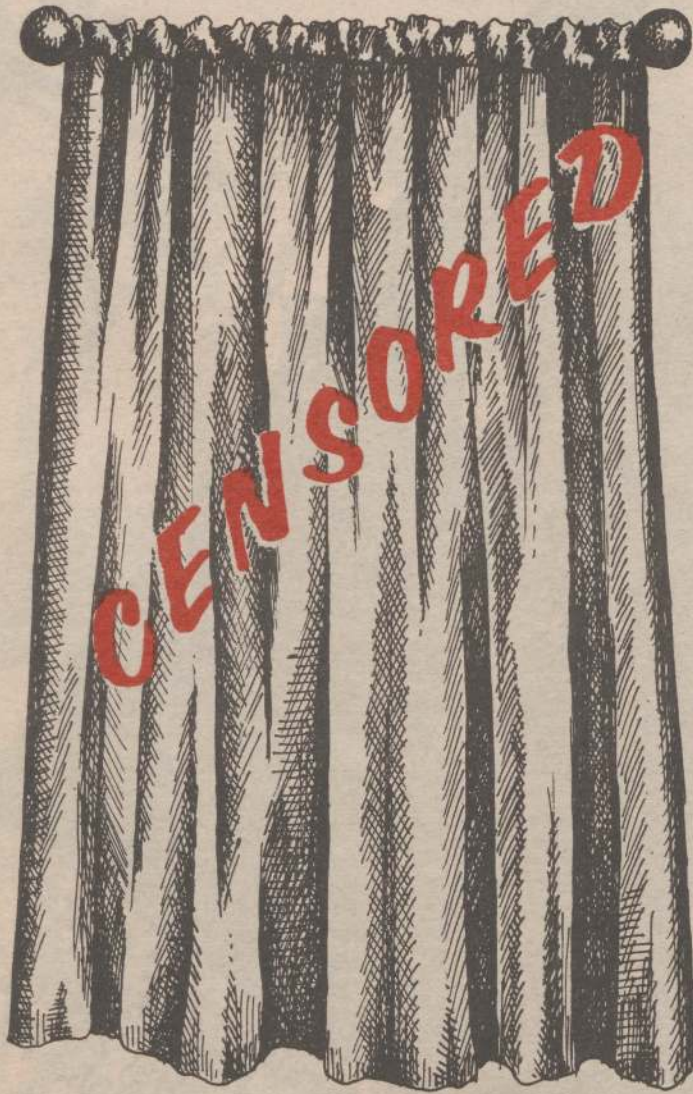
Wayne and Brenda have been called "A miniature Broadway show", "Two people performing as a cast of thousands" and even "The Lunt and Fontaine of the piano"! What they are is a remarkable duo: two talented singers/actors/comedians who have a great deal of fun doing what they do best — entertain! — and who delight in sharing that fun with the audience.

As two-thirds of a trio called "Zechariah" Wayne and Brenda began singing together in Los Angeles clubs in 1970. Since then they have played in Reno, Lake Tahoe and New Orleans, took a show called "CARTUNE" on a tour of the Far East (Wayne also served as musical director for the show) and in Los Angeles performed at *The Gardenia*, *The Rose Tattoo*, *The Troubadour*, *The Ice House*, *Bitter End West* and the *Rose Cafe*.

Brenda Taylor-Moore, a lovely, charismatic performer, was a featured soloist while at Los Angeles City College in many inter-city concerts, primarily in classical music. After meeting Wayne in school, she switched her allegiance to contemporary music, her warm voice perfectly suited to a variety of styles, from "belters" to ballads. Brenda's ability to charm and excite a crowd and her incredible power as a singer have endeared her to audiences around the world.

Wayne Moore has been a puppeteer with the Bob Baker Marionettes, a writer and director (His own musical "The Wild West" was produced in Los Angeles in 1979), an actor, a vocal coach... and a comic book collector. He refers to himself as a "slash" (writer - "slash" - arranger - "slash" - etc.) but when pressed, Wayne admits that songwriting is his first love. Wayne's original music which has been featured in films and nightclubs is a lively and unique part of the Wayne and Brenda presentation.

Wayne and Brenda will be appearing for one week only, June 26 through June 29. Showtimes are at 9:30 and 11:00 p.m.



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DEAR WESTERN EXPRESS READERS

I am writing this letter to clear up my name as well as Bronco's and our reputation. It appears that there are so many stories going around this town over last years contest that I want to clear it up immediately. Published in this issue (see below) is the duplicate copy of last years contest collections and expenses and a copy of the Cashiers Check which was given to MDA. Everything that I mailed to Reno from last years contest was not

received, so duplicates of all records were obtained and forwarded to MDA and the National Gay Rodeo which cleared up this matter.

If I have a problem with something I go right to the source to obtain the required information that I need and it is just a shame that in this case no one did before they started spreading stories around town. By the time I received any information on this I first received gossip which was very untrue and I didn't appreciate it at all. I have been in the bar business in Phoenix for over six years, the

last two as owner of Bronco's. As with any business that is new, it is a struggle to survive. I will remain in the bar business here for several more years, however, stories and gossip such as what is being spread now can ruin my business just as fast as it has taken me two hard years to build up.

I am a very straight-forward person and if anyone would like to get any information from me, all you have to do is just contact me and I will answer any questions that you have. If everyone would spend as much time with their own

problems instead of creating ones for others, the gay community would be much better off. It antagonizes me greatly to think that there is so much gossip in a gay community that is trying so hard and in so many different ways to get ahead. In closing let me assure you all that Bronco's is not closing and that the Rodeo Contest and the trip are still going on and that if anyone would like any information regarding anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

Ken Cameron
Bronco's

BRONCO'S 1982 RODEO CONTEST REPORT

Total Amount of Money Raised by Contestants	\$2,100.00
Less Expenses:	
Western Hats and Bashes for Finalists	\$ 155.00
Printing and Supplies for Contest	\$ 60.00
Total Amount Money Raised for M.D.	\$1,895.00
Less Cheques payable to M.D.	\$ 350.00
Cashier's Check #T 5982293 Presented M.D.	\$1,545.00

Respectfully Submitted:

Sponsor/Co-ordinator 1982 Contest

Ken Cameron

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June 14, 1983

Ken Cameron
Bronco's
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Phoenix, AZ 85016

Dear Ken:

Please let this letter serve as confirmation of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's having received \$1545.00 from you, representing funds collected from the 1982 Gay Rodeo competition at Bronco's.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association appreciates your support of our programs of patient services and research.

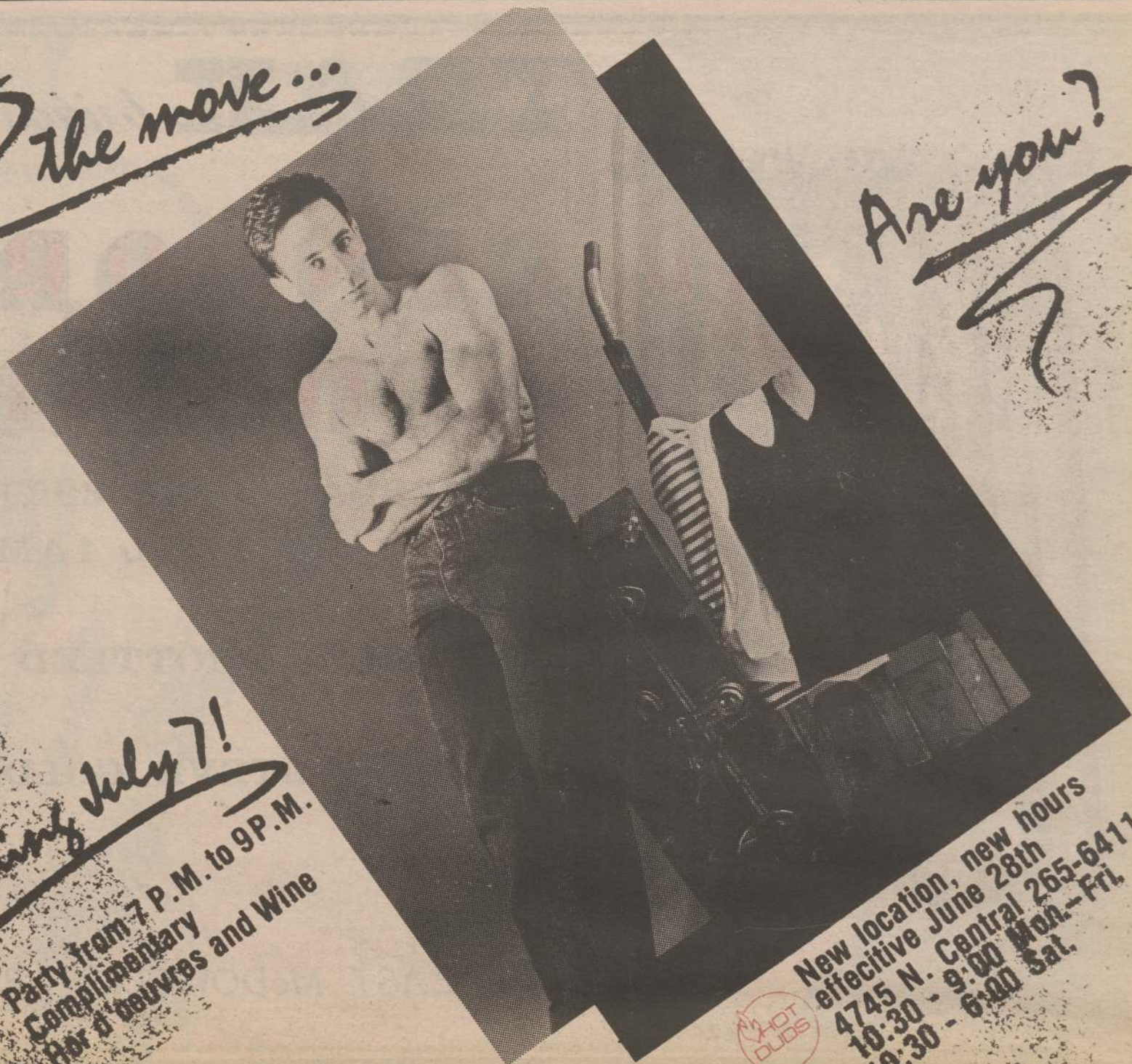
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BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE SELECTED TO PLAY AT RENO GAY RODEO



The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas, the well-received Phoenix production of the nationally acclaimed musical has been selected to perform at the 1983 National Reno Gay Rodeo.

The show, produced by Ken Cameron, owner of BRONCO'S, and Pat Williams, and directed by Williams, played to packed houses at the bar early in the year. Three performances are scheduled for Rodeo-goers at the event scheduled for August 4 through 7.

According to Williams, the cast and crew of the show is looking forward to getting back into rehearsal in preparation for the Reno booking. The show was video-taped during performance at BRONCO'S for presentation to the selection committee in Reno.

As many as 200 persons are expected to attend the rodeo from Phoenix with over half the pre-reservations already being sold.

Cameron related that BRONCO'S is very honored to sponsor the show and the other Reno Gay Rodeo events in Phoenix. Those include the MR., MS., and MISS PHOENIX GAY RODEO contests to be held at the bar on July 10. Winners of each category will represent Phoenix in the national competition to be held at the rodeo in Reno. A full day of events is planned for the local event starting at noon with a Mini-Rodeo and the contest being held at 8 PM.

Four performance dates have been scheduled for "Whorehouse" before it goes to Reno. The schedule is as follows: July 1 & 2, The Feline in Tucson, showtime 8:00 P.M.; July 8, Solid Gold; July 22 & 23, Bronco's. All monies raised at the door will be used to help defray costs of sending the cast to the Rodeo.

JOB SPECIALIST JOINS PARK CENTRAL COUNSELING

During the past several years of operation at Park Central Counseling, Dr. Ron Peterson has been involved in various therapy counseling functions with gay and lesbian clientele. One of the areas of special interest has been that of vocational development and job placement. While Dr. Peterson is a Vocational Expert for several government agencies, an area that has been of major focus in working with people in gay lifestyle is job development and placement - helping people identify their job skills and translate them into job placement.

In May, a new staff member joined Dr. Peterson in this specialized area. He is Harry Hill, a long-time resident in Arizona, and a long-time specialist in job development and job placement. While Mr. Hill is married and has a family, he is also very sympathetic to the needs of the gay and lesbian community and has enthusiastically joined on with Park Central Counseling. He has worked in many different settings in Arizona as a Vocational Specialist and knows the business and industrial communities. In addition, he has many personal connections into personnel departments of many of our large industries.

For those who might find it useful to have assistance in vocational development and/or job placement, appointments can be made at Park Central Counseling by calling 274-0327.

Mr. Shafer is taking a short leave of absence while helping with Tucson's Lesbian/Gay Pride Week activities. His column, TUCSON SEEN will not appear in this issue.


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AT THE GRAND CAMEL

Phoenix — Recalling the old story about 'the groom being prettier than the bride', this was a stage full of those brides!

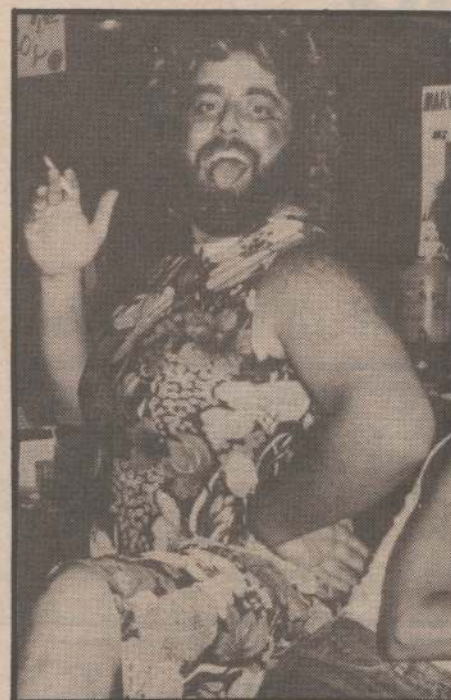
The Grand Camel, once a month on VIP Night presents one of the most... uh, interesting... shows in town. Known as the GC REVIEW this cast of employees from the Grand Camel dons their best drag (or whatever else they can find) and graces the stage to play to one of the more enjoying audiences in town.

As you can observe through the accompanying photographs, these are ladies of unquestionable quality and style.

One graduated from the Providence Charm School (for ankle bracelets and voodoo ceremonies), and another attended finishing school (furniture).

One serious point is that it really is a very good show... well rehearsed and well staged. If you are looking for a different form of entertainment, one sure to tickle your funnybone, check the Grand Camel for their next performing date.

Featured also are guest performers many of whom have tried to decline for the sake of their reputation, however its one of those type of events that its safer to be at than to worry about what they're doing to you behind your back.



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OUT AND ABOUT by Garry Mangum

I don't mind giving to worthwhile charities, but these days it seems everyone has their hand out asking for contributions, donations and/or time. I fully realize the importance of these groups. I also realize it may well be the time or money one of us donates that helps find the cause or cure to AIDS, Muscular Dystrophy or the common cold. But I have been told and have witnessed myself in recent weeks what can only be called the "strongarm robbing" of bar patrons by different groups seeking donations to insure their candidates victory in the current Mr., Miss, Ms. Gay Rodeo Contest.

At last year's Miss National Reno Gay Rodeo, I am more than a little upset by some of the tactics used by this year's contestants. What should and could be a community wide fundraising event, has turned into just another "drag queen" push-and-shove; personality "bitch-fight", pitting faction against faction.

I would venture to say twice as much money has already been raised as last year, but twice as much bad PR has gone out as well. Is it really necessary for a contestant and or their supporters to brow-beat bar customers into making a forced donation? Is it necessary to snatch money off the bar and stick it in the contestants jug? But above all this I am wondering who authorized all these solicitations since on different occasions the contestant(s) were not even present.

The next Phoenix contingent to attend the Reno Rodeo in August will be under much public scrutiny, simply because I won last year's contest. Every eye will be on our group of representatives. I hope that this type of pushiness does not attend the Rodeo with whoever wins - I don't think it would be pretty!

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NOTE: IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR HAPPENING THAT YOU WANT MENTIONED PLEASE CALL ME BEFORE JULY 2 FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 22

Full Moon Saloon - Special show with Tamara, Margo St. Jayne and Robert \$1.00 cover.
 Sammy's - Italian Buffet \$2.00 7-8 p.m.
 Shamoo's - Wet Jockey Short Contest 9 p.m. \$50.00 first prize.
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FRIDAY - JUNE 24

Shamoo's - CASA NIGHT - special reunion

show featuring former Casa entertainers and employees 9:00 p.m.
 TRAX - Full Moon Party - "Men at Work" 9:00 p.m. 'till dawn.

SATURDAY - JUNE 25

Shamoo's - CASA NIGHT - 9:00 p.m.
 Civic Plaza - Third annual Lesbian and Gay Human Rights March down Central Ave. Meet at the Civic Plaza at 4:00 p.m., Rally at the plaza 7:00 p.m. For further information call 829-1535.

SUNDAY - JUNE 26

Sammy's - "Showtime" hottest shows in town 9 p.m.

TUESDAY - JUNE 28

BABES - Bar and Business Employees Society meeting 10 a.m. at the 307. For information call John, 231-0168.

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 29

Shamoo's - "Talent Nite" with hostess Cinamon, \$50 cash prize.

FRIDAY - JULY 1

Fineline (Tucson) - Bronco Players in "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" 8 p.m. \$2.00 donation at the door.
 Shamoo's - Regular show 9:30 p.m. \$2.00 cover with Niki Alexander.
 TRAX - All nighter. Munchies at 8 p.m. & 4 a.m. Church at 6 a.m.

SATURDAY - JULY 2

Fineline (Tucson) - "Whorehouse" 8 p.m. \$2.00 donation at the door.

SUNDAY - JULY 3

Sammy's - "Dreamgirls II - Return of the Red-eyes!" \$3.00 cover showtime 9 p.m.

MONDAY - JULY 4

Trax - Beer Bust 4 'til Midnight, B-B-Q on the patio 8:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

Hotbods - "Return of the Jedi - Cosmic Costume Event" Thursday, July 7, \$2.00 cover.
 Bronco's - Reno Rodeo Contests, Sunday, July 10.

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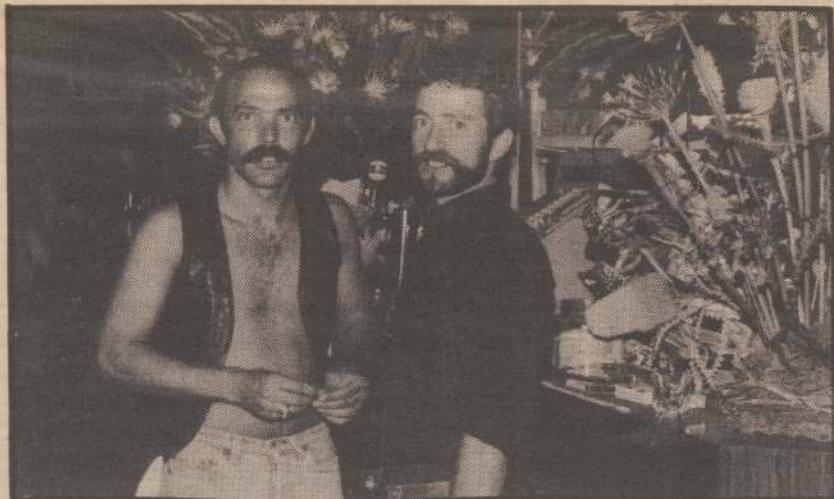
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time an elevated sound booth has been installed and other renovations completed.

During the evening the customers were treated to free champagne and periodic drink specials. ROKS is located at 1810 E. McDowell and is open three PM till one AM daily.

DREAMGIRLS II - AT SAMMYS

Sources inside Our Lady of Ladies Convent somewhere in Arizona have disclosed that five novitiates have disappeared, leaving behind a sixth accomplice, in what many theologians are heralding as "The worst thing to happen to modern religion since Jerry Falwell."

This past weekend Mother Superior, Mary Agnes of Our Lady of Ladies reported to local authorities from the secluded desert retreat. It seems the quintet had joined the order early in April to reflect on their smash success in Sammy's Easter Revue - "Dreamgirls or Nightmares". Sister Mary Agnes said "Gracious, I'm here to tell you those were surely no ladies!"

Contacted at an undisclosed bar in downtown Sacaton where the group meets secretly to plan their return engagement at Sammy's on Sunday, July 3 at 9 P.M. in "Dreamgirls II - Return of the Redeyes!", JoAnne was quoted as saying, "Those long black gowns were simply not chic enough for our tastes and Boy! Were they hot!" "We decided to go over the wall after Ebony was forced to do "Hail Marys for hours, just because she made a scoop backed evening dress out of her habit. Tish Tanner was similarly punished for hording food under her bed as was Moosala for wearing a sun hat to evening vespers and confessing to the sin of looking like Joan Collins. Cissy Goldberg never showed when we met to scale the wall so we grabbed Lady Cassandra who was picking prickly pears outside the convent. I'm telling you, I'll never worship anything but Max Factor from now on."

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PARENTS — Reserve Saturday, July 9, 1-4 p.m. A workshop concerning parenting skills, lovers as stepparents and the view from the child's eye at Tempe Lutheran Center, 1414 S. McAllister. Sponsored by Oasis M.C.C. Jim Simpson, M.A., M.C., Facilitator.

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Carol hails from Boston, and not since Bette Midler gave Hawaii the distinction of producing more than sun and pineapples, has an original hit the cabaret scene like this lady. Her humor is raucous, sexy, downright dirty at times,

but never deprecating. When she sings, it's with a full-throated, sometimes raspy gruff quality, but it's a quality that glows with sincerity born of believing the lyrics. When she becomes gross, the result is humor on the verge of tears.

Carol's last performances at Taylor's brought standing ovations from an enthusiastic crowd. Carol will be appearing July 4-6 and July 10-13. Showtimes are at 9:00 and 11:30 P.M.

NEW OWNERS FOR THE FULL MOON SALLOON

CHERYL EMERY
"GOIN' FISHIN' "



The Full Moon, one of Phoenix' most popular bars and catering mostly to women, has been sold by long time owner Cheryl Emery. New owners are Cindy Ahrens, former employee, and H.O. Roberts of Phoenix. The official date of takeover has been set for July 1. No changes in operating policy are anticipated.

Cheryl said that she intends to travel in California and do some fishing while considering some options. She has been one of the more active bar owners in the gay community of Phoenix and was prime motivator behind women's softball and several trophies garnered in city-wide contests. In September, 1982 she was active in forming the Arizona Gay Bar-owner's Association and has been active in the organization since that time.

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decision, *La Cage* will most assuredly be among their releases. It's highly unlikely, though, that *Cruising* will make it to LV, since it hasn't sold well in CED format. (Several stores have reported brisk rental business, though.)

Though it isn't a Gay movie, *Some Like It Hot* has some of the funniest drag bits in the history of film; it's available now in both formats on videodisc. However, since it's a CBS/Fox release, the price is a bit higher than most other of the films mentioned.

If you own a videodisc machine of either format and think that there should be more legit Gay offerings (where are Fassbinder and Pasolini?), write to the home entertainment division of your favorite movie studio and tell them so. All the studios are still feeling their way, trying to determine what the public will choose for repeated viewing, and they are planning ahead; you can look forward to *Gone With the Wind* in 1986.

If video manufacturers are convinced that there's a Gay market, you can bet that in this highly competitive field they will supply material that appeals to us. Let them know!

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A reminder to Fundamentalists: The King James version of the Bible was authorized by James I of England, indisputably Gay.

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The Judy Garland Memorial Trolley Song Award goes to Walt Whitman, whose lover, Peter Doyle, was a streetcar conductor.

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The run-down hotel where Oscar Wilde died in Paris is now a chichi establishment. It costs extra bucks to stay in the room where he spent his last moments.



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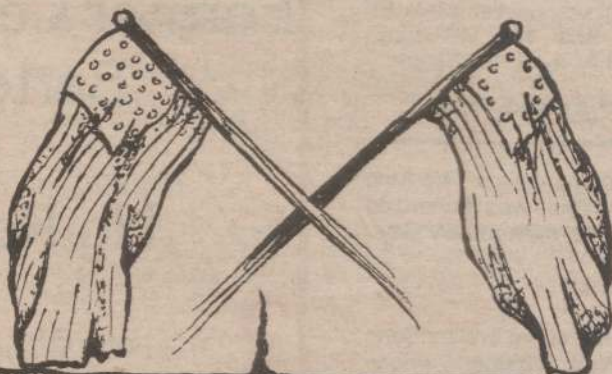
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