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Near and Gilbert to perform at Gammage Center



Photo by Susan Wilson

Phoenix — Singer-songwriter Holly Near and Ronnie Gilbert of the Weavers will perform in concert at Gammage Center (on the campus of Arizona State University) on September 30th at 8:00 p.m. The collaboration of Holly Near —

one of the most important progressive singers and songwriters working today, and Ronnie Gilbert — best known as the "exuberant presence" and "soaring contralto" of the pioneering folk group the Weavers — captured the hearts and minds

of nearly 40,000 people who heard them during their 12-city tour this spring.

Representing two generations and over 30 years of progressive music tradition, the collaboration of Near and Gilbert made music history. All but one of their spring concerts sold out, and they recorded a live album at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco. The album, *LIFELINE*, has just been released.

Near is known to Arizona audiences for her appearances here on national tours to promote non-nuclear causes. She has recorded seven albums and appeared in virtually every major city in the United States over the past 10 years.

Gilbert was one of the original Weavers, along with Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, and Fred Hellerman. The group had the best-selling record of 1950 ("Goodnight Irene") and was riding the crest of popularity when they were blacklisted by the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1952. The 1980 Carnegie Hall concert reunited the group for one last time, and Gilbert went on to perform with great success with Near in 1983.

Accompanying Near and Gilbert will be Jeff Langley on piano, whose work is also heard on *LIFELINE*. Susan Freund-

lich, sign language artist, will make the performance accessible to the hearing-impaired, as well as enrich the experience for the entire audience.

Audiences may want to purchase tickets early (virtually all of the spring concerts were sold out weeks in advance). Tickets are \$12.50 and \$10.50 at Gammage and Diamond's box offices (ad 65¢ at Diamond's), Womansplace Bookstore (Tempe), Antigone Bookstore (Tucson), and Aradia Bookstore (Flagstaff). Tickets can also be ordered by mail from the Women's Center, 1634 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85006 (enclose check for exact amount and self-addressed, stamped envelope).

Discount tickets for the hearing-impaired are available at Valley Center for the Deaf (Phoenix), or they may be mail-ordered from the Women's Center. Discounts are also available for senior citizens. Free child care will be provided, but reservations for child care must be made by September 27th (call 966-9276).

For hearing-impaired information on the concert call 274-0106 (TTY) or 274-0203 (voice). For general information call 966-9276. The concert is sponsored by ASU Women's Studies and produced by the Women's Center, Inc.

Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard Needs Your Help!

System handles community's emergencies and AIDS referrals

by Robert W. Gebhart

As you may know, The Lesbian and Gay Assistance and Information Line has been in existence for about four years. There are presently 30 active volunteers with another seven waiting to go through the September training. This enables us to keep the line in operation Monday through Saturday from 7 to 11 PM. Our eventual goal is to expand our hours.

When A.R.C. had to vacate its last premises, where the Switchboard was located, we were forced to find a new location. We were fortunate to find an office in central Phoenix with a reasonable rent. Unfortunately, the move depleted our bank account and we find ourselves turning to our brothers and sisters in the community for help.

Many of you have used the line to fill

various needs in the past. For those who have not, I would like to list some of the services we perform:

1. AIDS information and physician referrals in conjunction with the Arizona AIDS Fund.
2. Medical, dental, counseling, legal, and drug and alcohol abuse referrals.
3. General business referrals - insurance, travel, real estate agents, etc.
4. Information on various social and political organizations such as LADS, Desert Adventures, F.L.A.C., Desert Sky Singers, Womyn's Choir, A.L.G.T.F., Bowling Leagues, Desert Overtures, Sons of Apollo, etc.
5. Serving as a central answering number for new organizations. In the past year we have helped Desert Overtures, Womyn's Choir and Affirmation to get

started and continue to refer new arrivals to the valley to all of the above organizations.

6. We advise visitors to Phoenix about the bars, restaurants and what social activities may be available while they are visiting, including the Valley Art Theatre, Janus Theatre and other community offerings.
7. We have had limited success in job placement and hope to increase our activities in this field.

We are a gay switchboard, manned by gay women and men, and all our referrals are to gay or gay supportive individuals, organizations and businesses.

To continue these necessary services, we need your help. Until November, 1982, we had been entirely dependant upon

A.R.C. for our financial support. In November, a successful auction was held which enabled us to become fairly self-sufficient through August, 1983, at the present time there are a few businesses and organizations such as *R. Hegyi, The Western Express, The Gay Roommate Service* and the *Arizona AIDS Fund* which have been contributing to the operation of the line.

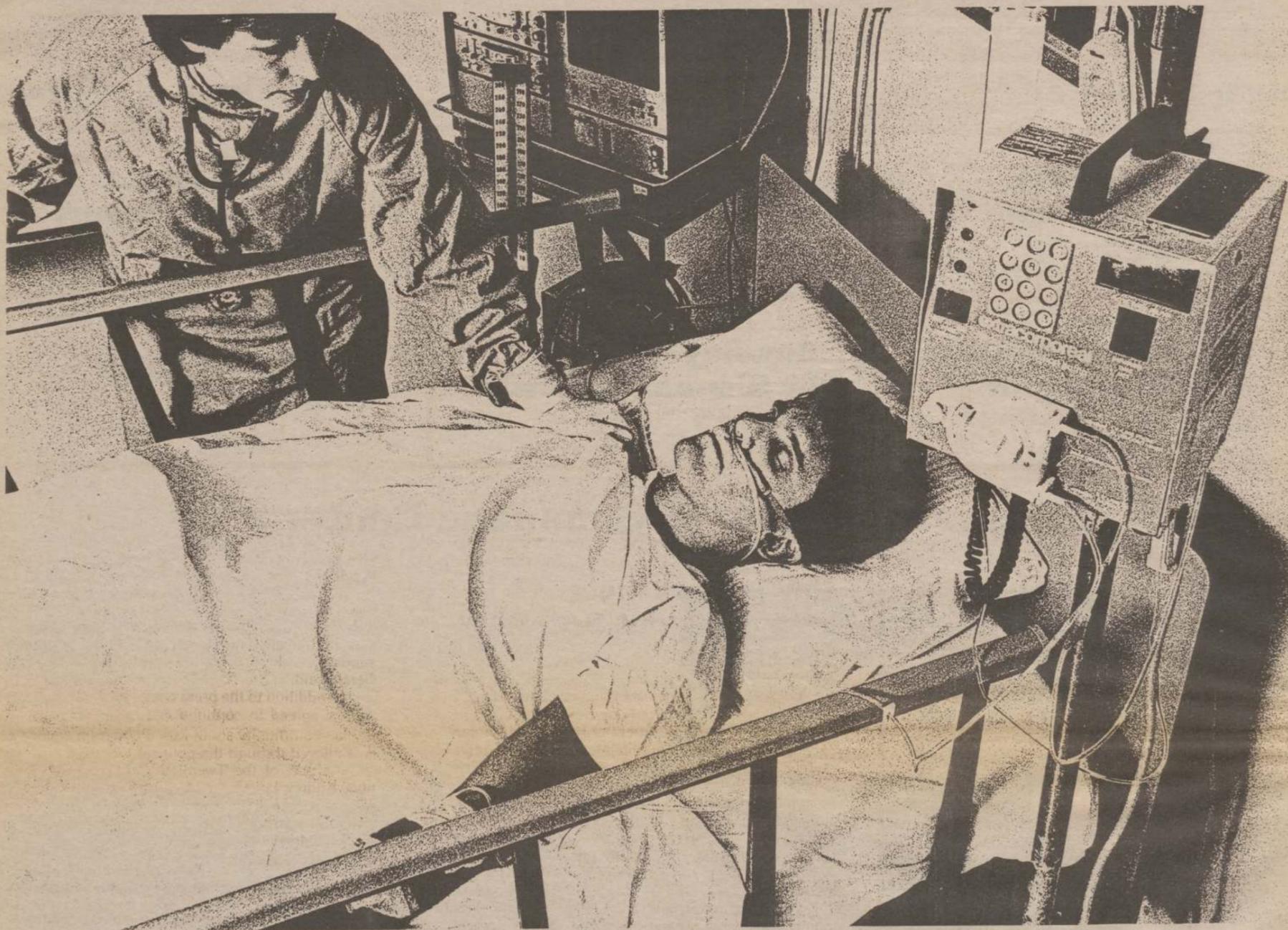
Any donation you can make, no matter how small will help. We are also looking for additional volunteers.

All funds are put into a trust account and will be used solely for the operation of the Switchboard. Please make checks or money orders payable to *L.G.C.S. or Gay Community Switchboard* and send to L.G.C.S., P.O. Box 5652, Glendale, AZ 85312.



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why more than half of all gay men will sooner or later become infected.

How can you tell who's a carrier? You probably can't. Most carriers seem to be perfectly healthy, and many are themselves unaware that they harbor the virus.

Once you get hepatitis B, there's no specific treatment for it. But now there's something you can do to help protect yourself.

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE— CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR OR CLINIC AND ASK ABOUT THE HEPATITIS B VACCINE.

It is highly effective in those who receive all three shots. Do it today because you never know where or when you'll make contact with a carrier.

If you'd like more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine, call The American Liver Foundation at (201) 857-2626.

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Studies showed that the vaccine protected against infection caused by hepatitis B virus in 85% to 96% of those who received the required three shots.

Hepatitis B 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.

Because of the long incubation period for hepatitis B, it is possible for unrecognized infection to be present at the time the vaccine is given. The vaccine may not prevent hepatitis B in such patients.

In three studies involving 3,350 persons, the overall rate of adverse reactions did not differ significantly in those given vaccine and those given placebo (an inactive substance). As with any vaccine, broad use often reveals rare adverse reactions not observed during clinical trials.

Over 200,000 people are estimated to have received the vaccine since its release, and the vaccine continues to be generally well tolerated. Hepatitis B has a long incubation period, and unrecognized infection may already be present at the time the vaccine is given. Thus, reported cases of hepatitis are to be expected and do not appear to be caused by the vaccine. Reactions such as fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, and local pain have occurred. Joint pain has been reported; rash has been reported rarely. Serious illnesses affecting the nervous system—including Guillain-Barré syndrome—have been reported rarely, but no cause and effect relationship has been established.



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International Report

Canadian province compels Doctors to report AIDS

Calgary (IGNA) — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has been added to the Calgary, Alberta, Canada list of "notifiable" diseases, that is, diseases that doctors are compelled to inform public health officers about if they come to their attention in patients.

Dr. Barbara Romanowski, the province's assistant epidemiologist, said that the inclusion of AIDS does not mean that local boards of health in Canada are panicking about the problem, according to the *Calgary Herald*. "Let me assure you that AIDS is not being put on the list because we think there are more cases in the province than we know about." Only one man has died of AIDS in Calgary.

Other diseases that have recently been added to the notifiable list are toxic shock, congenital infections in babies, Legionnaire's Disease, and Giardia, a water-born intestinal parasite that has caused "beaver fever" among residents of Banff, a hot springs resort in Canada's heartland.

In related matters, the gay community of Calgary has started a fund for research and education about AIDS. Ten thousand dollars was raised through recent benefits sponsored by gay businesses in Calgary. A cross-Canada walk-a-thon is also being planned for October to raise \$1.8 million for AIDS treatment and research.

National Report

Gay leaders meet with Assistant Secretary for Health

Leaders of the gay/lesbian community brought their demands for increased federal spending on AIDS to top levels of the Department of Health and Human Services on August 9. Virginia M. Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force; Dr. Marcus Conant, Executive Director of the AIDS/KS Foundation; Michael Callen of People With AIDS; Rodger McFarlane, Executive Director of Gay Men's Health Crisis; and Jeff Levi, Washington Representative of NGTF, met with Dr. Edward Brandt, Assistant Secretary for Health, and members of his executive committee on AIDS.

The group told Brandt that the gay/lesbian community considered the federal government's response to the AIDS crisis inadequate. "A major priority communicated to the Administration," said Apuzzo, "was the necessity of adding resources to rhetoric."

Several critical areas were covered in the meeting:

- Apuzzo opened the discussion by raising the issue of blood donor policy. "This is the one area where the gay community has been most stigmatized," she declared. Brandt offered reassurance that the Administration's position on blood donations remains unchanged, despite reports last week that the White House was considering a blanket exclusion of gay and bisexual men from the donor pool.

- The group was promised a detailed breakdown of what the government is spending on research. "We were told that top-quality research is being done in every area," Callen said, "and they have promised to make available the details for public examination."

"This approach falls short of the detailed master plan we would like to see," Conant added, "but it is a good starting point for identifying what still needs to be done."

Apuzzo stressed the importance of including affected groups in the entire process involved with AIDS policy: "Having been kept on the outside for so long by government and society, gays and lesbians are inherently suspicious of others making decisions about their lives, no matter how sincere the intentions may be." Dr. Brandt committed the Administration to further efforts to include affected communities, and directed that gay scientists and researchers be included at all future government-sponsored research conferences on AIDS.

- While praising public education efforts recently begun by the Administration, McFarlane urged Brandt to commit additional funds to that area. He pointed out that groups like GMHC "are bearing the brunt of the education effort, diverting vital community resources from serving people with AIDS to areas more properly within the government's jurisdiction."

- Dr. Brandt restated that whatever resources are needed for this problem will be forthcoming. He said all approved research proposals will be funded, and that the Administration is in the process of revising upwards its fiscal 1984 funding request. Apuzzo said she found this attitude "a positive one, but until we see a

significant commitment of funds to match the rhetoric, NGTF and the gay/lesbian community will have to remain skeptical and maintain pressure at all levels."

Major Civil Rights leaders endorse Gay and Lesbian Rights

Washington, D.C. — A joint press conference was held on August 26, by major leaders associated with the staging of the August 27 Mobilization for Jobs, Peace and Freedom and the national gay/lesbian community. The major leaders of the black and women's civil rights community announced their support of legislation and administrative actions that extend civil rights protections to gay men and lesbians.

The conference was called on the eve of the march commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Today's conference is an historic event," declared Gil Gerald, executive director of the National Coalition of Black Gays. "It is the first time the major leaders of the American civil rights community have joined together in announcing their belief that the struggle for gay/lesbian rights is part of the overall civil rights struggle."

Among the civil rights leaders participating at the press conference were: Coretta Scott King of the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change; Judy Goldsmith, president of the National Organization for Women; Del. Walter Fauntroy, national director of the Mobilization; Dr. Joseph Lowery, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Rev. Cecil Williams of San Francisco's Glide Memorial Baptist Church; and Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, Jr.

Virginia M. Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force and one of the participants in the discussions leading to the press conference, remarked: "As Dr. King said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' This milestone not only recognizes gay and lesbian rights as part of the overall civil rights agenda, but also signals a readiness to work together."

Gerald and Apuzzo both commended the support received from the national and Washington, D.C. gay/lesbian communities as well as from others who are part of the civil rights struggle. "Their efforts and support made possible today's press conference," Gerald said.

In addition to the press conference, the civil rights leaders agreed to continue discussions with the gay/lesbian community about how a common agenda can be achieved through the political process.

As part of the Twentieth Anniversary Mobilization, Audrey Lourde, a black lesbian feminist writer, will participate in the reading of a litany, a poem on the civil rights struggle that immediately precedes Mrs. King's address.

Display of Challenged Books

Womansplace Bookstore, along with several other valley bookstores, is displaying books that have been challenged or banned during the past year throughout national Banned Books Week, September 10-17. Most of these books are not uncommon, but are considered dangerous or objectionable by individuals or pressure groups who would deny others access to them.

Among the books recently challenged are: "Sapphistry" by Pat Califia, which is described by would-be banners as an "inappropriate text for college students"; Janet Bode's "View From Another Closet", about bisexuality, because it is "A devious attempt to recruit our young people into the homosexual lifestyle"; "A Way of Love, A Way of Life" by Frances Hanckel & John Cunningham, a book for adolescents about what it means to be gay, because of its "morally corrupting force"; Troy Perry's "The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay" because of its "pornographic" nature; Patricia Nell Warren's gay novel "The Front Runner" because it promotes homosexuality & perversion". A list of 93 titles compiled from reports in the "Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom" is the basis for the display at Womansplace Bookstore.

Banned Books Week is co-sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, American Library Association, National Association of College Stores, Association of American Publishers, American Society of Journalists and Authors and is endorsed by The Center for the Book of the Library of Congress. It is the contention of the sponsoring organizations that while would-be book banners act with what they consider to be the highest motives, i.e., protecting others from assorted evils, protecting themselves from supposed injustices, preserving what they assume to be the values of society or a particular religion, the result is always and ever the denial of another's freedom to read, which is a potent form of oppression. The sponsoring groups believe that Americans will not allow the abrogation of a basic right guaranteed in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.



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Janus announces opening dates

Phoenix — Janus Theatre Co., Inc., opens its 1983-1984 season with James Kirkwood's comedy-drama *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead*.

The play will be performed Sept. 16 and 17 and 23 and 24 at 8 p.m.; Sept. 25 at 2 p.m.; and Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. All performances will be at 1002 E. Moreland St., Phoenix.

Judy Rollings will direct the cast of three men and one woman.

The cast is made up of Reggie N. Coats as Jimmy; Michael Jancek as Vito; Vickie Stockwell as Kate; and John Goldschmid as Fred.

For reservations, telephone 258-9773.

Great American Spaghetti Feast and Variety Extravaganza

Sammy's 2125 E. McDowell Road, will throw its doors open wide for this Sunday's Great American Spaghetti Feast and Variety Extravaganza, which is being produced by B.A.B.E.S. (the Bar And Business Employees Society).

B.A.B.E.S. has become Arizona's strongest social-service organization and boasts a membership approaching 100 from Phoenix as well as Tucson. This event will be their first venture and proceeds will go to help finance the 1983

Halloween spectacular *The Empire Ball* at the Phoenix Hilton, October 30. The Ball will be a benefit this year for the first time, with proceeds going to the Arizona AIDS fund and *Janus Theatre Company*.

The Dinner this Sunday will feature three sauces, salad, bread and wine all prepared and served by B.A.B.E.S. members. The dinner will be highlighted with special live entertainment.

At 9 PM a very special show has been put together featuring many of Arizona's better known stars and entertainers. Hostess for the evening is Tish Tanner, well known Phoenix entertainer. Tish will introduce and be assisted by Ebony, Goldie O'Brien, Misty McCrae, Tamara, Pussy Le Hoot, K. C. Starr, Penelope Poope, Serena La Rouche, Blackberry, the Bucking Broncoettes, Sammy's Slut

Sisters, the infamous Shamette, Brandy and many others. It promises to be an evening of fun and excitement.

All during the evening, door prizes and raffles will be offered for those in attendance, with gifts and donations from many businesses.

Tickets are \$6 for dinner and show with no reservations. Standing Room Only tickets are \$3 at the door. For information or tickets, phone 231-0168 . . . you won't regret this evening!

Taylor's to open DW's, a new restaurant for Phoenix



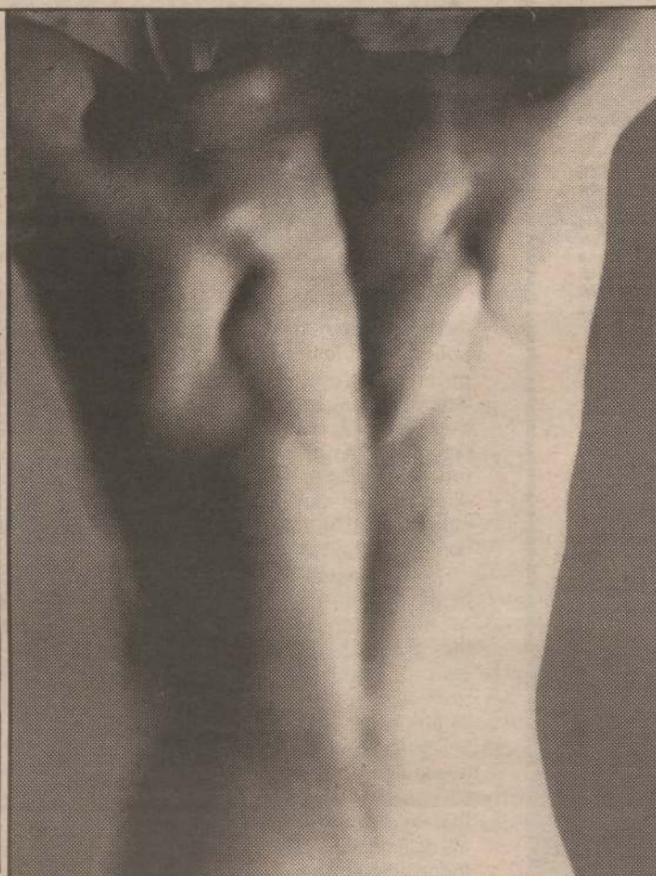
Dale Williams has announced the opening of *DW's*, Taylor's new full-service, fine food restaurant, for September 16. Responding to a great demand in the city for more eating establishments, Taylor's has totally renovated its former restaurant area and has added outside dining.

The main idea is totality. From the ambiance of dining outside to the elegant new decor of the two-story inside dining room, one will have the surroundings for a fine dinner. For the dinner itself, Williams has hand picked a staff of professionals. The chef, formerly of one of Phoenix' finest, old-line supper houses, is the keynoter for the main attraction - the food. Select from an extensive menu or give him some extra time and custom order a dinner for your special occasion.

DW's has announced a schedule of 11 AM till Midnight from Sunday through Thursday and from 11 AM till 3 AM on Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday Brunches are from 11 AM till 3 PM. Reservations are suggested.

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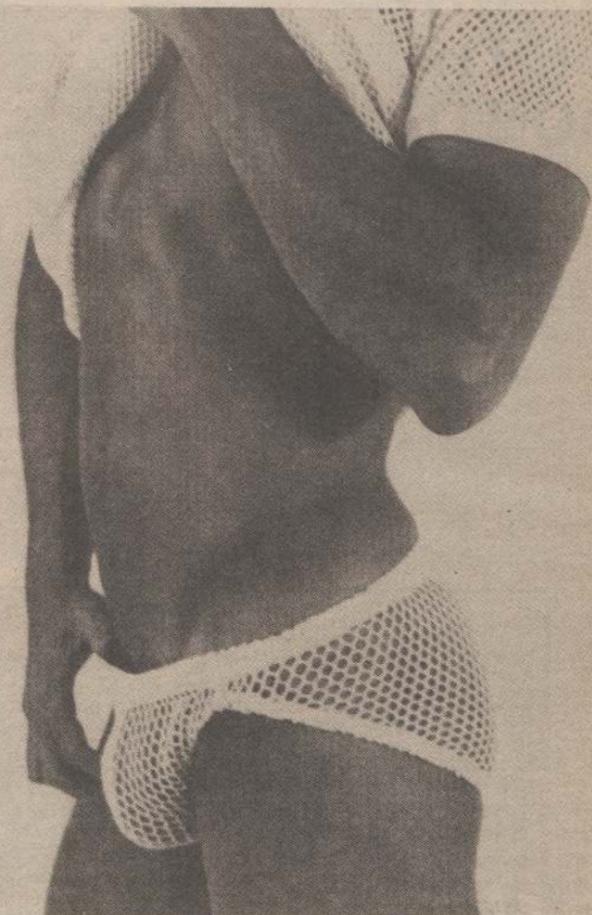
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TUCSON SEEN

by Jim Shafer

Sunday, 11 Sept. '83

This being written at a distance, my dears. After a couple of Jack Daniels and sodas with Monte Jon & Patrick & Gary I found myself at The Back Pocket. Then racing up the 'Old Florence Highway' to Phoenix to join that trio and Phil Santhon at Sammy's and thence to a mini-pub-crawl. As I dragged my poor wasted bones from the bed this A.M. I kept asking

myself "Why, Shafer, do you do these rash, self-indulgent, over-cocktailed things?" Then the answer came to me like a blazing flash: a vision of Tish Tanner shouting, "Why Not!!!" So, with another semi-debauched evening facing one here in the Valley of the Sun, I rush to get my copy ready for this issue.

Changes: Jim has sold his wonderful *Naughty Nell's Soup Kitchen* and now all of the organizations which meet there will have to find new sites for their weekly or monthly gatherings. Much success to Jim in whatever new endeavors he may pursue.

Some new officers have been elected in *Great Outdoors - Tucson*. Carl E. is the new co-President with Wayne. Ed N. is the new Treasurer. Patrick G. is the new Secre-

tary. Don M. is the local representative to the national G.O. board.

Speaking of G.O. - *Tucson*: The upcoming outings are Sept. 16-18, a trip to Sedona and the Oak Creek Canyon with a \$5 fee for members and a \$10 fee for guests (call Carl at 621-1197 for info); Sept. 23-25, a trip to Mt. Wrightson again with member and guest fees (call David at 795-7615 for info); also on Sept. 25 the Dayhikers will go to Madera Canyon and picnic (call Wayne at 792-1586 for info.) There is a meeting of the G.O.-*Tucson* core membership at Curry's on Sept. 20 (phone 299-0394)

The cast and crew of the big benefit show at the J.T., Sept. 22-24, are polishing

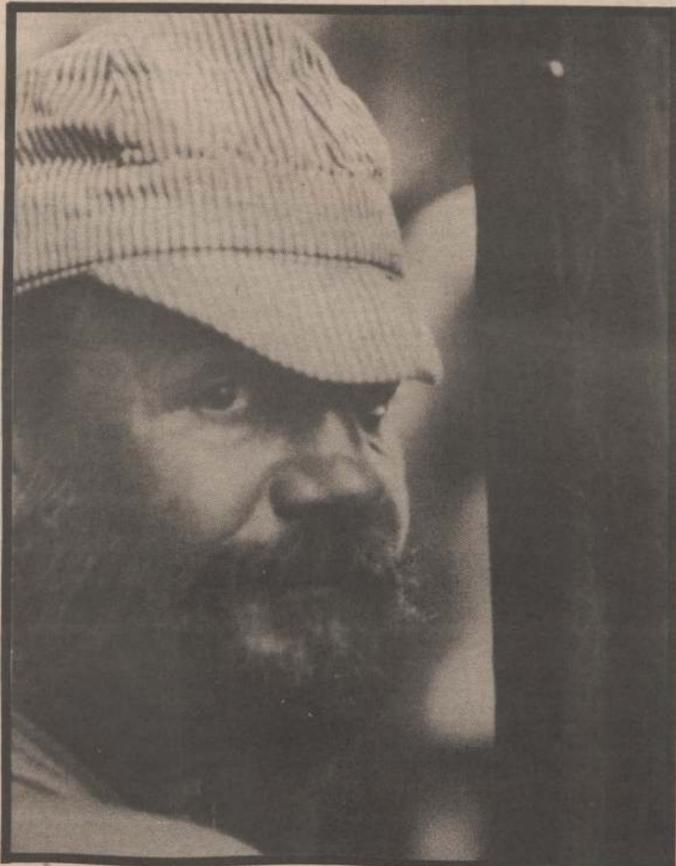
their numbers getting ready to set Tucson on its ear.

Rita's Mr. Gay Tucson contest on Sun., Sept. 18, will be an evening to remember. Be sure to have a front row seat near the run-way. The *Rita's Rendezvous* Birthday list congratulates the recent natal celebrations of John H. on the 8th, Bob Ellis and Charlie on the 9th, Jimbo on the 11th - by the bye, Jimbo is moving to Phoenix so everyone in that fair city is honestly warned - Norma Jean's Birthday is today, the 14th. Cheers!

Womyn on Wheels are having a dance on Oct. 1st, 9-12 PM. Call 792-3745 for details.

That's all for now my dears. Merde!

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BY-WAYS OF THE SOUTHWEST

by Jerry Zagst

Montezuma's Castle

Proclaimed a national monument on December 8, 1906, the prehistoric cliff dwellings of Montezuma's Castle and its sister prehistoric site, Montezuma's Well, strangely enough remain little known to many - including many Arizonans. The 'castle' is ranked as one of the finest preserved of the many cliff cities and dates to approximately 1100 AD. It clings to a limestone bluff 100 feet above Beaver Creek. It is five stories high and contains 20 rooms. It is estimated that construction took over three centuries to complete.

The dwelling was built by the Sinagua, a settlement of Indians who were ancestors to the Pueblo tribes now occupying the Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico, the Hopi, Navajo and many other tribes of Arizona. Due to conservation efforts visitors are not allowed to tour the ruins however the National Park Service has provided a visitors center with artifacts from it. The center provides an exceptional vantage point from which to view the ruins and understand the surrounding area and the difficulties it caused in constructing the dwelling.

Montezuma's Castle is open year-round and is reached by travelling north from Phoenix through the Verde Valley then following signs placed by the National Park Service. It and its companion Montezuma's Well Monument are less than a full day's round-trip from Phoenix.

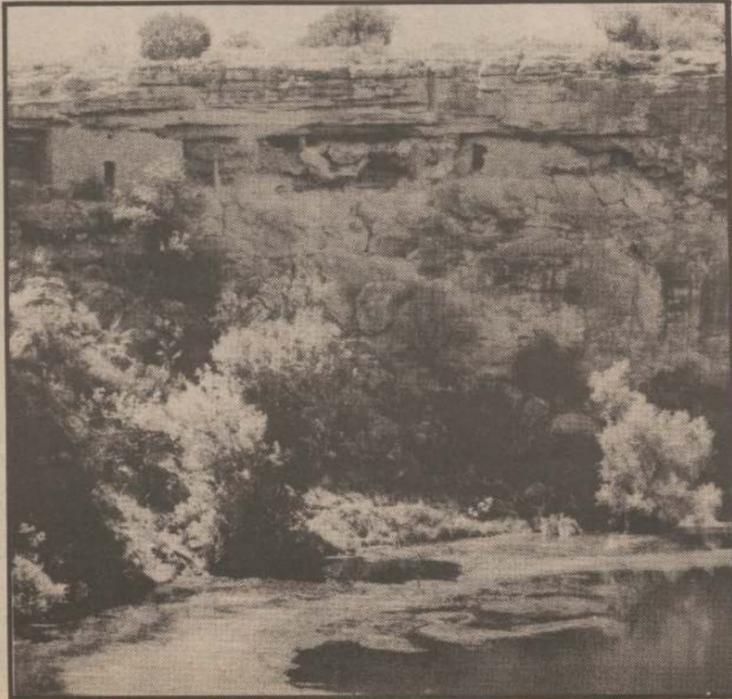


Montezuma's Castle

Montezuma's Well

Just a few miles north of Montezuma's Castle is the very interesting Montezuma's Well National Monument. The ancient 'sink-hole', caused by the collapse of the roof of a giant underground cavern, is 470 feet across and 55 feet deep to water's surface. The bottom is a calm and serene lake, giving no hint to the fact that it bubbles out over one and a half million gallons of water daily which feeds Beaver Creek through a hole in the side of the well.

The Indians populating the area, who built still-remaining dwellings on its interior walls, created irrigation channels from the exterior stream side of the well. The irrigation ditches run today, centuries later. One thing to watch out for - in addition to the sights - is the rattlesnake population, not a particular problem, but as in most of Arizona, present.



Montezuma's Well

Photos by Jerry Zagst

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Supporters,

How do I start talking about a subject that scares us all - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)?

For those who don't know me:

I am Tony Hipsher and have lived in Phoenix for the last four years. I was co-founder and general manager of *The Desert Sky Singers*. Also I was co-founder of the *Camelback Professional Club*. For a short time I worked as a waiter at *Taylor's Lounge*. I established *Emerald City Stained Glass* to display and sell my original artwork in glass. And - I have AIDS, pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) to be specific. I found out July 25, 1983.

Since that time my friends and my lover have been more supportive than I could have ever dreamed. That support kept me alive. I can never thank you all enough. I have two things to say to AIDS patients and their friends.

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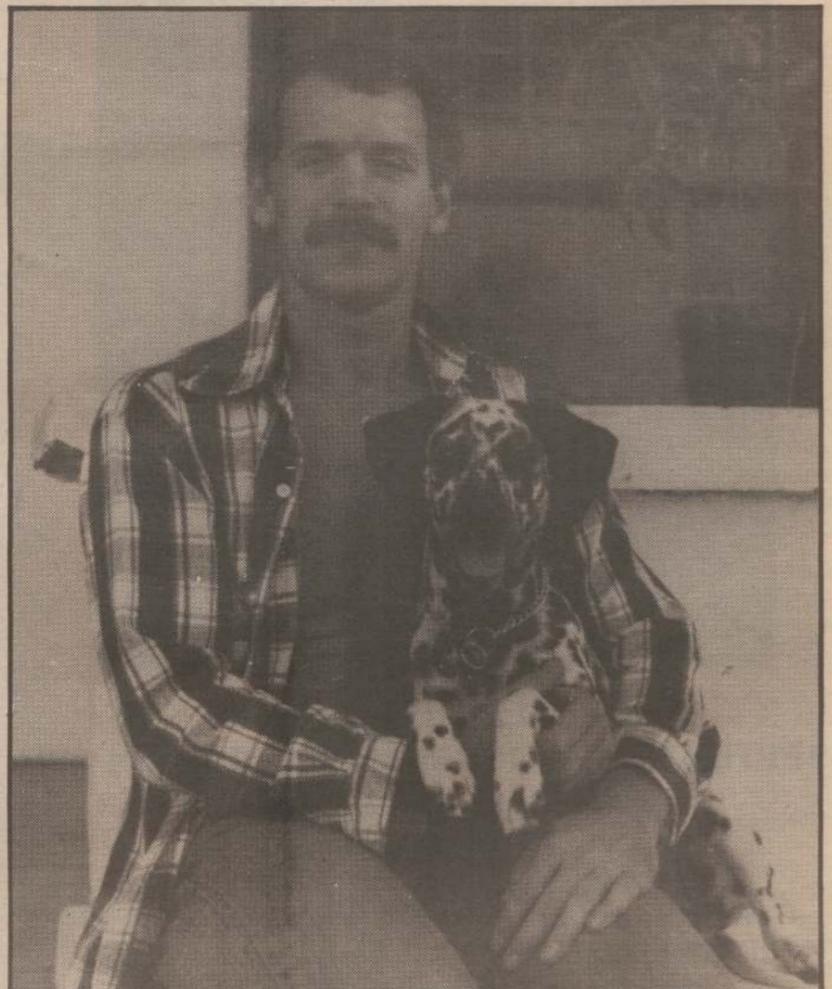
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by Garry Mangum

RUMORS! GOSSIP! SLANDER! BULL-SHIT! I'm just as guilty as the next person when it comes to repeating stories. But I decided a long time ago that I was not going to use my column to repeat tall tales or harrangue my readers. (Not that I have a thing against Dragon Lady! Some of my best ideas have come from her.)

Of late I have been deluged with many varying reports concerning various individuals, businesses and groups who have caught the attention of more than one person. Several things should be cleared up at this time and I feel it my bounded duty to report to you my investigative findings in each of the following cases:

— There is no truth to the story going around that Dale Williams has plans of enshrining a full sized 1938 Rolls Limo in the addition to Taylor's. He doesn't even plan to plant a giant saguaro either. Mr. Williams has always been able to keep his finger on the pulse of the Phoenix Community. After some time, he will reopen Taylor's dining room this Friday, September 16. The addition is a garden patio for starlight dining (how romantic!). There have been extensive renovations in the "Garden Room" including the removal of that lonely exiled cactus and also the heat which made dining so unpleasant. You will notice the sky-light is now a regular roof. I'm looking forward to the opening of this favorite bistro as Mr. Williams always knows the proper amount of pomp and circumstance to serve his

customers.

— It is true that Bronco's has changed hands. But there is no truth to the story that this bar will become another women's bar. The new owner, Pam Adams, has made it quite plain that she hopes and desires to keep things the same as they have always been. This includes the bands on weekends and the delicious steak dinners. And you may notice the DJ booth that has been installed to provide good country disco. I wish Pam and staff (the same crew as always) the best of luck!

— the only real gossip I will lower myself to indulge in concerns the highly contested and over publicized fued that has been created between Shamette (Bob Locke) of Shamoo's and myself. Shamette and I have agreed to take part in a "Cher-off" this Sunday Night during the B.A.B.E.S. Great American Spaghetti Feast and Variety Extravaganza. Being the original Phoenix Cher I know my groupies extend a wish for good luck to Shamette — don't miss this duel to the death!!!

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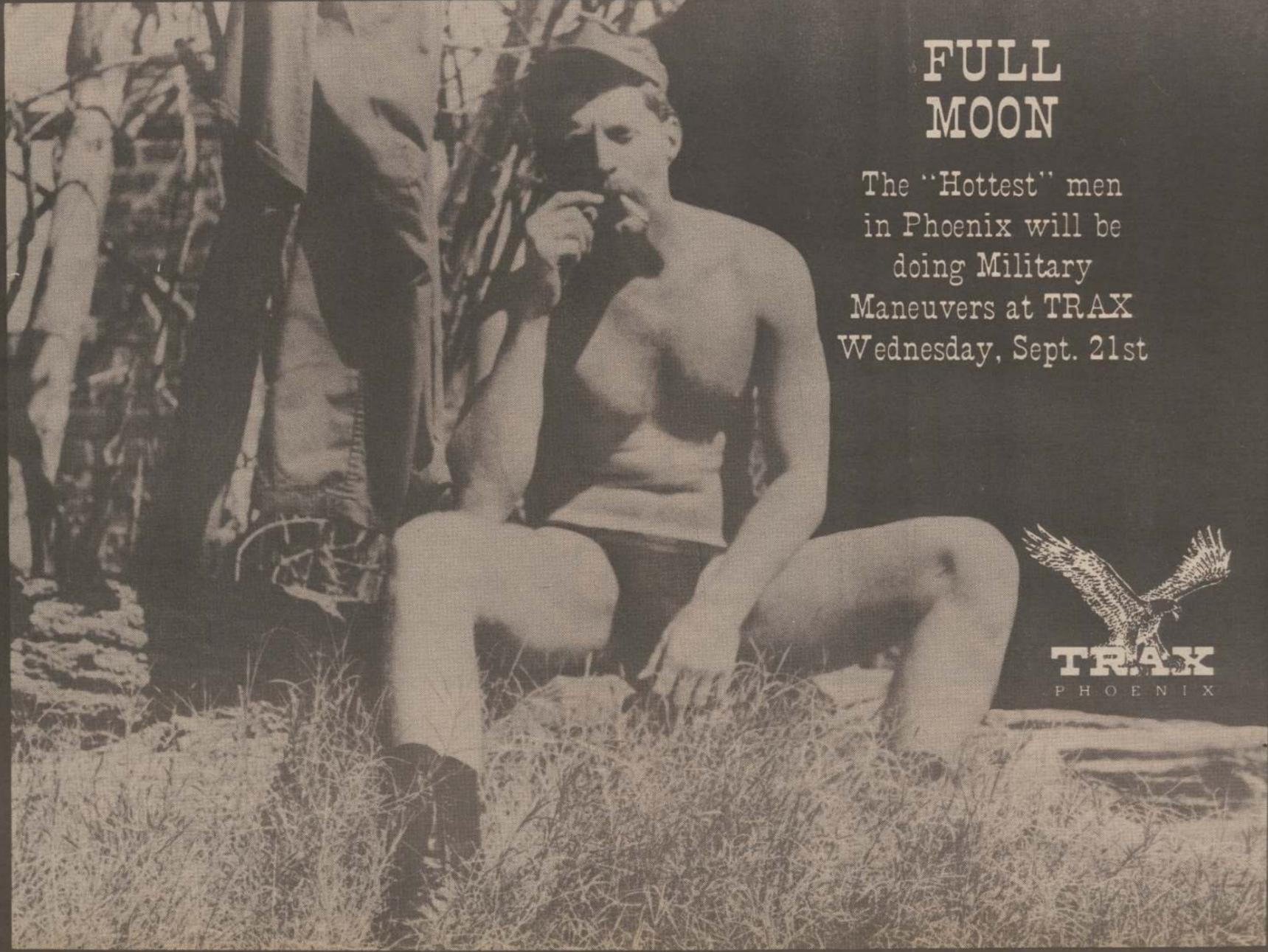
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THE ASSAULT ON GAYS

by Tom Richards

Tom Richards has lived in Phoenix most of his life. Most of his adult life has been involved with religion and undertakings involving religion.

Tom calls himself a "Fundamentalist who doesn't share that view at all." He graduated from a well-known Bible school and holds a degree in Theology. Since graduating, he has taught in, and eventually became director of two Christian schools.

Then recently he made a successful move into non-fiction writing, based a great deal on his education. After a short period he has already received notice from a New York publisher of interest in a book he has written and is syndicated by both Stonewall Features, a gay syndicate, and by Universal Press Syndicate which carries *Dear Abby*.

Tom will be writing regularly in *The Western Express* and the newspaper will also be carrying his Stonewall Features material as a member of that organization.

In this first of a four-part series he discusses the errors of the Fundamentalist position on gays and offers his views on the political ideologies that apparently support them. Part II of *The Assault on Gays* will be "Is it a Sin to be Gay?", discussing Biblical passages that are so often quoted by TV evangelists. Part III "Coming Out: Being Gay and Accepting Yourself" examines spiritual support for the Christian Gay. And Part IV, "Fundamentalist Logic" exposes faulty reasoning of anti-Gay preachers.

He writes well and is well-versed on his subject matter. He speaks on an important and ever-changing issue.

"The Fundamentalist Challenge"

As we approach the mid-1980's the freedoms we enjoy as Americans seem to be greater than ever before. Constitutional guarantees provide that each and every person in the United States has certain specific rights and, during the past quarter-century in particular, we have come a long way in acknowledging and granting these basic rights to all citizens.

But there are dark clouds on the horizon that threaten freedom-loving Americans of all political ideologies and persuasions. And that threat has never been more dangerous than in the present-day campaigns of the religious fundamentalists.

Their attacks on homosexuals are particularly vituperative. Frequently appealing to raw emotionalism and demonstrating a complete lack of ethics, they use discarded propaganda techniques to create a climate of fear and hate. Fundamentalist James Robison sent out a letter to his supporters which contained

the following paragraph:

"This past summer, homosexual perverts consolidated their power by organizing to control the 97th Congress... as a result, we Christians may lose our right to preach Christ in freedom; but Gays will have won their right to seduce our children — perhaps even in their Christian schools."

The Robison quote is ludicrous to the point of being funny; except that he is deadly serious. No thinking person who has even a rudimentary conception of logical cognitive processes would equate gay control of Congress (another ridiculous assertion by Robison) and the cessation of civil liberties. On the contrary, gay rights groups have unanimously and traditionally supported the right of each individual to their own lifestyle and set of beliefs. Gay rights groups would be the first to acknowledge that evangelists of the

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persuasion of Robison (and any one else for that matter) have the right to their religious freedoms and beliefs. This is their right under the Constitution. At the same time, however, and under the same Constitution, gay people have identical rights to freedom of choice and belief.

Robison's other allusion equating gays with being seducers of young children is slander of the worst degree. The evangelist is using, of course, an effective, if unethical, form of propaganda. This type of propaganda technique has been used by dictatorial and totalitarian regimes of every political persuasion throughout the history of mankind. Hitler used the same type of slanderous and illogical propaganda against the Jews. To the Nazis, the Jews were the direct cause of every evil event that occurred in the Fatherland. And today, some fundamentalist leaders are teaching that all of America's ills can be laid at the foot of the gay man and woman.

Illogic rules in these circles. One fundamentalist woman on a nationwide radio talk show insisted that the San Andreas Fault ran through San Francisco only because there is a large concentration of gay people in the city. Again, this is almost funny to the educated person; but how many others believe it? If and when an earthquake does occur near the area, many fundamentalists will loudly call this a judgement of God against the "perverts" of the city. But do they say this when horrible floods ravage the Mississippi River Valley? Do they proclaim the "revenge" theory when hurricanes hit the Gulf Coast States or when blizzards bury the East? What do they say when strong winds rip open and tear apart their church buildings?

A 1980 NCPAC letter signed by U.S. Representative Daniel B. Crane stated:

"Our nation's moral fiber is weakened by the growing homosexual movement, by the fanatical ERA... pushers (many of whom publicly brag that they are lesbians), by leftist-produced movies and television programs that are often indecent and full of sex."

Again, we ask: what kind of logic is this? Homosexuals do not weaken the na-

tion's morals. Homosexuals have been around since the dawn of man. Some of our earliest national leaders were gay, just as some of our most spiritual pastors and preachers past and present are gay. Contrary to what fundamentalists want to believe, the majority of gay people are Christians of some particular background. Many gay Christians presently sit in the fundamental churches battling for Biblical understanding and Christian love. Yes, there are gay atheists too, but there are many more heterosexual atheists. Therefore, to use fundamentalist logic, it is the heterosexual who is undermining the morality of this nation. (Please note that we are simply using convoluted fundamentalist thinking. Neither homosexuality or heterosexuality have any bearing in themselves of the nation's moral fiber.)

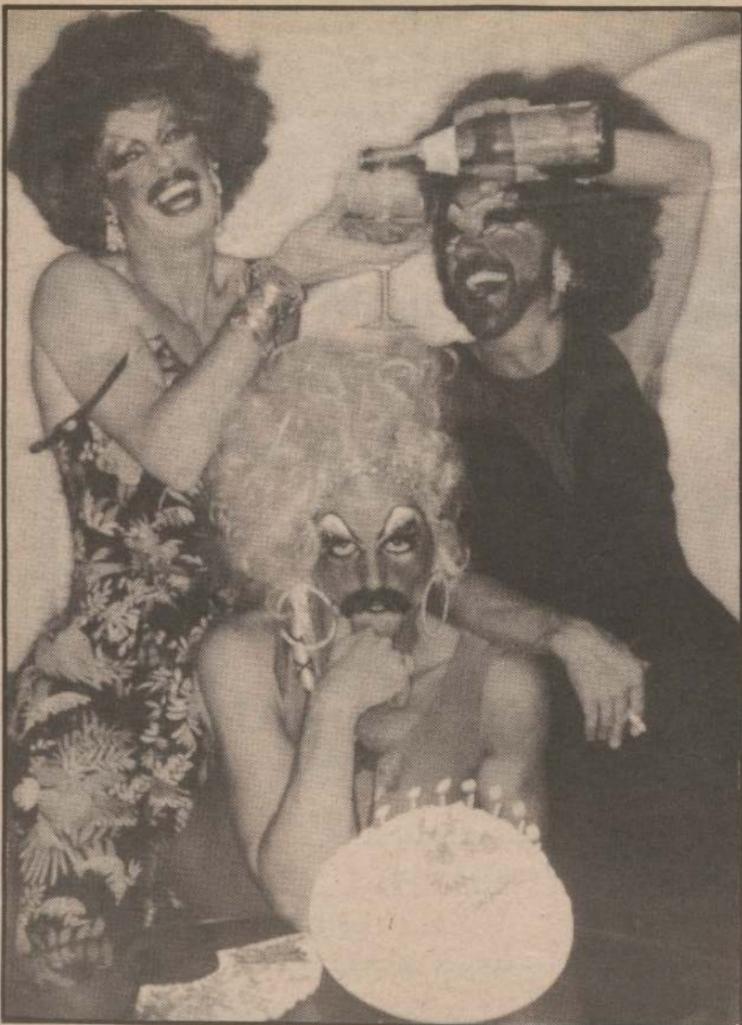
The letter also employs the insidious technique of guilt by association, equating gays with the ERA, drug pushers, liftists, and sexual indecency. While there are gays on both sides of the ERA issue, the idea that most pushers are lesbian is scurrilous. From reliable statistical evidence, we would be forced to conclude that most pushers are not gay, but straight. So are most liftists. To the extreme left, the Communist Party is totally and exclusively committed to heterosexuality. Divergence from the official party line is simply not tolerated. Again using fundamentalist logic, we would observe that these extreme conservative religious groups would find more in common with communism than with the freedoms we are guaranteed as Americans.

In their ground-breaking book, *Holy Terror*, authors Flo Conway and Jim Siegelman report that a 1980 multimedia presentation sponsored by the Moral Majority:

"...roused thousands in fear and hatred by mixing images of Charles Manson, atom bombs exploding, homosexuals embracing, and aborted fetuses lying in bloody hospital pans..."

The authors' point is that by using catchy slogans ("homosexual perverts", "child seducers", and the like) and by employing irresponsible and unethical lines of argument they play on people's basest emotions. As they put it:

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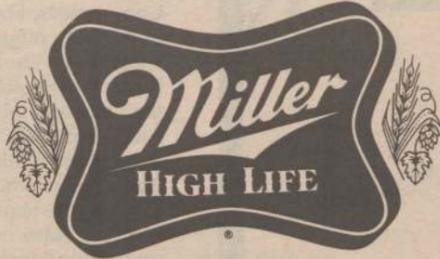
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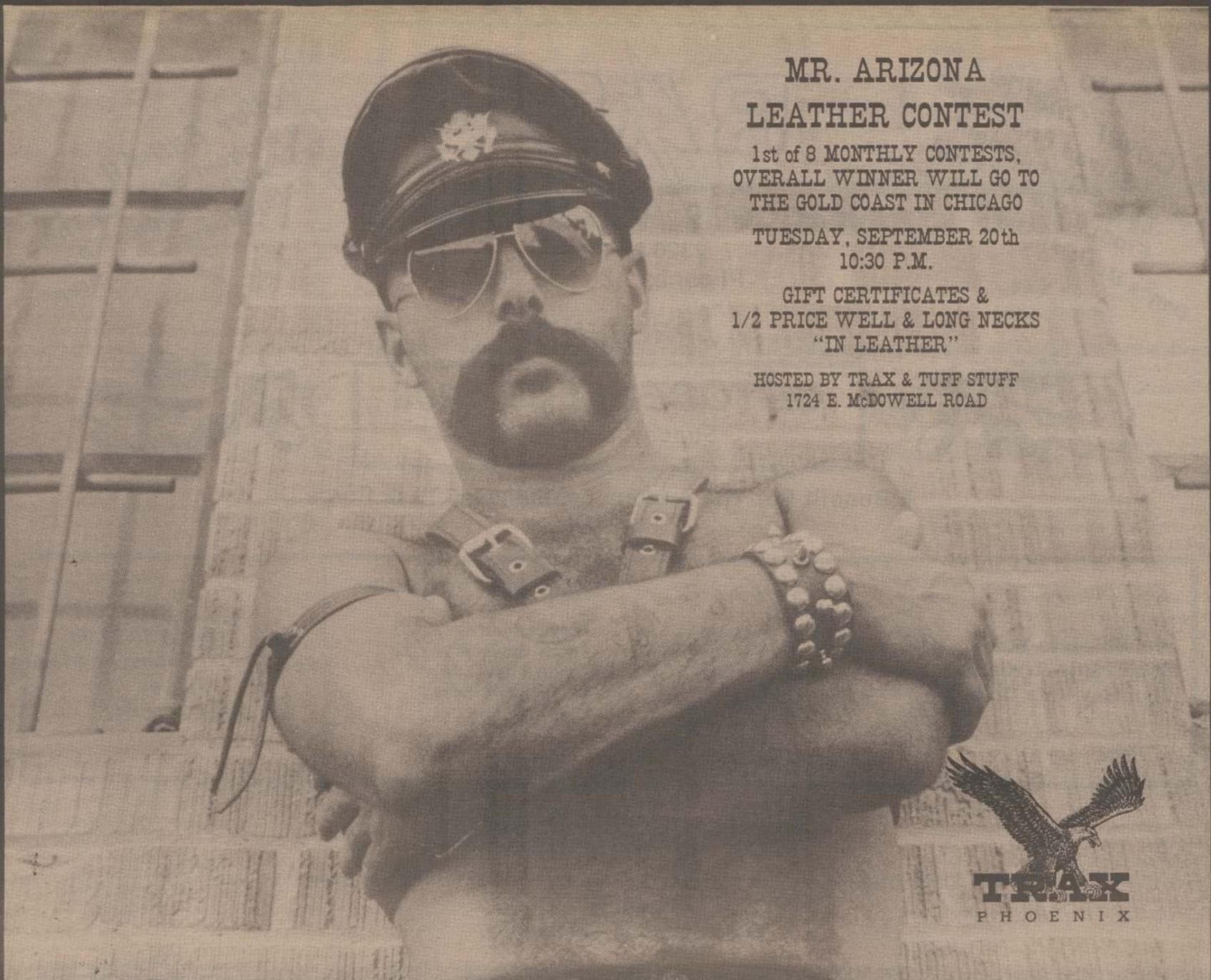
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"In its use of the 'big lie'... the movement undermines its every pretension of morality. In their attacks on homosexuals, feminists, Communists, liberals, and members of minority religions, like Hitler and Goebbels, fundamentalist right leaders fuel hatred and prejudice. In their use of symbols and code words such as 'pro life', 'conservative', and 'secular humanism', in their adoption of fetus emblems and attempts to usurp the banner of the American flag, they play on intense and automatic emotional response."

The fundamentalists also play on another set of discredited fears. They portray the gay person as a child seducer. To them, there are only two ways to become gay: choose the lifestyle out of rebellion against God and/or authority, or be a victim of seduction. Here again, these theories have been conclusively and repeatedly disproven by every investigation into the matter, including studies by Christian researchers. In actual fact, compared to molestation by heterosexual men, homosexual seduction is almost negligible. And, as all psychological disciplines attest, one does not "choose" to be gay any more than one "chooses" to be straight. Although work in this area is far from complete, the general consensus is that a person's sexual orientation is determined before a child's third birthday. No amount of therapy or prayer will change this. (We will discuss this in future installments of this series.)

The threat posed by the religious fundamentalists is all too real. Their attack on the Constitution and the rights of every American reach from the smallest ramshackle church to the powers-that-be in the federal government today. These people want a return to a country that never existed. They call for a "Christian" land, but the brand of Christianity heralded by the fundamentalists is not the type of Christianity that Americans as a whole believe or accept. They believe basically in a white, male dominated society where every minority must remain quiet. They oppose demonstrations and marches (unless, of course, they are the sponsors). It is quite intriguing to note that they class as "pinkos", "Communist sympathizers", and

"socialists" the people who demonstrated against the Vietnam War (which the vast majority of Americans view as being a mistake, if not immoral), and yet they march, carry signs and condemn to Hell (all in the name of God, mind you) anyone who disagrees ever so slightly with their set philosophies. It should be noted that most Christians (Bible-believing, evangelical, as well as those of the mainline denominations) repudiate fundamentalism as an aberration to true Biblical Christianity.

In their religious and political attempts to undermine the Constitution and to dismantle civil liberties, the fundamentalists display their true colors. Anyone who disagrees with them is immediately stigmatized twice. In the religious vein, the dissenter is not a Christian, he is a sinner, a lost soul, a person headed for the burning fires of everlasting torment. On the political front, he is obviously a Communist or Communist sympathizer.

What is especially unfortunate is that most of the rank and file fundamentalists are quiet, sincere people who have been led astray by their leaders. These people are generally less educated than the population as a whole and are much more susceptible to psychological manipulation and control. What a preacher says is usually law.

And it need to be remembered that Jesus Himself saved His greatest condemnation for the Pharisees, the religious fundamentalist leaders of His day.

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Sharon McDonald writes for *The Western Express*

McDonald is a professional freelance writer and a nationally syndicated columnist. She received the 1983 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Feature Writing given by the Gay Press Association. In addition to *The Western Express*, she writes also for *The Advocate*, *AirCal Magazine*, *Dallas Gay News*, *Montrose Voice* (Houston), *Portland Cascade Voice*, *Seattle Cascade Voice* and *The Weekly News* (Miami). She was Features Editor and co-Publisher of *The Lesbian Tide* (Los Angeles) and Associate Editor, with Malcolm Boyd, of *Mouth to Mouth*, an anthology of gay and lesbian writings. Her features have appeared in the *L.A. Herald Examiner*, *Costa Mesa News*, *New Times*, *Berkeley Barb*, *Blueboy* and *L.A. Weekly*. Currently she also teaches writing in Los Angeles.

Her writing is both humorous and factual, borrowing on life's experiences to set the scene leading to a summation or point well worth consideration on the part of the reader. In a recent article, which will be published in our next issue, she related problems of being openly gay in Phoenix in the early '70's and how much more relaxed it was in Los Angeles, but then how the same problems popped up there also, leading to the point that there was no nirvana for the openly gay.



BUY, BUY LOVE

by Sharon McDonald

Ever since Vance Packard wrote *The Hidden Persuaders*, there's been talk about subconscious manipulation in the marketplace. We all know that many manufacturers use seductive advertising ploys. But when it comes to sneaky psychology, let's give credit where credit is due. For pitting buyer against seller, the large department store is the Grand Prix of mind control.

Many people find it virtually impossible to walk into a store, find the item they came for, pay for it, and walk out. Take Louise. Last week Louise went out for a tube of toothpaste and came back two hours later with aspirin, three Almond Joys, a small hand mirror, two typewriter ribbons, dog food, a crescent wrench, a dehumidifier, a healthy looking Creeping Charley, a dictionary for poor spellers, and no toothpaste.

"That's it!" she shrieked when she remembered the toothpaste. "From now on you've got to do the shopping. I can't take the pressure!"

"Louise, Louise, Louise," I calmly explained, "All you have to do is exert a little will power. You don't have to buy everything. Just go in and—"

"I can't! Everything says, 'Buy me!' I can't take it anymore!"

Well, it seemed that once again, I'd just have to show her how it's done. The next Saturday I went to a large department store to buy Louise a shirt. I have to admit, those store managers really know how to weave a spell. One minute I was in a grimy parking lot and the next minute I was in a color-coordinated fantasyland where trash cans looked like planters and planters looked like trash cans, where soothing music muffled the gasps of shoppers deciphering price tags, where zombie salespeople glided noiselessly across plush carpets to disappear behind mysterious corners. Maneuvering through racks of crisp new clothing, I suddenly noticed how out of date my own clothes looked. The mannequins were better dressers than me, and from the superior looks on their lifelike faces, they knew it. I decided to get my bearings, find that shirt for Louise, and get the hell out of there.

I studied a map of the store's departments. If I'd been shopping for a man I'd only have to choose

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Well, with all these choices, buying one measly shirt should be a snap. Guess again. Louise may be a lot of things, but feminine she's not. On top of that, she's adamant about staying that way. To meet her rather rigid fashion sense, I needed to find a shirt with no frills, ribbons, lace, ruffles, prints, flowers, tucks, fringes, beadwork, sequins, bows, pleats, gathers, trim, or glitter. I could skip the Lingerie Department altogether, slinky dresses were out, and so were jeans with hearts, daisies, or a pair of red lips applied on the ass.

Trying to find my way from Young Collegiate to Budget, I asked three mannequins for directions, then nearly got flattened when I reached out and felt the skirt of a live woman. I wandered in a daze past imitation living rooms more inviting than my own, through mounds of stuffed animals the size of small horses, and around an artificial forest where an artificial family of four was vacationing amid five thousand dollars worth of fashionable camping

equipment. When I passed the Lingerie Department, a mannequin wearing a puce negligee was flashing a nipple at me from a torso that put mine to shame. This trip was getting demoralizing.

Grabbing at a railing to steady myself, I was shocked to next Tuesday by the charge built up from the rug, and by the sudden realization of how very ill equipped my own household really was. Why, I'd been calling myself a middle class woman and I didn't even own an ice-crusher, window shades in earth tones, or muffin tins! While I was there I might as well open a charge account and pick up a few things we needed . . .

When I got home Louise helped me unload the trash compactor, bulletin board, dusting powder, telephone stand, bookends, picture frame, tape measure, temperature gauge, gloves, planter, throw pillows, boots, scatter rug, sandals, cocktail glasses, and croquet game.

Louise's expectant look turned slowly to a smirk when she got down to the bottom of the last bag. "Where's my shirt?"

Well, she had me there, and she wasn't about to be bought off by the attractive new desk lamp I'd brought her. "Alright, I forgot it. One little slip in an otherwise exemplary life—"

"Never mind," she said, the smirk already becoming a smile. "I'm sure we'll find someplace for all these—uh—necessities. You just saved me the cost of a shirt. Which is good because now we can't afford to go anywhere."

Relationships, as I have often said, aren't doomed if they're flexible. I forgave her the dehumidifier. She forgave me the trash compactor. Besides, we needed it — for all those receipts.

MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen



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The next meeting of Lutheran's Concerned will be Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7 PM at 97 W. Virginia Ave. We will be having a Eucharist and everyone is asked to bring a dessert. For information call 258-0071. Phoenix.

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Support Rap Group meets twice weekly. For further information call 882-4180. Tucson.

The Phoenix Chapter of Gay parents would like to invite all parents and their spouses to join with us for informal raps, socials, and to hear informative guest speakers. Gay Parents meet the third Saturday of every month at Casa de Cristo, 1029 E. Turney Ave. at 7 PM. For more information call 265-2831 or write: Parents Support Group, P.O. Box 32441, Phoenix, AZ. 85064.

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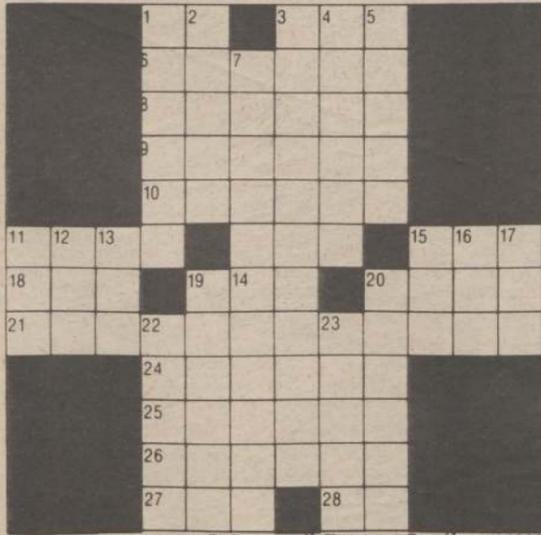
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Martin W., Tucson was the winner of the second Western Express Puzzle Contest sponsored in conjunction with various merchants in Arizona. This prize was a dinner for two at the *Grand Camel*, up to \$20, not including alcohol and gratuities. The award is based on forwarding a properly completed W.E. Puzzle with the earliest postmark.

In this issue the crossword puzzle carries a prize of lunch for two at *DW's*, the beautiful new restaurant at *Taylor's* in Phoenix. The value is \$20 in food, alcohol and gratuities not included. Be sure to complete your contest entries early to win this special prize.

CROSSWORD NUMBER 18 by Joan Gold



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ACROSS

- 1. Like
- 3. Aspirin compound (abbr.)
- 6. Catullus loved her, but her name says why she didn't love him
- 8. Rented by contract
- 9. Unclean, immoral
- 10. French spirit
- 11. Gertrude's pet name for Alice
- 14. Signatures of poet Hilda Doolittle
- 15. Female guy?
- 18. Era or years of life

- 19. Hawaiian sticky stuff

- 20. Seduced or manufactured

- 21. "_____ to come" 4-wd. phrase meaning good times on the way

- 24. How do you spell it?

- 25. These times, according to supporters of NOW (2 wds.)

- 26. Thicker, more solid

- 27. Sum up, contribute
- 28. Direction (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1. Friends, co-warriors
- 2. Appears
- 3. Arguments against gay & women's rights
- 4. Flowering plant
- 5. Military student
- 7. Lesbos or Mytilene
- 11. Gay writer Calafia
- 12. Expression of disgust
- 13. Perceive, view
- 15. Homosexual
- 16. Fruit drink
- 17. Allow, rent
- 19. Stared, gaped
- 20. Food at NOW meeting?
- 22. Dutch town
- 23. Feminine suffixes

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TRAVEL NEWS UPDATE

by David Starkman

TWA AND SINGAPORE Airlines have created an around-the-world fare of \$1,999 coach, \$2,899 business coach, and \$3,499 first class called Easy World, the fare requires 14 day advance purchase, allows no backtracking, and limits the maximum stay to six months.

THE VATICAN COLLECTIONS on exhibit in SAN FRANCISCO at the M.H. de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park have tours available from November 19 through February 19.

HERTZ RENT-A-CAR announced it will impose tough restrictions on car rentals during the Olympic Games in LOS ANGELES next summer (1984) Hertz said it would offer guaranteed reservations for non-refundable advance reservations at the same time, in a move designed to ensure that cars will be available when renters show up. Hertz will set penalties for those who do not return their cars on time. Other major car rental companies indicated some-what similar policies for the biggest sports event in the world. Packages are now available for booking. The mid-July to mid-August event will be held at sites extending about 100 miles both North and South of downtown LOS ANGELES.

HAWAII EXPRESS, THE "Big Pineapple" LOS ANGELES-based airline is offering a very special one way fare from LOS ANGELES to HONOLULU for \$128 including tax. This fare is effective through December 14, 1983 and is valid on their 7:50 PM departure only.

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David Starkman can be reached at 21st Century Travel, 2432 W. Peoria, Suite 1082, Phoenix, AZ 85029. Phone number 234-0542, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

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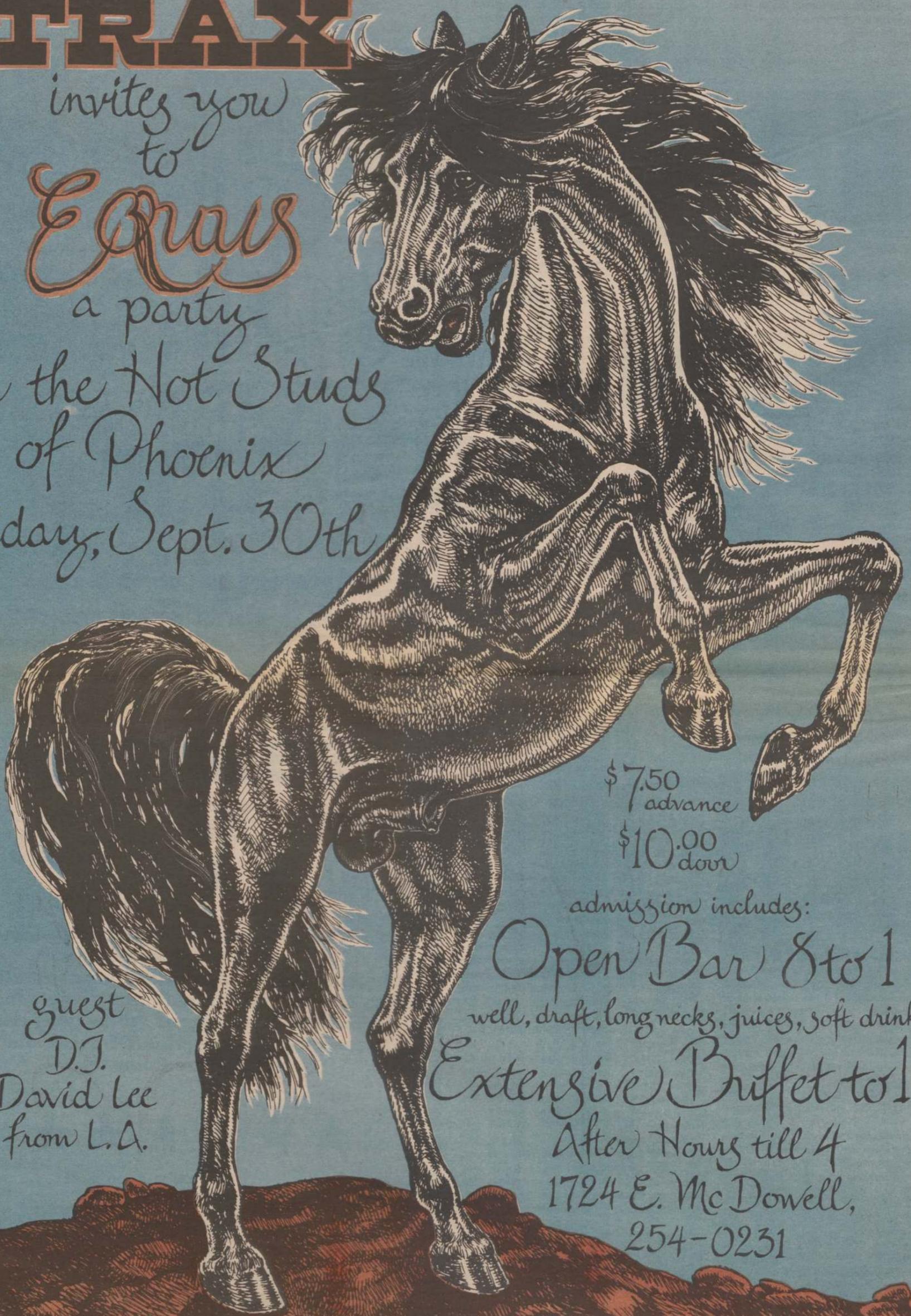
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