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OLLSON HEADS ANTI-SEX EDUCATION CAMPAIGN



BUSY BEE'S FOR MORALITY

First Congressional briefings announced

WASHINGTON, DC - The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) announced another historic first in the development of the campaign for national Lesbian/Gay civil rights legislation - - - Congressional Briefings on H.R. 2074, to take place on April 21, 1980. The purpose of the Briefings, which are officially sponsored by Representatives Ted Weiss and Henry Waxman, is to educate Members of Congress and their staffs, to demonstrate the breadth of support for the issue, and to gain visibility for the issue.

GRNL pointed out that there are so many bills which compete for the attention of Congresspeople and their staffs that it is difficult to gain attention and effectively educate on bills which won't be acted on immediately. Steve Endean, lobbyist for the Gay Rights National Lobby, said, "We are hopeful that the Briefings will gain critical attention for the need for federal civil rights legislation for Lesbians and Gay men. And, quite frankly, they give us a chance to dispel myths and possibly impact any anti-Gay amendments that may surface in the coming months."

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PHOENIX - The House Education Committee last Thursday considered a ban on sex education in the public schools, and the measure was assigned for further study this week. Under the bill, sponsored by Representative Marge Ollson (D-San Manuel), public schools could not include sex-education courses in their curriculum. Sex education is defined as "instruction on the sum of the peculiarities of structure and function that distinguish a male human being from a female human being."

Ollson said sex education is part of the "anti-God, anti-family, anti-U.S. religion of humanism. She maintained that "each generation discovers sex by itself. There is little to teach. The techniques remain the same." Ollson attributed epidemic venereal disease and pregnancy among unwed teenagers to sex education. She was supported by a parade of speakers, many from the Paradise Valley area of Phoenix where a sex-education program recently has been instituted in public schools.

But their arguments drew a stinging, venomous rebuttal from Rep. Larry Bahill (D-Tucson). In a sarcasm-laden voice, Bahill accused the bill's supporters of fighting a battle in Arizona that had been decided elsewhere in the country 20 years ago.

"So far today, I've learned that sex education causes VD, blindness, insanity, hair to grow on the palm of the hand, warts, the heartbreak of psoriasis and gives aid and comfort to the Iranian students that are holding our embassy," Bahill said. "And finally, I've learned that sex education is a communist plot to rob us of our precious bodily fluids."

One of the paradise Valley parents, Judy Allen, told the committee she had begun as a proponent of sex education but changed her mind. One classroom film is "so stimulating one woman said it made her want to get pregnant," she said. "If we teach them (children) the how-to's of intercourse, can we expect them not to do it from the first opportunity?" she asked. Another Paradise Valley parent, Jan Johnstun, said VD in Flagstaff increased 400 percent "immediately following the institution of this program (sex education).

But several public-health officials supported sex-education, with Dr. Mehdi Mowahe-Ardabilie of the Pinal County Health Department making an impassioned plea for sex education. "Do you know why VD is increasing? Because we don't have this program in every school. How come you are trying to protect unborn babies when you won't help a 12-year-old kid who is crying for help because she is pregnant?" he asked.

Ollson is expected to offer amendments to the bill, which would soften its impact considerably. After the hearing, she said her amendments would require school districts to follow guidelines established by the Arizona School Boards Association. The guidelines require separate classes for boys and girls, require that parents request sex education for their children - instead of having the district seek parental permission - and require that classrooms be open for observation to outsiders.

John DeWitt

Arizona Daily Star

REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY

News Briefs

VOTER REGISTRATION MEETING SET
PHOENIX - The Voter Registration Committee of Citizens for Constitutional Rights(CCR) will be meeting Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. Information on the drive, strategy and events for 1980 are among the topics to be discussed.

"Even if you don't know that much about politics, there are a lot of things that you can do to help in this drive," commented Kevin Foster, chairperson of the committee.

"Being registered to vote, and helping to get other Gays and Lesbians registered, is a fun, very constructive way to help the Gay rights movement in Arizona," Foster continued. "Even if you think that you might be vaguely interested in this, what can it hurt to find out about it? There are a lot of things that everyone can help out with in CCR - things that will help move Gay and Lesbian equality forward," Foster said.

For more information and the location of the meeting call 997-5003 (after 8 p.m.) or 944-0559.

A.R.C. SWAP MEET THIS SUNDAY

PHOENIX - The Alternative Relations Center is presenting one of their most successful fund-raisers, an old fashioned Swap Meet in the parking lot of the Center this Sunday, March 23 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For information regarding booth, etc., telephone 253-7801.

CALIFORNIA GAY RIGHTS BILL DEAD

SACRAMENTO, CA (GCN) - AB1, a bill to end employment discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, had died here in the California Assembly, according to the San Francisco Examiner. The bill, sponsored by Assembly member Art Agnos, was passed by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee in mid-January, but was not brought up on the floor before the end of the legislative session.

A similar bill in the state's Senate was defeated by the Industrial Relations Committee, a defeat which Agnos said hurt the chances of his bill in the Assembly.

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TEN BEST FILMS OF 1979

HOLLYWOOD - In case you missed any of them, herewith is a list of the ten best films of 1979, the consensus of top media critics throughout the country:

1. Kramer vs Kramer
2. Breaking Away
3. Manhattan
4. Apocalypse Now
5. The China Syndrome
6. Being There
7. Hair
8. Norma Rae
9. All That Jazz
10. La Cage aux Folles

Dustin Hoffman, star of "Kramer vs. Kramer," and Peter Sellers, star of "Being There," will fight it out for the Best Actor Academy Award. Sally Field of "Norma Rae" will compete with Meryl Streep of "Kramer vs. Kramer" or Bette Midler of "The Rose" for Best Actress. And "Kramer vs. Kramer" will rival "Breaking Away" for the Best Picture Oscar. That's the morning line.

TUCSON MEN'S RAP ROLLING ALONG

TUCSON - The Men's Rap Group in Tucson encompassing alternate lifestyles is going strong, providing the community with a valuable opportunity for sharing information and understanding. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 2460 N. Dodge.

They have speakers from such organizations as TKO and Peer Counseling and the guest speaker for Friday, March 28 will be Candas, the well known Tucson personality and entertainer. The group will be exploring the topic of gender identification and transsexuality.

WANDA LUST MURDERED IN K.C.

KANSAS CITY - On Tuesday, February 19, Stephen Jones was fatally stabbed in Kansas City Missouri. Jones, far better known to the Chicago Gay community as Wanda Lust, died of multiple stab wounds inflicted by an unknown assailant following an argument at a movie theater. According to Lloyd Smith, a detective with the Kansas City Police Department/Homicide Division, the attacker fled and a team of detectives have been assigned to the case.

Jones, who took the name Wanda Lust for his performing career, had resided in Kansas City since 1978, moving there after many years in Chicago delighting audiences and donating time and effort to benefit the city's Gay service organizations. Jones was buried in private ceremonies in Bloomfield, Indiana.

"WINDOWS" CLOSED IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO - According to a press release from the San Francisco Coalition Against the Movie "Windows," the movie will not be released in the San Francisco Bay Area, or Northern California Transamerica Vice President of Corporate Relations Jane Hall, announced last week.

"It is a purely economic decision," she insisted, not influenced by nationwide demonstrations opposing both "Windows" and "Cruising," another United Artists (Transamerica subsidiary) release, although the latter is Lorimar produced.

In the movie "Windows," the lead role is a Lesbian who falls in love with a straight woman she attempts to "turn Gay" by hiring a man to terrorize and rape her.

In their press release, the Coalition stated, "The decision not to release "Windows" in the Bay Area and Northern California is a victory! While celebrating this victory, we still must remember that "Windows" is yet playing in many communities and is scheduled to open in many more. United Artists and its holding company Transamerica, headquartered in San Francisco, continue to make huge profits by exploiting women, misrepresenting Lesbians and sensationalizing violence against women.

"Windows" and "Cruising" further illustrate the integral nature of women hatred and homophobia. Hatred of Gay men and Lesbians, as well as hatred of women in general, are one in the same force and attack on freedom and equality. These two films released in communities and states where voting on the Equal Rights Amendment and local ordinances forbidding discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men is now taking place, can only have a deleterious effect. Can there be any doubt as to the political significance of these pictures?"

PHOENIX MCC TO HOLD SALE

PHOENIX - Casa de Cristo MCC in a spirit of "Community" are asking for support and participation in a great Parking Lot Sale to be held Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. They have 28 parking spaces fronting the new Sanctuary at 1029 E. Turney where the sale will be held.

Any group, organization or individual is invited to join in on this public sale. Contributions of \$5.00 per space with any proceeds of goods or merchandise going to the organization or individual. For more information and to make space reservations, please call Ray Wright at 253-7231 or the church office at 265-2831.

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PLAYBOY GRANTS SUPPORT LITIGATION

LOS ANGELES - On March 6, the Board of Directors of the Playboy Foundation gave a grant of \$7,500 to the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties for the support of its litigation docket.

The National Committee is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the pursuit of sexual civil liberties through work with the executive, judicial and administrative branches of government. Since its beginning over a decade ago, the National Committee has been active in litigation involving the constitutionality of statutes regulating private sexual behavior and sexual solicitation, as well as discrimination for reasons of a person's sexual orientation.

At the present time, the National Committee is involved in litigation in New York, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Texas and California in challenges to laws regulating prostitution, sodomy, open lewdness, sexual solicitation and loitering. Presently before the California appellate courts is the Committee's challenge to the statute requiring registration for persons convicted of lewd conduct.

Previous accomplishments of the National Committee include the case of *Pryor v. Municipal Court* in which the California Supreme Court declared the lewd conduct law unconstitutional. The Committee also participated as *amicus curiae* in the case of *Gay Law Students Association v. Pacific Telephone Company* in which the California Supreme Court held that employment discrimination against homosexuals by any governmental entity is unconstitutional and that being openly Gay is a political activity protected by the state labor code.

The National Committee is soliciting additional contributions from other organizations and private individuals. Thomas F. Coleman, Co-Chairperson of the National Committee, expressed gratitude to the Playboy Foundation and indicated that an additional \$60,000 in contributions would be necessary to enable the present litigation of the Committee to be carried on through the next two years.

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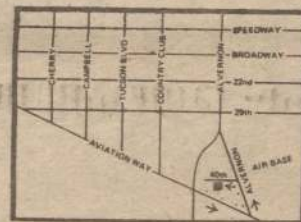
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Perspective

THE VIEW FROM THE CLOSET

A MEMORABLE GAY HOAX

by A. Nolder Gay

On one of last summer's pleasanter days I was browsing through a book sale in the courtyard of the Boston Public Library when a lavender and magenta dust jacket caught my eye. It proved to contain W.A. Swanberg's The Rector and the Rogue (1968), described as "being the TRUE & INCREDIBLE Acc't of a DASTARDLY HOAX against an Upright (if rather stuffy) Divine. It turned N.Y. upside down."

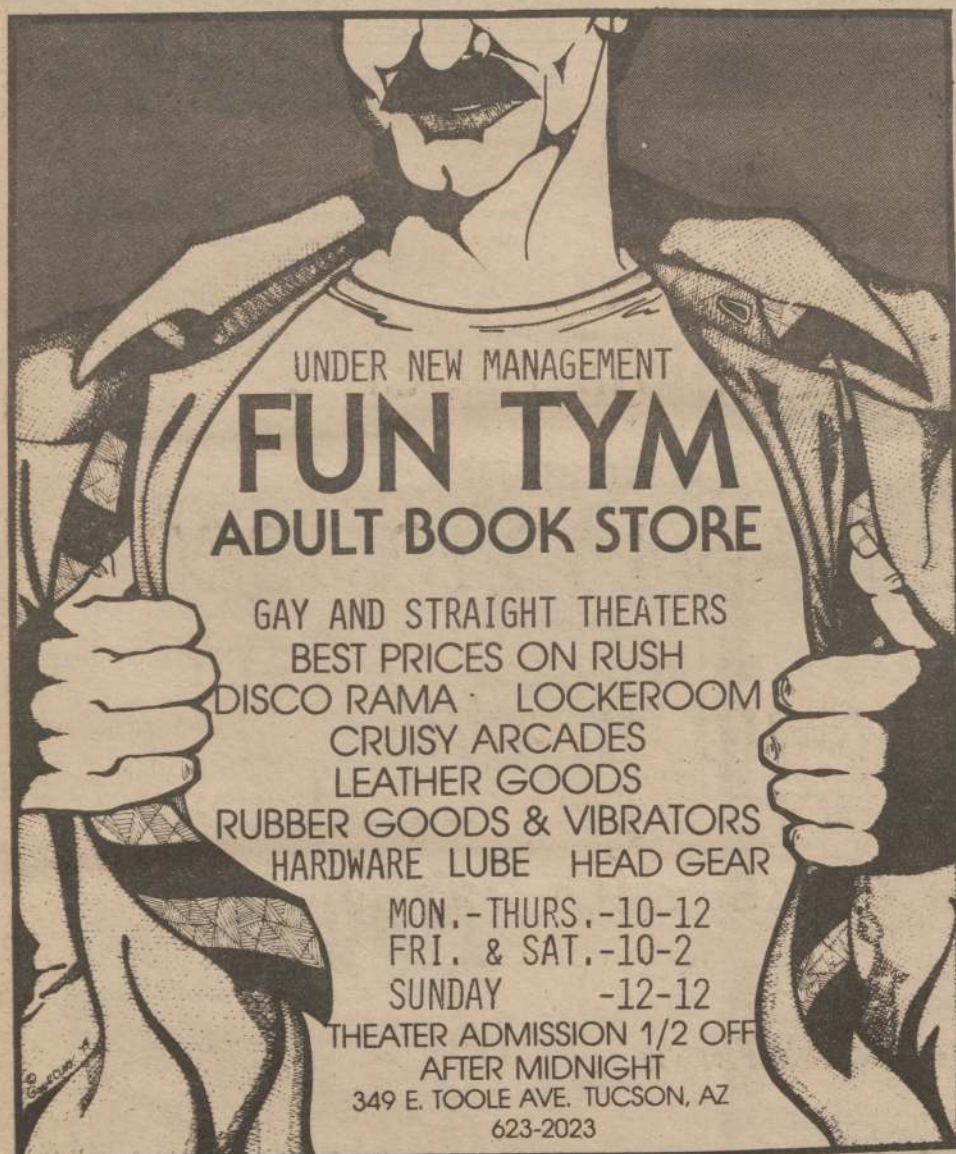
Never one to pass by amusing books about 19th century America, New York City, or the foibles of Episcopalians, I leapt upon it and headed home to savor the contents. As I read, the feeling grew upon me that this affair had a subtly Gay ambience, and so indeed it proved. Since this Spring of 1980 marks its centennial, let me call to our collective memory what seems to have been the greatest, most elaborate, most high-church-camp-style hoax ever perpetrated on these shores.

I once heard the late Bishop (then merely Dean) James A. Pike opine concerning Episcopalians that "many are cold, but few are frozen." The Rev. Morgan Dix, S.T.D., fifty-two year old Rector of Trinity Parish in February, 1880 (and for twenty-eight years thereafter) was unquestionably one of the frozen few. Chief minister of one of New York's oldest, and certainly its wealthiest and most prestigious religious foundations since 1852, Dr. Dix had championed the newer, more ritualistic tendencies within the American Episcopal church. In 1874 he had thawed sufficiently to wed a charming young lady some twenty-three years his junior, and moved uptown to a new Rectory next to Trinity Chapel, off fashionable Madison Square.

Much to the Rector's surprise and subsequent dismay, on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1880, a salesman showed up to sell him an office safe, followed by a teacher from St. John's school for Girls seeking to enroll his then infant daughter. Next came a hostler leading a pair of bay horses, a toupee maker, and the representative of a dancing school, all bearing postcards requesting their presence and, allegedly, signed by the Rector. For the next three days the procession increased, including four salesmen for church organs and three for farm equipment, plus dozens of pieces of mail with free samples and advertisements for various oddly assorted pieces of merchandise.

Sunday was a day of respite, but on Monday morning a series of twenty-eight old clothes dealers began showing up at regular intervals, followed by fifteen pawnbrokers and by several eminent physicians who had been hastily summoned to Dr. Dix's supposed deathbed. The next morning a series of shoe dealers arrived, followed by fourteen clergymen bearing invitations to lunch with a visiting

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VIEWPOINT

by Bruce Fowler

Sometimes, when I look around me at the number of really amazing people I know that are working within the Gay movement in Tucson, I'm overwhelmed. We are very fortunate to have so many caring, well educated, involved leaders within the movement here in Arizona - I'm convinced that there are more outstanding leaders per capita here than in any other community in America.

We often take this fact for granted and just assume we're entitled to several bars with some rather outstanding bartenders. (Their names are too numerous, and for fear of leaving someone out, I will not name them). We also just assume that we'll always have Gay organizations around when they're needed like MCC, Holy Trinity, Tucson Knight Owls, Dignity, Gay Community Services, Gay Students Organization, The Casa, etc. We have these organizations because we have people in our community who really care very much about making life better here. Because of that fact, life is much better for all of us than it was five or ten years ago. We owe a lot of people a very big, "Thank You"!!

To Cathy and Stephanie who had a dream that a private club in Tucson could make things a little better for a lot of people and then had the guts to see it through - we're grateful!

To George Rederus and Bob Ellis, "thanks" for seeing that the community needs a communication device and "thanks" for giving us one of the finest in the country.

Thanks to Buff Fisher, Bern David, Jim Rice for providing us with inspiration and often a quiet, human approach to problems when we wanted to approach them in anger and violence.

Thanks to all those who work quietly in the background to hold together the thread of fabric we call our being. To Sandy S., Lee Thorn, Vic, Dorothy and all the others who give their time and talents to help us regain or maintain our mental health - thank you!

Thank you to all of those who came, saw a job to be done, did it and now moved on to other work. To Al Obermaier, Beverly, Bill, George, and all the others who laid the foundation for what is being built today. Without them and their courage and devotion, we would not have even begun.

There are so very many who have given of their talents, their time, their savings, their lives so that we can live in a better world today. We owe them much. I just thought it was time to say, "Thank you for caring about us!" ED NOTE: Mr. Fowler is President of the Dignity/Tucson chapter and he was obviously too shy to include his name along with some other members of Dignity/Tucson who have done much for the community. Might I add "Thank you Bruce, Ray, Jack and Joe." It is a very dangerous thing to try and thank people, especially when so many are involved. If any names were omitted, please try to understand and let us know.

Gacy found guilty 33 times



Gacy

CHICAGO - John W. Gacy was found guilty of 33 murders by a jury that deliberated for only an hour and 50 minutes after a five-week trial. Criminal Court Judge Louis B. Garippo immediately instructed the seven men and five women of the jury to return to the courtroom the following day for a death-penalty hearing in the mass-murder case.

The packed courtroom heard the verdict in absolute silence after Garippo cautioned the audience against any reaction. Gacy was also found guilty of taking indecent liberties with a child and deviate sexual assault with one indictment.

The jury in finding Gacy guilty of 33 murders of young men and boys - some of them involving sexual encounters - rejected the defense's lengthy presentation during the trial that Gacy was insane at the time of the killings. As Gacy left the courtroom, he smiled, winked and waved at a court baliff.

Assistant State's Attorney Terry Sullivan, 35, wound up his arguments by placing large photographs of victims on a display board he called the "victim's gallery." "If you find John Gacy not guilty...do so over the body of John Butkovich," Sullivan said as he put up Butkovich's picture. He repeated the statement with a name each time he posted a picture of one of the 22 young men and boys whose bodies have been identified.

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- ...Miss Polly does not like the big rough ones, but prefers the smooth little ones.
- ...The rings Glenn and Jim exchanged Sunday were REALLY for their fingers!
- ...Brenda Starr and Roger B. were seen playing horseshoes on the pooltable at the Toole Box.
- ...Bob E. was seen doing his famous "Mother of the Bride" imitation last Saturday night.
- ...Eddie F. made fantastic tips last Monday. He made \$20 behind the bar and \$80 in the backroom.
- ...After spilling two drinks in a row, Mark L. decided to make fountains in the B/P parking lot.
- ...Last weeks skate party looked more like "Husbands Night Out" and the Arizona Wives Association is checking into the reason why!
- ...Miss Polly has a sure way of getting a free drink. She just tells someone like Walter L. that he is the most masculine person in the bar!
- ...Vinny C. is the first person to spend a Saturday at the bar with Candas and walk out loaded!
- ...Between the similar houses and now similar cars, Tommy S. hopes that the similarities between present and past lover stop!
- ...Miss Polly said if a swingers club for girls opens next to the Toole Box and they don't keep the door locked between them, "I wonder if they'll swing both ways?"
- ...Phil C. said he started to walk the dogs everyday and Michael J. does fine on a leash.
- ...Lois certainly looked pretty last Saturday night but wasn't so pretty late Monday night!
- ...Don M. was seen being baptized by Dennis last week up at Stepps.
- ...Tony C. is planning an orgy for science down in Mexico next month.
- ...After a large company found out that Phil J. was planning to use a new computer for a dating service, they cancelled it.

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Dear Friends:

We were distressed to read (News Briefs, AGN, March 7, 1980) of a reported police crackdown in Hawaii. Hopefully such adverse publicity won't deter any of you from a planned visit to the islands. There is so much to see and enjoy, it would be a shame for the discrete and interested visitor to miss the opportunity.

Aside from the standard tourist fare, there is a very open (but, again, discrete) Gay community, especially in Honolulu and larger areas. Just west of Waikiki Beach is an area very popular with men couples for sunning and socializing - very open and accepted by the tourists and other beach-goers. And for nite life, the Blowhole on Kapahula (intamacy), Hamburger Hattie's (dining) and Hula's (disco) as examples, offer something for everyone.

The key to enjoyment lies with the old proverbial "When in Rome do as..." The Phoenix fetish for denim and chains will be just as out of place in Hawaii as in Washington, D.C. or Miami, Fla. The indiscreet anywhere can "take their chances" and that includes with the hustlers and the police in Kapiolani Park.

We've enjoyed two holidays on the "Islands" so far and have made many, many friends. We hope any of you brothers and sisters who have an opportunity to visit Hawaii will take advantage of it and go!

While writing, please accept our kudo's for the outstanding work presented in AGN. As newcomers to the Phoenix area, your paper has proven to be interesting, informative and an excellent way to keep in touch with news and items of interest. Mahalo for your efforts.

Aloha
Chuck Layman and David Gost

ED NOTE: Indiscretion can get you busted anywhere. The item concerning Hawaii was printed because mainlanders going to the islands frequently let their hair down more than they do at home, and that can get you busted! But that can get you busted in San Francisco, Chicago, Phoenix or anywhere. We agree with you on the beauty of the islands as well as the islanders, and thank you for the pat on the back.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

I, hereby, wish to submit my resignation as Interim Pastor of Truth Chapel Metropolitan Community Church to be effective August 31, 1980.

After much consideration, thought and prayer, Jean and I feel that for our own personal growth and the growth of Truth Chapel, it would be wise to submit this resignation at this time. With this resignation becoming effective August 31, 1980, I believe that this will give the people of Truth Chapel ample time to appoint a pulpit committee and actively seek the new leadership of Truth Chapel Metropolitan Community Church.

This has not been an easy decision and it is submitted with a heavy heart. You have been our Church family for almost four years and Jean and I thank you for the growth and the changes that have come into our lives.

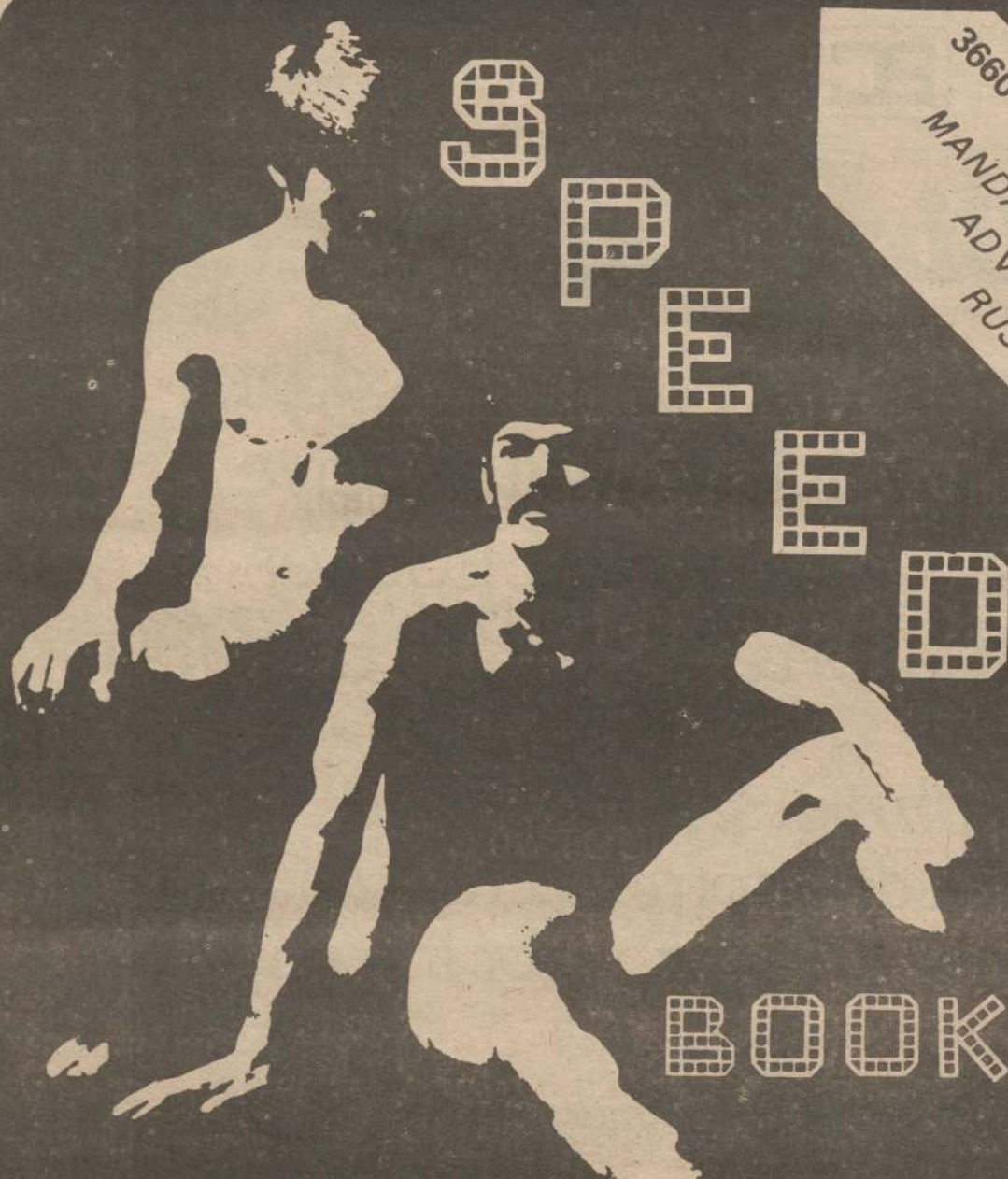
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in TUCSON is it true.....

- ...Everyone thinks Blonde Jay looks much better with his hair green. It fits his personality better.
- ...While Fred Mc. is swaying in the Miami breezes, George M. will be swaying in all the Tucson bars.
- ...N.J. Archie took a triple shot on his "inhaler" and landed back in Tucson. Welcome back.
- ...M.J. and Andy D. from Rockford, Illinois; Pete B. from Berkley, Michigan and MaryLee from Tucson were all seen boozing together at the Back Pocket last week.

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GAY STUDENT GROUP SUIT REVIVED

AUSTIN, TX (GCN) - A suit filed nearly three years ago against Texas A&M University over the denying of official status to a Gay student group will be returned to district court for a hearing, reports the University of Texas at Austin's student newspaper, the *Daily Texan*. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned District Judge Ross Sterling's dismissing the suit, filed against Texas A&M by the Gay Student Services Organization (GSSO) in March 1977.

GSSO filed the suit because the school refused to grant official recognition as a registered student organization to the group's Gay Crisis Hot Line. School administrators claimed that because homosexual activity is illegal in Texas, it would be inappropriate for the school to support a group which promoted illegal activity.

"CRUISING" DEMONSTRATOR SUES

NEW YORK, NY (GCN) - Gay activist Steve Asinazy has filed a \$1 million suit against New York City, alleging that he was assaulted and "tortured" by the police last summer during a demonstration against the filming of the movie "Cruising," the *New York Times* reports. Asinazy, 30, a social worker, said at a news conference that what happened to him last Aug. 30 was "so horrible I would hope I could prevent it from happening to anyone else."

He contends in the suit that he was pummeled and otherwise physically abused during the demonstration and afterward, leading to his hospitalization for a concussion and internal injuries. He is being represented in the suit by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

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GCS/TUCSON OPENS INFO LINE

TUCSON - Dale McKissack, Director of Gay Community Services of Tucson (GCS) has announced the beginning of their new information telephone line that opened Thursday, March 20. The line is in operation Monday through Friday from 7 p.m. until Midnight. For formation and referrals in Tucson call 748-7339.

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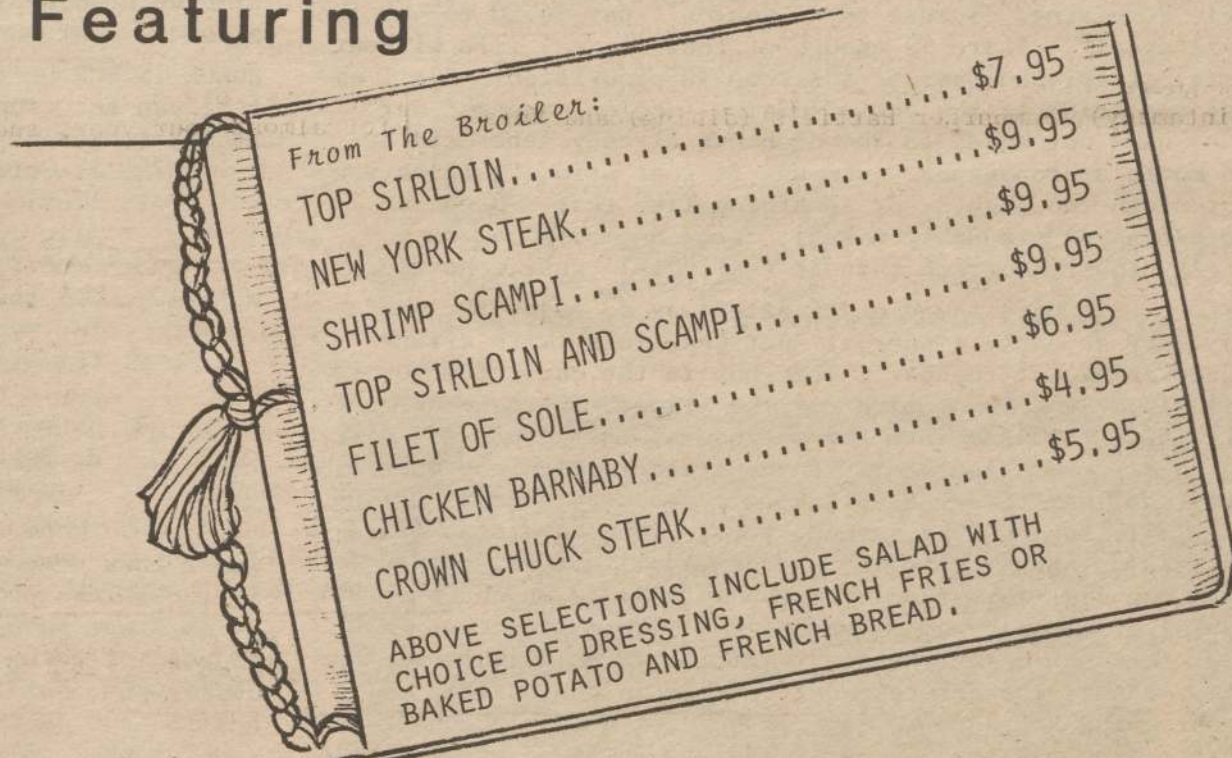
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PHOENIX - News and notes from hither and yon (the yon this week being Tucson)! Greetings and salutations to one and all and a very belated St. Paddy's Day to all my Irish friends!

JUST WONDERING DEPARTMENT: I have a few things I must get off my chest this issue, then I will proceed.

1. No I am not working at Diamond Lil's at the current time.
2. No I will not be working at the "new" Casa (to be called Harpies).
3. No I am not being paid to look like Bo Derek in Tucson!

With all the current comment and interest in the movie "Cruising," I must say I wouldn't pay \$4.50 to see the movie myself. There is enough of that in real life without seeing it splashed across a screen in panovision. But I am also wondering if the anti-Cruising factions amongst our ranks have not added to the problems already generated by the movie's propaganda. Who was it that said, "I think you protesteth too much"? or something like that. Does our protesting so staunchly make it seem the movie may be a little closer to truth than it really is? Just wondering.

I have found a definite way to enjoy the weekend. Try an early dinner at Aunt Charlie's, with after-dinner drinks at the bar. Then hop in the car and motor to Taylor's or the Connection for the atmosphere there or on to Bullwinkle to disco into the wee hours. But don't you dare wear a dress or high heels if you are a male! From what I have been told these establishments are very discriminating, especially toward drag queens, female impersonators, transvestites or other "weirdos" in the Gay lifestyle. Can we ever stop discrimination from the outside if we don't first stop discriminating among ourselves -- we must accept each other for what we are before we will ever be able to win the acceptance of the heterosexual element in our society. I am not going to run down to the Connection in pink chiffon and force my way inside, but I feel if I wanted to, I should have the right to go inside any of the above mentioned places with all my regalia. I have gone to all these places and been treated as warmly as one could ever be treated, but if

I had gone in a dress, would have been asked to leave. Am I so different with a dress on? Just wondering.....

Leafing through a few things collected here on my desk, I find several clippings from past issues regarding the Alternative Relations Center on Grand Ave. at McDowell and 19th Ave. ARC is really an empty building. It is a very clean, very large, furnished, empty building. It is empty because we don't realize the full potential of such a facility in our lives. With everyone screaming how bored they are with Gay life in the bars, this would be the perfect place to channel some positive energies. I think it is high time that we did something constructive for our futures, and utilizing the ARC is one positive way to accomplish this goal. We all have free time and the ARC could probably find a place for each of us to answer the phone or just be a smiling face if someone wants to talk. Just think of all the new friendships to be made. And what if we allow the ARC to fade into the past and in some future time we need a place we can go for assistance and it's not around? Just wondering.....

HUMOR IS FUN DEPT.: Now that I am off my soap box, I can tell you the winners of the 1980 Best/Worst Dressed list:

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 3. Gracie Latrino (wool is definitely in this year).
 WORST: 1. All the men at the Club Phoenix Baths with towels too small to cover their persons.
 2. Christi Luvshitz (anything but my dresses and you would have won).
 3. Whomever wore the wet T-shirt and wig at DL's to do Barbra's WET (Ughhhh!).
Better luck next year Dragon Lady!

Hope Baloney and Goo have good insurance (or at least know someone familiar with cavalry tactics) because it looks like those Papagos across the street could really go on a war path and scalp the wrong people.....I have been accused of being verbose and I guess I am still a little overweight, but I am trying to cut down. Must take time out to have another cocktail, so until next week, take care and remember to spray for those pesky troll bugs. Cheers!

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English bishop. In the course of the afternoon, Dix was visited by an angry husband with whose wife the harassed Rector was said to have arranged a rendezvous. I refer you to Swanberg's book for elaboration, and simply say that during the course of the hoax over 500 people were invited to the Rectory, including a tattoo artist, several undertakers, and four lawyers called to assist the pregnant Mr. Dix in securing a divorce.

A similar hoax, on which this was later shown to have been modelled, had been arranged by one Theodore Hook in London in 1810. But this one in some respects out-did Hook and certainly eclipsed all other American practical jokesters, baffling Dr. Dix and the police and postal inspectors for weeks. The initial clues were two letters, one to Dix signed "Gentleman Joe," asking a fee of \$1,000 to get the thing stopped, and one in the *New York Times* signed "High Churchman," clearly from the same person. Then a New York broker who had read press accounts (which broke only on March 13th) recalled a similar, though smaller-scaled caper he had encountered while in London some seven years earlier.

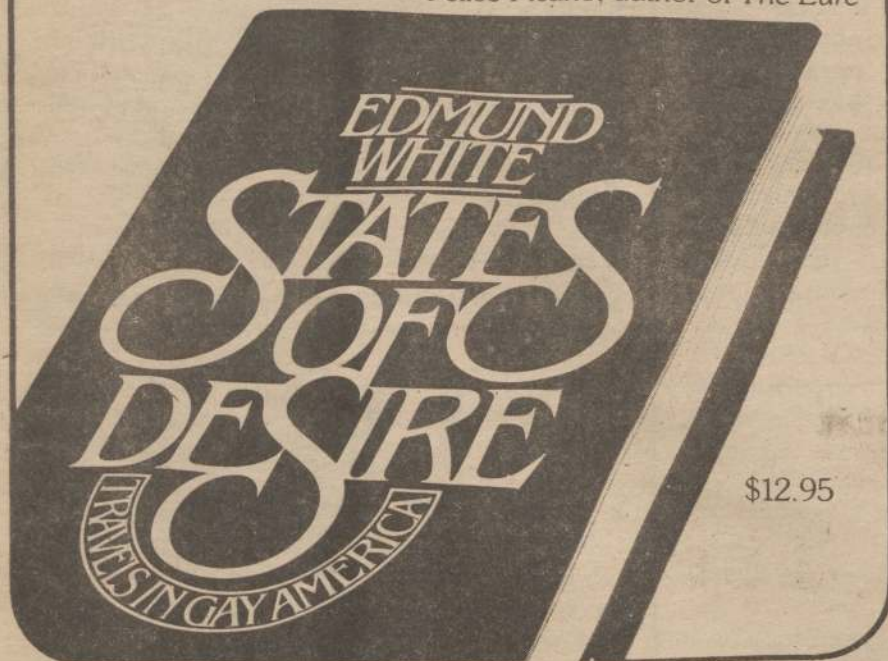
The perpetrator then was one E. Fairfax Williamson, a luxury-loving American Dilettante who claimed kinship with the Fairfaxes of Virginia. This reddish-brown-bearded "glass of fashion and mold of form" had organized the hoax as revenge against an ex-landlord, had been caught, and was sentenced to a year in Pentonville, a prison later to be graced by the blubbering presence of Oscar Wilde. Williamson had told several people at the time that he had once taught Sunday School in Trinity Chapel.

Williamson, when tracked down in Baltimore by the postal inspectors, proved to be the eccentric, practical joke-loving scion of a Pittsburgh family, an aficionado of French and Italian figurines and of German and Swiss music boxes, and a collector of autographed pictures of Episcopal bishops and other celebrities. Through his membership in Pittsburgh's wealthy (and very high) St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, he had come to know the Carnegies and other magnates, and used the fashionable Anglo-Catholic churches here and abroad to gain access to other wealthy families. From all accounts, he was a personable and charming fellow.

Williamson was especially fond of children, frequently taking them to museums, concerts and circuses and occasionally giving them elaborate gifts, such as a diamond

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pin to the son of a leading Pittsburgh financier and a gold watch to the son of a contractor. Rather more to the point, Fairfax had indeed taught Sunday School at fashionable Trinity Chapel from 1869 to 1871, while falsely posing as a Wall Street broker. He had been dismissed, however, for what the Victorians called "improper conduct" with one or more boys in the junior choir. In March 1880, Fairfax was booked on charges of forgery and attempted extortion and sent to the Tombs, New York's fearsome detention center for those awaiting trial. Upon entrance he was recognized by the Warden as one who, five years earlier, had been his temporary guest following charges of molestation brought by a Western Union telegraph boy with a penchant for blackmail. According to the *New York Times*, he had then gone to Dr. Dix for bail money, had been (predictably) refused, had raised bail elsewhere, and then had headed out of town without waiting for the formality of a trial.

Any hopes Williamson might have had of having his hoax to be taken as a bad practical joke or a sign of mild insanity were queered (as it were) by the revelation of his homosexuality. Dr. Dix himself gave the newspapers the story about the dismissal for a reason "so horrible that I don't like to tell it;" or course, after that, he didn't need to. Nor did it help matters that Williamson had been a Confederate agent during the Late Unpleasantness Between The States; the judge was a former Union Army officer who had marched with Sherman through Georgia. "Gentleman Joe" was sentenced to three and one half years at hard labor, developed a severe case of stomach ulcers while in prison, and died on December 22, 1880, after less than eight months in Sing Sing Prison.

Down on lower Broadway, opposite Wall Street, still stands Trinity Church, once the tallest structure in the city, now dwarfed by the temples of Mammon. Inside, the curious traveller will find the Chapel of All Saints, built in memory of Dr. Dix, containing his venerated bones under the altar, and displaying his recumbent effigy on a cenotaph of marble, geologically symbolic of his public

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partner Glenn. It was a beautiful
time and the fellowship afterward was
enjoyed by all. We missed a few faces
of old friends in spite of the large
number attending. A special thanks
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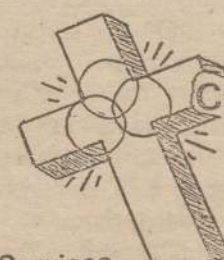
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The Congressional Briefings are expected to include testimony from religious, political, mental health and community leaders, as well, of course, as testimony from the Lesbian and Gay communities.

The Gay Rights National Lobby urged supporters of civil rights around the country to contact their Representatives (or at least their staff people) to attend the Briefings. Representatives may be contacted by writing the U.S. Representative in your particular district. (Honorable John J. Rhodes, Dist. 1; Morris K. Udall, Dist. 2; Bob Stump, Dist. 3; Eldon Rudd, Dist. 4) House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515, or by calling their local District office listed in your telephone directory. Those uncertain who their Representative is may contact Citizens for

Constitutional Rights (CCR) in Phoenix 263-8196; the Arizona Gay News in Tucson, 623-5268 or if you prefer you may contact the Gay Rights National Lobby direct by writing 930 F Street, N.W., Suite 611, Washington, D.C. 20004 or by calling (202) 462-4255. "We anticipate a superb lineup of testimony, but its impact will be lost if there is a small attendance," Endean stressed.

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image in life. And up on West Twenty-Fifth Street Richard Upjohn's brownstone Trinity Chapel (now the Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Saba) and Clergy House still survive, as does the fanciful Trinity Chapel School building in Ruskinian polychrome, an appropriate setting for the Sunday School classes once taught by the polychromatic E. Fairfax Williamson. Practically around the corner stands the once-fashionable Fifth Avenue Hotel, one of Fairfax's favored New York Haunts, fictionally described in its heyday in Gore Vidal's "1876" and, if memory serves, more recently the site of at least one National Gay Task Force awards banquet.

An organization called the "Gay American Historical Society" (of which I should like to know more) has recently placed a historical tablet on the Stonewall Inn building on Christopher Street. If marking Gay historic sites becomes a habit, may I suggest one of these buildings for a marker in memory of a man whom Swanberg calls "this king (queen?) of practical jokers" and "a great and neglected American," our Gay brother E. Fairfax Williamson, alias "Gentleman Joe," "High Churchman," "The Duke Of Sing Sing," and whatever else? The Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix has been amply memorialized by an upright, (if rather stuffy) heterosexual Anglican posterity. Is it not proper for us partially to turn N.Y. upside down once more and redress the balance for one of our own?

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