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Opening scene from "Orphans", the newest production from Janus Theatre.



Janus Theatre Company announces its next production, the musical "Orphans", will be Jan. 21 - 23, 28 - 30 and Feb. 4 - 6, 1982 at 1002 E. Moreland St., Phoenix. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

"Orphans," with music by David Welch and book and lyrics by Michael Alasa, is a trenchant portrait of alienation. Mr. Alasa's penetrating songs and dialogue tell all of us — male or female, straight or gay — that loneliness, especially that caused by prejudice, is a terrible thing, and that people should be judged not by labels, but rather as individual human beings.

The cast, directed by Steve Schemmel, includes Gary Conway as Tony; Ross Collins as Frank, Tony's father; Mary Magana as Helen, Tony's mother; Greg Lutz, Ramon Pratt, Johnny Angel, and Zien Dumler as chorus boys; Lori Kellog as Fredrica, Tony's agent; and John Goldschmid as Dee, the emcee of Tony's cabaret act.

Mr. Alasa will be attending our special press preview presentation on the evening of Jan. 20, 1982. The press is cordially invited to attend that evening's performance and meet Mr. Alasa.

Tickets may be purchased at Womansplace Bookstore and at R. Hegyi's Card Shop, or by calling 967-3557.

PHOTO BY WES AUSTIN

A BI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AMYL/BUTYL NITRITE & NITROUS OXIDE

BY THE DO IT NOW FOUNDATION. A TWO INSTALLMENT SERIES.

Amyl and butyl nitrite and nitrous oxide (laughing gas) have not had the extensive scientific and sociological investigations that other well-known drugs have had. Because of their potential toxicity, we have written this report.

AMYL NITRITE

Over 100 years ago a chemical was introduced to aid patients with the heart condition angina pectoris, or heart spasms, which causes feelings of suffocation and fear. This painful condition was relieved by the use of amyl nitrite. Some asthma attacks have also been relieved by the chemical.

In the late 1960's, the Food and Drug Administration became aware that many people were abusing amyl nitrite. In 1969, it was changed from an over-the-counter drug to a prescription-only drug because of abuse.

A representative for Burroughs Wellcome, one of the manufacturers of amyl nitrite, states that sales continue to rise even after the 1969 restrictions were placed on the chemical. It seems the demand on the street is still strong.

Amyl nitrite produces a drop in blood pressure, an expansion around the brain, an increase in heart rate, and pressure in the eyeball. The dilation of arteries may produce a flushing sensation. A feeling of lightheadedness, and relaxation of the muscles in the arteries may occur.

Amyl nitrite comes in mesh/cloth-covered glass capsules, called ampules. These contain 0.2 or 0.3 milliliters of clear, yellowish liquid. They are broken open and the vapors, described as sweet or fruity, are inhaled.

When broken, the ampules make a snapping or popping sound, thus their nickname "poppers" or "snappers". Other nicknames are used, such as "whiffenpoppers", "pearls", "amys", or "popsies". They are sold legally as Aspirols or Vaporal, both registered trademarks and names.

Over the years people have found other uses for "poppers". Since the 1930's, amyl nitrite has had a reputation, mainly among male homosexuals, for prolonging the sensations of sexual climax. Usually the vapors are inhaled shortly before orgasm.

Medical evidence shows the arteries near the brain expand; oxygen flow to the inner brain decreases; and blood pressure drops. These can distort one's sense of time which can be interpreted as prolonging orgasm. There is no indication that amyl nitrite is of benefit in problems of orgasm, nor is it useful in treatment of sexual problems.

Nitrite leaves the blood stream rapidly, even before the blood pressure returns to normal. Some 60 to 70% disappears in the body, partly through oxidation, where a substance combines with oxygen. The fate of the remainder is not known. A small amount is reported to be normally present in the blood, saliva, and sweat.

Orally, amyl nitrite is largely destroyed in the stomach and intestines. The liver breaks down the rest. Little reaches the rest of the body in an active form.

Amyl nitrite injected into veins resulted in few deaths to experimental animals in one study. The inhalation of the vapors by animals, in the same study, resulted in a rapid return to normal with no permanent side effects. The animals suffered vomiting, nausea and dizziness, as did humans who inhaled nitrite fumes.

Amyl nitrite is very volatile, even at low temperatures. It is unstable and decomposes in the presence of air and light.

Side Effects:

Nausea, vomiting, dizziness and a throbbing headache are side effects of nitrites. They appear to increase when nitrites are combined with alcohol, cocaine or amphetamines. Symptoms usually last a short time.

Continued use may cause liver and kidney damage. Amyl liquid in the eye may corrode the cornea, the clear, transparent outer layer of the eyeball. Use of amyl nitrite should be avoided by anemics (those who have too few red cells in the blood). It may be harmful to pregnant women and to people with recent head injury, high blood pressure, or a history of cerebral hemorrhaging.

Despite some of the scare stories, amyl nitrite doesn't cause glaucoma (an eye disease). However, it can effect persons who have glaucoma already, because of the increase in inner eyeball pressure.

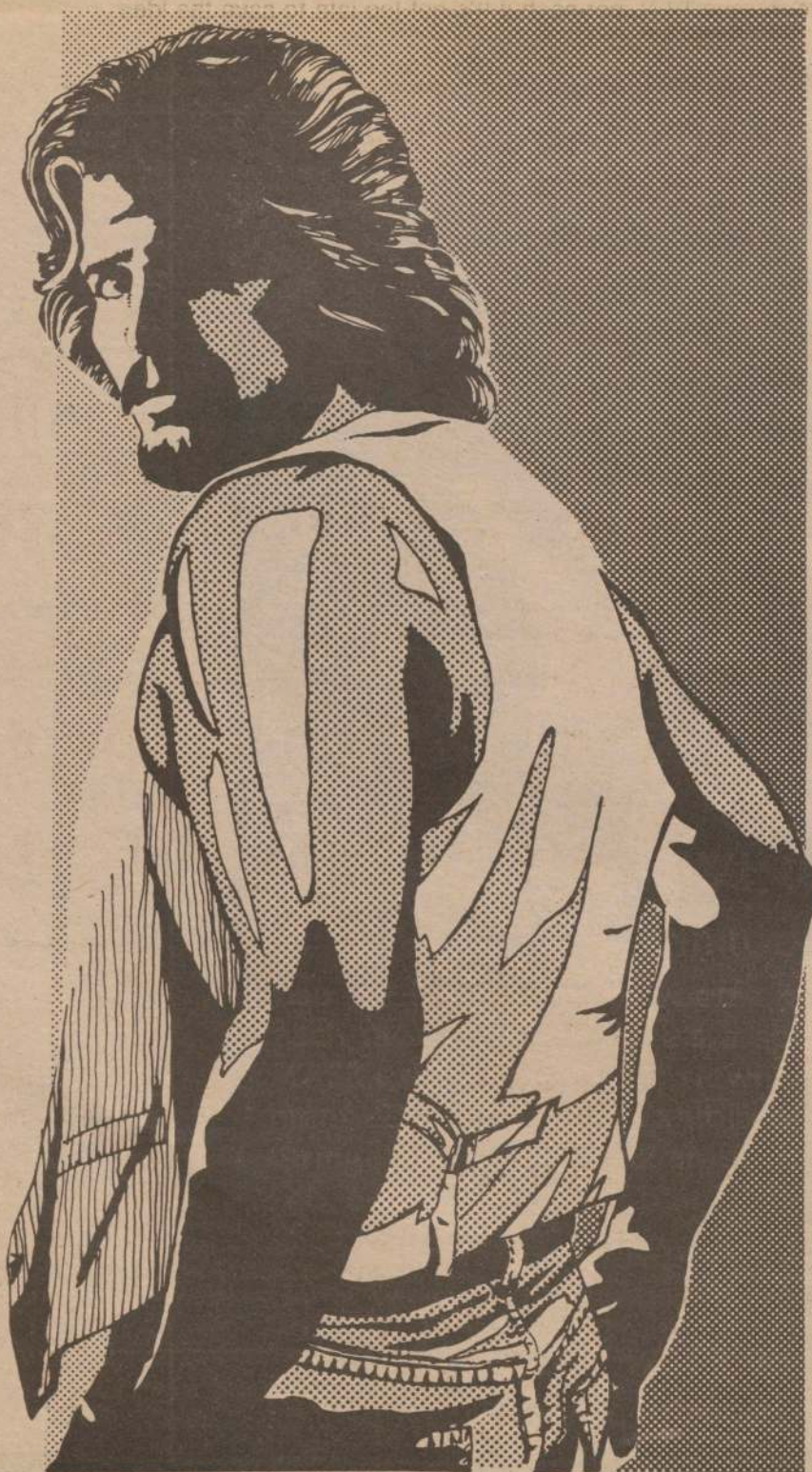
Tolerance to nitrites is possible. If one doesn't use them for a couple of weeks, one's tolerance level will return to normal.

Suggested Treatment:

If someone has passed out after inhaling nitrites, exposure must be discontinued immediately. Keep the person lying down. If he wakes, encourage him to rest and avoid physical exertion for a while. If the person stops breathing, administer mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Don't keep the person too warm because nitrites increase blood vessel expansion, vasodilation. This can be dangerous.

In the February 3 issue of THE WESTERN EXPRESS be sure to read the second installment, "BUTYL NITRITE AND NITROUS OXIDE".

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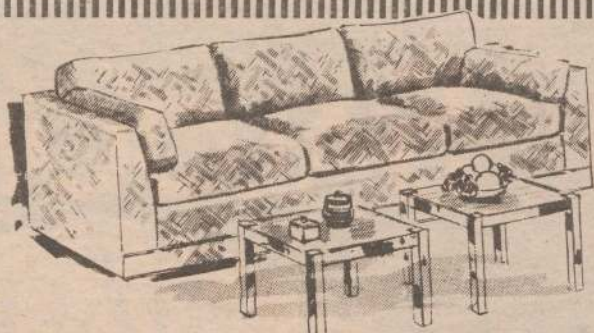
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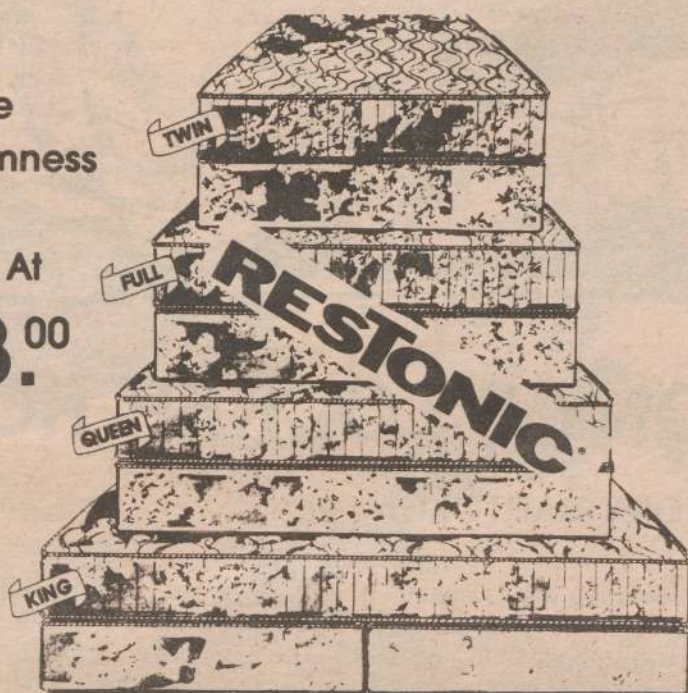
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THE INFORMATION NETWORK, T.I.N., DISBANDS

THE INFORMATION NETWORK, T.I.N., an association of representatives from organizations in the gay community voted at it's last meeting to disband the organization due to low attendance at meetings. The primary purpose of T.I.N. has been to gather information for and about the gay community from its many organizations and be a resource for that information, to support and organize gay community activities, and to promote goodwill among it's member organizations. A major support activity has been the annual Gay Pride Week.

Attendance at meetings reportedly fell too low for business to be conducted or for any planning for this year's Gay Pride Week. Dr. Draffan McBride, Chairman, expressed his disappointment at the action, however did state that he hoped that another organization could yet join together to help produce a Gay Pride Week to remember. Also he stated that he still supports the idea of having an organization which brings together representatives of community clubs and organizations, or similarly, representatives of businesses within the gay community in an air of cooperation and information sharing. Jim Cobb, I.C.S. Chairman, expressed that without T.I.N. Gay Pride Week activities will be difficult to coordinate and steer and that the community is losing a vital and necessary cohesive organization. He feels that organizations should still reflect on the need for T.I.N.

EDITORIAL RESPONSE

We are in agreement with the reason for disbanding T.I.N. as apathy is a difficult factor to overcome. The cause of this apathy could rest within T.I.N. itself as little was known within the community as to its existence or purpose. The fault does not rest with the individual members, but with an apparent weakness in the structure of the organization.

T.I.N., or a T.I.N. type of organization is needed in the valley. All of our many clubs and social/service organizations need a common meeting ground to help each other in assuring their individual success and providing a link in the chain of community image that is developing within the gay community of the valley, yet which has been floundering about somewhat during its development. Also a business owners organization is needed for the same purposes expounded by T.I.N.

For anyone or a group interested in reforming T.I.N. or a similar organization, we offer the support of The Western Express. Anyone interested please send your name, address and phone number to P.O. Box 32575, Phoenix, Az. 85064. We'll see if we can get an organizing or fact finding meeting together. It might be too late to save T.I.N. per se, but it's not too late to save the idea.

1982 FULL MOON CALENDAR

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
sat. the ninth	mon. the eighth	tues. the ninth	thurs. the eighth	sat. the eighth	sun. the sixth
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tues. the sixth	wed. the fourth	fri. the third	sun. the third	mon. the first	wed. the first

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TO THE ARIZONA GAY COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your patronage during the past nine months of operation.

As you know I have pledged 10% of all paper goods sales to the Alternative Relations Center.

I would like the Arizona Gay Community to realize that if all gay businesses would unite in a common goal of support for ARC we would have no problems meeting payments, etc., for our center.

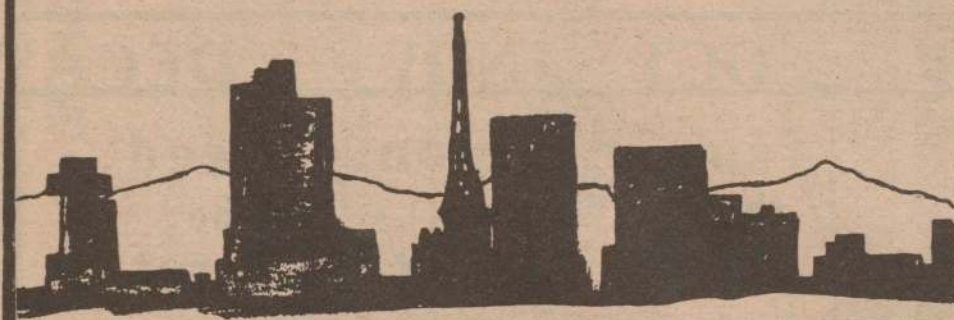
It is with great pride that I would like you to know that with your help R. Hegyi has been able to donate \$1,084 to ARC in the past nine months. This could not have been done without your support.

Thank you from the very bottom of my heart, R. Hegyi

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TONY'S LOCKER ROOM

by TONY BARTOLI

The idea of a sports column in a gay oriented paper is certainly novel if not original. And a good idea it is since there are quite a few sports fans among the ranks. The purpose of this column will be to focus on local sporting events which involve our community and to give general reports on what's happening nationally. We hope you enjoy this new addition to THE WESTERN EXPRESS along with other new and special reports we will be bringing you.

Sunday, January 24th, will bring us SUPER BOWL XVI, pitting the CINCINNATI BENGALS, champions of the AFC against the SAN FRANCISCO 49'ERS, winner of the NFC title. Both teams finished with the best records (BENGALS 12-4, 49'ERS 13-3) in their respective leagues and both truly deserve the right to represent their leagues for the championship. Odds makers are making the 49'ERS the early favorites, but some close to the game say that the BENGALS are the better all-around team. Either way, the game should prove to be one of the better ones with more than likely a very close result!

Incidentally, for those of you who prefer the company of a few friends along with a 'toddy' or two, SHAMOO'S will be hosting "SUPER SUNDAY AT SHAMOO'S" with doors opening at 12 noon. In addition to the two televisions that will be provided for the game, Shamoo will offer a free buffet with special drink prices. So if you want to make a day of it, this is a good bet!

The OUR GANG LEAGUE (Monday eves. 9:30 PM at Squaw Peak Lanes) concluded it's first half of the bowling season on January 4th. The final results were as follows:

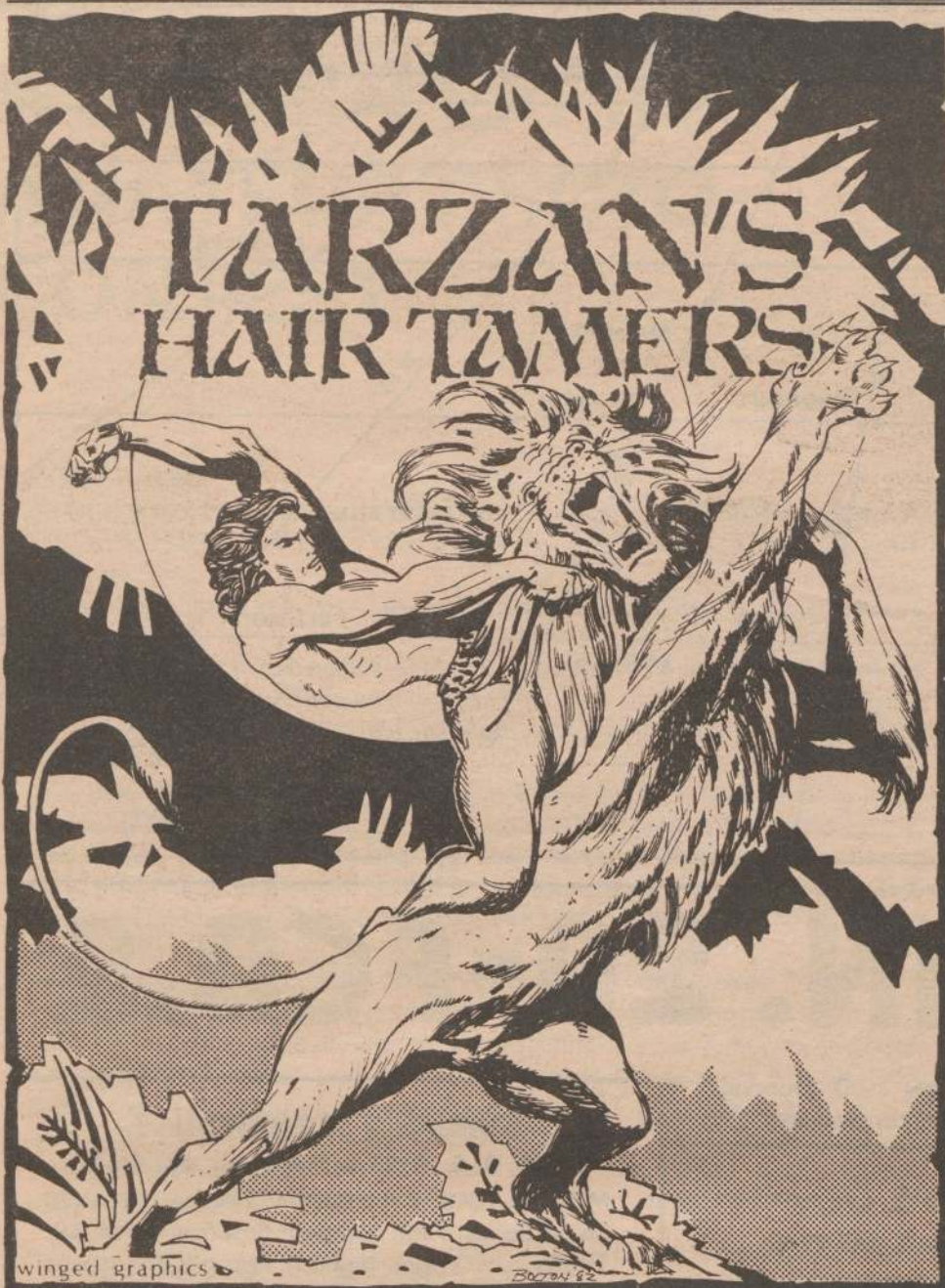
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3rd	#3	Incognito	40	28
4th	#9	Del-Jon Salon	37	31
5th	#14	Nu-Towne Saloon	37	31
6th	#16	Raggedy Ann & Andy's	36 1/2	31 1/2
7th	#7	Casa de Cristo #2	36	32
8th	#6	Casa de Cristo #1	35	33
9th	#1	Earley Flowers	35	33
10th	#10	Shamoo's	34 1/2	33 1/2
11th	#4	Grand Camel	34 1/2	33 1/2
12th	#8	Final Touch	32	36
13th	#13	Little Jim's	31	37
14th	#15	BdB Services #2	25 1/2	26 1/2
15th	#2	Instigators	23	45
16th	#5	BdB Services #1	14	54

Highlights of the first half would have to include Ron Q's fine 652 series which included a 250 game! Also, Dennis B's 701 handicap series and Frank G's 245 scratch game were fine efforts. The second half of the season is now underway but there is still room for additional bowlers. If you are interested, contact Bob De Brecht at 995-1036 (eves.).

That's it for this issue. We'll be back in the next with what's the latest in the sports world.

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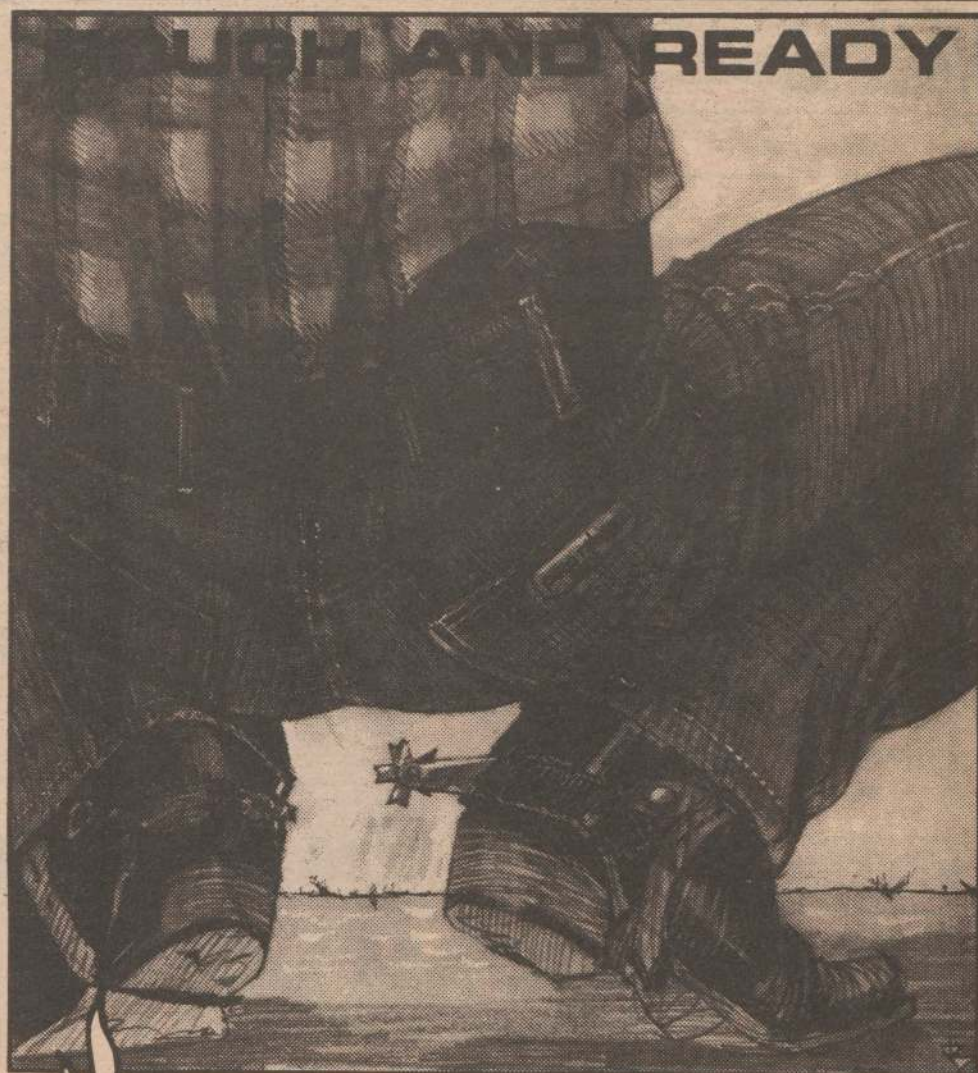
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MUST THE YOUNG DIE TOO?

BY STEVE LANE

The summer he turned fifteen, Michael left home. His parents found him a year later almost dead in the packing crate in which he had been living in a citrus grove near Phoenix. As soon as he was well he left again. Another year went by and then the coroner in San Diego County called Mike's parents to tell them their son was dead.

After the boy's remains were cremated and the ashes were scattered at sea his parents began a desperate search to piece together the last two years of Mike's life. They found places he had worked and talked with everyone who remembered him. Former employers, fellow workers, a few friends, including an older man their son was living with when he was killed by a hit and run driver. Everyone told the grieving parents the same story, that Mike loved them very dearly. Why, then, had he run so desperately, the parents asked. Finally Mike's older roommate and friend told them, 'Your son was gay. He could not accept his feelings and could not bear to talk with you about them'.

Michael is dead and his father often puts on Mike's cowboy hat and jacket and walks off into the Oklahoma hills the boy loved. In unforgiving anguish he sits sometimes on a log weeping and crying aloud, "Michael, Michael, my son. If only I could have died instead of you".

Michael's story could have been different. What if he had found a ragged scrap of newspaper blowing in the wind in that orange grove in Phoenix? On that paper could have been a small ad urging a call to the gay hotline. Michael could have called and met a network of supporting friends, including parents of gay children who could have helped him feel good about himself. With the encouragement of these friends Michael could have talked with his parents and fully realized that they accepted and loved him too.

The Alternative Relations Center in Phoenix needs your help now to keep more young people like Mike from years of desperate search and even death. Please send a \$30 annual membership donation to A.R.C., P.O. Box 23004, Phoenix, Az. 85063.

Don't let the dream of a gay community center die too.

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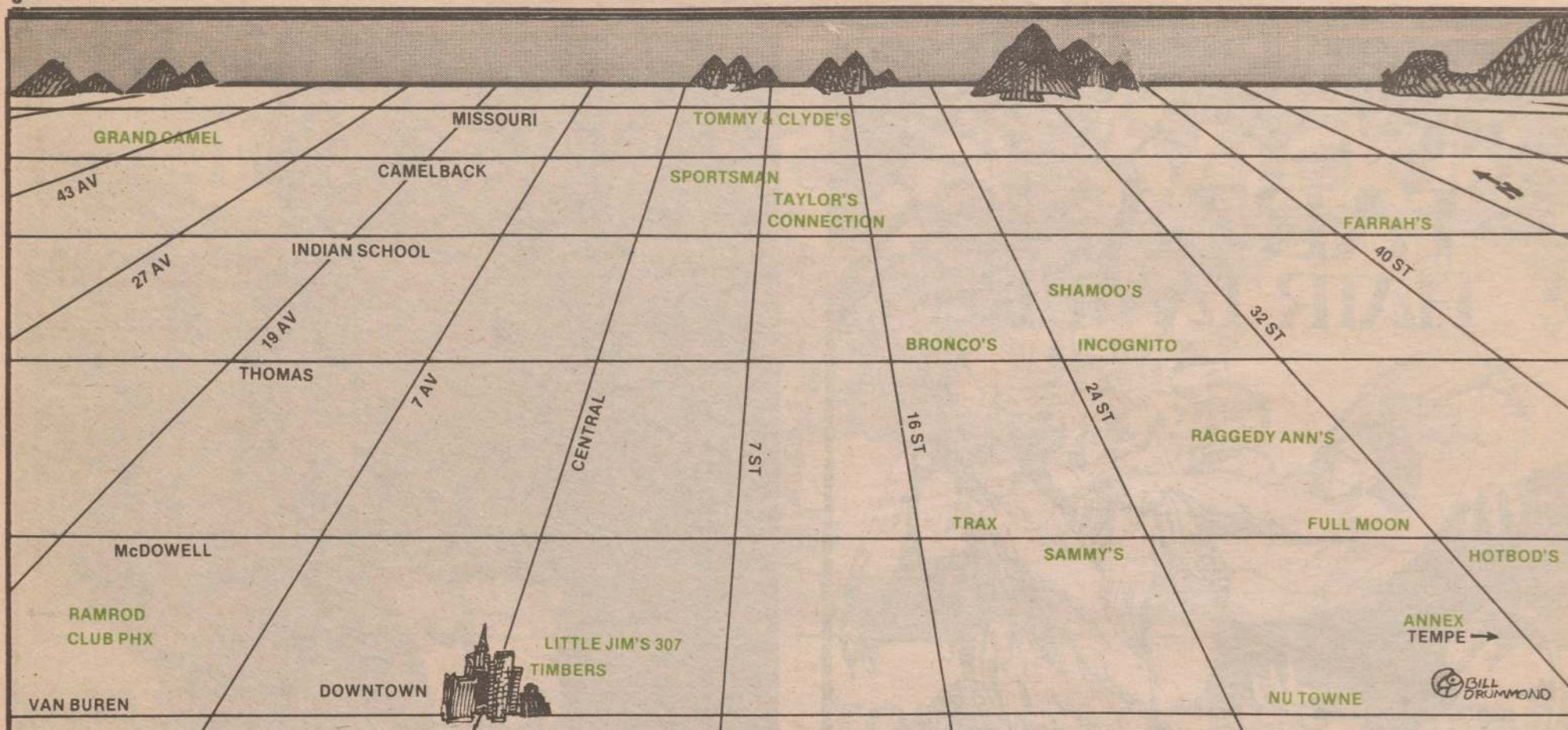
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B - Beer Only C - Cocktails D - Dancing
R - Restaurant E - Entertainment

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B, R - 1043 E. Lemon, Tempe, 966-2387

DAILY Happy Hour, 4 - 7 PM, Glass \$.50. Head Night Tues., 7 - 11 PM, Moosehead Beer \$1, Head Aroma \$3. THURS Wooden Nickel Night, 7 - 11 PM, 4 for the price of 3. SUN Beer Bust, 5 - 9 PM, Pitcher \$1.50, Glass \$.25.

BRONCO'S

B, D, E - 3105 N. 16th St., 248-9762

MON. \$.50 Beer & Wine, 4 - 10 PM. TUES. Country Swing Lessons, 8 - 10 PM. WED. Free Pool 6 PM on. THURS. Beer Bust 8 - 12 PM, \$1 Pitcher. SAT. Pool Tournament 4 PM on. SUN Beer Bust 8 - 12, \$1 Pitcher.

CONNECTION

C - 4211 N. 7th St., 248-9730

TUES. Marguerita Nite, 9 - 12 PM, \$2 per Liter. WED. Beer Bust, 9 - 12 PM. THURS. Bare Chest Night, 9 - 11 PM, Hal price well. SAT. Pool Tournament 2:00 PM, Beer Bust 1 - 4 PM.

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C, D - 4017 E. Indian School, 957-2820

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C, D - 3108 E. McDowell, 275-0764

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GRAND CAMEL

C, D, R - 5105 N. 43rd Ave., 841-6306

MON. Buffet, 7 - 8 PM. TUES. Beer Bust 9 - 12 PM \$2. FIRST THURS. VIP Night, Buffet 8 PM, Turnabout Show 10 PM. LAST THURS. Wet Jockey Short & T Shirt Contest 10 PM on. SUN Brunch Noon - 4 PM. SUN thru WED. Casino Night 8 - 12 PM. Happy Hour daily Noon - 6 PM, \$1 Well Drinks.

HOTBOD'S

C, D - 3437 E. McDowell, 267-9940

MON. Beer Bust 9 - 1, all you can drink \$2. Disco 7 nights a week from 7 PM. Afterhours 'till 3 AM FRI. & SAT. & Holiday Eves.

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C, D - 2424 E. Thomas, 995-9805

MON. Jazz Night, showtime, 9 PM. TUES. Beer Bust & Texas Pool, 9 PM. WED. R & R Request Night, 9 PM. THURS. Beer Bust, \$2, 9 PM. FRI. Zodiac Night, Birthday people half price. SUN. Pool Tourn. & Brunch. Inflation Nite, \$1 So. Comfort & Schnapps.

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C, D, R, E - 2125 E. McDowell, 231-0168

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SHAMOO'S

C, E - 3025 N. 24th St., 956-9937

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SPORTSMAN

C, D - 4622 N. 7th St., 248-9570

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C, D, R - 2320 N. 32nd St., 957-9929

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C, D, E - 5749 N. 7th St., 277-9373

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C - 1724 E. McDowell, 254-0231

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B - 395 N. Black Canyon, 253-0119

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WESTERN EXPRESS AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

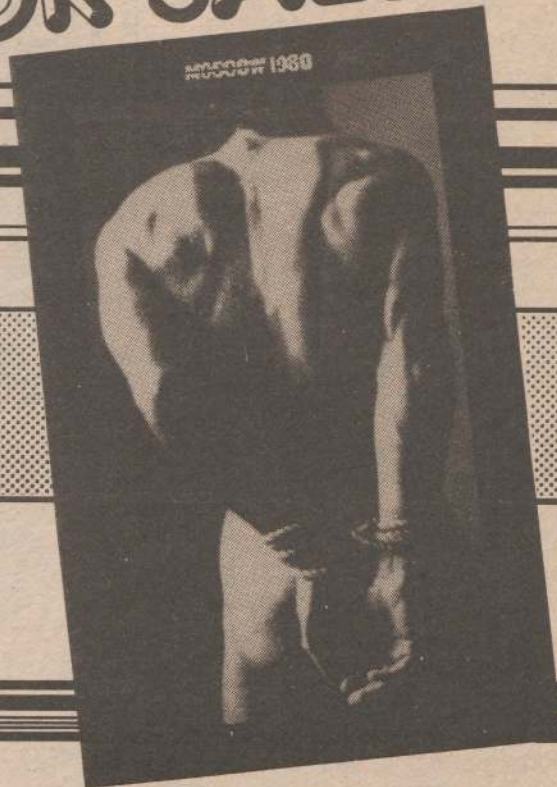
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2. Include the name you wish used for credit and a return correspondence address.
3. State the category you wish to enter. Any change of category shall be at the discretion of the committee with notification to the contestant.
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6. All photographs reproduced in THE WESTERN EXPRESS will be in black and white. The contest is open to entries in both black and white and in color.
7. Submitted photographs should not be smaller than 5 x 7 inches, or thereabouts, and not larger than 11 x 14 inches, or thereabouts. Photographs larger than 5 x 7 may be reduced for inclusion in the newspaper, however their submitted size shall prevail at time of runoffs.
8. You may include at the time of application a description of any special photographic equipment used or process employed for caption purposes.

The contest commences January 1, 1982 and continues through March 31, 1982. During that period submissions of photographs in three categories will be shown in issues of THE WESTERN EXPRESS. In April an overall showing will be held, planned for THE ALWUN HOUSE, where the decision of three professional photographer judges will result in the awarding of cash prizes in the amount of \$100 for first and \$50 for second place prizes. There are three categories contestants may enter;

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The Western Express is pleased to announce the addition of three new appointments to its staff.

David Starkman who has contributed very informative articles on the travel industry will continue to do so as a regular columnist. His broad background in the field is most welcome not only by the newspaper, but also by readers due to the very positive response to his novel, no-nonsense way of telling how best to get to where we want to go.

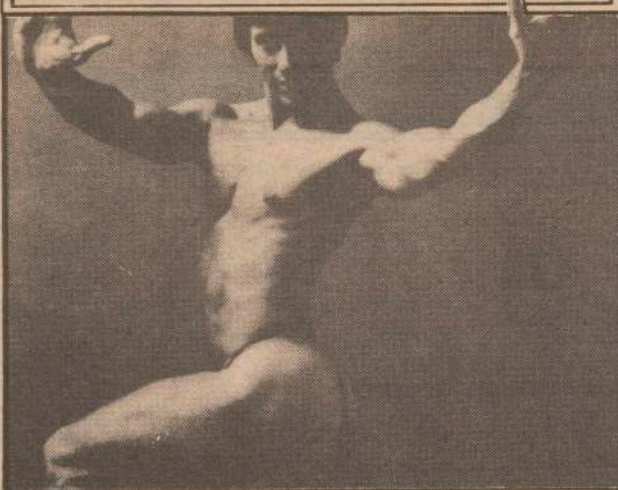
Jim Shafer is the representative for advertising, distribution and information for Tucson and Southern Arizona. Jim, a member of T.K.O., in Tucson, will be responsible for all input from that area. A new local telephone number and address will be announced soon. In the meantime please call the Phoenix number 254-1324, for information.

Tony Bartoli will report on sports, both within our communities and nationally. This is, we feel, a very novel feature for a gay and socially oriented newspaper. This column was the idea of Tony, and as you will read in this issue, there is reason for its' being. The 49'ers - the Bengals - the bowling rankings - the softball results - all fine But a Nadia Comeneci look-a-like contest? Well, we'll see.



Featured above are Bob Locke, David Zins and Nikki Alexander now appearing every Tuesday night at 8:00P.M. at Shamoo's.

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Hot Flashers From T.K.O.

By Jim Shafer

TUCSON - Seven members and five pledges of Tucson Knight Owls joined some of the Hijos del Sol (our brother club in Albuquerque) in El Paso for a wild run weekend. A great gay time was had by all. Many thanks to the warmly hospitable El Pasans.

Up-coming activities:

Jan. 30, 6-9 P.M. - Spaghetti Feed at Michael's. Everyone is welcome. \$2.50 per plate.

Feb. 13, 2 P.M. (weather permitting) - A snowman-Building Contest at Rita's Rendezvous. Teams of 2 or more. Prizes awarded. \$5.00 entry fee.

Mid-March (date T.B.A.) - Closet Ball. That grand old Tucson institution is being resurrected and sponsored by T.K.O. Watch this column for further information.

April 9, 10 & 11. - Spring Fling II. Run Extra-ordinaire. Be prepared!

Anti-Gay Housing Plan Rejected

AUSTIN, Texas - A proposed ordinance that would have been the nation's first municipal law supporting housing discrimination against homosexuals was overwhelmingly defeated last Saturday by a vote of 36,239 to 20,997.

The proposal, promoted by the Austin Citizens for Decency, said it "shall not be unlawful to deny housing on the basis of sexual orientation".

The Citizens for a United Austin, opponents of the proposal, said the ordinance could lead to snooping and widespread housing discrimination.

One opponent said the ordinance could mean discrimination against everyone, and could allow any landlord to deny anyone housing under the guise of sexual orientation.

The Austin Citizens for Decency began its petition drive after the city's Human Relations Commission proposed an ordinance that would protect homosexuals, the elderly and other minorities against housing discrimination.

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PHOENIX SYMPHONY - SHLOMO MINTZ - Violinist. Jan. 25 & 26. Symphony Hall.

JOHN KAY & STEPPENWOLF - Dooley's, Tempe, Jan. 26 & 27.

BACH WEST - Kerr Cultural Center. Jan. 27. 8 PM.

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BELLA LEWITZKY - Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Jan. 29. 8 PM.

VISUAL ARTS - MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

HEARD MUSEUM - Lithographs from the Heard Collection. Till Jan. 31.

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM - Ceasars & Citizens: Roman Portrait Sculpture from the J. Paul Getty Museum. Through Feb. 21.

MARILYN BUTLER FINE ARTS - Pastels, monotypes and paintings by Juane Quick-To-See Smith. Till Jan. 29. Main St. Scottsdale.

JOHN DOUGLAS CLINE GALLERY - Men in Contemporary Art, featuring Judson, Savage and Pasek. Central Ave., Phoenix.

GALLERY V - Posters and limited Edition Graphics. 7010 E. Indian School, Scottsdale.

C. G. REIN GALLERIES - Works by Conaway and Wynne. Till Jan. 28, Marshall Way, Scottsdale.

ROSS GALLERY - Abstracts by Tapia. Main St., Scottsdale.

SUZANNE BROWN GALLERY - Works by Gorman, Peterdi, Baker and Coe. Main St., Scottsdale.

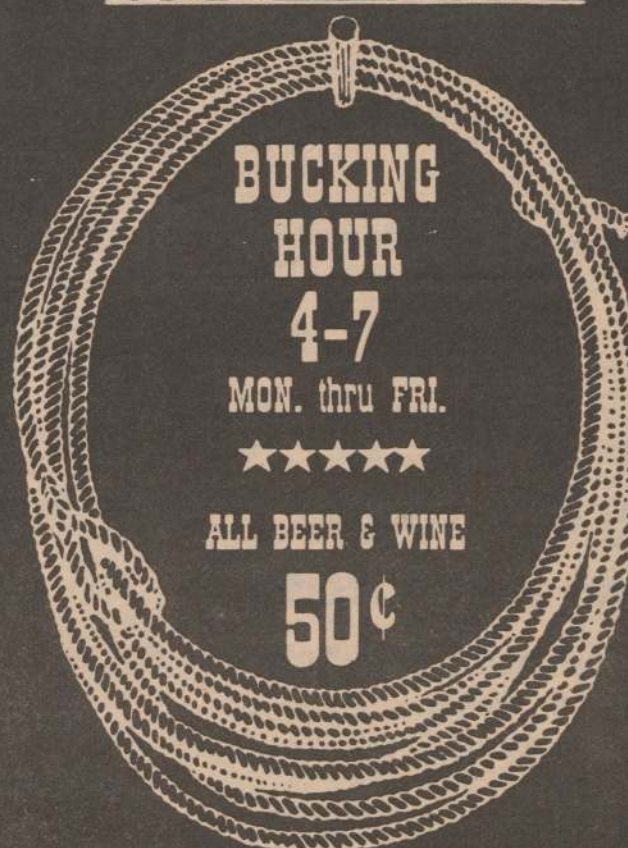
THOMPSON GALLERY - Works by Shirley Murray. Central Ave., Phoenix.

OK HARRIS WEST - Works by Frederick Nichols and Edward Evans. Till Jan. 30. Marshall Way, Scottsdale.

SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE ARTS - Contemporary Art of Guadalajara. Till Jan. 31, Scottsdale Mall.

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TRAVEL NEWS UPDATE

by DAVID STARKMAN

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AIRLINE FLIGHTS MAY BE OVERBOOKED, and there is a slight chance that a seat will not be available on a flight for which a person has a confirmed reservation. If the flight is overbooked no one will be denied a seat until airline personnel first ask for volunteers willing to give up their reservation in exchange for payment. If there are not enough volunteers the airline will deny boarding to other persons and compensation will be granted. The complete rules for the payment of compensation are available at airport ticket counters and boarding areas.

THE 1982 WORLDS FAIR is going to be hosted in KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE May thru October. It's not too early to make your reservations.

WESTERN AIRLINES is taking immediate steps to become a price leader in the industry. WESTERN will offer new inflight meal service, first class legspace in coach and expanded discount seating on all flights.

TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN THE SKY? A WASHINGTON based vendor of air-to-ground telephone systems has announced that eleven airlines are installing direct dial telephones on long haul flights. To dial you insert a major credit card into the unit which releases the card on completion of the call and charges it to the customer's account. The rate will be \$7.50 for the first minute and \$1.25 for each additional minute.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 8, 1982 all REPUBLIC AIRLINE fares increased. If you booked flights and have not paid for your tickets you must pay the increase. Sorry!

MANY COUNTRIES ARE INCREASING SURVEILLANCE of traveler's luggage to try and cope with the worldwide drug problem. **KEEP YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS IN CLEARLY MARKED CONTAINERS** which show the name of the issuing pharmacy. Unmarked drugs could be confiscated for tests and you could be delayed at the airport.

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Mr. Starkman would be happy to advise and assist you in your travel plans. You can reach him at Travel Studio, 13843 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85032, or call (602) 996-6900.

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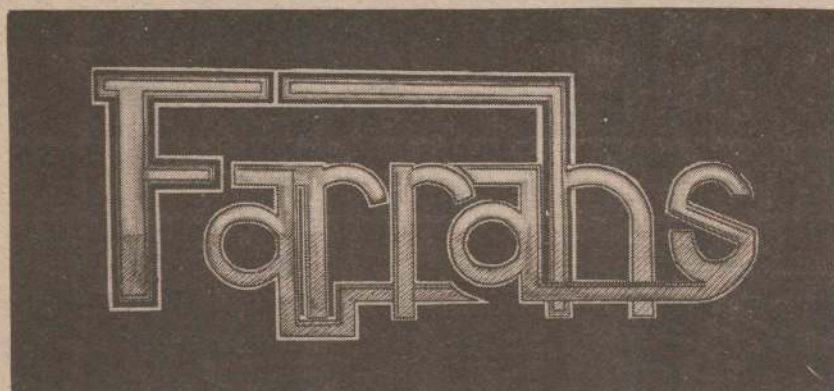
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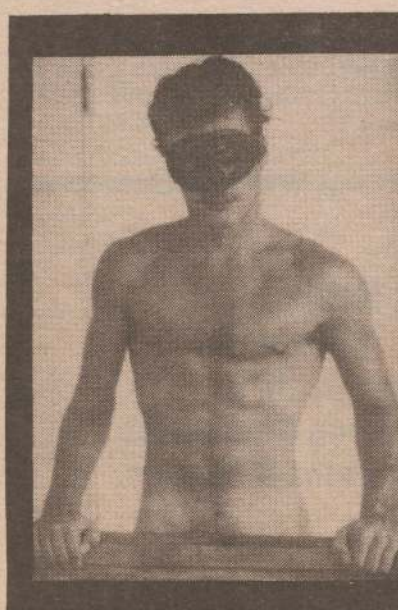
by B. A. Willson

*Widening crack, strain of a heart;
Sorrow upon maternal soul.
Pressure backed pressure forces them apart;
Hatred to a world that they must cajole.*

*Pressure backed pressure forces them under;
Paternal frustration reaching a peak,
The third one watches with angry wonder -
A steel fisted curtain rendering weak.*

*Mankind squeezes that last drop of life,
Pressure backed pressure weakening the will;
Watch haunted eyes focus on the bloody knife,
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WANTED: Gay Assistance and Information in Phoenix (GAI) needs volunteers to work on the hot line and assist in referral work. Anyone wishing to help may call 257-0350 evenings 7-11 PM.

PROFILE PHX

by BARRY ALEXANDER

Even The Western Express has the "Best of '81"

This is the time of year when every publication I've ever seen produces their "best" lists. Mr. Blackwell has his worst and best dressed, New Times Weekly has its "Best of Phoenix", and several publications have their Top 10 Of The Year. Well, never before to my knowledge has a gay publication ever produced such an austere list. Phoenix, here it is, the "Best of '81". Now remember these are things I have picked. I've tried to be as fair as possible and compiled my results on observations, viewpoints and listening a lot. Admittedly, your favorite bar, bartender or entertainer may be different from my choices and that's good, because this is only a guide. Remember these are my opinions and not those of The Western Express, publishers or staff.

Here's Profile Phoenix Best of '81.

BEST BAR - Farrah's
BEST BARTENDER - Danny Butler
BEST WAITER - Steve at Taylor's
BEST DRESSED - Phil at Taylor's
BEST ENTERTAINER - Tish Tanner
BEST NEW BAR - Shamoo's
BEST DJ - Jeff at Farrah's
BEST OVERALL EVENTS - Connection
BEST SINGLE EVENT - Trax (Full Moon Nights)
BEST DRINK - Tommy & Clyde's
BEST FOOD - Taylor's
BEST GUEST ENTERTAINER - Bobby Callicote
BEST PRODUCTION - "West Street Gang"
BEST "COME BACK" BAR - Little Jim's 307
BEST NEW BUSINESS - Hot Duds
BEST OVERALL BUSINESS - R. Hegyi
BEST PARTY BARS - Bronco's, Shamoo's, Grand Camel
BEST WOMENS' BAR - Full Moon Saloon
BEST AFTER HOURS - Trax
BEST BEER BUST - Nu Towne Saloon, Annex 1043
BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH - Grand Camel
BEST PUBLICATION - The Directory
BEST FLOPS OF THE YEAR - Together Magazine

In the next category I've listed six choices because the decision was impossible to narrow down, so you make the final choice.

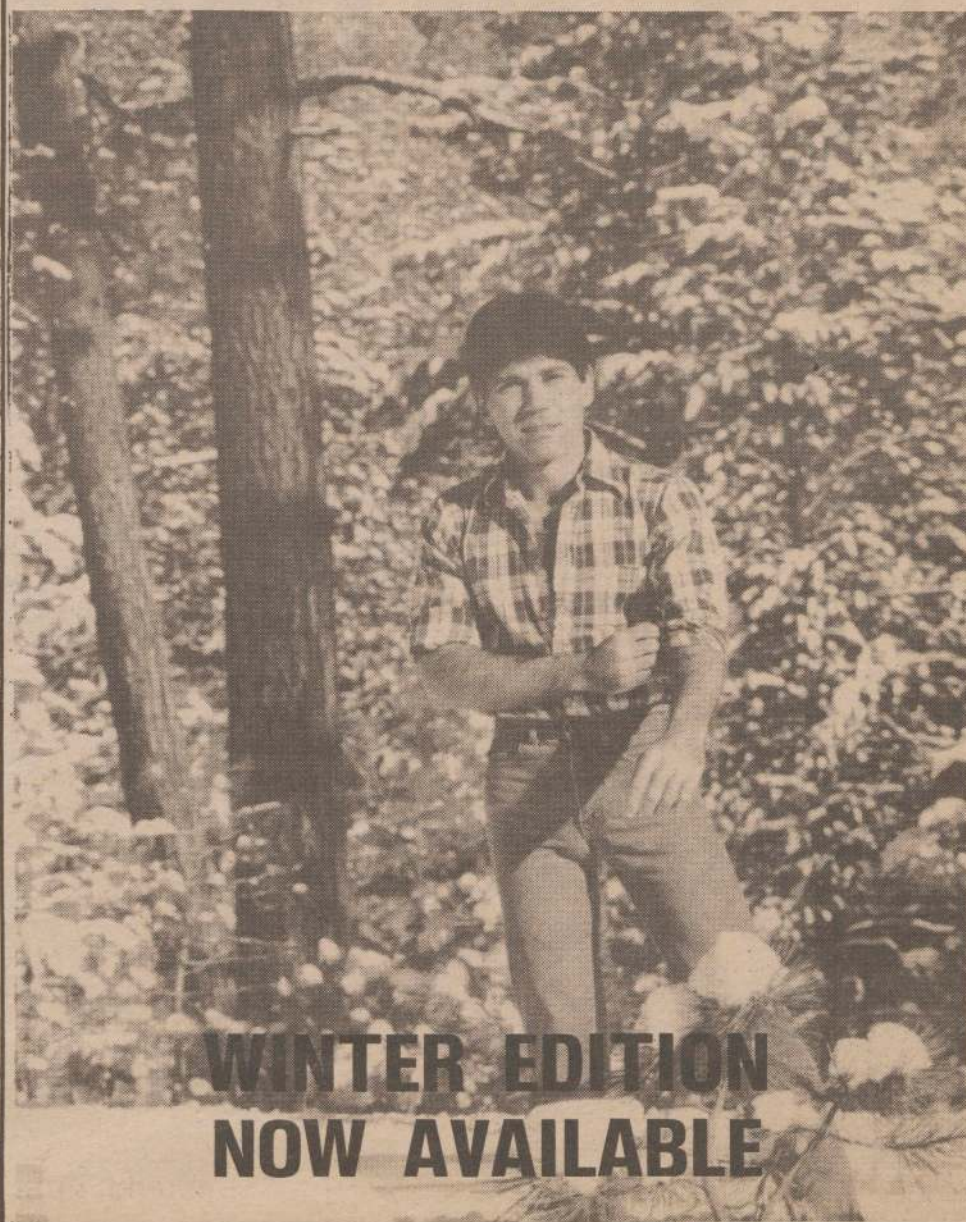
BEST BAR OWNERS - Ron & Lon, Farrah's; Michael & Bobby, Shamoo's; Tommy & Clyde, Tommy & Clyde's; Cheryl Emery, The Full Moon Saloon; Dale Williams, Connection And Taylor's; Jimmy & James, The 307.

Despite your political opinions and persuasions and looking at it strictly from a historical viewpoint, the BEST EVENT OF THE YEAR has to be the Gay and Lesbian Rights March and Rally. Certainly an event never to be forgotten.

That's it I guess. I'm sure many of you have numerous categories to add to this list. There certainly are many choices for each category listed. Maybe I will get some help with this project next year so no one will feel that it was all one sided. I hope we all look at this as being fun and well intentioned. Each of us is entitled to our own opinion but I hope I have been able to give you the insights into the choices of Phoenix as I see them. You needn't worry, there will not be a Worst of '81.

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