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PRISON BAN ON GAY PAPERS MAY BE LIFTED SOON

by Lisa Nussbaum

BOSTON, MA (GCN) - Negotiations stemming from a pending court case over official refusal to admit Gay publications into U.S. prisons may lead to a change in this policy. Alleging that the U.S. Bureau of Prisons stipulated and carried out an across-the-board policy of banning Gay publications from federal correctional institutions, *Gay Community News* and three other parties (the National Gay Task Force, *off our backs* collective, and the publishers of *Join Hands* newsletter for Gay prisoners) filed suit against the Bureau in May 1977, naming director Norman Carlson as defendant. Plaintiffs in the joint suit (GCN et al) claimed that this policy violates their First Amendment Rights.

The defendant, meanwhile, said that no absolute exclusionary policy on Gay material exists, but that individual wardens can accept or reject such material in accordance with the Bureau's Program Statement on Incoming Publications. This statement prohibits material deemed "detrimental to the security, order or discipline of an institution." On the basis of this judgement, wardens in federal institutions have regularly and repeatedly forbidden inmates to receive Gay publications. Now, the wording of a letter dated February 1, 1980 and sent from director Carlson to Rep. Robert Kastenmeier, chairperson of the Congressional Subcommittee of Justice, indicates that a revision of the Program Statement on Incoming Publications is likely.

The letter from Carlson reads in part: "The Bureau of Prisons Executive staff met earlier this month and again reviewed the matter of homosexual literature. As a result of our review, we have decided to revise the policy so that a-1 institutions will permit the introductions of homosexual publications which are non-pornographic in content and otherwise do not jeopardize the orderly running of the institution. Margot Karle of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., co-counsel for the plaintiffs with Nan Hunter of the Feminist Law Collective in Washington, DC, told GCN: We're talking for the first time, although serious differences obtain as to what constitutes pornography." If the executive staff should consider any nudity in Gay publications obscene, said Karle, that would then raise legal issues of equal protection. *Playboy* gets into prisons, said Karle. "If pictures of nude women, even more than that pictures of (heterosexual) sex get in," she explained, "but not those depicting homosexuality, they will have created a different standard by which to judge Gay publications."

"We're still working out the language of the revised policy statement," Karle said. "At the preliminary meeting we seemed to be far apart on the language, but at first meetings you commonly are far apart," she added. Relevant to the matter of reviewing Gay publications to evaluate their content, Karle said that she has sent a carton of 50 books and periodicals to the Bureau of Prisons and to the U.S. Justice Department. Among the titles are copies of the NGTF newsletter *It's Time*, *Gay Community News*, *The Dave Kopay Story*, *The Joy of Lesbian Sex*, and *The Joy of Gay Sex*.

Pressure coming from three sources may have prompted Carlson to initiate a change in policy, Karle said. These are the continuing lawsuit; the January 7 letter from Kastenmeier (to which Carlson replied) taking Carlson to task for what he (Kastenmeier) considered pursuing an unwise position in flatly prohibiting Gay publications, since it flew in the face of "fundamental Constitutional rights which prisoners and all citizens have to receive published information"; and a December 19 meeting between members of President Carter's executive staff and Gay organization leaders at which the ban on Gay publications in prisons was discussed.

Gay Community News

Call for Greyhound boycott

by Philip Shehadi

NEW YORK, NY (GCN) - The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR) has called for a boycott of Greyhound Bus Lines and its Armour-Dial subsidiary in response to the company's alleged support for the April 29 "Washington for Jesus" national Christian march. Greyhound has provided numerous travel services for the fundamentalist Christian march, including a toll-free telephone number providing bus, train, plane and hotel information. The CLGR claims that such services are exceptional, going beyond what Greyhound has offered other groups in the past, and beyond what is appropriate for a bus company, thus constituting *de facto* support for the march.

A CLGR press release cites four reasons for justifying the boycott of Greyhound and of Armour-Dial: First, Christian groups themselves have stated that Greyhound is actively supporting the march; Second, Greyhound has established a national toll-free number for travel and hotel reservations, and a staff of eight people to coordinate the project; Third, Greyhound has engaged in practices contradictory to its nature by making rail and air reservations for the march; and Fourth, the company has not provided comparable service to other groups in the past.

Greyhound spokespersons have vehemently denied the charges. "We are doing precisely what we do for every single other charter movement," vice president for public relations Dorothy Lorant told GCN. "We are a tour broker - we have a tour broker's license - and we set up any kind of travel services for large groups." She named several organizations that, like the "Washington for Jesus" march, have benefited from Greyhound's group travel package in the past; among them were the Girl Scouts, high school bands and garden clubs. Asked why the list did not include any of the progressive groups that have organized Washington marches in the past - for women's, Gay, civil rights, and anti-war causes - Lorant replied, "Well, they didn't ask." And she insisted that the "Washington for Jesus" people are not getting any special treatment or discount. "Like all our charters, this is a full-cost, full-mark-up charter."

Greyhound statements, including those made in letters to Charles Brydon, co-executive director of NGTF, failed to convince CLGR. Coalition member Andy Humm told GCN, "They mentioned some other groups that have received special travel arrangements. But there have never been progressive groups. The fact is that they don't allow them (special arrangements) for everybody."

Furthermore, suspicions are aroused by what appear to be contradictory statements by Greyhound officials on just what services are available to the "Washington for Jesus" sponsors and whether those services are also available to other groups. Whereas Lorant told GCN that she believed that Greyhound was booking flight and rail reservations for the march (this was indeed the case for at least part of the fall), Greyhound's director of public relations Lee Whitehead reportedly told the New York Gay newsmagazine *Gotham*, "It would be contradictory for an overland bus company to make flight reservations for any group. Bus travel is our business; we never extend that kind of service (flight reservations) to anyone." The CLGR, which represents a number of Lesbian and Gay activist groups in New York, plans to distribute leaflets at Greyhound Bus terminals to bring public attention to their concerns and to the boycott.

Gay Community News

"I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." Thomas Jefferson

News Briefs

TUCSON "GAY PRIDE" COMMITTEE TO MEET

TUCSON - On Monday, April 28, the Tucson "Gay Pride" Committee will meet again to formalize activities for Tucson's Gay Pride Week observances. The meeting is to be held at 7:30 p.m. at 739 East 5th Street and all concerned community members are encouraged to attend.

GCS COUNTRY/WESTERN BENEFIT WED.

TUCSON - On Wednesday, April 30, one of the largest entertainment productions ever staged in Tucson will be presented at Jekyll's/Last Culture. This Country/Western extravaganza is a special production to benefit the Gay Community Services of Tucson (GCS) and will bring to the performing stage a large cast including most of Southern Arizona's most popular personalities.

The management of Jekyll's offered their facility for production of this GCS benefit performance which will feature Monte-Jon, Kitty Litter, Lady Casondra, Dani Reid, Misty McRae, Brenda Starr, Roxie Harris, Laszlo, Toby, Tim, Roy, Eileen Over and Coco Chanel.

Revenue raised by the Benefit will be utilized to finance the GCS Information Line, emergency food and lodging programs and future GCS programs including the organizations involvement in "Gay Pride Week" activities.

GSO GAY SKATE THIS SATURDAY

TUCSON - University of Arizona's Gay Student Organization (GSO) invites all Gays and friends of Gay people to their April "Gay Skate" at Skate Country North, 4646 N. Oracle Road in Tucson at 12:30 a.m., April 26, (this Saturday). Admission is \$3.75 including skates, and you can skate until 3:30 a.m. Y'all come!

"GO" LOOKS FOR ARIZONA CHAPTER

TUCSON - Great Outdoors ("GO") a California based-association of Gay people interested in wilderness, backpacking and other forms of outdoor recreation has three outings scheduled for the Grand Canyon this summer. A number of participants in past outings have expressed interest in forming an Arizona chapter of Great Outdoors. Going to one of their Grand Canyon outings would be a great way to get something going. The first trip is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. For more information call Steven in Los Angeles at (213) 660-4474.

GSO LOOKS FOR VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

TUCSON - Gay Students at the U of A are in the process of forming their volleyball team and to enter the Tucson Gay Volleyball league which plays regularly at the Back Pocket/Joshua Tree Court. GSO is presently practicing every Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon at 915 E. 4th Street. Anyone interested in playing regularly for the GSO team is welcome to come by at those times and get further information.



"EMBARRASED" MODEL SUES MAGAZINE

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL (SGN) - What's good for a goose isn't necessarily good for a gander, or so Steve Kierstead has found out. Kierstead posed in the nude for photographer Norbert Jobst, and was under the impression that Jobst was going to sell the photographs to *Playgirl* magazine. The photographer sold the photos to *In Touch* magazine instead, and Kierstead is now suing both magazines, claiming "humiliation, embarrassment and severe mental and emotional distress." Kierstead's photographs appear in *In Touch* last year under the name of Don Martell.

In Touch's senior editor Don Margason said, "We only work with professional photographers to avoid this kind of problem. Norbert Jobst used to work for *Playgirl* and wanted to sell some photographs to finance a trip to Germany. He had a model release." Margason, who feels the lawsuit is a chance for Kierstead to "make some money by getting back at faggots," compared the suit to an auto accident. "It's like being in a three-car crash where someone hits you from behind and you hit someone else. The man doesn't have insurance, so it has to come out of yours."

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SICK AND SLOWLY DYING

NORFOLK, VA (GCN) - Promiscuity is surfacing as a wave of homosexuality, according to retired Rear Admiral Jeremiah Denton. "I do not hate homosexuals, but I deplore homosexuality," the former prisoner of war told about 1,000 people here at a conference on the family's responsibility in teaching children about sex. The conference was sponsored by the Tidewater Assembly on Family Life.

America is "sick and slowly dying" because of the quest for self gratification and "sexual misbehavior," he said. "I believe that too much of the traditional morality and too many of the traditional taboos are being discarded." Denton, who spent seven and a half years in a North Vietnamese prison camp, blamed the acceptance of homosexuality as being normal as the reason for the growing number of homosexuals. The only hope for America is for its people to submit themselves to God, he added. A "born again" Christian now living in Mobile, Ala., Denton called for Americans "to see our rights, including the great right to indulge our sexual appetites, as the rights which were endowed by our Creator, and thus subject to his rules."

NEW G.C.S. TREASURER CHOSEN

TUCSON - When Michael Reid resigned as treasurer of Gay Community Services of Tucson (GCS), a special election was held and Mary Santin was elected to fill the vacant position.

OPENLY GAY REPUBLICAN DELEGATE

CHICAGO (GCN) - In the Illinois primary on March 18, Gay activist Timothy E. Drake became the first openly Gay person to be elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention this July. Drake was one of a three-person slate of delegates supporting presidential candidate John B. Anderson that swept to victory in the ninth congressional district, which includes Chicago's heavily-Gay northern lakefront neighborhoods.

Also elected as an Anderson delegate from the 9th district was State Rep. Elroy C. Sandquist, and winning in the 5th district was State Rep. Susan Catania. Catania and Sandquist are both sponsors of the four Gay rights bills currently pending in the Illinois legislature.

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MEDIA ALERT...MEDIA ALERT

The National Gay Task Force advises that the CBS Television Network will telecast: "CBS Reports: Gay Power, Gay Politics" this Saturday, April 26. Readers should check their local CBS affiliates for time.

The advance notice describing this telecast by CBS is as follows: The broadcast examines the impact of homosexual power in San Francisco, where Gays comprise between 12 and 25 percent of the population, and looks at the rapid rise of this newly vocal minority with the challenges it has presented to traditional values." For letters to the network write: CBS Television Network, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019. Producers: George Crile and Grace Diekhaus.

MCC/Phoenix rallies against Washington for Jesus

PHOENIX: The following is a released from Casa de Cristo Metropolitan Community Church:

Dear Friends:

On Tuesday, April 29 a million people, yes, a MILLION PEOPLE are expected to converge on the nation's capitol for a so-called "Washington For Jesus Rally." This gathering is also being labeled, by its proponents as: "One Nation Under God." If this were truly a demonstration gathering of Christians, for witness to their Lord, many of us would certainly not feel the concern that we are experiencing. In fact, some of us, especially Gay Christians, would probably lend our support. However, the political overtones are already coming on too loud and much too strong for us. In fact, the vibes are rather frightening. The militants, so-called religious fundamentalists, have almost totally taken over the organizing, the control and the promotion of this entire Washington affair. As might be expected, the political right-wingers are busily working hand-in-hand with the supposedly non-political religious leaders.

Following this so-called religious (and probably very political) rally, hand picked spokespersons have already been chosen who will approach as many of the political leaders in Washington as possible. Their aim: To continue spread their vicious hate, prejudice, bigotry and most certainly un-and non-Christian attitudes....and again unfortunately, this will all be done in the Name of Christ. How often that Name has been dragged through the mud by unthinking people. We must realize that these people want to control this nation, and they will seek any and all means possible to do it. As Gay Christians and non-Gay Christians, who have experienced liberation from organized religion in and through the same Name our opponents misuse, we believe that part of this nation's greatness has been largely based upon its stand for the complete and total separation of Church and State. Though we are Christians, we firmly believe, advocate, support and actively strive for the continuance of this basic American concept: the separation of Church and State.

Two issues that these so-called Christian leaders violently oppose, and will vocally raise in the Washington Rally will be the ERA and Human Rights for Gay people. In reality these religious leaders will once again stand opposed to human rights, even as many of these same people have done in the past. Then they directed their viciousness against the basic rights for blacks.

We can under no circumstances associate ourselves with this kind of so-called Christianity. Therefore on Sunday evening, April 27, at 7:30 p.m., Casa de Cristo MCC is sponsoring a protest rally to the Washington meeting. We are inviting in several leaders from the local community, to join with us for this get together. Though this meeting is sponsored by our church, we invite others to participate with us. This will not be a preaching service, as outside speakers will be asked to participate in this meeting.

We hope that everyone will share with us in this struggle for full human rights - for women - for Gays, for blacks, for native Americans, yes for everyone - once and for all. It's about time that America be America. Thank you for hearing us in this matter, and we hope to see you on this Sunday, April 27th.

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 ...While driving the bus he said, "My ex's initials should be BM instead of GM.
 ...While sitting at the bar Grant M. said, "Well, I see him in city court this week."
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Perspective

DEVELOPING A GAY IDENTITY (PART IV)
by Dr. Betty Berzon

A GAY GROWTH TRACK

I'd like to talk about a possibility that I see for giving guidance and direction to Gay lives that do not have this well-established nuclear family track to move along, a way that gives us possibilities for calibrating our progress through life, a way that gives form to our life, a way that gives continuity. Now at this stage of our growth as a world-wide community -- which of course, we are -- I think that that track should be about the development of our Lesbian and Gay identity. Here are the possibilities for having our needs met that the nuclear family track offers to the non-Gay person. Because we have the same needs. We all have the same human need. We need to feel safe and secure....We need to feel worthwhile as individuals. Everyone has that need. We need to feel that we're competent. We need to feel that we can achieve. We need to have a need for affiliation. Some people have that more than others, but practically everyone has it to some degree. We need to love and be loved. We need to do for others. Some of us have that need more than others.

Some of us are burdened with the need to create projects that endure beyond our lifetime. And I say burdened because it seems to me that it motivates a lot of what I do in my life and is extremely time-consuming and energy-consuming and that that's a particularly strong kind of need that I have, and I think a lot of Gay people have it and often don't know what to do about it. Because the family, you see, provides that instant mechanism to have all those needs met. At least the possibility. Without that mechanism, how do you get those needs met? Let me suggest something that I think of as kind of a Gay growth-track along which we can calibrate our progress....You might kind of score yourself as I go through these, what I think are the important developments and events along the way to establishing for yourself a Gay identity. And in a sense there is a kind of beginning stage, and a middle stage and an advanced stage. You track this for yourself and see where you are.

In the beginning stage, here are the kind of events and developments that happen:

1. There is the first acknowledgment of relevance of information about homosexuality to yourself....
2. The first acknowledgment that you might possibly be Gay.
3. The first sexual experience with a person of the same sex.

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Now, if you've done all that, you're ready to move into the middle stage of Gay identity development. The kinds of things that I think of in the middle stage are:

1. Having your first lover relationship.

2. The first home you share with a lover.

3. The development of a network of Gay friends, at least two, that provide for you a support group of people to whom you can go to talk about the things that are related in particular to your being Gay.

4. Your first disclosure to your family.

5. Your first disclosure to your co-workers.

6. Your first involvement in the organized Gay community.

Now, if you've done all those things, you can collect 200 and pass GO....to the final stage of Gay identity:

1. Having come out to most of your non-Gay friends and most of the significant members of your family.

2. Being openly Gay on your job and in your career.

3. Being openly Gay to the world, that is to say you've made television appearances, been written up, gone on speaking engagements as a Gay person.

4. If you are involved in this organizing to a significant degree. (I know some people who have been so involved in Gay activism that they don't have any time to be Gay)!

5. And in particular, if you have acquired a sense of responsibility for improving the quality of life for other Gay people, especially those who are very young now and for those who are just being born.

If you have done these things, you have reached the final stage of positive Gay identity. Of course, there are, for different individuals, variations in the order. Some have sex before awareness. Some people appear on television before they tell their family they're Gay...I've known any number of people who've done it that way...Some people become very involved in the community before they disclose to their family or people they work with, before they have, perhaps, even taken a lover or they have shared a home with a lover. So of course, there are all kinds of variations in the order of these things.

ED NOTE: This week's "Perspective" is a continuation of a lecture given by Dr. Berzon at the University of Arizona. Because of its length it has been presented in a series. Dr. Berzon's lecture concludes next week with "Rituals" and "The Gay Family."

CCR Legislative report

In the confusion and furor of the final days of the 34th Arizona Legislature, the infamous "Dildo Provision" of Senate Bill 1117 went down to final defeat on a 30 to 16 vote in the House of Representatives. This blatantly unconstitutional provision, which would have outlawed the sale of any "devices" used for sexual stimulation without any reference to community standards, was the subject of session long opposition by Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR), Arizona Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and many concerned individuals. The consistent opposition was successful, as even the bill's backers admitted that retention of the provision would have resulted in the death of the entire measure.

S.B. 1117 was introduced by Senators Trudy Camping (R-25), J. Hill (R-19), R. Usdane (R-28) and Representatives Hull (R-19), West (R-19), Skelly (R-28) at the start of the 1980 session. The bill and its identical companion, HB2131, covered two topics; an expansion of the racketeering statutes and an addition to the existing definition of obscenity to include "Items...designed or marketed as useful primarily for stimulation of human genital organs." A key factor in the bill was that such items were declared obscene without any reference to community standards as required by current decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court.

These unconstitutional provisions were opposed at every public hearing on the bill by a number of human rights advocates including Lewis Rhodes of A.C.L.U.; Jack Caldwell, Gary Lovejoy and Roland Atkins of CCR and others.

At one point in an attempt to salvage her attacks on the rights of Arizonans, Senator Camping amended SB1117 to exempt "Medical, psychological, legislative, judicial or law enforcement...." uses of sexual devices. This amendment was properly the subject of ridicule even within the legislature itself. While the eventual fate of this provision was defeat, the time and effort required to achieve that result was an indication of the necessity for all advocates of human freedom to keep up their efforts with our lawmakers. 1980 is an election year. Those whom we elect MUST defend our freedom. Use your vote accordingly.

Roland Atkins - CCR Lobbyist

FREE SPIRIT PICNIC THIS SUNDAY - APRIL 27

PHOENIX - Friends, fellow community leaders and picnic lovers are invited to enjoy a day of fun and frolic in the Spring sunshine. Free Spirit will host a picnic, in honor of recently resigned Director Jay Myers, on this Sunday, April 27, at Papago Park.

After four years of service to Free Spirit and the Valley's Gay community, Jay Myers has decided to take a well-earned rest. Since his initial involvement with the organization of Free Spirit's library, Jay has gone on to serve in many other facets of Free Spirit and the struggle for Gay rights. Coordinating the Annual Gay Pride Week Art Show and Auction, serving as regional facilitator for the National Lesbian and Gay March on Washington and numerous public speaking engagements are but a few of the areas in which Jay has invested his time, energy and talents.

Everyone is invited to join Free Spirit this Sunday, April 27 for a pleasant afternoon at Papago Park. For details and specific location contact Free Spirit, P.O. Box 117, Tempe, AZ 85281 or phone 277-0479.

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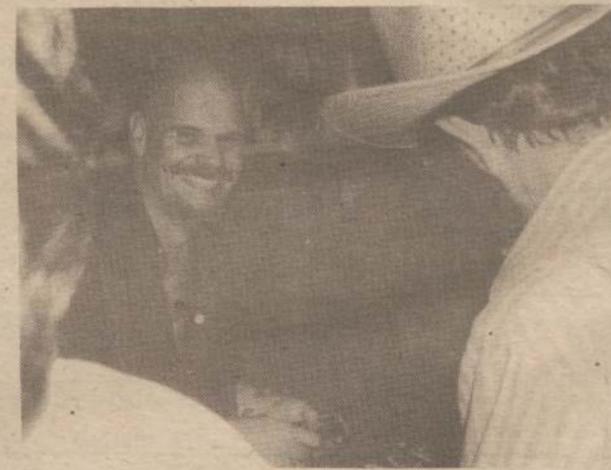
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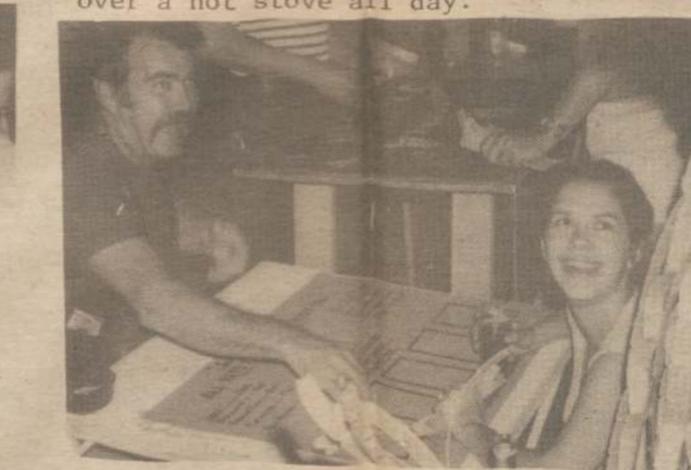
Some people have good taste in their reading material.



Mother trying to say "Numero B-Ocho"



Nothing like a cold beer after sweating over a hot stove all day.



Dale being ecstatic about Sally losing her life's savings.



Mary Bishop trying to break the TKO bank.



Bingo players asking "What was that?"



Wilma wondering what the "take" will be.



JoJo selling chances on a dog bigger than he is.

Gays and friends help send five delegates to Phoenix Democratic Convention

TUCSON - Lesbian and Gay issues may or may not be the numero uno issue with a majority of voters, but the recent Arizona Democratic Caucuses seem to have demonstrated the potential power of well-placed votes in certain situations. Of the six identified pro-Gay rights delegates whose names made it onto the ballot, five will go to the state convention in Phoenix on May 24. In Phoenix's district 25, the pro-Gay entrant won big, surpassing the vote of the second strongest Kennedy candidate by more than 2 to 1. In Tucson, pro-Gay Kennedy delegates in Districts 11, 12 and 13 and the pro-Gay Carter Delegate in 13 all made the top ten in their respective lists of delegates to be voted on.

Top vote-getters in Tucson's races were incumbent office holders or well-known political types such as Jaime Gutierrez, Ron Asta, Morris Farr, etc. Most of these figures won with 1200 to 2000 votes. In the next range of totals, generally receiving 400 to 600 votes were candidates who actively solicited votes for themselves by distributing flyers, etc. Several pro-Gay delegate candidates did this, but some did not. In two or three cases, the pro-Gay delegates did virtually no personal campaigning and had no visibility beyond the AGN articles and signs in the bars and clubs. The fact that they did so well must attest to the voting power of the Gay community when it does decide to vote!

Several new steps now need to be taken. One is to contact as many State Convention Delegates as possible, to learn their inclinations on a Gay Rights Platform plank resolution. This will enable the pro-Gay delegates to form alliances, lobby, horse trade, etc., in preparation for the May 24th convention in Phoenix.

Another effort will be directed at the Arizona representative to the Democratic National Platform Committee. That committee is supposed to have basically formulated the Democratic Platform by mid-June. At least two Gay men and a Lesbian are on the Platform Committee, and it is possible a Gay Rights Plank will make it into the platform before it even gets to the convention floor. Polite and reasoned letters, phone calls and meetings with the Arizona delegate are likely to be helpful. However, that delegate has not yet been chosen.

Delegates who won are at this time being officially notified by the state party headquarters in Phoenix. On May 24th, the Pima County delegates will meet in the morning to select 5 of their number to go to New York in August. In the afternoon, Pima County delegates will meet with delegates from the other three regions of Arizona to vote for 6 additional at-large delegates to go to New York. Support to send a pro-Gay delegate to New York can be directed at both meetings. A strategy will probably emerge on this in the next several weeks. Delegates are already lobbying each other for the New York slots.

In next week's AGN, we hope to run a copy of the proposed Gay Rights Plank, and tell more of how you can help learn the leanings of individual delegates. Also coming - Influencing the Pro-Gay Legislative Candidates.

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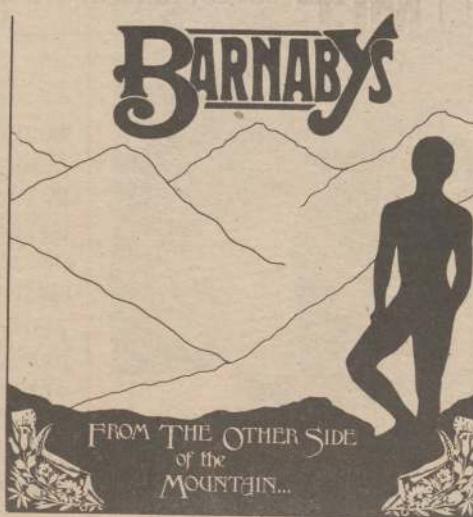
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Tyaga, the national coordinator of the GALAS project, based in Los Angeles, offers this statement of purpose: "Lesbians and Gay men are very creative and resourceful people. We've made enormous contributions to society - as writers, artists, philosophers - but this is generally not known because of our invisibility. Putting together the words "Lesbian" and "artist" is a statement of pride and self-affirmation, and an acknowledgement of our contributions to culture. We're also providing a challenge to the art establishment by creating a grass-roots network in which any woman can participate by choosing to do so. The women involved are self-defined Lesbian artists."

The Great American Lesbian Art Show is so-sponsored by the Woman's Building and the Gay Community Services Center. For more information about the project call or write: GALAS, P.O. Box 38777, Hollywood, CA 90038, (213)464-7400, ext. 231.



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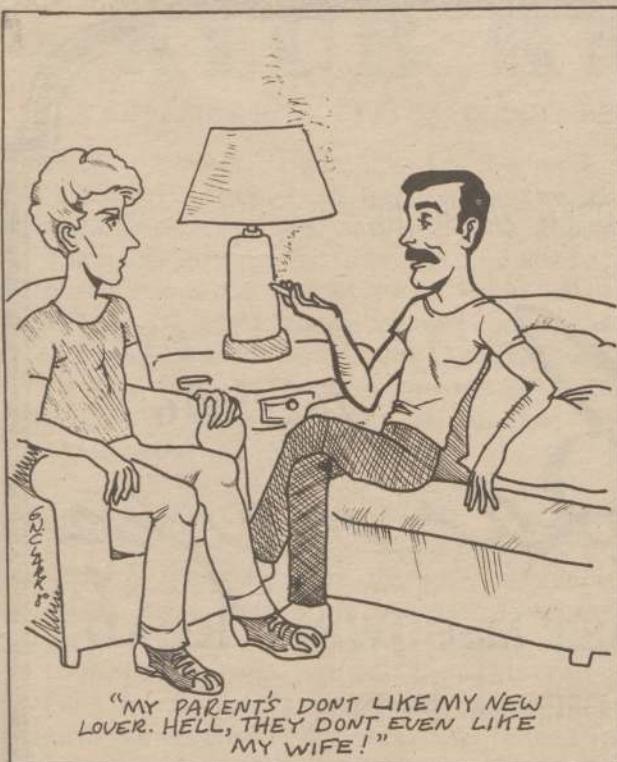
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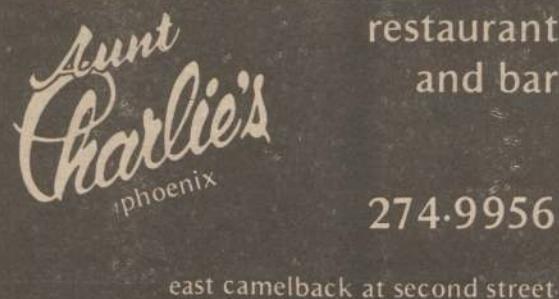
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REYNOLDS TO REPLACE GERE IN BENT?

NEW YORK, NY (GPU) - Although some may feel that he is too old for the role, producers claim they have lined up Burt Reynolds to replace Richard Gere for the lead role in the Broadway production of the London hit "Bent;" a harrowing drama about Gay men in Nazi concentration camps. David Dukes will continue on in the role as the lover. Dukes, who claimed to have trouble preparing for the scene where the two men make love without touching, ("I tried to fantasize this girlfriend and that girlfriend") but finally decided, "I just had to make love to Richard," may not have the same problem with Reynolds, but what about Burt?



MCC Phoenix

Christians are a very diverse group of people. Like any group of people, it is unfair, to stereotype Christians. All too often people have had bad experiences with some preacher, church or denomination and condemn all Christians as being bad. Casa de Cristo presents a viewpoint of Christianity that may be entirely new, and even rather shocking to some people. Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Casa de Cristo MCC is sponsoring a "Freedom Rally for Human Rights." Several people and groups from the outside community have been invited to be a part of this protest rally of the "Washington For Jesus" Rally to be held on Tuesday. Gay Christians and their non-Gay Christian friends present a different, but very exciting, aspect of living and vital Christianity. The Sunday evening rally will be held in the sanctuary at 1029 E. Turney.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Sunday morning activities. At 9:30 the Sunday School meets. There are classes for all ages - children through adults. At 10:55 a.m. the Service of Christian Celebration is held. This too is an exciting service. Those who have never attended such a service will be thrilled at the spirit of love that prevails in these services.

Two coming events to Casa de Cristo are causing much activity around the church. On Sunday, May 4, the Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be part of the Morning Service. Following the service a pinata, filled with goodies will be broken by the children. Indian fry bread will be served on the patio. On Sunday, May 11, the mothers of the congregation will be honored in a special Mother's Day Celebration at the 10:55 a.m. hour. Following the morning service, many from the congregation along with the Casa Choir, will car pool to Tucson. Following a brunch, the Casa Choir will be bringing "An Evening Of Music," at Tucson's Unitarian Church. This program is being sponsored jointly by the various churches and religious groups in Tucson. It promises to be an eventful evening as the people from Tucson and Phoenix fellowship in unity together.

GAY COS NEWS The LCY (Liberated Christian Youth) group is continuing to grow. All young people from ages 16 to 25 are welcome and invited to be a part of this group. Raps, social events and various activities are planned by the group. For more info call either the Gay Help Line at 265-1102 or the Casa de Cristo church at 265-2831.

The Gay Parents Group will hold a pot-luck dinner and open rap session on Saturday, May 3. All Gay parents are most cordially invited to be a part of this support group, designed especially for parents. For location of the pot-luck call 265-2831. The group presently meets two Saturday evenings each month.

The Gay Help Line is concluding its present series of training classes for new volunteers. Hours for the Help Line will shortly be increased to meet the expanding needs of the community.

Gay-Cos (Gay Christian Outreach Services) is co-sponsoring the coming "Freedom Rally For Human Rights," to be held on Sunday evening, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Casa de Cristo Church. Speakers from several community groups have been invited to participate in this event.

MCC Tucson

Hello again from Truth Chapel. The plans for the upcoming Evening of Music with the Casa de Cristo MCC Choir are beginning to firm up. We are very happy to assist in association with Holy Trinity and Santa Cruz churches, in the hosting of this event. We also want to thank Pastor Jim Rice of Holy Trinity for the great job he is doing coordinating.

This Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. we will have a special guest at the Men's Rap Group, so be sure not to miss this rap.

Come out and worship with us next Sunday at 10:45 a.m. when we meet at 2460 N. Dodge as do all our activities. For further information call 884-1782. May God's love be with you and yours, Dennis and Steve

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MOTHER'S DAY, May 11, 1980, is going to be a big day! Don't forget that the Casa Choir will be in town for a concert at 6 p.m. at the main sanctuary at 4821 E. 22nd St. No preaching, just an enjoyable evening of enjoyable music. No admission. We will accept donations to help defray expenses. Get a crowd together and make this the Gala Social Event of the season for our community. Light refreshments will be served on the patio afterwards.

A brunch will also be held at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket earlier that day for the entire community. Cost and time will be announced later.

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**FROM THE
MOUTH
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PHOENIX - I've always made it a rule to stay away from causes or political issues in my column. Gossip columns like mine should contain tantalizing tidbits of news with little social content. Indulge me darlings as I would like to make this column an exception to the rule.

A dear friend of mine, John Goldschmid, v' o many of you know as Jo Anne, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Alternative Relations Center, the ARC. I would like to acquaint you, my darling fans, with John's hopes and goals for the center as told to me by John.

John became involved in the Alternative Relations Center last year when the building was donated to the community and the original directors began the physical task of converting a rundown storage building into the really beautiful complex of offices, meeting rooms and auditorium that the Center is now. Many people, headed by Bob Hegyi, Draffan McBride and Cherie Wescott worked many hours in creating this little silk purse out of a sow's ear.

Many amazing things have happened since the first hammer was picked up and the first nail driven. The building is really beautiful but more important than that is that there are things actually happening there that are of benefit to this community. Just a few of the things that are going on there include a very intensive educational program for people who volunteer for the Gay Assistance and Information Line (GAI). These very brave people answer the telephones at the center and handle any and everything from locating activities in the city for uninformed callers, to keeping someone from possibly taking his or her life, to just listening to a problem. There is also a GED program which has already graduated its first class. Now if that's not enough, the center is literally booked solid every night with meetings, play rehearsals, youth groups and just plain fun. There is also a very well stocked library.

Now you may say "What do I need with any of those things?" Well, we all hope that no one NEEDS any of those things, but for those who do they are there. The real problem and the real reason that I am letting John take up so much space in my column is that as with all good things come some bad. Not bad things, not bad news, just lack of money. John is starting some extensive advertising programs and publicity programs to make people aware of the Center and its activities and also help finance what is going on there. If you are interested in helping with some of the upcoming programs or getting involved with the current ones, call John and leave a message at the center or just speak to the person who answers the phone. (254-6500). The address of the center is 1836 Grand Avenue.

In closing, thank you again, darlings, for indulging me this column. I'll be back in two weeks with my promised poison pen and baskets full of dirty linen. Affectionately

Dragon Lady

in TUCSON is it true.....

- ..."Shut up - here comes Loretta!"
- ...Last night I made the best Hamburger Helper yet!
- ...Judy Ohhh really isn't that way, she just does it to please Big D. Tony!
- ...What do you mean calling that a "Pink" Cadillac!
- ...What do you mean telling the machine repairman that I'm a little drunk?
- ...Am I a bartender or a telephone receptionist?
- ...Roy H. would be a much better bartender if he could only keep his legs together.
- ...I got it for Matt M's birthday so he'd look real pretty when I bury him!
- ...Kevin said, "I was going to throw a big birthday party for Brent F. but I couldn't reserve the community centerT-Room!"
- ...Well, "The Big Cupboard" must be in a good mood, he's being just rotten to everyone.
- ...I wonder why Ron B. is so excited working in Phoenix two days a week?
- ...Roger B. said, "I'm so tired, I can't even think about sex!"
- ...After last Wednesday night, "It's about time they had something pretty on stage at Jekyll's!"

KLUB KNEWS

ARIZONA ACTIVITIES GROUP BEING FORMED

PHOENIX - Desert Adventure is the name of a new group that was recently formed to help organize group activities for Arizona's Gay men and women. The group's main function is to organize and coordinate group activities, but it will also try to keep its members informed of other group activities beside those organized by Desert Adventure. Our most recent event was a volleyball game at Encanto Park where the men challenged the women. The men won 3 of 4 games, but, with the help of Adrian, the women won the shouting contest hands down.

Desert Adventure is currently involved in three major organizational projects. Our number one priority will be to recruit as many members to our organization as is possible. There is no charge for becoming a member, but you must be a member or be accompanied by a member to participate in our group activities. Our second priority will be to organize another volleyball contest. This time Phoenix would like to challenge Tucson. (I have been assured by the Phoenix team that they will win easily). Our third priority will be to organize an Arizona Gay Softball team to participate in the Gay Softball League. Our team will be playing other teams from San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco. I've heard that these teams have a fantastic time before, during and after each game.

Several activities have already been scheduled while others are still in the planning stage. Although Desert Adventure is an Arizona-based group, several of our activities will involve joint events with similar groups in California. In July we will have our first joint activity when Desert Adventure hosts Great Outdoors to a float down the Salt River and a volleyball contest where Arizona will challenge California. This event will be well attended since Great Outdoors has a current membership of over 500 people. Other activities are also being planned with the San Diego Motorcycle Club and Great Outdoor Adventure Unlimited of San Francisco. Below is a list of activities that are now being planned by Desert Adventure.

ROLLERSKATING - Every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. a group of people meet at Skate World for a night of rollerskating. Everyone is welcome.

COAL MINE CANYON - June 28 and 29

On the 1st night of the full moon we will sit, eat and drink while waiting for the "Dancing Ghost" to appear. This outing also includes swimming and sunbathing in Oak Creek Canyon.

GAY NIGHT AT SKATE WORLD - June 30 at 8:00 p.m.

The roller rink at Skate World has been reserved by Desert Adventure. Tickets for this event can be purchased in advance or at the door.

TUBING AND VOLLEYBALL - July ?? (To be announced later)

Desert Adventure will host Great Outdoors to a float down the Salt River and a volleyball contest at Coon's Bluff.

SUPAI BACKPACKING - July 25, 26 and 27.

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PHOENIX - The inaugural event in a series of fund-raising affairs sponsored by Los Amigos del Sol will take the form of a car wash slated for this Saturday, April 26. It will be followed by encore performances on May 17 and June 7. The latter two dates also fall on Saturdays. Crewed by Los Amigos del Sol volunteers, the car washes "are a logical extension of spring cleaning," according to LADS president Dan Kleven. The site of the car washes is Mr. Fatfingers, 5949 N. 7th Street. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. and cost - for passenger cars and pickups - is \$1.00 plus an additional \$1.00 for interiors. Fees for other vehicles, such as campers and motor homes are negotiable.

A social organization whose membership is composed of "hard-working, fun-loving Valley men and women," Kleven notes that "proceeds from the car washes will help to underwrite the club's non-profit activities. Among the up-coming social events is the club's annual Prescott camp-out, scheduled for July 3-4-5-6. This perennial outing -- a favorite of members and guests alike -- features an abundance of good food and good fellowship, all in the great outdoors. Tentatively set for September 20, is a repeat of the popular and highly successful "Monte Carlo Night" featuring Las Vegas type gambling. Membership information may be obtained by writing Los Amigos del Sol, P.O. Box 27335, Phoenix 85061.

Top screenwriter hosts Tucson events

TUCSON - One of America's most celebrated film authors, Frank Pierson, will host a public screening of one of his major movies and conduct a filmmakers' seminar in Tucson, this Saturday, April 26, as a guest of the Southwestern Film Consortium. Frank Pierson won the 1975 Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay with his script for "Dog Day Afternoon" (Al Pacino starring for director Sidney Lumet). Pierson also received Oscar nominations for writing two other contemporary entertainment classics, "Cool Hand Luke," and "Cat Ballou."

In addition, Pierson scripted "The Anderson Tapes," co-wrote and directed the Barbra Streisand-Kris Kristofferson "A Star Is Born," and adapted and directed "King of the Gypsies." The 50-year-old filmmaker is among the most highly regarded writer-directors in the current movie world. Film students and enthusiasts are invited to attend Pierson's 9:30 a.m. workshop-and-discussion session at the University of Arizona's new Psychology Building, Room 208. Admission is free. At 1:30 p.m. in the University's Student Center Gallagher Theater, Pierson will host a screening of "Dog Day Afternoon" and discuss his art. This show is open to the public, and a \$1.00 donation is requested.

in TUCSON is it true.....

...Yes, it is true, there is something in that black bag for Daya too!
...I told Wilma to drink double and act single and now look at her!!!
...I don't believe it, Joe H. left with someone.
...This is the first time in nine years I've been able to say Phil C. it is your other half Wally on the phone!
...Mark S. certainly has a great outfit for the bar, but I wouldn't ride on a bus with him.

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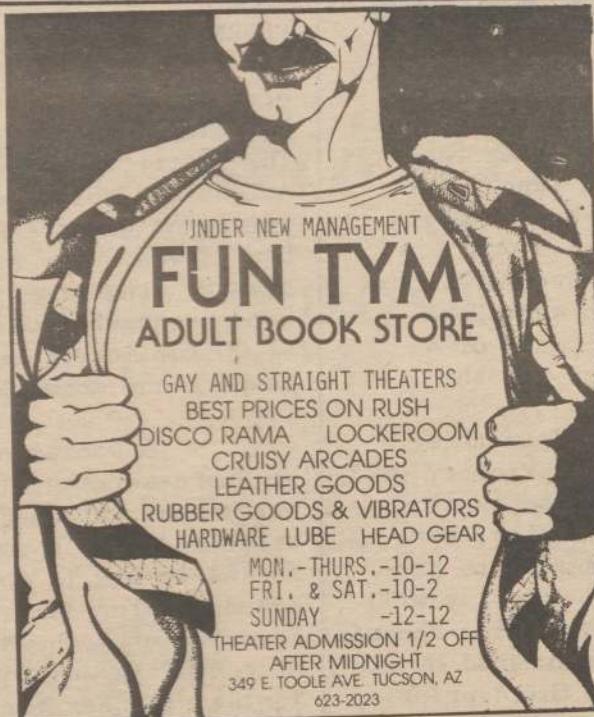
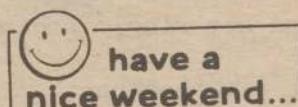
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