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—Jack Caldwell

## QUICK NOTE TO SUBSCRIBERS, CONTRACTUAL ADVERTISERS...AND OTHERS

Our last published edition was January. There was no February issue, much to our disappointment and yours, owing to the breakdown of our typesetting equipment. We apologize for this unfortunate circumstance, which was beyond our control.

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This interruption in service has been an embarrassment (and costly) to us, and, owing to the number of calls we have received regarding it, greatly noticed by our readership. We shall do everything within our power to see that this does not happen again.

## THE MEDIA AND JOHN WAYNE GACY

When the first of 32 bodies were discovered in the crawl space beneath the floor and in the attic of John Gacy's Des Plaines (suburban Chicago) home back in December, the nation shuddered — especially the nation's Gays. Gacy was accused of, and will be tried for, the murders of 32 teen-aged boys and young men in the largest sex-oriented "mass murder" episode in American history.

Gacy, who served time for a sodomy conviction, supposedly lured his alleged victims with the offer of better-paying jobs and other enticements, into his home where, it is charged, he sexually abused, tortured and murdered these young men over a period of at least seven years. Horrible and incredibly sick, these crimes will haunt America for years to come.

The discovery of the bodies, the arrest, and the countless details received nationwide front page coverage in newspapers and has been the subject of television news media reporting since the episode began to unfold.

It remains an enigma how a man with such a police record and who had been linked to the disappearance of at least three Chicago-area young men was not directly suspect of foul-play months, if not years, earlier. What is even more bizarre is the fact that Gacy was given Secret Service clearance and was found hob-nobbing with such notables as the First Lady and the Mayor of Chicago, among others.

Throughout the plethora of material written and reported in the media is an interesting and noteworthy situation. The word "homosexual" has been astoundingly missing in association with the Gacy case. Why, we wonder? Most certainly, the media could have had a field day. They could have done a fantastic smear-job on John Gacy, using all the various pejorative, demeaning slurs often directed at our subculture — "GACY, THE FAG, ARRESTED IN BOY-MURDERS" — "GACY — A QUEER WITH BLOOD ON HIS HANDS" — "HOMOSEXUAL SUSPECT IN DISAPPEARANCE OF 32 YOUTHS" These

could have been the headlines. You get the picture, we've seen it all before. But they didn't, and we wonder why. The only occurrence that comes to mind was an article that appeared in Phoenix' own *Republic and Gazette* which, as you will recall, drew severe chiding for such blatant innuendo from many among the Gay Community (see *THE PRIDE, Newsreel*, January 79).

Could it be that the news media has finally become ultimately sensitive to this issue (Gay people) and as a result will no longer stoop to such a level? Has the public become aware that such things are in no way representative of America's Gays and therefore should not be related to them? This is possible and if, in actuality it is the case, then, we Gays, have won a tremendous victory and can be proud of this positive statement made by the omission of that suggestion.

The subject of John Gacy and the discovery of the bodies in his home was discussed on the Phil Donohue Show the evening of March 5 (carried on Channel 5 in Phoenix). Along with Donohue were three parents of young men whose bodies were uncovered in Gacy's Des Plaines home and a Chicago reporter (Petaque) who has followed the case since the first body was uncovered. A young man who claimed to have been abducted by Gacy was also present. The pain, anguish and torment of the parents of these young men was obvious. The abduction victim described how Gacy (supposedly) picked him up on the street, offered him a joint, chloroformed him, took him to a then-unknown location, tied him up, and for four hours sexually abused him, chloroformed him again and returned him to where he had been picked up. Subsequently, he was treated at a hospital (photos were shown) for burns and rectal bleeding. The young man later managed to trace Gacy (by watching for his car), though the police did not follow up on the incident.

Throughout this ninety minute interview, something again was conspicuously missing: the word "homosexual" in association with Gacy. Only once did Donohue or anyone else use the word, and even then it was "homosexual-type" situations. Gacy was not called a homosexual, nor were any of his alleged victims. Interesting, very interesting.

Other possibilities of course exist as to why the label was not placed, but the strongest and most realistic is that the media realizes that it would be far from fair to call John Gacy a homosexual and so label us all in the minds of other Americans as the murderers of young men.



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ARIZONA REPUBLIC'S "FORUM" LOOKS AT GAYS THROUGH ADVOCATE'S EYES

Karen Boyd ought to read the *Advocate* sometime before writing about it. Unless my perception is wrong, the last time I saw the *Advocate*, it was a newspaper and not a magazine as she called it. Be that as it may, it was interesting to see anything at all in our local wipe about Gays — that is, unless it related to arrests, rapes or something of that sort. We wonder if Ms. Nina proof-read this one before it went to press... And front page of Saturday's (Feb. 24) Section B, no less. Hurray! — Or should we be applauding. It looks like we should.

But as for the *Advocate* and the results of their questionnaire, well, that's *a-whole-nother* matter. We should have been embarrassed to have quoted statistics from a mere 64 questionnaires. 64! David Goodstein says there are 160,000 Gays in Phoenix. Using that figure, his questionnaire represents a whopping .0004% of the supposed total Gay population of Phoenix Arizona.

Oh, please! What kind of a cross-section does this represent? And since his questionnaire went only to those who receive the *Advocate* by subscription, it obviously would reflect a high percentage of Gay homeowners (74% — his figure).

Well, this is all just *wonderful*, but Ms. Boyd's article is misleading, since it says, "questionnaires returned by *Advocate* readers". I have no idea how many subscribers the *Advocate* actually has in Phoenix, but I am certain it must be a far higher figure than 64. As for the readership of that publication in Phoenix, Phil Santhon's secretary has informed me that they distribute 300 copies every two weeks through their stores.

Meaningless as Goodstein's figures may be, the information (opinions?) he shares are intriguing. On the subject of police harassment, Goodstein says he was surprised to find out how much they (Gays) were harassed. Was this a slip of the tongue — did he mean to say, "how little..."? Or could it be that the word "harassment" was misleading. It's difficult for me to believe that these lawyers, computer technologists, and accountants ("not a hairdresser in the lot"), 74% of whom own their own homes and 43% of whom have 6½ year (average) lover relationships have been harassed to the degree he alleges — he had no percentage figure for it. Yes, we know it exists. We also know that bookstore rousts, routine carding in the milk-run and stopping drunken drivers leaving Gay bars does not really constitute harassment. Perhaps some would disagree.

Also in the "some would" department — some would say there is no "gay leadership" in Phoenix at all. Those repliers to the *Advocate* questionnaire felt — or at least *some* felt — "the present leaders are too radical and don't represent the general gay population".

Too radical, eh? Perhaps so, since in Arizona to be Gay and make any kind of political statement is indeed *radical*. And it comes as no surprise that these (64) upper middle class, householder, professional (don't-rock-my-boat) types would think and say so. And these are the very people who sit there smugly

in their almost-paid-for four bedroom, two-bath tract homes, contributing to the Republican Party while their Gay brothers and sisters schlepp clothes for Diamond's, if they're lucky, for \$2.85 an hour and find themselves at the short end of the stick at every turn because it's known they're Gay. Yes, they would say that Arizona's Gay leadership is too radical.

And as for these "middle class gays" not coming out until political, legal and social changes create a "safe environment" — that's typical and unfortunate. If they would come out, the road to achieving the things they want would be easier and quicker — not to mention a lot less work for those of us who *are* working to those ends. We do agree that Phoenix (Arizona) needs law changes and that's what CCI is all about, or did anyone tell him?

Social opportunities — Goodstein says there are none. I disagree. Gary Shiffman would disagree. Rev. Fred Pattison would disagree. Bob Hegyi would disagree. Jay Myers would disagree. Bj Bud would disagree. But, then again, from his questionnaire, what else could he surmise. I truly hope that the 145,000 Gays in the Valley who don't see *THE PRIDE*, *The AGN*, *the Sunday's Child Newsletter* and the other organizational sheets in town haven't taken the *Advocate's* point of view as Gospel, for if they have, they'll never venture out.

"Too divisive" the survey's repliers said about the Community. Too divisive indeed! It's obvious why *they* would think so, since they never go out, all they know is from hearsay, or perhaps an occasional dog-eared copy of the *Sunday's Child Newsletter* or maybe a yellowed issue of the *AGN*, several months old and handed down from their Gay houseboy. Yes, divisive, indeed. All I can say in reply is, "It's their own fault!"

"Phoenix isn't the best place in the country to live as a gay...but it isn't the worst place either." Phoenix can be anything we all want it to be, provided we *all* can decide. But that itself will be difficult as long as so many of us remain hidden away, trying oh-so-hard to make everyone around us think we're straight ("Think Straight — Be Gay"?) and let a handful of well-meaning dedicated souls bear the brunt of it all.

An interesting article, this one in the *Republic*, but as for Mr. Goodstein's survey...I think it leaves much to be desired.

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Local gays say job discrimination, social stigma and the lack of legal protection have forced them to stay in the closet . . .

*The Arizona Republic  
Saturday, February 24, 1979*

## Homosexuals give Phoenix low rating in magazine survey

By KAREN BOYD

The gay community in Phoenix has only partially come out of the closet and major changes are needed before homosexuals can live as ordinary citizens in the Valley.

That's the conclusion drawn from a survey of 64 local homosexuals, mostly male, made by *The Advocate*, a California-based magazine for homosexuals. Its publisher, David Goodstein, was in Phoenix recently and summed up the results of 64 questionnaires returned by *Advocate* readers.

"In the Phoenix survey, two out of five gays experienced oppression compared with one out of five in a national survey," Goodstein said. "It surprised me to find how much they were harassed by the police and by employers. They're losing jobs here."

(Det. Gerald Cash of the Phoenix Police Department's vice squad said, "We limit our arrests to public places such as bars, adult bookstores and parks. We don't harass. Many of the arrests are made because of complaints from citizens.")

He said 350 men were arrested last year for homosexual activity covered by a city code that forbids soliciting, offering or agreeing to sexual activity in a public place.)

Goodstein estimated there are 160,000 homosexual men and women in Phoenix. Those surveyed by the magazine tend to be more educated and affluent than the average, he said.

"They are in such fields as law, computer technology and accounting. There wasn't a hairdresser in the lot. Of those 64, 74 percent own their own homes, 43 percent live with lovers (average time together, six and one-half years), and 64

percent have given money to political campaigns within the last two years."

Goodstein's point is that a good portion of Phoenix homosexuals are leading stable, conservative lives in respected professions. However, these men are the ones least likely to declare their gayness and work for gay rights.

"One of the biggest problems in Phoenix is the gay leadership," he said. "Some say the present leaders are too radical and don't represent the general gay population. That may not be true, but that's how it's perceived."

Middle class gays will not come out (publicly acknowledge their homosexuality) until political, legal and social changes create a "safe environment," he said.

"The first thing Phoenix needs is a reform in the penal code. A consensual-sex-in-private law would get a lot of non-gay support.

"Phoenix also needs more social opportunities for gays. Right now there is no way for them to get together except to drink or dance." Nor is there any place for young gays to go for information on homosexuality or how to come out, he said.

Other problems include treatment of venereal disease, alcoholism and other addictions, Goodstein said.

"It's often a problem choosing a doctor who is sympathetic with our problems. And many alcohol and drug treatment centers treat the gayness and not the addiction. They figure the gayness causes the addiction."

The survey revealed criticism by homosexuals of their own community,

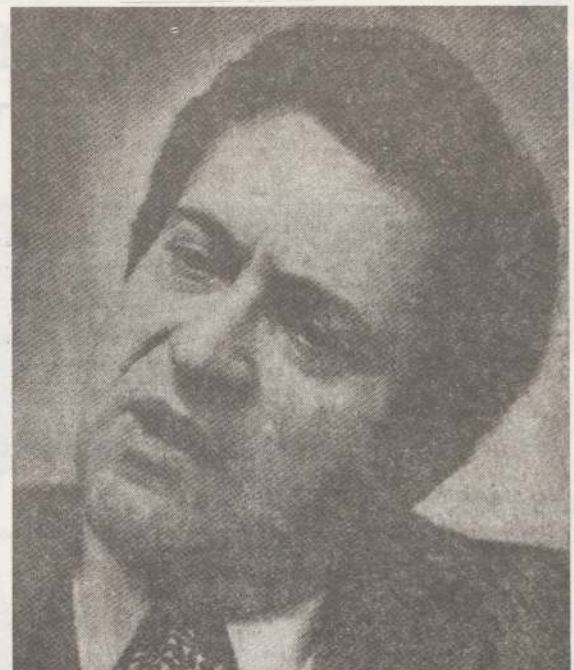
mainly that it was too divisive, Goodstein said.

"There were contradictory opinions, depending on where the person had come from. Someone from Yuma, for example, thought Phoenix had a large variety of gay opportunities while others, from New York, for example, thought it was dead."

Most homosexuals indicated they enjoyed the friendly, easy-going desert lifestyle, but dislike the "repressive political climate, the backward legal system and police harassment," Goodstein said.

In his opinion, the climate in Phoenix for homosexuals is similar to that on the West Coast 15 years ago.

"Phoenix isn't the best place in the country to live as a gay," he said. "But it isn't the worst place either."



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On Saturday evening, February 24, Phil Santhon hosted a Cocktail Party for the benefit of CCR. The event was held in his Glendale home and proved to be one of the nicest of parties ever-to be held in this City.

Some thirty people attended the gathering which featured a beautiful table of hors d'oeuvres, prepared lovingly by members of CCR's Steering Committee, and a bar, aptly manned by Mitch Miers.

Among those attending were Rusty Warren and Eva Flannagan, and, as the guest of *THE PRIDE*, *THE ADVOCATE'S* Lenny Giteck (pictured immediately below with Rusty Warren).

Obviously successful, the event raised (approximately) \$400 to be used for the on-going work of CCR, the Phoenix-based Human Rights organization.





**BOB HEGYI INSTALLED AS PL & L PRESIDENT**



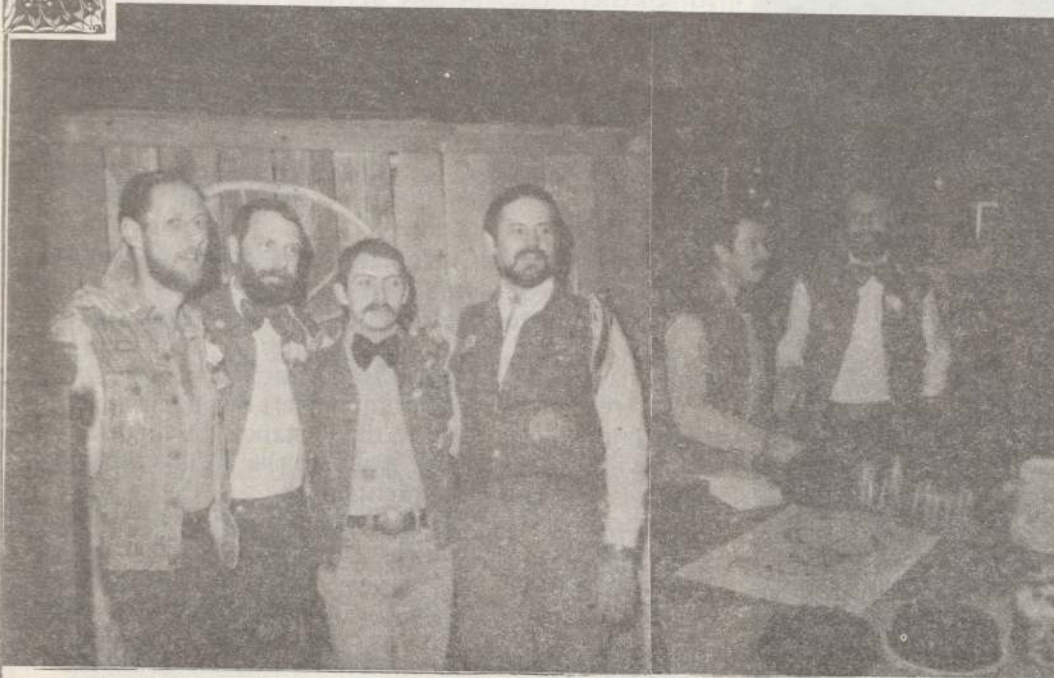
Pictured here are Bob Hegyi (left) and Randy Shaner (right) during the swearing in ceremonies at the Phoenix Levi-Leather Club's Installation Dinner held at the Connection on the evening of March 3. Bob Hegyi was elected to the position of President of the organization.

The evening was indeed a gala event, beginning with cocktails, continuing with an outstandingly fine dinner prepared by club members under the watchful supervision of Gerry DeHart. Numerous awards were given out to various members of the organization for their contributions, with Randy Shaner, founder and first President of PL&L doing the honors. We were pleased to be among the large group of on-lookers to the evening's festivities. We congratulate Randy for his accomplishments in the past year and wish Bob Hegyi the best in the coming year.



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John LaNoue, Bob Hegyi, Randy Shaner and Gerry DeHart posed for our camera at PL & L Dinner, March 3.

PL & L founder, Randy Shaner and Bob Hegyi cut the cake replete with the club's insignia for desert.



## Free Spirit leader sees opportunities for improvements —Arizona Republic

The basic findings of The Advocate survey (see story at left) tally with the opinion of a local gay rights leader.

"The situation in Phoenix is ambiguous," said Jay Myers, director of Free Spirit, a local non-profit service organization for homosexuals.

"On one hand, the climate is politically conservative and the law offers no protection. Restaurant owners could refuse service to gays and business can deny employment. The police vice squads work very strongly in certain places, such as adult book stores and restrooms, but the gay bars and discos aren't bothered.

"But Phoenix is also becoming increasingly cosmopolitan with a lot of people from the East and West Coasts moving in. In terms of discrimination, Phoenix seems to be average. In rural areas or states like Arkansas and Oklahoma, it's almost impossible to be gay."

Job discrimination in Phoenix does exist, Myers said, but many large companies have adopted a "see-no-evil" attitude. They will hire and retain homosexuals, but only if "we don't bring our personal lives to the office," Myers said.

"It's hard, watching your pronouns and just sitting there when other employees talk about their wives and kids or make heterosexual jokes."

He has been treated well on the job, he said, but has been asked not to reveal his place of employment.

"I have had friends, though, who did lose their jobs. They were made so miserable that they quit or else they were dismissed on other grounds," Myers said.

"Many gays prefer to open their own businesses and this tendency is growing in Phoenix. But right now there really isn't much."

Myers agreed with The Advocate survey that more social opportunities are needed in Phoenix.

"Our focus now is a gay community building where we can have a hotline, counseling, legal advice and a meeting place for community events.

Myers also agrees that the gay community in Phoenix is diverse ("All we have in common is our sexual preference") and that the older, more established homosexuals are reluctant to assume leadership.

"They often prefer not to be visible although they may be active in the gay community," he said.

Myers believes that homosexuals are not more vigorously discriminated against in Phoenix because they generally keep a low profile.

"You don't see men on the street in Phoenix holding hands, for example, whereas in Los Angeles or San Francisco, you do."

He sees as a sign of progress the fact that homosexuality is more openly discussed.

"It used to just be eluded to and snickered at in locker rooms. But now gay speakers are going to the junior colleges. By talking about it openly, it brings the shock value down and people can start to look at it more objectively."

As for the homosexual in Phoenix, Myers believes, "He (or she) can live a productive and happy life with a mate. But he still has to make constant adjustments.

"Our ultimate goal is that being gay won't matter any more than being left-handed."



## POLITICS MAKES FOR STRANGE BEDFELLOWS



AGN photo

"Wonder of wonders" exclaimed the AGN on their front page (Vol. 4, Issue 10) with this photo of John Morris (CCK) and Bj Bud: while we were not overwhelmed by it, I'm sure certain people — especially those who have read the recent comments printed elsewhere about CCK — were stunned by it.

Burying the hatchet is a great thing. If it has worked it could be one of the best things to happen here in recent days, and we're hoping it *has* worked. No organization needs this kind of unwarranted (my opinion) indirect criticism that CCK has received lately — least of all an organization whose harder working members want nothing less than the best for Arizona's Gays, and who have been working to that end for over two years now (with, I might add, *no* interruption even when criticized). So, if Bj has found it within herself to capitulate, I say, "Bravo! And you managed to save-face too!" This could prove to be one of the shrewdest moves she's ever made.

Any criticism of Bj aside, one thing above all else stands out in my mind as a result of all this flap. It seems that many Gay people have a problem in common — not only Gay people, for this is apparently rampant among all people. I'm going to call it "confronting" (No, I didn't pick it up from Scientology). It goes this way: Got a gripe or a bitch? Well, don't you *dare* confront the people or person directly involved. Oh, no. Instead, talk behind their backs, and then of course, send letters and articles to a publication who will sympathetically print it (in this case, the

AGN, but it could have been us, except for our direct involvement). Then be sure in the article to be as vague as possible (initially), just to infuriate your adversary. Follow it up with more of the same later. But, by all means, *don't confront them!* Always do it behind their backs, from a *safe* distance.

Personally, I cannot understand this kind of thing — only because I couldn't honestly do it myself. But it's very much a part of our society — a very unnecessary part.

The easiest way for Bj to have had her nine (or more) "myths" answered would have been by coming to a Steering Committee meeting (all she had to do is call and ask where and when, the meetings *are* open) and it could have been discussed to her satisfaction.

Now, I realize that tactics in matters of politics are of utmost importance. And in this instance the tactics employed by Bj were wise, since, in the "final" analysis, (the photo and good comments in the AGN), she came out "on top". Now, I'm not being critical of her — please understand that — since I feel it would be a sad thing for the Gay Community of this City if Bj's input and abilities were entirely destroyed by this ludicrous clap-trap. And while I don't for one minute think that she's through (since in my opinion, it was never the organization she has been after, but one particular person), it is nice to see John Morris and Bj Bud both coming out of this squabble "smelling like a rose".

But now, back to my real point. How do I get it across to people that a direct confrontation is the way to settle things. And while dragging someone or something through the muck and embarrassment of public humiliation (trial by press) may be called for in some extreme case — like when all else has failed — the best approach is a direct approach.

Do you talk behind people's backs? Criticize when someone's not around? Make nasty comments and accusations about organizations and clubs to others? The end result of such actions is what's often been labelled "divisiveness" (where have we heard this before?)

The Gay Community — loose-knit and paranoid — just can't afford to be separated by such stuff. You can bring it right down to a one-to-one thing: We all need each other. Somehow we've got to come to that understanding. Here I am, saying all this, while under my own roof during the recent flap a certain initialled name was taken in vain more than once. I hope we're beyond that now.

Yes, more than once I thought about marching my buns right over to her house and telling her just exactly what I thought of her and what she was doing. I also entertained (and it *was* sadistically entertaining) the idea of lambasting her this month in *THE PRIDE* — pull out the stops! Hit her where it hurts most! Tell all the garbage I know about her that would make her look bad!

But then my mind went to something my Dad used to say to me many years ago (25 years to be exact — My

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God, I'm not eighteen anymore!) and that was: "You can't quote silence". There's alot of truth in that statement. Some things just don't require rebuttal — the rebuttal itself often means a defensive position, and I really don't think CCR's been accused of anything worth defending.

So, I've tried (as much as possible, short of not writing this) to say nothing in reply — even privately now.

But still, the greatest lesson we could all learn from this is not to start these things in the first place, no matter how small or how large. Simply go to those involved and talk it out. The answers are usually simple and plain. And so, we could all avoid this disgraceful tearing down process that always follows such thoughtless unwarranted attacks.

## GAY CAMPUS COMMUNITY 'BECOMES GAY ACADEMIC UNION

Gay Academic Union is a reality now. Born of Gay Campus Community, this ASU group is now a part of this nationwide organization. Hoping to meet the needs of Gay teachers, students and staff in their professional careers, GAU holds Thursday night Rap Groups at the Family Studies Building on the ASU Campus.



GAU's officers, David Christian, Morningwaters, and Gary Shiffman, at one of the Thursday night groups

We attended one of their group meetings a couple of weeks ago, and were pleased to see the meeting room filled with interested participants. Gary Shiffman, known to practically everyone in the Phoenix area, has been selected as the organization's president, and with the help of vice president Morningwaters and secretary-treasurer David Christian, this group has great potential. We found the group to be both pleasant and friendly, providing a great opportunity to discuss issues with other Gay people — something that is a breath of fresh air for those of us who are used to attempting to carry on conversations in bars. Their group begins at 7:30 each Thursday night, and if you're a student — or just an interested person — at ASU, this would be a fine opportunity for you to get to know some of your Gay brothers and sisters there. I'm sure you'll be pleased at what a worthwhile organization this truly is. Hats off to Gary and his group for their efforts.

## THE POET'S CORNER



Well, it's finally happened. For months we've gotten inquiries from *aspiring* poets (?) and others who have it in their heads that they can write. We've always said "No, we just don't have the space." Actually, we've never wanted to have to reject things submitted, so we've never printed any of it.

We have, however, decided to take a chance (I hope we don't regret it later!) and start to print now and then things submitted. Now, *THE PRIDE* staff is by no means in any kind of position to act as a critic in this area, but we will no doubt have to make critical decisions from time to time about what to print. If you have things to submit, send them along with a self-addressed stamped envelope (for return) to us at *The Pride Publishing Company, P. O. Box 9550, Phoenix, Arizona 85068*.

Here's this month's selection — maybe not a literary genius, but we thought it amusing. What do you think?

### SHE HAD HER MOUSTACHE IN THE WRONG PLACE

At the TV Ball I got quite a shock.  
Saw this hot kid used to live on our block.  
Always had eyes to make that sweet guy  
(Grabbed it a few times to give it a try!).  
Came now trucking in a gorgeous gown  
(Sent me high when I wanted to go down).  
Everything perfect from plastic boobs  
To a foam rubber snatch for strange interludes.  
But one thing I couldn't take even in dark  
(Imagine us strolling in Flagstaff Park!).  
She had her moustache in the wrong damn place.  
Not in her pants, but up on her face.

—Lee S. Thomas.



# NOW THAT WAS TACKY

- The CZAR has proclaimed that "Josie will hereafter be known as *the buns of death* because everyone who's had them has died!"
- Speaking of Josie...we hear he's now been 69'd — no, that can't be — it must have been 86'd, yes that's it, from the Forum. Where to next, sweetie, The 307? Or maybe you should try the Goodwill Antique Auction.
- We're hearing stories about Casa's TONY BALONEY and his visit to the chicken ranches in Texas, and how he brought one home with him. Isn't chicken-napping a crime?
- And here, now — so the world will know — is LITTLE DOUGIE G's (P L & L) new name...it's LUSCIOUS LIPS. We'll just save the story-behind-the-name for later...!
- SAM S (Forum owner) and Miss Tiffany Jones in the Forum's T-room? How cozy! Seems there was some disagreement over who was doing who. Who cares...?
- Now that BOB H. is president of P L & L, how will he ever find the time to run his introduction service?
- And just who was JOHN M's (CCR Exec.) date for the P L & L Inauguration Dinner? None other than Ms. BLANCHE duBOIS (of prestigious Moon Valley), all preened and douched and looking for all the world like one of the *stuffed game hens* which were the main course...Juanita and Blanche...now that's a match made in heaven!
- And while we're on that subject...BLANCHE duBOIS (otherwise known as Mary-Mary, Quite Contrary)...how *does* your garden grow? With snips and snails and puppy dog tails and...*brown lumps!!!* Oh, my God!
- CRAIG F (one of Ted M's Cha-Cha friends) has had his legs in the air so often in the past few weeks that the City of Phoenix is considering him as an alternate route for the Salt River. Do watch out for those pieces of passing driftwood, dearie!
- (Confidential to JAYE) Your pants are sticking out!
- San Diego's ex-number 1 Go-Go Boy, MARK H., found the pedestal table at a recent CCR cocktail party nearly irresistible. He had to be restrained as he whipped out his G-string and pasties from his back pocket.
- Our compliments to GERRY DEHART for his culinary expertise in the preparation of the entre for P L & L's Inaugural Dinner...but then, we've all seen him in action before...stuffing chickens.
- We just love GARY SHIFFMAN's Gay Academic Union slide show...surgery on hermaphrodites *is* kinky, but hard to get off on. Perhaps some action stuff would increase rap-group attendance...!
- And while we're on that subject...GARY S and BILL R (Forum owner) doing *what* in broad daylight in Bill's car in the intersection of 32nd Street & Thomas? Talk about a quickie...!
- (Confidential to GARY) Have you been keeping track of those pictures taken at the *Nudetowne*??? We have...
- AGN's SPACE CADET sat at the press table at PL & L's Inaugural...and you know what? He actually spoke... and coherently too! *Wonder of wonders.*
- JOSIE's lover-of-the-week is now DENNIS. The new take-a-number system seems to be working great!!!
- DRAGON LADY says she's lost 20 pounds...Look behind you, sweetheart, you'll find every one of them!
- What's this we hear about Casa's STANLEY-BELLE (now known as just plain BELLE), breaking one of the CZAR's ribs on Casa's dance floor. Come now, ladies, you shouldn't get so carried away with horse play (or is that *whores play*?).
- Who is VERA VOGT...and how can she retain her Macho-Man image with a name like that?
- So BLANCHE duBOIS and "AUNTIE JIM" are tubs-buddies! Birds of a feather "FLOCK" together...and we thought "Auntie" was so pure and holy. Well, I never...!
- And who could ever forget the sight of DR. DICKIE with his tongue lodged in the right ear of that cute young thing at the CZAR's Toga Party at Casa. Oh, Dr. Dickie...you looked simply divine. Was your headband made of laurel leaves...or was it wolfbain?
- We think it's about time we picked on the Casa's own MISS TISHA TON-ER (Tanner) What can we say that hasn't already been said in all the East Texas gossip columns. Go check her out during cocktail hours (she's behind the bar...and what a behind!) as well as on stage on show nights (the entire stage). Tish is about the biggest thing to hit Arizona since Meteor crater was formed. She's also talented and very funny too.
- We hear that JIMMY GOO uses Automotive jumper cables for tit clips...hmmm, that's not only tacky, it's kinky!!!
- Here's a first! "THE DUCHESS OF DOUCHE STREET" missed a Saturday night at the Tubs. Don't worry, dear, no one missed you...your smell was still in the air.
- It's nice to see that STAN K. and CLEO G. are going out again. We knew Stan was around somewhere...every-one could smell his 98 cent a gallon K-Mart cologne. He didn't smell like a French whore, more like a Polish hooker!!!
- Seems BLANCHE is just dying to go see Disney's new movie, "Bedknobs and Broomsticks"...she must think it has to do with some sort of sexual perversion, owing to what she does in her bedroom during off hours...!
- Confucious say, "Bj's who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones...!"

**SANTHON TAKES OVER BAR...**

On Saturday night, February 24, the Casa was full of strange and wonderous sights as Phil Santhon, known for his *unusual* parties, took over the bar for a Toga Party, and was it fun? Of course! Some of the costumes were absolutely outrageous, and Phil was on top of that list with his (now get this) gold-lamè toga. We loved it and so did all his guests. Below are a few of the many pictures we took.



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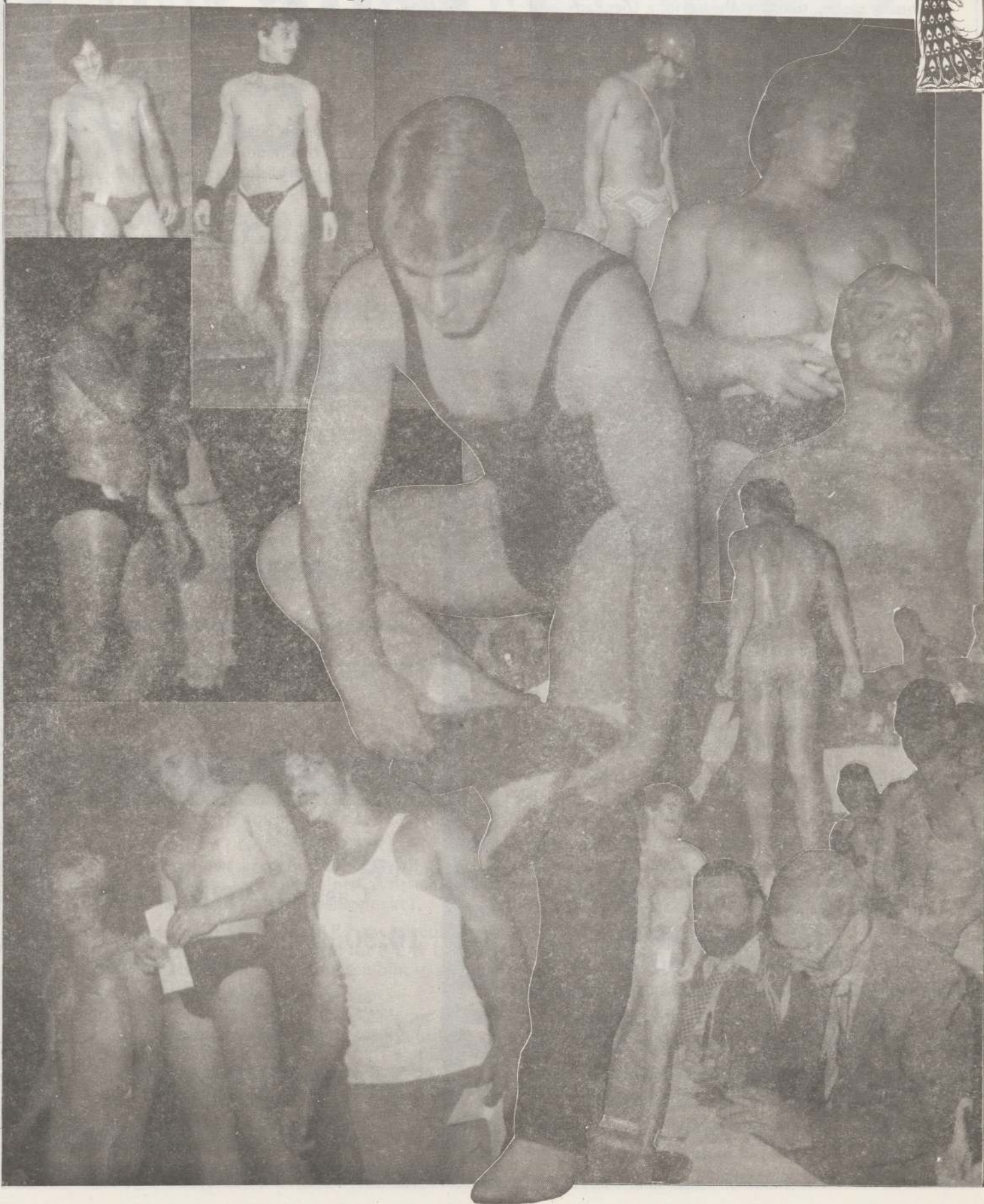
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Pictured here are the winners of the contest. (Right to left) Third place winner Jim Stuart, Mr. His Co '79 Gary George, and second place winner Kerry Judd. Cash prizes were awarded to all winners. As usual, it was a great contest, typical of the good efforts of Bob Rabe and staff at HisCo.

# Mr. HisCo



**SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
HEARS E.R.A.**

Time doesn't allow us to go to *everything*, but whenever possible we do try to get around to a variety of activities. Among the things we managed to go to in the past month was the Senate Judiciary Hearing on the ERA (again).

Recent printed commentary on CCR has been that the organization doesn't seem to care about the ERA in Arizona. *Au contraire!* Since its inception, CCR (and this publication) has been in support of the ERA, and both probably always will, even though it is quite clear (now, if not always) that this amendment doesn't have a chinaman's chance owing to the make-up of our Legislature — a Legislature which we are quick to add, we ALL helped elect.

Anyway, we were interested enough to go to the Hearing, and it appears *we* heard more than did the august body of Senators sitting on that panel. As usual, the time was divided between pro and con spokespersons, though the *cons* seemed to have more to say than did the *pros*.

The Judiciary Committee conducted themselves in their usual manner — paying little attention to the various speakers (except their friends who spoke) and chatted among themselves and so forth throughout the proceedings. Senator Trudy Camping (our old foe) was quick to make derogatory comments and to ask ridiculous questions of the speakers in favor of the ERA: She sat there in her judgemental position, smirking *graciously* at an audience who obviously has no idea just how vicious she really is.

Speaking out most vocally against (naturally) the ERA was Representative Donna Carlson (District 29). It would appear that we're going to be stuck with her for a very long time. She's in her third term now, and since she is the representative from ultra-conservative Mormon Mesa, she will be rather difficult to unseat.

Looking for all the world like she was about to go to some Paradise Valley soiree, Carlson stood "in the wings" until it was her turn to run her mouth. She was aware of our presence that evening. As she was being introduced by one of her *friends* in glowing terms, we were standing in the aisle, and, as she passed by us, something was said by the speaker to the effect that she is an opponent of the ERA at which point I said to Skip (not so under my breath) "It figures", and Ms. Carlson wheeled on her heels and glared at me, shocked to think *anyone* would make any kind of remark about her other than the kindest. Had I known she could hear me I might have chosen a stronger comment. She was rattled and remained that way for the first few minutes of her tacky speech.

Carlson smugly told the Senate Judiciary Committee and the audience that (this is paraphrase) the ERA is a dead issue (she said this, NOT a CCR steering committee member as was reproted elsewhere...) and that while it might pass through this committee, she had the Bill in her top right hand desk drawer and



Donna Carlson, as she lambasted the ERA at Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing.

might have gotten further. Now, we may never know.

that's where it would stay, no matter what the Committee did.

It's a shame to think that such an important piece of legislation as the ERA could ever be in the hands of such a person — such a bigot. It is beyond our understanding how any woman could be against the ERA, especially a *career* woman who plays up her femininity in dress and mannerisms. She seems to be proud of her womanhood, but doesn't want other women to get any kind of edge on her, much less be *equal* to her.

Unfortunately there is little that can be done in such a situation as this. And unfortunately the ERA has probably gone down the tubes forever in this state. Perhaps if the people most interested in seeing it pass had kept after the legislature instead of criticizing the efforts of others, it

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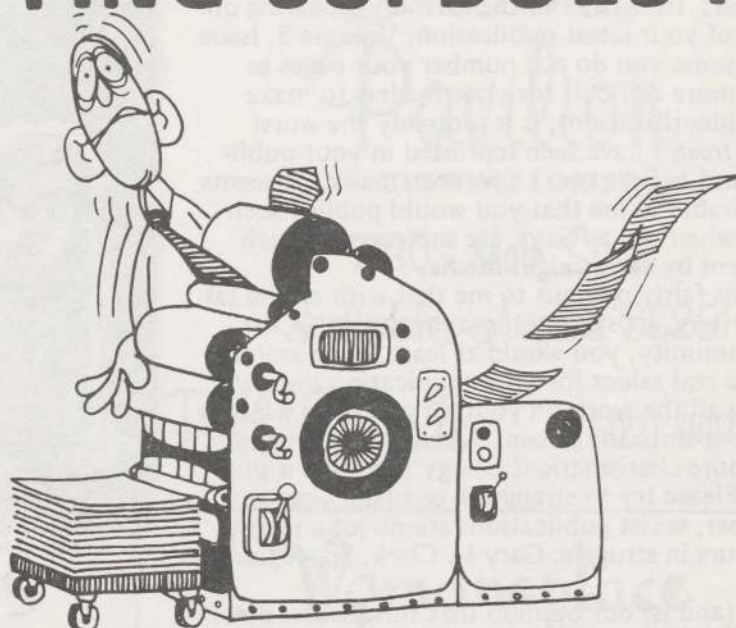
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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

When we printed this cartoon from *Hustler's* February issue, we thought it was pretty self-explanatory. Apparently we were wrong. It did generate comments and among them was this letter from good old Space Cadet Gary (*AGN's* crack cartoonist):

Dear Sir: In regards to the cartoon appearing on page 24 of your latest publication, Volume 3, Issue 1, (I presume you do not number your pages to make it more difficult for your readers to make specific identification), it is probably the worst piece of *trash* I have seen reprinted in your publication, and believe me, I have seen many. It seems inconceivable to me that you would publish such garbage when we, as Gays, are subjected to such harassment by the straight media.

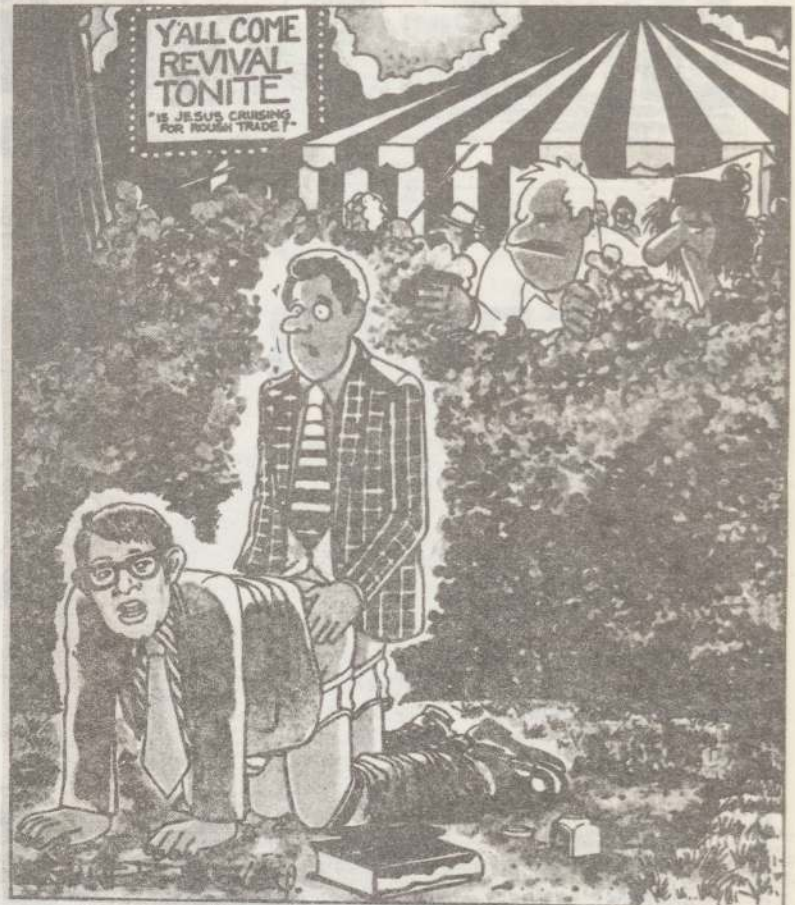
It seems fairly obvious to me that with all the talented writers, artists, photographers, etc., in the Gay community, you would at least try to search out some real talent for your publication instead of taking all the work on yourself and only winding up with reprints and gossip. I feel that any paper can be more charismatic if energy and time is put into it. Please try to straighten out (sic) your act. Remember, sexist publications are no joke to anyone. Yours in struggle, Gary N. Clark, Space Cadet Gary.

It was (and is) our opinion that this "worst piece of *trash* (he has) seen printed in (our) publication" is actually a true piece of adroit social commentary, and as such, deserved viewing by the Gay community. If all that Gary, and others, can see is the somewhat graphic representation of someone getting screwed in the bushes, then that is unfortunate and says more about them than the cartoon.

Is it a slam at the pseudo-religious evangelism that seems to be running rampant in our world? It seems so to us. "It seems fairly obvious to me" that some of the very people who cry so loud and long about "moral decay" and decry the conduct of homosexuals and others are the self-same individuals who can be found, moments later, screwing in the bushes. It's a comment on the old double standard thing — do as I say, not as I do — that has been around since the beginning of time. But more than that, it seems to be making a comment on something that's happening right here and now — it's saying that Gay people, and I think that includes the people that Gary represents, are being used, in the worst way, as pawns in a vicious game. Let's get the queers to be our scape-goats — let's hang the ills of the world on them, they can't (won't) fight back.

It's interesting (to us, anyway) that a publication such as *Hustler* chose to address this kind of issue in this manner. It might have been no sur-

## CLUSTER & HUSTLER



"Nice sermon tonight, Reverend. I especially enjoyed your scathing attack on hypocrites and homosexuals."

HUSTLER, February 1979

prise had it appeared in one of the leading Gay publications, but in *Hustler* it's curious. If you are a reader of that publication, though, you no doubt have noted that they strike at all kinds of issues and don't limit themselves to just what you would expect in such a publication.

We are, however, puzzled by one thing in the cartoon. Why does the figure in the foreground bear such a striking resemblance to Billy Carter (or is it just our imaginations)? And the figure pushing through the bushes reminds us of Archie Bunker (and I doubt that he'd ever go to a revival!). But, be that as it may, we felt the cartoon was worth our readership's seeing. It is the business of this publication not only to inform on local issues and situations, but, when possible, to take a little look into some of the things going on in the rest of the world as it relates to us. Would we catch the same kind of flack if we ran an article about the ensuing gasoline crisis we're coming into? I wonder.

As for the other comments Gary made in his letter, I can only view them as professional jealousy, and knowing that we would print his letter in it's entirety, he chose to get his licks in — in a "friendly" manner. We don't mind, not at all. And in reply, we say, you only have to read this publication, past issues and the present one, to know that it isn't just "reprints and gossip". We have no real interest in being "more charismatic" since we feel it is far more important to be informative than *divinely inspired*.

—Jack.

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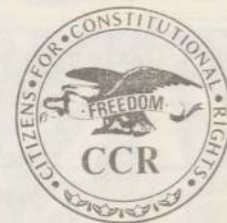
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# DES Finds Foster Care Abuses, Funds Mishandling

## Foster Care Probe Finds Rampant Abuse In State



By ANTHONY J. SOMMER  
Gazette Capitol Reporter

Child abuse and mismanagement of hundreds of thousands of dollars of state funds have been uncovered by a Department of Economic Security work group established last summer to probe foster care agencies in Arizona.

Cases of neglect and mismanagement were found in half of the 30 DES-licensed agencies investigated to date, according to a draft status report prepared by the work group for DES Director William Jamieson and obtained by *The Phoenix Gazette*.

The work group is at the midway point of its investigation and will review 30 more agencies before completing its task this spring.

**THE REVIEWS** of the 30 group-care agencies audited so far "exhibit a great range in quality of care and fiscal integrity," the draft report states.

"In some cases, allegations of child abuse and neglect have been substantiated; fiscal mismanagement has been documented," the report adds.

The work group's investigation, headed by Phil Jarmack and conducted by auditors, investigators and attorneys on loan from several divisions of DES, has resulted in three foster care agencies either having their licenses revoked or relinquishing them to the state.

**ELEVEN OTHER** agencies have been put on notice they must make changes or face losing their licenses and state funding.

Here is a summary of the allegations made by the work group in its probe of individual foster care agencies:

• Alexander Home For Girls, 8252 S. 15th Ave. DES refused to renew the license of the South Phoenix residential treatment center which housed 16 mentally-retarded girls. The home closed Aug. 29, 1978, and its owners cannot be located.

The report states the work group, substantiated charges of physical abuse, abusive language directed at the girls, health and sanitation violations and failing to provide adequate food.

The work group also found the girls were forced to attend the church of the agency director, their mail was opened and censored by the staff, and they were not provided adequate special education.

• Bedell School, Apache Junction, a foster home for 23 emotionally disturbed children, 3 to 16 years of age. DES has notified Bedell School of 16 problem areas which it must correct and said the school has misspent \$24,154.

Specific allegations were uses of corporal punishment, which included filling children's mouths with soapy water, failing to provide appropriate clothing and shoes, using handcuffs to restrain children, failing to provide adequate bedding, failing to provide appropriate education, failing to provide regular medical examinations and failure to maintain a working fire alarm system.

The financial audit discovered numerous undocumented expenditures. A response from school officials is being studied by DES officials.

• Centers for Youth Development and Achievement (CYDA), Tucson, which provided residential treatment for 112 children. On Dec. 5, 1978, CYDA relinquished its license to the state, acknowledging "sufficient grounds exist for revocation."

The work group discovered "serious complaints regarding inadequate supervision of the children, medication not being secured, physical abuse and inappropriate use of restraints... sexual activity among residents and neglect."

An audit discovered \$90,184 in DES funds which could not be properly accounted for. It also determined CYDA had failed to pay the state \$50,156 in unemployment insurance contributions for its employees.

• Circle S Ranch, Salome, a residential treatment for 37 emotionally disturbed boys. DES revoked the Circle S license Sept. 7, 1978, for "serious violations" of state law.

The work group uncovered a long list of abuses which included: Using corporal punishment, physical and emotional abuse, encouraging children to punish other children, cutting children off from any communication with relatives, failing to provide adequate education and what was described as "bizarre sex therapy."

The case has been turned over to the attorney general's office for possible criminal prosecution.

• Helaman House, Higley, which houses 25 emotionally disturbed boys. The report states complaints of abuse were generally unfounded and the agency responded quickly to recommendations for repairing the facility.

Still unresolved, however, is a claim by DES that the agency has been unable to document expenditures of state funds totaling \$85,038 in compliance with DES regulations.

• Outreach Services, Mesa, which houses 32 emotionally disturbed boys, received DES compliments for its treatment program, but auditors questioned the spending of \$25,830 in state funds.

Among the allegations investigated by the work group are charges that two administrators of Outreach own a rental agency which leases property exclusively to Outreach, that an Outreach administrator leases vehicles to the agency and that Outreach has paid operating expenses for vehicles which are not owned or leased by the agency.

• Prehab of Mesa, which serves 94 emotionally disturbed children. The investigation found complaints that children were being forced to observe Buddhist religious practices were unfounded.

But auditors found "serious problems" with Prehab's handling of \$68,227 in state funds which it may force the agency to repay.

Prehab allegedly violated DES regulations by undocumented allocations of salaries, questionable lease payments, undocumented credit card payments, unallowable vehicle expenses and unallowable salary expenses.

• Ranch-A-Bell-O, Peoria, which cares for 31 children and is facing "imminent" license revocation, according to the report.

The work group investigated charges of physical, verbal and psychological abuse, failure to provide adequate food and clothing and complaints about the disrepair of facilities.

An audit of the agency identified \$89,418 which allegedly was spent in violation of DES regulations. The audit claimed the agency failed to pay state or federal taxes for part of last year and has not received tax-exempt status, that it failed to document numerous expenses and made many unallowable expenditures.

The agency pays its employees \$1.30 per hour and the work day is approximately 16 hours long, according to the report.

• Youth Opportunities Center (YOU), 1745 W. Northern, Phoenix, which houses 53 children, many of them delinquents.

The investigation found few complaints with the program but concluded YOU "has a history of fiscal improprieties. DES recently stopped all funds for administrative services, limiting its money only to direct services to the children."

**AUDITORS CLAIM YOU** may have misspent \$55,016. The report alleges

YOU spent state funds for non-business related travel and entertainment, utilities for the director's home, personal phone calls, a college scholarship for the director's son and failed to properly document many other expenses.

The report also alleged questionable lease arrangements and salaries for members of the director's family who were not working at YOU.

Other agencies which the work group has found to have less than adequate programs were Family Villas of Phoenix, God's Little People of Mesa and Ranch Saguardo of Tucson, which was found to be insolvent.

DES Director Jamieson said he has not yet studied the report, but its contents would remain essentially the same in its final form. It probably will be released later this month.

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Forces that would stop worthwhile legislation are busy in our state and across the country. They attempt to create amendments to the very Bills that would help these children — children who have no voice in the matter.

Don't fall for it. Don't let your legislators be a part of this sham! Most of them have no idea of the real reasons these various amendments are being introduced. Let us be among those who care, and among those who speak out on such misuse of children. They have rights too, and we can help them keep their rights!

Guest Editorial

WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON!!

by Roland Atkins,  
CCR Lobbyist Chair

Abuse in foster care — millions of dollars misused. This is happening nationwide, and, of course here in Arizona. Why do certain forces want to stop these important Bills — let's look closer (see the newspaper article accompanying).

The *Gazette's* report touches on just a small part of what is going on — in Arizona — and forces to stop these Bills are quite active. Nationwide

efforts to communicate these problems recently aired on the "Today" show (March 7, 1979) on NBC. The Director of "Children's Defense Fund", Mariane Wright Edleman, ends her three-year study of foster care, saying, "Abuse is rampant...families don't count...children ignored...states pay more for strangers to care for children than relatives...why pay more to strangers?" She further said that 10,000 American children were placed out of their resident state with no hope of parental contact — a deliberate distortion of "home-life". Children become lost in the system, they become *victims* of the system. Abuse through exploitation, massive problems with handicapped children versus the Medicaid welfare system. Redirection of such child-care is needed. The children seem to be hidden in this mess and are being used as bribery to government agencies.

Forces that would stop worthwhile legislation are busy in our state and across the country. They attempt to create amendments to the very Bills that would help these children — children who have no voice in the matter.

Don't fall for it. Don't let your legislators be a part of this sham! Most of them have no idea of the real reasons these various amendments are being introduced. Let us be among those who care, and among those who speak out on such misuse of children. They have rights too, and we can help them keep their rights!



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# HUMAN RIGHTS VICTORIES IN ARIZONA

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Two separate anti-human rights Bills were defeated in the legislature in the past week, Citizens For Constitutional Rights (CCR) has reported. The battle over this legislation was intense and very fast moving, and the victory may be attributed to the fast response to the threat, achieved by Arizona human rights advocates.

The first Bill (H.B. 2070) attempted to "Legalize" illegal searches and seizures in direct contradiction to the Fourth Amendment to the US Constitution. This patently oppressive measure was sent to resounding defeat by the opposition — the Gay Community, CCR, the ACLU, and others.

The second legislative attempt to deny basic rights was contained in an amendment to an otherwise innocuous Bill (H.B. 2146). This amendment introduced by Representative Marjory Ollson (District 7) read, "A homosexual shall not be certified by the Court as acceptable to adopt a child". CCR, alerted by its legislative watch, mounted an extensive campaign by its lobbyists and members through legislative mailings, phone calls and personal contacts. The legislature, amazed by the intensity and speed of the response to this threat to Gay rights, reversed itself in subsequent proceedings and struck the amendment. The enemies of human rights who favored the amendment tried to respond with a last-minute campaign of their own (130 phone calls to the House Speaker on the day of voting). But the Gay Community had been working faster and more thoroughly, and prevailed.

Another similar measure remains to be defeated, CCR reports. The same Rep. Ollson who was responsible for the anti-homosexual amendment to the child adoption Bill, has amended a second Bill dealing with Foster Homes (H.B. 2147). This amendment reads, "A foster home...excludes a home in which a homosexual resides..." CCR is continuing its campaign

against this prejudicial amendment and indications are that it also will be defeated.

—Roland Atkins, CCR Lobbyist Chair.

## AND WE WERE THERE, TOO...

Nothing short of a flood (and these days that seems to be a real possibility) would have kept us from going down to the legislature to sit in on the interview



PRIDE publisher Jack Caldwell, Representative Marjory Ollson, and CCR Lobbyist Roland Atkins, in recent interview with Ollson in her office at the State House.

Ron had with Rep. Marjory Ollson.

She was really something else, coming on with the grandmother approach, she appeared oh-so nice, but is far from that — as she approaches Gay issues, anyway.

Rep. Ollson admitted that she has many Gay friends (I wonder *how many* she could actually have in a place like San Manuel), and when asked what her Gay friends had to say when she approached them with her amendment, she said she hadn't shared it with them. How could she, and

still count them as friends. And all the time she smiled and was cordial.

What is the exact quote? "Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves". They're all around us, and they'll stop at nothing to have their way.

CCR's been at work, hard at work. Nothing I could write on this page could adequately describe the long hours put in on such projects as this, but it's important work — it's your work, too. Without such efforts, Gays in Arizona would soon be legislated out of existence, or right into prisons.

This Mrs. Ollson doesn't sell coffee, what she does peddle is the worst form of oppression — the denial of basic human rights to a minority group. Little does she know just how powerful this minority can be when we want to be.

We'll continue to watch her and her kind, and to check their attempts. Will you help too? —Jack.

# THE LOVE BUG

Hi, y'all! It's the ole love bug back to answer some questions regarding what my sisters have previously written.

The Hepatitis love bug forgot to tell of her start. Most people feel "funny" — like they are coming down with the flu. Nausea, tiredness, diarrhea, lack of appetite, headache with sensitivity to light may be associated with the onset of hepatitis. The typical yellow eyes and clay-colored stools and dark urine may come later — or very mild, if at all.

Now, where do you go and what do you do if you think you may have the old love bug called hepatitis? At present, there is no clinic in this city that offers a free hepatitis blood test if you have made more than \$3,000 within the last year (No cheating, gang — the county demands last year's W-2 form).

Any General Practitioner listed in the Yellow Pages under Physicians and Surgeons can run a blood test for hepatitis (the major reason for the blood test is to prove at the end of the symptoms that the disease is gone). Throughout the course of hepatitis the body will sometimes cure itself of this. In other cases, the body may not cure itself and is capable of giving it to others. Thus, the purpose of the blood test is to confirm the diagnosis and make sure the person is cured of hepatitis.

There is no immunization for Hepatitis A, but if caught before the symptoms show up it may be prevented with Gamma Globulin (the earlier, the better). There is a "new" immunization for Hepatitis B, but it is new and costs approximately \$150.00; thus it is important to know which type you were in contact with. Phoenix is trying to get grants for the use of this new immunization for free — **THE PRIDE** will be notified if and when the grant comes through.

Now for our old incurable friend Herpes: So you say a cute little trick gave me as a bonus? You say you feel like a leper? I'll keep saying "Hi!" every 4-5 weeks. Sex isn't worth it! No one will ever have sex with a guy having herpes, you say. Your penis swells and is too painful to touch for 6-10 days every couple of months! You do fine for a few weeks, then you have sex and the next morning here I am again. Don't give up hope — they're trying to cure me now and maybe will within a year. However, the Communicable Disease Clinic can decrease the symptoms to 40 hours and reduce the number of recurrences. Try the Clinic — 902 North 24th Street. They seldom bite like I do. Wouldn't sex free of me be more fun?

P.S. — If you think you can't have Herpes, ask any bartender how many he has heard of...Or... find 10 people in any Gay bar and ask — One or more out of that 10 will tell you they've already had it.

## LETTER TO THE LOVE BUG

Dear PRIDE: What can I do? I've been told by a friend that he has Gonnorrhea. I have no symptoms.

I've been checked by my doctor and he says if I'm not dripping I couldn't have it. I asked by proctologist and he said my hemorrhoids are looking better with his cortisone suppositories and guys don't get rectal Gonnorrhea.

I make over \$30,000 a year so I can't go to the free clinic. Does not having symptoms mean I missed it? What other tests should I have by my doctor? Will they hurt and do I have to tell my wife? Our family doesn't know about my gay life and I'm afraid to tell anyone since it might get back to my wife. What should I do? (Name withheld by request)

**THE LOVE BUG REPLIES...***The following regards the above letter: The Communicable Disease Center of Phoenix, while supported by the County is open for the use of all persons. Over 40% of the patients earn \$10,000+. Because it is free of charge, both poor and rich use the clinic. The confidentiality is protected by Federal law. Most financially secure patients dress casually.*

*Both ski-row "bums" as well as congressmen frequent the clinic. The tests which are required and procedure is: No appointment needed, hours (M-T-W-F) 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thurs: 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. As you walk in you will see a number dispenser; pull a number and have a seat. Remember, everyone there is there for the same reason you are. Don't be turned off by the numbers, the tests are fast and simple — most people are out in 45 minutes or less.*

*A receptionist will call you by number for confidentiality. You will be asked name, address and phone number. Next you will be called into a small room and a sample of blood to test for syphilis will be taken from your arm. The doctor will then call you into an office. Tell him the same things you told THE PRIDE. He must know there has been Gay activity. A cotton swab will be used to do an oral culture. Another cotton tipped swab will be inserted rectally for a culture, and a small platinum loop will be (painlessly) inserted a short way into the urethra for the penile culture. All tests are painless, the least comfortable being the tiny needle prick used to take the blood.*

*10% of the males with penile gonnorrhea do NOT have symptoms. 60% of the patients with oral gonnorrhea HAVE NO symptoms.*

*Your proctologist is partially correct: Heterosexual males cannot get rectal gonnorrhea. Gay or bisexual males certainly can get it and do. Symptoms of hemorrhoids can be gonnorrhea and cortisone will cover up the symptoms. Please don't use the cortisone suppositories before being tested. The clinic will suggest the easiest ways to protect your wife. Be checked!*

*Anyone else with questions? If you don't want to or don't feel like you can come in to the clinic (and we hope you'll choose to come in), don't hesitate to write to us at THE PRIDE, P.O. Box 9550, Phoenix, Arizona 85068.*

# - LETTERS -

Dear PRIDE: I am a lesbian woman, and I believe very much in women's rights as well as in Gay rights, but one thing I do not think should be a right for women or for gays, or for anyone else is the right to slander so viciously any person or organization like Bj Bud has done to CCR and the people who make it go.

I used to like Bj but she has changed all that. I used to feel she was doing a really good job for women and for gays but now I think differently. When I thought ahead a little and began to realize what damage she could do to all of us I really got upset. This happened one night about a week ago and I decided to call a friend and talk about it. She told me not to worry, that Bj was nothing and that every town has a Bj. I wish there were something I could do to make those people who think Bj is right realize just how wrong she is in what she says and does. I wrote her a letter once to her Sunday's Child newsletter, but she did not print it, I guess I made her mad. She can't be half as mad as I am. I won't go looking for her, but if and when I do run into her, I'll let her know face to face just how I feel and I'm pretty good at running my mouth. Maybe one of those towns whose Bj has died or left or blew away with the dust would like to have ours?

I didn't really want you to use my name, but if you feel you should, then go ahead. Yours truly,  
Betty van der Vort.

*THE PRIDE REPLIES...Betty, we think you'd best be careful using words like "slander". She's done plenty, to be sure, but I don't think she's into slander, per se. And as for Bj's leaving us to go do her thing elsewhere, that might be unfortunate. There are times (though we quickly add this hasn't been one of them) when her brand of criticism is both warranted and good for the well-being of the community. We hope you do run into her, and we'd like to be around when it happens!*

Dear Editors, I just saw the latest Sunday's Child Newsletter. I don't like it. When the one before it came out with all that crap about CCR I just sat back like almost everybody else and said nothing, or at least I didn't write to anybody. I feel bad now that I didn't, but what can I say? At least I am doing it now.

I thought her slam at gay people was just a one shot deal, but she still rants on and on and she even does it in public places. Why does she enjoy going against public opinion and why can't she admit she is wrong and then just shut up?

Nobody's perfect and neither is CCR, but they are sure doing alot of great things for we gay people. You can complain because rose bushes have thorns or you can be grateful that thorn bushes have roses. It's all in your outlook. Joan (last name withheld by request). *We agree!*

Dear Pride: My friends and I were sitting around the other night discussing this "Bj Bud vs. Arizona", that's what the AGN calls it. And we all decided

that we were all fed up with her and this thing. But now we're even more fed up just hearing and reading about her and her tacky comments about CCR. We wish she'd just go back in her closet where she can't hurt anybody anymore or leave the state. She's damn lucky to live here in Phoenix, if she was in another city with a bigger gay segment no one would hear her little tiny voice, or even know who she is, or even care.

You probably won't print this, but we wanted to let others know how we felt, and not do like most other people and only bitch among ourselves. Tom T., Stan L., Marc R., Tony T.

*THE PRIDE REPLIES...We thought twice about printing any of these letters, but it is our position to print all letters to the editor, as long as they aren't really slanderous, etc. It's about time we all took a good look at this situation (Bj Bud vs. Arizona) and put it in it's proper perspective. In other words, let's just leave it all where it belongs - in the past. I'm sure Bj has had second thoughts about some of what she has said, and we are hopeful that we've all heard the last of all this from her. Hopefully there will be more important matters for Bj and the AGN to print than this foolishness about CCR's "inane projects" and so forth.*

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## House OKs 23 Bills, Nixes 4 Disputed Ones

By RICHARD DE URIARTE  
Gazette Legislative Reporter

The House of Representatives spent 6½ hours in session Thursday to pass 23 bills, but voted down four of the more controversial measures.

Proposals giving Washington, D.C., equal representation in the U.S. Congress and making the State Bar of Arizona a voluntary association were among the victims.

**THE HOUSE ALSO** turned thumbs down on the Equal Rights Amendment, which was tacked on to the Washington voting resolution. The vote was 15-36.

Motorists with suspended licenses for driving while intoxicated will have their vehicles confiscated if they are caught a second time under one House proposal approved.

The measure, which passed 40-17, is aimed at habitually drunken drivers.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Tony West, R-Phoenix, said drinking was involved in 36.5 percent of fatal Arizona accidents in 1978, when 1,015 deaths occurred on state roads.

**OPONENTS** of the measure feared the bill would cause unfair inconvenience to the families of the motorists.

Rep. Pete Goudinoff, D-Tucson, said: "For the state to confiscate the vehicle of an alcoholic may be a blessing for the families."

Liberals and conservatives of both parties joined to defeat a measure which would have allowed judges to admit evidence obtained in an unreasonable search and seizure case.

Opponents said the bill would damage 4th Amendment rights of privacy.

"THIS IS AN obviously unconstitutional bill, a kick-in-the-door bill," commented Rep. Donna Carlson, R-Mesa, one of the most conservative House members.

"If we pass this measure, we will be trivializing the Bill of Rights," argued Rep. Renz Jennings, D-Phoenix, a liberal.

Perhaps the most controversy was stirred during the debate over the State Bar measure, which passed two committees and was sponsored by 30 representatives, one of whom said he thought it was a "joke."

Sponsor Peter Kay, R-Phoenix, said the bill was designed to allow qualified lawyers to practice in Arizona without being compelled to join the state bar.

"IT IS LIKE a right-to-work law for lawyers," he said.

During the long debate, one member, Rep. Tom Goodwin, R-Tucson, challenged a House ruling that he had to vote on the issue.

Procedural maneuvering and par-

liamentary debate lasted for nearly 30 minutes before Goodwin cast his "nay" vote on the measure, which failed 18-40.

In other action, the House passed and sent to the Senate measures that would:

- Make commercial bribery a felony in Arizona;
- Give a \$2.7 million tax reduction for certain small business partnerships and corporations;
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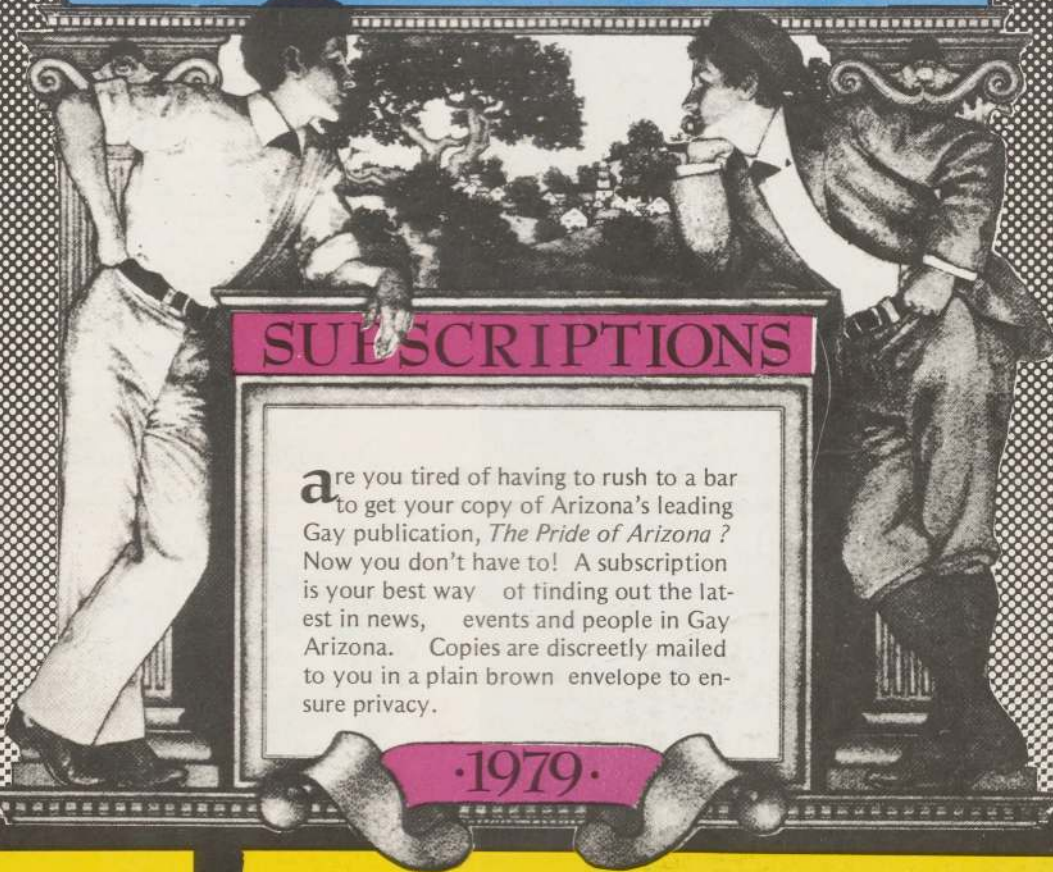
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