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Editorial

As we go deeper into the year 1980, it is becoming more and more apparent that this new decade will be one of the toughest ever to face the Gay communities from coast to coast.

The long predicted Right Wing Backlash is quite apparently forming to put all of us "back in the closet." Political ramifications, in the interest of Gay rights, are at the most sensitive stage right now. It is imperative that Gays and their supporters ban together in this most crucial election year to give a show of strength as never before. Perhaps the most alarming "backlash" to happen is the astounding increase in physical violence against members of the Gay communities from coast to coast. The Gay Mecca of San Francisco is reporting a very sharp increase in the numbers of Gay men and Lesbian women who are not only verbally assaulted, but physically also, as the photo on this page will graphically show. New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Phoenix, Seattle, Miami, etc. all report an alarming increase in violence against Gays which includes the ultimate in violence - murder.

Because of this increase in attacks from all fronts - societal, political, religious as well as physical and mental abuse from "queer bashers," it is necessary to put out this urgent call to all members of Gay communities everywhere to take all precautions to prevent any further erosion in our forward progress made during the last ten years on the political, social and religious scene. It is necessary for every Gay person and every friend of Gays to begin immediately to ban together in a single, cohesive unit. Show our strength, show our ability to all that we belong in society along with everyone else, and throw out of office those who would like to see us dead! The other articles that appear on the pages of this issue of AGN as well as previous issues clearly indicate how serious the present threat to our very existence is. Literally, get prepared for the fight for your lives.

On the subject of physical violence, all we can advise is to take all necessary precautions when approached by anyone. Be wary of any strangers. Try never to walk alone and avoid any situation where the possibility of physical harm can befall you.

Welcome to the 80's was the slogan at the turn of the decade. Just how welcome a decade it will be can only be determined by you!

CCR registration campaign

PHOENIX - Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) will be kicking off its 1980 Voter Registration Campaign this month, announced Kevin Foster, CCR's Voter Registration project head. "Our aim is to register as many Gay men and Lesbian women in Maricopa County as possible. The Gay community here has an outstanding chance to say 'we are here, and we won't be stomped on, beaten up, and treated like criminals any more.' If we want to better our living conditions, we have to go after the people who make the laws, control the police, and have a large influence on societal opinions," Foster said.

We will be working in many areas, including bars, parties, referrals and requests. Registering voters is a great way to meet people," Foster continued, "and build - friendly and otherwise - solid relationships outside the usual ways. We need volunteers to register Gays and Lesbians." Registrars will be the guests of CCR and local Gay establishments at various dinners, luncheons and parties. "Out of all the ways a person can help the Gay/Lesbian equality movement, and the Equal Rights Amendment, voter registration is the most fun. CCR, and the Gay community, wants these people to know that their time and

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DON'T LET THIS BE YOU



SAN FRANCISCO - Violence is on the increase. Above photo shows one victim of a beating to unconsciousness actually lying in his own blood. The attack was by four white men on Sunday, Jan. 20. Photo courtesy of Bay Area Reporter was taken by Rink.

Gay killers find forum

WASHINGTON, DC (BAR) - Sources in the nation's capital report that under the guise of a government sponsored conference on the family, a cross-cultural, interdenominational coalition is emerging with a common aim - the exclusion of Gay people from the political process. In what must be one of the more bizarre developments of relations between the faiths in America, Washington, D.C. Roman Catholics and Moslems associated with the World Community of Al-Islam were united in a Washington mini-conference - a warm-up for a national affair later this year - that ran like a pep rally in the tradition of the Old Miss annual queer bash.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Washington primed the crowd with editorials in its publication *Catholic Standard*, before the conference began. The faithful turned out to support Father Joaquin Bazan in his bid to see the exclusion of elements, Catholics find "morally repugnant" by electing him as delegate to upcoming conferences. Conference activities included workshops in which the discussion centered around the assertions by Father Bazan and the Moslems that homosexuality is unnatural.

Even stronger anti-Gay feelings dominated another workshop titled "Diversity of Families." Here, the workshop leader began by discussing the harm done to family lifestyles by government policies. ("Protecting the family" is the stated purpose of many who oppose government policies to ensure Gay rights.)

The Moslems in the group discussed their beliefs that homosexuality was introduced to Africa by Europeans and declared that any African found committing homosexual acts was put to death. The group leader put forth the question "Do you think it's better to kill homosexuals than to allow them to live?" And the group dutifully responded with Ayatollah-so-fierceness.

Gays who had hoped to have their viewpoints heard in conference discussion did not fare any better in the afternoon session. More than thirty people were heard, delegate candidates and local citizens, who talked about problems such as housing, employment, crime, etc. Neither Father Bazan nor his assistant pastor referred to homosexuals at all in their prepared remarks. The subject of homosexuality was raised by Moslems who condemned the unnatural state of homosexuality.

BLADE - Washington, DC

News Briefs

LUTHERAN LOBBYIST ASSAILS

CHRISTIAN RIGHT

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - Recent fundamentalists efforts to organize political support for right-wing causes have been criticized by the nation's chief Lutheran lobbyist. "When the Self-Righteous Rule, Watch Out!" was the title of an article in *Focus*, the monthly newsletter of the Lutheran Council's Office for Governmental Affairs. In it, the Rev. Charles V. Bergstrom, executive director, assailed those who "claim to present God's will and the moral answer to legislative decisions."

He mentioned Christian Cause, Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, and The Religious Roundtable, which says it "fights for pro-God, pro-family and pro-American causes." These groups oppose abortion, the ERA, Gay rights laws, as well as SALT II, the school prayer ban and welfare laws."

Bergstrom decried the "arrogance" of assuming that there is only one proper position for Christians to take in such controversies, as well as the concept of "a 'religious' hit-list of candidates who do not vote 'right' on a few issues and therefore are not 'moral'." He said that, while he and other denominational lobbyists in Washington are willing to work with these groups for social and economic justice, he cautioned that fundamentalist lobbying for "a 'moral majority' is different from the work of advocacy on behalf of the oppressed."

In Congress, Bergstrom represents the positions of the major Lutheran churches regarding legislation. Only one - the three million member Lutheran Church in America - officially supports Gay rights laws; so far, the other Lutheran churches have taken no position.

POLICE GET TOUGH IN HAWAII

HONOLULU, HI (GCN) - "If you come to Hawaii, be extremely careful," cautioned a Hawaii resident in a telephone call to the *Gay Community News* office in Boston. The caller who did not identify himself, said that police are making numerous arrests of Gay people in what appears to be unprecedented activity. "This is quite unusual," he said, because relations between the police and Hawaii's lesbian and Gay male communities have been fairly good in the past. "The police are literally grabbing people in Waikiki" and arresting them, he said.

In the month of January alone, 18 men were convicted on charges of lewdness, a charge customarily levelled only at prostitutes. Women and men are evidently being picked up by police for no reason and they do not find out the nature of the charges against them until they appear in court. The caller emphasized that he did not wish to deter lesbian and Gay mainlanders from visiting Hawaii, but that a high degree of discretion is advised.

E.R.A. DEFEATED IN VIRGINIA

RICHMOND, VA (GCN) - The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) has gone down to defeat in the Virginia Senate following unusual parliamentary maneuvering by state Sen. John Chichester (R-Fredricksburg). Chichester, an ERA opponent, abstained from voting in the Senate, thus avoiding a 20-20 deadlock. Had Chichester voted and a deadlock been achieved, the tie-breaking vote would have been cast by Lt. Gov. Charles S. Robb, who supports the ERA.

ADVOCATE INDECENT IN N.Z.

CHRISTCHURCH, NZ (GCN) - The *Pink Triangle*, the newspaper of the National Gay Rights Coalition of New Zealand, reports that during a recent raid by alleged Customs officials on the home of a New Zealand attorney, a copy of *The Advocate* was seized. The newspaper has reportedly been referred to the Head Office of the New Zealand Customs Department, which may exercise an option to refer the publication to the Indecent Publications Tribunal, which may in turn ban it from the country.

The Customs Department reported that the copy of *The Advocate* was seized during a routine inspection of overseas mail and made no mention of the raid reported in the *Pink Triangle*. Hugh Gaw, writing on the subject in the New Zealand paper, said, "That a magazine of this kind could be declared indecent is one more indication of the repressive censorship that is now the norm in New Zealand."

COOK COUNTY DEMOS SLATE

GAY DELEGATE

CHICAGO, IL (GCN) - The slatemakers of the Cook County Regular Democratic have chosen a Gay man as one of seven candidates who will vie for seating as delegates at the Democratic National Convention. Chuck Renslow is the first openly Gay candidate ever endorsed by the group. He heads a management firm, Renslow and Associates, Ltd., which operates Man's Country and Gold Coast, two Chicago Gay bars. The Cook County delegate slate will be committed to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA).

On Kennedy's stand on electoral issues, Renslow said, "Kennedy's position on Gay rights is an excellent one and supporting him is logically consistent with my goal of using my position as a delegate to build support for a Gay rights plank in the Democratic Party platform. Renslow, citing his feeling that lesbians and Gay men are politically powerless if they are not registered voters, said he plans to foster a massive registration drive in the lesbian and Gay male communities. "I hope all our organizations and businesses will help encourage registration regardless of their own political preferences," Renslow said.

INTERVIEWS TO BE RE-BROADCAST

TUCSON - FM station KWFM (92.9) will rerun the program of interviews they taped in connection with Gay Fest '80 this Sunday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. GSO's Joe and Judy were well presented and the program is recommended for anyone who would like to hear some together Gay people air some of their views and ideas.

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"If that's what you want, Honey, then Mommy and Daddy want you to be the very, very, very best female impersonator you possibly can."

GAY FEST '80 CONTINUES

TUCSON - The Gay Students' Organization (GSO) at the University of Arizona, still meet weekly in room 350 of the U of A Student Union at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Still recovering from the successes of the first Gay Fest '80 events, upcoming are a potluck at Doug's at 7 p.m. on March 15. Call 626-4357 for information.

The next GSO-sponsored GAY-SKATE will be at Midnight on the 15th of March at Skateland North. Tickets (\$3.75) will be sold at the door. Come one, come all! Find your true love! See real live queens on the floor! Women welcome! Friends too! Learn what your favorite bartender does when he or she gets off!!

GAYFEST '80 PLANS ART SHOW/SALE

TUCSON - In it's continuing series of events, Gay Fest '80 announces an Art Show and sale to be presented during late March or early April. All media are welcome. Non-Gay as well as Gay artists may enter. Works will be judged. Entry fee will be \$4.00.

Once the entry form and fee are received, the Gay Fest '80 Committee will send the artist information on location and time to deliver entered works. An entry form appears elsewhere in this issue.

NATIONAL GAY PRIDE DAY SELECTED

The 1980 Gay Pride March and Rally in New York will be held on Sunday, June 29, the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee announced recently.

In San Francisco the committee for the 1980 Gay Freedom Day Parade has chosen June 29 as this year's date and is urging the Gay community to help select a theme for 1980.

Both the Phoenix and Tucson Gay communities will be planning their individual Gay Pride Celebration to coincide with these two major Gay Pride Day festivities.

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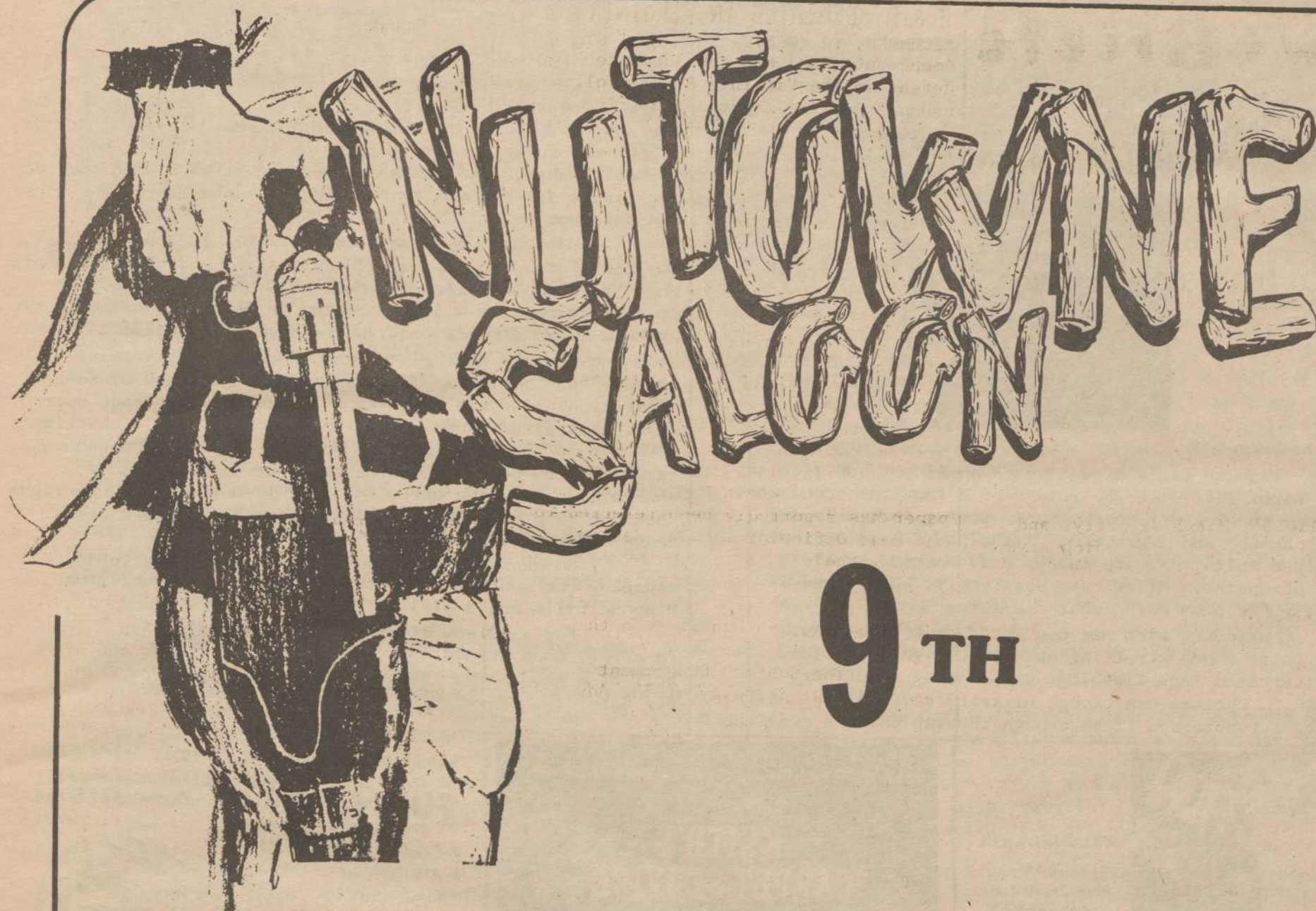
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PHOENIX - Diamond Lil's brought back a welcome addition to Phoenix night life with the return of a show bar. And what better way to kick off their grand opening than bringing Ms. Tish Tanner and 3 girls 3! Tisha has a monolog that would cause Anita to trade in her O.J. for 100 proof. Risque, of course. Hilarious, absolutely. Her theme is definitely "Keep on doing what I'm doing."

Continuing with her own brand of Cabaret, Ms. Chelsea Laine comes strutting onto the stage with black, fish-net encased legs flashing, complaining about "Dr. Long John." Chelsea has enough hilarity to keep the audience screaming for more and flesh enough showing to make even the

oldest patron want to see more.

Changing style, Mr. Q. propells himself on stage doing a remarkable rendition of "Shouts." Shouting is what the audience did. Hands clapping and feet stomping, Mr. Q. played the audience like the pro he is. His lithe body seemed to absorb the music and he gave it back with some of the finest dance moves that would make John Travolta sit up and take notice.

Mae West may have been the first lady of ribaldry, but Dani Reid with his outlandish costume and body movements made "Hello Dolly" seem as rowdy as a burlesque show. A special thanks to Dani for coming in from Tucson to add his sparkle to an already gem-studded opening evening.

Moosala made goose bumps pop with her begging someone to "Come To Me." This lady has guts and my deepest admiration. She was breaking in a new act that, once some minor kinks are worked out, will be superb. While chatting with her in the dressing room between numbers, she had me laughing with her complaining that during each number something had fallen off. I wonder if maybe Tisha was right when she said Moosala was training for the Olympic strip tease. Time will tell.

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CCR's Gay Line vandalized

PHOENIX - A group of anti-Gay thugs burglarized and ransacked the residence of the Secretary of Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR), making off with the GayLine answering machine, and many personal possessions.

The thieves, obviously knowing where they were, painted anti-Gay graffiti on the walls, dumped several shelves of CCR material on the floor, stole the answering machine, and disappeared back into the night. Fortunately they had no opportunity to steal any membership or mailing lists, as these things are computerized and kept elsewhere. The incident is yet another in the mounting cases of violence against Gays and Lesbians and their property in the Phoenix area in recent days.

Assessing the loss, CCR Executive Director, Jack Caldwell, said, "It's so typical - our police department is out busily harassing Gays and Lesbians while criminals thieves, robbers and rapists run rampant across the Valley. If they were doing their job, this sort of thing wouldn't happen." Police and insurance reports have been filed but the possibility of tracking down the bandits is slim. The GayLine answering machine will be replaced soon, and in the meantime it is being answered in person whenever possible.

CCR would like to remind all, once again, to be on the lookout for those people who would like to put a baseball bat through your skull. Be aware of your surroundings, especially when going to or leaving Gay and Lesbian establishments. If you see someone who looks suspicious, go back inside! These people are serious about doing you in! Please take a few minutes to be serious about your life.

CCR Sentinel

New York doorman indicted for murder

NEW YORK, NY (BAR) - Greg LaSusa is a doorman at a Gay bar in Ronkonkoma, Long Island, New York. At least he was. Now he faces manslaughter charges which could make him a twenty-five year resident of state prison. His problems started when eight straights began throwing bottles at the front of the bar last November 9. Greg went outside and asked them to leave, at which point they decided he made a better target for their hostility than the bar-front. One, Steve Passante, supposedly carrying an 18-inch steel pipe, attacked LaSusa, at which point three others joined in the queer bashing. Greg LaSusa stabbed Passante, and Passante died several hours later in a hospital. Greg turned himself in to local police who were able to round up three of Greg's attackers.

The Suffolk County Grand Jury subpoenaed Greg, and at least six of the alleged assailants and two patrons of the bar, witnesses to the attack. Interestingly enough, the assailants were given immunity from the prosecution for any crimes they might reveal in their testimony, but the witnesses were asked to waive such immunity.

An indictment for first-degree manslaughter was handed down and LaSusa is now awaiting trial, at an undetermined date. LaSusa's attorney feels "that it is every Gay man's right to self-defense" and is appealing to the Gay community as a whole for support for Greg LaSusa, and his legal fees which are "already enormous." Letters, contributions, etc. can be addressed to the Free Greg LaSusa Defense Fund, P.O. Box 50, Stony Brook, NY 11790.



TWN photo by R.H. Ring

TUCSON - After the recent vandalism that took place at Stepps, Tucson's newest bar-restaurant-disco, the management at Stepps decided to answer the most blatant graffiti "Gays Go Home" with the above slogan on their sign "We Are Home!". Right on. See AGN of Feb. 8 for complete story.



have a nice weekend...

...Judy Ohhhh now has her cake and eats it too, working with DeeDee.
...Dale Y. looking more and more like Kathryn Murray was seen waltzing around the H/T ballroom.
...Warner J. is leaving us for the big city of L.A. We wish you the best of luck and we'll miss you.
...Jim T. said "St. Peter's was build in less time than Bob B's new office."
...Tommy S. had to fire Stuart S. as his social secretary. It seems Stuart just got around to sending Tommy's Xmas cards out.
...On St. Patrick's Day the Graduate won't smell like Pine-sol for a change.
...Real estate John seems to only spill small bottles but can really hold on to the big ones.

...John H. sent out 47 W-2 forms this year for all his gardeners and chauffeurs, yet none of them made more than \$12.50.
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- ...Loretta will "pat" the first rear end she comes to when walking into a bar.
- ...Lloyd B. was told not to let Archie smoke anything because he is already slow enough.
- ...TJ has a wonderful story to tell about James B. It seems James thought TJ was very attractive in leather.
- ...Phil H. has certainly been acting as if he's forgotten about Jimmy in Tennessee.
- ...To keep Freddy from getting away again, Busdriver Al put his leg in a cast.
- ...If Eddie F. would stop sitting on Don M's face, then perhaps Don wouldn't have to wear a neck brace!
- ...N.J. Archie is still practicing an old custom of making sure the bride is still a virgin before the wedding.
- ...The "dollar bills" in Candas' tip jar are always the same ones.
- ...Blonde Jay and Craig were wondering on Monday if Mark L. and Glen had talked to compare notes.
- ...Jim of FunTym found out that chickens eat pizza.
- ...Blue of Phoenix hasn't seen his right had for months now.
- ...Lois is having trouble finding the medicine that will cure her "chicken fever." We know it's not tuna in oil.
- ...George M. used his legs for a TV antennae just so Fred Mc. could watch the movie more.
- ...Now that Miss Polly isn't working behind the bar, she brought a mattress into the HT to work the other side of the bar.
- ...Nana was so sick the first night he was in the hospital that he could only do one maintenance man.
- ...Jim R. still hasn't told David about the glory-hole in a certain t-room by a certain weight lifting room at a certain university!
- ...Those who attended Steve and Doc's wedding could have been charged with contributing to the delinquency of a senior citizen.
- ...Someone left the BP to go home and help sew his sister's wedding dress has the nerve to call himself "Butch!"
- ...Why does Chinadoll Craig buy Preparation H by the case?
- ...Putting Stuart S. next to N.J. Archie is like putting Mother Johnny next to Arthur L.
- ...Kyle said to Rick, "Shove it in, I like it that way!"
- ...Teddy I is down in Cholla Bay taking a refresher course in bartending.

PHOENIX FAIRY TALES



PHOENIX - News and Notes from hither and yon! Greetings to all girlfriends, boyfriends and other type relationships!

For many weeks now, I have considered dragging (please pardon the pun) my old typewriter out of the cobwebs and dust, and once again offer noteworthy comments for and about Gay Phoenixians. Believe me, there is so much that needs to be said about so many things, that I have found difficulty in deciding what format I could or should use for this return engagement.

I Thought about all the things that Dragon Lady, JoAnne, Dani Reid, Casondra, The Czar, Tony Baloney, Moosala, Poop, Chelsea Laine, etc. (myself included) have said, done and experienced (if even in my imagination). But then I'm not overly interested in the often less than humorous, frequently mundane and overtly "tired" antics of these "celebrities." Nor are many other people.

There are countless others I could "attack" in print for their public "goofs" or "not-so-secret" private lives. But why bore anyone with rude innuendos or even more crude lies.

Humor should be a very present and positive factor in every Gay (or straight for that matter) person's life. We must all be able to laugh at ourselves and at each other. But there are times for humor - and then there are times when what may be funny to one, may offend another.

But frequently the printed word in a "gossip" or "Did You Know" column has a far-reaching impact, especially when the power of the press is misused or misunderstood. I am as guilty as any writer, for I have misused this power.

"Did You Knows" and "Gossip" columns have their places in any publication, simply for the entertainment value and readership demand. But not at the expense of someone's relationship with another person or their worth as a human being.

I want to be humorous - because a laugh brings on a smile and smiles are so much easier to live with than frowns. I want to be informative because informing is a necessary function of any written matter. But above all this fluffy rhetoric, I want to be honest to my readers. I don't want to conceal or camouflage the reality of life's happenings.

Now, with this said (gracious, I've used enough ten-cent words, I should take the bar exam), I want you to watch for this column. I promise to always give the truth, while informing and humoring our day to day lives.

I ask you to let me hear (% of AGN) your jokes, complaints and/or suggestions. If you, your organization, business or Rabbi have any item you want included or excluded - seek me out. I'm never difficult to locate. Just look for a large lady in gold lame'. Or, better yet, stop in to Diamond Lil's on a show night and shout obscenities at me from the audience. I guarantee you will have a good time and leave satisfied that you've enjoyed the evening.

Until next time - sleep tight and don't let the troll bugs bite!

Tish Tanner

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TUCSON ARTIST RESOURCE SERVICE

TUCSON - Community Artist Project (CAP) is a CETA funded, non-profit community service that employs artist to develop the visibility, recognition, appreciation and education of artists. As part of its programs CAP's multi-media coordinator, Linn Lane has designed an Artist Resource Service. Visual, performing, musical, literary and all types of artists are invited to become part of this central file by filling out an Artist Profile Form. These forms are available at various book stores, restaurants, galleries, art and specialty shops, Pima College, Casa Nuestra, Women's Commission and at other locations.

This is not the first attempt to catalog the artists of Tucson. The Cultural Alliance of Tucson, The Women's Commission's Talent Bank, The Tucson Parks and Recreation have all created data systems identifying local artists. CAP's Resource Service, however, has features which makes it unique. In addition to the usual biographical data the Artist Profile Form asks participants to indicate the types of artists with whom they might be interested in working. They are also asked to state cultural, philosophical and political preferences which might affect their interest in collaboration.

Using the Resource Service, it will be easy for a surrealist painter to find a surrealist poet to read at an exhibition or for sponsors of a special event, such as Women's Day, to find appropriate entertainers. The compilation began in November. There are already several musicians, painters, dancers and commercial artists. Some of the more unusual participants include Dixon White, who does circus acts and a woman signer (sign language).

To use the service, call Linn Lane at 327-7735 and explain what types of artists you wish to contact. She'll give you phone numbers of artists in that area and indicate which are most likely to be receptive to your particular needs.

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PHOENIX - On February 9, Mr. Phil Santhon opened his home to entertain Ms. Elaine Noble with a cocktail party to honor her visit to Phoenix in conjunction with her appearance at Arizona State University's "Womenergy" week. Guests included Rusty Warren, Eva Flannagan, John Goldschmid, Rev. Fred Pattison, Mooneyan Grosch, Jack Caldwell, Skip Green, Ron Atkins, Mike Davis, Draffan McBride, Sam Worthington, Keith Morris, Ron Hix and many others.

Open bar, hors d'oeuvres and hot food with lively conversation made for an evening of enjoyable social life. This was only one of the many times Mr. Santhon has opened his home to show his continued support of the Phoenix Gay community. This paper would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to Phil for all of his efforts in the support of the Gay people of Phoenix.

Gay Vote '80

HOW TO GET GAY PEOPLE AND FRIENDS OF GAYS ELECTED AS DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES ON APRIL 12TH

First, obtain an affidavit of candidacy from Democratic Headquarters. In Tucson, this is at 2530 E. 10th St., just north of Broadway and east of Tucson Blvd. Then commit yourself to a particular candidate, or run as an uncommitted candidate. (If you can live with his politics, your best bet now is probably to sign up as a Jimmy Carter delegate. This is because he seems to be pulling ahead, and will be sure to win many Arizona Caucus votes. Also, it will help bring leverage on his campaign people if there are Gay Rights delegates backing him.)

Then, tell ALL your friends in your district that you are running, and ask them to vote for you on April 12. Persons voting in any given district caucus on April 12th will walk in with a number of votes distinctive to that particular district caucus (say 42, for example). The district ballot should be organized according to presidential candidates. Once the caucus voter has chosen a presidential candidate (or "uncommitted"), she or he can then vote their 42 votes in any way he or she chooses -- including casting ALL 42 of their votes for you! (This is called bullet voting, and it is still legal in Arizona at the upcoming Democratic caucus meetings.)

Since there probably won't be 42 delegates running for each and every candidate, and since each caucus voter will tend to distribute their votes amongst several delegates supporting their particular presidential candidate, getting Gay friends and friends of Gays to those caucuses on April 12th to vote only for you should enable us to elect some fine delegates to the regional conventions on the 24th of May. And all the while, you are participating in the primary process while voting for Gay rights!

Our main effort at this time should be to get ourselves or other friendly people signed up as delegates, and then to get them identified. (At no time should any particular candidate for delegate be identified as being Gay, unless he or she has specifically identified himself or herself as such!) But we must know who is, and who is not, friendly to our cause. Then we can get people educated regarding whom to vote for.

Affidavits must be notarized, but they cost nothing,

and do not require any signatures other than your own and that of the Notary. Your affidavit should be filed as soon as possible, but the deadline by mail is 7 April, and the deadline for hand delivery is 10 April. If mailed, send them via certified mail, to insure they are received! Then round up your friends, and get them to those caucuses on April 12th! (If your friends are not registered to vote in Arizona, but could be, they can register AT THE CAUCUSES for these caucus elections.)

Now if you are too shy (or too lazy) to do any of the foregoing, how about writing letters? In December of last year, there was a sudden scramble for the position of Pima County Democratic Party Chairperson. One Tucsonan sent a letter to each of the four people who announced that they were actively seeking the chair position. This person wrote to each, requesting their response to the question of how they would handle matters of Gay Rights should the issue come up at the County Party level. None of the four answered! (Even this non-response tells us something.)

That particular letter was worded in such a way as to give little clue to the potential chairperson what the biases of the requestor were. Had the letter writer made it very clear whether he or she was either Gay or anti-Gay, it is possible we would now know more about the attitude of the current Democratic Party chair in Pima County toward Gay Rights.

It is more important to know the positions of the various district chairs, and it is ESPECIALLY important to know where all the potential convention delegates stand. But that involves several hundred people!

So here's where all you careful types can be helpful....Write those letters! Use aliases if you feel you must, but write! Keep copies of both your letters and their responses, and send these to Box 41166, Tucson, 85717. Hopefully, just before the April 12th caucuses, we'll be able to publish a list of pro-Gay and anti-Gay candidates that you can take to the caucuses with you.

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St. Mark, Chapter eleven will be the Bible Study Topic of Pastor Fred L. Pattison's message during the Sunday Celebration at 10:55 a.m. An ever-increasing number of visitors are seen at Casa de Cristo each Sunday morning. If you have not, as yet, visited us, why not stop by this weekend? We are located at 1029 E. Turney. The Sunday evening Vesper Service is held at 7:30 p.m. and is presently carrying a Lenten theme.

Two special events are in store during March at Casa de Cristo. On Sunday the 16th, the entire day will be devoted to Jewish evangelism. Mr. Mike Mountain, English-born Christian Jew and local radio personality, will be the guest speaker at the morning service and will be holding a workshop on evangelism at the evening service. He heads up a group called "Jews Crusade for Jesus." On the 23rd of the month, a special con-

gregational get-together and pot-luck supper will be held with Mr. Bob Arthur, SW district coordinator of UFMCC, as the special guest.

A community-wide sale is to be held in the parking lot of Casa de Cristo on Saturday the 29th. Community organizations and/or individuals desiring to display and sell their craft items, rummage etc. are welcome to be a part of this event. You may reserve a parking lot space, \$5.00 donation, by calling the church office at 265-2831 or Ray at 253-7231.

GAY COS NEWS

Gay-Help Line volunteer training will begin on Friday, March 14. The Gay Help Line is maintained by Gay Christian Outreach Services as a service to the community or Phoenix. It operates on weekends and during weekdays. The Help-Line number is 265-1102. Mr. Floyd Lewis heads up this project.

Turnabout, a support group for people dealing either directly or indirectly with problems relating with alcohol and/or drug abuse, is about to get underway. The first get together will be held on Monday, March 17, and every Monday evening thereafter. The group will be using the facilities of Casa de Cristo MCC, 1029 E. Turney, for their raps.

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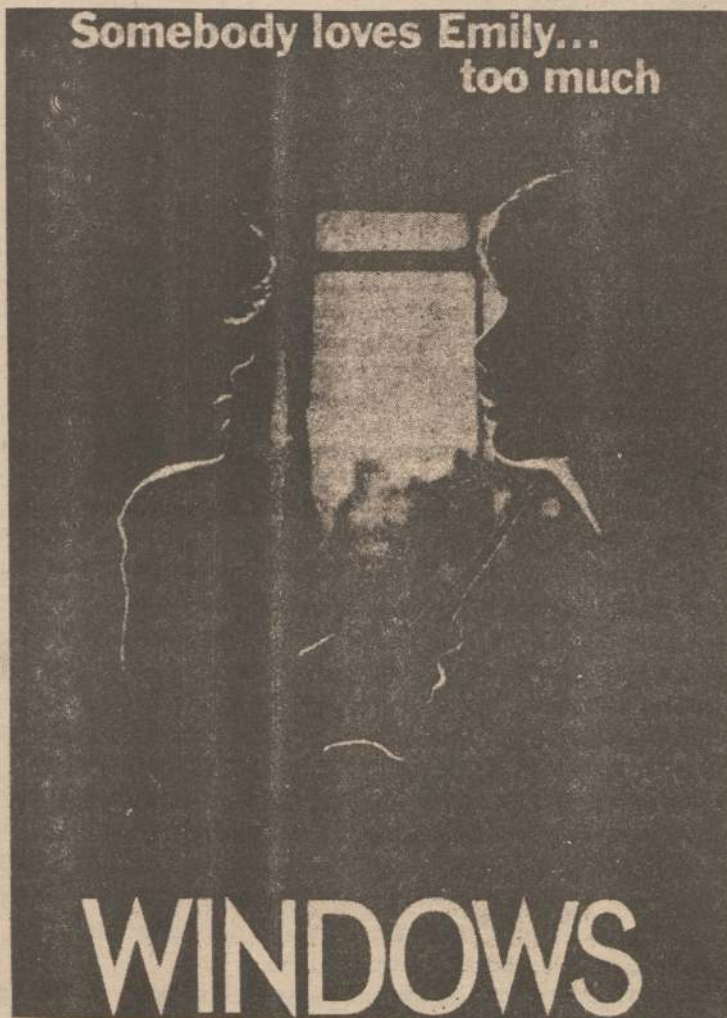
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"WINDOWS" SHOULD BE KEPT CLOSED

Somebody loves Emily...
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NEW YORK, NY - The Gay Media Alliance has issued a call to boycott a new film released by United Artists. "Windows", a vicious anti-lesbian movie, has been the target of demonstrations by several lesbian and Gay groups where it is premiering. "Windows", described as a "romantic thriller" by United Artists, presents Elizabeth Ashley as a crazed lesbian who sexually desires a straight woman, played by Talia Shire. To endear the straight woman to her, Ashley hires a cab driver to assault the straight woman. Whether he commits an act which would fulfill the legal criteria for rape is unclear. He slides his knife in and out of Talia Shire's mouth while requiring her to groan and fake ecstasy. He cuts her clothing off. He tape records the incident.

For the rest of the movie, Talia Shire hangs around socially with the detective handling her rape case. Elizabeth Ashley kills a couple of people and a cat. For an ending, Talia Shire is lured to Elizabeth Ashley's loft

where the only furniture is a telescope and a bed. As a climax, Ashley cries a little bit and then the police come. End of movie.

This film was produced by Michael Lobell, directed by Gordon Willis and written by Barry Siegel. In the making of this film these three men seem to have exercised every sick fantasy, fear and hatred of women they have ever harbored. It's doubtful that any has ever even observed a lesbian. Elizabeth Ashley plays a woman, but her behavior is that of a straight man, right down to the mannerisms she adopts for smoking. The three men who have made this film have taken their brutish, sexist natures and projected them onto a female character whom they've labelled "lesbian". These three men are now trying to profit from their prejudice and hatred. All lesbians and Gay people should inveigh against this terrible film. It can only serve to promote the hatred of lesbians.

Those who want to fight this film should be heartened by the fact that it is technically awful, except for a couple of nice shots of Brooklyn Heights. The movie is a ten minute cliché with an hour and a half of padding and no plot. Of the three men who made the movie, Lobell (producer) and Siegel (writer) have never worked on a movie before. Willis (director) was a cinematographer for *Kluge*, *The Godfather* and *Manhattan*, this was his first stab at directing. Their collective inexperience and lack of talent is made abundantly clear by "Windows".

A spokesperson for United Artists was unable to offer a reason for that corporation's backing and distribution of a product like "Windows". To register a test with United Artists, call or write: Mr. Steven Bach, United Artists Corporation, 729 7th Ave., New York, NY 10019. Phone (212) 575-3000.

R. Paul Martin, Spokesperson

Gay Media Alliance

ED NOTE: The film "Windows" was released in February in four cities - Los Angeles, Seattle, New York and Miami. It is due for national release this month. The National Gay Task Force has also urged a boycott of the film. Below is a review of the movie by Bruce Tanner, film reviewer for the Seattle Gay News.

If anyone ever deserved to be put in the freezer to become a popsicle, it was not the friendly feline Jenny in the film "Windows." Everyone else associated with the film should be, however. The story is of Emily (Talia Shire), a New York woman who is brutally assaulted when she returns home one night. The assailant molests her while a

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Betty Berzon

Perspective

DEVELOPING A POSITIVE GAY IDENTITY

I would like to share a portion of the lecture Dr. Betty Berzon gave at the University of Arizona on February 16th, in which she discussed developing a positive Gay identity.

"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..."

"So, let me suggest something that I think of as a kind of 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. And you track this for yourself and see where you are."

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

1. There is the first acknowledgement of relevance of information about homosexuality to yourself, the first acknowledgment of relevance of information about homosexuality.
2. The first acknowledgment that you might possibly be Gay.
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"WINDOWS" SHOULD BE KEPT CLOSED FROM PAGE ELEVEN tape recorder is used to capture the moment. Later we find out that the event was arranged by a wealthy lesbian, Andrea (Elizabeth Ashley), who hired the assailant so that Emily would dislike men even more since her divorce. The tape recording also provides Andrea with a soundtrack for her own fantasies.

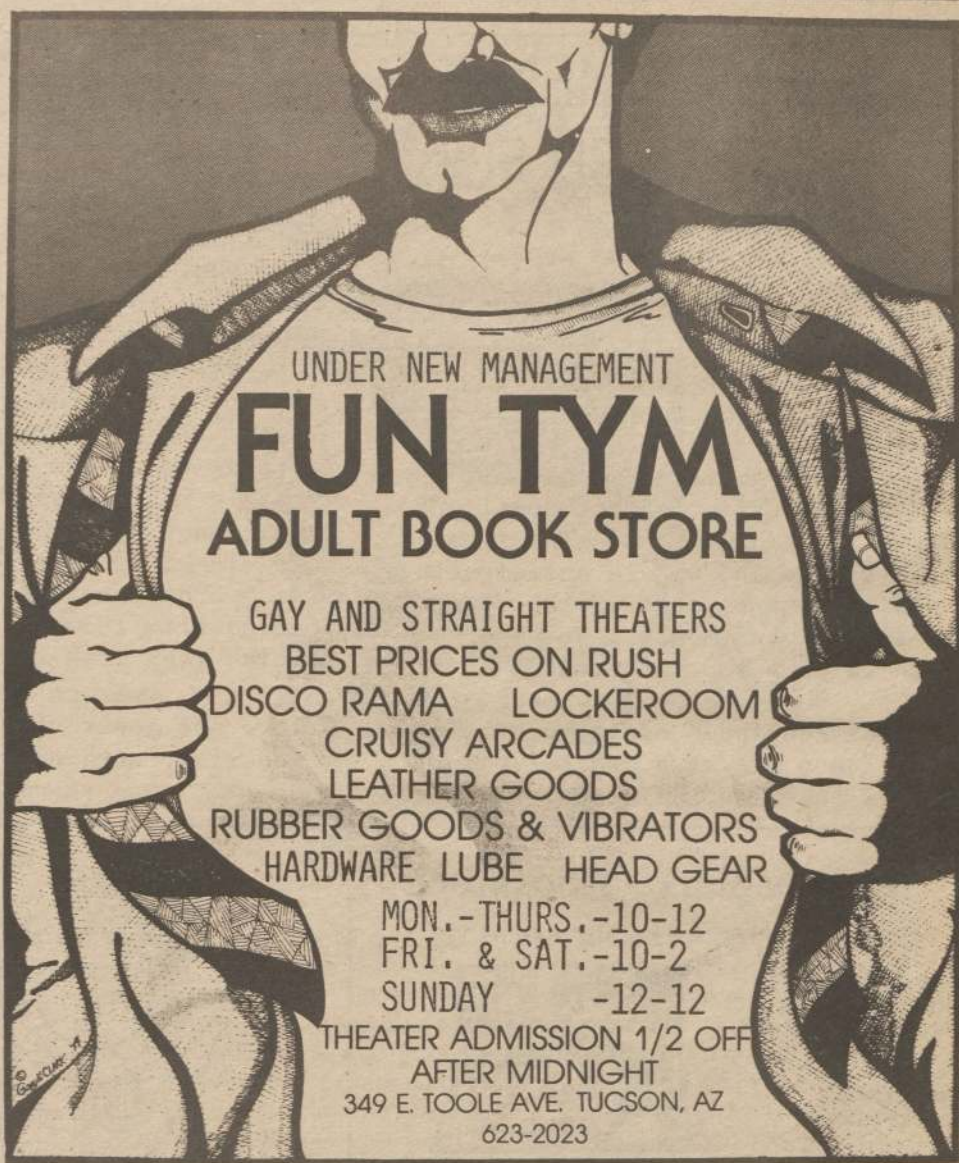
After the assault, Emily falls for the detective working on the case, signs a new lease on an apartment across the river and moves. (Talk about unbelievable - how about going back to move out of your old apartment and thinking three boxes will be enough?) Andrea also rents a loft across the river and buys a large telescope so she can spy on Emily. From her perch, Andrea watches and torments Emily and Bob until the anticlimactic ending when Andrea suffers damnation and is taken off to justice and Emily and Bob walk away hand-in-hand.

If the intention of this film was to comment accurately on Gays, it does not succeed. The closest we ever come to hearing anything about Gay feelings is from Andrea at her psychiatrist's office. But by the time these scenes are introduced, the audience has been so convinced of Andrea's evilness that no matter what she says, no one could believe her. Predictably, the psychiatrist is later murdered so we needn't worry that Andrea may explore her feelings at some time in the future. Emily's reactions to being loved by a woman are never shown or explored. Under duress, Emily does say that she could love Andrea, but a moment later her actions contradict her.

To believe the imagery about lesbians projected by this film, you would have to believe that Gay relationships were based on masochistic needs or founded in a different universe from those of straights. The most disturbing realization of the film comes when you realize that the film is more perverse than the evil character it portrays because it fosters negative imagery of lesbians. It is difficult enough to believe that a film would project the image that it does about anyone, but to make this character a lesbian is even more appalling.

The film does succeed in keeping you on the edge of your seat. I was wondering if I would get ill from fright or leave from disgust. Save your money and keep your pet in sight.

by Bruce Tanner Seattle Gay News



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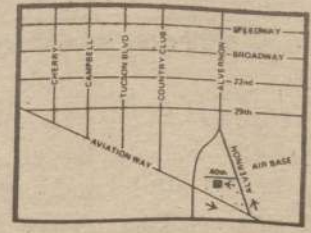
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We now appeal to each of you for your continued assistance. The Boise Women are at a crucial point in this case and additional financial

support is vital. At this moment, without additional financial support from you, the attorneys for this case believe it will be impossible to continue. The consequences of quitting now would be bitter and damaging. We will be providing a weapon for those who feel that homosexuals have no right to the protective cloak of the Constitution. We know what the result of that can and will be.

Therefore, we plead for your help. In the City of Boise there are strong women who are willing to do battle for each and everyone of us. We cannot and should not turn from them; out of love for yourself, for each other and for them. You must stand with them and your rights, which they wish to protect.

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ED NOTE: The Boise Women are now in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco with their case. They were fired from the Boise (Idaho) Police Department for having a homosexual lifestyle. All the women had excellent work records.

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5. The first disclosure of your Gayness to a non-Gay person.
6. The first planned same-sex date.

"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.

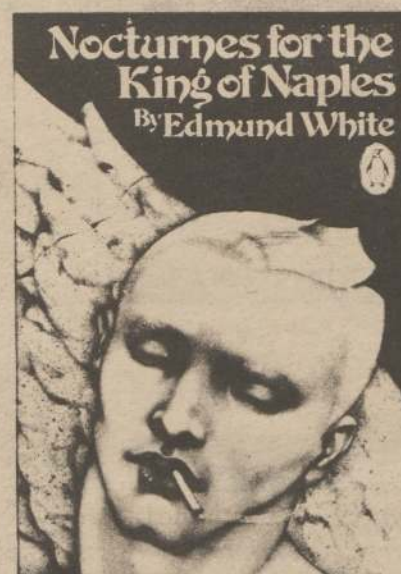
"Now, if you've done all those things, you can collect \$200 and pass GO...to the final stage of Gay identity development. And in the final stage, which you are if you have done all of these things:

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 (see No. 6 above) 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.

"Now, if you have done those things, you have reached the final stage of positive Gay identity. Of course, there are for different individuals variations in the order."

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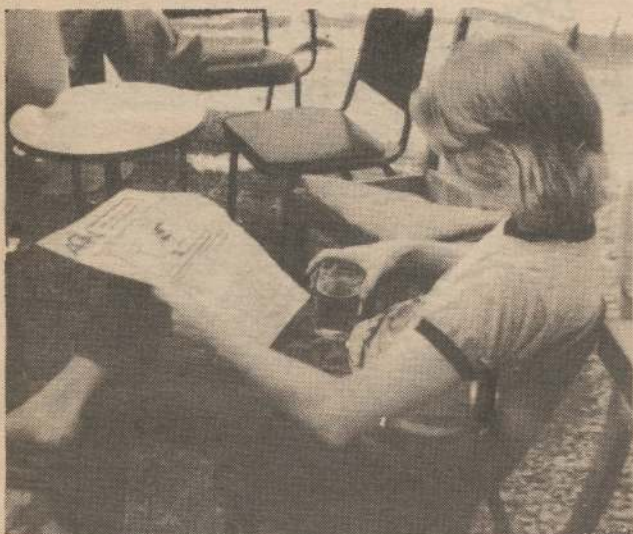
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