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FEDERAL COURT RULES NAVY CAN EJECT GAYS

Compiled by David Morris

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - In the midst of yet another Navy investigation of enlisted personnel for suspected homosexual activity, a federal appeals court here has upheld the Navy's policy of mandatory exclusion of Lesbians and Gay men from the service. The three justices of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Navy had the right to "protect the fabric of military life" by excluding Lesbians and Gay men without regard for their service records or their ability to do their jobs. "It's a very negative decision, probably the most anti-Gay decision to come out of the federal courts in come time," commented Steve Parrish of San Francisco's Gay Rights Advocates. "It's a very significant setback in our view. Basically, they adopted the Navy's line of reasoning right down the line."

At the Defense Language Insititute in Monterey, California, in the meantime, the Navy has launched an investigation of 14 sailors in the Naval Security Group who are studying there. Of the 14, one of whom is a woman, seven are awaiting discharge after being investigated and the other seven are still under investigation.

Donna Hitchens of Equal Rights Advocates, a public service law firm involved in sex discrimination cases, told GCN that the court decision will definitely affect the discharges of the Monterey sailors. The Ninth Circuit Court ruling was made in a 1975 case involving Mary Roseann Saal, Dennis R. Beller and James Lee Miller, who were discharged because of admitted homosexual activity but who filed appeals. Miller had been reinstated when a lower court reversed his discharge, the the Navy appealed the lower court ruling. Attorney for the three discharged sailors had argued that their Constitutional right to due process was violated by the Navy's policy of not judging such cases individually on their merits. They claimed the Navy was required to show in each case a relation between sexual orientation and fitness to remain in service.

Hitchens told GCN that the ruling allows for exceptions in cases of isolated incidents of Lesbian or Gay sex but that its overall effect is one of blanket exclusion from the Navy for homosexual activity. She said the ruling will probably apply as well to the other branches of the military, which have regulations similar to those of the Navy. "I think the other services are certainly pleased to see this decision come down," Parrish told GCN. "One of the strong arguments the Navy has apparently used is that you can't have Gays because they go out on ships for long periods of time. But the decision was so negative that I doubt that even that would be enough to distinguish (the Navy) from the other services."

Hitchens commented, "What we're faced with at this point are some very conflicting opinions out of the courts. The Matlovich case definitely conflicts with this case." A Federal judge ruled in September in the case of Leonard Matlovich that the Air Force regulations pertaining to discharges for Gay activity were unconstitutionally vague. (AGN 12 Sept.). In that case, two different courts ordered the Air Force to clarify its regulations by explaining the "unusual circumstances" under which, according to earlier Air Force statements, Lesbians and Gay men could be allowed to remain in the service. It was their failure to do so that resulted in the ruling against the Air Force.

An Army spokesman at the multi-service Defense Langu age Institute said of the investigation there, "The Naval Investigative Service and any other investigative service are continually on the lookout for drugs and this kind of stuff. It's not like it's a witchhunt. He told GCN that two of the 14 sailors had themselves told their commanding officers of their "homosexual tendencies". Of the other 12, the official said, There is a Gay bar in town. Maybe they were being surveillanced in there or something like that." The official claimed that in the specific case of Naval Security Group sailors, "They leave here going to very high security jobs, intelligence jobs. We cannot have any type of situation in any person's past or present that

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Phoenix police deny pride march permit

PHOENIX - On November 4, the office of the Police Chief of Phoenix denied the Lesbian and Gay Pride March Planning Committee (LGPMP) the right to hold a candlelight march on June 27, 1981. The reason Lt. Rulon K. Lee denied the permit was because of the lack of "community-wide interest" and the route of the march. The march route from Patriot's Park to the State Capitol is the route taken each year by 400-600 people when "Take A Day for the ERA" is celebrated. The Phoenix Police Department has informed the ERA march organizers that a permit was not needed for their annual march, providing that the activity was not considered a parade.

Officials of LGPMP will first work under the theory that the police department misunderstood their request. If the police fail to cooperate, further legal action is planned.

Suit filed for Cuban refugees

NEW YORK, NY - Fifteen women, who left their native Cuba as part of the "freedom flotilla" to the United States last May, have sued the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for incarcerating them since August 29 in New York's Metropolitan Correctional Center without any hearing or any notice of the charges against them. The fifteen, who arrived at Key West, Florida in May of this year, are represented by the New York Civil Liberties Union, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and Brooklyn Legal Services.

Within days of their arrival in the United States, the women were sent to Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, one of the several regional processing centers established by INS. While being held there, the women were led to believe that they would be released to the community as soon as sponsors were found, in accordance with the standard procedures INS had adopted to process the Cuban refugees. All of the women asked for political asylum in the United States, but none has yet received a response from the Government.

During August, there were several disturbances at Indiantown Gap in protest over the conditions experienced by the Cuban refugees. All of the women deny having played any role in the disturbances. On August 29, all of the women were rounded up and brought by van to the Metropolitan Correctional Center. They were not told where they were being taken nor why. None of the fifteen women has been told why she is being imprisoned or for how much longer it will continue. None has received any charges nor had any hearing; none has been given any information about her status, allowed any visitors or given any

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News Briefs

CRIS WILLIAMS IN PHOENIX CONCERT

PHOENIX - The Women's Center and Womansplace Bookstore are presenting a concert by popular vocalist Cris Williamson this Saturday, November 22 at 8:00 p.m. in the Saguaro High School Performing Arts Center, 6250 North 82nd Street in Scottsdale. Ms. Williamson is accompanied by Jackie Robbins for the concert, which is produced by Amelia Productions. There is access for wheelchairs and there will be sign interpretation for the hearing impaired. For more information call 956-0456. Donation is \$7.50.

JUST CALL THEM QUEER

FORT WAYNE, IN (GCN) - The Indiana Lesbian and Gay State Conference met as scheduled despite flack from about 100 followers of Indiana Baptist preacher Greg Dixon. According to *Trois*, a Gay/Lesbian paper in Fort Wayne, the protestors were mostly men and a few children. They gathered in the street opposite the "Y" where the conference was to take place, and attracted much media attention.

"The theme of the conference was 'From Pride to Politics' and the marchers outside served well as a grim illustration of the type of mentality we Gay and Lesbian people are up against," said Jerry Jokay in his account of the conference in *Trois*. He added, however, that the born-again protest attracted plenty of publicity to the conference. Conference planners issued a statement: "Lesbians, Gay men and our friends from throughout Indiana are gathering today to discuss our political, economic and social well-being. We are Americans, with the right to Peaceably assemble."

Sonney Snell, associate pastor of the Baptist Church, later issued a statement to the *Indianapolis Star*: "I don't call them homosexuals or Gays, I just call them 'queer'! They're not Gay, they're the sorriest people on the face of the earth, and I don't want these perverts teaching my children."

This week's cover.

Photographed on stage at the Halloween Ball at the Adams Hotel in Phoenix where she MC'd the very successful affair, "The Hostess With The Mostest," JoAnne graces our cover this week. Stunning my dear!



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BLACK LEADERS WARN REAGAN ON CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Black leaders are cautioning President-elect Ronald Reagan and the new Republicans in Congress that their victory at the polls was not "a mandate to turn back the hands of time" on civil rights issues.

"Our fight is going to be one to hold on to what we have and block legislative matters that could do us great harm," Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-IL) chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus said. "By losing, we go from offense to defense," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of the self-help group known as Operation Push. "But we do not go into exile." The black members made it clear that they would fight a number of proposals now before the lame-duck session of Congress that would cut back on certain civil rights. They noted that despite the election setbacks, the Democrats will hold a majority in both chambers of Congress until January.

NEW GAY PUBLICATION INTRODUCED

SEATTLE, WA - The first issue of *Northwest Oasis: A Forum For Gay Culture* will be available November 1, Editor Greg Bartholomew announced. The new publication will feature fiction, poetry and commentary. The first issue features writings by many talented persons. The publication will be available locally through Books Brothers, Ltd. in Tucson and it retails for \$3.00.

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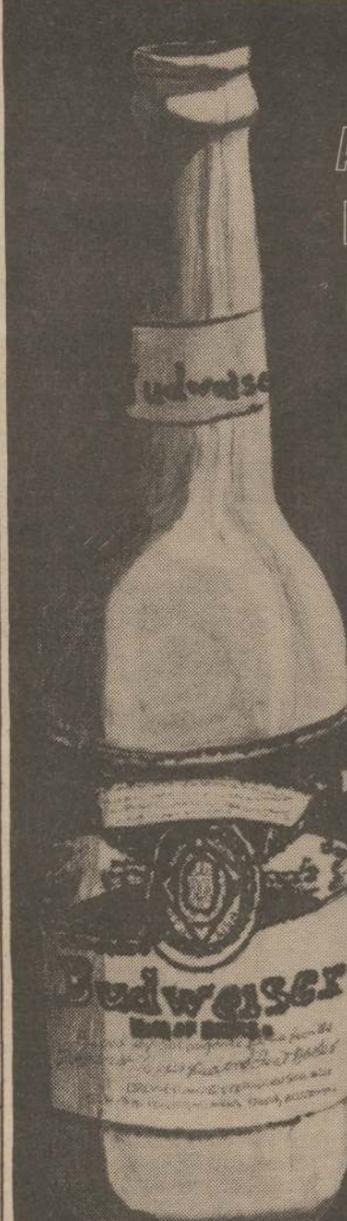
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FIRST MEXICAN CONFERENCE

MEXICO CITY (GCN) - The Frente Homosexual de Accion Revolucionaria (FHAR - Homosexual Revolutionary Action Group) has planned a national conference of FHAR members and supporters for Dec. 13 and 14 at a Mexico City location yet to be determined. FHAR has announced that the purpose of the conference, the first of its kind, will be "to make a self-critical appraisal of activities undertaken so far, to revise the organizational structure at a national level, to formulate a political declaration and to make decisions concerning the direction of our future work." FHAR was organized in 1978 by one-time members of the now-defunct Frente de Liberacion Homosexual (Homosexual Liberation Front), the first Lesbian and Gay organization in Mexico. FHAR is one of at least three Lesbian and Gay groups currently active in the country.

Although FHAR is centered in Mexico City, one object of the conference will be to promote Lesbian and Gay organizing in outlying regions of the country. "The active participation of Lesbians and Gay men from the provinces," a FHAR statement reads, "will permit the creation of a powerful national organization that can confront directly the arbitrary actions taken against us everywhere solely because we are homosexual. A FHAR with branches in all the states can respond more effectively to any eventuality. Conference organizers have planned workshops during the two-day meeting. For more information write F.H.A.R., Apartado Postal 13-320, Mexico 13, D.F., Mexico.



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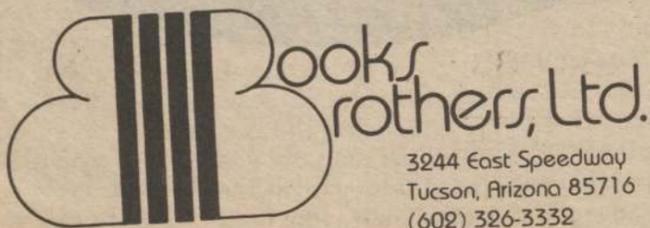
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Dahhhling Queen

TALLAHASSEE, FL (GCN) - A Florida State University man, running as Billy Dahhhling as captured this year's title as homecoming queen. The St. Petersburg Times reports that junior Bill Wade ran to express his distaste for the homecoming "beauty contest" and as a personal protest against the stereotyped "macho man and passive girl". Wade was supported by the Tallahassee Gay Alliance and the FSU Women's Center. The local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) entered the picture when the FSU administration showed signs of opposition. Wade said he interpreted support for his candidacy as "A Queen With A Difference" as an expression of anti-sexist sentiments. However, finalists for homecoming princess disagreed, telling the Times that they felt that students voted for Wade in protest over the fraternity-sorority system which has traditionally dominated the festivities.

The 17-year-old junior outpolled 19 female candidates, winning by a margin of 100 out of 5,200 votes cast. While many of the other candidates spent \$500 to \$1,000 on their campaigns, Wade spent \$3.50. Three of the four finalists for homecoming princess and all of the nominees for Chief (the queen's escort), including the winner, said they would boycott the ceremonies if Wade refused to abdicate. Alumni Affairs Chair Bob Shakleton said that several "very prominent" alumni had indicated they would withdraw their financial support if Wade participated in homecoming as princess.

Wade and his attorneys eventually struck a compromise with the university. "Billy Dahhhling" would be crowned but would not ride in the parade or appear at the game. At the coronation, according to the Times, most of the 15,000 students present yelled obscenities and made obscene gestures. The FSU student senate has since instituted sex distinctions for homecoming queen and chief. A male homecoming queen had been elected at FSU in 1972, but the university cancelled all homecoming activities in response.



This Week's TV Programs

- 7:00(2) P*O*O*P - Comedy
The new, two night USO show is finally getting the old canteen fired up again, while Slop Lips is temporarily transferred to Fort East Bumfuct. Starring: Trisha Tranner, Goldie O'Brawn, Moosie-Moosie Wetter. (60 min.)
- (7) DORK AND CINDY - Comedy
When Sarah finally returns to work, her replacement checks into the Carefree Old D.J.'s home for a well deserved two weeks rest. Sarah: Brandy Snifter. Sally: Jeffy Maye. (60 min.)
- (69) MOVIE - Drama
"Out Again, Then In" Made for TV movie about an actress who loses all her assets to the Dipsy Reposeession Company, then quits her job in a huff. She returns only to find she's been fired, but blindly talks her way back into a much more submissive role. Ladie Catastrophe. (3 hr.)
- 8:00(2) THAT'S INCOGNITO! - Variety
In the last show of the series, hostess Ilene Undress gives away all her secrets to being a good hostess without being at a loss for topics to talk about. (60 min.)
- (7) THE TAILOR'S SAGA - Drama
Miss Pinn buys out the local drugstore's supply of Clearsil before she begins her starring role in the Church Bazaar's Ice Show. Miss Pinn: Phil Orugsky.
- 9:00(2) THE DYKE VAN DICK SHOW - Comedy
Laura's on her semi-annual vacation. Her dog's in the pound; her apartment's up for grabs; and she has to throw a midnight "I don't get no respect" cocktail party for some of her old, old, old, old girlfriends from the south. Laura: Dani Bicardi. (60 min.)
- (7) THE WILD QUEENDOM - Variety
Hostess Christi Loveshitz welcomes Miss Joanne Woodwark who discusses her upcoming starring role as Rose in the Penguin Production of "Gypsy". Clinton Lunden Orchestra. (60 min.)



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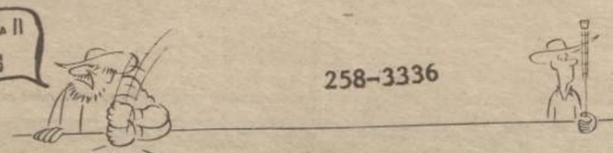
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- ...Now that Wilma has grown a mustache, he presents his lips in greeting instead of his cheeks.
- ...A sweet innocent but ignorant young thing couldn't tell the difference between Mona and Sofonda - Imagine!!!
- ...There was a bit of polygamy on East 26th Street last week. But now they have all disappeared.
- ...Lady Cass must have found a new brand of make-up - the wrinkles no longer show!
- ...Razzle Dazzle is going to take lee home and sow shim what a witch really is - hopefully!
- ...Scott sells tickets to the "Mike and Younger Son" shows.
- ...A certain bar owner works up a sweat just trying to decide whether to go to work.
- ...Al K's nuts were eaten in all the bars last week.
- ...Warner has been around Tucson so long that Father Kino asked him where to build San Xavier Mission.
- ...Jackie was using a flash light in the Graduate to search for what???
- ...Tommy S. and Mike M. were exchanging book store data at the Hair Tiz.
- ...Phil J. works hard so he can buy his pleasure these days.
- ...Sunday evening was 3-way nite at the JT/BP.
- ...Gordon thought the Closet Ball was a rehearsal for next year's Halloween.
- ...Klutzy Don M. cleans the phone at the Graduate by dropping it into the disinfectant sink.
- ...Danny LaDouche lost his pants in the Toole Box Saturday.
- ...Miss Polly certainly glued her eyes to the stage during the Aquarius number - could have seen the same thing in one of last year's AGN's!
- ...Michigan Bob is back in town - Everyone keep your knees together!
- ...Peter is very glad Roger is complimentary when discussing lovers!
- ...George M. says co-workers fall for anything - fall??
- ...Miss Polly's hairdresser Rick says, "At least the white streak is natural.
- ...Winter is here - Peter wore long pants and Jackie switched hats from straw to felt! - Felt??
- ...Loretta was at Brunch with her panty hose and clutch purse.
- ...He may be Miss Piggy on Saturday night, but he is just plain porky the rest of the week!
- ...Space Cadet and Max spent Sunday afternoon on the floor at the HT.
- ...Murray was looking through the recipe book to find out how to fry and egg!
- ...HT/Tom's pantyhose were found in Caryl's car Sunday a.m.
- ...Former Tucsonan Vickie Clickie is now known as Bonny Berge.
- ...JT/BP is getting the toilet seats reupholstered.
- ...JoJo decided on a new carburator before his California trip - will need a 4-barrel with Tommy S. along!
- ...All of this year's contestants at the Closet Ball could have dressed using just Dale McK's gown from last year.

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information about available legal services or remedies.

"These many months of captivity have caused great anxiety and distress for each of these women," stated Steven Shapiro, an attorney with the New York Civil Liberties Union. "These feelings are magnified by a sense of helplessness. Refugees from a political regime they opposed, these fifteen women now find themselves in jail in the United States without knowing why or for how long." "The present situation is outrageous", stated Rosalyn Richter, Executive Director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "The women have not been given any idea of the charges against them and have been denied even the most basic dur process rights.

The petitions on behalf of the fifteen women call for their immediate release from the Center and for release from INS custody once a sponsor is available in accordance with regular INS procedures. The suit also asks that their cases be given priority status as a result of their more than two months of unlawful imprisonment.

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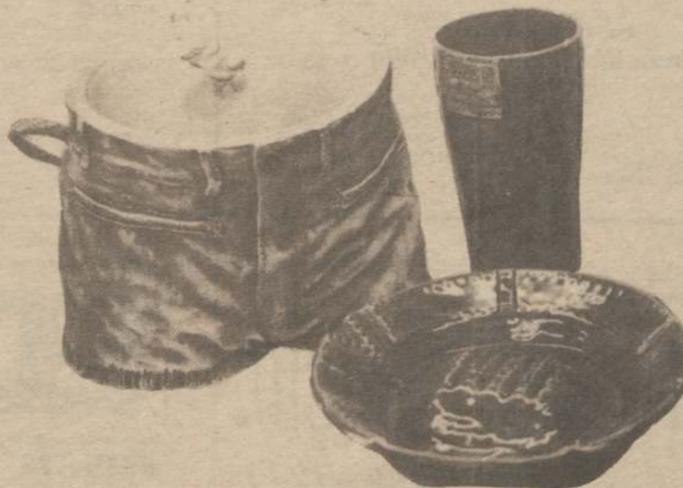


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could cause them to have to divulge information...that's why they're discharged. That's our concern." The Naval Security Group is involved in electronic spying operations.

The Army official added that in any case Department of Defense policy "requires prompt separation of homosexuals from military service." He said the nature of the discharges will be decided by the Chief of Naval Military Personnel in Washington, DC, but that usually such discharges are honorable or general, depending on past service.

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HTCC

This Sunday, Holy Trinity will have a special Thanksgiving service. It will be followed by a slide show of some of the costumes at the Halloween Party, to be shown during the social hour. The service starts at 7 p.m. at 4831 E. 22nd St., in the Awareness Room of the Unitarian Church. Everyone is welcome.

Holy Trinity wishes to extend our most hearty and sincere congratulations to the Rev. "Buff" Fisher as she is installed by the Rev. Troy Perry as Casa de Cristo's assistant pastor. Our prayers are with them all on this wonderful occasion.

Pastor Jim and others who are trained counselors are still available for counseling, rapping whenever you have any problems. Just call the church number for an appointment, or in case of an emergency, call anytime. There is no situation in which there is not an answer to your troubles. Remember that God loves you and so do we. Pastor Jim, 323-2424 in Tucson.

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Tendremos clases en inglés los jueves a las 7:30. Uno no tiene que ser miembro de la iglesia para atender estas clases. El unico requisito es que uno quiera aprender el inglés. Tendremos nuevo servicio en español los domingos a las 2:30 p.m. y todo el mundo es muy bienvenido a los servicios. El horario del pastor de Santa Cruz será 4:30 a 5:30 martes y miercoles y jueves como hay clases en ingles estoy en la iglesia 7:30-9:30. Telefono de la iglesia: 622-4536, de la casa: 293-4326. La dirección de la iglesia 349 W 35th (esquina de 10th y 35th.)
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MCC

Phoenix At this Sunday's 11:00 a.m. Celebration, several things will be happening. H. "Buff" Fisher, former pastor of Truth Chapel MCC in Tucson, will be officially installed as Assistant Pastor of Casa de Cristo. Assisting Pastor Fred in the Installation will be Elder Troy Perry, founder of the first MCC and Moderator of the UFMCC. Sam Sampson will be installed during this special service as Casa's Minister-of-Music. Sam comes to Casa de Cristo well qualified for this position, having taught music in a college back east and having also served as a Baptist minister in Tennessee. Several new members will also be received into the membership Sunday morning at this particular service.

At 4:00 p.m., a special Reception honoring Casa's new ministers "Buff" and Sam, will be held at the home of Pastor Fred and his spouse Joseph. Light refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend this reception. The day will conclude with the Sunday Evening Vesper Service at 7:30 p.m. Newly installed Assistant Pastor "Buff" will bring the message at this service.

Thanksgiving time is always a busy time at Casa de Cristo. The annual Thanksgiving Day Service will be held at 11 a.m. Thanksgiving morning. A special offering of food items and clothing will be received. These items will be given for our missionary, Virginia Binder, in her work on the Papago Indian Reservation out of the Sells area. The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at "the ranch" to which everyone is welcome. Those who desire to participate in the dinner should call the church office at 265-2831.

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