

San Francisco's Gay Freedom Parade

by Paul Liberatore

SAN FRANCISCO - For the ninth time in as many years, Gays took to the streets of San Francisco on June 29th to celebrate their sexuality, protest their oppression and display their unity in the face of their diversity. They came from the familiar haunts of Castro and Polk streets and from as far away as Amsterdam, Vancouver and Hawaii. Despite the outward look of solidarity, the Gay Freedom Parade held undercurrents of political rifts in the Gay community and differences of opinion among parade organizers on the success of the annual gathering.

Some organizers called it the biggest Gay Freedom Parade of all, drawing more than 30,000 marchers and 250,000 spectators along Market Street from the Embarcadero to the Civic Center. Others said it fell far short of the 300,000 predicted and was only about half as large as last year's event. There was no violence. Police information officer Henry Friedlander, who estimated the crowd at a conservative 50,000, described the event as "very quiet. There were no incidents at all."

The parade which began under overcast skies at 11:00 a.m. and ended late in the afternoon with bands and speakers at City Hall Plaza, just as the sun broke out, boasted 240 contingents, illustrating the stunning diversity of the Gay lifestyle. Marchers ranged from Gay rodeo riders from Reno to muscle boys in cages from the Bulldog Baths, from the Samoia S&M club in leather and chains to Gay Mormons, as well as Gay roller disco dancers, Gay phone workers, Gay teenagers, Gay mothers, fathers, lawyers, dentists and Gays against Brunch.

Sister Flagellation, a Gay man wearing a garish makeup and the nun's habit that is *de rigueur* for a group called "The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence," said that, to him, the parade is a mixture of partying and politics. "It's a carnival and it's a commemoration of the Stonewall Riots," he said. The theme of the parade this year was "Liberty and Justice for All," but some Gay marchers objected to the carnival atmosphere of the day, which they feel obscured the more important political issues affecting Gay men and women. "We feel it definitely isn't a time for celebration," said Alberta Maged, marching with a coalition of "progressive Gay groups, including the Lavender Left, the Stonewall Brigade and Commie Queers. "You can't celebrate when you're still being oppressed."

Maged, a San Francisco school teacher, pointed to the recent repeal of Gay rights ordinances in San Jose and Santa Clara (AGN 13 June). "We have an illusion of Freedom in San Francisco that makes it easy to exist, but the right-wing movement is growing quickly," she said. "It's right to be proud to be Gay, but that isn't enough if you're still being attacked."

Farther back in the parade route, hairdresser Lanny Revoir, 35, wore white face makeup with painted red tears under his eyes as he marched beside a float from San Jose. Six Gays hung on crosses on the back of a truck in mock crucifixion, dramatizing the repeal of Gay rights measures in San Jose by 75 percent of the voters in that city. Revoir called attention to the float's slogan, "Where were you?" and said failure by Gays in San Francisco to support Gay rights in San Jose contributed to the political defeat. "Gay people seem apathetic when it comes to voting," he said.

Joan Annfire, 20, marching under the banner, "Lesbians Against Police Violence," charged that the parade had been co-opted by conservative white males "trying to keep politics out" and women in a subservient role. For example, she said, organizers attempted, unsuccessfully, to discourage the leather-clad, tattooed members of Dykes on

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SAN FRANCISCO - The crowd at San Francisco's Gay Freedom Parade was estimated at being anywhere from 50,000 to 250,000 persons. Some participants objected to the carnival atmosphere including the rides shown above.

White House responds to protest

WASHINGTON, DC - On behalf of President Carter, Anne Wexler, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, responded to an April 1 National Gay Task Force letter that protested the participation of the West Point Glee Club in a television program sponsored by the Anita Bryant Ministries, Inc. (AGN 18 April). The program, "Anita Bryant's Spectacular - My Little Corner Of The World" was aired during March on independent television stations across the country. Considering that Anita Bryant Ministries is essentially a religious organization, the cooperation of the military raised serious questions relating to the traditional separation of church and state.

In her June 24th letter, Wexler stated that, "The Department of the Army has concluded that ... the Glee Club's appearance was not consistent with the Department of Defense's guidance concerning the Department's support of and participation in events and activities in the civilian sector." She went on to say that, "The Military Academy has been informed that the appearance of the West Point Glee Club was inconsistent with regulations. The producers of the show ... are aware of the objection to use of the West Point segment in connection with Anita Bryant Ministries, Inc." In concluding, Wexler said, "...The Department of the Army is studying the matter to see whether changes in procedures are necessary to avoid repetition of the event."

NGTF Co-Directors Charles F. Brydon and Lucia
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News Briefs

ARC PHOENIX SEEKS NOMINATIONS

PHOENIX - The Board of Directors and General Membership of the Alternative Relations Center (ARC) are currently seeking nominations to fill a Co-Chairperson vacancy on the Board of Directors. The Board is currently composed of two women and four men.

Persons wishing to make nominations should submit them in writing to the Nominations Committee, c/o Alternative Relations Center, 1836 Grand Avenue, Phoenix, Az 85063.

UNKNOWN -

ARLINGTON, VA (GCN) - A group of Lesbian and Gay activists placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery here after the White House intervened to get a permit for the ceremony from the Army. "It is with special joy and pain that we recall the multitude of Gay men and Lesbian women who often died alone, hiding their true selves," read Rev. Larry Uhrig, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, during the ceremony. "We rejoice in the faith that they are known to you, who created each of them."

According to a report in the Washington Post, three high-ranking officials from the Department of the Army, who attended the ceremony, carefully scrutinized the prayer before permitting it to be read. The Army turned down the first request for a permit for the ceremony, submitted by local activist Franklin Kameny, because he included in the request his intention to demonstrate support for Lesbian and Gay military personnel now in the service, the Post reported.

The permit was denied because the military does not permit known homosexuals in the service, and any demonstration on their behalf would be an attempt to change military policy, according to Lt. Col. Robert Faxon of the office of the secretary of the Army, who was present at the service.

Kameny contacted White House liaison officer Allison Thomas, who called the secretary of the Army's office. Shortly thereafter, Kameny made a second request to lay a wreath without stating intent to demonstrate support for Lesbians and Gay men currently in the military, and the request was granted. Nearly a dozen armed security officers stood by during the ceremony in case of what the superintendent of the National Cemetery called "any trouble." There were no disruptions.

MEN'S RAP BEGINS NEW SERIES

TUCSON - The men's Rap Group which meets on Friday nights at 2460 N. Dodge, will begin a new series of rap groups this Friday evening, July 11. The topic will be "Communications--Men and Women: Do We Speak The Same Language?" The guest for this rap series will be Valerie Taylor, who is among other things an expert in Lesbians in Literature. Women are welcome to participate in these rap groups.

SUIT COUNTER SUIT

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - Georgetown University has responded to a lawsuit brought by Lesbian and Gay student groups seeking official university recognition by filing a countersuit against the groups.

According to a report in the Washington, DC Blade, attorneys for the University in a court document denied charges that the school had violated the District of Columbia Human Rights Act, which forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, by refusing recognition to Gay People of Georgetown University (GPGU) and the Gay Rights Coalition of Georgetown University Law Center (GRCGULC).

In addition, the school is countersuing the groups in an attempt to stop them from using the name of the school in their titles. The suit seeks no monetary damages, although the original student suit which prompted the response does seek such damages.

MURDER SUSPECT IDENTIFIED

KANSAS CITY, MO (GayLife) - The Kansas City police Department has issued a warrant for the arrest of Herbert Barry who is being sought in connection with the February 19 murder of Stephen L. Jones, better known to Chicago's Gay community as Wanda Lust (AGN 21 March). Police believe that Barry, 19, is the assailant who stabbed Jones repeatedly in a movie theater lobby last February following an argument. If apprehended, Barry faces a Class A Felony Capital Murder charge. According to Missouri law, capital murder is punishable by death or life imprisonment, depending upon mitigating circumstances.

Barry was reportedly last seen in Texas, and Kansas City Police have sent information on Barry to Federal officers to assist in his apprehension. The police got their lead on Barry through an informant. They were then able to contact the two women who allegedly accompanied Barry to the theater. The women confirmed the informant's statement and other witnesses present that evening subsequently identified Barry from a photograph which the police were able to secure.

SOFTBALL AT HIMMEL PARK SUNDAY

TUCSON - If you would like to play softball this Sunday afternoon, July 13, at 1:00 p.m. on the Himmel Park diamonds, bring your gloves, bats and balls please. This activity is open to everyone in the community and will be strictly for pleasure.

INT'L MEETING OF JEWISH GAYS

SAN FRANCISCO - California Superior Court Judge Stephen Lachs, the first openly Gay man ever appointed to the American judiciary, will be the keynote speaker at the opening banquet of the Fifth International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews scheduled for Labor Day weekend, August 29 - September 1, 1980 at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn in San Francisco.

The gala banquet will inaugurate a weekend of workshops, social events, and political discussions for some three to four hundred participants throughout the world. Dinner will be followed by Sabbath services at historic Congregation Sherith Israel and an Oneg Shabbat with music and folkdancing. Saturday, Sunday and Monday will offer an event-filled schedule of religious services, business sessions, luncheons and symposia on topics ranging from "Religion and Homosexuality: A Jewish Perspective" to "Color Your Closet" (an art-therapy workshop). For the lighter side of the weekend, Conference chair Aaron Cooper announced that plans are progressing for a Saturday night concert.

"The registration deadline is August 1," advises Irene Ogus, Conference vice-chair. "We're receiving inquiries from all over the world; everyone interested in attending should immediately write the Conference Registration Committee at P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101.

20,000 REFUGEES ARE GAY?

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - As many as 20,000 homosexuals may be among the large group of Cuban refugees who entered the United States in the recent boat-lift, the Washington Post says.

The Post said Gays may account for as many as half the 40,000 refugees who are still in camps across the country. But specific figures are hard to come by, nor is it known why so many homosexuals were among the refugees, the Post added. Bill Traugh, director of refugee operations at Fort Chaffee, Ark., said "All we know is that we have a lot of Gay people here among our 10,179 remaining refugees.

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Bikes from riding their motorcycles in the procession. "When people think of Gays, they think of Gay men who own stores on Castro Street. Well a lot of them are men who themselves have underpaid female secretaries. The image is that we just want a slice of the pie, to fit into the system. But there are some of us who don't want a slice of the pie. We think the pie's moldy and we want to bake something new."

Parade co-chairperson Amy Fournier denied any male dominance in the organization of the event and said there was no attempt to discourage political statements by anyone. "I'm certainly not a white male faggot," she said. "When we walk down Market Street, everyone can see us. We're every size, shape, stripe and color. That is a political statement in itself. It really shows our diversity. You can see any kind of Gay person here."

This year, for the first time, carnival rides whirled on Larkin Street on the east side of Civic Plaza Center. Tens of thousands jammed the plaza to hear speakers, including Gay Supervisor Harry Britt and Assemblyman Willie Brown, plus an afternoon of live music. This was the second Gay Freedom Parade since the city's Gays trashed City Hall and battled police in a night of rage over the voluntary manslaughter verdict returned last year against Supervisor Dan White for the killings of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. Parade monitors served sandwiches and cookies only a few feet away from the glass doors that were smashed in the "White Night" protest, and police presence was low-key and tolerant.

Standing on the City Hall steps, Britt looked out at the partying throngs and noted the changes in the Gay community since the first parade in 1972. "Initially, the parade had a ghetto mentality," he said. "It was a circus for the rest of the world to stare at. Now it's an affirmation of the participation of Gay people in the larger society." *San Francisco Chronicle*

- ...Someone stopped telling Gary Y. what a good time Charles N. was having.
- ...Lloyd B. figured out a way to get rid of the last picture from "what's their name's" party.
- ...Bob and Mary B. made such a killing in Tahoe that Vinny C. and Rita can now afford to take some employed and valued customers on an all-expense paid weekend to the Plaza Hotel, and not raise the drink prices.
- ...Fr. Peter admitted he was really a "mother."
- ...The two men who were fighting over Shayne but ended up leaving together, returned to the bar to tell Shayne all about it.
- ...Fred Y. and Phil J. finally got together and opened up a quick service nursery school.
- ...Scott VR. discovered why Roy C. had all his ex's live and sleep together.
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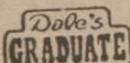


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ERA backers look to fall elections

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Backers of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), with the chance for ratification this year virtually gone, are turning to the fall elections as their best and possibly last hope. The Illinois legislature's failure to ratify the amendment Wednesday, June 18, left the ERA at least three states shy of the 38 needed to make it a part of the Constitution.

No other state legislature is scheduled to vote on the measure this year, and 1981 sessions will be the last for many state assemblies before the June 1982 deadline for ratification. Fund raising already has begun for pro-ERA legislative candidates this fall, and plans are being formulated to take the campaign to the Democratic and Republican national platform committees. "We're going to be very active in the fall elections - the presidential one and all the ones in between," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women (NOW). She said her organization will remind both Democrats and Republicans of their long support for the amendment, and hope that a continuing commitment from party leaders will favorably influence state lawmakers.

Some ERA activists are particularly concerned that opposition from Ronald Reagan, the likely GOP presidential nominee, will keep an ERA plank out of this year's Republican platform. "When the Republicans meet, they are going to find out how many Republican feminists they have who are determined that that plank, which has been in the party platform since 1944, not be removed," said Liz Carpenter, former chairwoman of ERAmerica.

Although state election strategies still are being worked out for the fall campaign, ERA backers are hopeful of making changes in the North Carolina and Florida legislatures. Both states failed to adopt the amendment by two votes in their last legislative sessions. There is also some optimism about prospects in South Carolina, where five lawmakers who had pledged to support the ERA two years ago switched their votes at the last minute, said ERAmerica spokeswoman Kathleen Currie. She added that legislative leadership is backing the amendment in Oklahoma, and a strong coalition of business, labor and politicians are pushing it in Missouri.

Gonzales announces for district 9 Senate seat

TUCSON - Carlos Gonzales, native Tucsonan and a friend to the Gay community has announced his candidacy for a Senate seat in the state legislature from district #9. In his initial press release, Gonzales said: "Support from several 'very influential' Democrats and several members of the GOP, in part was responsible for the confirmation of my decision to seek the District 9 Senate seat. To add more fuel to the fire of my ambition to run was, the final passage of House Bill #2013 which consequently imposed a resident tuition on students of Arizona's community colleges, totalling a staggering 115% increase. This will have very adverse effects on future student enrollments, thus jeopardizing the community college concept. This legislation has further limited the accessibility to higher education to a fortunate few at the expense of many.

Arizona's legislators have spent too much time nursing politics and have eluded the problems of the people, such as the Equal Rights Amendment that has been the victim of near-sighted politicians who perceive the ERA as a vehicle to win elections. It is after the election that ERA is sacrificed to the lions of bureaucracy and is again tabled for another two years.

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by Jim Larrabee
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With a third of the season completed, these are the team and individual leaders in various categories: The Strikers have top scratch series (1665) and high single game (621). Ray Dumez has the high men's series (508), Candy Trowbridge the women's (350). The high single men's game belongs to George Plentzas (207) and Candy Trowbridge has the women's (127). Averages in the league range from 57.7 to 158.3. At this point, 40 regulars and subs comprise the league (consisting of 8 teams, four on a team).

Thursday's action saw The Strikers splitting The Family; Coco's Angels beating their wings and The Odd Squad; The Empire striking back at The Force and OSWMA (Oh S---! We missed again) drubbing the ever-absent Rovers. Current league standings are:

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THE STRIKERS	12	4	.750
COCO'S ANGELS	12	4	.750
THE ROVERS	8	8	.500
THE FAMILY	8	8	.500
THE ODD SQUAD	7	9	.438
THE EMPIRE	7	9	.438
OSWMA	6	10	.375
THE FORCE	4	12	.250

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Rainbow Society meets with ARC

PHOENIX - On June 26, Paul Waller, President of the Grand Canyon Rainbow Society of the Deaf met with Paul R. Consales, Co-Cair of the Alternative Relations Center (ARC) to discuss program coordination between the two organizations. Newest to the Arizona scene is the Rainbow Society Chapter, one of 33 national chapters serving hearing impaired Gays. The Arizona chapter was established last December and has twenty five members. ARC, already providing space to seven major programs, has suggested that a combined effort to increase the awareness of the hearing Gay population to the needs of the deaf Gay person would best be achieved through signing classes, greater community participation, and a concerted educational effort through literature and films.

Rainbow Services has recently initiated a main-streaming effort by participating through an interpreter in the Tuesday Night Rap Group at ARC. Other programs coordinating with ARC and available to the deaf Gay community include, The Information Network (TIN); Gay Arizona Youth meetings, General Education Degree (G.E.D.) tutorial sessions and Information and Referral Services. For additional information contact: Grand Canyon Rainbow Society of the Deaf, T.T.Y. 277-5698, or call Alternative Relations Center, 254-6500 both in Phoenix.

TUCSON GAY PRIDE WEEK FINANCIAL REPORT AND WRAP-UP FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR TUCSON GAY PRIDE WEEK, 1980

INCOME:

Funds remaining from 1979	\$20.00
Donation from MCC-Truth Chapel	50.00
Donation from Dignity/Tucson, Inc.	50.00
Collection from Ecumenical Service	48.09
Donations from private individuals	30.00
Donation from Himmel Park activities	161.86
CASH FUNDS	\$359.95

Donation of kegs of beer:	
Joshua Tree/Back Pocket	76.50
Graduate	51.00
Hair Tiz	51.00
Jekyll and Hyde	25.25
Donation of ice from A.G.N.	25.50
Donation of 1/2 soft drinks Casa Nuestra	62.00
DONATION FUNDS	\$291.25

EXPENSES:

Printing of posters	30.00
Soft drinks for picnic	61.59
Ice for picnic	8.06
Supplies for Ecumenical Service	14.84
Printing of Ecumenical Service Programs	31.69
Printing of brochures for picnic	37.21
Postage	4.50
First Aid kit for picnic	10.41
Rental of church for Ecumenical Service	55.00
Rental of Friends House for meetings	25.00
Printing of flyers	50.00
Purchase of additional 2 kegs of beer	54.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$382.30

(Minimum additional funds needed to meet 1980 expenses) 22.35

The above statement is a partial list of expenses and income as was known on July 5, 1980. A final and complete statement will be issued by the 1980 Tucson Gay Pride Committee as soon as all bills are presented and paid and all income is collected.

As of July 5, 1980, the following community organizations had made no financial contributions to the Tucson Gay Pride Committee:

- Tucson Knight Owls
- Holy Trinity Community Church
- Santa Cruz MCC
- Gay Student Organization
- Gay Community Services

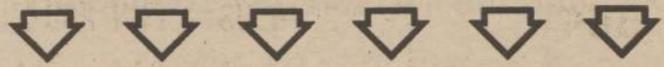
All outstanding bills should be presented to the committee no later than July 12 so that the books can be closed as soon as possible and a final accounting made to the community at large. The actual costs of putting on the 1980 Tucson Gay Pride Week activities sponsored by the Gay Pride Committee (including all actual costs and "in-kind costs): \$673.55

Additional funds are needed to pay off the debt remaining for this year's activities. Funds are also needed to allow next year's committee the capital necessary to begin planning the 1981 activities. Contributions can be made directly to the committee (make checks payable to "Tucson Gay Pride Committee") and mail to the AGN, P.O. Box 5002, Tucson, AZ 85703, or to Dignity/Tucson, P.O. Box 27929, Tucson, AZ 85726, or any of the Gay organizations in Tucson.

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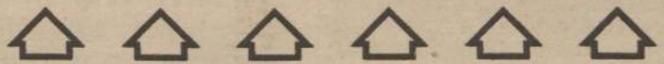
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HOW GAY IS IT?

Continuing our series of reprints of the Tucson Citizen series of articles dealing with, "Homosexuality: How Gay Is It." We encourage our readers to write their comments to The Tucson Citizen, P.O. Box 26767, Tucson, AZ 85726.

It took the slaying of a stranger from Nebraska to breathe organization into the Tucson gay community.

1976 tavern death sparked gay anger, unity

It was a random killing on a summer night in 1976 that started it. Richard Heakin, 21, was beaten to death by four high school athletes for no better reason than he had just walked out of a gay bar.

As he lay dying on the pavement, Heakin showed no external injuries. The blow that killed him didn't even break the skin. But within the hour, he was dead of a brain injury. And his parents learned that he was homosexual.

Ironically, it took the death of a stranger from Lincoln, Neb., to breathe organization into the Tucson gay community.

Gays, who for months had talked about getting together, formed committees, came out publicly, held press conferences to protest the Heakin murder and their constant harassment at bars.

The University of Arizona Gay Student Organization and Gay Community Services grew rapidly.

And when Superior Court Judge Ben C. Birdsall sentenced Heakin's four teen-aged killers to probation, gays were outraged. The movement took on new intensity.

Before the year had ended, half a dozen people working under the name the Tucson Gay Coalition managed to:

- Get a Tucson city ordinance passed protecting gays from discrimination in housing and employment, which makes Tucson one of 33 cities to have such a law.

- And successfully lobby the state Legislature to change homosexual acts from felonies to misdemeanors in the state's new criminal code, which was being drafted at that time.

Just last fall Birdsall — the same man who three years earlier had given Heakin's killers what gays called a slap on the wrist — granted custody of children to two lesbians living as lovers.

It was the first time in Tucson that custody had been awarded to lesbians in a case that went to trial. There have been several cases since.

The mood toward homosexuals is changing.

As one gay said, "We've done blacks. We've done Chicanos. We've done women. . ."

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Gay liberation is the movement now coming of age.

It was in

1968 that the cause really began nationally. For a week hundreds of people violently protested police harassment at a New York bar, the Stonewall Inn. At that time, the word "gay" started being used all over the country.

Today, in many cities gays have transformed whole neighborhoods. They run restaurants and stores. Men hold hands on the street. Doctors, lawyers and businessmen publicly admit their homosexuality.

Last fall in San Francisco, where one in three voters is gay, mayoral candidates made campaign stops at the homosexuals' Halloween Ball because the gay vote was the factor that turned the election.

"Gays may be invisible," said one Tucsonian, "but we are also one in every 10 people. We are responsible citizens. We are respected professionals. We vote."

And for every gay, there are other votes — those of a mother, father, sister, brother, a co-worker, a friend, said a lesbian.

Gays work for causes of groups friendly to them like the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Organization for Women, said another. These organizations, in turn, work politically for gays.

"Lesbians work for issues like birth control," said activist Ann Yellett, who started a center for abused wives and children here. "And nobody can argue that birth control is a lesbian cause."

Nationally, gays are still barred from the Armed Forces on the grounds they are immoral, emotionally unstable, high security risks and subject to blackmail.

The Civil Service has decided, after 15 years of court cases, that gays can be fired if there is a likelihood their homosexuality might affect their work.

In Arizona homosexual acts are illegal as are "lewd and lascivious" acts among heterosexuals. As a matter of fact, any sexual position other than the "missionary" one is a criminal offense in this state, punishable by up to 30 days in jail.

But Tucson is considered to be a good place to live by its gay citizens, who say the city draws homosexuals from all over the West.

"People in Tucson are liberal and understanding," said Ken Tapia, co-director of the UA Gay Student Organization and who used to attend school in Tempe. "More so than in Phoenix."

And Tucson police have a good reputation. The raids of gay bars that still periodically



Female impersonator does a burlesque of Diana Ross.

Citizen Photos by Manuel Miera



occur in Phoenix, have stopped in Tucson, said many gays.

One gay said that during the 1950s he listened to his brother, then a Tucson policeman, tell stories of such police raids here over family dinner:

"The uniformed police rushed in the front door. And as the gays ran out the back, the plainclothes officers hit them with their clubs," he recalled, cringing because his brother didn't know that he was gay.

But the public has become more accepting. Ironically, one of the biggest setbacks to gay liberation may lie with the gays themselves.

There is an antipathy between lesbians and gay men that often makes it hard for them to work together. Lesbians say men are sexist. Gay men are nervous around lesbians.

Citing male sexism as their reason, lesbians recently stormed out of a meeting to plan this year's Gay Pride Picnic (which is scheduled June 29 at Himmel Park).

"It is getting more and more impossible for men and women to get together," said Beverly Ginn, an attorney who said her lesbianism is

They're few, but frantic Gay cabaret crowd

By MARILYN EVANS and CARLA McCLAIN
Citizen Staff Writers

They drive down from the Catalina foothills in their Porsches, from the West Side in their pickup trucks. They are businessmen, nurses, ministers and miners. Most are young men. By the end of the night, many will find someone with whom to have sex.

Gays who frequent bars comprise only about 2 percent of the homosexual community, according to their estimates.

But they are the most visible of all because every straight in town knows where the "queer" bars are.

Gays go to bars out of necessity: Where else can they mingle with friends or find lovers without "getting your lights punched out," as one habitu  said?

At least inside the door. Outside, there is frequent harassment from the community and about once a month a beating, said George Rederus, editor of the local gay newspaper. A man was beaten to death by four teen-agers in the parking lot of a gay bar in 1976.

Over the years about a dozen "gay bars" have opened and died here. Some of the toughest were bars geared solely for lesbians, but they no longer exist.

What makes a gay bar different? There is urgency in every action, the drinking, the dancing. Perhaps it's because of the need to explode daytime secrets, but the laughter is sometimes bitter. More "fag" jokes are told in gay bars than in any place in town.

"It's like how one black man can call another one 'nigger,' but don't let anyone else try it," said a gay.

There is a high rate of drug and alcohol abuse among the set frequenting the frantic cabaret scene.

"That's the worst of it," said Janice, a transsexual bartender at the Joshua Tree-Back Pocket. "I stand behind this bar and watch my friends decay."

Some bars are noisy with disco and drag shows. Many are quiet meeting places just to talk and relax. By the end of the evening, almost all are tense with sexuality.

"It's real physical and real otherworldy," said one man of the disco scene. "It sweeps you away. The erotic energy on the dance floor is very intense."

"It's loud, there are lights, people swirling, acting out the mating rituals. There is definitely a homosexual style of dancing — a certain set of subtle body movements. I can't imagine disco as heterosexual."

The music, the lights, the alcohol swirls into a crescendo. The action warms up — faster, faster — until, as midnight nears, a "wave of tension" hits the gathering crowd. The maneuvering begins for that night's bed partners.

The more obvious actors in this nightly drama include:

- The chic women who wear make-up, slit skirts and jewelry and tight hairdos. ("There are some real hot-lookin' women out there," noted one gay man.)

- The men in Gentleman Quarterly silk, European-cut shirts and tapered pants.

- The "dykey," masculine women, unshaven, sometimes wearing overalls with no shirts under them to express contempt that women are often defined by how attractive they are to men.

- The "collegiate" gays, sometimes known as the new "Levi" set.

- The "drag queens," female impersonators, most of whom are professional entertainers, often called disgusting to their faces by other gays.

- The "cowboys," searching for a wholesome macho image.

- The "normal-looking" people, the men in polyester, the women who look like the school teachers that they are.

Occasionally, someone will crackle with leather, sometimes shirtless, with leather tassels on his nipples, dark leather wristbands, belts and boots.

Even less often, an S-and-M couple will stalk in totally girded in heavy leather and metal. The passive partner will sit at the dominant's feet as they drink and then go out to the parking lot to perform a primitive ritual of pain and bondage.

Most gays say this scene is rare. "I've seen it only once in a whole year," said Jim. "One of them bought me a drink and all I could think was, oh, no, here we go. I'm not into pain at all. Not at all."

Dale McKissack, who belongs to a leather-oriented social club called the Tucson Night Owls, said, "Gays get into leather because it's a symbol of the ultimate masculinity."

"The same with S and M. We've reached the point and time to get rid of the impotent, limp-wristed, effeminate image. Many gays are powerful, masculine men."

Fashion is no small matter among gays and is sometimes used to clue the rest of the world into all kinds of information about the individual including his sexual preferences.

If a man has a handkerchief in his back pocket, the color and the way it's folded can tell what he likes to do sexually and if he likes to dominate. Some wear sexual hardware on their belts or around their necks.

And the scene is not entirely masculine, even though women don't go to bars now as much as they once did, said many.

One lesbian quite feminine in appearance described the tough-talking, tough-acting, pool-playing butch stereotype sometimes seen in bars:

"I walked through looking for someone and they start hooting and hollering and saying

things like, 'Hey, baby, come back. Who you're lookin' for is in here. Who needs this? I'll go to the Samaniego House if I need that.'

Most lesbians stopped going to bars when feminism came to Tucson, said Meredith Little, a lesbian who once ran a very close race for Pima County recorder. "We found more positive places and left the men alone to dress like women and call each other girls."

Women aren't always welcome in bars, anyway, admitted a bar owner: "They don't have as much income as men and don't buy as many drinks. Besides, they make many customers feel uncomfortable."

For years, women were kept away with rules requiring them to wear dresses. In 1974, a sex-discrimination suit was filed with the Pima Commission on Human Relations against two gay bars. Today, no dress codes exist.

There are several saloons in Tucson that cater mainly to homosexuals. Four of them draw most of the crowd. Curiously, only one "gay bar" here is owned and managed by a gay.

The Graduate, near the University, attracts a subdued crowd. It's known as a quiet place to talk.

The downtown Hair Tiz, one of the oldest, collects an often-tough, sometimes transient group.

Jekyll's—The Last Culture is a lively bar where drag shows bring in many straights.

The Joshua Tree, one of the trendiest, was called the Stonewall Tavern when a gay man was slain outside it in 1976.

(Steppes — formerly Sebastian's — recently closed on North Oracle Road after much neighborhood hostility.)



Dale McKissack: "Many gays are powerful, masculine men."

Gay life's no joke, but it can be funny

Bill North, a gay activist, recalls the day he came out to his 10-year-old son:

"He had been making these little derogatory remarks about fags and queers, so I knew I had to tell him. I was a wreck by the time I'd worked up the nerve. When I finally told him, I was in tears and shaking, and he said to me, 'Dad, take it easy, we'll get through this. Now don't worry, it'll be okay.' And he kept asking me if he could get me coffee or something."

"Kids are remarkable when it comes to sexuality, if we'd just be open with them. Now when we go shopping together at the malls, I point out the cute girls to him and he points out the cute boys to me. We have a good time."

The going can be pretty heavy when a gay starts life over by "coming out." Light moments like North's experience bring laughter and help ease the burden of being a minority:

Bern David, the minister of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Community Church, is gay and also has a gay brother. When he was a young man, David's mother called his large Mexican-American family home to Texas to face some family "emergency."

The problem? She had found out his brother was homosexual.

"Anything but that," she shrieked to Bern. "Oh God, anything but that. Let my son be a liar or thief. Nothing is worse than he be a homosexual."

"But, Mom," Bern told her. "I'm gay, too."

"You're gay, too?" she asked incredulously.

"Well, thank God my sons aren't liars and thieves. Nothing is worse than they be liars and thieves."

North has a favorite gay joke he saw scrawled on a New York City subway. "My mother made me a homosexual," it reads.

Underneath, someone had written: "If I give her some yarn, will she make me one, too?"

Men looking for homosexual encounters in Tucson can also find them at porn movies, in book stores and in rooms for rent by the hour. There are two bathhouses where homosexuals search for sex.

And there are places to do clandestine cruising — certain restrooms at Himmel and Reid parks and at the University of Arizona known as "tearooms."

"The parks change all the time," said a man, "but somehow people know which one it is at any given time. There are certain streets, too, where gays hitchhike, and you know what they're after."

The men who frequent parks and tearooms want to remain anonymous and won't take chances being seen in a gay bar, said Lee Thorn, director of the UA gay peer counseling program.

While a sociology instructor at UA, Thorn interviewed a group of gay men. Those who prowled parks were middle-aged and older, most often were married, and their incomes ranged from \$40,000 to \$70,000 a year.

But this promiscuity is disillusioning to many gay people, who stay far away from that scene.

Many who go to bars and parks do so only because they don't know any other place to go.

Described a man, starting to seek homosexual relationships in bars after 10 years of marriage:

"If there is a trade-off, it's the transitory nature of gay male relationships. Sex, just plain sex, is so easy, it's embarrassing. So much of it is without affection. I miss the durability, the depth of affection I knew with my wife."



Gay activist Bill North



Lee Thorn: Park and tearoom set stays out of gay bars.

By MARILYN EVANS
Citizen Staff Writer

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HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK WHAT A PERFECT DAY IN TUCSON WOULD BE LIKE. WELL IF WE EVER HAD SUCH A DAY PERHAPS YOU WOULD SEE, HEAR OR DO SOME OF THE FOLLOWING.....

- ...Jeff O. would never drink 6 quarts of champagne and then decide to go out on the town.
- ...Cindi D.'s voice would not make Ella Fitzgerald's voice sound like Helen Keller's.
- ...Dale Y. spent more on tricks than pigeons for a change.
- ...Dale McK. joined, not started a club, and was elected president.
- ...Succulent Sofonda Peters returned to town with all new, but still strange, stage act.
- ...Kitty Litter finally gave up her celibacy act.
- ...Stuart S. was at work by 8:00 and worked all day.
- ...Daisey H. having retired, spent her day at the BP and then went home to wait for Del S. who was coming right home from work.
- ...Norma Jean finally went to the photo session to get her picture taken for the Graduate's new pin-up girl calendar. Great legs!
- ...Bern D. and Buff F. were seen lunching over "Humble Pie" together.
- ...Rick S. didn't have to call Bob B. first thing in the morning.
- ...Teddy I began his career as a weather forecaster saying, "No shower today."
- ...HT Tom made it to work after 8 hours of sleep at HOME!
- ...Bart was so excited about the trick he had the night before that he couldn't stop talking about him.
- ...Tommy S. made it to work on time, just after the cleaning service left the JT/BP, and he had nothing to complain about.
- ...Vinny C. didn't have to call all the downtown bars to find Rita C. Instead she was in the R&R Cafe discussing loafing meat with Rusty and Bill.
- ...Mary B. left instructions with the cleaning lady and came to spend the day at the bar.
- ...Miss Polly, enjoying the new air conditioning unit at the HT, didn't have to tell the bartender what to do all day long.
- ...Angie was talking and carrying on even before she finished her first beer.
- ...Coors Ralph was in such a good mood he even left a tip.
- ...Wilma was seen driving around in her new mode of transportation - a new moped with pontoons.

- ...Big George revealed that the reason they call him "Big" was not up front.
- ...Dani R. was seen dropping off some of his costumes at a dry cleaners.
- ...It was discovered that Misty was always on the top and Barry likes his face in a pillow!
- ...Lady C. did an entire show without having one shot!!!
- ...Max received the "Philantropist Of The Year" award from Gay community.
- ...Eddie F. and Don M. celebrated living in the same house for over two months.
- ...John H. was introduced to someone and only shook his hand.
- ...All the "Kids" saved up and sent busdriver Al on a vacation.
- ...Joe H. spent an evening at the bar and didn't say one negative thing.
- ...Brad N. proved that he was more than just a "pretty face."
- ...Roger B. was heard to say that all Peter wants to do is have sex.
- ...Mother Johnny worked all night without yelling at anyone.
- ...Turbo Dickie was finally able to come for lunch at the BP and stay all afternoon.
- ...Flower David found a full-time polinator, even though it was very expensive.
- ...J.B. had just one night cap and then really did go home.
- ...Fred McQ. kept bringing up to George M., "Let's go to the Graduate."
- ...JoJo stayed at home all day making last minute preparations for his cocktail party that evening.
- ...Monte-Jon and Mark S. are ready to leave for San Francisco and are letting Irene take care of the dogs and the house.
- ...Mel L. made it to the BP and stayed for more than two Smirnoff Silver rocks.
- ...Dave P. was seen eating a DarSan sandwich.
- ...Bill C. forgot to "tell all" to Loretta for the whole day.
- ...The last person to play "Hide the weinie" with Gene Z. returned the 2X4's he had to strap to his ankles.
- ...George R. drove into town drinking only a glass of soda.
- ...Bob E. made all the AGN deliveries, sent out all the billing and then stopped to have a beer.
- ...Gary C. went to a money-raising activity and didn't have to draw one caricature.
- ...Mark L. got drunk but didn't say anything nasty to anyone.
- ...Daisey Jr. has just arrived in town and Daisey Sr. is so happy.
- ...Mark H. and Joe had sex alone for a change.

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PHOENIX - In the short time that Desert Adventure has been in existence we have had a very good turnout for all of our activities. As a matter of fact, some of our activities have generated so much interest that we have had to set a limit on the number of people that can go on any one outing. Most of our activities are being organized around the Arizona community while a few joint efforts are being coordinated with similar groups from other states. Our first joint event was with Great Outdoors of California. Over 50 people met at the Grand Canyon where we spent the Memorial Day weekend camping, eating, hiking and talking to our new and old friends around the campfire.

If you are interested in participating in any of our outings or activities be sure to contact us as soon as possible. Our outings are filling up quickly. For more information call Brian Evitch (602)257-9290 in Phoenix.

Every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. a group of people meet for an evening of roller skating at Skate World, 4451 E. Oak. Everyone is welcome.

This weekend, July 11, 12 & 13 about 200 of us will float down the Salt River beginning below Stewart Mt. Dam and terminate at Coon's Bluff. From there we will go by bus to Roosevelt Lake for fishing, boating, camping and barbeque. Desert Adventure will host Great Outdoors of California on this trip.

On July 25, 26 & 27 we will go Supai Backpacking on Hualapai Hilltop. This trip has already been booked solid and no more reservations can be made.

On October 16, 17 & 18 Desert Adventure will meet members of "Great Outdoors, Unlimited" of San Francisco (who will fly in) at the Grand Canyon for a weekend of hiking, biking and sightseeing. This trip is limited to 30 people so if you are interested sign up now.

We have many other activities being planned and we welcome you to join us.

Three Tucson men formed an Arizona contingent at Great Outdoors' (GO) recent Fourth of July weekend outing at the Grand Canyon. Together with 13 Californians from San Francisco, San Diego and the Los Angeles area, they formed two hiking parties, the more adventurous of which left from the North Rim on Friday and spent that night at Cottonwood campground. Next day, while that group explored Ribbon Falls, the other band descended into the Canyon from the South Rim via the South Kaibab trail.

The second group had spent part of the night before around a cheery campfire, shared with a (at first baffled, but soon wizened and still friendly) straight husband and wife and two-year-old son. Next morning frost on the camping gear in no way chilled the enthusiasm of the group, of whom only the Arizonans had ever hiked the Canyon before. Several of the men had done virtually no hiking at all before this trip.

The groups rendezvoused at Phantom Ranch and Bright Angel Campground, near the Colorado River, on Saturday night. The beer hall ran out of Coors, but other diversions were there to be had, and an acute shortage of materials with which to exchange addresses and phone numbers was temporarily threatened. A sign rechristening the showerhouse at the Ranch to be "Phantom Baths" was probably an exaggeration, but for some who spent that night in the canyon getting clean wasn't the only thing to do.

Great Outdoors organizer, Greg Carmack, got down in the Canyon at dusk to join the group for a bit of banter. Greg flies around the country at a rapid clip trying to organize various new chapters of the organization.

All of the hikers departed the Canyon bottom by

5:15 a.m. on Sunday which enabled them to get up to the top between 1 and 3 p.m. The arduous hike produced a modicum of blisters, a lot of warmth, many sore muscles and a fine way to spend a weekend. The Canyon's other tourists got some treats too, including some mule riders who applaudingly approved of GO's serenade rendition of "Happy Trails To You" provided somewhere in the midst of the Supai Formation. Moreover AGN was available at Phantom Ranch that weekend!

Desert Adventure (of Phoenix) will host Great Outdoor members and prospective members (it only costs \$5.00 to get on GO's newsletter mailing list) on their Salt River tube float east of Phoenix this weekend. All are welcome. Call Brian Evitch 257-9290 in Phoenix.

In addition the Tucson Grand Canyon hikers are proposing to form a Southern Arizona GO chapter. Plans locally are in the works for a camp/day hike combination in the local high country in late August, and a nationally advertised Sycamore Canyon (near Sedona) wilderness jaunt in October. Plans are not yet finalized for either of these events, but if you'd like to be notified of the details of either, or if you'd like to get in on the organization planning, leave a name and phone number with The Great Outdoor Organizer at 623-7132 or 327-1661. All women and men are welcome, and no previous camping or hiking experience is necessary -- just an interest in the great outdoors, and an interest in sharing it with other Gay people.

THE PHOENIX SCENE

by Alibi Ike

PHOENIX - Auntie Mame sang it - Tommy and Clyde are doing it -- "Cause we need a little Christmas right this very minute." --Fatfingers-- Sunday, July 20 -- Deck the halls and all sorts of merriment -- starting at 12:00 noon. They're serving a special Christmas Brunch - champagne, with peaches and eggs Benedict all for \$3.50. That takes place until 3:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. join in the Christmas caroling with a musician - that will last until 7:00 p.m. Keep the holiday cheer in the air -- a hunky Santa Claus makes it happen by letting you sit on his lap and you telling him your Christmas wishes, while your picture is taken. Santa's Helper will mail it to your "sweetie" or friend. Goodies, food and drinks (a special one 75¢) for the special day -- prepared by Santa's elves Bud, Steve, Mike, Rick, Glenn, and not to forget the funny ones Tommy and Clyde.

Tonight, July 11, the Connection opens their new bar in the "Loft." Festivities will start there at 9:00 p.m. Try drinking and cruising from "upstairs" and look down on the rest.....

Farrah's is coming out of it's closet with a grand-g r a n d-G R A N D- opening party Sunday, July 27. See their ad for details. Go by and say hello to Ron, Lon, Doug, Brandy and the whole gang.

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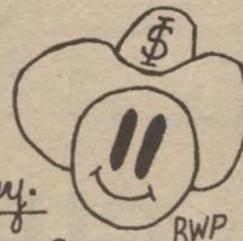
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Reports on Gay health conference

The Third Annual National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference was held at San Francisco State University in San Francisco June 19 through the 22nd. Almost 200 workshops were held in a two day period that covered the gamut of the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle. Several concerned Arizonans were in attendance. Here are two reports on the conference. The first by Al Obermaier, Director of the Gay Community Services (GCS) of Tucson's VD Clinic and the second by Draffan McBride one of the Directors of the Phoenix based Alternative Relations Center (ARC).

by Al Obermaier

Representatives of ARC/Phoenix, Parents of Gays/Tucson, GCS/Tucson and many individuals from Arizona attended the Health Conference. In all, over 2,000 men and women attended the conference aimed at improving the health care and general well being of Gay men and women.

The Sexually Transmitted Disease Symposium was attended by over 350 of the country's most prominent workers in the VD field. A paper was presented by the Gay Community Services of Tucson.

In addition to the seminar, the National Coalition of Gay STD Services, of which the GCS Clinic is a Board Member, held it's semi-annual meeting. VD control strategies for the '80s were planned at this meeting.

New and exciting developments are in the offing for the control of Gay VD. It is only through the work of the National Coalition that these developments have been pursued. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to these dedicated volunteers who are making our lives and lifestyles safer and healthier.

by Draffan McBride

This report is to inform your readers of some of the activities that went on in San Francisco in hopes of encouraging some of them to participate in next year's conference. Six persons attending from Phoenix this year, but this report will only cover the workshops that I personally attending, as there were 25 concurrent workshops lasting 1½ hours in four sessions daily for two days.

The first one I attended was "HAVING CHILDREN: EXTENDED LESBIAN/GAY OPTIONS." It was a discussion of opportunities for including children in our lives. Many of the participants were lesbians who had decided to become parents and were looking for sperm donors and go-betweens for those who wished anonymity. Many of the lesbians seemed surprised that Gay men also wished to be parents.

I followed this with the "GAY YOUTH SERVICES" workshop. Young people seem to be exploring their sexual identity and "coming out" at an earlier age, leading to conflicts with family, peers, schools, foster and group home placement. The need for lesbian and Gay workers in social service agencies dealing with youth to be open and act as advocates for change was apparent.

In the afternoon, I attended "EDUCATING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: LESBIAN HEALTH CARE" directed at what health professionals need to know in proficing quality health care for lesbians and what we need to know to provide proper training for such professionals.

The Saturday morning's two sessions that I went to were on "GAY COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES: ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAMS" conducted by representatives of the Los Angeles Center and Gay Horizons, Chicago. Gay Horizons more readily identifies with Phoenix having a \$5,000 budget compared to Los Angeles' \$1.5 million. As in Phoenix, Gay Horizons relies on volunteer help (unpaid staff) and community support. They all felt that our Center (ARC) had tremendous potential and offered to keep in touch and provide information and assistance to us. Despite its budget, this was the first year that Los Angeles had sent representatives to a meeting and they were impressed that Phoenix had sponsored the attendance of Peter Kelly, our director of the G.A.I. Line.

After lunch, Karen Minns presented an overview of the problem of incest in "INCEST AWARENESS: A WORKSHOP ON THE SURVIVOR." A very moving and well presented workshop. Some of the facts: 1 in 10 women are incest survivors; 92% of the survivors are female; 58% of the aggressors are family members; 70% of runaways are fleeing incest; 75% of female drug addicts and 75% of female prostitutes are survivors; and 58% of survivors are less than 10 years old! A family problem that is not acknowledged or talked about

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And I finished up with "FAT AND THE MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT". Myth #1 - People get fat because they eat too much, or the wrong foods or because their metabolism does not work right. In fact on the average fat people eat the same amounts and types of foods. Less than 1% have a metabolic disturbance. Myth #2 - Fat people could change if they just would go on a sensible weight-loss diet. Fact: diets have a long term failure rate of 98-99%. The dieting process itself is unhealthy. Myth #3 - Fat people are

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The conference was stimulating and thought provoking and taught me again how much we have to learn from talking and listening to each other -- Gay men, lesbians, third world persons, persons of color, young, old or disabled. I rarely saw my cohorts from Phoenix such was the diversity of interest and presentations. If you want to get fired up, charge your batteries and learn how to make your community a better place for all of us, plan on attending next years conference.

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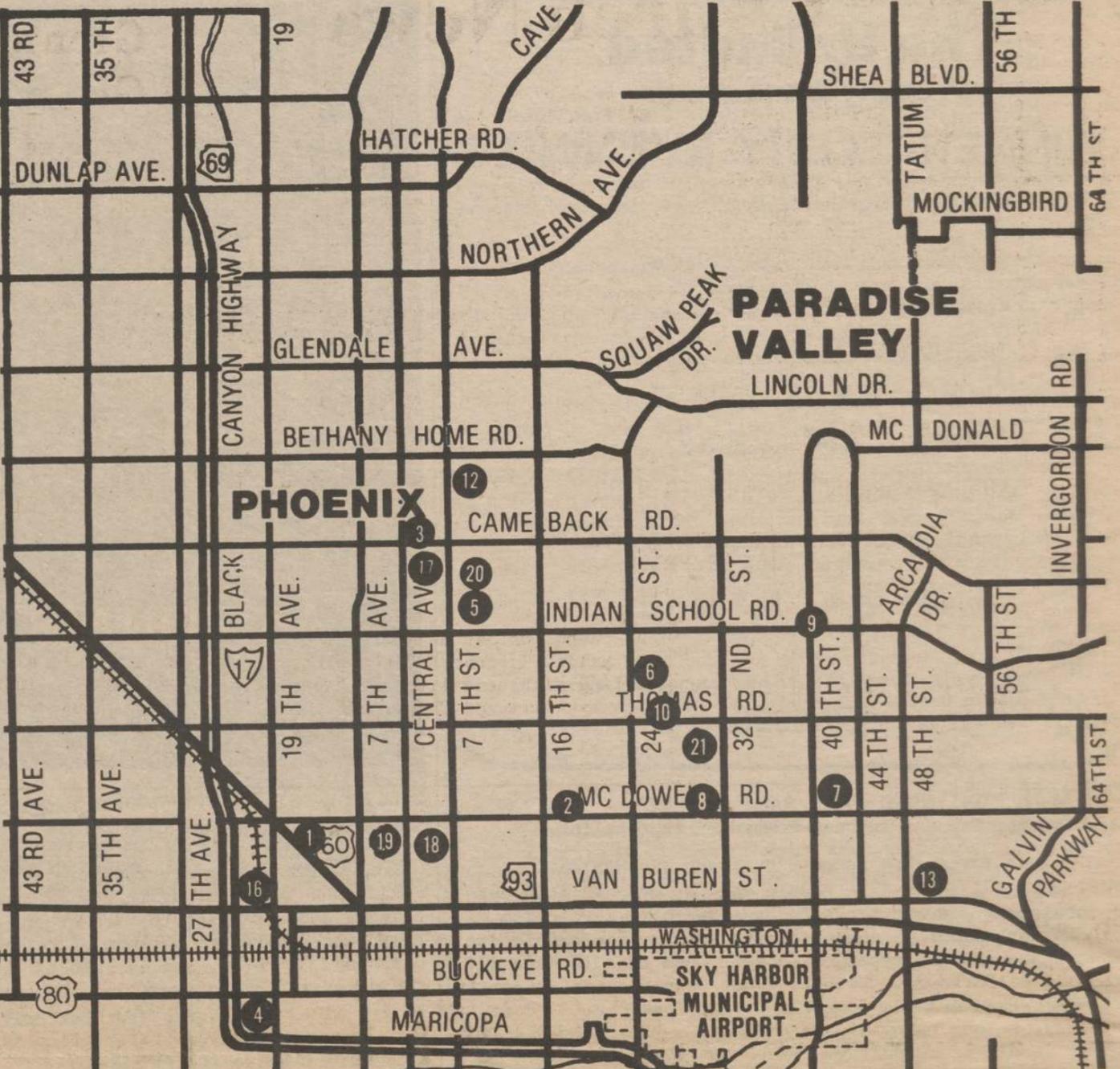
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Holy Trinity is really growing. We are pleased that the spirit of the Lord is really moving in our midst. There is too much happening to print it all here, and much of it is personal to individuals so it wouldn't be proper. God is moving in lives, changing them, and giving real joy to folks.

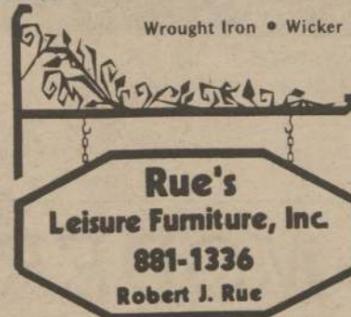
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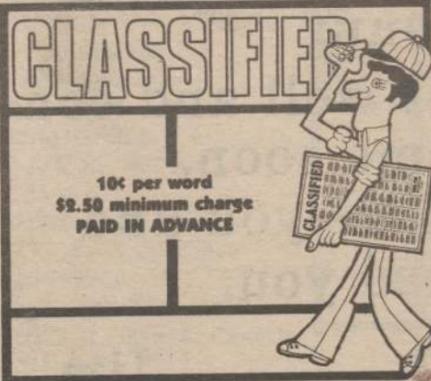
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