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Trull-Homi Concert Set

TUCSON - Teresa Trull is a singer-songwriter and guitarist whose music reflects the blues/gospel influences of her southern roots. One of the earliest members of the Olivia Records recording family, Teresa sings from her own experience as a woman, and as a lesbian. Hers is the music of love, optimism, personal fears and doubts, and sensuality.

Teresa believes in the well-rounded person who stays in touch with a lot of cross-cultural influences. "So I play music that communicates to the heart, not just the mind," she has said.

Appearing with Teresa Trull is Julie Homi, a classically trained jazz pianist. Julie has toured nationally and in Canada with Teresa Trull, in the women's jazz quartet "Alive!", and the Jerene Jackson All-Woman Big Band. Julie has also appeared at the Michigan Music Festival and the Women's Music Festival in Champaign, Illinois.

Scheduled for February 15, this concert will be the kick-off event for Gay Fest '80 at the University of Arizona. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Social Science auditorium on campus. Concert tickets are available at Antigone Books, 415 N. 4th Avenue or at Books Brothers Ltd. 3244 E. Speedway. This event is jointly sponsored by the Gay Fest '80 Committee and WomenWoven Productions and is open to everyone.

Editorial

"CRUISING" - TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE

Much has been written concerning the upcoming film "Cruising." It's tentative release date to over 600 theaters in the United States and Canada is set for next Friday, February 15. There has been much secrecy from the producers of the film who have consistently refused to allow anyone to see the final script. The original book, published in the early 1970's, is a violent story about Gay life, as it appears to the author, in the Ghettos of Greenwich Village. The violence, blood and gore is beyond belief as is the explicit language and explicit sexual activity.

Protests have taken place in New York City while the film was being made. Planned protests at theaters showing the film, are now being planned in the major cities

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WASHINGTON, DC - "Gay Vote 1980," a nationwide drive to win Gay rights planks in the Democratic and Republican platforms this year, is shifting its focus from the Iowa caucuses to the New Hampshire primary. The drive is being coordinated by the National Convention Project of Washington, DC. The Project is sponsored by a coalition of national lesbian and Gay organizations.

Mary Spottswood Pou and Tom Bastow, Co-Directors of the National Convention Project, said they were pleased by the results of the Iowa caucuses, January 21. About a dozen members of local Gay organizations were elected as Democratic and Republican county convention delegates at that time. In five of the state's six Congressional districts, some three dozen precinct caucuses adopted Gay rights resolutions. The Project and the Gay Coalition of Iowa sponsored a month-long campaign before the caucuses. Working from a store-front headquarters in Des Moines, they contacted lesbian and Gay organizations in ten Iowa cities and held a forum for representatives of the Presidential campaigns.

Local organizations distributed information on the Presidential candidates' stands to their members and conducted workshops on caucus tactics. The state's major newspapers and television stations all covered Gay political activity. Pou and Bastow said they had found only four Iowa precincts (three Democratic and one Republican) that had rejected a Gay rights plank. "We're encouraged that Gay people are going to make a strong political showing in 1980," they said. "The Iowa caucuses show an unprecedented level of Gay political awareness. This was the first statewide Gay political effort in Iowa. Almost all of our delegates are first-time participants in the caucuses."

The National Convention Project is now working on major drives in three early primary states: New Hampshire, Florida and Illinois. In addition to working intensively in the four targeted early states, the National Convention Project is doing field work in Maine, Minnesota, and Massachusetts. It is also circulating detailed papers on Gay issues at the Federal level to those involved in the early stages of shaping the Democratic and Republican platforms. Pou and Bastow explained, "Many people don't realize that the Federal Government still denies visas to foreign visitors, fires employees not protected by civil service, and discharges members of the Armed Forces -- solely because such people are homosexual. This year Gay Americans are acting together to stop their government from discriminating against them." Already, they noted, Presidential candidates are taking a much stronger interest in the Gay issue than they have in the past.

On the Democratic side, Gay leaders have been meeting for more than three years with White House aides to President Carter. "So far, President Carter hasn't committed himself to party platform planks on any issue," said Pou. "But I believe that the Carter-Mondale campaign is seriously considering a Gay rights plank. Both of Carter's rivals for the Democratic nomination, Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., have made explicit public statements calling for the Democratic party to pass a Gay rights plank and have actively recruited Gay support. Both have approved openly Gay candidates on delegate slates pledged to them.

Republican Representative John Anderson has stated that he would support a Gay rights plank in the GOP platform. He has also approved openly Gay candidates on his delegate slates. The other Republican Presidential candidates have so far confined themselves to general statements in favor of equal rights for all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation, according to Pou and Bastow. GOP candidates who have issued statements opposing discrimination against homosexuals include Ronald Reagan, Howard Baker and George Bush.

News Briefs

SAN FRANCISCO HERE WE COME !!!

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Levi Leather Club (PLLC) has made plans to go to San Francisco over the 4th of July holiday for fun and games but primarily to march in the huge San Francisco Gay Pride March. The club has made arrangements for transportation and hotel accommodations. There is room for an additional 50 persons to take advantage of this excursion and to beef up the Arizona contingent in the March.

The PLLC plans to leave Phoenix late Thursday, June 26 and return early Monday, July 7. Cost of the trip, which includes transportation, lodging, taxes and tips, is only \$250. The Club requires an initial, non-refundable \$125 deposit, with the remaining \$125 to be paid by April 15. PLLC hopes to take over an entire passenger car on Amtrak by filling the 50 reservations in addition to their club members. Interested persons are requested to make plans early to avoid missing out on this bargain trip to the most exciting Gay Pride event of the year. PLLC may be contacted by writing to P.O. Box 33532, Phoenix, AZ 85067.

BOOZE, SEX DILEMMA FOR MEN

SAN FRANCISCO (WNS) - If you get the feeling that your interest in sex increases after having a couple of drinks, you are not just imagining things. Doctors have found that a man's sex interest increases significantly after a couple of drinks. But unfortunately, his body's ability to perform sexually is significantly reduced.

Doctors here tested the levels of sex hormones in the blood of males after they were given five ounces of hard liquor. As the alcohol level in the blood rose, the level of Testosterone dropped greatly. Testosterone regulates the production of sperm.

Simultaneously, luteinizing hormone (LH) increases, which promotes the production of testosterone. The brain interprets the increased production of testosterone as sexual arousal, which results in a situation marked by heightened desire and diminished ability to perform up to expectations.

JEWISH LESBIAN DATA SOUGHT

MADISON, WI (GCN) - Evelyn Torton Beck is seeking material for an anthology on Jewish lesbians to be published by Persephone Press and used in Women's Studies classes. Especially needed are essays of an historical, analytic and theoretical nature, although poetry, fiction, photographs and

other art forms will be considered. Abstracts, queries and/or completed materials may be sent to Evelyn Torton Beck, % Women's Studies Program, University of Wisconsin, 209 N. Brooks St., Madison, WI 53706.

PLAYGIRL BARES READERS

NEW YORK, NY (OUT) - Everyone knows that *Playgirl*, that child of the '70s answer to Hefner's *Playboy*, is aimed at the liberated female market in the United States and abroad. Right? Well, sort of. Many people are under the delusion that *Playgirl* is a highly popular journal for the Gay male community, what with its male centerfolds and features, starring, in some cases, well-known, or at least familiar, Gay male personages.

In an attempt to find out once and for all just where the *Playgirl* readership is to be found, Ira Ritter, publisher, hired an independent research company to monitor subscription orders. What the firm found out was that 84.38 percent of the 17,773 new subscriptions were ordered by women and less than 10 percent from men.

LEVI LEATHER CLUB INDUCTIONS

PHOENIX - Last Saturday, Feb. 2, the Phoenix Levi Leather Club (PLLC) held its annual induction of officers elected to new terms of office. Taking over from Bob Hegyi was newly elected President John LaNoue. Pat Williams is the new Vice-President taking over the reigns from LaNoue. Michael Watson was installed as Secretary and Doug Gordon as Treasurer. There will be photos of this yearly event in the next weeks issue of AGN. Congratulations to the new officers and a Job well done to the outgoing officials.

MAHALO MEANS "THANK YOU" !!

PHOENIX - A new bar has opened in Phoenix at 1418 E. McDowell. Owners Ramon Cunha and Ira McCulloch are both experienced at quenching insatiable thirsts of their disco shaking customers. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. and Sundays from Noon until 1:00 a.m.

On Friday and Saturday nights disc jockey Michael Gonzalez, from San Antonio, will be spinning the latest in disco sounds while bartender Gordon Yocom (Lil' Abner's Boy) will be mising and serving champagne cocktails, Ice House wine cocktails, cold beer and hot spicy pizza.

Ramon and Ira are also seeking an experienced entrepreneur to lease an adjoining restaurant. The restaurant is fully equipped with a capacity of 50 persons. AGN welcomes Mahala to the Phoenix Gay scene.

ANTI-GAY REVEREND CONVERTS

VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA (SGN) - At least one member of the British Columbia Human Rights Commission has turned over a new leaf and the commission as a whole has come out strongly in favor of Gay rights. The Rev. Neil Vant, known for his earlier comments about Gays attacking children and justifying job discrimination is now a strong proponent of Gay rights. During the Conference on Human Rights in British Columbia held recently, Vant pushed for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the Human Rights Code.

Admitting his past remarks were erroneous, Vant requested a bibliography of books on homosexuality and religion from Dave Gunton, minister of the MCC church in Vancouver. He also offered to personally champion Gay rights, explaining his earlier remarks by saying Human Rights Commissioners have little experience with such issues before their appointment to the Commission.

Many Gay organizations attended the conference, but notably absent was Vancouver's Gay Alliance Toward Equality, which staged a demonstration outside the meeting to protest the Commission's stand on human rights. The general assembly attending the conference voted to censure the Commission for their poor record. Resolutions passed by the Commission included commitment to add sexual orientation to the Human Rights Code and an amendment to allow speedier procedure for review of discrimination cases. Funding for Gay educational and community projects was also approved.

STEINEM TAGS ROMNEY AS AYATOLLAH

DETROIT, MI (GCN) - At an impromptu news conference recently, feminist activist Gloria Steinem, editor of Ms. Magazine, compared former Michigan Gov. George Romney to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini. Steinem drew the comparison in response to a question about Romney's recent attack on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and its supporters (AGN, 21 Dec. 1979).

Said Steinem, "I wonder if (Romney) realizes how much he resembles the Ayatollah. His saying that ERA threatens the 'God given' nature of men and women shows an obvious bias against homosexuals and women. The first group of people the Ayatollah executed were homosexuals...Romney is Michigan's Ayatollah."

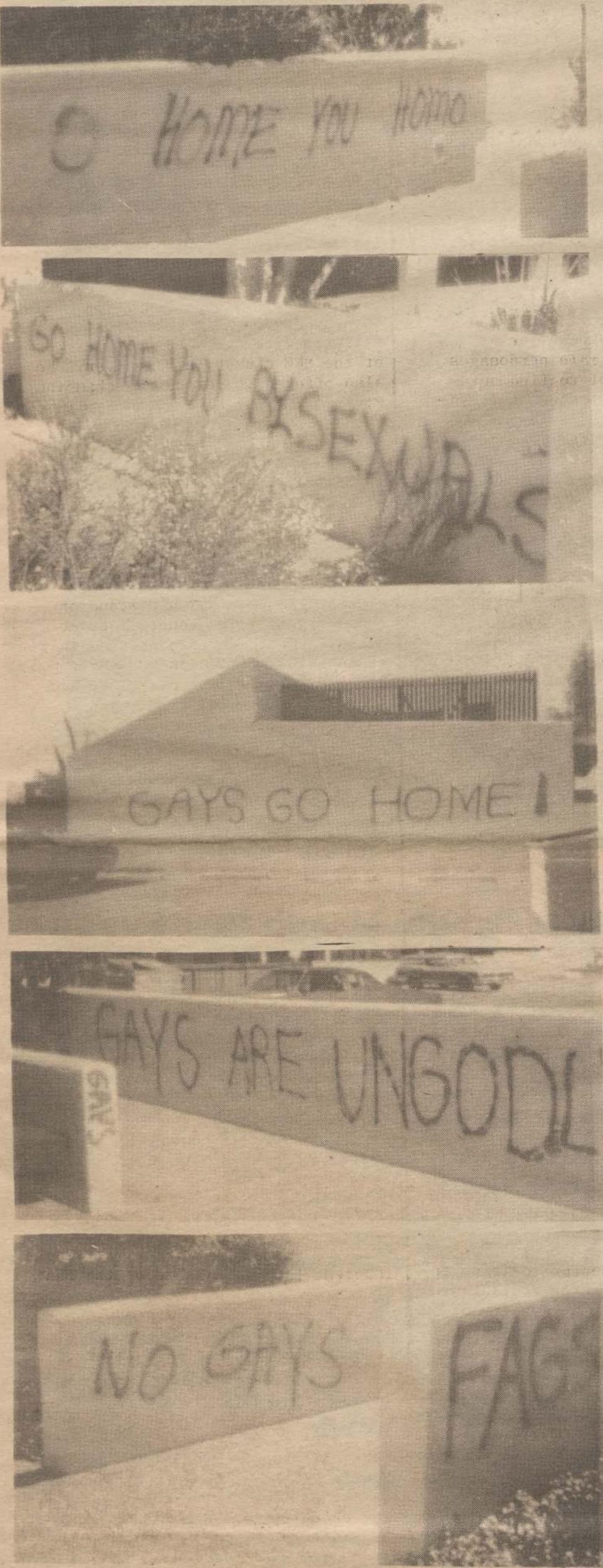
Romney's remarks, charging the movement to gain passage of the ERA attracted "lesbians, homosexuals and moral perverts," drew a storm of criticism from feminists and from members of the Michigan legislature.

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coast to coast. Since it is not our policy to infringe on the first amendment rights of anyone, we did not protest the filming of "Cruising." Now that it is filmed, and is going to show across the nation next week, we think each potential viewer should consider the implications that this movie can spawn. Violence breeds violence. Straight persons viewing this film, knowing nothing about the present day Gay lifestyle and its positive forward movement over the past ten years, will consider that this is a true picture of todays Gay lifestyle, and that picture is not pretty, as a matter of fact that picture as portrayed in "Cruising" is just plain ugly.

"Out" magazine, a Gay publication from Pittsburgh,
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Minneapolis Bath Raid

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (BAR) - The police raided the Locker Room a Gay bathhouse recently. Nine men were arrested on sodomy charges and another 116 men were ticketed for "patronizing a disorderly house." An afternoon edition of the *Minneapolis Star* printed the nine men's names. One of the men is a junior high school teacher. Since then he has both submitted and rescinded his resignation. Two weeks prior to the Locker Room raid, Police Chief Donald Dwyer met with the Minnesota Committee for Gay and Lesbian Rights (MCLR). They had requested a meeting to discuss the stepped-up arrests at local Gay bookstores during the month of November. A man had been hospitalized for internal injuries because of one of those arrests.

According to MCLR co-chair Dennis Miller, Dwyer announced at the meeting that due to "increased personnel and a decline in street prostitution," the vice squad had enough available people to crack down on Gay sex establishments. While Mayor Don Fraser was in the U.S. House of Representatives, he co-sponsored a Federal Gay Rights Bill, HR2998. Because of this, many Gay residents feel that the newly elected Mayor will appoint a new Police Chief, and the harassment will cease.

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Lover Says England's Best Known Sex Queen Was A Lesbian

LONDON (WNS) - Although she was virtually unknown in the United States, England's best-known sex goddess and pinup girl, Mary Millington, was actually a lesbian and an incurable kleptomaniac. The undisputed sex queen of England recently committed suicide with an overdose of pills. She was 33. Miss Millington had graced the pages of all the girlie magazines here and recently had starred in a number of X-rated movies. The nation is still buzzing over her surprise death and is really surprised to learn of the young woman's sexual preferences.

The revelation of her homosexuality was admitted after her death by Miss Millington's lover, Sandra Turnbull, a professional model. "She wasn't really turned on to men ...she enjoyed women more," said Miss Turnbull. The model said she met Millington over two years ago. Their relationship developed gradually until they happened to share a bed at a friend's house. "She was a sensuous lover and we loved each other as only two women can," Miss Turnbull asserted. She added that the most embarrassing moment was when Miss Millington's husband found the two women in bed together.

The ensuing marital breakdown, her increasing pill-popping habit and her growing kleptomania all contributed to the actress's final act. The day before the suicide, Miss Millington was arrested for shoplifting. She was out on bail at the time on another shoplifting charge. "Kleptomania is a disease and Mary had it," said her lover.

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Dr. Betty Berzon

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TUCSON - The Gay Students Organization (GSO) at the University of Arizona in conjunction with the Gay Fest '80 Committee is arranging the final scheduling for the two-day visit of noted psychologist Betty Berzon on the 16th and 17th of February. On Saturday evening, Feb. 16, Dr. Berzon will give a talk on "Developing A Positive Gay Identity." Her talk will begin at 8:00 p.m. and is tentatively scheduled for the auditorium of the Modern Languages Building at the University of Arizona. Copies of her book "Positively Gay" will be available for purchase at the talk, but are already available at Books

Dr. Berzon is now a psychotherapist in private practice in Los Angeles, but is also a writer, lecturer, and training consultant as well as an upfront lesbian activist. She received her education at Stanford, UCLA and Cal State San Diego, and was on the staff of the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute in La Jolla from 1959 to 1968. She designed and directed WBSI's eight year research program on small group process, which culminated in the Bell and Howell "Encountertape" Series, of which she was the principal developer. In 1972 she co-edited "New Perspectives on Encounter Groups." and she has published several articles on group process in various professional journals.

During the 1960's she conducted seminars at Esalen and other growth centers and also served as a training consultant to government agencies, and business and community organizations on the use of small groups. In 1972 she conducted a program on "The Homosexual in America" at UCLA, and in 1977-78 she taught the homosexuality segments of "Eros in America" and "Human Sexuality." She has been a guest lecturer at UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Riverside and UC La Jolla.

Dr. Berzon graduated from Tucson High School over thirty years ago, and except for a brief return a few years after her graduation, she has not been back since. She was especially receptive to GSO's invitation to make a presentation at the University of Arizona, and is looking forward to showing her lover her hometown, anticipating all the changes which have taken place since she grew up here.

Betty Berzon's "significant other" is Teresa DeCrescenzo, a clinical social worker who is also noted for work in matters of concern to Gay people. On Sunday, Feb. 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in room 285 of the U of A Student Union, Ms. DeCrescenzo and Dr. Berzon will present a two-part workshop. Ms. DeCrescenzo will give a presentation on problems of Gay adolescence. It is hoped that this will be of special interest to parents and friends of young

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reprinted a condensed version of a supposed third draft of the film. Producer Weintraub insists that changes have been made in the film since the third draft, however, extras working on the film have said that many of the scenes described in the script have been filmed. After reading the "third draft" one can only conclude that this film would hard core for even an "X" rated movie house. In their editorial, "Out" commented, "Judging from the script, and on-location reports by reliable sources, we can safely assume that this is not a film you would want your mother to see. For that matter, it is a film you probably would not want your lover to see. It is a film that exaggerates the most seedy aspect of the Gay lifestyle, which by itself would only be disturbing in that it doesn't show the positive as well. But "Cruising" goes way beyond that -- it leaves the viewer with one lasting impression -- that the only good faggot is a dead faggot. And that lasting impression isn't expressed in words; it is expressed in one bloodbath after another. Your choice: To see the movie or not to see the movie."

Should you opt to see the movie we can only hope that the rage you will feel will be taken out in positive peaceful action against the theater and the producers.

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Feinstein Urges Carter To End Discrimination

WASHINGTON, DC - San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein advised a top White House official that President Carter should become more active in the fight to end discrimination against homosexuals and lesbians. At a meeting in the White House, Feinstein told Jack Watson, the president's assistant for inter-governmental relations, that Carter should review the nation's immigration law that prohibits persons suspected of being Gay from entering the country. Her remarks came on the same day that California Senator Alan Cranston introduced a bill to change that law.

The Mayor also told Watson that the President should sign an executive order banning discrimination against Gays in federal government service, both civilian and military. In addition, she urged that he support a proposed amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act to ban discrimination against Gays in employment and housing. Feinstein made her remarks during a session that was scheduled for discussion of San Francisco's pending requests for federal aid from several U.S. agencies.

A number of Gay leaders have recently charged that Carter failed to keep a promise made during the 1976 campaign to work to end discrimination against Gays. Both Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Carter's two main challengers for the 1980 Democratic Presidential nomination have pledged they would sign an executive order banning discrimination in government, support an amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act and work for a plank in the 1980 Democratic platform calling for an end to discrimination against homosexuals.

In an interview, Feinstein said she spoke up at the White House because "San Francisco has a large Gay community and I think the president ought to hear from me." She said she had earlier written Carter to express "her dismay, chagrin and general disbelief" at the nation's immigration law. The letter and her remarks to Watson, Feinstein said were prompted by a recent incident at San Francisco International Airport where a male dress designer was detained by authorities because he had dresses in his luggage (AGN 11 January, 1980). "It is a very unseemly position for immigration officials to hold and I want to protest it personally," Feinstein said.

The mayor, who won election to a full term with the support of the city's Gay community last month, is also the Northern California chairperson of the Carter-for-President re-election campaign. "President Carter has been in the vanguard for human rights," Feinstein said. "Human rights are human rights -- that means all people." The mayor said she does not believe Carter has defaulted on his 1976 pledge to support Gay rights "because there is still time to honor the pledge. I will encourage him to do so. I hope he will."

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TUCSON - Wednesday, January 30, Tucson was treated to an excellent "one-man-show" presented by Bobbie Callicoatte at Jekyll's Last Culture. An experienced performer and real trouper, Bobbie is without doubt one of the fastest change artists in the business. He kept his audience waiting no more than 45 seconds between numbers before reappearing in some of the splashiest costumes seen on the Tucson stages in some time.

His lip syncs, body movements and clever dialogue captured his audience completely. Miming some oldies and some new material, some comedy and some ballads, Bobbie Callicoatte proved a winner on his first visit to Tucson. He is planning to return to the Jekyll's stage in mid-April for another one-night-only show. We advise everyone to watch for this return engagement to insure you won't miss this very talented personality.



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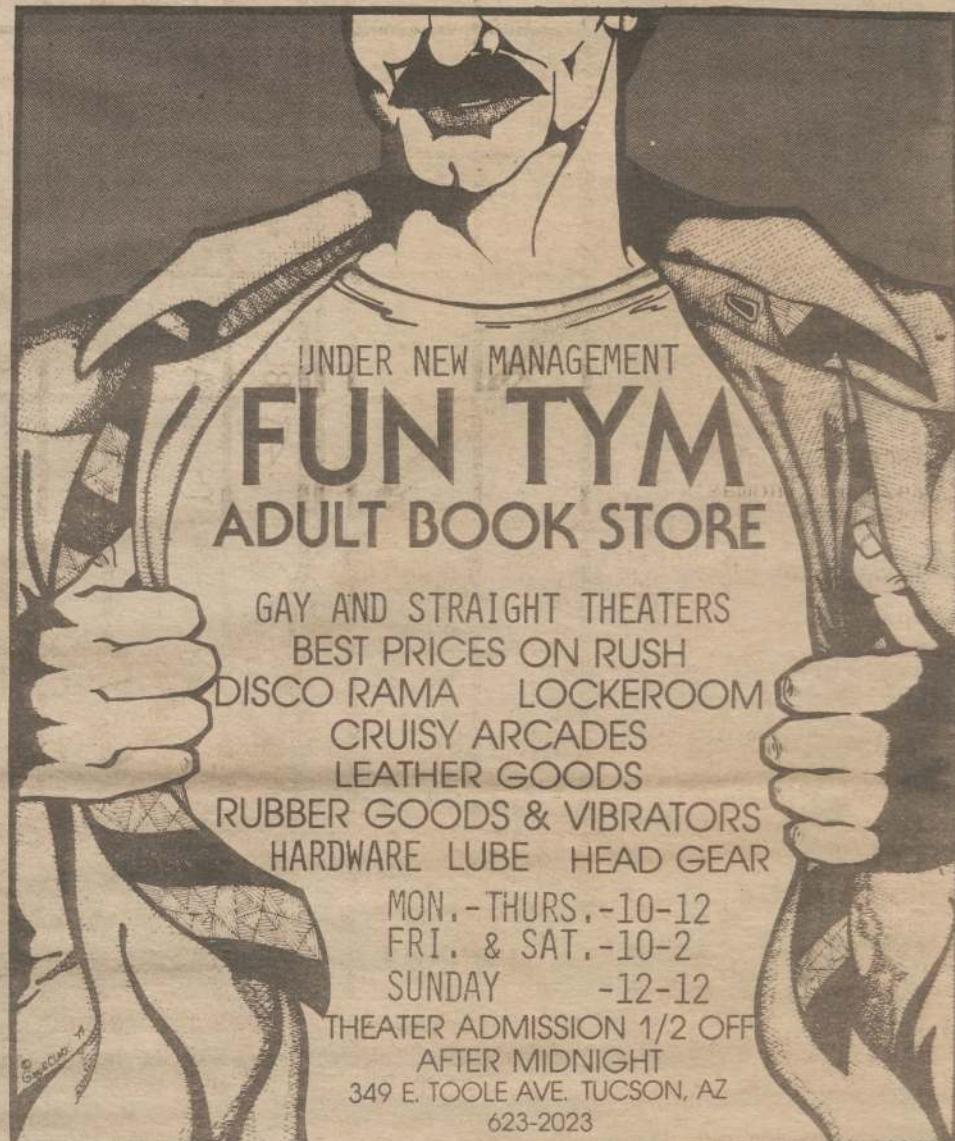
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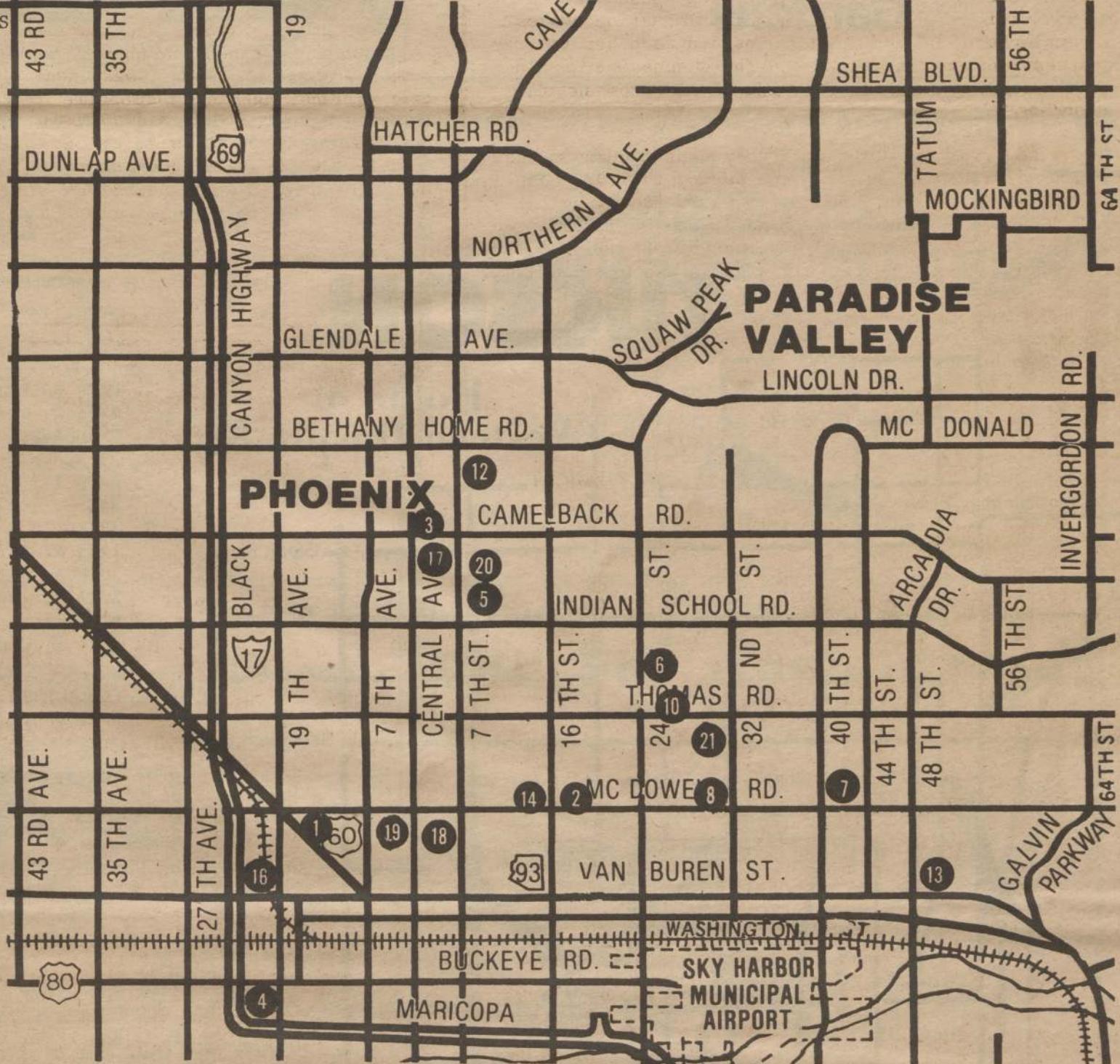
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 ...Judy Ohhhh got a lot of people together to throw their balls around!
 ...The O.S.W.W.A. Bowling Team was seen practicing late Sunday night. One of them really needs practice too!
 ...Stuart S. is becoming a real "domestic" these days.
 ...If the price of Tanqueray goes up anymore, the bar owners won't be able to send George R. on vacation again.

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Gay people. In the same workshop, Dr. Berzon will present an experimental lesson for lesbians and Gay men in establishing emotional contact with others. People who have participated in this presentation elsewhere, most recently in Los Angeles at the National Gay Academic Union Convention, say it is a powerful but enjoyable encounter session.

Both workshop sessions are free, but donations to GSO will be accepted. All men and women are invited and will be welcome, and all are encouraged to bring their friends, straight, Gay or undecided. One of the premises of both these experts is that in being removed from the mainstream of traditional straight relationships, Gay people cannot not only explore and experience their own, new solutions to living, coupling, surviving, etc, but can also offer their new insights to modern straight persons as well. GSO is looking forward to welcoming Betty Berzon and her lover back to Tucson, and hope that you can all come to share their knowledge.

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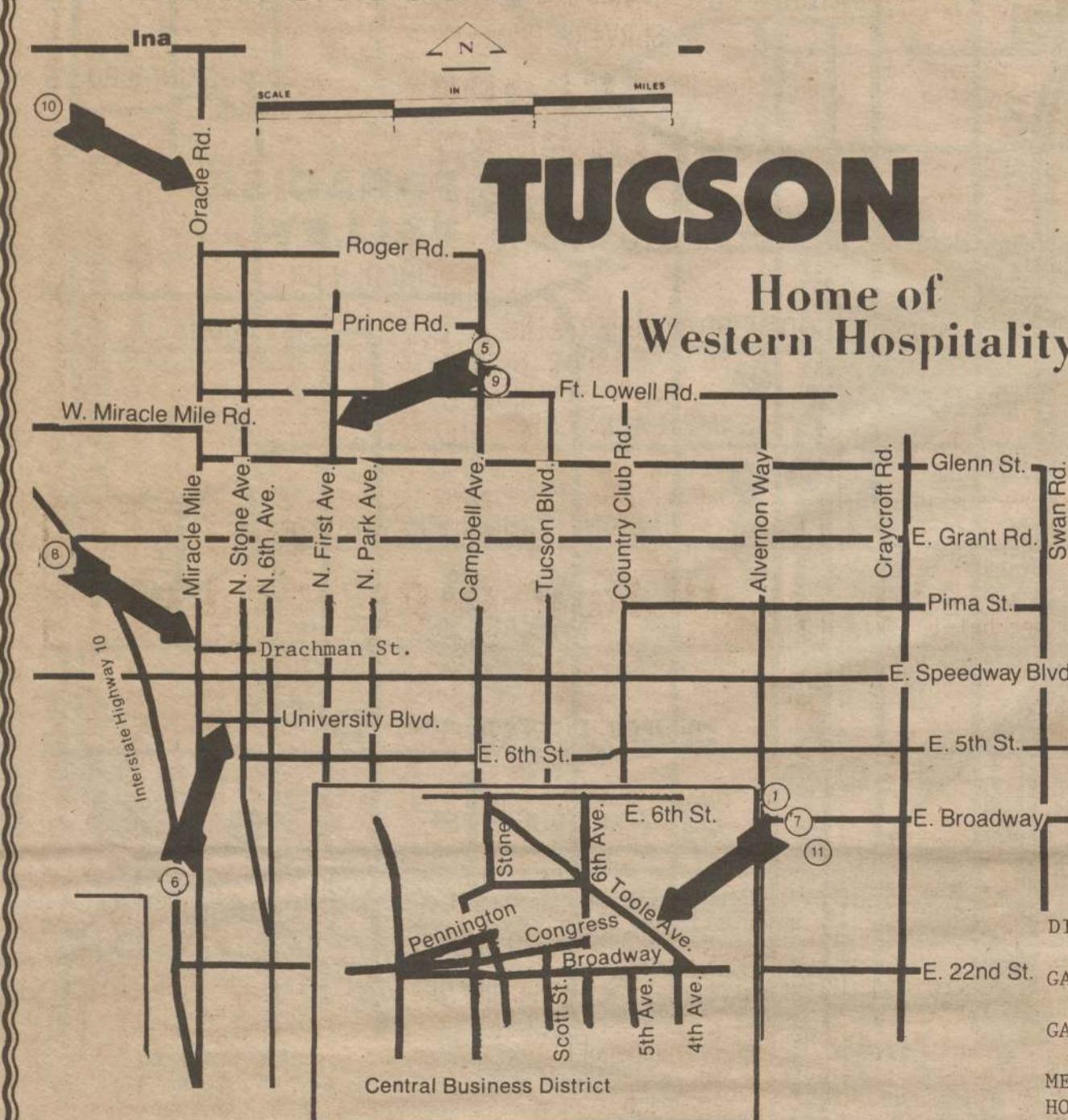


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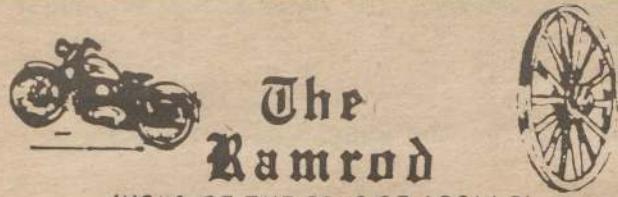
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CELEBRATING OUR LIFESTYLE'S MORE ABSURD MOMENTS

"MEN UNITE FOR EQUAL TIME ON TV"

by John Andrews

Before the days of TV, electric light bulbs and indoor plumbing, when I was just a snotty kid, my mother used to interrupt my marble shooting game so as I could run an errand for her at the local store. I remember vividly how the note was folded carefully and I was warned of two things. First, don't piss my pants on the way home, and second, don't dare show anyone what was in that brown bag I was bringing back. I recall peeking inside that bag and wishing I could read with understanding. I couldn't comprehend what K-o-t-e-x r-e-g-u-l-a-r meant. I seem to recollect that when I came across an open box in the bathroom, I assumed it was an oversized bandage used for grown-ups with big cuts. Yes, those were the days when women cared more about privacy than they did about equal rights.

Today, TV commercials have made things quite different insofar as they do away with all aspects of privacy. Not only is the television camera in your bedroom seeing how Geritol works first hand, but in the bathroom as well, with the camera pointed between a woman's legs while the announcer says, "It's time for your Kotex Light Days Deoderized Pads." Now, I'm not condemning these commercials for women; however, if they must have these tasteless ones for them, it's only fair that males demand equal time and there be tasteless commercials for men. Since I am only a high school graduate, I seldom get confused about what products to purchase. Should I buy A-200 in the large bottle, or two small bottles? What's the shelf life on this item and was it tested on rats for cancer? Also, does this have Ralph Nader's seal of approval on it? These are important things we should be aware of. Television commercials tell women that "Summer's Eve Disposable Douche" (with vinegar and water) is the best douche to buy. Isn't it time we see two virile men, like Elton John and Truman Capote, sitting in a bar sipping on a mint julip discussing flavored K.Y.? How do I know all the various flavors available? Being ignorant of the facts, I always purchase regular. But if I knew what other men were using, like grape or cherry I might try another flavor.

Wouldn't it be grand for a change if instead of seeing Jane Russell (the full-figure girl) displaying her oversized bra, we could see Paul Newman displaying his oversized jockey briefs that we wear while racing cars? I know a few "full basket men" who need to know what brand name of jockey briefs holds them secure so as their balls don't collide with each other as they race on foot down the street to avoid muggers. Cathy Rigby proudly smiles into the camera bragging that while working out on the parallel bars she feels confident and safe. She says she

wears those beltless pads with the extra-wide and extra-strong adhesive tape. She claims there is no danger of "leakage" while doing her splits. That's fine for her, but why not have Bruce Jenner pole-vaulting in only his jockstrap? It would be good advertisement for a company to let us know and see how the material "lifts and separates" while still holding him intact as he swings through the air. After all, when I go shopping and get excited seeing those humpy numbers I don't want it obvious that I have an erection. I could use the same brand name jock strap that he endorses to keep everything intact.

Being realistic about life, why is it that only women need a product like "Feminine Hygiene" spray? Don't men sweat. Why can't we see two football players talking to each other in a huddle advertising what brand of powder or spray they use to keep fresh and dry so as they don't have to scratch their nuts in the middle of an interception? That brand of powder or spray can be beneficial to us while sitting for long hours behind the wheels of our cars cruising.

Several days out of every month there are claims and advertisements that women need extra strength pills to overcome those few days of swelling, tension and irritability. Big deal. All the men I know all go through that same ordeal. Sometimes I get "swelling" when I have too much; "tension" always builds up when cruising too long to no avail; and if you have ever had a lover you've had your periods of "irritability." We could have a scene in which Paul Lynde throws a tantrum while Don Knotts hands him his "Cope."

It always provokes me to see those "Under-all" commercials. All those women showing their asses to display their "no-seam underwear" look. That's another problem men must encounter. It's time for the jock-sock manufacturers to wake up and do commercials like a Mr. Buns ad. Wouldn't you run out and buy jock-socks if you saw ten models from Hustler magazine sticking their asses into the TV camera as the announcer says "All right men, show us your buns?"

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THIRD NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

SAN FRANCISCO - The first National Gay Health Conference occurred in May 1978 in Washington, DC, with 150 participants. The second Conference, held in New York City in May, 1979, attracted more than 700. The 1980 Conference scheduled in San Francisco should generate even more involvement and a wider variety of programs. The 1980 Conference will be held June 19 - 22 at San Francisco State University.

The overall goal of the Third National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference is to improve health care for lesbians and Gay men in our communities. To achieve this goal the Conference will provide a forum to (1) Further clarify and educate one another about lesbian and Gay health issues. (2) Organize for social change in the health care delivery system and (3) Construct communication and support networks.

If you are interested in presenting papers, leading workshops, speaking, etc., mail a one-page description and a one-paragraph summary of your presentation to the National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference (NLGHC). Please indicate the length and method of your presentation (workshop, seminar, lecture, etc.), the audience you specifically wish to address, and whether you will need special equipment of any kind (i.e. audio-visual). Also please include a brief description of your background, training, experience, credentials, etc., in the particular area you are presenting. Send the information by March 1, 1980, to: The Program Committee, NLGHC, P.O. Box 6189, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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It is a beautiful warm spring afternoon 'n the middle of the Phoenix winter, as I put these words to paper. Such of my bird cousins as have migrated here for the winter are having a treat. The robin and the sparrow's time is yet to come, along in March with the vernal equinox. Meanwhile this is the week that the lovebirds come out of their lovenests and dance with the elf'n Cupid. Next Thursday is Valentine's Day, and all the world loves and holds hands.

B A R F L Y I N G: By the time you read this, or very shortly thereafter (by Valentine's Day), D.L. will have launched its new show policy featuring T'sha Tanner (directing and starring), also featuring Chelsea and Moosela and others to be announced. There will be three nights of shows on Valentine's weekend - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, starting at 9:45 PM. Thereafter Friday and Saturdays will be show nights. From host J'mmy on down, it's an all-new Diamond L'l's and promises to again become the big scene that it used to be. Sportsman, according to manager Phil, will be having a Valentine's Sock Hop, featuring Golden Oldies and prizes for the best 1950's outfits, next Thursday evening from 9:00 PM. Va va va Voom! And there is to be a special Valentine's Show at Mr. Fatfingers on that same night. If there are any other cup'd celebrations, I am not appr'sed of them, so check with local favorite bars. On the d'inner scene, Aunt Charlie's down at 2nd St. & Camelback appears off to a good start with their tempting drinks and scrumptious dinners. This coming Thursday through Saturday, 14th through 16th, host Galen will be featuring a special Valentine's Dinner for 2 with Champagne, at blanket price of \$20. Check with him for further details.

This final summation of bar activities brings me to what is going to be a parting of the ways for a while. (This is my 110th column for the AGN, and being featured on its pages has been a distinct pleasure these past two years.) The problems that are now engulfing all mankind must take precedence over those of individual smaller groups as we all have a stake in survival and future. In response to new developments and vibrations in the world, my time has come to return to my home base at Heliopolis in Egypt, for special meditations at the Altar of the Sun. My Dove cousins have been dominating the world for the past 30 years, but they have proved no match for the Vultures who are out to have everything their way. So it is time for me to help the Hawks get back into the spotlight, along with the Owls for their wisdom and Eagles for their vigilance! Pulling together, I am certain that we can all bring this old world back to party yet! The spirit of man is never downtrodden for long! My love and thanks to all my good friends, both personal and business, over these recent few years in the Phoenix area. May the supreme Being over all continue to attend you! The old P-Bird shall never be far away, and my good friend Jim will continue to keep my nest warm for me over at 1118 E. Roosevelt St. For now, so long, until !?

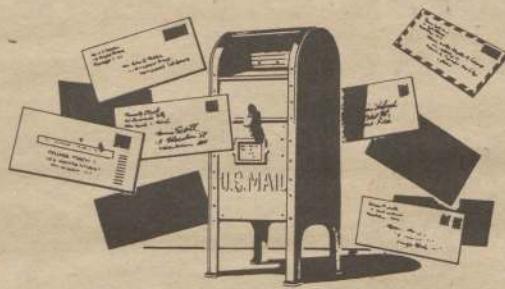
TUCSON V.D. CLINIC MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS

TUCSON - Gay Community Services of Tucson V.D. Clinic has moved from the Toole Box to larger quarters. They are still negotiating for a permanent address, but for the time being they will be operating every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 at 739-E. 5th Street, just west of the University of Arizona Campus.

Clinic Director Al Obermaier states that the Clinic is still operating in the red and because of this move it may be necessary to put a small donation charge for clients. If anyone knows of a low-cost location that could be used for the clinic please get in touch with Obermaier through the Clinic or AGN.

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DEAR A.G.N.,

I suppose we should all be celebrating our freedom, for we have finally made it into the big bad world of commercial television. Not only did ABC give us all kinds of exposure (granted, they failed to get our good side, yet they did get us into the homes of millions of homophobic Americans), but we have also made it big in the major part of television content: we are in the commercials.

Now we all remember That Certain Summer with Hal Holbrook and Martin Sheen playing lovers, but does that compare with a recent Folger's commercial where two young, beautiful men are discussing coffee brands and making it obvious that they live together? By the way, for those who haven't seen this gem, the commercial ends with the boys drinking coffee with two beautiful blonde girls. That's pretty straight stuff, until they pull the camera back some and you get to see that the girls are sitting very close together across the table from our boys, who are also sitting together. Now what does that suggest to you? To me, it suggests that the boys are lovers visiting with their favorite lesbian couple. And then the cute one tells the girls to invite them over for dinner some time, and they'll bring the coffee. Couples socializing, that's obvious. But who is coupled to whom?

So I guess we should all be celebrating our new freedom, but somehow I don't quite feel like celebrating. I want to see us free, accepted, able to be ourselves everywhere we go. . . but does it have to be at the price of being plasticized and lobotomized by commercial television? After all, I like good coffee, too, but I am not an animate Ken-doll, and I kind of resent the stereotype. But what the hell? Today the commercials, tomorrow the shows!!!

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My whole world seemed so bright
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That friends can help make things alright.

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You made me feel I was okay
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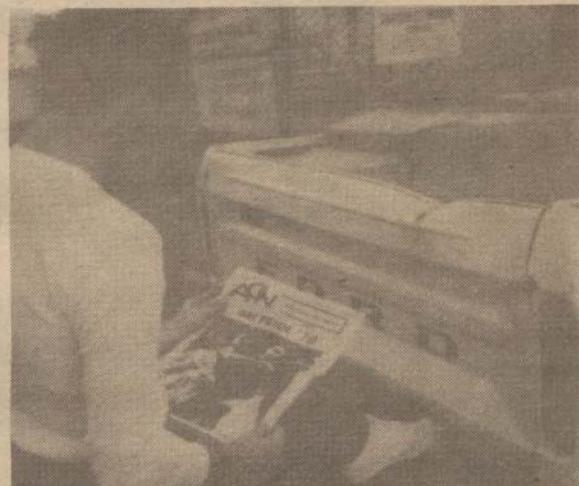
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