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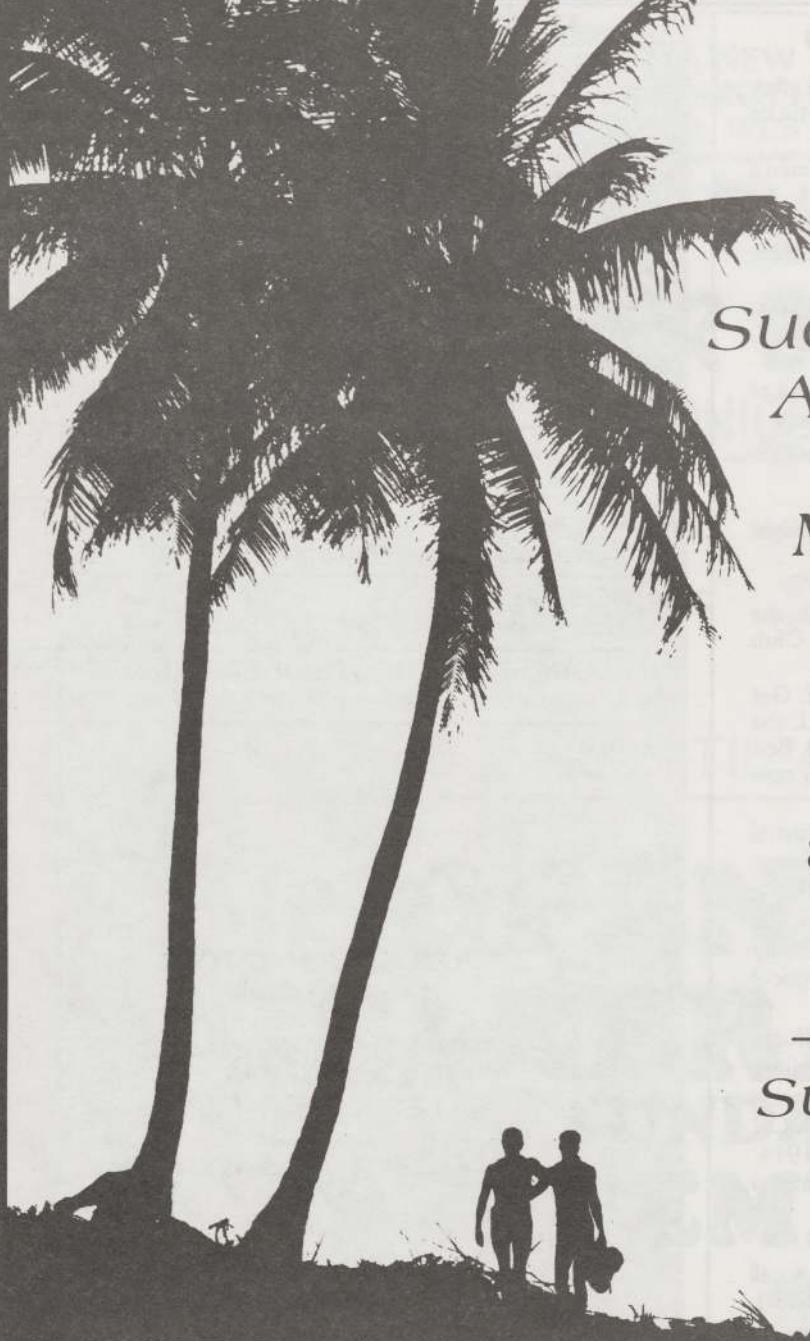
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PHOENIX, AZ. (PNS)—Arizona Gay Rights organization, Citizens For Constitutional Rights, Inc., has released the questions being asked in their poll of all candidates in the 1980 election.

CCR Chief Lobbyist, Roland Atkins, is heading the task force now polling the candidates who number around 250. Said Atkins, "We have sent each candidate a letter of request, a card with the poll itself for them to answer, and a stamped envelope for it to come back to us in. Of course there are always some candidates who don't send the poll back, and out of fairness, we later call these candidates and ask the questions over the phone. This time we're only allowing them five days to reply--and it says that in the letter--so we hope to get the results in a printable form very quickly."

CCR conducted an exhaustive poll of candidates in the 1978 General Election with excellent results. The information gathered was eventually placed directly into the hands of

over 12,000 Gay voters in the metropolitan Phoenix area, making theirs the largest effort of its kind in the state.

"Our poll is very specific this year," continued Atkins, "our questions are direct and there is no place for undecided this time--only yes or no."

The three questions being asked are:

1. **Would you support legislation banning discrimination against Gay/Lesbian people (consistent with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as it relates to Black people)? Yes No**

2. **Will you vote to support the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)? Yes No**

3. **Would you support legislation entirely decriminalizing private sexual behavior among consenting adults? Yes No**

Results of the poll will be published at a date yet to be determined, and will be found in *The New Pride* and the AGN at the appropriate time.

LEGAL TO PROMOTE GAY RIGHTS

SACRAMENTO—The minority leader of the California State Senate has been rebuffed in his effort to have Governor Jerry Brown's executive order banning discrimination against Gays declared illegal.

William Campbell, (R) Hacienda Heights, had asked Attorney General George Deukmejian to see if the executive order infringed on legislative authority over the civil service system.

But the Attorney General ruled that Brown's order that no state agency should practice job discrimination on the basis of sexual preference is "wholly consistent with state civil service laws."

He explained that the state's constitution "precludes arbitrary selection standards" for state employment and added that state and federal court decisions have forbidden denial of a government job for reasons unrelated to job performance.

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GAY CUBAN REFUGEES

MIAMI, FLA. (IGNA)—Gay Cuban refugees are being resettled by a program inaugurated by the Metropolitan Community Churches of the United States. Since federal officials are making no effort to ask the 38,000 refugees still housed in federal camps if they are Gay, the Reverend Robert M. Falls of the San Francisco congregation is establishing a placement program.

"It's a massive job, but we feel that the Gay community can take care of its own," Falls said at a press conference held in the sanctuary of the MCC in the Castro District of San Francisco.

Falls estimated that as many as 10,000 to 15,000 of the remaining refugees are homosexuals.

At the press conference, Hedda Cardinas, who lived in Cuba from 1962 to 1972, said that a disproportionate number of the refugees may be Gay because of recent crackdowns in Cuba against homosexuals, or at least effeminate ones.

During her decade there, she said, homosexuals and other "undesirables" were rounded up and taken to work camps and waves of deuncitions of "mariposas" ("butterflies") swept through the Young Communist League school in which she taught.

More recently, Cardinas said, a biologist friend of hers was fired from his teaching post at the University of Havana for having "certain mannerisms." Jobless, he chose to join the refugee exodus. She is sponsoring his move to San Francisco.

Other sponsors are being sought to aid the Gay refugees. According to the coordinators, sponsors should be willing to provide food, shelter, and a separate bed for the refugee for up to six months.

The Gay resettlement program has received governmental approval, but has no federal funding.

The sponsors are specifically obliged not to use the refugees as servants, and the refugees have "no sexual obligations" to their sponsors.

THE ENEMY HAS SURFACED

An Editorial
 by Skip Green
 Co-Editor/Publisher

In the 1960's the cartoon character Pogo Possum returned from "the war" and profoundly stated, "We have met the enemy...and it is US."

Today, in 1980, those who are involved in the struggle of Gay people to achieve equality in our society know that the enemy is no longer "US". The present enemy, which is coming down upon us like a Tyrannosaurus Rex, threatening to destroy everything that we, as a subculture, feel to be beautiful, natural, and completely normal, is none other than the *Born-Again Christian*.

A recent network evening news broadcast featured a segment on Rev. Jerry Falwell, leader of the "Moral Majority" speaking out to his loyal and ever-increasing army of "Born-Agains", pleading with them to help reverse (what he calls) the wave of immorality which threatens to destroy our God-Fearing society. The wave of "immorality" to which Rev. Falwell refers includes (according to him) the homosexual segment of our population. Falwell's hatred of Gay people should not come as any revelation to anyone who is in any way well-read, as he has been at the side of Anita Bryant on many of her "crusades", as well as having lead several of his own.



Rev. Jerry Falwell standing piously in front of the Capitol building gloating over his anticipated conquests over Gays.

The Fundamentalist Christian Movement is born out of a "literal" interpretation of the Scriptures, without the mysticism of the higher Churches. But in the United States, this religious concept has been distorted in such a way that a true class system has been created (it didn't evolve). Here, the "Fundamentalist" movement is a "Them and Us" situation... "Hate them, they are evil, we have God on our side." Thus with this self-righteous belief, almost any social injustice can be committed in "good conscience" as long as it is done in the name of "the church".

There are those who will of course disagree, but in this writers' opinion, the majority of the "Born-Agains" are ignorant, poorly-educated people, and the trigger of this group is hatred...hatred which is born out of fear and ignorance. These individuals are, by and large, very insecure and are looking for simple answers to the complicated problems which plague their lives. If you're good, you'll go to heaven...if you're bad, you'll go to hell. Allow your mind and pocket-book to be enslaved by "the church" and Jesus will solve your every problem. And, picking up on these human frailties, the thousands of "Mail-Order Ministers" are building their army of followers, with the ultimate goal of controlling society in general. Most of us look at the "Moonie" movement with great disgust and ask how anyone could be so weak-willed as to become a part of it. But, again in my opinion, the "Born-Agains" are cut from the same cloth, since they too seek to do away with the element of free choice.

It may seem all well and good for the "Born-Agains" to believe anything they want, and under the concept of "free choice" it should be...but with one exception, and that is that it is wrong to impose your will on another person or group of persons. It happened to the Blacks and now it's happening with the Gays. There must always be an enemy or under-dog. In the case of the Blacks, the purpose was to keep them in their place (socially and economically), but in the case of the Gays...there are wonderfully-distorted "Scriptures" that can be used to convince the followers that Gay people are "*an abomination in the sight of God*" and Gays are evil and should be eliminated. And if you think I'm talking through my hat, just listen to what they say should be done with the whores, and theives, and murderers, and communists, and GAYS. I have, I know!

Many of us have at one time or another tuned into one of the "Fundamentalist" television or radio stations and gotten a real good yuck out of the fanatical scripture-screaming and bible-pounding that clogs the airways of these "Christian" stations. But the humor of these medicine show preachers, for some of us changes to horror when we realize that there are thousands — or even millions — of individuals sitting in front of their radios or televisions, eating this stuff up, not to mention the thousands of persons who really believe that they are buying their "salvation" and their pass through the gates of heaven by sending their hard-earned dollars in to these "Big Business Preachers".

We've all seen the bumper sticker which states, "Jesus is coming, and boy is he pissed", and this is probably more of a truth than a joke. The original teachings of the Christian religion have been so bastardized and misinterpreted by the "Big Bucks Ministers" over the years that the original teacher would never recognize them. And it's all done out of the obsession to control the lives of the general population, impose their own viewpoint of what's good and bad, and to above all—get rich.

The gist of the aforementioned news broadcast was "Reverend Brother" Falwell putting forth the plea to all of his "Born-Agains" to register to vote so that in the upcoming state and national election they elect good Christians who will do away with the immorality and indecency and bring our

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nation back to "Jesus". The immorality and indecency of which this huckster screams refers (by his definition) to you and me, my Gay brothers and sisters, and make no mistake about it. The reason, incidentally, for his urging his fine flock to register to vote, as he so very simply put it, is so that they can elect Ronald Reagan as president in the Fall. Ronald Reagan, as you may or may not know, has been spending a considerable amount of his time (and money) wooing the "Born-Again" vote, which as the Chairman of the Republican National Committee stated, "could bring Reagan an additional 3 million votes in this election," and could indeed swing it.

The concept of working totally within the political system to achieve what any given group desires is not a new thing. It has been a goal of many Gay activists for a number of years. And has not only progressed rapidly in the past few years, but could be on the brink of success if only the estimated 20 million Gays in the United States would wake up, pull their heads out of the sand, register to vote, and vote their consciences. It may surprise you to know that WE outnumber THEM. But the numbers game is in no way in our favor if we don't pick up the ball and run with it. THEY are working and working hard. THEY have nothing to lose, and WE have everything to lose. It is easy to understand how we can become sour on the political scene, with all the political scandals that have gone on in recent times, but the integrity, honesty, and human concern can be restored to the government if we, the minorities --and if we, the most oppressed minority--want change.

I hear, time and time again, statements of "I'm a Republican" or "I'm a Democrat" spoken with the attitude of the complete snob. Partisan politics is all well and good, since one political party usually has more to offer than the other, but it's the person and his or her attitudes that makes the difference. The case in point is that this election year, we have the Republican party who has not one single item favoring the right to equality for Gay people in their platform (statement of intentions), they have Ronald Reagan and George Bush, both of whom have made open statements as to their disfavor toward equality under the law and putting an end to discrimination against Gays.

On the other hand, we have the Democratic party who, in their platform, has openly-endorsed the issue of Gay Rights, and an incumbent President who also stands behind the issue and who has ordered various departments of government to end job discrimination based on sexual preference.

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The Time Machine is only a creation in the mind of Jules Vern, but as surely as you're reading this, if the "Fundies" and the "Born-Agains" have their way--and they just might--we, the Gays of the country will take a flight backwards to experience first-hand the prejudice, hatred, bigotry, physical and mental abuse of the 1940's and 1950's in this country, or even the 1940's in Nazi Germany, and if you think that was fun, just ask someone who lived through it (if you can find one--few survived).

Get with it gang...the outcome of this election will determine what it will be like to be Gay in the United States for at least the next ten years, and we will make the determination. I fully understand that many Gays aren't motivated to get involved or are afraid to do so. And there are probably at least a million reasons for that lack of involvement: "I don't have time...It won't do any good...My family or boss might find out I'm Gay...I don't know enough about politics". Sounds like a routine by Rosann Rosannadonna. There are only two valid reasons for not registering to vote, (1) I'm not old enough; and (2) I'm a convicted felon. But to my mind there is only one reason for not getting involved, if even just to some minor degree, and that is: "I don't give a damn". And there are far, far too many of those. But rest assured that today's "I don't give a damn's" will be tomorrow's "Why didn't I do something's".

The choice would appear simple...wouldn't it? Continue to call yourself anything you wish: Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, or whatever, if it helps you be "in" with some particular group of people or to feel a part of your family's traditions. But for your own sake, and for the sake of those you love, vote for what you believe in. And if what you believe in is putting a noose around your own neck...then so be it!



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RONALD REAGAN IS ACCOMPLISHED IN SPEAKING POLITICIANS' CODE

By Richard Cohen

Washington Post Writers Group

WASHINGTON — Back in the good old days of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew, there was a lot of talk about something called Law 'n Order. Just exactly what that meant — police oppression or good, clean law enforcement — depended a great deal on who you were. It was an example of political code: It could mean anything you wanted it to mean.

Politicians love to speak in code. Jimmy Carter does it when he talks of character but really means Chappaquiddick, or when he promised us the sort of government we deserve and then leaves you wondering four years later whether we got it.

The real master at political code though, is not Carter but Ronald Reagan. Strictly from that standpoint, his speech to the GOP convention was a beaut. It was in that speech that he once again mentioned what he called "the shared values of family, work, neighborhood, peace and freedom." We all know —wink, wink— what he really means.

Family, of course, does not strictly speaking mean family. It means no Equal Rights Amendment and no abortion. It means **no Gays** and no living together and no smooching or worse before marriage and no married ladies with hyphenated names and the prefix Ms. before it. If you know anything at all about Ronald Reagan, you know that **"family" does not mean three homosexuals and two women living with their children by another marriage in a converted tenement in the inner-city.**

The next code word on the list, work, really doesn't refer to work at all, but what you might want to call no-work—specifically how we all fell about those who don't. It means no welfare. It means no food stamps. It means none of the social welfare programs that the Democrats have enacted to these many years since the nation veered from the Truth Path and elected Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Neighborhood" comes crystal clear. It is white. It does not bus its school children. It has lawns and kids on bikes and paper boys and picket fences. It does not have busing (forced or otherwise) or public housing or tenements or black people. Those kinds of places are not called neighborhoods anyway. They are called "the community", which is still more code for a place black people live. In America, the "community" is always black (or Gay); the "neighborhood" is **always** white.

All political codes have to be based to a certain extent on truth and on what Regan calls shared values or they will not work. The code word "work" for instance, is effective not only because it is an appeal to America's lingering anti-welfare sentiment, but because it also encapsulates real, pragmatic concerns about worker productivity and the attitude of people who really will not work and think that this is not their problem, but the government's.

In this sense, political codes are different from euphemisms. A euphemism is something like "Right to Life", which is just anti-abortion all dressed up, or "Right to Work", which is just anti-unionism in its Sunday best. Political code is



more like being told a girl has a "nice personality", which, while undoubtedly true, also means she looks like Seattle Slew.

In Reagan's case, the code words incorporate a basic political philosophy. You know what he means when he says the code words because they are in some ways like flags: They represent something bigger. In his case, they are words he has been using since at least 1978, and they have been motifs in his speeches since April or so of this year.

For instance, freedom, the next word on the list, has nothing to do with freedom in the Bill-of-Rights sense of the word or anything that might concern the American Civil Liberties Union. It is, instead, another way of saying "get the federal government off the back of business." Freedom is the freedom to conduct business more or less the way business wants. A key part of the concept is freedom from high taxes.

The last code word — peace — is both the most simple and the most complex. It is complex because it is not about peace at all, but about such things as the defense budget and re-arming the cruise missile and SALT — the sort of military might and posture that is supposed to give the Soviets pause before they mess with us. That is the way Reagan supporters hear the word.

Others who disagree with Reagan heard it differently. When Reagan says "peace", they heard "war".

That's the trouble with talking in political codes. It lets the listener think what they want.

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TEHRAN, IRAN (IGNA)—Iran's mullahs (Moslem clergymen) are imposing strict Moslem standards of morality on the 35 million subjects of that country with a vengeance.

Homosexuality is considered a major breech of morality, and the Center for the Abolition of Sin, a kind of national vice squad run by the Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali, punishes homosexuality with death.

Recently, according to Doyle McManus of the *Los Angeles Times*, a male homosexual was buried up to his chest in the ground, covered with a white cotton hood and stoned to death with rocks as big as a grapefruit.

It is a sign of the Mullah's dominance at present that President Bani-Sadr and the moderate minority of the revolutionary Council can only keep an embarrassed silence when Khalkhali, whom the president once tried to fire, announced that there may be thousands of executions for immorality.

The moderates do not dare to object for fear of being labeled "Anti-Islamic"—the religious leaders favorite charge in the present wave of Moslem McCarthyism.

At the Center for the abolition of Sin, the prosecutors say that their highest goal is to get prostitutes to marry their customers, drug addicts to replace their habits with faith in Islam, and whiskey drinkers to switch to Coca-Cola.

Many of the Scriptures against "sin"—stronger than those in any other Moslem country—have been announced before. But only recently have the mullahs sent revolutionary Guards into the homes of suspected libertines.

Moslem crimes include the following: Drinking alcohol, playing cards, mixed swimming, listening to music, adultery, taking drugs, and prostitution.

ANTI—GAY BILL PASSES

WASHINGTON D.C. (IGNA)—At the same time as the Democratic Party has just approved a Gay-rights plank in its 1980 platform, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to prohibit a government anti-poverty agency from spending money on legal services "promoting, defending or protecting" homosexual activities.

"This is one of the most outrageous amendments ever proposed on the floor of this House," said Representative John Burton, (D) California.

The House voted 290 to 113 for the anti-Gay amendment to an appropriations bill for the State and Justice Departments and related agencies and is aimed in particular at the Legal Services Corporation, which cannot now use tax funds for any Gay services.

The man who proposed the passing of this sexual bigotry was Larry McDonald, (D) Georgia. Said McDonald, "The Congress of the United States should not spend tax money in support of homosexuality or to support, defend or protect homosexual acts."

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GERTRUDE STEIN SPECIAL

(IGNA)—A one-hour special with Pat Bond playing Gertrude Stein will be aired on PBS (Channel 8) on September 20. The title is "Gertie Gertie Gertie Stein is Back Back Back."

The Gay Media Alliance, a watchdog organization, has seen the program and pronounced it suitable for watching. Whether the Alliance has given the show a rating, as with the Legion of Decency of the Catholic Church, is unclear.

The main emphasis of the program is on the literary career of the writer. Her Lesbianism, although dealt with, is not the focus of the program.

The press release from the Gay Media Alliance is somewhat contradictory in its information. On the one hand, it reports that Stein moved to Paris to escape what she felt to be "Unnatural feelings." On the other hand, Stein is reported to have been "an openly proud Lesbian." The latter claim distorts the historical facts and makes Ms. Stein a Gay liberationist when in fact Sam Stewart, who knew her well, and even wrote a book about the letters he exchanged with her and Alice B. Toklas, says that both of them were essentially Victorian women in their discussion of sexual matters and could hardly be called either "open" or "proud."

The Gay Media Alliance, although trying to prevent falsehoods about Gay people from appearing in the media, has been criticized in the past for being a lobbyist for "positive" propaganda images of homosexuals at the expense of the whole truth.

Cliff Jarrett, the program's producer, said that there has been no resistance to this project from anyone at PBS. This is despite the fact that anti-Gay members of the Mormon Church have recently moved into positions of power at this network.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST CBS

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA)—A San Francisco based reporter has spent over 300 hours researching the distortions in the recent CBS documentary "Gay Power, Gay Politics," aired April 26, 1980.

Randy Alfred, host of "The Gay Life" on KSAN-FM, has issued a comprehensive report 20 pages in length that details the violations of the program. Alfred calls them "serious violations of professional standards."

Alfred has filed his report as part of an official complaint against CBS sent to the National News Council. He urges that if "action is not taken against Diekhaus, Crile (the producers), and CBS News, then other producers, other network news departments, and other news organizations will be given license to copy these abuses."

Alfred sums up his charges by calling the television documentary "one-sided, biased, manipulative, and sensationalized. It ignores major issues on the one hand while exaggerating and fabricating issues in the other."

He goes on to state that numerous "minor" errors resulted in the program exaggerating Gay preoccupation with sex, minimizing the concerns of Gays for physical safety on the streets, making all the political phenomena under study appear more sudden, recent, and threatening than is true, and making the Mayor of San Francisco and the city's establishment seem craven and intimidated.

The report emphasizes that the documentary "repeatedly confused" sex and politics.

Other documented accusations concern the editing of participant's words to avoid major issues and stress minor and sensational ones as well as editing of videotape to distort community reaction and sometimes even to splice together images of people who were not in the same place at the same time.

At the end of the program, Harry Reasoner, the host, came out with the "unsupported declaration" that Gays in San Francisco demand "absolute sexual freedom."

The report's three biggest complaints are that "CBS ignored the major issue of violence against Gay people and substituted instead the symbolic issue of the Mayor's apology to the Gays and the non-issue of public sex."

SINGER ACKNOWLEDGES LESBIAN FOLLOWING

HOLLYWOOD (IGNA)—Anne Murray, the Canadian ballad singer, whose record hits include "You Needed Me" and "Brokenhearted Me," has welcomed her Lesbian following, according to an interview in *The Los Angeles Times*.

Murray speculated why she, a 'straight-laced mother of two who is happily married and not very exciting,' should attract Lesbian fans. It may have something to do with her reputation as a passionate sports fan. "I'm a real hockey fan. I love to scream and yell and all that."

It's also possible that Murray's athlete's build and gait and the fact that she's an ex-physical education teacher have made her have special appeal to Gay women fans.

"Who really knows why?" she asked. "The Lesbians have been there since the beginning of my career, and they've been staunch supporters. I'm not complaining. I appreciate the support. It's just a little strange, that's all."

BOOK REVIEW...

UNHOLY LOVES

by Joyce Carol Oates

Vanguard, \$10.95

reviewed by Daniel Curzon

I read *Unholy Loves* because I had been asked if I was the basis of the homosexual professor in the novel. (Miss Oates and I were once good friends.) I can't say that I see anything of myself in her portrait of Alexis, the man with whom the woman writer has an affair. As with much of Oates' work, the story seems to have little to do with what happens in her actual life, only what she surmises or wishes.

I do think a writer has some obligation to know his or her subject matter. I'm afraid Miss Oates knows very little about homosexuality. Her Gay characters always seem to have bleached hair and rotting teeth. (She really ought to read something written since *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.) For all her vaulted imagination, Miss Oates really does have a circumscribed range. Everything is assumed to have value in relation to a heterosexual, married world. Nobody matters outside that world.

And yet, curiously, the author isn't downright vicious to her character. Her attack is more subtle...a pitying condscension. Alexis is a failed musician who has an affair with a woman and tries to get the woman back at the end of the book, but of course he can't, the poor thing. How delicious for the author to fabricate these imaginary episodes. After all, they're so much more satisfying than the real ones in life.

If an old maid had written this book, one might forgive its old-fashioned attitudes, but supposedly Miss Oates is one of our leading authors. What must the general public think of homosexuality if Oates is so far astray? Unfortunately, what I see at work in *Unholy Loves* is an old Oates trick I know from first hand...denigrating portraits of people she doesn't like or barely understands, sly put-downs that might be mistaken for sympathy.

One example: You can practically hear the author gloating when she reveals that the famous poet in the novel is discovered to have written some poems to a 12-year-old boy named Marco. Miss Oates can't conceive of such a thing as being honest or sincere. All we can get is a prudish snigger. Pity. (No, actually, it's more than a pity.)

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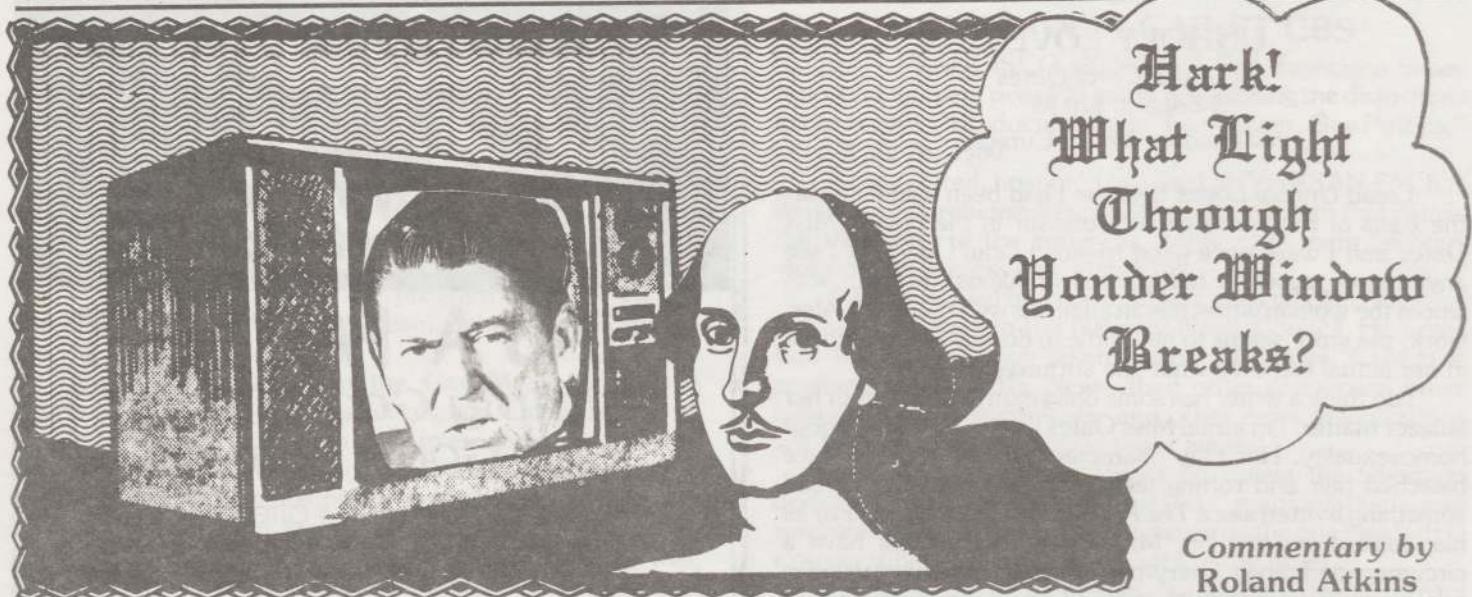
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Images control the world! Soft as a baby's ass as he wets the paper diaper. Images attack your mind from the flickering screen (I am in my bedroom with my media mindbending box). *Change the channel (CLICK).*

The volume goes up. This is too real: A body goes flying through the air as a scream is suddenly stopped (*CLICK*). Hallmark card come to life: Food is your day in black-and-white, and the nuclear Walton family in "living" color (*CLICK*).

Changing on...to a speeding car, I almost ran down a child chasing a ball because the sun was in my eyes (at eleven p.m.). Must need new sunglasses! Maybe some braces for my teeth, or R-I-N-G: Call-A-Lawyer! This douche has more vinegar and water she says and a special spout as I join her with her friend in a lovely garden of yellow flowers. What will happen if intelligence is recognized as a global resource? "Blessed is the nation whose god is channel ten". Food—Sex—Politics—Murder—Shampoo. If intelligence is recognized as a global resource, it will be enslaved by the (CLICK) NO! "Silly," says Minnie-Mouse, "This is a deodorant for women only, if you don't believe it, smell!" (*Fade in*) The plot for world domination is being discussed by Ronald McDonald, Colonel Sanders and Ronald Reagan. (*Fade out — Fade in*) A woman is decafinating her husband.

I am part of the global village caught in a surrealistic whirl of images, Marshall McLuhan and Walt Disney didn't tell all. Hark, what light through yonder window breaks — Shakespeare, how could you have known?

Switching through the channels, prime time: The Republican convention is busily changing their world. Ronald Ray-Gun in his Darth Vader whisper is stalking my attention. "At last," says Ronald, "I have a movie on prime time!" as he unknowingly sets the theme for the entire convention. With Wayne Newton and Pat Boone waiting in the wings, he fills his eyes with Hollywood tears, and in his best actor voice he makes his pitch with bowed head, to Jerry Falwell, Donnie and Marie, Minnie Mouse, and the rest of "normal" America (Remember when they used to call themselves "middle" America? Believe me, there's nothing *middle* about them anymore!) (*Fade out, Fade in*).

A "gal" is shaving her legs and preparing to enslave herself to the Patriarchy. A few seconds later a woman is talking about the horrible age spots on her hands: "Use this cream and no one can tell how old you are..." Instant age-ism, sexism. (*Fade out, Fade in*) Ronald McReagan is still preying on our minds. It is the beginning of class this day for all of America, all of you "kids" out there in media class: Bow your heads or Ronald Ray-Gun will ask the CIA and his arch-enemy George Bush to bow them for you (*CLICK*). The religious dictator in Iran looks out through his tunnel-vision and smiles in Faustian truth.

The opening moment of silent prayer will open the class war of the day. Ronald McRay-Gun is teaching a new class of prayer-led fanatics that call themselves "Republican". Abraham Lincoln would cringe in horror as the slave-freeing party is attempting to reverse itself (and apparently has done so). The First Amendment — what is it? If you don't know, you had better find out — FAST!! Ronald Ray-Gun and his "poligious" class should send a chill through your body, especially if you are Christian. We must understand the frightening poligious perspective which makes up this death-cult and their **insane** concept of world patrol: One hundred billion of your tax dollars to finance the most monstrous Death Machine in the history of humanity — the capacity to kill every living thing on this planet a million times (The current capacity to kill every living thing on this planet: a quarter of a million times, just isn't enough). That kind of God is an insane god—Pray hard, Ronald!!! Only remember: God uses the good ones; the bad ones use God!!! (*CLICK*)

Another decafinated husband is liking his neighbor's "coffee" best (*CLICK*). Orange Bird just shit on Anita. Prey, pray hard, Ronald. My country 'tis of thee, thy people — you are in danger of dying. Prey harder, Ronald. Save your Death Machine.

Laser beams spell out the numbers of the channel in the words of the day: *Blessed is the nation whose god is channel ten*. The laser beams give way to the hero of the hour. Darth Vader puts on his Ronald Ray-Gun mask. A tiny voice is appearing in the glowing crystal ball: A poem from the time-

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warp of the sixties comes to mind. We are once again at Woodstock and hearing Joan Baez sing it so far into the future, so long ago and so far away...the poem is by Roger McGuinn...

RONALD RAY-GUN

He's a drugstore, truck drivin' man,
He's the head of the Ku Klux Klan,
When summer comes rollin' around,
We'll be lucky to get outa town.

He's been like a father to me,
He's like the only DJ you can hear after three,
I'm an all-night singer in a country band,
If he don't like me, he don't understand.

He's after a certain house on the hill,
And he can play country records
till you've had your fill,
He's a lawmaker's friend
He's an all-night DJ,
He sure don't think like the records he plays.

He don't like resistance I know,
For he prayed it last night on a big TV show,
He's got him a medal, that he won in the war,
It weighs 500 pounds and sleeps by the door.

He's a drugstore, truck drivin' man,
He's the head of the Ku Klux Klan,
When summer comes rollin' around,
We'll be lucky to get outa town.

(*Fade out, Fade in*) America spells cheese K-R-A-F-T (*CLICK*). I didn't know the "gum" was loaded (*CLICK*). A

great stage is seen, multi-colored lights dance like fireworks. A gleaming red spot appears...Janis Joplin walks out to thundering applause. Isadora Duncan dances in a swift circle around her and disappears into the wings. Great thundering applause explodes as the lights dim. In the remaining red spot Janis places her hands together. A hush falls over the audience. her exploded hair falls into the face of 1970, she bows her head, and in that wonderful human voice she begins to pray, "Oh Lord, won't you buy me a color TV, oh Lord, won't you buy me a color TV. Dialing for Dollars is lookin' for me. Oh Lord!! Won't you buy me a color TV."

The angry eyes look up to heaven, only to see the bright red spot. The hair from the 70's falls back into the 80's. The red glow seems to come from a great fire (*CLICK*). Draft registration — cannon fodder needed. NO! A million dead voices of one person: NO! (*CLICK*).

A small convertible pulls up to a Jack-in-the-Box. An elderly woman (most proper conservative image) looks at the clown, his big round overly made-up face of all the clowns we know. The hollow, unknowing stare, the stupid grin — nice clown, human clown... "WASTE HIM!!" she demands as the car speeds away. A second later the screen is filled with a million pieces of broken smile and clown guts. Oh, well. Afterall, he was just a dumb uninformed clown!! (*CLICK*)

Janis places her fingers to her lips signaling the retention of some great secret as a great hush falls and the red light fails, beaming the last light of truth from her face... (*Fade out, Fade in*) A smiling Frank Sinatra: His Hollywood teeth are telling us to go out and buy a big Chrysler and from under his Hollywood hair, he is telling us to go and borrow some money and preserve the traditional value of the dinosaur, it appears the showrooms are full of stars that no one will buy...

GAYS RUN

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA)—The first Gay-organized, AAU-Sanctioned footrace was held in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on July 27. Five hundred runners from ten states, England, and Canada competed.



FIRST PLACE FINISHERS: Front Row (left to right) Russell Knudsen, Maryann Truitt, Henni Williston. Rear: Mark Hollingsworth, Clifton Yu, Frank Smith, Marylyn Galastis, Janice Wambaugh, Malcolm Robinson.

Photo courtesy: Cindy Charles

First place honors went to Russell Knudsen and John Morrissey in the Men's Open Division and to Janice Wambaugh and Marylyn Galastis in the Women's Division.

Among the high points of the day was the announcement by former Olympic competitor Tom Waddell that an International "Gay Olympics" will be held in San Francisco in the summer of 1982.

Participants included women and minorities, young and old, Gays and straights.

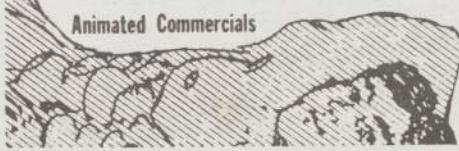
A passerby commented, perhaps cynically, that all the running was good practice for getting away from punks who make a habit of beating up Gays because they are Gays.

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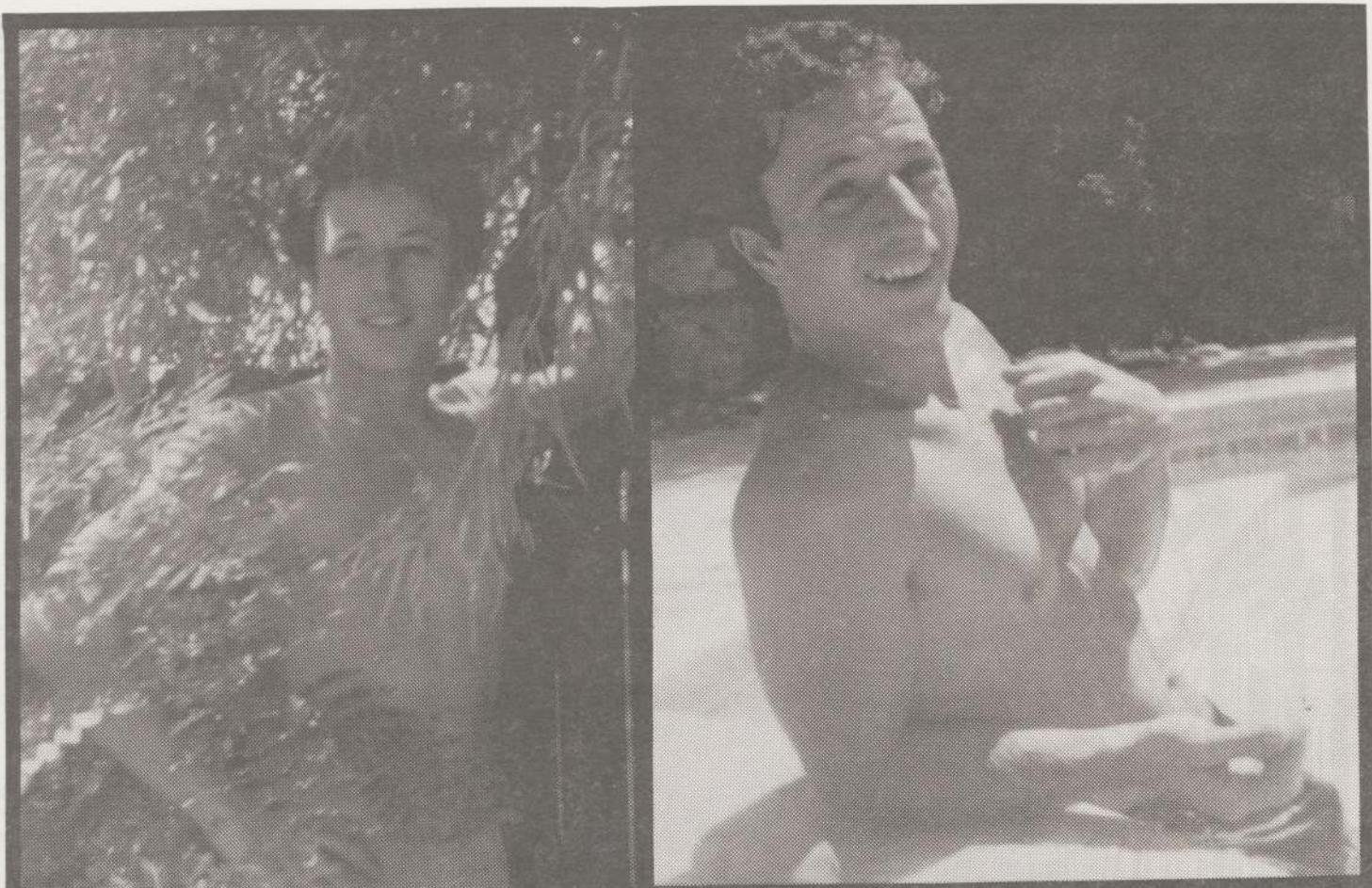


A young man with inordinate good looks and winning personality, Joe Matt is currently a bartender at Farrah's Lounge. Joe came to Phoenix two years ago from northern California. Born twenty-two years ago in Eureka, Joe is an accomplished professional glass-blower. He has also worked as a fisherman and a chef.

His hobbies include backpacking, hiking, cooking and camping. An excellent model,

Joe has a genuine warm interest in other people, and has made many friends in the Phoenix area, and he is definitely a credit to our community.

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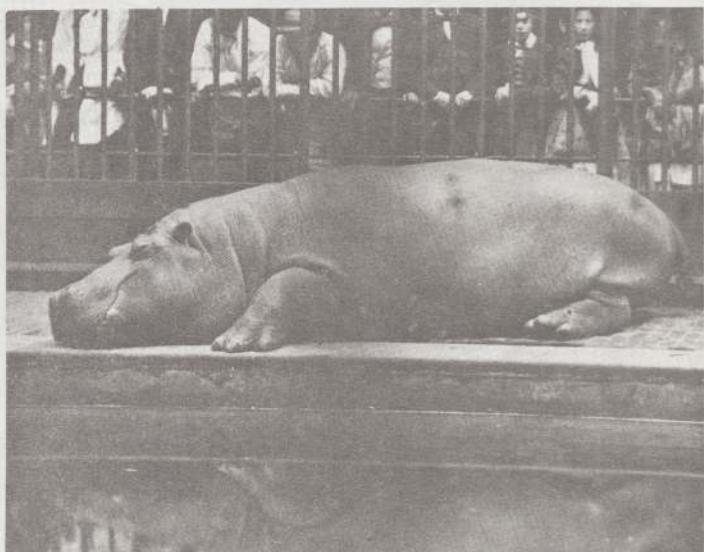
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Now That Was Tacky

- One of Tacky's very best gossip pimps informs us that the "incomparable" CISSY GOLDBERG recently was treated to a guided tour of the Phoenix SLAMMER. Pity you weren't in costume...as we hear that Sheriff Hill has been a long time fan of drag shows!
- My, wasn't BUBBLES (Bob W., Taylor's waiter) a busy little whore about town while John D. was away...?
- And speaking of BUBBLES...we were recently asked how he got the name. It was a blind man who asked.
- We aren't sure, but...it might be some indication that MYRTLE MYTH (Steve M., you know, the one with the body like a "flattened out Michelob bottle) drinks a bit too much. Seems that one day while he was out in Papago Park (doing what we won't say) he was bitten by a rattle snake. What a terrible sight...watching that poor little snake curl up and die from cirrhosis of the liver!
- So TED M. (Cha Cha Monroe, FiFi LaScuz, et al.) has now resorted to having sex in the walk-in closet at friend Craig's apartment. Someone who gets around as much as LaScuz could never qualify as a closet case any other way.
- Sex at home will never be the same since PENELOPE POOP made her debut at the Tubs. There probably won't be any! We can just see it all now...The Poop running around in a towel and that 4 foot "Hello Dolly" hat.
- It has been suggested that the U.S. Surgeon General should put a warning label on microphones stating that they may be hazardous to your health...Seems that during the Entertainer of the Year Show, STAN W. suddenly came down with a bad case of oral diarrhea while using one on stage.
- Did we *really* overhear someone say that they thought BARTOLI was a perfect 10?...They must have been using a scale of 1 to 100!
- It would appear that rapidly expanding bodies are becoming a problem for more and more people. Now neither DRAGON LADY nor BILLY LaB. can get past the cigarette machine to get to Taylor's Ladies room.
- We thought we'd wet out pants, if we'd had any on...when someone at the Tubs commented on how much BLANCHE looked like a Thanksgiving Turkey all stuffed and ready for the oven, while laying there on her back.
- It would appear that MARY ETHEL TRASH has graduated from the *Blanche du Bois School of Feminine Hygiene*, since Tacky noticed the large green garden hose pulled in through the bathroom window...
- TED M. at the Connection???? The poor old beat up thing must not have heard that it's a *man's bar*, the Cha-Cha Palaces are further over on the east side...
- We understand that the theme song of Ms. P. CUNTSALES (of snob-riddled Moo(n) Valley) is no longer "Am I Blue". It's now, "Am I Yellow" since the big "H" struck. One good thing though...the dear old thing's liver is now so big that it CAN'T fall out the back...!
- DRAGON LADY and GINZEY...Boy, that's a match made in heaven! We don't know who picked up who, but we do have it on very good authority that at least twelve people at the Bowling League Banquet at AuntCharlie's had to go outside to blow chunks after watching all the ear-nibbling and (voluminous) thigh patting. Perhaps Ginzez should eat more of his ground carrot sandwiches...it just might improve his eyesight.
- Many schools still teach handwriting by the Palmer Method, and if you've attended the Monday night Bowling get-togethers you'll know that bowling with a 47 (!) average is also done by the PALMER (307) METHOD!

- Tacky has been asked on too many occasions, "who is Blanche du Bois?", so this month we're running a recent photo of the dear old thing. But bear in mind that she's gained a few more pounds since this was taken.



- SAMMY'S new restaurant and bar (soon to open) we hear is decorated in "Tijuana Western" — that's with lots of wrought iron and drapes. We assume there will also be some strings of Christmas lights and busts of David. one of the reports we heard (from someone near and used-to-be dear to Sammy) said something about "Italian Whorehouse"! But with Sammy's fantastic cooking, who cares about the decor?



FROM THE MOUTH OF THE DRAGON

One of the editors of *The New Pride* recently received a call from a person concerning my column, and the use of their name within. In short, and the bottom line, is that they wish never to have their name mentioned in my column again. To say that I was stunned would be an understatement, especially since I have devoted columns to the caller's every cause and endeavors. Rest assured that the caller will never be mentioned in my column again. That is their wish, so be it.

Thank you to my readers and fans. I promise you that next month I will go where all dragons go, refuel, and give you a column that you won't forget.

Tom Clark
Dragon Lady

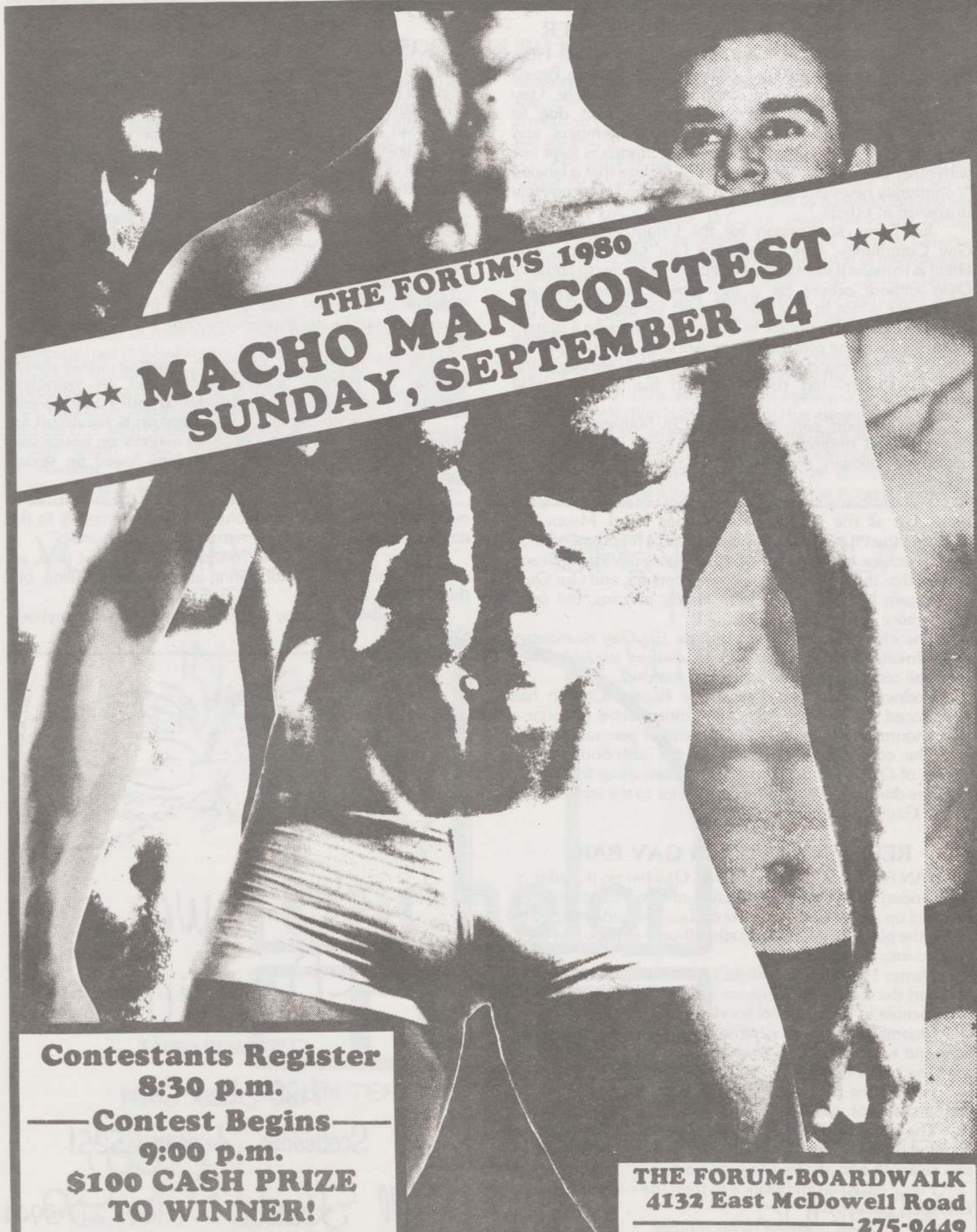


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CENSORSHIP OF GAY NEWSPAPER

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. (IGNA)—On June 24, 1980, each of five branch libraries of the city of Virginia Beach began accepting a single copy of the monthly Gay newspaper, *Our Own Community Press*. But due to pressure from conservative city council members and religious bigots, the single copy in each branch is kept not with other current newspapers but in a file box that is labeled "community newsletters" in some libraries and is completely unlabeled at others.

Jim Early, spokesman for the Unitarian-Universalist Gay Community, which publishes *Our Own*, said, "The effect is to make it virtually impossible for a reader to find *Our Own* without asking for it by name. The name of the newspaper is not in any index nor on file anywhere in the library. While many people in Virginia are praising a system that *withstood* the pressure for censorship, it is little noticed that the major concession—in the decreased visibility of the Gay newspaper—has been made to the fundamentalist lobby."

The "solution" came about after City Manager George I. Hanbury had originally ordered the removal of the Gay newspaper following the objections of at least two city council members.

The city council tried in six different votes to resolve the issue, but all the proposed resolutions failed. Mayor Pat Standing then ruled that the library board's recommendation would become effective. The City Attorney of Virginia Beach agreed that the mayor's decision was correct, and *Our Own* once again became available to library patrons, but on a much more restricted basis.

The church leaders who oppose the Gay newspaper have threatened to sue the city for making available what they call *obscene and pornographic* material.

Rodney Bell of the Tabernacle Baptist Church has announced that he has begun a petition drive to force a referendum on the issue in the November general election.

The controversy has stopped the distribution of 60 copies of *Our Own* that were being given away free at city libraries during an 18-month period prior to the interference of the Gay opponents.

RESIDENTS STORM GAY BAR

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA)—A Gay bar on the edge of the Tenderloin (a run-down section of San Francisco) was boarded up and closed after a mob of angry residents tried to storm the place when they thought a 9-year-old boy had been enticed into the tavern.

Owner Howard Bloomfield of the Kokpit said that he boarded the front door because he was afraid of retaliation from people in the neighborhood.

Bloomfield said that a horde of "40 people with baseball bats and knives" tried to trash the bar. "We held them off until the police arrived."

He said the boy in question had been firing firecrackers with a slingshot into the bar all day.

The police said that the Gays inside the tavern had laid a trap for the boy and that locals had broken the door down and released him just as the police arrived.

Police called an ambulance to treat the combatants, but everyone refused aid.

The boy was released to his mother.

AT LEAST THE PROM

SAN JOSE, CAL. (IGNA)—Although voters recently voted to rescind a Gay-rights ordinance in San Jose, an 18-year-old high school senior was able to attend his high school prom with a male date.

Dean Yoder of Leigh High School got the backing of ACLU lawyers and thus was able to circumvent the earlier decision of his high school principal that Gay couples could not attend the prom.

Lawyers Catherine Wiehe and Lynn Yates-Carter argued that the principal's refusal violated Yoder's rights under the state and federal constitutions, the state education code, and the Unruh Civil Rights Act.

The ACLU brief further argued that Yoder was the only member of his class over whom the principal sought to exercise control in determining the choice of a companion for the event.

On the morning of the prom Superior Court Judge George W. Bonney agreed and issued an injunction preventing the principal from interfering with Yoder's plans.

attorney Wiehe said, "This decision is significant for several reasons. It puts the 'decision makers' on notice that these kinds of discriminatory decisions based on sexual preference will not be tolerated."

She added, "We were heartened when the judge ruled in our favor, but are also looking forward anxiously to the day when something of this nature will not be news."

Yoder told the *ACLU News*: "I had a great time, an excellent time. I was anticipating at least name calling, but there wasn't even that."

He added, "It's my prom just as much as anybody else's."

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DID GEORGE BUSH KNOW?

Is material hiding within the files of the CIA that could fall like a bomb on the Reagan-Bush ticket? And would that material disclose that Bush knew ahead of time about the assassination of Chilean exile conspirator Orlando Letelier? According to a recently-published book, *Assassination on Embassy Row*, by John Dinges and Saul Landau, it does and he did.

Dinges and Landau are involved with the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington with strongly leftist attitudes. They consider Salvador Allende to be an admirable character and view Letelier as some kind of hero; but that notwithstanding, their research seems exhaustive enough to indicate trouble ahead for George Bush.

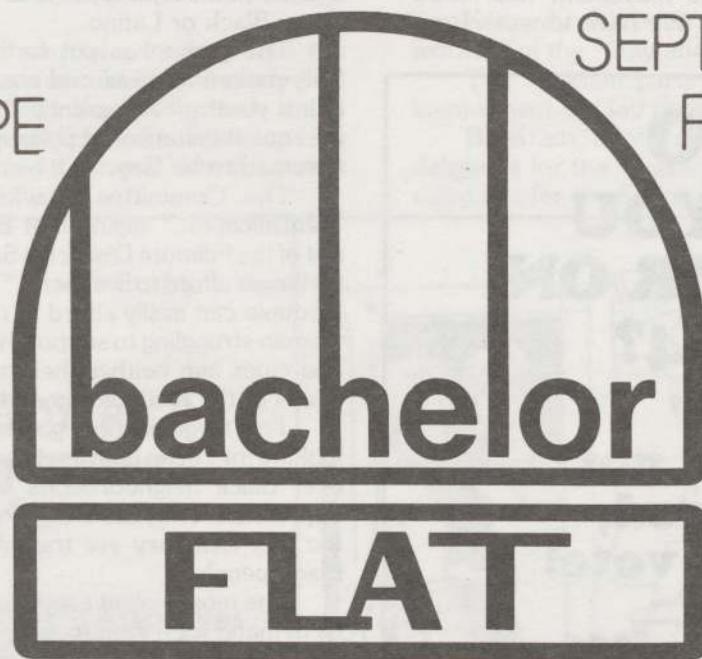
According to their story, a few months before Letelier was murdered in Washington, in July of 1976, the higher-ups in the CIA and State Department knew about the undercover operation being carried out in Washington by the Chilean CIA, the DINA, and that two of their agents would soon come into the U.S. with phoney passports. Warning of this came in a top secret cable which was sent by the Chilean ambassador, George Landau, to CIA General Vernon Walters which went right to George Bush in Walters'

absence. At the State Department, the cable was received at the office of the assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs. Apparently nothing happened to intercept the agents.

The authors speculate: "It is quite beyond belief that the CIA is so lax in its counterespionage functions that it would have ignored a clandestine operation by a foreign intelligence service in Washington, D.C., or anywhere in the United States. It is equally implausible that Bush, Walters, Landau, and other officials were unaware of the chain of international assassinations that had been attributed to DINA. General Walters, head of CIA liaison with foreign intelligence services, certainly had detailed knowledge of DINA assassination activity."

On this evidence it seems quite possible that the CIA and the State Department were aware of the DINA mission in Washington in 1976. And what may prove crucial in the face of the 1980 election is the extent of that awareness. Did Bush know? And if so, why didn't he do anything about it? Did he approve of the assassination? Is this the kind of man America wants in the number two spot? George Bush knows, and before too long he'll have to answer to the American people.

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GAYS AND REPUBLICANS

DETROIT (IGNA)—A joke that went around the Republican National Convention was that if Ronald Reagan were to be elected, there would be a Second Lady as well as a First Lady in the White House.

The reference is not to Reagan himself but to a close friend of Nancy Reagan, a *tres gai*, highly amusing man who is never still for a moment. Apparently he might be the resident court jester if the Reagans move into 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

But the remarks of the first openly Gay delegate to the Republican National Convention, Timothy E. Drake of Chicago, would not seem to encourage homosexuals to vote for Reagan in order to insure the court jester's investiture.

Drake told a news conference, "I don't like the platform. It is not consistent with Governor Reagan's position paper. He is **not** for Gay rights, but he is opposed to all forms of discrimination, and that includes homosexuals."

Reagan, Drake said, has indicated "a willingness to give us a fair break, but without further assurances he added that he might vote for independent candidate John Anderson.

Drake added that Gays have made significant political progress in the past four years, electing more than 75 delegates to the Democratic National Convention this year compared to 3 openly Gay delegates in 1976 and the first ever to the GOP Convention this year.

He said that there was "more than one" Gay delegate at the GOP Convention in Detroit, but he would not estimate how many.

Drake said that, despite the exclusion of a Gay Rights plank from the Republican platform, he is not giving up on the GOP, saying that the Gay rights movement has to be involved in both political parties. "We have to work from within," he said.

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REAGAN WILL LOSE GAY VOTES

DETROIT (PNS) — According to the only two Gay delegates to the 1980 Republican convention in Detroit, Ronald Reagan had the potential to generate good will in the American Gay community, but the GOP's platform will cost him millions of Gay votes in November.

Timothy Drake of Chicago and Charles Thompson of New York cited in particular the Republican party's failure to endorse the ERA and the party's stamp of approval on the Family Protection Act. Sponsored by long-time Reagan campaign leader Senator Paul Laxalt, The Family Protection Act (S.1808) amends the Civil Rights Act to state that no action taken by an employer or labor organization "with respect to an individual who is homosexual" shall ever be deemed an unlawful employment practice.

Both men joined in an open letter which asked Reagan to disassociate himself with the Family Protection Act; similar appeals were sent to the Republican Platform Committee during the convention, but the appeals fell on deaf ears.

MINORITY ANTI—GAY GROUP FORMS

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA)—A group calling itself the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee has formed to fight Gays moving into minority neighborhoods.

Claiming that Gays are committing "genocide" by moving into Black and Latin communities and refurbishing run-down property the organization seems to favor violence against homosexuals, who are presumed to be only white, never Black or Latino.

The group has put forth literature blaming Gays for "sky-rocketing rents and escalating police crackdowns on latino youths." Apparently the "crackdowns" refer to the infrequent instances of police preventing attacks on persons assumed to be Gay.

The Committee attacks the urban renaissance, or "gentrification," saying that Black people are being forced out of the Fillmore District in San Francisco because they can no longer afford to live there. "That remodeled Victorian that a couple can easily afford to rent is out of reach for a Black woman struggling to support her children. The hip new shops and cafes aim neither their prices nor their services at the needs of the Black community," it claims.

The Organization goes on to say that white "Gays looking for cheap apartments and their own space are taking over Black neighborhoods in the name of escaping Gay oppression. They are using slogans of Gay rights to cover up the fact that they are trampling over the human rights of Black people."

The most violent aspect of the Prairie Fire Committee is its demand for a stop to self-protective organizations set up by Gays. The Committee says, "Whites invading Black communities will inevitably come face to face with responses of rage and defense from people in these communities."

The Committee claims that the "lines are being drawn in America. The issue is who supports human rights and liberation and who supports fascism and genocide."

Apparently more will be heard from this organization as two minorities fight for the same space.

HOW GAYS ACHEIVED GAY-RIGHTS PLANK

WASHINGTON, D.C. (IGNA)—The Democratic Party has included a Gay-rights plank in its 1980 platform, but the reality has come only after years of struggle.

In particular the victory resulted because Gay men and women from around the nation worked to become members of the Platform Committee.

Then followed months of coordinated efforts at the state and national levels and weeks of intense lobbying during the Platform Committee's meetings in Washington, D.C.. Next, several Gay leaders met with the issues directors of both the Carter and Kennedy Campaigns on July 11. Two days later, Lucia Valeska of National Gay Task Force and Congressman Martin Sabo of Minnesota presented testimony before the full Platform Committee (158 members).

On June 17, supporters began a vigil outside the closed Platform Drafting Subcommittee meetings. For the next four days, according to the National Convention Project, "few entered or left without feeling the pressure of the Gay-rights issue."

KENNEDY ATTENDS GAY FUND-RAISER

SAN FRANCISCO, (IGNA)—During the campaign for nomination presidential hopeful Edward Kennedy attended a \$25-a-head cocktail party in a Gay bar in San Francisco's financial district.

It was Kennedy's first campaign fund-raiser in a Gay bar, but the crown was sprinkled with party regulars and other non-Gay supporters.

The recent Billy Carter scandal contributed to the willingness of people to attend a fund-raiser for Kennedy. "To be frank, three weeks ago it was like pulling teeth to get people to go to the cocktail party," said Jim Foster, a Gay Kennedy delegate who organized the event. "But the events

On the morning of June 20, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan of New York emerged to "caucus" with the Gay lobby. While the final wording was not everything being sought, he advised; "I'd stand up and shout victory!"

Finally a strategy was devised to bring the Gay-rights issue to the floor of the full Committee. When it was introduced, an unusual hush fell over the room as Bill Kraus, President of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club of San Francisco, rose to speak.

Kraus gave a balanced yet impassioned speech so that the Platform Committee could hear first-hand the concerns of the Gay community.

Ginny Apuzzo spoke next, elaborating on the need for a Gay-rights plank.

Both speeches received sustained applause.

The current of Gay and Lesbian delegates and alternates to the Democratic Convention is approximately 70. "That is more than the delegations from 16 states and is roughly equivalent to the Arizona delegation," said Tom Bastou and M.S. Pou of the National Convention Project.

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The entertainment was superb with every and all contestants doing what they did best to the max. And Tucson should well be proud capturing top honors with one of the best all-around performers these parts has ever seen, Lady Casondra bringing home the top honors. Her perfect rendition of Marilyn Monroe doing her dress blown scene from *Bus Stop* brought down the house.

Harpo's own Penelope was runner-up, having performed her now famous "Hello Dolly" number complete with four dancing men in white tux and tails which garnered no less than three standing ovations. Tucson scored again with an old favorite, Kitty Litter, taking second runner spot with her ingenious performance of Alice in Wonderland. Superb performances by Dani Reid and Laslo got them to the finals. It was really one great evening which saw most of the bar owners in Phoenix in attendance, including Ron and Lonnie of Farrah's, Dale of Taylor's and the Connection, Jim and Tony from Harpo's, George from Bullwinkle, Ralph of Aunt Charlie's, the owners of the Unlimited, Full Moon, and Tommy & Clyde's. Humanitarian of the year award was presented to Bob Hegyi for his

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outstanding work with ARC. Personality of the year went to big B.J., who has always been everybody's friend. Male bartender of the year went to Danny Butler of the Forum (his second year running) and female bartender to Peggy Williams of the Unlimited. And finally a great big congrats to Stan, Jimmy and Tony of Limelite Productions for putting on one hell of a show! Now to the news.

THE RUMOR IS NOT TRUE DEPT: When JoAnne was asked why she wore such a "billowy" formal for the awards presentation her reply was, "It's simple. I'm fat."

FOOL OF THE MONTH AWARD: To Christie Loveshitz, author of *T.V. Guide*, for her rather tasteless if not totally inaccurate reporting of P*O*O*P in a recent issue of the *AGN*. The Shadowettes would like to add a compliment to *T.V. Guide* entitled *PRISONER IN CELL BLOCK D.L.'s*: Having blown it this time, frayed and tired drag queen calmly sticks sequinned foot wrapped in an *AGN* in mouth and dies. Nobody cares. Sicko Drag Queen: Christie Loveshitz (5 min.).

OVERHEARD AT THE BAR DEPT: "If Dragon Lady gets any bigger, she'll look like a yellow cab coming down the street with both back doors open!" And speaking of the old girl (Miss Oatmeal Cookie—1946), the Shadowettes understand that she's wanted in several states for breaking the 55mph speed limit--with her waistline. Poor thing's so big these days that she's getting around in a Cranemobile!

Seems that David and Steve are fighting over the same old thing--guess they both want to wear the dress in the family! Cissy, Penelope, Dani R., and big George were sitting at the bar in Harpo's when the air conditioner broke down. Seems that the flies in the place had to cancel all incoming flights due to slickness.

PATRONS OF THE MONTH AWARD: To the Oh-No Boys (so named because when they walk into a place everybody, but *EVERYBODY*, groans "Oh no!") for keeping certain bar owners, bartenders, waiters, patrons, flunkies, etc., etc., perpetually in a red-eyed stupor, including the Shadowettes! Thank you Fric and Frac Oh-No.

The Shadowettes are not one's to talk but we understand that Joe constantly misses his street on the way home. Pretty hard to do especially when he's on foot!

Skip of *The Pride* ("Skipped" in his advanced years) suffered a coronary stroke the other day, but put it off for a week...

On the serious side, the Shadowettes would like to join with the Phoenix Gay community in wishing Buddy (our own Bette D.) a quick and speedy recovery. Come on out girl, we all miss you!

CLUB NOTES: The Charter members of the "I Owe It All To Baloney" club will meet in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt. The meeting place has been changed to the Hyatt to assure accommodating everybody.

Well, that's it for this month kids. And remember, before you do the big no-no, be careful, the Shadowettes know!!!

SIN-cerely, THE SHADOWETTES.

THE COPS MAY BE WATCHING

PHOENIX (PNS)—Judge Carl Muecke, of the Phoenix U.S. District Court, has recently upheld a new city ordinance which requires adult theaters to be designed so that police can view patrons who are watching coin-operated adult movie shows.

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ANDROGYNY SYMPOSIUM

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (IGNA)—The First International Symposium on Androgyny was held June 27-29 in San Diego.

The symposium was divided into three major sections: Left/Right Brain Balancing, Sexual/Psychological, and Body Awareness.

Some highlighted speakers and topics included the following:

Sonya J. Herman, owner and director of the Assertive Training Institute explored the process and dynamics of "holistic assertion for health-care professionals." (Non-professionals were also welcome.) Dr Herman is the author of *Becoming Assertive: A Guide for Nurses*.

Another participant in the symposium was Purusha Androgynie Larkin, also known as Christopher Larkin, who presented an audio-visual presentation of his experiences as a male androgynie who lives in San Diego, where he devotes full time to the exploration of unrepresed Androgynie Body Consciousness. Purusha Androgynie Larkin is best known as the producer and director of the movie *A Very Natural Thing*.

Elizabeth Stratton spoke on "The Healing Power of the Feminine-in All of Us." Ms. Stratton attempted to help her listeners rediscover their "Feminine connection with their Higher Self." It was hoped that the audience would be able to tap the healing power of the feminine that lies waiting in the magical realm of the right side of the brain.

In a similar vein, Ralph Zuranski spoke on right/left hemisphere integration of the brain. Mr. Zuranski teaches right-brain tennis as one of his specialities.

Co-leaders Binnie Dansby and Linda Thistle conducted a meeting on "Outrageous Women," which is also the name of a weekly seminar that gathers at the Beverly Hills Women's Club. Dansby and Thistle talked about learning to celebrate personal "magnificence" and releasing anger or fear that stands in the way of such a celebration. The seminar was planned to help women stop identifying enemies or planning protests; instead, there was talk of surrender and unconditional love, of being unafraid to love oneself as a prerequisite to being able to love others.

The organizers of the symposium plan even more events next year.

GAY SUES POLICE OVER BEATING

NEW YORK (IGNA)—The New York Civil Liberties Union has filed a \$1-million damage suit in federal court against the city's police department on behalf of Steve Askinazy, a New York community leader who was acting as a marshal at a demonstration against the film *Cruising* last August.

Askinazy charges that police officers severely beat and even tortured him during the demonstration.

"No matter which way I turned, I felt a blow--to my arms, my stomach, my head," he said at a news conference. "I screamed, 'I surrender! Why are you doing this?'"

Staff attorney Rich Emery of the NYCLU said, "This kind of outrageous abuse must be made to cost, or there will be no safeguards against similar treatment of other peaceful New Yorkers."

STRAIGHT MAN WEARS SKIRT

PALO ALTO, CALIF. (IGNA)—David Hall, 47, is a freelance computer scientist who for 2 years has been trying to sell a line of floor-length skirts for men by mail.

Hall would like to change the usual male fashion of wearing trousers, and cites evidence of the fact that men in different ages and cultures have worn skirt-like garments, such as the Greek foustanella, the Roman toga, the Scottish kilt, and the Polynesian lava-lava.

Hall first became interested in skirts during a trip to New Delhi. The heat and humidity made him uncomfortable in his long pants, and at a friend's suggestion he bought a local wrap-around for men called lungi, which he found much cooler. Back home in Palo Alto, California, he began experimenting with wearing some of his wife's skirts, as well as "masculine" models that she helped him design.

At first Hall wore these at home, then at social occasions among friends, then eventually at meetings at a research institute, and to a gathering of researchers working on projects for the Navy.

Going public has brought stares and snickers and has embarrassed Hall's wife and children, who are dubious about the venture.

"By strict definition, I guess you could say I'm a transvestite, but so are women who wear pants," Hall says.

He feels that current male fashions restrict men's character as well as their comfort. He argues for freer movement, and he thinks that skirts encourage the softer and more creative side of men's androgynous nature.

"Some days I get up in the morning and feel very masculine," he explains, "so I wear trousers. Other days I feel artistic and feminine. That's when I reach for my skirt."

Sales of his line of skirts so far, according to Hall, have been "few".

CAN'T BE NUN

TORONTO (IGNA)—A man who underwent a sex change operation and then applied to become an Anglican nun has been turned down by a Toronto convent.

The transexual's request was denied by St. John's Convent, according to Bishop Hugh Stiff, head of the Anglican Diocese there.

He told the Canadian Press syndicate that Mother Frances Joyce, the convent's abess, felt "she had enough problems without taking that on."

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EXORCISING GHOSTS OF FRIENDSHIPS PAST

by Lorna Weir
The Body Politic

My past is returning to haunt me. It is arriving by letter, telephone, and in the flesh on my doorstep, bag in hand. I thought I had successfully severed connections with it, but it keeps insisting that I respond.

Sartre remarks somewhere that we are all faced with the choice of living from within or beyond our childhoods. Mine having been the usual disaster, the farther I get from it the happier I feel. Coming out as a lesbian reinforced the necessity of breaking with my childhood: I took the geographic course and moved to a different city, thus conveniently cutting off connection with my straight friends and previous sexual identity. I, or rather the shell of me, returned periodically to perform the social role as daughter. An altogether common way of coming out: flight is often a splendid solution to an existential predicament.

Of course, the predicament was just as much gay as existential in origin. As a tender young dyke, I didn't have the ability to bridge the gap between my former circle of straight friends and the gay male and lesbian networks and culture that I was busy trying to learn, a process which took several years. Until I felt strong in being a lesbian I simply wasn't in a position to face struggling with my straight friends' sexual politics (or lack thereof) and probable homophobia. Initially, too, I was ashamed of myself for being a "homosexual", although I would have vociferously denied feeling such shame had I been questioned on the subject. The time-honored tradition among lesbians and gay men fleeing the home town is a solution of sorts to the contradictions, social and psychological, of being a fragile new dyke or faggot embedded in an old heterosexual milieu.

Six years after discovering my attraction to other women, my suppressed past returned to demand my attention. Women and men came tumbling out of the archive of memory, mixed with effect.

Don arrived on my doorstep one evening from rural Quebec bearing his homemade muffins and jam. With the passage of time, Don had matured into a disco bunny — quite an out of the ordinary visitor for our lesbian-feminist collective house. Unacquainted with feminism, contemptuous of gay liberation (according to Don's reasoning, unnecessary in Quebec where sexual orientation is included in the human rights code — choke!), his major concern in life was getting fucked at the baths every night, coming home to wake everyone in the house up at five or six in the morning. The women in the house did their best to give him a chance and treated him with polite neutrality.

After two days it became clear that if I didn't ask him to leave, no one was going to like me anymore. Don, you see, assumed that he was completely fascinating to us, in the way men think it is their right to be the focus of women's time and energy. How could we have had anything more important to do than to wait on his every wish? Conversations revolved around his life and interests; the

women of the house, including myself and their concerns could never be worthy of his consideration. He preyed on the time and energy of any woman who happened to be in the same room as himself. We were all infuriated.

The ways of sexism are devious; Don thought that a man who bakes muffins surely could not be a sexist. He then proceeded to use highly sexist patterns of conversation style against us. Pamela Fishman's article, *Power and Powerlessness in Conversation*, in the most recent issue of *Fireweed* (Number 5 & 6 Winter 1979-Spring 1980) discusses the sexism of everyday conversations between men and women. Her study contains some fascinating numerical data: of the 47 topics suggested by women in her tape-recorded transcripts, 17 actually became conversations, versus 28 of the 29 men's topics. Women are generous in lending an ear to subjects which are of importance to men; when talking with women, men feel no compunction in being completely self-centered. Fishman's interpretation of her statistics is to the point: "In these conversations, the men controlled the couple's definitions of what is real, what is important or unimportant, and what topics are worth discussing."

Small wonder our collective feminist rage at Don's predatory conversational habits, despite his beautiful blueberry muffins.

The last straw came when I went to my room, which was in a state of complete disarray, to find Don's porno collection by the side of my bed. Reaction: a "typical" feminist one of shocked violation — an immediate reaction which I'd cheerfully defend on the soundest of political grounds. Still, how could one avoid seeing the high comedy of the man who refused to leave his teddy bears behind, thus inconveniently doubling the weight of his luggage over a long journey. Don's visit concluded with an invitation to pack up and leave.

The next act was Matthew, my first lover, a relationship that lasted four years. "Just passing through Toronto, want to get together for lunch?" — seven years after we had last met. Despite the fact that Matthew had been picking up men in bars for years, it never occurred to him to mention this to me, although I did muster up enough courage years ago to come out to him.

During our relationship I always had the intuition that there was something lacking: exactly what, I never could quite put my finger on. Last Fall I found out what it was: feelings. Every time I would put myself in a vulnerable position by revealing my emotions, Matthew would look uncomfortable and change the subject. He was highly secretive about his own emotions, unable to grant mine a measure of reality, and completely incapable of being vulnerable. In short, I had spent years trying to teach an unwilling man emotional responsibility, trying to be intimate with someone incapable of intimacy, a skill which at the bottom Matthew found contemptible. Yes, I did feel a bit lonely and crazy at times.

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A few days after Matthew's departure, Ilene of the two young sons, happy marriage and liberal unease with lesbianism phoned to say she loved me. Twenty years after our first meeting, this message came as a considerable surprise. She explained that she was trying to share her feelings with people more openly. By the end of the conversation I had decided that, despite her ambivalence and liberal blocks, there was something in this friendship for me.

Then Helen, her life bounded by her children and her husband's work. Fanciful Helen of the many-coloured inks and fat handwriting, cogent as ever. Both of us with a passion for carpentry. There will always be an element of difficulty for me in dealing with Ilene and Helen because they have no idea of the depth of heterosexism. Their feminism, too, they unconsciously keep within severe limits, for fear of jeopardizing their marriages. Deny it as they might, I represent a threat to the choices they made unreflectively years ago.

And lastly, Gerard, former film editor, now apprentice carpenter, a militant and interested in sexual politics prior to me: straight, but not narrow. Of the men I formerly considered friends, he alone is capable of intimate discourse. Curious, that this bonding between past and present should occur through a straight rather than gay man.

There is much more than a story of a treasure hunt in which sand and several pearls were redeemed from the wastes of time. Don, Matthew, Ilene, Helen and Gerard are more than a number of individuals: they collectively represent my straight past, which I fled years ago. To talk with these people again is in a sense to go back to that unfinished past and those abruptly terminated friendships and finally come to terms with them. When I left I felt that my lesbianism was my problem, when I came back it was *theirs*.

Being at ease and proud of my lesbianism was achieved through years of struggle in the lesbian, gay, and feminist movements. Leaving town was a mark of self-rejection, and returning an act of self-acceptance: an insistence of my worth before my family and friends, knowing that my lesbianism does not constitute valid grounds for their alienating me. **If anything, I now feel a bit arrogant for having had the good fortune to avoid the grotesque cliche of married life, which I now behold with the deepest revulsion. Lesbianism is a different choice, offering a woman neither the exciting inanities of the gay male ghetto nor the hazardous security of the heterosexual couple.**

To return to my straight past didn't mean that I wanted to clasp it all to my bosom in utter rapture. Some of these people (all of the women and one of the men) I will keep in touch with; two I have cheerfully rejected. Through this filtering process I have gained a much better understanding of my own personal development, for one's reflection is found in one's friends, past and present.

As lesbians and gay men we have an uneasy relationship with our personal histories. Our general level of acknowledgement consists of a few compulsory sneers and frozen silence. You'd think

that gay people were born the day they came out. Other than the place a person was born, the details of our past experiences are hidden from each other, cloaked in mystery. We are especially uncomfortable with any mention of our heterosexual pasts. Our individual pasts are repressed and are a source of unconscious conflict: our concealment of the past from others and ourselves has the hallmarks of domination of the unconscious: anxiety, rigidity, compulsory silence, inability to accept or discuss differences and disagreements.

I am happy that my past friends have re-established contact with me, and I see this rediscovery of my past as part of a larger struggle to develop close personal and political links outside the gay and lesbian movements. Having spent several years learning lesbian social and political culture, I have no intention of making an about-face and rejecting my community. On the contrary, it is only because I feel established in this community that I have the confidence to develop ties outside it.

To refuse to talk about one's oppression is to perpetuate it: political work and personal friendships formed outside our communities must not be predicated on the denial of our lesbianism or gayness.

Over the last decade, our struggle has been to create gay and lesbian social and political institutions, and to forge a positive social identity for ourselves. To do this, we have been forced to isolate ourselves to a certain extent, both socially and politically.

It is true that the lesbian movement, operating within the women's movement, does not suffer the same degree of isolation as the gay movement. But we should not overestimate the extent of the integration. Certain sectors of the feminist movement, especially those concerned with trade unions, have no idea what a dyke looks like. Many lesbians in the women's movement do not politicize their lesbianism in any way, even where tactically possible. In those feminist groups that do raise lesbianism as a political issue, I have seen remarkably few friendships formed outside the organizations between heterosexual and lesbian feminists.

Making peace with our personal histories consolidates our lesbian identity in a process that mends the mind and establishes links with our pre-Enlightenment past. Sorting out friendships abandoned in the midst of coming out accomplishes an emotional synthesis that has many implications and work politically with progressive heterosexuals.

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VIOLENCE AT LONDON'S GAY PARADE

LONDON (IGNA)—Confrontations between London police and Gay marchers caused this year's Gay parade there to be the angriest ever.

At the rear of the 3000-strong parade Frank Egan had been arrested for wearing a kitchen vegetable cutter in his hat as part of his drag costume. When marchers behind Egan protested against his arrest and halted, others were arrested. Police handled some of the marchers roughly. Some marchers were taken to Bow Street police station.

It was at Malet Street that the most dramatic scenes took place. Announcements of the arrests were made over portable loudspeakers as the marchers began to filter into the University of London Union.

As the Gays grew angrier at the news, the police cordoned off both ends of the street and resisted demands that the Gays be allowed to continue the march to Bow Street to demand the release of the arrested men.

A group of Gay men and women linked arms and some burst through the police cordon, which was five deep with police officers.

The emotional temprature soared, and just as a riot seemed inevitable, the police announced that they would let the march go to the police station.

On the second leg of the march three people were arrested near Kingsway, and the crowd of marchers sat down in the street until two of the arrested were brought back a few minutes later.

The march halted for almost an hour in Long Acre, refusing to move until all the people arrested--now a total of 10--had been released.

Then, escorted by police, the parade moved back to Malet Street with victorious chants and cheers, and the planned carnival went ahead as a roaring, if sometimes chaotic, success.

Jackie Foster of Sappho told listeners to a Capital Radio phone-in that the number of Gay women in the march delighted her.

A veteran Gay Campaigner told reporters that the police in London now know that Gay people's anger can be forceful. "We're not just a pack of controlled queers," he said.

GAY STUDENT ORGANIZATION IN WYOMING

WYOMING (PNS)—GLOW (Gay and Lesbians of Wyoming) has formed as an officially recognized camups organization on the campus of the University of Wyoming. The new organization has scheduled regular meetings on the first and third Sundays of each month.

OLD DRUG—NEW NAME

(PNS)—The long used drug Quaalude is getting a new name, according to The Houston Chronicle. Using the name Mequin, the sedative-hypnotic and often misused drug is being remarkedeted by the Lemmon Company.

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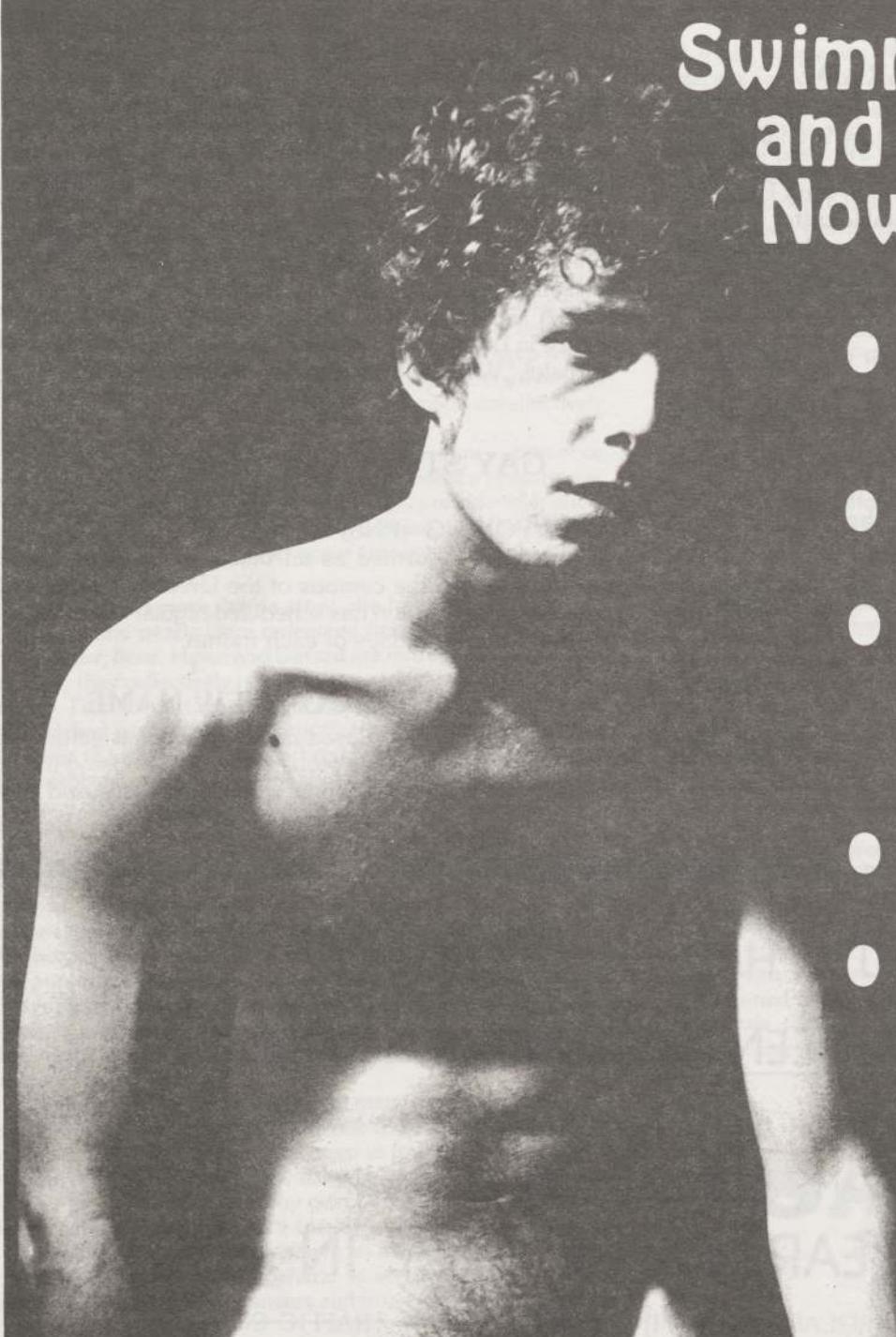
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ANTI-GAY MOVES

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (IGNA)—A Gay-rights group in Austria opened a stand at the Vienna Festival (Wiener Festwochen), but police closed it on May 28th, using sections 220 and 221 of the Penal Code to justify their actions.

According to HOSI (the Gay-rights group), the Code prohibits anyone from saying that homosexuality is natural or harmless. To say anything else is to promote "homosexual unchastity."

In Saltzburg authorities have likewise recently refused recognition to a Gay group, using the same Penal Code as justification.

These anti-Gay moves have occurred despite a promise by the Minister of Justice that these laws would not be applied any longer.

GAY ACTIVIST BEATEN DURING OLYMPICS

MOSCOW (IGNA)—There have been numerous incidents of Soviet interference with Western press coverage of the Olympic Games, but the harshest so far occurred on July 21 in Red Square, when KGB agents scuffled with four newsmen covering a one-man protest by an Italian Gay-rights activist.

The activist, Vincenzo Francone, 32, of Turin, had told reporters that he intended to handcuff himself to a stanchion near the Kremlin wall and St Basil's Cathedral to protest article 121 of the Soviet Criminal Code, which calls for up to 5 years in prison for sexual relations between members of the same sex.

The square, between the Kremlin and the Gum Department Store, was full of plainclothes police, who instantly tackled Francone and any newsmen who was carrying a camera.

United Press International bureau chief John Moody was hit twice in the groin and hustled off to the holding room inside the Kremlin, where security guards screamed at him that he must not cover politics, only sports. Two French reporters were also hit several times.

One highly reliable Western source said that the Gay activist was seen on a floor in a police sub-station, being pummeled and kicked by police.

Physical abuse of Western newsmen has been increasing since the Games opened.

The Russians are angry because they do not wish anything controversial politically to be examined. They were also reported angry when Western news bureaus refused to participate in the Ostankino Soviet TV Center; the news bureaus said that the price—in money and censorship—asked by the Russians was too high.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST GREECE

(PNS)—Economic sanctions may be implied in the Dutch Government's delayed signing of a treaty bringing Greece into the European Economic Community. At issue is the Greek administration's second annual attempt to enact the "Bill on the Protection from Venereal Disease", a direct attack on Gay civil rights.

GAY CUBANS

MIAMI (IGNA)—there are about 2,000 Gay Cuban refugees in Dade County waiting to be settled.

They are being assisted in relocating by a program headed by Jack Campbell, candidate for Miami's city commission.

While the Latin community is often hostile to homosexuality, in this case the reception of the Gay refugee program has been positive.

The Catholic Church, however, although it is a major force in other national refugee programs, has not had much contact with the Gay Cuban refugees.

A youth under 18 was referred to the Catholic Church, but the Church said that it did not deal with anyone under 18. The real reason is that the boy had been put out on the street, after his aunt and uncle, his original sponsors, had found out that he was Gay.

NEWS OF GREECE

GREECE (IGNA)—Modern-day Greece is different from classical Greece, so different in fact that the Greek Parliament is considering a bill that asks for punishment of homosexuals for venereal disease.

Based on a bill enacted during German occupation in World War II, the measure is claimed to protect the population.

The Netherlands said it will not vote to allow Greece into the European Common Market if such a bill is passed.

Greek authorities have also banned the British movie *Night-hawks* because the hero is a Gay teacher. They claim that the film is such a detailed report on homosexual relations that it thereby is propaganda for the spread of homosexuality in Greece.

A particular complaint about the movie is that when the teacher's student learn of his gayness he does not deny it.

At the same time a trial of the Greek Gay magazine *Amphi* was to take place in Athens in July. Again authorities have claimed the right to determine what Greek citizens can read or see.

LABOUR PARTY NOMINATES OPEN GAY

NEW ZEALAND (IGNA)—The Labour Party of New Zealand has nominated Ian Scott, a Gay activist, as a candidate for parliament.

Mr. Scott is the first openly Gay candidate that either of the two major parties has nominated.

In an interview with *Pink Triangle*, Scott said that it is untrue that Labour Party workers have resigned because of his nomination. He said that after any selection of a candidate there are people who are upset because their own candidate did not win.

The *Auckland Star*'s cartoonist makes the claim that the nomination of a Gay-rights activist in a marginal district (Eden) will mean the "kiss of death" for the Labour Party.

But Ian Scott believes in November voters will not be voting on his homosexuality or on any other single issue.

GAY NEWS FROM EUROPE

EUROPE (IGNA)—•Gay books are beginning to appear in Germany, mostly fiction. In the past only a few hardcore pornography books were published, but now some films, notably Rosa Winkle Verlag in Berlin and Joachim Foerster Verlag in Frankfurt, have brought out some 30 titles. Types include novels, poetry, autobiographies and non-fiction books on homosexuality and pedophilia.

•The Dutch parliament is preparing a law that will protect Gays who ask for asylum in the Netherlands. They will be given the same protection as other refugees.

•Singing star Cliff Richard told *The Daily Star* in London that the question that he is most asked is if he is Gay. "I am not," he said. "One day I will marry and have children."

•Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands has pleaded for more frankness in talking about pedophilia and homosexuality. As president of the national committee for the Year of the Child, she ordered the subject of pedophilia to be included in a book about children.

•A spokesman for the police in Munich has said that Munich has become "the meeting place for European homosexuals." The spokesman added, "It's a pity."

•The first Dutch Gay movie has been made in the Netherlands, based on a book by Gerard Reve, who has won a national award for writing. Reve, an open Gay, has written many books, in all of which the Gay theme is central. The movie, *Dear Boys*, will be shown in cinemas all over the country. It is sponsored in part by Citroen Motors of France.



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THE GERMAN MILITARY

GERMANY (IGNA)—It is not possible anymore to claim to be Gay to get an exemption from the German military service.

Until now a Gay recruit could go to a physician and ask for a special document, which he could take to the military authorities.

The system was in effect because Gay activists and doctors argued that a Gay person could not receive a promotion as an officer according to his merits, and thus equal treatment was not possible, and hence Gays should be exempt.

Military authorities in Hamburg have reversed this policy. But Gay activists are still arguing that Gay soldiers are discriminated against; therefore, Gays should not be expected to serve.

PRISONER RELEASED

(IGNA)—Russell Smith, the Gay prisoner activist whose case became of interest to the International Gay Association because of a history of mistreatment, has been released from prison.

Smith, a federal prisoner for 7½ years, spent 2½ of those years in prison because he had defended himself against rape and threat of rape and been convicted by authorities for so doing.

Activists in Ireland, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and England rallied to help Smith.

INTERNATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN ASSOCIATION PROJECTS

(IGNA)—A world-wide group of Gay activists has been in operation for over a year now, trying to remedy anti-Gay legislation and attitudes in all parts of the world.

The International Gay and Lesbian Association at present is undertaking the following projects:

•A letter writing campaign to protest the seizure by police of *LAMPIO*, a Gay newspaper in Brazil.

•A letter writing campaign to protest the executions of Iranian homosexuals.

In May 1979, the Iranian Minister of Justice claimed that he received a threat to his life from a "New Zealand Association of Homosexuals." The New Zealand Ambassador to Iran apologized to the Minister, although he did not see a copy of the alleged letter.

The Minister, however, did not apologize for the execution of homosexuals.

•The IGALA wrote to the Spanish Government protesting the use of public scandal laws to suppress Gay liberation groups.

•An investigation of the conditions of Gay people in the Pacific Islands.

•Issued a press statement offering a \$1 million reward for the capture of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

•Efforts to get Amnesty International to recognize that Gay people who are imprisoned because of their sexual orientation are prisoners of conscience.



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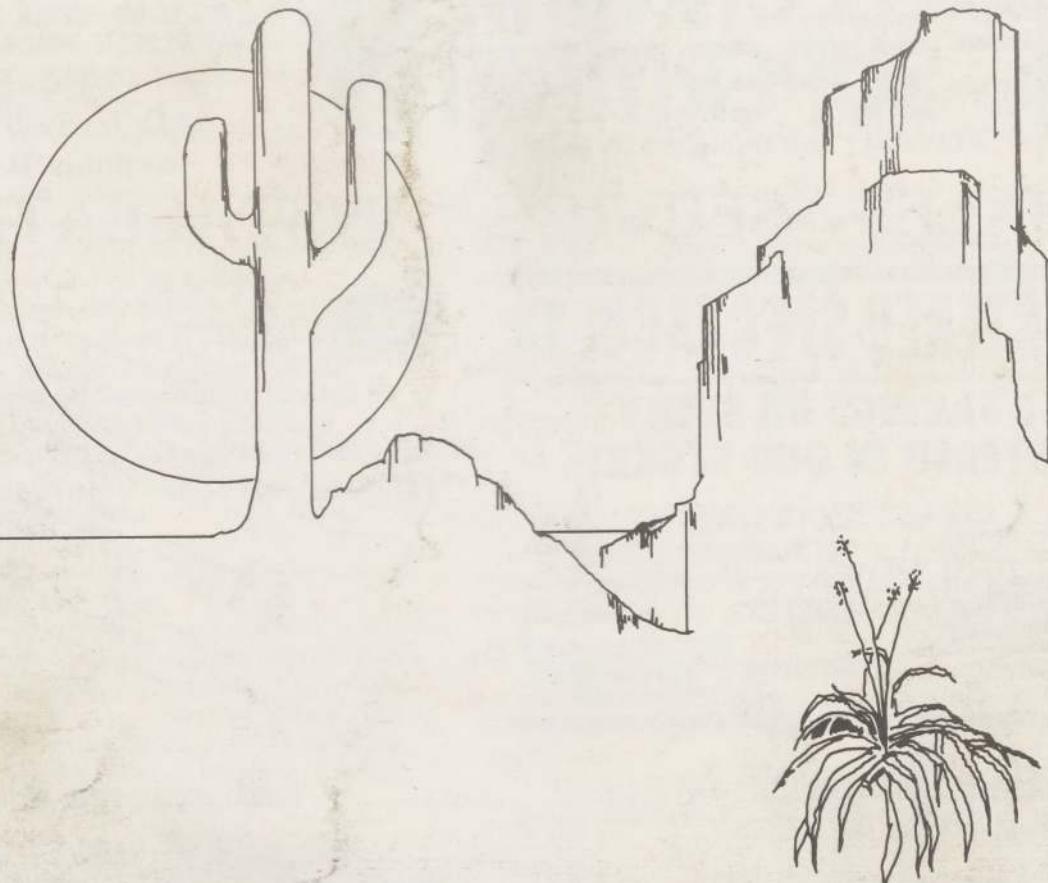
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