

Carter Speaks Out On Homosexuality

Stand Up And Be Counted

NEW YORK - The following statement was issued by Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, Co-Executive Directors of the National Gay Task Force:

In the wake of the repeal of civil-rights legislation by the voters in Miami, the first question which we have been asked by members of the press is, "What are you going to do right now?" Our answer is that we intend to mobilize the Lesbian and Gay community in America and its non-Gay supporters, and ask each American who cares about human rights to "Stand Up and Be Counted" by taking three immediate steps:

1. Sign and help to circulate petitions containing a "Declaration in Support of Human Rights for Twenty Million American Citizens.. (Text for these petitions which can be copied is printed elsewhere in this issue of AGN). These petitions will be collected by NGTF and will be forwarded to all members of Congress and to members of the legislatures in all 50 states.

2. Write a personal letter to the President and to the Governor of your state, asking them to speak out immediately in opposition to prejudice and discrimination, and in support of legislation to protect the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men.

Join and assist in a nationwide voter-registration campaign, to put the elected officials of this country on notice that Gay people and their supporters constitute a strong, united and watchful segment of the electorate which cannot be ignored.

The second question we have been asked is, "What are you going to do about Anita Bryant and her promise of a national campaign?" The answer to that question is very

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BATHTENDER OF THE WEEK



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WASHINGTON - President Carter, in a philosophical, Fathers Day interview with Ann Blackman of the Associated Press, discussed the problems of the American family in 1977 and what the government might do to help. The discussion turned to homosexuality. Here are two questions and answers by President Carter.

Q. - Let me ask you a question that has become troublesome in the last few weeks in Florida and has become a national issue. I wonder if you think homosexuality is a threat to the family. Should they be able to adopt children and teach school? And Marry?

A. - I don't see homosexuality as a threat to the family. What has caused the highly publicized confrontations on homosexuality is the desire of homosexuals for the rest of society to approve and to add its acceptance of homosexuality as a normal sexual relationship. I don't feel that it's a normal interrelationship. But at the same time, I don't feel that society, through its laws, ought to abuse or harass the homosexual. I think it's one of those things that is not accepted by most Americans as a normal sexual relationship. In my mind it's certainly not a substitute for the family life that I described to you.

Q. Do you think they should be able to adopt children or teach school? Would you be upset if you knew Amy was being taught by a homosexual?

A. - That's something I'd rather not answer. I don't see the need to change laws to permit homosexuals to marry. I know there are homosexuals who teach and the children don't suffer. But this is a subject I don't particularly want to involve myself in. I've got enough problems without taking on another.

Anita may lose spot in TV ads

BOSTON - Orange juice commercials may not be for Anita Bryant any more. Arthur Fiedler and Dorothy Hamill may soon become the new symbols of the sunshine drink. Fiedler conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra for years said that he has filmed commercials for Florida orange juice.

The Florida Citrus Commission has become worried that Miss Bryant's anti-Gay campaign has hurt her effectiveness as the orange juice queen. "The whole Anita thing is a mess," says Arthur Darling, director of publicity for the Florida Dept. of Citrus. "No matter what we decide, we're only going to lose. I wish she would just resign."

"You can't be a commercial star and an evangelist at the same time," says Douglas Hoffer, the departments marketing director. Hoffer said a survey will be made to study her "market effectiveness," and will measure whether consumers have come to identify Miss Bryant more with the homosexual issue than with oranges.

The affable, white haired Fiedler said, "Orange Juice I'm all for, but nothing else." Miss Hamill, the Olympic skating star, was in Greece and unavailable for comment.

GAY PRIDE '77

Transsexual's wife called good soldier



Kristian von Hoffburg and Marie Sode

FT. RUCKER, Ala. - A young Army woman, threatened with discharge for marrying an ex-WAC, was described at a hearing as a good soldier - but one the Army would prefer to do without. Spec. 4 Marie Sode, 22, sat quietly at the hearing with her husband of seven months, Kristian von Hoffburg, 29, formerly known as Linda Bowers.

Sode is accused of "homosexual tendencies," a trait the Army says "seriously impairs the discipline, good order, morale and security of a military unit." A three year veteran of the Army, Sode denied she has any homosexual tendencies. She said von Hoffburg's sexuality is masculine. Von Hoffburg is a transsexual.

The commander of her unit, Capt. Charles D. Goldman, told the hearing panel of two men and two women that he considered Sode an above-average soldier who had not indicated any homosexual leaning on base. Goldman said disclosure of the marriage created a negative attitude among some in the unit and tended to disrupt it.

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??? ISTUCSON READY ???

TUCSON - One of Tucson's finest facilities for a show bar has come up with a challenge and we hope Tucson is ready. The Front Runner management is anxious to begin presenting live stage shows on a regular basis. Their first stumbling block, it seems, is where is the Tucson talent. The first show they presented at their grand opening included talent imported from Phoenix and their second show which is being presented next Thursday and Friday, June 30th and July 1st, again is featuring almost exclusively talent from Phoenix. Now this isn't bad, because the talent from Phoenix is dynamite.

We feel sure that there is plenty of good professional talent in Tucson and the Front Runner would like to develop that talent and present it in a professional manner for Tucson audiences. These acts will be paid either outright or receive a percentage of the gate proceeds. At any rate, if anyone out there would like to get involved in the entertainment world, we urge you to contact either Larry or David at the Front Runner, 622-6200 immediately.

IS RAPE NORMAL?

MADISON, WI. - Last week, a County Court judge here ruled that a 15 year old boy was reacting 'normally' when he raped a girl in a stairwell at West High School. Citing prevalent sexual permissiveness and women's provocative clothing as the cause of rape, Judge Archie Simonson deferred punishment for the boy. Instead, he ordered the boy to stay at home under court supervision rather than being placed in an institution or other rehabilitation center. "This community is well known to be sexually permissive. Should we punish a 15 or 16 year old boy who reacts to it normally?" he asked.

Criticism of the court decision came from varied parts of the community including the office of the district attorney. "This is probably the most serious crime in the history of the Madison public schools," Assistant DA Meryl Manhardt said. "We're talking about a personal assault on a 16 year old girl." Judge Simonson ordered the youth to continue treatment through a youth program and to study at home with a public school teacher until he was re-admitted to school.

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE IN IOWA

IOWA CITY - This city has become the 40th municipality in the country to pass a Gay rights measure. By a vote of 4 to 3, the Iowa City Council voted to ban discrimination against Gay people. The long-debated bill was voted upon at a meeting without discussion or debate by the Council Members. The ordinance covers the areas of employment and public accommodations and also includes a ban on discrimination based on marital status. An attempt to include housing discrimination in the Iowa City measure failed.

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

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simple. We are not going to do anything about Anita Bryant. We are going on with our job. Our organization and our movement are not a reaction to Anita Bryant: her ignorant and vicious attitudes about Lesbians and Gay men have been part of mainstream American culture for a long time. Rather, it is important to see that Anita Bryant is a reaction to us, and represents the expected backlash to our successes we have achieved thus far.....

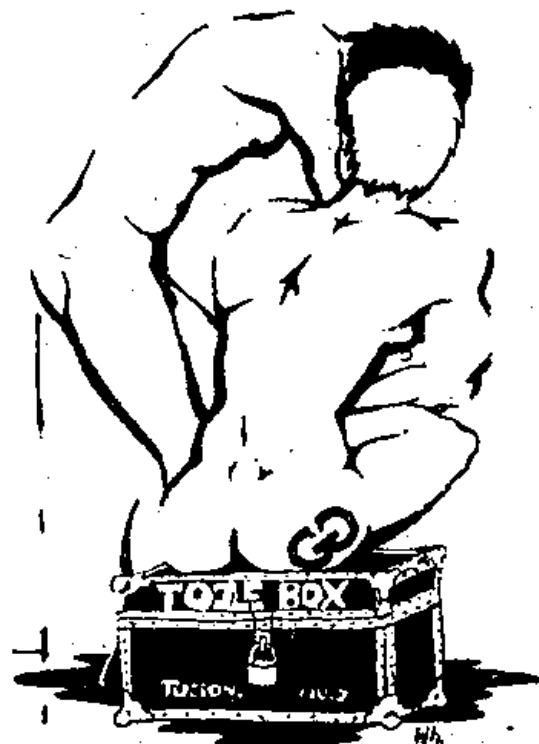
As a result of the backlash in Miami, we have every reason to believe that we have been strengthened in our task and unified as a national movement. New Gay organizations are forming where none have existed. Thousands of Gay and non-Gay individuals who have not participated before are joining the struggle. Our ideas are receiving exposure, in places where they have never before seen the light. And our experience in Miami, where groups and individuals from all over the country worked jointly to provide skills, resources and funds, has proved to us that we can work together as a unified national movement.

Strengthened and unified, we are going on with the job.

PTA bars fathers to avoid attacks

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - The local Parent-Teacher Assn. has told fathers not to accompany their children to a summer movie program because "we want to avoid child molesting," says a PTA official. Some of the fathers are complaining, one plans a boycott and an unhappy mother wants to organize a countermovement called "Save Our Fathers."

The prohibition against male parents was part of a brochure advertising the 10 week series of motion pictures beginning June 20. "We've tried our best not to admit men," said Lottie Gaffney, president of the Palm Beach County Council of PTA's. "We want to avoid child molesting. Statistics prove that a child molester is almost 100 per cent male. We're trying to make it as safe as possible."



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in Phoenix did you know..

...Glenn Butler is returning to Phoenix and will be daytime host at the fabulous new Forum Boardwalk.
...A local magazine reported that Lady Cassandra is taking belly dancing lessons after her doctor said it would help "to make them fertile." Now that's seeking impersonation perfection. No wonder she's so hard to get along with in the dressing room.

...Welcome back Stacha. Bill did a fine job filling in while you were on vacation.
...Dale Williams of Connection is planning a big Independence Day Fair on Sunday July 3rd from noon to 1 AM. Food - games - prizes - fun.

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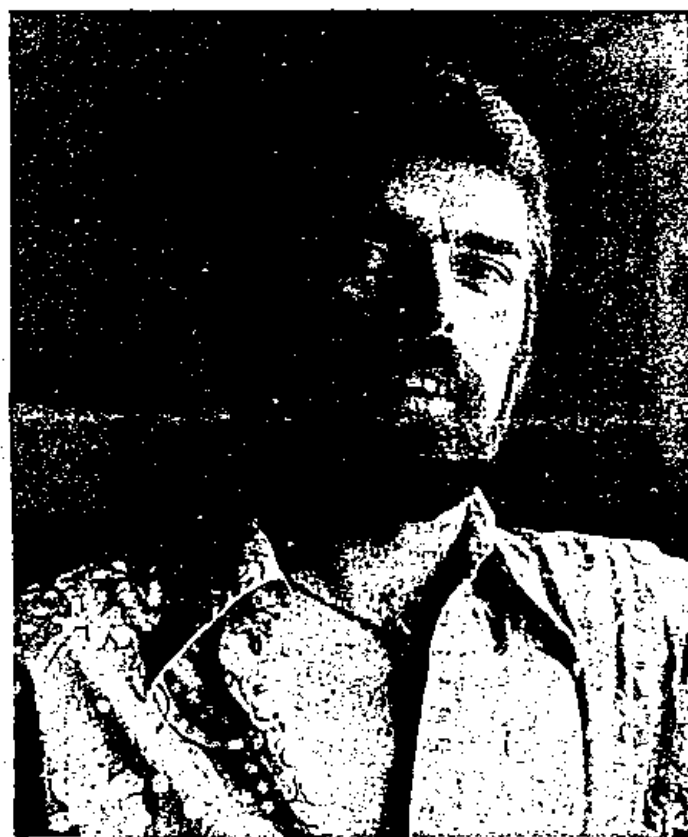
...Are you going to work?
...Well, I have to go. It was nice talking to you.
...How have you been?
...Long time no see.
...You still work here?
...You might order others around, but you don't order me around!

...What a trip!
...She's such a whore.
...What's wrong with drinking it like water?
...He's got your number.
...It was a waste of time.
...What a hunky lady!
...I'm just observing.
...Where is she?
...Leave him alone. He's quiet.
...I do it on occasions, on or off.
...My tenant is a MAN.
...Let there be no yawning at the bar.
...Hi sexpot.
...This booze has got to be slowing down my circulation.
...I was here first, and I don't see his name on this stool.
...We think you better look again.

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in Tucson did you know..

...Jesse K. got many leis in Hawaii.
...Timmie Mc. threw another big back last weekend. Lots of hot dogs and chicken of course.
...Norma Jean has been entertaining on the Eastside this week.
...Stuart from Minnesota still has sore knees from his first night in the maze.

...Myrtle and Myrna will be just sitting around at the Last Culture.
...Roy C. is now known as Old Lady Cruz
...David Mc. is now doing lube jobs on Speedway.
...GCS will accept any donations of items to be sold at swap meets and flea markets.
...Joe H. was a cheerleader for the Backpocket volleyball team.
...Michael J. has already gotten three traffic tickets with his new car.
...Monte G. has finally moved into his own home.
...Bobby V. sends his love from San Francisco.
...Loretta and Louise added two white doves to the family.
...Curtis L. was seen spinning more than records with John H.
...Keith D. took only half of his drag with him to Minneapolis.

...Bill from Minnesota is now working in the Backpocket.
...Chuck B. fell in love in Phoenix again.
...The cooler is now working in the GCS offices. Volunteers can return.
...Stevie always sits with his legs apart.
...While Art's away Bob's will play.
...David of old Lucky Pierre's in town from Houston for a few days.
...Phil C. and Warner J. are now pushing dinners at the Cowboy.
...Candas is now selling birds at a local pet store.
...Larry and David of The Front Runner look like they're running a Gay triple A. So far they've fixed 1 flat, 1 tape deck and a locked gas cap for their customers.

MCC Phoenix

MCC Phoenix is super-involved in Gay Pride Week, beginning with a Hayride and Box Lunch Social on Friday, June 24, at 7 P.M. Tickets for this event may be reserved by calling the church office at 271-0125. The cost is just \$2.50 per person.

A great Community Inter-faith Service is planned for Sunday, June 26, at 11 A.M. at the church, 1426 E. Maricopa Freeway. Various groups will be participating in the Service including MCC, Dignity, Evangelicals Concerned, Integrity and Lutherans Concerned. Invitations have been sent to civic and political leaders. An overflow attendance is expected for this service. Fred L. Pattison, our Worship-Cordinator, will bring the message entitled: "AN ANSWER TO ANITA BRYANT."

On Wednesday, June 29, at 7:30 P.M. a Gay Pride Memorial Service will be held at the church remembering the Night of the Long Knives (1933), the Pink Triangle, Stonewall Riot (1969), New Orleans fire (1973), Richard Heakin of Tucson (1976), Dade County (1977). Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service of remembrance.

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GOD AND GODDESS CONTEST ANNOUNCED

TUCSON - Brenda Starr and J.R. are presenting the first "God and Goddess" contest for Tucson's Gay Community. The contest will be held at the Hair Tiz on July 16, from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. Judging will start at 10 P.M. with all contestants appearing in their first outfit. After the first round of voting, a 30 minute break will be taken for the contestants to get ready for the second showing.

Contestants will appear in the following outfits: Males in casual daytime attire and follow up in swim wear. Females and Drags will appear in daytime wear followed by evening attire. A panel of five judges will be judging the contestants on originality, poise and general appearance. Each contestant will be asked one question so that the judges can hear their spur of the moment answers.

All applications must be received no later than July 15 at noon. No entries will be received at the door. A \$2.50 entry fee must be paid before the contest to either Brenda Starr or J.R. All proceeds will be donated to Gay Community Services. If you have any questions or if you need further information please contact Albert or J.R. at the Hair Tiz.

For anyone wishing to enter the God and Goddess contest, you will find an entry blank for this purpose on page 16 of this issue.

GCS Tucson

The Saturday, June 25, is the beginning of GAY PRIDE WEEK throughout the nation. We owe it to ourselves to celebrate the next ten days with open pride. It is the right time to let Anita Bryant and the rest of the country know that we are proud. GCS is proud of its existence and extremely proud that it began and has developed in Tucson as a part of a fantastic year for Tucson's Gay Community.

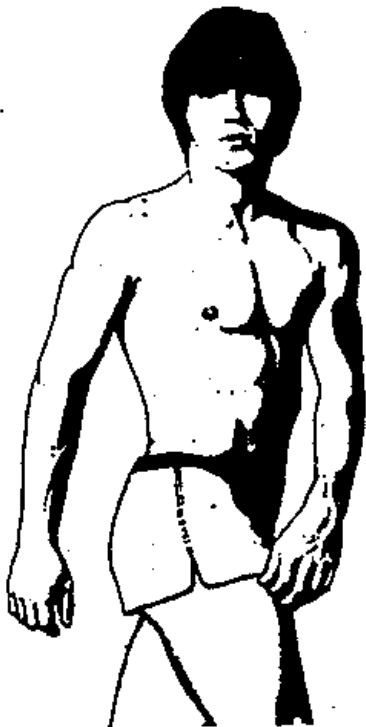
This past year has included the beginning of Gay Community Services, the formation of the Tucson Gay Coalition, 39 consecutive weeks of what is now the AGN, establishment of the Imperial Court of Tucson, a new beginning for MCC-Tucson, renewed activity on campus with the Gay Student's Organization, and the grand opening or re-opening of several Gay owned and operated businesses.

We are sure that Anita Bryant already knows this, but people in Tucson express surprise everytime we talk about the fact that in February 1977, the Tucson City Council passed an extremely well written, comprehensive amendment to the City Human Rights Ordinance which bans discrimination in housing, employment and public accomodation based on sexual or affectional preference and/or marital status.

It has been a fantastic year in Tucson. We have reason to be proud. Let's let the world know that we are and let this GAY PRIDE WEEK, 1977, be the beginning of even more exciting things in Tucson.

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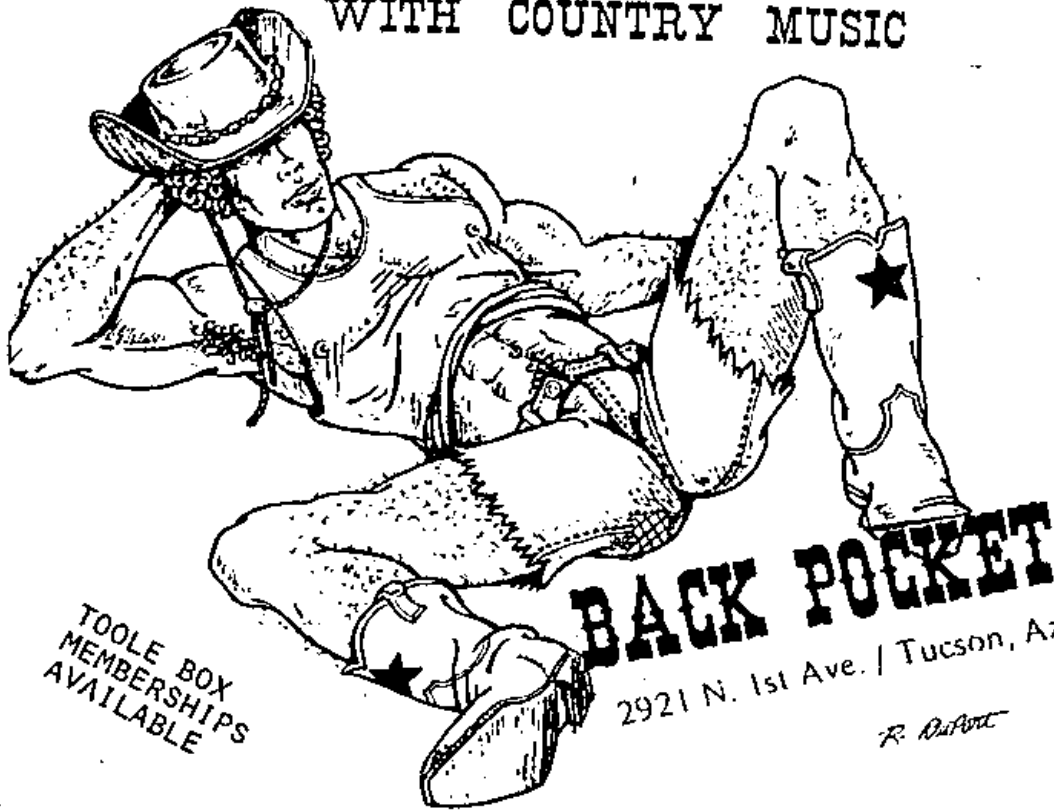
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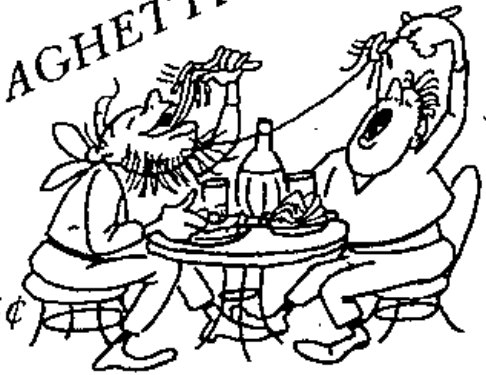
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MCC Tucson The AGN had already gone to press when the news media took a small incident and blew it out of proportion. It only proves how the news media mis-informs people of what is actually happening. Truth Chapel is in our corner. After conferring with Rev. Geddes, he informed me that Truth Chapel's Public Relation's man was preparing a letter for release to the media written in a positive perspective. This to me is gratifying to know that there are, as we know, some heterosexuals who are not bigots. I have also written a letter to both Tucson newspapers and I would like to encourage others in the community to write letters to the editors also.

748-8699 in the latter part of the evening. Services are at 6:30 P.M. each Sunday at Truth Chapel, 920 N. First Ave, with Fellowship Hour, coffee and rap following. Let's work toward more unity in the community - "We Shall Overcome."



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GAY 'ROOTS': A TRAGIC CHAPTER IN GAY HISTORY-

Pink triangle is symbol of Nazi oppression

By Ron Anderson

Many Gays around the country can be seen wearing pink triangle pins. For those who don't know, the pink triangle is the symbol which Gay persons were forced to wear in the Nazi concentration camps in the 1930's and 1940's, at the same time Jews were made to wear the yellow Star of David.

Homosexuals were one group of people who were persecuted heavily under Hitler. In 1935, paragraph 175 of the German criminal code which had made some sexual activity between two males a criminal offense was amended. The new paragraph 175A which was made public on June 28, made virtually any contact between males that could be regarded as sexual a crime. This came to include having your name appear in the address book as a known Gay person.

During Hitler's consolidation of power some political enemies who could not be reached in any other way were arrested under this law and put in prison.

In October, 1936, Heinrich Himmler was put in charge of the concentration camps and demanded the "elimination of all degenerates" in the interest of maintaining a pure and intensely moral Aryan race. At this time many who had already been arrested and jailed for various crimes, including homosexuality, were simply and without regard for the procedures of the law, transferred to concentration camps.

By November, 1941, Himmler sought to have castration be the accepted punishment for minor offenses, with death for the major ones. Besides Gays and Jews, other groups that were being persecuted by this time were the handicapped, the retarded, Jehovah's Witnesses and Gypsies.

As part of the campaign against homosexuals, propoganda films were made and shown to the general populace, the Hitler Youth were given special programs concerning the evils of homosexuality, and any hint of homosexuality in the SS was ruthlessly stamped out. Once the Nazis began occupying other countries, Gays in these places were also routinely arrested and sent to camps.

Life was especially difficult for those Gays who were sent to the concentration camps. They were often segregated into separate barracks and work details, given the most dangerous and difficult tasks. In the camps each group was given an identifying badge. Gays wore pink triangles, the Jews were given yellow ones (often two were put together to form a Star of David), political prisoners were identified by red, Jehovah's Witnesses by purple and criminals by green.

Gays were routinely sent to the Level 3 camps, the death camps, like Sachsenhause, Natzweiler, Sonnenburg, Dachau, Ravensbruck and Flossenburg.

The first information on the persecution of Gays came through European and Jewish organizations who had contacts in Germany. But there were no Gay organizations which could help these people or even protest and tell the world what was happening.

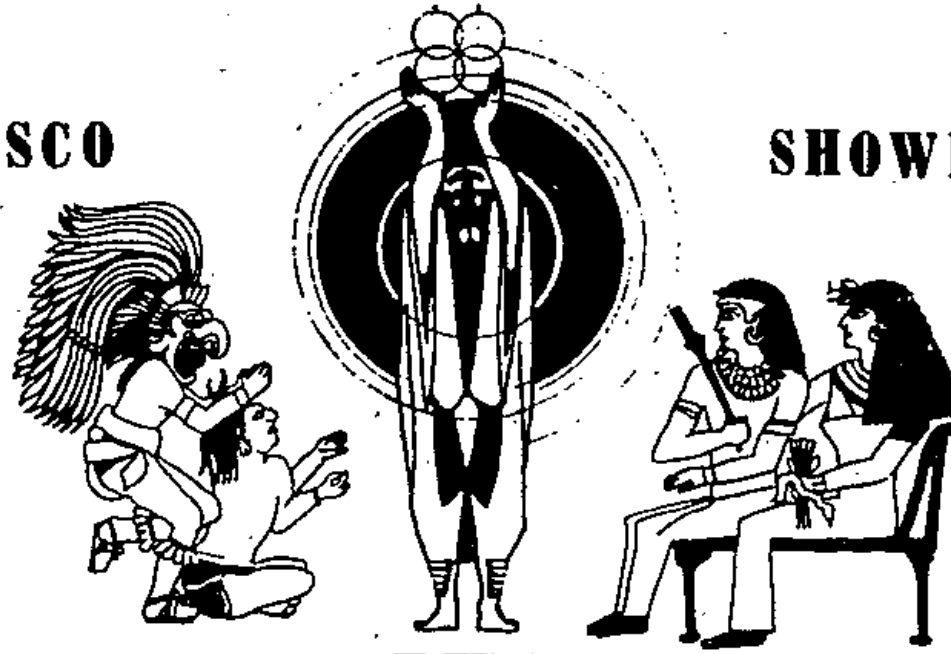
Even after the camps were liberated, Gays were still not free from prejudice and discrimination. The Jews and others who had been persecuted by the Nazis all got some form of restitution from the government, but the West German courts (with the consent, indeed the support, of the Allied Governments) ruled that homosexuals who had been imprisoned were not political prisoners but instead were common criminals and thus the government had no responsibility toward them.

It is frustrating to look through the many volumes which have been written about the Nazi persecutions and the concentration camps and find few references to the fate of Gay people. Some books and documents exist, many only in German, and slowly the story is being unfolded. The world at large does not care to know about what happened to Gays in Hitler's Germany, but with the help of individuals who are digging through this not-so-distant chapter in history, the full story of the pink triangle may someday be known. In the meantime it is a powerful symbol for all Gays, a symbol of memorial and also of pride, a part of our "roots" as people.

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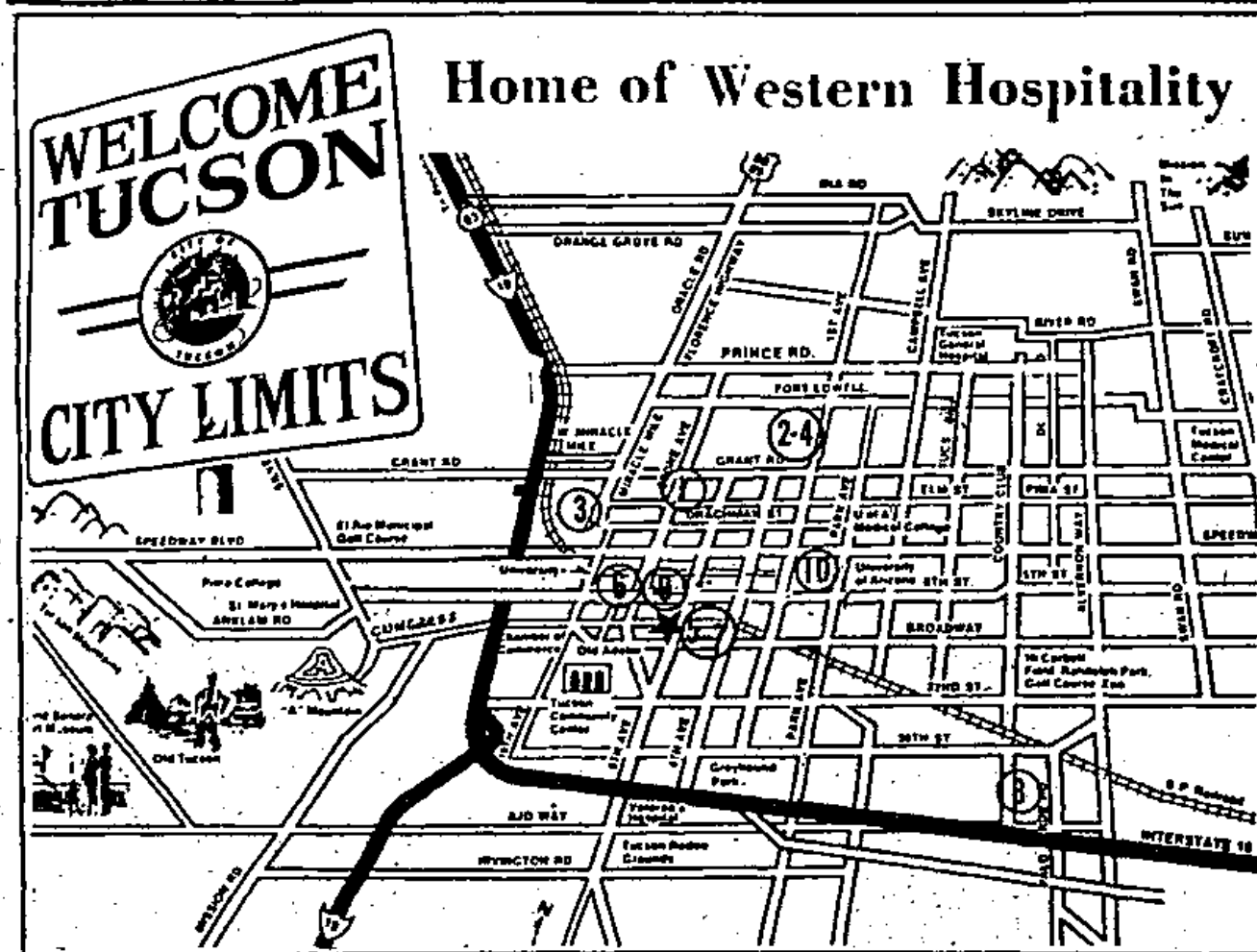
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 JEKYLL'S - Happy Hour 4-7. Joel at the Piano 5-7. Steak Dinner \$3.00. Disco 9 PM - 1 AM. After Hours.
 JOSHUA TREE - DANCING - Opens 10 PM. 10c Draft 10 PM to Midnight - No Cover - No Minimum.
 TOOLE BOX - Open 11 PM - 4 AM. Dancing Pool, Peeps.....Fun...

SATURDAY - JUNE 25

BACK DOOR BATHS - Theater new flicks. Baths open all night.
 BACK POCKET - Cocktail Hour 5 - 8 PM.
 FRONT RUNNER - "Time Out" 4-7 PM. - 50c Well Drinks. Disco 9 PM - 1 AM. After Hours 1-3 AM. NO COVER - NO MINIMUM.
 HAIR TIZ - Big Screen TV - BASEBALL 11:15 AM.
 JEKYLL'S - Disco 9 PM - 1 AM. After Hrs.
 JOSHUA TREE - DANCING - Opens 10 PM. 10c Draft 10 PM to Midnight - No Cover - No Minimum.
 GAY AA - "New Hope Group" 8:30 PM at GCS Center, 627 N. 7th Avenue.
 TOOLE BOX - Open 11 PM - 4 AM. Dancing Pool Peeps.....Fun...

SUNDAY - JUNE 26

BACK DOOR BATHS - Members \$1.00
 BACK POCKET - VOLLEYBALL 5:30 PM. Joshua Tree Vs. Last Culture Rematch. "Steak Out" \$1.75 6-8 PM. Beer Bust 8 PM - 1 AM. Bare Chest Night 10 PM - Midnight.
 FRONT RUNNER - "Time Out" 4-7 PM. - 50c Well Drinks. Disco 9 PM - 1 AM.
 HAIR TIZ - 4 - 6 PM Featured Daiquiri of the Week - Strawbaquiris - only 50c. This weeks friendly bartenders Polly and Norman.
 JEKYLL'S - Disco 9 PM - 1 AM.
 MCC - Tucson Sunday Services 6:30 PM. Truth Chapel, 920 N. 1st Ave.


MONDAY - JUNE 27

FRONT RUNNER - BEER BUST 9 PM - 1 AM Draft 30c - Bottles 45c Disco 9 PM - 1 AM.
 HAIR TIZ - Big Screen TV. BASEBALL 6 PM.
 GCS - V.D. Prevention Clinic 7:30 to 9:00 PM at GCS Center, 627 N. 7th Ave. All people who have tests done this week will receive a free admission ticket to the Toole Box.
 HAIR TIZ - Big Screen TV. BASEBALL 6 PM.
 JEKYLL'S - Happy Hour 4-7 PM. Joel at the piano 5-7 PM. Spaghetti Feed, \$1.50 all you can eat. Movie "Son Of Paleface" starring Bob Hope and Jane Russell. (95 mins.)


TUESDAY - JUNE 28

BACK DOOR BATHS - Members \$1.00
 BACK POCKET - Cocktail Hour 5 - 8 PM.
 FRONT RUNNER - "Time Out" 4-7 PM. 50c Well Drinks. Disco 9 PM - 1 AM.
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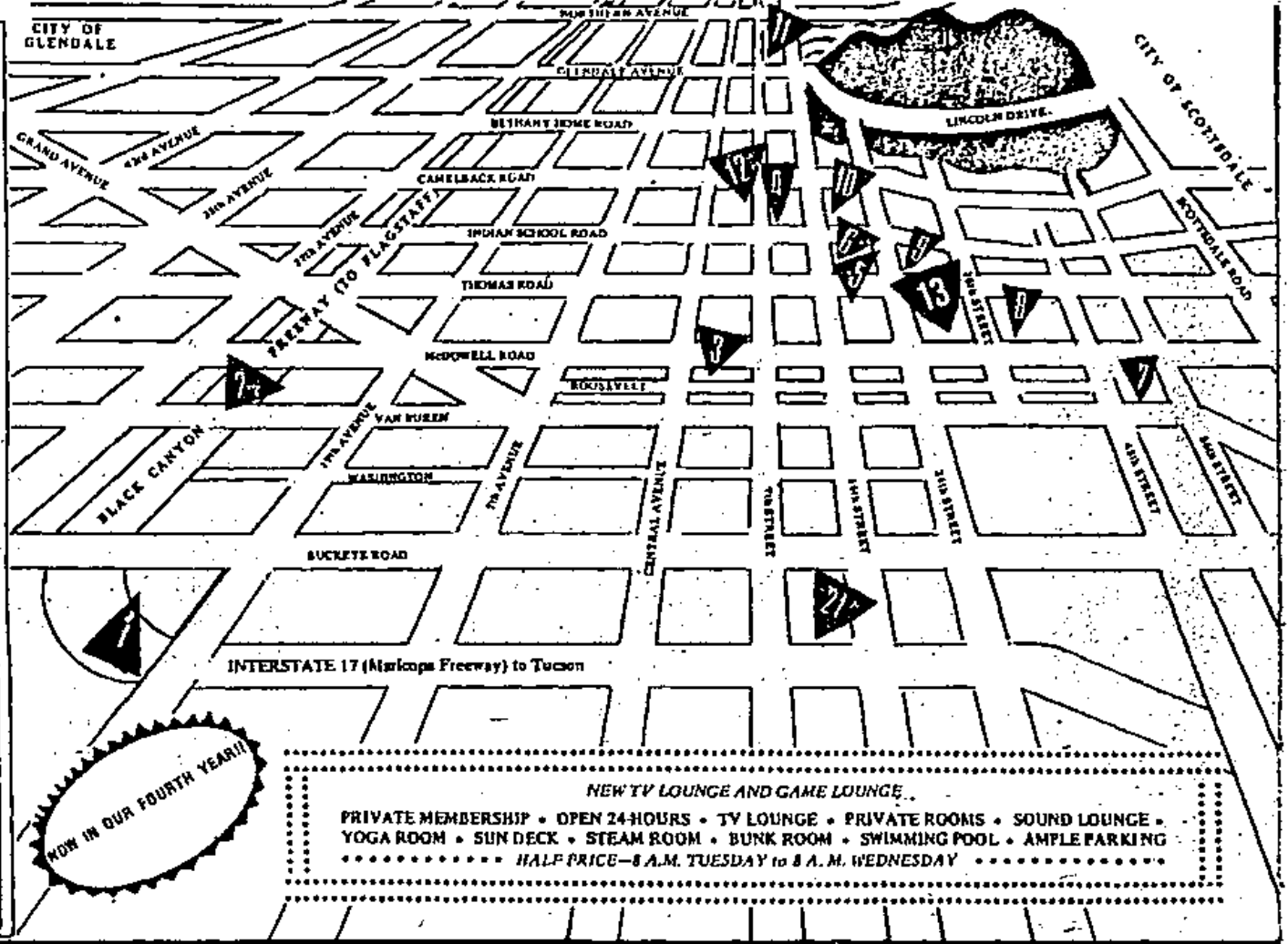
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PHOENIX GAY CALENDAR

GAY PRIDE WEEK

FRIDAY - JUNE 24

- CASA DE ROMA - Cissy Goldberg Show, 9:30 PM - 1 AM.
- HIS CO. DISCO - Opens 8 PM - After Hrs.
- RAMROD - SON'S NIGHT - 9 - 12 PM - Bottles & cans 50¢ - Draft & soft drinks 30¢.
- 7100 NORTH - Band 9 PM - 1 AM.
- MCC - HAYRIDE AND BOX LUNCH SOCIAL. 7:00 PM. Papago Stables, 500 North Scottsdale Road, Tempe. \$2.50

SATURDAY - JUNE 25

- CASA DE ROMA - Cissy Goldberg Show. 9:30 PM - 1 AM. BEER BUST in the afternoon.
- CONNECTION - BLOODY MARY 65¢ 12 - 6 PM. Pool tournament.
- HIS CO. DISCO - Opens 8 PM. After Hrs.
- IMPERIAL COURT de PHOENIX - CORONATION BALL - Westward Ho Hotel, Fillmore and Central. Donation \$5.00.
- RAMROD - LADS BEER BUST 4 to 7 PM. Bottles and cans 50¢. Draft & soft drinks 30¢. FREE pool & music 12-4 PM
- SOMEPLACE ELSE (Sportsman) - 2 fer's 1 - 3 PM well and draft. Beer Bust 9 - 12 PM. All you can drink \$1.50. Security guard on duty during bust.
- SUNDAY'S CHILDE - TUBING ON THE SALE RIVER. 9:00 AM. Leaving NW corner Los Arcos Mall.
- 7100 NORTH - Band 9 PM - 1 AM.

SUNDAY - JUNE 26

- CASA DE ROMA - Cissy Goldberg Show, 9:30 PM - 1 AM.
- CONNECTION - Noon-6 PM Draft 25¢ and Well Drinks 50¢.
- DIAMOND LIL'S - Beer Bust 9-12 PM. All you can drink \$1.50.

- DIGNITY - Mass at Adrian's House 7:30 PM.
- HIS CO. DISCO - Opens 8:00 PM.
- MCC - COMMUNITY INTERFAITH SERVICES 11:00 AM. 1426 E. Maricopa Freeway, Pancake brunch after services, \$1.00
- SQUARE DANCE - MCC Social Hall, admission free. 8:00 PM
- NU TOWNE SALOON - Brunch. Noon - 4 PM
- RAMROD - BEER BUST 5 to 8 PM. Bottles and Cans 40¢. Draft & Soft Drinks 20¢. FREE Pool & Music Noon to 4 PM.
- SOMEPLACE ELSE (Sportsman) - Brunch 4-7 PM 50¢. Beer Bash 7-9 PM.
- TALK OF THE TOWN - Brunch 1-4 PM.
- 7100 NORTH - Buffet 4-7 PM, 25¢ Beer, Well Drinks 50¢ - DISCO.

MONDAY - JUNE 27

- CONNECTION - Country/Western Daze 9-12 PM - 50¢ Boiler Makers - 10¢ off all regular drinks IF wearing cowboy hat.
- AGCC - A NIGHT OUT AT THE ORGAN STOP. 6 - 10 PM. 5330 N. 7th St.
- FORUM - Beer Bust 9 - 12 PM.
- HIS CO. DISCO - Open 8 PM - 50¢ well.
- MR. FATFINGERS - 10 PM - 1 AM
- NU TOWNE - BEER BUST. 9 PM - 1 AM.
- RAMROD - VEST NIGHT - Bottles and cans 50¢. Draft and soft drinks 30¢ 9-11
- FREE pool and music noon - 4 PM.
- 7100 NORTH - Bartenders Special 8-10 PM - Pitcher \$1. Free Pretzels.
- TALK OF THE TOWN - Cissy Goldberg show, 9:30 PM.
- UNLIMITED - BEER BUST - 7-10 PM \$1.25

TUESDAY - JUNE 28

- CASA DE ROMA - BEER BUST 9 - 12 PM
- CLUB PHOENIX BATHS - HALF PRICE DAY. 8 AM Tuesday to 8 AM Wednesday. FREE V.D. CLINIC members and non-members 3 - 7 PM.
- CONNECTION - MARGARITA NITE 9-12 PM.
- MR. FATFINGERS - "Oldies but Goodies Night" 9-11 PM. Tequila Sunrise 75¢.
- FORUM - Half price drinks with Casa steak stamp.
- HIS CO. DISCO - Opens 8 PM Beer Bust

- RAMROD - HAT NIG HT 9-11 PM. 10¢ off IF wearing a hat. FREE pool and music Noon - 4 PM.
- TALK OF THE TOWN - Booze Bash \$3.00 Beer and Well 10¢. Call & Bottles 25¢. Top shelf 50¢. Cissy Goldberg 7100 NORTH - Bartender's Special 8-10 PM 50¢ shshort - 60¢ tall drinks.
- UNLIMITED - 2 for 1, 7 - 10 PM.

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 29

- CASA DE ROMA - STEAK FRY 7-10 PM.
- CONNECTION - BEER BUST - 9-12 PM.
- FORUM - Half price drinks with Casa steak stamp.
- MCC - GAY PRIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE. 7:30 PM
- RAMROD - Buddy Club BEER BUST 9 - 11 Bottles & cans 50¢. Draft & soft drinks 30¢ - plus door prizes.
- 7100 NORTH - Beer Bust 7:30 - 11 PM.
- SOMEPLACE ELSE (Sportsman) Beer Bust. 9-12 PM. All you can drink \$1.50. Security Guard on duty during bust.
- TALK OF THE TOWN - Booze Bash - All you can drink \$1.50 - 9 - Midnight.

THURSDAY - JUNE 30

- CASA DE ROMA - Talent Night with Jo Ann. \$10 Prize.
- CONNECTION - Bare Chest Nite 9 - 11 All drinks half price.
- DIAMOND LIL'S - Beer Bust 9-12 PM. All you can drink \$1.50.
- MR. FATFINGERS - Beer Bust 9-12 PM. All you can drink.
- FORUM - "BOOZE BASH" 9-12 PM - \$3 plus 10¢ well and 25¢ call drinks.
- HIS CO. DISCO - Opens 8:00 PM.
- RAMROD - CUT OFF NIGHT. Bottles and cans 50¢, Draft and soft drinks 30¢
- GAY PRIDE RAP NIGHT - Dr. Paul Zeltzer - Facilitator. University of Life Meeting Room. 3rd Avenue and Moreland.
- TALK OF THE TOWN - Beer Bust - 9 PM - 1 AM. \$1.50.
- UNLIMITED - TEQUILA NIGHT - Any tequila drink 50¢ - 7 - 10 PM.

ARE WE PROUD - OR ARE WE OUTRAGEOUS

Gay Pride Week is now a regular feature of the underground calendar — Thank God! The commemoration of the Stonewall Riots on Christopher Street has mushroomed into parades, week long fairs, consciousness raising, a new sense of liberation and large portions of outrageousness. All this in keeping with the spirit of Stonewall. —Up from slavery! Out of the Closets!

For myself, I have marched in two parades (New York and San Francisco — Are there any others?), bought a decoupage and a macrame at one of those week-long fairs, raised by consciousness a time or two, and have sipped occasionally from the cup of outrageousness. The thing that I regret to report, especially as we begin once again the festivities in this post bi-centennial year, is that this 'new sense of liberation' has perhaps at best smudged me by ...at least from the Gay Pride Week.

While there is much progress to be acclaimed and appreciated on the political scene with the rights of gay people being gradually and painfully secured in several states, locally the work of CCR (Citizens for Constitutional Rights, Phoenix) has and continues to make sizable contributions to local liberation. The media treats the issue of homosexuality more realistically, and for the most part Anita is getting a run for her money. Still, a reading of Charles Reich's article in the Advocate (4 May 1977) on bar facades as well as a visit to your local drinking place will supply enough evidence to begin the questioning of real liberation. Sadly, Mr. Reich is all too right and there are many people reading this article that can attest to the fact that the bar scene does nourish facades.

All this leads to wondering. Perhaps out of the closets in front of the t.v. cameras and the straight community the gay folk can present a down-home picture. But, how substantial is the liberation among ourselves? And in the light of this question one must ask: How very real is Gay Pride. How far removed are we from those pre-Stonewall days? What sense is there in all this talk of liberation in the Christopher street — Castro street (and every place in between) gay ghetto?

At the very root of PRIDE must be some human quality that lends to healthy human beings. It is the common belief of most, if not all schools of psychology, that the prime quality of any healthy person is self-esteem. In whatever way the same concept is verbalized — self-acceptance (Erickson), self-actualization (Maslow), fully-functioning (Rogers), self-extension (Allport) — all agree to self necessity of a primary inward relationship with ones self before any other goals materialize. Certainly many factors come into play in order for a person to come by that 'self esteem' and it is unrealistic for anyone to believe that it can be attained even in the face of societal objections. Basically, self-esteem is a movement toward the persons you and I are.

If this year's celebration of GAY PRIDE WEEK is not marked with an atmosphere that is more conducive to self-esteem and less tolerant of facades; if we pass through this parade still up to the same games, well then the parade has passed us by. The claim to PRIDE demands that we are busy about constructing structures that will assist all people toward being authentic. If this is not what we are celebrating, then I suggest that we are drinking from the dregs of outrageousness.

Fr. Larry — Dignity/Phoenix

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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 29

BACK POCKET — Cocktail Hour 5 — 8 PM.
FRONT RUNNER — "Time Out" 4-7 PM. 50¢ Well Drinks. Disco 9 PM — 1 AM.
GAY MEN'S RAP GROUP — 7:30 — 10:00 PM. 1030 N. 4th Ave.
HAIR TIZ — "Wasted Wednesday" Draft 25¢ — Well 50¢ — 6 PM — 1 AM.
JEKYLL'S — Joel at the piano 5-7 PM. Beef Stew \$1.75. "White Wednesday" 10 PM — 1 AM \$1.00 Minimum Includes 1 Drink of Rum or Tequila or Vodaka or Gin or 2 Drafts or 2 Soft Drinks. DISCO.
TOOLE BOX — Open 11 PM — 4 AM. Dancing Pool — Peeps — Fun...

THURSDAY - JUNE 30

BACK DOOR BATHS — Bookstore New Peeps
BACK POCKET — Country/Western Nite — If Wearing Denim, 30¢ Draft & 55¢ Bottle Tom's Spaghetti Feed 75¢ 8 PM — ??.
FRONT RUNNER — "Time Out" 4-7 PM — 50¢ Well Drinks. Disco 9 PM — 1 AM.
GAY AA — "Live And Let Live" Group, 2331 E. Adams (Basement) 8:30 PM.
GAY AL-ANON — 6:15 PM Grace Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams (Basement)
JEKYLL'S — "Chicken Night" Chicken Dinner \$2.00, Half Price Special For 19 & 20 Year Olds. Happy Hour 4 -7. Disco 9 PM — 1 AM.
TOOLE BOX — Open 11 PM — 4 AM. Dancing, Pool, Peeps.....Fun...

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The exhibition is open to anyone who wants to participate and the charge is \$5.00 per space for each exhibitor. The contest is also open to anyone whether or not they are an exhibitor, with a charge of \$2.00 per category (Fine Arts, Crafts and Photography) which covers up to three entries. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category, plus a best of show award.

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SECOND IN A SERIES—

Colt features 'butch' image

By Bill Lumen
Film Critic

New York: If you came of age in the 1970s or even were vaguely aware of all-male erotica, you undoubtedly grew up with Colt Studios.

Through Rip Colt's artistic photography, the company's studs have provided a multitude of sexual images: from Ledermeister's motorcycle gang look, contrasted against Erron's All-American jock appearance, to the dark-haired Adonis, Gordon Grant.

"If the look is masculine, the name is Colt," effectively states their advertising slogan. And it rings of truth because all their men are just that—men.

But what is it like in their New York offices? Glamour and excitement offset by an aura of sex permeating the air? Jockstrap-clad models prancing around serving coffee?

Just the opposite. Camouflaged down a Greenwich Village residential street, the Colt offices are sunken-down into a few incubator-sized basement rooms. There are no signs or advertising outside except for a few tiny words on their fireproof metal door, "State of Man, Inc."

It's a business that co-directors Rip Colt and Jack Lord have catapulted into the United States' top quality gay erotica producer.

Although home base is New York, most of the photography is done in California with models found in that area. All mailings and correspondence, however, emanate from Manhattan.

It's an equal partnership; Rip Colt develops the creative angles and Lord takes care of the business side.

Over the past 10 years, Colt Studio has redefined the all-male porno star's image. Skinny, acne-burdened young boys were eliminated, in favor of a totally macho appearance.

The Colt Man is to the mail order business what the Marlboro Man is to cigarette advertisements—both exuding a raw virility rarely captured elsewhere.

Thinking of becoming a sought after Colt model? It would probably be easier getting your picture on the cover of "Boys for Sale."

The studio gets approximately 20-25 unsolicited photos monthly from potential "stars," but rarely, if at ever, is someone employed.

"We have a group of West Coast friends who keep their eyes open for someone they think we could use," states Jack Lord. "We pay a finder's fee which is increased if the model is used."

"So many men think this business is glamorous and it will make them a star. But it just isn't so."

Lord pulls out a manila envelope stuffed with these unsolicited photos. Many are gushy facial shots while others are closeups photos of just the sex organ.

"He's well equipped," Lord laughs, pointing to one of these pictures. "But what does he look like?"

"Dakota was the only model we used from a photo sent to us and that was in our beginning days."

For the first time in the studio's history, however, the company is inviting the public to enter the Colt Man Contest to possibly become a model.

Palm Springs vacations and the traditional modeling



Manfred Speer: who counts wrinkles after seeing his rock hard pecs?

fees are offered. But the vast number of photos to be sent from potential starlets boggles the imagination and tickles the funny bone.

Once a prospective model is located, he is interviewed by Rip Colt, looking for a combination of things.

"We're initially concerned with whether they have done previous nude modeling," Lord says. "We want fresh faces."

Rarely is a potential model's appearance altered. "Occasionally, we might advise them to cut their hair a little," Lord says. "But we usually like to photograph them the way they are because it gives a more natural image."

From the time the model is photographed to the time his photo sets are offered for sale is usually only a few months.

"The men are not on contracts so we want to get them out before they appear elsewhere," Lord continues.

He uses as an example Gordon Grant who sprang to fame over a year ago and who is presently the industry's top hardcore model. At 6'2" and 222 firmly muscled pounds, he boasts an organ almost equalling a ruler.

Grant projects a dark-haired Greek god image and is seen everywhere from "Ah Men" catalogs to Locker Room aroma ads.

"Usually, we offer the model's photo and slide sets first, to see how he'll sell," Lord comments. "If he's successful, we might film a movie."

"When Gordon Grant came along, we knew we had something everyone would be after. We released him in our 'Olympus' feature magazine and never bothered to sell the photo sets. He was that hot."

A few months later, a smaller magazine, "Gallery," was sold including throbbing pictures from Grant's two unforgettable Colt films, "Flatbed" and "Hammerhead." A third movie, "Houseboat," was filmed along with the "Olympus" magazine, but has been tentatively shelved until fall because the muscleboy is currently suffering from overexposure.

What are the model's reactions when they first view their work?

"Many don't even bother seeing them," Lord replies. "They don't express that much interest. They're mainly concerned with the money."

Lord says there are few benefits for a Colt model besides the standard modeling fees.

Each month, hundreds of fan letters, marriage proposals, and greeting cards are sent to the models, who never see them. "We don't give them to our models because you never know what's in the back of some of these writers' minds."

Many of the Colt models like Grant, Bob Bishop, and Al Parker go off exposing their attributes in hardcore films, put out by companies like Brentwood and Falcon.

Others relegate their services to Hollywood Boulevard street corners and *Advocate* classifieds, advertising "Colt Stud for sale."

Any adverse reaction from the studio? "There's nothing we can do," Lord admits. "We just don't bring it up. I don't think our buyers want to know that the professed 'nice little boy-next-door' is really an L.A. hustler."

In the sexually liberating 1960s, the gay skin industry got off to a bad start with a deluge of amateur-produced magazines and films burdened with out-of-shape would-be studs.

Colt's establishment, however, altered this look. The average Colt model is in his late 20's or early 30's, but there have been a few, like Paul Storr and Erron, who appear younger. Yet, they meet Colt's qualifications.

There are some much older than they appear, with Manfred Speer as an example. His well-sculpted body is tightly packed, but if one peers closely, he will notice a lined face. Nevertheless, who counts wrinkles after seeing Speer's rock hard pectorals?

The inevitable subject of photograph retouching arises. It would seem as clear as Clearasil that many of the men's flawless complexions are done under the auspices of an airbrush.

Jack Lord denies the accusation. "Of course, slight airbrushing is sometimes done, but we don't hire models needing extensive work," Lord says. "It increases production costs too much."

Colt consistently reflects the contemporary gay scene's "look." "Presently, the hot look is like a construction worker or a lumberjack," Lord states.

"Except for Gordon Grant, models like Ledermeister with their gigantic beefcake image are passe'. Today, we're after a more natural, well-defined body. . . a guy who goes to the gym a couple times a week."

Bob Bishop projects Colt's current prototypical image. With his lean polished body, dazzling Pesodent smile and winking man's short haircut, Bishop is Colt's professed "bicentennial baby."

Other numbers like Al Parker project Colt's image, but on more raunchy levels namely in the meatpacking department.

This look still sets the cash register jingling. Colt presents in their current brochure not one, but two "Gallery" magazines and a movie featuring the superstud himself.

Securing an on-going stable of models to frolick before the camera may be Colt's easiest job. Maintaining the studio's high artistic standards is probably the hardest.

Rip Colt is the guiding force behind the company's creative success. Although he has had no professional photography schooling, Colt is a former painter who has brought his eye for composition into his films.

Colt controls all production angles: model selecting, photography, editing, cropping, etc.

Regardless of their title, Colt Studios does not have a studio. All filming is done in private homes or outdoors. Some hardcore producers have a "cinema sex theory,"



Gordon Grant: a 6'2" Greek god with an organ almost equalling a ruler, but suffering from overexposure.

delegating so many celluloid feet to oral intercourse," "69," and then anal sex. Does Colt use this rule?

"No. That's only true for the hardcore companies," Lord replies. "Rip Colt will tell the models what the film's concept is, but will allow them to play fairly much on their own. He will later edit it how he wants."

With an increase in competition from film companies like Brentwood and Falcon, does Colt feel threatened? "Absolutely not," Lord concedes. "They deal in hardcore material while we create erotic fantasies."

Colt's films never show penetration. The camera angle makes it appear that the men are having sex, but the viewer doesn't know for sure. For instance, a hard organ charges toward a pair of lips, then the camera cuts to the back of the other model's head bobbing up and down.

The audience isn't frustrated, but is gradually turned on to the point of no return.

In an era when many laws are undefinable, Colt Studios is not scared of legal entanglements because, according to Lord, "We deal in softcore material."

Unlike most companies, Colt has never been sued. Lord adds, "Our business is completely legitimate. We maintain a staff of well-paid employees who receive benefits like hospitalization. If they sue us for what we show, they would have to sue *Playgirl*."

Beginning with the 1976 movie, "Hammerhead," the studio has lensed their films in 16mm and then converted them to 8mm, resulting in cleaner images and more color clarity. Will this continue?

"Definitely," Lord readily admits. "It's more expensive, but the product is much better."

After establishing themselves in their first artistically creative decade, what future plans are on the roster?

"I don't foresee any immediate technical changes," Lord says. "We considered introducing sound, but few people have sound projectors. Cassettes are tricky because they can't always be properly synced."

"Possibly in 5 years we might try video cassetts, once they become popular."

"Colt is continually growing and we even set examples for other companies. For instance, because of our proven reliability, people are less terrified of buying from a mail order business."

Despite a previously reported 40,000 mailing list, Lord admits it's much smaller. "In the mail order business, many people judge your success by your list's size," Lord analyzes. "But we have the greatest percentage of people buying. Our customers aren't content sitting at home looking at the brochures."

The average Colt customer is not a "dirty old man," but someone in his 30's with the largest purchasing group in California.

"We have customers in every state as well as most Asian and European countries," Lord concludes. "We even have some in Bangkok. They may write back in their native language, but they know a picture when they see one."

Editor's note: In the next issue, Bill Lumen looks at the films in today's porno market.

Homosexual rights trampled in Miami

Singer Anita Bryant would doubtless fight to the death to defend her right to live openly as a fundamentalist Christian. As such, she is in a minority. And there are those in the world who firmly believe that fundamentalist Christianity is a threat to their freedom of human expression. They are entitled to those beliefs and those fears, just as Bryant is entitled to her beliefs and her fears.

But fundamentalist Christianity is no more likely to convert every American to its ranks than is the homosexuality Bryant opposes. That is what is troublesome about her successful election campaign to repeal a Dade County, Fla. ordinance, barring discrimination against homosexuals. The campaign wrongfully classified all homosexuals as aggressive molesters of heterosexuals and a danger to the roles that society has set for men and women. Any breach of society's sexual roles is described by Bryant and her associates as "decadence."

Converting the ignorant and the innocent to anti-social behavior - such as child pornography - is decadence. Homosexuality as a lifestyle is not. Homosexual individuals offer as much individual variety of personality as any class of people.

A stronger, legal, argument played in the Miami election: that the Constitution protects the rights of all individuals practicing faiths and creeds different from the majority's and that no special law is necessary for one minority alone. It is the same argument waged against the Equal Rights Amendment for women.

Yet it is precisely because of the sexual roles society has cast that special protection is necessary for both women and homosexuals. Society's roles are predicated on the belief that sexual nature is consistent and uniform among all humans. Science has proven beyond a doubt that it is not.

Perhaps Bryant did not intend it, but it is possible that Dade County voters suffered a form of social blackmail in the referendum vote. Approval of the rights ordinance could have been interpreted as a public advocacy of homosexuality as a way of life. The general public was not inclined to do that - any more than it would be inclined to advocate fundamentalist Christianity as an enforced way of life for everyone.

There is an old adage that is basic to a truly democratic society" A man's rights stop where another man's nose begins. The Miami/Dade County election has violated that principle.

THE ARIZONA STAR



Photo by Bernstein & Irwin

PHOENIX - Comedienne Rusty Warren, blasted Anita Bryant before a large crowd at the Dade County benefit "A Night With Anceeta." Cissy Goldberg impersonated the orange juice queen is at the left.

Gays seek FCC action to counter Anita Bryant

WASHINGTON - Gay activists have asked the Federal Communications Commission to require broadcasters who air Anita Bryant's views to give the Gay point of view also.

The activists made their complaint after San Francisco radio station KVOF gave Ms. Bryant and her husband of Save Our Children, six hours on three programs but refused to allow time for the Gay viewpoint.

The complaint noted that Bryant is campaigning against Gay-rights legislation nationally. "An expedited ruling on this complaint will put all broadcasting licenses on notice that the issue of civil rights protection for the Gay minority of the population is controversial and of public importance in the United States today, and that programming presenting the anti-Gay rights position must be balanced by airing the views of those who favor legislation to protect the legal rights of the significant minority of the population."

The complaint was filed by the Council on Religion and Homosexuals, Inc., Phyllis Lyon and Rev. Charles W. Larsen and Bill Hartman. The council describes itself as a non-profit foundation that seeks "to build bridges of understanding between homosexuals and the religious community." Lyon is a member of San Francisco's Human Rights Commission and head of its Gay advisory committee.

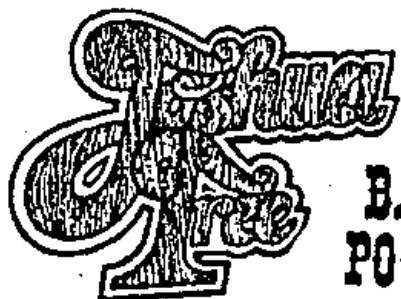
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Letters

Gentlemen:

All of us at Free Spirit have been following the progress of AGN and would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff and advertisers for making such a much-needed publication available to Arizona's Gay Community.

Sincerely John Baumgardner Free Spirit Arizona State Univ. Tempe, Az.

To the Editor and Gay Community:

I pray that everyone both straight and Gay had and took the opportunity to look and read the article in the Arizona Daily Star and reprinted last week in AGN titled "Thanks Anita For Bringing Us Out Of The Closet." It was the most soul stirring and heart warming letter I've ever read. "Men are not supposed to cry" but I am proud that I cried. Thanks Anita, for causing such a beautiful letter to be written and thank you Arizona Star for printing this letter. God bless you both.

Jim Smith Tucson Member NGTF

Letter to the Editor:

What's all this prime time against people? What's all this noise about homosexuals? I'm not Gay but I will be "if I want" and it's not anyone's business but mine.

All of a sudden and from out of nowhere, a glorified group of publicity seeking goodie two-shoes (primarily women) feel justified in dictating lifestyles and condemning individuals they really know very little about. Who is so pure in contend that they can play God with other peoples lives?

Why has there been no mention of other lifestyles that influence and contradict social morality? Is there a big difference between homosexuality and lesbianism? What about mixed marriages, religious cults, hippies, and politicians?

These same individuals under attack conduct themselves in better taste than the people putting them down. They are polite, clean, well-dressed, good workers, god-fearing and discreet.

Wouldn't it be nice if ALL children could grow up with those qualities and be allowed to live in peace. Fact is, you can find something wrong with anything if you look long and hard enough and today's children will be what they will be in spite of what we want them to be.

I'm a little afraid that someday a law will be passed against wearing colored socks, which is no more absurd than this insanity of dictation in a so called free society.

Robert S. Boyd Tucson

5,500 PROTEST ANITA IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES - Nothing can bind a people of like cause together like a crisis. The crisis created by Anita Bryant is no different. Gays around the nation are getting together in Protest marches. On Saturday, June 11, the Gay community of Los Angeles was alerted for a march. Bar owners announced that they would be closed on Monday evening from 7:30 to 10:30. This particular march was sponsored by the Gay Community Services Center. Everyone was urged to march but with discretion, no drags, nothing illicit. MCC made the same announcements.

In the middle of the rally, police estimated that there were 5,500 in the park and marchers were still on the way in. The last marchers arrived five minutes before ten, the closing time by city ordinance for loud speakers to be turned off.

When the marchers began arriving at the De Longpre Park the speakers were ready. Rev. Troy Perry said "Welcome to the Gay Anxiety Workshop. Anita has been sent to us by a Goddess to bring us together. It took Anita to remind us of someone like Hitler. The Gays won't go down first."

David Johnson arose and said, "I'm damn proud to address the largest assembly of Gays in Southern California. This is the last attack on the American people who have outgrown the American dinosaur old line "protect our children." Free The Children. Commit Anita and everything she stands for, not in disillusion or division, shut down Anita and every business that discriminates against Gays.

A woman on the Community College Board of Los Angeles spoke and stated, "I'm tired of Anita twisting the holy testament of God, and using God's name in vain to condemn you people. We will retain our liberty." She was not a member of the Gay community and was a minister and said further that "I have fought against the oppression of the Chicanos, Blacks and other minorities, and I will fight for the Gays as well. We are all brother and sister Americans."

Several other speakers spoke at the huge rally, which ended up with the crowd singing "Jesus Loves Us Any Way" and "We Shall Overcome." Rev. Perry thanked the police for their cooperation in handling the crowd and thanked everyone for coming.

H.C. WARNER

Court de Tucson

TUCSON - Greeting from the Great Empire of Tucson. Regarding the three month membership requirement which was passed and published last week in the AGN, the court has decided to revoke this membership requirement for this year at least, and open the election to non-court persons as well as those who are members presently. Any and all members of our community aspiring to the throne of Emperor and Empress must still submit their application to the Privy Council which consists of reigning Emperor and Empress Fernando and Cicely and Producer Budd Sherrick. Everyone should also consider very strongly running for the other elected positions: Prince and Princess Royale, Grand Duke and Dutchess and Queen Mother. I would suggest to all of those wishing to enter the court elections meet with the court and feel it out, learn the by-laws and constitution and join the court if you are not already a member.

The Tucson court will be in Phoenix this weekend attending the coronation of the new Emperor and Empress of the Court de Phoenix on June 25th at the Westward Ho Hotel. We hope to see many of you there for this gala event, and we take this opportunity to congratulate the new Emperor and Empress and wish them a very successful reign.

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NGTF ANNOUNCES ONE MILLION DOLLAR DRIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

NEW YORK - The following statement was released by the 28 members of the Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force, on behalf of NGTF and as individuals representing national and local lesbian and Gay organizations around the country.

We have examined the reasons for the defeat for human rights in Dade County, Florida, and have reached the following conclusion: The majority of voters did not understand the discrimination Gay people actually experience, and did not see the issue in terms of civil rights. Rather, their votes were based on their emotional attitudes towards lesbians and Gay men and their views on the status of homosexuality in society. They believed that homosexuals are "sinful," "criminal," or "sick," and they did not wish to give their "approval" to homosexuality as a valid alternative lifestyle for those who choose it. They believed that society has a stake in preventing and discouraging homosexuality, because they saw it as a threat to children and to the traditional structure of the family.

While we continue to believe that these attitudes are not appropriate reasons to deny legal protection against discrimination in jobs, housing or public accommodations to any group of citizens in a pluralistic society, we nonetheless agree that these attitudes are the central issues which must be faced by the American public with reference to homosexuality. And we hereby declare that we accept the challenge. To this end, we announce our immediate plans to embark on a nationwide educational project, the "We Are Your Children" Campaign for Human Rights.

We will show the American public who we really are, and that we are not afraid of the truth. We will expose the immorality of using scriptural texts to justify the oppression of homosexuals, in the same way that others in the past have exposed the immorality of using such texts to justify slavery or the second-class status of women. We will present the hard evidence to prove that homosexuals as a class are no more likely to behave irresponsibly or engage in criminal behavior than any other class of citizens. We will expose the myths and falsehoods which have been used to categorize a tenth of our population as sick, for no other reason than their acknowledgement of the human capacity to love members of their own sex. We will show that it is harmful to children to be denied the truth about Gay people, and to be taught to hate. We will demonstrate the benefits to society to be gained from broadening the concept of "family," and from a healthy diversity of sexual behavior. We declare our intention to begin an immediate and open dialogue on these issues with the American public.

To finance this educational project, and its ongoing political activities, the NGTF is embarking immediately on a \$1,000,000 membership and fundraising campaign. In addition to staging major benefits, which will be announced as soon as plans are firm, NGTF has set up a 12-hour a day "hot line" at its offices to receive pledges of funds. By calling the hot-line number (212) 741-1010, concerned citizens will also be able to receive information about their local or professional Gay rights organization, and how they may contribute to these groups.

Over the past week, since our defeat in Dade County we have been heartened and encouraged by thousands of calls and letters from Gay and non-Gay individuals asking what we can do. We believe that this educational and fundraising campaign will provide the answer to their question. Every Gay person in America and every non-Gay person of good will is invited to become an educator of her or his fellow citizens, and a contributing supporter of the long range struggle to end ignorance by revealing the truth.

Gay housing aid barred

WASHINGTON - Facing the sensitive issue of homosexuality for the first time in memory, the House has voted to nullify federal housing assistance for unmarried persons living together. The House voted against a little-noticed regulation in a \$70.2 billion money bill that critics said was designed to qualify homosexuals as well as unmarried couples for federal rent and mortgage subsidies.

FROM A READER'S VIEWPOINT

Let us stop calling Anita Bryant a sick bigot. She is a healthy, dangerous adversary to the cause of human rights for all mankind. It is time that the Gay world realizes that putting her down with malicious, spiteful words is only adding more fuel to the fire she lit a few months ago. Adversaries are never conquered by making them look like bigots or sick individuals. The more we declare them with obscenities, the harder they fight. Such remarks as "Anita sucks oranges," or "Anita is a sick bigot," are weapons that we have given her to use against us.

The greatest force that we can use against a religious bigot is simply truth. It was Anita Bryant's Saviour that said, "The truth shall set you free," and indeed it will because he is also our Saviour. If we will use truth in our struggles with Ms. Bryant it will help to set the Gay world free from the shameful degrading onslaughts of all the Bryant's in the world. The truth is that Anita Bryant's supposed calling from God to work with homosexuals is nothing more than a human response to dabble into a well-rewarding job that gives prestige and in time an earthly throne to sit on.

We must question very seriously a Godly calling that would cause shame and bring discredit to the Gospel of Christ. Anita Bryant and the Save Our Children, Inc. have done that and much more. A true believer in Christ is to go into all the world to preach the Gospel (Matt. 28:19). As it is recorded in the Bible, believers are to become like Christ - not to wage battles against one another. Although it is true that there will be those who will condemn what one may preach and believe, for there were many who disliked and did not believe Christ during his earthly ministry, but nevertheless, Christ did not use his teachings or beliefs to cause contentions, fights or to wage war in order to bring God's message of salvation to the world, nor did he ever condemn a human being for what he was or might become.

Christianity is well acquainted with the story of the woman who was caught in adultery. She was being condemned by the crowd that had gathered around Christ. But Christ pointed his finger at them and said, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." (Matt. 8:7) He did not try to separate or divide the groups of people he ministered to into heterosexuals, homosexuals, bisexuals, etc. He looked into the heart of man with love and compassion, for he knew that man was already condemned and found guilty for being born a sinner (not for being a heterosexual or a homosexual.)

It is true that the acts of homosexuality are mentioned in the Bible and that, in God's sight, many of them constitute sin, but the acts of heterosexuals are also mentioned and many are listed as sin. But never has it been written that to be a heterosexual is sinful and neither is it sinful to be a homosexual.

Now a word to all Christian believers, and to the rest of the world. No man has the right to sit in judgement of another. Only God alone has that right. You have heard it quoted many times before that men, all men, are held accountable for what he does. All the Bryants in the world have no right to sit in judgement nor to give an accounting of another human being. And for a last word, (but not final) the day shall come when the creator of mankind will look out into the mass of humanity and many will come and say, Lord, Lord, in your name we told God's message.....Then the words that are recorded in Matthew 7:23 will come to audible life - "I never knew you. Away from me, you evil doers!"

For those who are true Christians, it is not too late to pray for Anita, that she will sincerely seek for God's true calling. There is still time for her to change her campaign and Save Our Children organization to save the "whosoever wills!"

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TUCSON - Happiness is attending an International cooking class being given by the Pima County Parks and Recreation Dept. this summer. Call 792-8815 to register for the class to be held on Wednesday mornings. In addition the department will be holding other classes ranging from pottery to wild-life drawing.

Doing some redecorating? Start with some new pieces of unfinished furniture and finish them yourself to accent your new decor. At Furniture In The Raw, 4151 E. Speedway they have a large selection to choose from. Another good stop for those in the decorating mood is Decorator Square at the corner of East Grant and Country Club. There are 26 great stores to browse through and you'll find items for every room in your house. For those of you taking the International Cooking course, you will find all the utensils you need to be a gourmet cook at the Colander, a really fun store. After you're through shopping, stop in at the Fancy Farmer for lunch or a lite snack. Their home-style cooking and low prices are both fantastic.

For entertainment, there are many new events in town. At the Flaudrau Planetarium, the new science fiction program is called "Someone Out There Is Watching." Show times are 4:30, 7:30 and 9:00 P.M. Tuesday thru Friday. 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 7:30 and 9:00 P.M. Saturday and Sunday. It is \$2.00 admission to another excellent show.

At the Saguaro Dinner Theater, 749 W. Miracle Mile, the wonderful play "The Odd Couple" is being presented. Cocktails start at 6:15, the great buffet dinner starts at 7:00 and show-time begins at 8:15 Wednesdays thru Saturdays and on Sunday at 3:45 P.M. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$8.50.

At the Doubletree Inn, The Arizona Civic Theater is presenting "Vanities." Tickets for the show only \$6 and \$7 and dinner-show tickets are \$13 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$14 on Fridays and Saturdays.

Coming up on July 6, the Circus will be here for another great show for all. Tickets are \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$6.50. There are two shows Thurs., Friday and Sunday and three shows on Saturday. The circus is fun for all, so why not get a group together and head on down to the Community Center.

Don't forget to get your old treasures together to sell at the AGN benefit being held this Saturday evening, June 25, at the Back Pocket.

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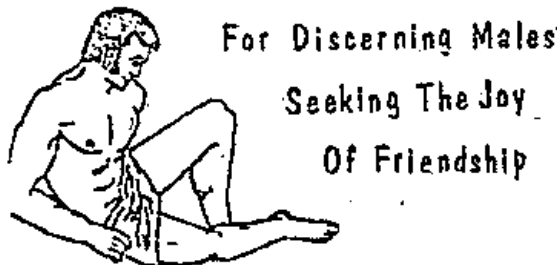
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ST. PAUL, MN. - The Roman Catholic Archbishop of St. Paul was hit in the face with a chocolate cream pie thrown by a Gay rights advocate recently. Patrick Schwartz threw the pie at Archbishop John R. Roach at a dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Schwartz said he took his action because he believed Roach was being hypocritical in accepting the conference's National Brotherhood Award. Schwartz contended that the archbishop had worked to defeat a Gay rights bill in the Minnesota state legislature. After the incident, Roach said he bore no hostility toward the pie thrower.

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- TAURUS** APRIL 22 - MAY 21
 Some find you must spend for something you hadn't planned. Tendency toward discontinuity of action. It is a time to change direction, not to give up.
- GEMINI** MAY 22 - JUNE 21
 Life seems more hopeful now. Some feel more independent and may want to be free of unpleasant responsibilities. Friends may be trying to impress you.
- CANCER** JUNE 22 - JULY 23
 Either your source of income will change or the ways in which you have been saving or it will. A week of surprises... HAVE A HAPPY BIRTHDAY....
- LEO** JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
 A good week to be planning out your vacation, such as tickets, clothes, and spending money. A holiday trip could take you a long distance.
- VIRGO** AUGUST 24 - SEPT. 23
 An unusual romance could enter your life this week. Do not lose your head as well as your heart. It is a time for vacationing and fun.
- LIBRA** SEPT. 24 - OCT. 22
 Some seem torn between two choices you must make. The urge to try the uncharted will have to be weighed against more traditional approaches.
- SCORPIO** OCT. 23 - NOV. 22
 Now is the time to go on that diet to achieve a new sense of well being. A call could come from someone special to please you. A good week to look at property.
- SAGITTARIUS** NOV. 23 - DEC. 22
 If your work requires some research, now is the time to take care of it. Visits to the library could be productive. Some will have secret consultations.
- CAPRICORN** DEC. 23 - JAN. 20
 Contracts of all kinds may be signed now. You may reach an agreement about going into business. Thoughts turn to close friends or marriage partner's concerns.
- AQUARIUS** JAN. 21 - FEB 19
 Some of you may change your ideas about fun and pastimes, be willing to try something new. Opportunities arise to acquire a car or to get rid of one.
- PISCES** FEB. 20 - MARCH 20
 Thoughts turn to how to project a more important or attractive public image. Some will get in touch with those who can advise them about self-improvement or personal problems.