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EDITORIAL

Welcome to THE NEW PAPER!

An era in the publishing field of Arizona has ended for the Gay community, and a new era has begun.

With this first issue of THE NEW PAPER, you may notice some familiar things, but you will also notice some new and exciting changes.

News items by, for and about happenings in our great state of Arizona will be our major concern. Phoenix and Tucson will be represented by reporters and columnists who will keep you informed concerning the politics in our state, county and city governments. Each week happenings concerning our local Gay organizations, businesses and groups will be reported. Astrology, humor, commentary, photography, cartooning and much, much more will be offered through the pages of THE NEW PAPER each week. Up-to-date information on what to do, who to see, and why will be suggested each week as a guide to our readers on how to live the easy Arizona life and enjoy it more.

News on the national level that might have an impact on our western lifestyle will also be covered. You may think that a judge's decision in Madison, Wisconsin does not have any bearing on us out here on the desert - but it does. If it is a favorable decision, it could mean getting a similar decision here. If it is an unfavorable decision, it means that we have to prepare to take steps to correct the fault, whatever it may be, and effect a favorable decision here. Police hiring practices in Houston, certainly should have an effect on the police hiring practices in Phoenix. A free medical clinic oriented to the Gay community of Tucson should have an effect on forming a Gay medical clinic in another county anywhere in the country. An effective Gay Community Center in Phoenix, encourages other cities throughout the country to organize and operate a similar operation.

It is pleasant and fun to run a newspaper that could be the bearer of only good news. Unfortunately, there is an awful lot

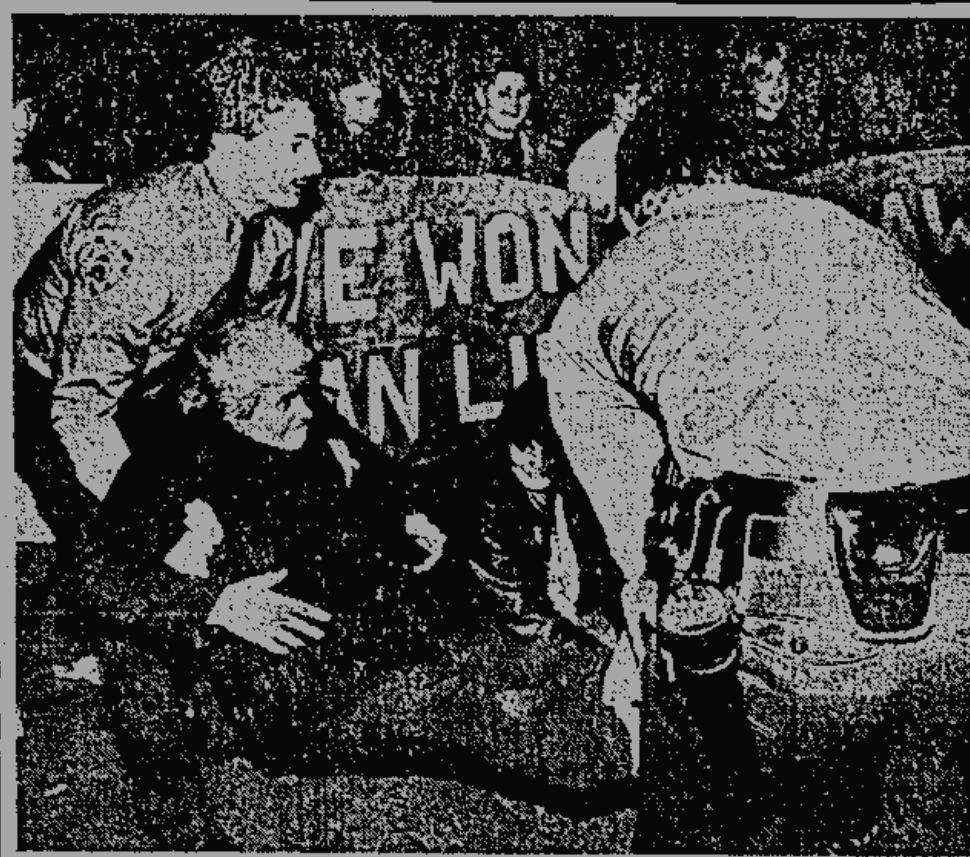
of bad news that has to be reported to keep you, our readers, informed and be wary of. THE NEW PAPER will do that also.

Now, to this end, we need help and input from you. To keep our readers informed, we need and encourage your assistance. News of clubs, organizations, groups, churches and businesses is vital to our readers. Views, letters, notices, opinions, columnists and other talent is needed to keep the pages of THE NEW PAPER interesting and informative.

We encourage you to join us in continuing this venture with your talents and input. As time goes by, we hope that our list of contributing staff people will grow and grow as THE NEW PAPER grows in our Arizona communities.

THE NEW PAPER's co-publishers, Terry Harrison and Tony Valdez, are Phoenix residents and are available with a 24-hour answering service when no one is available in the Phoenix office (244-1595). Tucson readers can contact either Editor Bob Ellis or Gary Clark in Tucson (622-7176) for news, information or advertising.

Join us, won't you? We will need you as, we hope, you will need us. See you next week.



UPI Telephoto

NEW YORK, NY - Police carry away one of 24 Gay activists arrested at New York City Hall after a Gay rights bill was rejected during a stormy hearing held by a committee of the City Council. See related story on page three of this issue of The New Paper.

NEWS BRIEFS

Quentin Crisp in Phoenix Appearance



PHOENIX - Author, actor, entertainer and lecturer, Quentin Crisp, will make a special personal appearance at Taylor's, 4223 N. 7th Street. Opening on Sunday, March 13, Mr. Crisp will wind up his one man show on Wednesday, March 16. All performances begin at 9:00 p.m.

Crisp has written several books. His biography, "The Naked Civil Servant," is perhaps the most well known having been filmed and shown on television in 1976. A native of Great Britain, Crisp arrived in the United States in 1976.

Dale Williams, Taylor's owner, has once again brought to the Phoenix Gay community a most unusual and entertaining performer. For an unusual evening, we highly recommend

Janus "Judas" Opens

PHOENIX - Janus' Theatre production of "Judas" opens this week with performances Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. Next week performances will run Thursday through Saturday, March 17-19. The production will close the following week with three performances Thursday through Saturday, March 24-26. All performances are at Valley Art Theatre, 509 S. Mill Ave., Tempe.

The play's author, Robert Patrick, flew from New York City to personally direct "Judas". Placed in modern time, Mr. Patrick uses "Judas" to portray the position of today's young people around the world, seeking a Faith which will sustain them amidst an increasingly soul-less, hypocritical older social structure. The Janus production is the first non-professional performance of Patrick's drama.

ARC Elections March 25

PHOENIX - Elections for the new Board of the Alternative Relations Center (ARC) will be held on Friday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. In addition to those members who have entered their names to be placed on the ballot, nominations from the floor will be accepted at this meeting. Only those whose dues have been paid within the year March], 1982 - March], 1983 will be eligible to vote. Be sure your dues are paid and be sure to attend this meeting. The future of the Center will depend on those whom you elect to represent you.

Also at this important meeting the new proposed By-Laws changes will be voted on. These changes are posted at the Center, 2602 East Clarendon. The primary changes in the By-Laws include an increase in the Board to no less than 9 members and no more than 17; a change from having 2 co-chairs to having a President elected by the Members of the Board; having all other officers elected by the Board members from those who are elected at large.

Folk Wins Songwriting Honors

PHOENIX - Bill Folk, singer/song writer from Phoenix, won first place in the National Songwriting Contest held in conjunction with the Third Annual Gay American Arts Festival. The Festival, held last September in Chicago, was sponsored by the Gay-Lesbian Arts Alliance of Chicago. Two previous Festivals had been held in New York City.

Folk's winning song, "We Are Here" was written for the First Lesbian and Gay Rights March in Phoenix, June 1981 in honor of that historic event. The song had been recorded in Nashville last spring and was due for release on Bright Moon Records. The release date was held up to allow for entry in the contest and comply with rules disallowing entrants to submit works commercially released. After the contest, the records was released and has been selling across the country and is available in Gay and Feminist bookstores in major cities.

The first place honor included a monetary prize and recognition in the Festival program where the lyrics to "We Are Here" were published. "I believe 'We Are Here' is an important message for the 80's", states Folk, "We must sing out our sense of pride in who we are. It's the only way the world will know that we are indeed here and we're definitely not going away."

Chess Club Forms At ARC

PHOENIX - Would you be interested in starting a new hobby or maybe brushing up on an old one? ARC is offering the use of it's facilities for the formation of a Chess Club. The main purpose of this club will be to combine the pleasure of one of the world's oldest and most respected games with the company of your sisters and brothers in the Gay community.

Boards and chess sets will be available on a limited basis. There is only one chess clock at this time, however, so if you are interested in formal, tournament-style games or 5 minute chess, please bring a clock if you have one.

Players at all skill levels are needed and beginners are more than welcome. Introductory (free) classes will be held on the weekends from noon to 4 p.m. for those wishing to learn how to play chess. Equipment and chess literature will be available through the Recreational Department of the Alternative Relations Center.

If you have any further questions or suggestions on what you would like to see offered in the club, i.e. postal chess, round-robin tournaments, etc., drop a line by the ARC in care of Jim Bailey. The hotline number is 957-0363. Please call if you are interested.

WOMEN'S CENTER SPRING PROM

PHOENIX - The Women's Center is having a "Spring Prom" and Benefit Auction at the Alternative Relations Center this Saturday, March 12 from 8:00 p.m. until Midnight. Music for your dancing pleasure will be provided by the new all-women's band "Labyris".

Admission fee is self-determined from \$3.00. There will be free munchies with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available. The ARC is located at 2602 East Clarendon. For more information leave message at 258-9227.

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Gay Rights Bill Rejected in N.Y. Fight, But the Issue is Still Alive

NEW YORK, NY - A top city official last week promised to resurrect a Gay rights bill defeated after a venomous 15 hour public hearing marked by boos, jeers, catcalls and 24 arrests.

City Council President Carol Bellamy said she planned to move to have the bill discharged from the General Welfare Committee next month for a vote by the 45-member council. The discharge motion would require a majority vote of the council.

"I don't think the bill is dead. We do not at this point have the votes to pass it, but we're not far short," she said.

The committee voted 6-3 to kill the bill, the seventh time the measure has been defeated since it was first introduced in 1971.

Twenty-four Gay activists who refused to leave the council chambers following the vote were arrested on trespassing charges. Police carried 17 of them from City Hall on stretchers.

A total of 202 people, each allotted three minutes to speak, spoke for or against the bill at a hearing punctuated by jeers, boos, catcalls, chanting and overheated rhetoric from both sides.

The most stunning moment came when an opponent of the bill, Rabbi William Handler, charged the city's three top elected officials were homosexuals.

Mayor Edward I. Koch, Bellamy and Comptroller Harrison Goldin, all strong supporters of the bill, denied the Koch later called Handler's attack "sad, absolutely sad."

"I think what he did was a great disservice to the clergy," the mayor said. He also said he was "very surprised" only two committee members chose to challenge the rabbi's remarks.

"In 10 years of elective office I've been yelled at so often it's just another scream," Bellamy said of the charge.

About 50 cities and one state, Wisconsin, have passed homosexual rights legislation. Tucson is one of those cities. (UPI)

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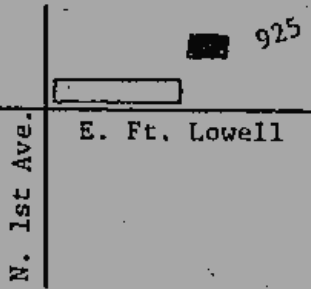
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TUCSON - When the showbar employees exchange places with the performers, they call it "Turnabout" and it is always a fun evening filled with many surprises. Last Sunday, March 6, Club Europa held their Turnabout Night and it did bring some surprises as evidenced by the photos above. It was such a fun evening that another Turnabout is scheduled for the very near future. Mama always said that once you get them into heels, you can't every get them out!

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Parents Want Aid From Gay Groups

by Richard Buckhardt

HOUSTON, TX (GCN) - Richard and Amy Ashworth, two long-time members of the original Parents and Friends of Gays (PFOG) chapter in New York City, are delivering a message that may surprise many Gays and Lesbians: it is up to the children to bring their parents to PFOG, not other parents.

"It takes the children to bring the parents to the Parents and Friends of Gays," said Richard. "There is no way for us to bring in the parents without the Gay and Lesbian community." In other words, he said, PFOG cannot be an effective organization without the aid of the nation's Gay and Lesbian organizations. Recruiting is the biggest problem that PFOG has, he said, and there is no way to reach the parents without the help of the children.

The Ashworths were in Houston recently to attend the Texas Gay Conference Eight and presented what turned out to be one of the more popular workshops to be presented. Richard is a successful attorney and has spoken in support of his two Gay sons on several occasions, including at the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1979, and more recently on William F. Buckley's "Firing Line." Amy has worked full time in support of the Gay movement for the last few years. Both have appeared on the "Donahue" program. The middle-aged couple in no way fits the stereotype of what many Americans would expect for social activists. Both are conservative in appearance and Richard always appears in public in a suit. In fact, the Ashworths want to dispel the fear that many parents have about becoming involved with PFOG.

"Parents are not expected to be activists and march," said Richard. "Our central purpose is to help parents accept their children and not to go farther." Contrary to the propaganda put out by such groups as the Moral Majority, he said that PFOG is committed to "reuniting the family." Amy agrees, but feels that the Moral Majority is the least of our worries. "Don't be afraid of the Moral Majority," she said. "They are more like the moral minority. Be more concerned with the Family Protection Act. The FPA would do away with most sex discrimination aspects of the federal education code, establish "traditional" sex roles as the only legitimate curricula and threaten the withdrawal of over four billion dollars in federal education funds if schools did not adhere to these strict guidelines. Amy urges parents and their children alike to write Congress and voice their opposition to it.

Parents of Gays and Lesbians can be significant and powerful allies to their children, said Richard, because parents aren't subject to the same attacks that their Gay and Lesbian children are. "That makes a good bridge between

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PHOENIX - Some local bar employees have expressed the desire to form a bar employees association. They had their first meeting at ARC last Saturday, March 5, and will be having their second meeting on Thursday, March 3] at Tommy and Clyde's at 10:30 a.m. Light breakfast and refreshments will be served.

All bar owners and employees are invited to attend so that they can hear the ideas this group has to offer them, as well as to the Gay community. Let's show the community that we can work as brothers and sisters, side by side, to help it prosper.

NGTF Crisisline Statistics



NEW YORK, NY - In the first three months of operation since opening on October 6, 1982, the National Gay Task Force Crisisline received 79 calls from 43 states. Although there were only three calls in October, by the end of November 258 calls had been received, and by mid-December that figure had more than doubled.

By far the largest number of calls concerned the spread of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). AIDS callers requested and received basic information on the symptoms, possible causes, and recommended preventive measures. Those wanting medical attention were referred to AIDS hotlines/services or given general advice on how to find informed health care providers.

Crisisline staffers took reports from victims of anti-Gay violence and, whenever possible, referred them to support services in their communities. In order to better accommodate callers from the West and mid-West, Crisisline hours have been changed to 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Anyone who wishes to report anti-Gay violence or to get information concerning AIDS and referrals should call 800-221-7044 (toll free).

In the first three months, twenty-two violence reports were received, involving thirty three victims. The incidents include verbal harassment, male rape, attempted murder and police harassment and brutality. Hundreds of such reports are needed before NGTF's Violence Project will have enough data to produce any meaningful analysis of the scope and nature of anti-Gay violence nationally. According to Jay Watkins, Director of the New York City Gay/Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, "Any group which documents violence and assists victims must do a great deal of outreach into the Gay community before victims will identify themselves. Once victims know that the community is behind them and will provide support, more and more will step forward and be counted."

All those who have been victims of physical, sexual or verbal assault, vandalism, robbery, arson, police entrapment/harassment/brutality because they are Lesbian/Gay are urged to call the NGTF Crisisline. Those who have witnessed any such incidents are urged to make a report as well. All reports are confidential and will enable NGTF to document, publicize and combat anti-Gay violence nationwide.

NGTF is continuing to expand and update its Crisisline Referral Directory to include Gay support services across the United States. At the present time there are listed thirty AIDS hotlines and health projects, and more than 500 general helplines, switchboards, anti-violence projects, and other agencies to aid victims of anti-Gay violence. Kevin Berrill, NGTF Crisisline Coordinator said, "We thank all those who sent information on support services in their communities, and urge everyone to continue to help us keep up-to-date on local efforts to deal with AIDS and anti-Gay violence by writing to us at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011."



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groups such as the Moral Majority and the Gay world," said Richard. Both cited experiences where people that each knew to be anti-Gay and extremely conservative expressed support for what the parent's group was doing to support their children.

Participants in the workshop that was led by the Ashworth's expressed a desire to see that the Ashworth message be spread to the Gay and Lesbian community and although the Ashworth's traveled to Houston at their own expense to do the workshop, Richard stressed that the primary responsibility for spreading the word lies with the homosexual community. "When you have (told your parents), you have the best weapon possible," said Richard. "It's damn hard for people to say no to a parent. But telling parents can be a traumatic experience for some. The Ashworths recommend thorough preparation for it and suggest that there are some very practical reasons for making homosexuality known to parents.

Once you are "out" to your parents, the Ashworths say that: (1) There is no longer any reason to lie about yourself or your "roommate". (2) No more worrying about being "found out" by someone who might tell parents. (3) Most important, relief from the stress of leading a double life. Many parents, they said, take the news very well; but others can be very cruel or be hurt badly by the news.

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Uofa GAY STUDENTS ORGANIZATION now meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 285. OASIS MCC - Services 6 p.m. at Danforth Chapel, ASU, Tempe. Call 956-2797 for info.

GAY PARENTS meets on 1st and 3rd Fridays each month at MCC building, 349 W. 35th St., Tucson at 7 p.m. Call 792-3772 for info.

WOMYN'S CHOIR meets every Sunday at 3 p.m. at ARC. All Womyn are encouraged to join in. There are no auditions and they are looking for a support group to help. For more information call 269-6958 or 894-6668 in Phoenix.

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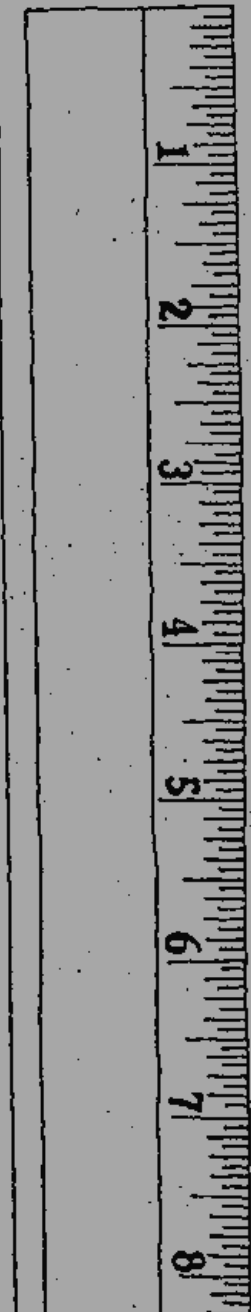
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