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JANUS Theatre "The Ritz" Opens Feb. 1



PHOENIX - Janus Theatre Company will present Terrence McNally's zany comedy "The Ritz" as its first production for 1985. The madcap production -- featuring the largest cast ever assembled for a Janus undertaking -- will be staged February 1 & 2; 8 & 9; 14, 15 & 16 at 8:00 p.m. In addition, there will be a matinee on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2:00 p.m.

All performances will be at the Phoenix Arts Council Theatre, 302 W. Latham.

"The Ritz," directed by Janus' co-founder and co-executive director Steven Schemmel, concerns the comic efforts one man makes to escape his

brother-in-law, a czar of the underworld. To avoid his vengeance-seeking relative, the man ducks into the last place in New York he thinks his brother-in-law will look -- a gay bathhouse. Once inside, he encounters a cast of strange characters and comic situations.

"The Ritz" was made into a film in the late 1970's and starred Jack Weston and Rita Moreno.

Tickets for the production are \$6.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for senior citizens and students with identification. They are available at the door. Reservations may be made by calling 258-9773.

Houston Voters Overkill 'Gay Rights' Ordinance By 4-1

HOUSTON, TX (AP) - Two anti-discrimination proposals, which together were dubbed the "Gay rights ordinance," were defeated by margins of more than 4-1 amid heavy voter turnout last Saturday.

Each measure lost by a margin of more than 81 percent to 18 percent. More than 239,000 people, or about 28 percent of Houston's registered voters, cast ballots.

Neither ballot issue mentioned the words "homosexual" or "Gay", but residents were asked to decide whether sexual preference should be barred as a consideration in hiring, firing and promoting city employees.

Opponents insisted that approval would grant legal status to homosexuals in the nation's fourth-largest city. Backers argued that the proposals would merely extend anti-discrimination protection.

Political analysts said before the referendum that a turnout of 30 percent of the voters would be almost three times above normal for an election to decide issues rather than candidates.

Proposition A would have barred the city from discriminating on the basis of "sexual orientation" in its hiring, promoting or firing of employees. It was rejected 198,563 to 44,786, or 81.6 percent, with all 418 precincts counted.

Proposition B -- rejected 197,763 to 43,303, or 82 percent to 18 percent -- would have had city policy specifically state that the city should not keep track of how many homosexuals it hires. As an affirmative action measure, the city now monitors how many women, blacks and Hispanics it hires.

The seeds for the election were

planted 13 months ago when Anthony Hall, a black city councilman, proposed adding "sexual orientation" to city hiring policies that already barred discrimination on the basis of "race, color, age, disability, sex or national origin."

No action was taken until June, when a City Council majority, including Mayor Kathy Whitmire, narrowly approved Hall's idea. Opponents quickly gathered more than 60,000 signatures on petitions, forcing the council either to rescind its vote or call an election.

The Council opted for the election, an expense of some \$300,000.

Houston's Gay population has been reported at times as the nation's second largest, after San Francisco, where 15 percent of the 700,000 are Gay. However, experts say they have no way of estimating how many homosexuals live in Houston or work for the city government.

Analysts said the outcome of the vote would indicate larger trends in Houston's political power structure, now split between old-line conservatives, including much of the city's business community, and a liberal faction led by Whitmire.

"If there's ever an issue to mobilize that constituency, this is it," said Richard Murray, a political analyst at the University of Houston. "It will tell us something about power in the city."

Whitmire, the city's first mayoral candidate to be endorsed by Gay groups, received strong Gay support in her two successful elections. She has been the most prominent backer of the proposals.

"The only issue here is whether or not people should be denied a job," she said.

The Rev. Bill Oliver, a civil rights activist working for the proposals, also insists the question is not one of Gay rights. "It's clearly about job discrimination in public employment," he said.

"This is not just a discrimination against homosexuals. It reaches across the board. It affects every man who lives with a woman, every woman who lives with a man, every man who lives with a man and every woman who lives with a woman," said Jeff Serman, spokesperson for the Gay political caucus of Houston.

The opponents included an unlikely alliance of such diverse groups as the predominantly black Concerned Pastors and Ministers of Houston, the Ku Klux Klan and the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber said passage would grant special status to homosexuals and hurt the city's image.

"Current city administrative policy provides adequate employment protection and privileges to individuals and minority groups as defined within present state and federal law," the chamber said.

Black ministers objected to the creation of a new minority group. "Nobody yet has come up with any factual information about discrimination in jobs," said the Rev. C. Anderson Davis of Concerned Pastors and Ministers.

The Houston Chronicle, recommending that voters reject the proposals, agreed with Davis, saying in an editorial last week that the election was a "classic case of solving a problem that didn't exist, of fixing something that wasn't broke."

The Houston Post called the election "needless and nasty... a ridiculous, embarrassing time for Houston."

JUDGE A MAN BY HIS QUESTIONS RATHER THAN BY HIS ANSWERS. Voltaire

NGTF: Do Not Take HTLV-III/LAV Test

NEW YORK, NY - A coalition of national Gay/Lesbian and AIDS service organizations have released a joint statement initiated by the National Gay Task Force recommending that Gay men not take the soon-to-be-licensed test for antibodies to HTLV-III/LAV, the virus believed to be associated with AIDS. The test does not diagnose AIDS or contagiousness. It merely indicates the presence of antibodies to the HTLV-III virus.

The statement emphasizes that the test should be used only in the context of screening blood donations in order to help safeguard the nation's blood supply, and as part of research programs that guarantee strict confidentiality. It also underscores the need for Gay men at risk to AIDS to continue to avoid donating blood in order to minimize the chance of any HTLV-III virus entering commercial blood products. These voluntary deferral guidelines must remain in effect because, as the statement points out, the test is not 100% effective according to present data.

If a positive antibody test becomes part of an individual's permanent medical records, potential employers interested in screening out Gay men could conceivably use the test as an indicator for homosexuality, since more than 70% of the reported cases of AIDS are Gay men. Such discrimination would be both medically and socially indefensible, but would be difficult to prevent interpretation of the law. Lesbians and Gay men are not protected from discrimination in most jurisdictions.

The Lesbian and Gay community nationwide has responded to the AIDS crisis with an outpouring of resources, as well as a lobbying effort that has resulted in increased government funding for AIDS research, and in turn such developments as the HTLV-III blood test. Now the test is about to become

commercially available, it is critical that the legitimate value of the test, as well as its limitations and risks, be thoroughly understood.

The joint statement says in part: "With the expected licensing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of the test for antibodies to HTLV-III/LAV, the virus considered to be associated with AIDS, it is important to state what we believe this test does and does not do, what its potential misuses are, and what risks members of the Gay community face if they take this test."

"It is our recommendation that, except in rare circumstances, this test should be used ONLY in the context of screening blood donations and as part of research programs that guarantee strict confidentiality. Individuals should be aware that this test will NOT provide answers to such questions as -- Am I healthy? Do I have AIDS? Am I a carrier of AIDS? Have I been exposed to AIDS? Can I give AIDS to someone else?"

"Individuals should be aware of the fact that their test results may be requested and obtained by third parties. Before requesting a blood test under any circumstances, we urge all individuals, particularly those in the Gay community, to consider the following risks:

1. If a positive antibody test becomes part of your medical record, it could become justification for denial of life or health insurance in the future. (We are already aware of cases where individuals considered at risk to AIDS have been denied insurance.)

2. A Positive antibody test could also become a reason for denying employment. While lacking in medical justification, we are deeply concerned that this test will become a mechanism for screening out individuals who are at-risk to AIDS from jobs in such

fields as health care, food handling, or child care. There is no evidence that AIDS is transmitted except through exchange of vital bodily fluids.....

3. The psychological pressures of knowing that one has tested positive to antibodies is one of deep concern to our community. While a positive test result does not necessarily mean one is going to develop AIDS, there has been sufficient inaccurate publicity suggesting that this is indeed a test for AIDS. Until that link is broken, the mental health impact of receiving a positive test result could be devastating. The misconceptions and general level of hysteria among the general public about AIDS increases the likelihood of a panicked response to a positive test result.

We continue to encourage members of our community to participate in research studies that might help find the answers to the AIDS riddle, including studies using this HTLV-III antibody test in the hope that a clearer meaning to positive and negative results might be developed. However, we continue to urge -- particularly in light of the risks outlined above -- that participation in research be conditioned on strong guarantees of confidentiality for all research subject participants, including the commitment that identifiers will not be shared with third parties.

The following organizations have endorsed the joint statement: The National Gay Task Force; AID Atlanta; AIDS Education Programs (Key West); KS/AIDS Foundation of Houston; American Association of Physicians for Human Rights; Baltimore Health Education Resource Organization; FARG AIDS Action Council; Gay Men's Health Crisis; Gay Rights National Lobby; Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund; National Coalition of Black Gays; National

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EDITORIAL...

At the Installation of Officers of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee last Friday, newly elected Co-Chair Jack Stockslager gave a brief talk about reports he has been receiving concerning violence against Gay people in the Southern Arizona area.

The conservative attitude of the country is prevalent everywhere — Tucson is not unique. We are all well aware of the three murders which took place last year. What has not been publicized enough is the other violence, not as final as murder but it could be.

One local man was taken "for a ride" at high speed and threatened by a person who he took to breakfast and had conversation with at some length. He escaped only because he remained calm and collected. The driver got away but a description has been given to the police.

Other reports — one where a woman was shot in the head with a BB gun while entering a local bar. Other verbal harassments with some physical force being reported also.

It's a jungle out there so please be careful. Report any harassment to Jack Stockslager who is acting as Police Liaison with the Gay Community. Report any violence to the police as well as Stockslager. Don't remain quiet.

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B R I E F S

SQUARE DANCING CLASSES BEGIN

TUCSON — The first class for beginner square dancers was held Tuesday at Tramps. On January 29th, another class will take place. This will be the cut-off date to get in on this beginners square dancing group. Other classes will be offered later on in the year.

Classes are held at Tramps on Tuesday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn this popular form of dance and then join the Tucson Squares, who are planning several appearances to show off their very professional square dancing abilities.

YWCA WOMEN'S SPRING BASKETBALL

TUCSON — The 1985 Women's Spring Basketball League is forming. Registration is now in progress until January 30 from Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the YWCA of Tucson, 738 N. 5th Ave.

The league will consist of teams with a minimum of six players and a maximum of 10 players. Each team will play one full court game every Wednesday night during the league with a running clock. The league will follow AIA rules. Uniform shirts are required with a visible number.

Practice games begin February 6. Games will be played on Wednesday evenings. The registration fee is \$120 per team. For further information call Nancy Skinner 882-2680.

L.A.D.S. TO OPEN DOORS OF 'DIRTY SHAME SALOON & GAMBLING HALL'

PHOENIX — Featuring a Western theme, Los Amigos del Sol's (L.A.D.S.) annual gaming extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, at Painter's Hall, 1841 N. 24th St. (at Palm Lane). Parking and security services for this extremely popular annual event will be provided by Sons of Apollo.

In addition to games of chance, the evening's festivities will include a catered buffet, bar and entertainment. A L.A.D.S. spokesperson notes, "We are fortunate to have booked well known vocalist 'Sunny' of Mick-Sun Lounge fame for shows at 8 and 10 p.m."

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the evening's conclusion will find winners exchanging their scrip for an exciting array of prizes. Admission at the door is \$3.00. Pre-admission tickets at \$2.00 go on sale January 12 and will be available from any L.A.D.S. member, or send for tickets to P.O. Box 27335, Phoenix, AZ 85061.

L.A.D.S. is a social/charitable organization of Valley men and women who are "together for the fun of it." The next regular meeting will be held Saturday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Shamoo's. Guests are welcome.

GAY GAMES NAMES NEW EXEC

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — With Gay Games II scheduled for August 1986, San Francisco Arts and Athletics has named Shawn P. Kelly executive director. Kelly having served as assistant director since November 1983, replaces Dr. Thomas Waddell, who became president of the board of directors earlier this year.

Noting that the International Olympics in Los Angeles this year saw 8000 athletes participate, Kelly said he looked forward to 5000 participants in Gay Games II. "We are well aware of the magnitude of the event that we are organizing," he said. In 1982, 1300 people from 12 countries took part in Gay Games I.

FIRST DESERT STATES

LESBIAN AND GAY CONFERENCE

LAS VEGAS, NV — "Empowering One Another" is the theme for the first Desert States Lesbian and Gay Conference to be held on March 30 and 31 on the University of Nevada/Las Vegas campus.

The issue of isolation — geographical, social, interpersonal — will be the topic of workshops led by activists from each state participating in this five state conference. One strand of workshops addresses issues of personal isolation: coming out, AIDS, alcoholism in the Gay and Lesbian culture, spirituality. The second strand offers topics concerning political isolation: successful use of the media, legal issues, computers in grassroots organizing, fundraising.

In a Sunday morning plenary session, conference participants will consider a series of resolutions present to the law makers in their respective state, county and local governments. Conference planners intend to consider the formation of a five-state organization (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah) which would play a role in national Gay and Lesbian politics in addition to organizing efforts on the East and West coasts.

Virginia Apuzzo, executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, is scheduled as conference keynote speaker. One facet of empowerment is networking and dialogue with national homophile organizations. Apuzzo's presence at the conference is seen as a necessary step in establishing a coalition internally among the five-state bloc and in the bloc's relation to national politics.

Registration for this two-day conference is \$40 or \$20 limited income. A limited number of scholarships are available. Conference information may be obtained by contacting Jack Stockslager, Co-Chair of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee 233-3515.

RELATIONS' WORKSHOP JANUARY 26

TUCSON — On Saturday, January 26th The Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will present David P. McWhirter and Andrew M. Mattison who will conduct a workshop based on findings in their popular new book "The Male Couple" about the stages of relationships.

McWhirter and Mattison are themselves a couple and have been together for 12 years. Dr. McWhirter is medical director of the Clinical Institute for Human Relationships in San Diego. He is a board-certified psychiatrist and sexologist. Dr. Mattison, a PhD. in professional psychology and a board-certified sexologist, joined the Clinical Institute for Human Relationships in 1979. Both hold clinical faculty appointments at the School of Medicine at the University of California at San Diego.

The workshop will take place at the Holiday Inn on Broadway in downtown Tucson on January 26. There will be a cocktail and autograph party at 5:30 and the workshop will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Advance ticket sales are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple and may be obtained by mailing a check to OPBAPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733.

The workshop will take an in-depth look at the joys and difficulties of long-term, fulfilling relationships and explore how Gay people handle commitment, conflict, competition, responsibilities, sex, money, coming-out, families, roles, and problems. This workshop is for everyone interested in knowing more about couples and how they work.

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DEAR BLABBY.....

DEAR BLABBY:

I have been going out to the bars for many years now and one thing has been driving me bats. Can you possibly tell me what in the world does a certain group of homosexual men find so damned fascinating about the ladies restroom? Being a woman, I have used them all my life and, trust me guys, I doubt they're any different from yours in the long run.

If this letter seems funny, let me assure you it is not meant to be. I am very serious. Nothing is more irritating than to be out for an evening with friends and dreading the moment nature calls. Knowing you'll be forced to fight your way through throngs of "Sissy-Mary-Girlfriend-Twinkle-Types" just to pee.

I don't wish to sound like I'm anti-male, I'm not. I like men a lot, but not in the ladies room. How many girls do you see going in the men's room? None! United we stand? Fine, but while I'm going to the bathroom, I sit.

I realize that bathroom vandalism is a problem in nearly all the bars. Maybe if this coed situation didn't exist, it would help cut down on the trash-out-the-toilet types.

All I know is, it would be a lot more pleasant for us girls if we didn't have to compete for bathroom space every time we go out. Come on guys, is that really too much to ask for.

signed, Holding Out For
Squatters' Rights

Dear Holding Out -

I can't begin to tell you how much your letter moved me (no pun intended). Seriously, the problem you speak of is big one. Your letter basically says it all. I would like to add a couple of things, however.

First of all, in the state of Arizona, it is against the law for an one to be in a restroom of the opposite sex. Something to consider - yes?

Also, I'm sorry to say, on numerous occasions, I have seen many girls take male companions into the ladies room with them. This is not fair to the other girls and should not be allowed.

Now for the biggie! The people

who seem to get a kick out of tearing the bathrooms apart. What to do? What to do?? Broken glass in urinals, rolls of toilet paper stuffed down the toilet. Sinks used as ash trays, stall doors ripped off the hinges; broken mirrors, smashed towel dispensers, etc. etc. etc.

The list goes on and on. The people who do these sorts of things are not men. They are not women. They are ass-holes. Should we shoot them and tell God they just died? A bit severe....but? I have one suggestion. Remember, restrooms are for your use as well as everyone else. If you care, here's what you should do the next time you see anyone trashing out your restrooms. Calmly escort them outside (preferably by the hair or some other facial feature) and then gently introduce their teeth to the pavement or perhaps the bumper of a '57 Cadillac! They might get the hint.

B.

WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM RAFFLE

TUCSON - The Women's Rugby Team is conducting a raffle with the final drawing to take place on Saturday, Feb. 9. The grand prize is a weekend for two at El Conquistador Resort. For raffle tickets and further information call Colette at Colette's West 622-9733

TUCSON GAY YOUTH MEETS SATURDAY

TUCSON - The Tucson Gay Youth Group will meet this Saturday, and every Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at 560 South Stone Ave. Lesbians and Gay males are invited for discussions, social time and recreational activities. This is not a church activity even though the group uses the MCC church building facility. The group is limited to persons 22 years of age and under. If you are just coming out or if you just want to be around some people your age, you are encouraged to come by on Saturday and enjoy yourself. For further information call 792-3772.

this run, but the only time we saw him was Friday night and Sunday afternoon. I hear a new book is coming out titled, "Kicker In The Forest". Is there a need to borrow a wedding dress?

As for TKO, their representatives were Bert, Ernie (aka Jimmy) and myself. If I hadn't been there to see it, the following is almost too much to believe. Ernie walked around the 307 for approximately 40 minutes before all of us decided to go over to Cruisin' Central. Outside the 307, I kicked a heel (shoe type) across to Ernie. He picked it up and said something about it being a cute run pin. His next words were, "Oh my goodness, that's the heel off of my shoe!". Inside the 307 he just thought there were a lot of holes in the floor.

From the Arizona Rangers I give you the following quote, "You walk in with a velour bathrobe on and \$150 in your hair, does that make you butch?" I can see you now Brig, but I suspect your butch is spelled with an "I". Lee from TALL tells me their club is putting their brunch on next weekend. Check the Graduate for times and menu.

TKO is hard at work for this year's Closet Ball on March 16 or 17. The show has been booked. Now to set the date and location. At this writing, TKO's Spring Fling may move its date this year. I'll try to keep those of you interested in this fun weekend informed.

Finally, one last word for Pooh Bear of the Arizona Rangers - the way you were carrying on this weekend you could fill up a complete page of this paper.

TBBS: I suggest Hopi never sees his back side if he thinks Jimmy has child-bearing hips. I'm told I never report on myself. Since I never do anything and remain sweet, what's to report?

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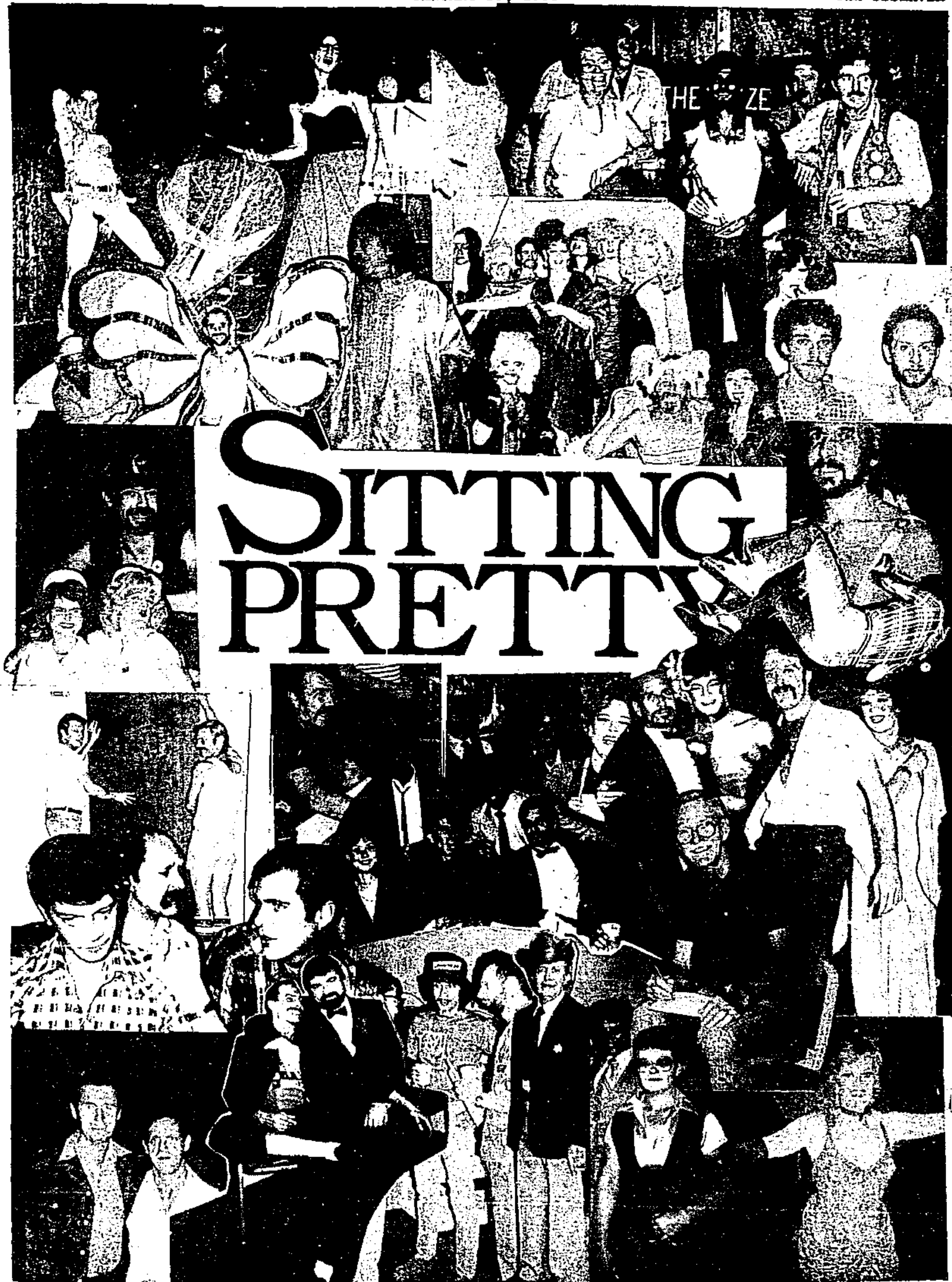


Events

Well, I survived another weekend in Phoenix. As always, on good will bar runs, there were a lot of trips from one bar to the next. You really just get settled when it is time to move one.

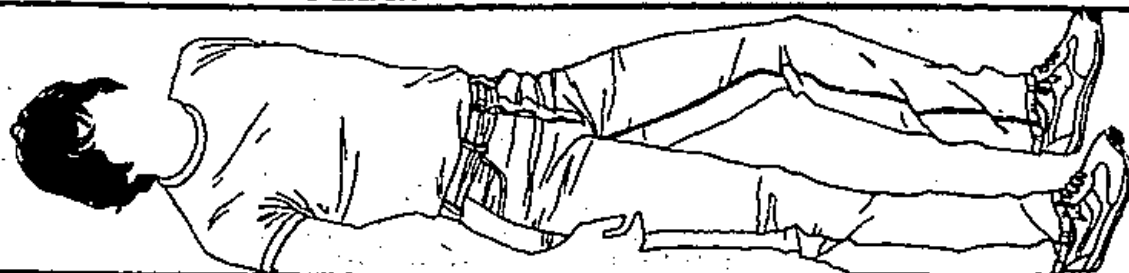
Beside TKO and TALL having good-will ambassadors this past weekend, they were joined by SOS's own version - Hopi. I should warn you, club members of SOS, because sending Hopi to represent your club could be the kiss of death. First he shuts Craig up over at the Ramrod, has Classy Goldberg just shaking her head at the Cattleman's Exchange, has Ed J. from Charlie's chasing her down through the crowd, Ed giving off loud Indian war cries, and no telling what all in the brief time she was in Phoenix. All joking aside, this being the first out-of-town official run that SOS had a club member attending, you are well known in Phoenix, and it is all positive. Of course, Hopi needs to learn how to not burn out early the next day because the party started again.

TALL also had a representative on



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"Once the honeymoon is over, I guess, I just lose the spirit of being married, except, of course, for the spirit that's 80 proof." Yes, another very famous quote from Loretta von Oystershucker. Our dear Loretta was supposed to appear in this issue, but unfortunately she's been asked by her close friend Liz Taylor to plan the wedding. I guess Liz just wanted some expert advice. So, this week I shall fill in and let Loretta tell you all she's been up to since last disappearing in the Bermuda Triangle.

Well, the holidays are over, but that doesn't mean things have slowed down in the Old Pueblo. (Sounds like Shafer is writing this). Eddie F. and P.J. were spotted looking for a Christmas tree, only it was just last week. Those two need to catch up, perhaps some more vitamins from Tommy S. would help. Mentioning Tommy S. makes me think about how much he has in common with Eddie F. The two are just so cultured, only Tommy S. gets his from KUAT and Eddie gets his from his doctor. They both also have similar strange habits with food. Tommy S. likes to sleep with a super taco in his face, and Eddie likes to sleep with onion rings on his ears.

Seems like Tommy S. has been trying to burn the candle at both ends of 4th Avenue. It is too bad things went up in a puff of smoke for him at Tramps, but to be put out by an elderly Aunt at The Congress was the last straw. Lately he's been seen in the company of JoJo. What a perfect match, Tommy can't talk after 8:00 p.m. and JoJo can't hear! They probably think they are having fascinating conversations.

Several people are eagerly looking for Michael Y. after the Super Bowl game. It's too bad he bet on the wrong team. Louie W. will never get his new truck that way. Del S. and Rita C. were pleased with the Super Bowl, each having won a football pool. Maybe there is truth to the rumor that Steve G. and Vinny C. just love them for their money. I hear that Del is donating his winnings to the "Keep Stuart S. In Minneapolis Fund".

Mentioning money, Roger B. is telling everyone that for his birthday what he wants from Peter S. doesn't cost any money, it doesn't even need to be gift wrapped. Poor Roger, it must be hard for him to listen to Sofonda Peters' stories about her doorbell trade and go home to a set of dead chimes.

Don A. and Bucky L. are getting ready to celebrate another anniversary. When I asked Don what has kept them together for 18 years, Don admitted to always having a passion for antiques. Other famous couples in the news this week include Isidro C. and Luis being spotted in various bars around town. I think that was Luis. It could have been an elderly aunt from Scottsdale with Isidro....Two new faces in town from Indiana are Dan and Kurt. No they are not having three ways with Marshall K. even if Dan keeps saying he is looking for new meat. Perhaps Kurt should take Dan over to Farmer John's. Ron L. found them both attractive, but then he seems to find any couple attractive. Watch your boyfriends when Ron is around now that he is single.

Have you heard the story about Bob E. falling down and that's why he was sporting all the bandages. Well, good

story Bob, but I want to know why Gary C. will not let me see any of the frying pans at home!!!!!!

Dan P. is still trying to find out if the mattress in the dumpster behind Rita's was left by Jackie W. The Dumpster Queen refuses to comment... The affair between Doc and CB appears to be finally over. Oh well, CB, you may have lost a bed partner, but you gained a full refrigerator!

Father Peter was the celebrating prelate for a beautiful union and feast between two of Tucson's great ladies on Saturday, Jan 19. Many of Tucson's finest people enjoyed the good company and delicious food.

Well, enough rambling for now. Remember to watch for Loretta's column next week and find out what really happened after the Bermuda Triangle.

L & K
Stu Pyles

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Remember, regular Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with Wednesday services at 7:00 p.m. These services start punctually at the designated times - there are no warm-ups or previews of coming events - so plan to join us for an enrichment and fulfillment of spirit in our Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Dave has office hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturdays. The church telephone is 622-4536. If anyone would like to call for an appointment for consultation with Pastor Dave.

Thought for the week: God created us all in His image, there are no mistakes because God does not make mistakes.

THE CLASSIC FAILURE IN INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS IS THE FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE OTHER PERSON'S RIGHT TO BELIEVE IN THE GOOD SENSE OF HIS POINT OF VIEW.
Roger Plachy

PHOTO QUIZ.....



Well, it's either feast or famine. This week, we have two little toddlers to try and guess what humpy numbers they grew into.

At the top we find this cute little boy who now lives in Tucson, having moved here from Florida several years ago. He's kinda into leather, sometimes, when he's not burning hair. He also tended bar for a while. The picture was taken in 1956. He was riding on top then.

At the bottom we have a Phoenixian. This sweet face is even sweeter now! Currently a political activist, this young gentleman commutes between Phoenix and San Francisco quite often. Although he never took the Palmer method, he can write quite well thank you. Picture: Circa 1965.



THE WEEKLY OBSERVER

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T-Squares, square dancing group meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Tramps.

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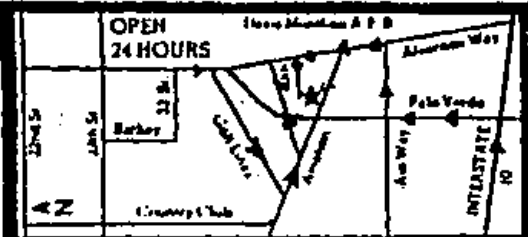
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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-11. All you can drink \$2. 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. .33 a glass of draft.
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .85 - 9 to Midnight.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Tall Neck Bottle Beer Night \$1.00 - "Dynasty" on big screen TV in BFR.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S - Lunches 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Limited Menu 3 to 5:45 p.m. "Dynasty Nite" on big screen TV. Alexis Champagne Cocktail .50 from 8 to 10 p.m. Well Shots .75
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CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$2.00.
FINELINE - Upstairs opens 3 p.m. Shots of Schnapps \$1.00. Drawing for Lottery Tickets begins at 8:00 p.m. Could win big money!
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FRIDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limited Menu 3 to 5:45 p.m.
TRAMPS - After Hours begins at 1:00 a.m.

SATURDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from Noon to 4 p.m.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open for lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limited Menu 3 to 5:45 p.m.
TRAMPS - Saturday morning with Daddy David begins at 6 a.m. After Hours begins at 1:00 a.m.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. All the draft you can drink for \$2.00. 6 to 9 p.m. Beer, wine and well \$1.00. 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Disco. Steak Dinner 4 to 6 p.m. \$1.00.
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.00. Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens at noon.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m. Drawing for Lottery Tickets begins at 8:00 p.m. Could win big bucks!
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Sunday Brunch Noon to 3 p.m. Bar-o-que Dinners served 5 to 9 p.m.
TRAMPS - Sunday Beer Bust 3 to 7 p.m. \$3.00 All the draft you can drink. \$500 cash "Grab Bag" drawing begins at 11 pm

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers.
COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.00 Margarites 9:00 to Midnight.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. to Midnight.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Lunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limited Menu 3 to 5:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shot Nite - Well shots .75.
COLETTE'S WEST - .75 Domestic Beer. Pool Tournament from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight on alternate Tuesdays.
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When I Tell You I Love You

It is 3 a.m. I am watching tonight's episode of DALLAS on my VCR. When it was on network television, I was already on my way out on a date. We saw a movie, went to a restaurant for french fries and a strawberry ice-cream, then his apartment for conversation.

Boy, a date. How history repeats itself. Previously, I would meet someone, we would go to his place or mine, have sex, then see each other again, or not. This is how my relationships with my three previous boyfriends began. I always felt this was how it was. Oh, I dated in high-school. I nearly married a wonderful woman. Dating, though, was something that only 'straight' society practiced.

So, back to tonight. I met Ty. (not his real name, as usual) in a very unusual way, the details of which are not germane. I knew him for about three months and always thought he had a boyfriend. I eventually discovered, to my relief, that I was misinformed. So, I overcame my shyness and asked him for a date. To my utter amazement, he said yes.

Now, I am much more mature than to believe this would lead to an overnight eternal relationship of love. I have been hurt too many times by too many people to ever jump into another relationship, (only fools rush in). Ty has said that no one hurts us unless we let them. Yes, well....

If you have read this column this far, you must be curious as to what point I am trying to make. Good. Curiousness, though deadly to certain animals, especially kittens, is healthy to humans. The point is:

Those of you who read this column regularly, know that I am a fashion designer by career. I see the creme-de-la-creme of beautiful men and women day in and day out. One gets jaded from seeing all of this prettiness. It takes a unique face, or physical appearance to really catch my attention and Ty is a prime candidate.

In the course of our conversations throughout the evening, I said, on several occasions (and perhaps too often) how handsome he is. And he is. His response was predictable, "Oh, no I am not." I then countered with, "Yes you are, and you know it." His response, "Yes I do." So far, the conversation was uneventful. Then he said something that seemed very unusual to me: unusual in that it is so true, while at the same time quite false. He said, "The more you say it the more I believe it." I asked, "So? What's so wrong with that?" Ty, "The more you say it, the more I believe it. The more I believe it, the less sincere it sounds each time you say it..."



Well then. I guess I felt insulted. He was right. You can only compliment someone so much before it begins to sound trite. But I was hurt. I was honestly and sincerely taken with how handsome he is, and I felt it was the only appropriate thing to do: tell him.

Could it be that this attitude is why we neglect to compliment our friends and lovers as often as we should? How often can we say, "I love you"? Or, "You look very nice today." Or, "Your new haircut is flattering." Is it possible to overdo it? Is it?

I may be a sentimental romantic at heart, but I feel it is important to tell someone how you feel. I know how hard that might be from time to time. I have spent most conversations with my foot in my mouth when trying to say the 'right' thing to someone. I felt deeply about. I really like Ty, and am attracted to him physically but - more importantly - emotionally. He is bright, charming, witty, humorous and personable. He never lets me make a statement in an argument without some logical facts to sustain it. He challenges me and my thinking, and will not let me entrench myself too deeply in my own thoughts. I like this. I have tried to tell him these things, and feel awkward doing it. I guess I am, like thousands of us, not socially conditioned to be openly emotional. The several times in the past I have tried, I have been left devastated, humiliated and crushed (on the more successful occasions). I am overcoming this inhibition with the help of people like Ty.

Slowly, I am getting to know more about Ty, and maybe, someday, a relationship will develop. The challenge is wonderful. And, if everything works out, and the opportunity arises, I shall be able to tell Ty I love him. And if I say it once, I will never stop, no matter what he says.

Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee

Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson

The election of officers and many significant changes in the by-laws were approved at the First Annual Meeting of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee (TLGPC) on Monday, January 14. Approximately 30 people attended the installation ceremonies for the newly elected officers held the following Friday at the Fineline. The officers for 1985 are: Jack Stockslager and Chris Jones, co-Chairpersons; Natalie Perry, Vice Chairperson; James Uhrig, Secretary; Jim Larrabee, Treasurer; Rick Baglione, James Shafer, Terry Miller and Maurine Caffery, Members-At-Large.

The guests enjoyed complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres during this two hour celebration. After being sworn into office for a second term, Jack Stockslager addressed the TLGPC members and guests stressing the need for local Lesbian and Gay organizations

to work together towards development and passage of an anti-discrimination ordinance in Pima County. He also spoke of the urgent and pressing problems of safety for Lesbians and Gays as evidenced by the murders of three Gay men in 1984 and several other reports including an attempted murder, and other physical assaults reported to him as police liaison.

TLGPC will be asking the assistance of other clubs and organizations to sponsor a safety awareness workshop in the near future. TLGPC also needs volunteers to be trained as victim/witness so that Lesbian and Gay victims of crime can be better supported through the reporting and investigative process.

All interested people are urged to come to the next TLGPC meeting on Monday, February 11 at 8:30 p.m. at the Fineline.



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