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Moral Nuisance Bill Introduced In Arizona Legislature Again

STATE OF ARIZONA
37th LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

REFERENCE TITLE: moral nuisances

HOUSE

Referred on February 11, 1985

HB 2429

Rules

GOVERNMENT OPERATION

Introduced

JUDICIARY

February 11, 1985

Introduced by

Representatives Johnson, Steffey, Miller, Haws, Barr, Denny, Evans, Franks, Glendon, Green, Herstam, Jewett, Kelley, Killian, Lane, Meredith, Ratliff, Skelly, Sossaman, Tol, Wessel

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTS AND CIVIL PROCEEDINGS; PRESCRIBING DEFINITIONS; PRESCRIBING TYPES OF MORAL NUISANCES; PROVIDING FOR ACTIONS RELATING TO MORAL NUISANCES; PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS AND INJUNCTIONS; PRESCRIBING RELEASE OF PROPERTY; PRESCRIBING USE OF EVIDENCE; PROVIDING FOR DISMISSAL OF ACTIONS; PRESCRIBING FINAL JUDGMENTS; PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION OF LEASES; PRESCRIBING FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY; PRESCRIBING

PHOENIX - It may be a case of bad things just never die, or a case of déjà vu, but another "Moral Nuisance" bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives of the Arizona State Legislature. This bill is almost an exact duplicate of a "Moral Nuisance" bill that was introduced to the House of Representatives in early March, 1982 and which passed in a vote on the House floor by a 44 to 9 margin and then was sent to the Senate for approval.

At that time, an urgent call went out to all concerned constituents in the state of Arizona to contact their senators asking them to defeat this legislation. That bill died in the Senate Judiciary Committee in the closing days of the 1982 legislature.

That "Moral Nuisance" bill did not 'die' however, it was "born again", so to speak, in the House through the devious use of what is called a "strike-all" amendment which was applied to a bill already passed by the Senate. This maneuver eliminates all of the text of an original bill and substitutes a completely different text (in this case the original wording of the dead moral nuisance bill). The amended bill went to the Senate-House Conference Committee on the last day of the legislative session and passed 22-0. Thus the only remaining line of defense against the bill becoming law was a gubernatorial veto.

Upon learning that this dangerous bill had passed on the last day of the session, activists in the Gay community began an intensive telephone campaign, calling lists of community members,

friends, business people and alerting other human rights organizations and other supporters statewide, urging that they and their associates call the governor's office. An unofficial count placed the number of telephone calls at over 300 calling for the governor to veto the bill. Governor Babbitt, acting as a result did veto the "Moral Nuisance" bill of 1982. Governor Babbitt deserves great credit and support for having responded so emphatically and effectively.

The seven-page single-spaced 1985 version of the "Moral Nuisance" bill has been assigned Arizona House of Representatives number HB 2429. This bill would enable any citizen who was capable of posting a \$500 bond to bring a civil lawsuit against any business or individual who they deemed to be a "Moral Nuisance". Under this bill, bookstores, bars, baths and possibly even your own homes, if anything "obscene" takes place or, where "assignation (includes making, or any act in furtherance of, an appointment or engagement for obscenity or prostitution)" could be charged with being a "Moral Nuisance".

Exact wording of HB 2429 in two portions of the bill is listed here.

THE FOLLOWING ARE MORAL NUISANCES:

1. Any place where obscene films are publicly exhibited as a regular course of business, or possessed for the purpose of such exhibition.

2. Any place where an obscene

film is publicly and repeatedly exhibited, or possessed for the purpose of such exhibition.

3. Any obscene film which is publicly exhibited, or possessed for that purpose, at a place which is a moral nuisance under this section.

4. Any place of business in this state in which obscene publications constitute all of the stock in trade, or a principal part of the stock in trade. If the obscene publications constitute only a part of the stock in trade and are located in a place within the business which is capable of demarcation, the place constitutes the nuisance.

5. Any obscene publication possessed at a place which is a moral nuisance under this section.

6. Any place which, as a regular course of business, is used for the purposes of obscenity, assignation or prostitution and any place in or upon which acts of obscenity, assignation or prostitution are held or occur.

7. Any place where gambling or any game of chance for money, checks, credit or other representations of value is carried on or takes place, gambling paraphernalia is kept or any notice, sign or device advertising or indicating the existence or presence of gambling or any game of chance is displayed or exposed to view.

The bill further states in section 12-803:

A. "The Attorney General, County Attorney, City Attorney or any private resident citizen of the county may maintain an action of equitable nature in the name of this state to abate a moral nuisance, to enjoin perpetually all persons from maintaining a moral nuisance and to enjoin the use of any structure or thing adjudged to be a moral nuisance.

B. "If the action is instituted by a private person, the plaintiff shall execute a bond before the issuance of a restraining order or a preliminary injunction, with good and sufficient surety to be approved by the court, in the amount of not fewer than five hundred dollars, to secure to the person enjoined the damages he may sustain if the action is wrongfully brought, is not prosecuted to final judgment, is dismissed or is not maintained, or if it is finally decided that the restraining order or preliminary injunction should not have been granted....."

It is imperative that everyone who sees the bad implications of this bill contact the House Judiciary Committee immediately, stating in no uncertain terms your opposition to this bill. The 1982 bill had only three sponsors; the 1985 version has a total of twenty one of which Rep. Jim Skelly (R-Scottsdale) is an original sponsor. This is a clear indication of the conservative mood of the 1985 legislature and will call for a more intensive action by the Gay community to defeat HB 2429 this time.

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B R I E F S

DIGNITY/TUCSON
PLANS LENTEN WORKSHOPS

TUCSON - Three major workshops have been planned by Dignity/Tucson for Lent this year. Covering such subjects as Catholic liturgical development, humanism and Christianity and the scripture passages dealing with homosexuality, the workshops will be offered on Wednesday evenings in March.

Scheduled for March 6, at 7:30 p.m., the first workshop will be led by a diocesan priest and will focus on the development of Catholic liturgical practices and their development over the past 2,000 years.

The second workshop will be led by a Catholic priest and a Unitarian minister and is titled, "Christianity, Humanism and the Contemporary World". Intended to bring into perspective concepts of humanism found in movements like EST, New Age Movement, etc. and show how humanism and Christianity have a bearing upon our lives in contemporary times. This workshop will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on March 13.

The third workshop, "Homosexuality and the Bible: A New Perspective", will be offered on March 27 at 7:30 p.m. by a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister. An attempt will be made to examine those passages in the Bible that appear to condemn homosexuality.

For further information, call 745-1812 or 297-6340.

TUFF STUFF OPENS TUCSON STORE

TUCSON - Tuff Stuff, long known for quality leather products since the opening of their first store in Phoenix will open their second store located at 630 North Fourth Avenue in Tucson (just a few doors north of Tramps on Fourth Ave.). The opening was set to coincide with the biggest outdoor midwinter rodeo in America the 1985 Tucson Rodeo "La Fiesta de los Vaqueros".

Tuff Stuff carries a most complete line of quality leather goods (pants, vests, skirts, jackets, harnesses) all handcrafted in their own leather shop. In addition they will make any leather item to your specifications.

Owners Ron and Ed along with Tucson manager Frank will show you some of the finest leather goods on this planet and also will give you complete information on the care and feeding of your leather.

The store also carries a supply of summer wear (muscle shirts, jogging shorts, tank tops, etc), plus other items such as greeting cards, poppers, and magazines.

The Grand Opening celebration will cover two days, Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3 and the store will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. both days. Mr. Arizona Leatherman, Jay Cunningham, will be on hand for viewing and autographs.

SWEAT AND MUSCLE
RAISES BIG BUCKS FOR
ARIZONA AIDS FUND

PHOENIX - The annual benefit for the Arizona AIDS Fund was held last Saturday night and lasted until the daylight hours of Sunday morning. A very large crowd turned out for this benefit affair and from the looks of the crowd on the dance floor, they were enjoying every minute of it.

Entertaining the crowd were disk jockey Stewart Barkal and lighting man Jon Ford who were imported from the Probe in Los Angeles for this event. Ron Mopre, International Mister Leatherman '84/'85 was present for the proceedings.

A full accounting of this biggest fundraiser for the Arizona AIDS fund will be published next issue.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR AIDS SCHEDULED

TUCSON - In conjunction with a worldwide initiative, a prayer vigil is set for MCC/Tucson this Saturday, March 2, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the MCC Church building 560 S. Stone.

The prayer vigil will be dedicated as a memorial to all the AIDS victims, their families and friends, in addition to praying for more research monies and a final cure for this dreaded disease.

Troy Perry, founder of the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has called for the prayer vigil this weekend and it is expected that the entire MCC Fellowship will take part in this action all around the world where MCC ministers.

COMEDY IN SONG
CONCERT SET FOR MAR. 9

TUCSON - The popular musical/comedy duo Romanovsky and Phillips will be arriving in Tucson to do a special concert sponsored by MCC/Tucson. The concert will take place in the BFR at the Fineline on Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. Not a religious group in any sense of the word, Romanovsky and Phillips perform stinging satires on homophobia - some comedy and some serious, but all in an uplifting performance, professionally done.

Tickets for the one show only performance are \$5.00 each and are available at the Fineline, Graduate, and other participating bars. It is hoped that the BFR will be packed to the rafters with people to enjoy this talented duo and contribute to a worthy cause.

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Accused 16-Year-Old To Be Tried As Adult In Bisbee Trial

BISBEE, AZ - Cochise County court officials say a 16-year-old Michigan boy will be tried as an adult in the October murder of a St. David, Arizona man. (Observer Issue 18)

Troy Fulmer was remanded to Adult Court after a hearing last Friday, February 22. Deputy County Attorney Ed Ellison said he is being held without bail on a charge of first-degree murder.

The body of 34-year-old Charles Bush was found in a Benson Park in October. He had been hit in the head with a pipe and stabbed three times.

Fulmer and a 13-year-old juvenile were detained in Van Horn, Texas, a few

days after the murder. Police there say the boys had been in Bush's van.

Fulmer has been in an isolated cell at the Cochise County Jail since his return to Arizona. Court officials add that the 13-year-old's case will be heard in Juvenile Court.

Authorities believe that Bush had been driving his van from Tucson to Benson when he picked up the teenagers who had been hitchhiking. He took the boys to his house where the murder took place. The youths then dumped Bush's corpse and drove his van to Texas.

Bush had been employed as a nurse at the Benson, Arizona Hospital and was an avowed homosexual.

AIDS To Cost \$500 Million, Fund Urged

BOSTON, MA (AP) - The medical cost of the epidemic of acquired immune deficiency syndrome will exceed half a billion dollars this year, and a federal fund might be necessary to pay for treatment of the catastrophic disease, researchers say.

The researchers say that at least 400,000 people in the United States have been infected so far with the suspected AIDS virus HTLV-3. The disease is so new that no one knows what proportion of these people actually will get AIDS. Recent surveys show that the infection is spreading rapidly among homosexuals who live in cities other than New York and San Francisco, the first epicenters.

This latest report which came out last Thursday, February 21, was written by Dr. Sheldon H. Landesman of Downstate Medical Center in New York City and by two physicians from the National Institutes of Health. More than 8000 AIDS cases have been reported

since 1981, and experts predict there will be at least that many new cases in 1985.

Researchers noted that the average hospital cost of a single AIDS victim is \$42,000. This year, the care of newly diagnosed patients will total about \$336 million. A new blood test intended to screen blood donors for the disease will cost an additional \$100 million a year. Researchers suggested setting up a national AIDS catastrophic fund.

Nearly all the victims so far have been Haitians, homosexual men or abusers of injectable drugs. The disease is also spread through transfusions of infected blood, and it might be spread by heterosexual contact. The presence of HTLV-3 antibodies indicates that 400,000 people have been infected with the virus, but it does not necessarily mean they will get AIDS.

Torch Song Trilogy Hit

"International Stud" To Be Performed In Tucson

TUCSON - Time Productions, in conjunction with "R" Productions, will proudly present the first movement of Harvey Fierstein's 'Tony' Award winning Torch Song Trilogy - "The International Stud" in the BFR Little Theater at the Fineline from March 14 through March 24.

"The International Stud" Tucson performance is being produced and performed by local talent. It is directed by Suzanne List and will star Monte-Jon Gilmer and Anthony Alvarez, with Delya in the role of "Lady Blues".

Performances of "The International Stud" will run Thursday through Sunday, March 14 - 17 and March 21 - 24. Each evening's performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. There will be two special matinee performances scheduled for each Sunday afternoon (March 17 & 24) at 4:00 p.m.

U of A Student Repertory Company Forms

TUCSON - The Student Repertory Company, an independent performance group, has selected its main production for the semester. Two one-act plays by the outstanding American playwright/actor Sam Shepard will be performed April 20-21, 27-28 in "The Cellar" of the UofA Student Union Building. Mr. Shepard most recently wrote the screenplay for the award-winning film, "Paris, Texas".

The one-act plays are characteristic of his early absurdist sympathies and his unique style. "Fourteen Hundred Thousand" will be directed by Gretchen Gates. "Icarus's Mother" by Meg Nolan. Both are students in the UofA Drama Department and will be appearing in University productions this semester. However, like many SRC members, they enjoy the creative climate of a self-guided troupe and the artistic loosening up it affords.

Due to the tightening of departmental budgets and the subsequent reduction in University productions in an effort to stem costs, many students have felt the need for a creative outlet. A performance art class is now offered on Campus, and Poetica, a group similar to the SRC, recently made its debut in downtown Tucson at Danceworks.

The SRC is a non-profit organization funded by its members and their

endeavors. To finance the Shepard "Seary Production" as it is called, the company is currently rehearsing a children's show, "The Dilly Dehaunting Agency", to take to the elementary schools of Tucson.

The group also packed the Tequila Mockingbird with their variety comedy show "Mobile Street Fair". The company plans to stage an entirely new show there in mid March, "Son of Mobile Street Fair, in 3-D". Be looking for it. The Student Repertory Company is funded in small part by A.S.U.A. and is open to all UofA students. For more information about SRC call 624-6763.

GAY GAMES ATTRACT GAY MUSIC

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Gay Games II, set to open in San Francisco on August 9, 1986, has announced that eleven Gay marching bands and other musical ensembles have accepted the invitation to perform at the opening ceremonies. Among those to perform will be Desert Overture of Phoenix. Other cities with musical representation include Los Angeles, New York, Baltimore, Washington, DC, Kansas City, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Denver and San Francisco.

IN PERSON



Irene Young

Romanovsky & Phillips

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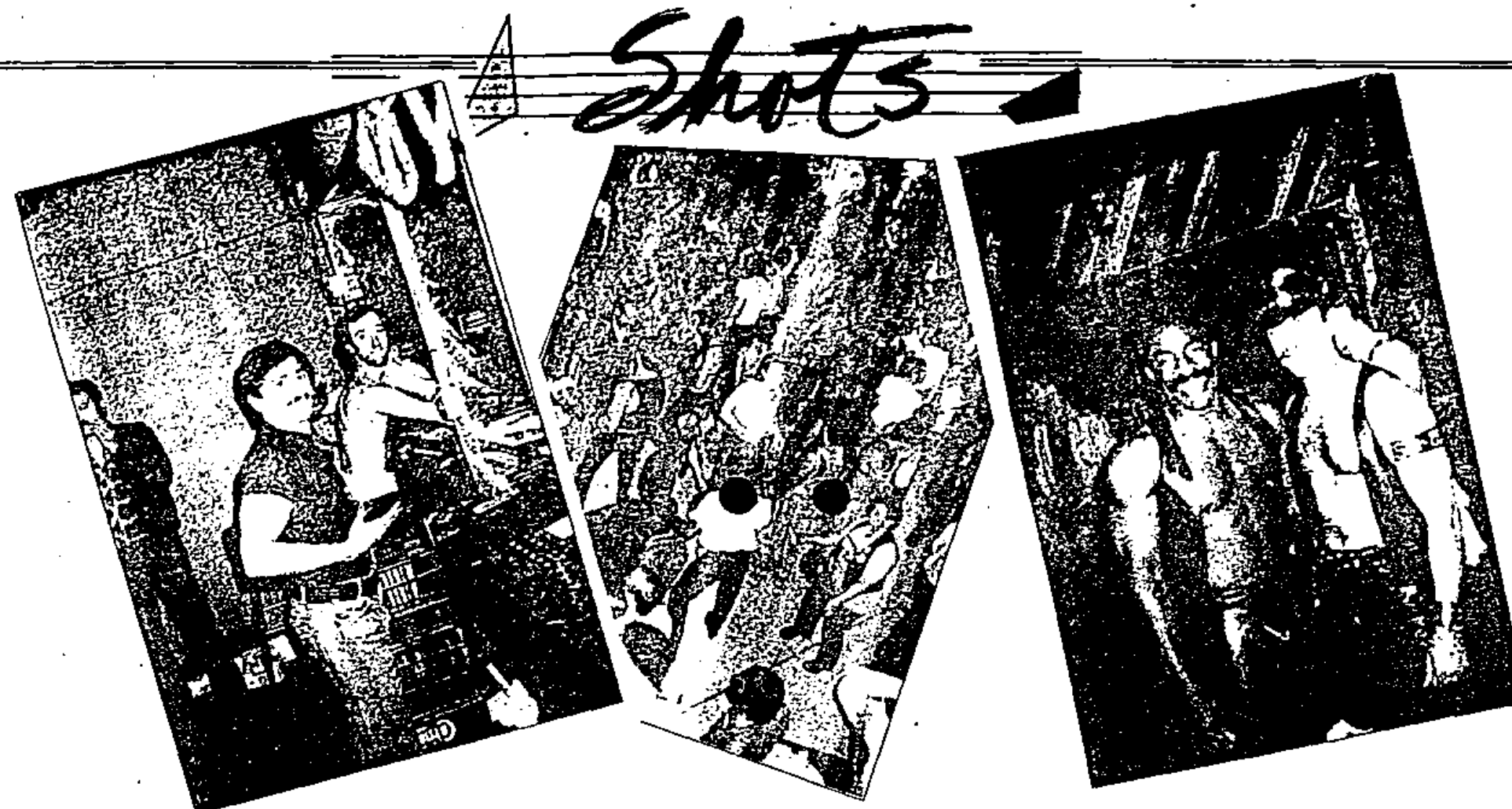
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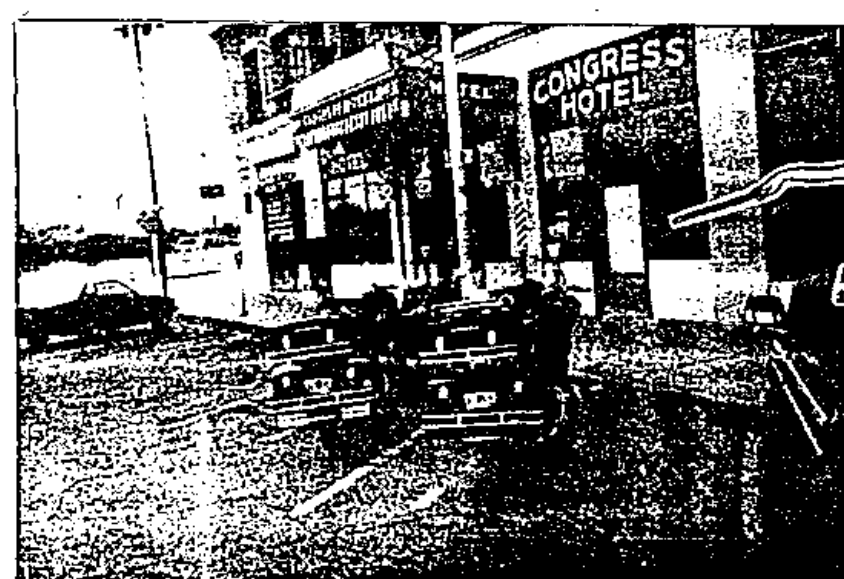
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At the Sweat and Muscle AIDS Fundraiser in Phoenix last Saturday, Feb. 23 at Hotbods a huge crowd gathered and danced the night away to the music of Stewart Barkal and the lighting effects of Jon Ford both of the Probe in Los Angeles pictured at the left. In the middle are a few of

the hundreds in attendance on the dance floor as viewed from the DJ booth and on the right we find Ron Moore, International Mr. Leatherman 1984-85 and Mr. Arizona Leatherman 1985 Jay Cunningham in attendance at Sweat and Muscle '85.



Outside the Congress Hotel last weekend we found some familiar looking bikes - SOA must have been in Tucson for some fun and games the Old Pueblo is noted for.



Tish Tanner and some of the crew of JANUS' production of The Ritz gulping champagne after the final performance last Saturday, February 23.

Dear Blabby

DEAR BLABBY:

What's all this I hear about "The International Stud" coming soon? Is it another one of those leatherman contests or something? If so, where do I enter. I've got a fabulous body I'd love to show off.

Signed Interested in Entering

Dear Interested-

"The International Stud" is a play about one and a half homosexual men living and lusting in the Gay ghettos of New York City, where I, Pia Zadora (just teasing) give up my life-long goal of screwing my way to the top for, you got it, true love. Truly a feeble attempt for which I find myself heartlessly cast back into the cesspool of society from which I came.

As for showing off your fabulous body? Get in touch with me and I'll show you just where you can enter.

B.

Thought for the Week: We judge ourselves by what we think we are capable of doing; others judge us by what we do.

THE EDGE....

by Guy Edgerly

How sweet it is. This Gay lifestyle we hold so dear. But do you have what it takes? Is your life successful and satisfying?

I tend to be a good listener but what I hear does not jibe with what I see. Gay relationships will rarely succeed. The odds are against you.

Gays say they want long-term committed relationships. Why? What you really want are fun times until the fun stops. Then we're off to find a new playmate. This is fine so long as we admit that short term, fun times are what we really want. If you're not ready to settle down, don't. Be honest about it. Since we tend to use each other for our mutual benefit, we hurt each other. Some by not saying what they really mean, and others by not seeing what is really going on.

Gay (and straight) relationships last longest when the people involved don't need each other. They are self secure, self reliant people who now want to share that good life. The dependency bond will destroy a

relationships. I personally will not love anyone who needs me. It's choosing, restricting, limiting. There's not much growth. With few, if any insecurities, two self reliant people can allow the space and freedom necessary to grow in a relationship. I feel free enough to trust absolutely. I feel free to be committed to that person and I feel free to love and be vulnerable. I can't trust anyone who would need me. Want me and work at it for it is a worthwhile undertaking. Anyone who feels that successful relationships just happen had better take their heads out of their ---

When I see and hear of people drifting from "lover" to "lover", I wonder what's wrong. Who's lying to whom?

I don't want to see the Gay community imitating the straights. Let's set the example. Let's learn how to have meaningful, long-term relationships. But if that's not what you really want, at least be honest about it. Your actions are already saying it.

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

MCC/Tucson is proud to announce that the Church will sponsor a concert "Romanovsky and Phillips" at the Pinnacle on Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 in the BFR Room. These two talented young men were in Tucson last fall during the Church conference. They are a talent which is a unique experience to watch and hear. We hope that you plan to attend this concert at the Pinnacle (believe me, their type of concert cannot be held at the Church) for a really great evening of entertainment. Tickets will be on sale at participating bars and at the Church for this event. Tickets are \$5.00.

This coming Sunday, March 3rd, which is the Second Sunday of Lent, Pastor Dave will have as the subject of his sermon "Discipleship" at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. You are invited to join us in hearing this message of inspiration.

Regular worship services are at 10:45 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Sundays, with mid-week Wednesday services at 7:00 p.m. There is a social gathering after each service for an informal get together to meet and talk with all who are in attendance. Pastor Dave Quinton has office hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays. The Church office is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays. Saturday office hours are by appointment only. If anyone would like to call for an appointment for consultation call 622-4536.

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SPORTS REPORT

TEAM STANDINGS GRADUATE BOWLING LEAGUE FEBRUARY 20, 1985

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. LITTLE TRUCK AND THE WHEATS	15	1	8458
2. HITCHHIKES	13	7	8470
3. JOQUETTE'S	13	7	8397
4. HIRSHIE'S BOMBERS	12.5	7	8552
5. HOT CROSSED BUNS	12	8	8367
6. SNOW QUEENS	11	9	8174
7. LOOSE LIPS	11	9	8576
8. FAIRLANES	8	12	8344
9. WHITE SWALLOWS	8	12	8334
10. TOOTH FAIRIES	8	12	8305
11. COOL AND THE CHANNELS	8	12	8285
12. THREE GRACES	7.5	12	8107
13. ALLEY...COMPS	7	13	8269
14. BAD BOYS	6	14	8139

TEAM STANDING COMMUNITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE AS OF FEBRUARY 18, 1985

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	CB
JOSHUA TREE	16	4	.800	--
COLETTE'S KILLER BEES	18	6	.750	2
SPEEDWAY BOYS	14	6	.700	2
CLEAN-UP ARTISTS	15.5	8.5	.646	2.5
BACK ROCKET	11	9	.550	5
WE LEFT HOURS	13	11	.542	5
NIGHT RIDING SERIOUS	12	12	.500	5
SUPER TRAMPS	10.5	13.5	.437	7.5
H.O.T.	9	15	.375	9
THE DISCIPLES	9	15	.375	9
FINELINE BOWLERS	7	13	.350	9
FLM FLOWERS	5	15	.250	11
CUTTER TRAMPS I	4	16	.200	16

HIGH BOWLERS: PHIL C. 516-179 / JIM G. 480-172 / BOB B. SR. 476-167 / BILL B. 467-167 / BOB U. JR. 466-179 / LISA L. 463-194 / MARY B. 461-158 / BOBBIE R. 444-161 / PAM R. 441-156 / CATHY R. 435-159.

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

BACK ROCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-11. All you can drink \$2. 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. .35 a glass of draft.
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor \$1.00 - 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 - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Country Western dance music from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Special drink prices if you're in some cowboy attire.
TRAMPS - Square Dancing with Tucson's T-Squares and country and western music with DJ Linda Fiedale.

THURSDAY

BACK ROCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night .90 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. "ARIZONA GAY" television show on TV at 7:30 p.m.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$2.30.
FINELINE - Upstairs opens 3 p.m. Shots of Schnapps \$1.00. "Arizona Gay" TV show on big screen at 9:00 p.m. Drawing for Lottery Tickets at 11:00 p.m. Could win big money!
GRADUATE - Country & Western music from 9 to closing.
RITA'S - "Party Nite" - Well Shots and Domestic Beer \$1.00. Well Drinks \$1.25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

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 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - After Hours begins at 1:00 a.m.

SATURDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 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 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - Saturday morning with Daddy David begins at 6 a.m. After Hours begins at 1:00 a.m.

SUNDAY

BACK ROCKET - 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. Steak Dinner 4 to 8 p.m. \$3.00.
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.35 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 11:00 p.m. Could win big bucks!
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open Noon to 9:00 p.m. Special Bar-B-Que Dinner 5:30 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 p.m.

MONDAY

BACK ROCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers. Schnapps .75
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SATURDAY, MARCH 2
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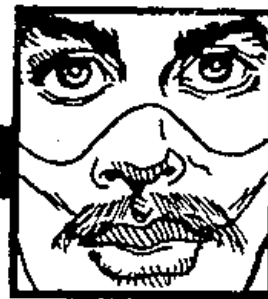
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by Doc

Boy does time fly. It seems only yesterday that I turned in my Club Event article for last week and it's already time for another. I'm not complaining because I do enjoy the challenge of writing an article weekly on the different Tucson clubs when I haven't been given anything to report on. Thank goodness I don't have to put one out daily.

First off, this coming weekend is the Country Hoe Down sponsored by SOS. This fun-filled event is being held at Tramps, Sunday, starting at 2:00 p.m. Plenty of good food will be served for only \$3.50 so be sure to get there early. Don't worry about all the extra calories from the food because after dinner square dance lessons will be given by the T-Squares. I cannot wait to see Dirty Dolly, Annie, Penny, and Hopi out there swinging their partners around the square.

As for the T-Squares, there is now another part or group of them called the T-Squares Two. This group was formed from the beginners classes held weekly at Tramps. Good luck to this new group and I hope to see you performing along with the T-Squares at the Country Hoe Down.

Closet Ball '85, sponsored by the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) will be held Thursday, March 14 at the Fineline. Applications are in each bar around town, so for those interested in competing, pick one up soon. All the rules for this year's version are printed on the applications but if you have any questions concerning the Closet Ball call me, Doc, at home at 325-8031.

The first Closet Ball was held at the Hair Tiz six years ago. Out of some of the previous winners Tucson now has CoCo, Miss Piggy and Roxanne. Who or what star will be crowned in this year's Closet Ball King or Queen?

Nothing to report again from TALL.

They must be on an extended vacation. Also nothing from SCLC, but after their Black and White Ball they are probably not fully recovered yet.

TBBS: Hopi was telling me that when he wants to be in a romantic mood he drinks wine. Knowing him it is probably Mogan David or Strawberry Hill, vintage 1983....Sorry Penny, but I have to take last week's award back - the rabbit lived. Keep trying, I'll save it for a future presentation.... There was someone running around the Congress over this past weekend looking for the guy wearing leather and a prom dress. Later we found out he was looking for Bert....No one was sure who or what Jesse was talking about but he stated, "I don't follow when I cha cha - I lead"....

For anyone that might be interested TKO and TALL both have their monthly meetings this coming weekend. If interested in either contact TKO at 325-8031 or TALL at 293-4069.

That's it for this week, but I warn everyone, I'm carrying my pen and paper to the Country Hoe Down this weekend!

GREAT OUTDOORS BIKE RIDE MARCH 3

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There is water available at the Visitor Center, at the "water rocks" in the canyon but unfortunately not at the top of the canyon. If you get thirsty and hungry, best to carry provisions with you. The round trip distance for the full ride is about 25 miles. Distance for the canyon only ride is about 7 miles.

Call David at 327-1661 for all the details. If you are interested in other Great Outdoors activities, or in attending the March 7 meeting, call Wayne, 623-4897. Happy trails.

NOTABLE QUOTES

There is no pleasure in having nothing to do; the fun is in having lots to do and not doing it - Little

It used to be a good hotel, but that proves nothing - I used to be a good boy - Twain

A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

(NO ONE KNOWS I'M GAY): OR HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

PERSONALS: GWM, 25, STRAIGHT LOOKING (NO ONE KNOWS I'M GAY) LOOKING FOR ANOTHER, AGED 18-30 FOR PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP. MUST BE HONEST, SINCERE. NO FEMES OR FATS.

This is not an actual personal ad. It is a creation from my own mind from the hundreds of such ads I have read in my life. It does represent, I feel, a certain type of 'Gay': he who is so sure that no one knows ...

It has always interested me what kind of person this is. Who, exactly, is he trying to fool? Himself, yes. His boss, probably. His family, also probably. But how successful is he?

I have heard so many stories about how someone felt so sure he was fooling those around him only to discover that these people all knew, some for many years.

I have always felt that honesty is the best policy. I am not so naive as to believe this is always possible. Honesty could cost you your job, or your home, or your life. But is this loss of civil rights the cause or the effect of our honesty or the lack thereof? In other words, are we closeted (for those who so choose this option) because we fear to lose our jobs or civil rights, or do we stand to lose our civil rights because we are closeted? A trivial point, yes, until we consider the fact that because "No one knows you are Gay", you may be reinforcing their prejudice, fear or stereotypical generalizations of homosexuals.

Yes, I can hear you saying, "But, what difference does it make if I am Gay? It is no one's business but my own." True. You are still the same person, still the same good employee, still the same trusted friend, still the same loving father. Yes, you are the same, whether "they" know, or not.

But how can you, in good conscience, sit back while someone makes an anti-homosexual comment? "They" are not making fun of some "Faggot". "They" are not taunting some "Homo". "They" are not harassing some "Queer". No, "They" are pointing their fingers at YOU!

On 4 February 1985, ABC aired the movie *Consenting Adult*. In it, there was a scene when the Gay son Jeff is with his roommate in the college cafeteria, when a commotion erupts between a Gay couple and some agitators. Suddenly enraged by this, Jeff goes to their aid, telling the harassers to stop. "Hey, butt out man," one of the agitators tells Jeff. "We're just getting rid of the faggots." Jeff, the swimming star of his college replies, "So get rid of me."

I'm a faggot, too." The harassers back down, and witnesses to this altercation mutter comments about Jeff's "joke".

Many of you have found yourselves in a position similar to that which Jeff found himself. I know I have. How did you react? Did you sit back and say nothing? Or did you go to their defense, and defend our life-style with the dignity and honor it deserves? Are we "perverts"? Are we "Un-natural"? Do we "molest children"? These are the misconceptions "they" have about us.

If you are smart, you would now ask, "Why, exactly, do 'they' have these misconceptions?" Because no one knows you are Gay. Simple. You bet!

Each person who knows you, knows what a good person you are. They know how responsible you are, and how loving you are. They are probably the very same people who believe homosexuals are perverts. They really DO know how good a Gay person can be, and THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW IT!

If each person who knew you, also knew you were Gay, you could help educate ten people or twenty, or fifty. Educate? Yes. Show them, by example, how good Gay people can be. It might sound a bit difficult, cumbersome even, but it is not. All you have to do to inform and educate these people is say to each one of them, two simple words: "I'M GAY".

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Can you go on lying forever? Someday, someone at work will find out you are Gay. You might lose your job, or not, but wouldn't you rather be in charge of that event? You can take control of your own life by telling your boss. If you lose your job, will it be that great a loss? Do you really want to continue living a lie? There are many other employers who don't care about your sexual orientation, and would benefit to have you as an employee. Wouldn't you rather work for an employer who appreciates YOU?

If the personal ad at the beginning of my column sounds like you, stop and think. Are you really proud that no one knows you are Gay? Don't be. There is no reason to take pride in lying, or deceit. You are hurting no one but yourself, your peers and those who love you, by letting these myths continue.

Pick someone you know, today, and tell them. DO IT. For yourself. Do it now. You never know: You could be the next victim of their misconceptions.



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