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G.R.A. TO FIGHT I.N.S. IN D.C.



SAN FRANCISCO (BAR) - The U.S. Government and Gay Rights Advocates have been negotiating seriously on Gay visitors to this country. Don Knutson, attorney and director of the San Francisco-based Gay Rights Advocates, will lead a three-man team to Washington, D.C., January 30 to meet with top officials on the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) attempts to bar Gay visitors to the United States.

Joining Knutson will be non-Gay attorneys Bill Dillingham and Jeff Appleman, an immigration expert. The two civil rights attorneys plus Knutson are the team who have concentrated on the INS policies since the Carl Hill incident at the San Francisco International Airport in June, 1979 (AGN, 29 June 1979). Both attorneys are serving *pro bono* (without charge). The San Francisco team will meet with John Shenfeld of the Justice Department who holds direct line authority over the INS. "He is the man," said Knutson, "who makes the decisions." Also present will be Bob Matson, a White House aide, David Crossland, acting director of the INS and representatives of the State Department and the Public Health Service.

"We have been making progress," said Knutson. "In Washington we will try to negotiate a settlement which will be satisfactory to everyone." According to Knutson, the government appears now to be really serious in reaching a settlement that will be satisfactory to everyone. The team from San Francisco will seek a resolution that the current exclusionary tactics against Gay visitors be stopped. That "questions about private sexual conduct not be asked at the border."

Over the past weeks the major press in the country, i.e. *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The L.A. Times*, *The Boston Globe*, all have editorialized on the ludicrousness of the INS discriminatory practices. The word is filtering back to the administration, says Knutson, that their tactics are laughable. "They're beginning to understand that community sentiment is increasingly voicing the foolishness of INS's behavior," he said. The million dollar lawsuit filed in Jaime Chavez's behalf for damages will proceed. If Knutson and his associates are not successful on January 30, they will go forward with their class action suit (AGN, 11 January 1980).

Meanwhile, Chavez, the Mexican dress designer who occasioned the incident at the airport December 29, is completing his stay in San Francisco. He was informed that the Mexico City newspapers covered the story extensively, and he has no idea what he will face on his return to Mexico City. Insofar as his damage suit is concerned, it will go forward and he will return to this country again.

Gay Fest '80 to bring Betty Berzon to Tucson

LOS ANGELES, CA (Special to AGN) - Noted Gay psychologist and successful author Betty Berzon, Ph.D., has agreed to come to participate in the University of Arizona Gay Student Organization's "Gay Fest '80." Dr. Berzon has been an upfront lesbian activist in the Los Angeles area for several years and recently was presented a special award from the Gay Academic Union in recognition of her unstinting leadership in that organization.

Dr. Berzon, a central figure in the Whitman-Brooks Foundation, a Los Angeles Gay support group, has also co-edited and authored several articles in the recently published "Positively Gay." She is scheduled to be in Tucson February 16 and 17. The Gay Students Organization will announce further details of Dr. Berzon's visit in the next week's issue.

Editorial

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE !

In perusing the approximately 100 newspapers, newsletters and magazines that come to our office each month, one becomes more and more alarmed at the increase in police activities aimed at the Gay community. Adult bookstores closed in the state of Texas. Raids on baths

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News Briefs

GAYFEST '80 KICKS OFF FEB. 15

TUCSON - The Gayfest '80 Committee has announced a series of events designed to celebrate Gay culture. These events will include artistic, academic, political and social events with participation by all people interested in and desirous of learning about Gay culture.

All Gay people, friends and supporters of human rights are invited to join in the planning of upcoming events. The kick-off event will be a concert by Theresa Trull on February 15. An art show and sale, poetry reading and other events are already in the planning stages. Interested people should call 626-HELP for additional information and names and numbers of contact people.

WOMEN'S CENTER SEEKS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TUCSON - The Tucson Center for Women and Children, a shelter for women and children in crisis, particularly those who are victims of domestic violence, is in danger of being denied emergency City of Tucson funds it has applied for and also may be denied its regular city funding, which would result in serious curtailment of the services it offers. Vital services that the Center provides include a 24-hour shelter and crisis line, crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, extensive information and referral services including job and training information, nutrition and children's programs and speakers' bureau.

Anyone interested in showing support for the Center should contact their councilperson before the next City Council meeting, Monday, January 28, and/or attend the Council meeting in person at 7:00 p.m. to show support for the Center and the vital services they provide. For further details call the Center at 792-1929.

V.D. HOTLINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

TUCSON - The Tucson V.D. Hotline is in need of volunteers to answer the phone for a maximum of three hours a week. They will hold training sessions on February 4-5-6-7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Student Center at University Avenue and Park. Interested parties should contact Kris Hasper the Director of the Hotline at 622-8430 for further information.

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NORFOLK, VA (GPU) - A Saudi Arabian naval chief has been deported to face punishment at home after he allegedly abducted and sexually assaulted a U.S. sailor. Mohammad Anwar Al-Ageeli was put on an airplane after a Norfolk General District Court Judge dropped three felony charges against him at the request of the U.S. Navy and the Saudi government.

Al-Ageeli has been charged with sodomy, abduction and felonious assault on a Navy enlisted man who claimed that the Saudi had threatened him with a knife and forced him to submit to sexual acts. When he refused, the sailor claimed, Al-Ageeli slashed him across the face, chest and wrist.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Lawrence C. Lawless, at whose request charges against Al-Ageeli were dropped, said: "I have been assured by the Saudi government that the gentleman will be punished equally or as severely in Saudi Arabia than he would be in our criminal justice system." Under Saudi law, the offenses would result, under conviction, in the amputation of certain parts of the offender's anatomy.

MORMON REQUESTS EXCOMMUNICATION

DENVER, CO (GCN) - Protesting the Mormon Church's excommunication of Equal Rights Amendment supporter Sonia Johnson, a Denver woman, Leanne Boyd, who also supports the ERA, has asked the elders of the church to excommunicate her as well. Boyd's bishop, Don Healey, said he was "very unhappy" to receive her letter and that church officials would meet with her to attempt to "change her mind."

In a letter to Healey, Boyd gave 18 reasons why she cannot accept Mormon doctrine and said that the things which most "angered and dismayed" her was the excommunication of Johnson, who founded Mormons for ERA. (A Mormon spokesperson said recently that Johnson was excommunicated not for her position in support of ERA, but because of personal attacks on church leaders and misrepresentation of the church's stand against the ERA. The Mormon First Presidency has urged church members to work for the amendment's defeat.)

Boyd said, "If these men (church officers who presided at Johnson's church hearing) insist on bringing personal political prejudices into an otherwise religious question, they say they have the authority of God, but my final authority is God. No one human being has the right to judge me. But in the Mormon church, they expect you to accept everything and propagate it."

FREE SPIRIT OFFERS SPRING COURSE

PHOENIX - Free Spirit (Gay Community Services at Tempe) announced it's Spring Semester of Gay Studies Courses. There are four courses in all, which begin the first week in February and run for eight weeks.

Monday nights will be devoted to "The Short Story and Essay" sub-titled "Perspectives on the Lesbian Experience."

On Tuesdays there will be a music class titled "Gay Sensibility: Reading Between the Lyrics."

Wednesdays will find individuals exploring "The Politics of Gay Liberation."

Thursday rounds out the group with "Growing Up Gay -- Two Ends of the Same Rainbow."

These classes are open to all interested individuals for a nominal donation. For more details and registration information please contact Free Spirit at 966-5090.

LESBIAN RESIGNS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

SAN RAFAEL, CA (GCN) - The Rev. Jane A. Spahr, a Presbyterian minister, the Executive Director of the Council of Oakland Presbyterian Churches, and a lesbian, has submitted her resignation from her Council post. In a prepared statement, Jim Spahr, Moderator of Presbyterians for Gay Concerns, said "It was apparent...that the council was unable to accept a homosexual person as its director. Had Rev. Spahr not resigned, the council probably would have dissolved itself. It was clearly and openly stated at (a December meeting) that Rev. Spahr was an extremely competent director, the only question being her homosexuality.

It is unclear how Spahr's sexuality was brought to the attention of the Council. The Moderator of the Gay Concerns group said, however, that her "coerced resignation was submitted in spite of the denomination's position that it is inappropriate to discriminate against homosexuals in private or public employment.

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ARC seminar set for Feb 2

PHOENIX - The Gay community center of Phoenix, Alternative Relations Center (ARC) will be sponsoring a workshop/seminar on "Relationships" Saturday, February 2 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Center, 1836 Grand Avenue. Everyone is welcome - couples, singles or whatever. The presenters will be two Mental Health Professionals and much of the time will be devoted to questions and discussion. Participants will be asked for a \$3.00 donation with proceeds going to the Center.

The proposed topic outline will include an Introduction, Systems Approach, Concept Of Contract as Basis of Relationship, Communication Systems and Why They Are Important to Relationship, Money Management and Ownership issues, Property etc.

e.e.e.e.e.e.bixexual program underway in phoenix.e.e.e.e.e.e PHOENIX - Free Spirit, Gay Community Services at Tempe) will be sponsoring a Workshop and Rap Group for Bisexuals. This is a first for the Phoenix area. The workshop and Rap will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning February 6.

Any person or couples or people of any sex or gender are welcome. The purpose can be defined as follows: a place to be with friends; a place to face personal growth and identity defined in a safe environment free of the straight and Gay labels; a place to talk and be heard as well as a place to listen; a place to learn and educate. There is no fee for this program. For information on location call Free Spirit, 966-5090.

Kennedy pledges exec. order

NEW YORK - The National Gay Task Force has announced that Senator Edward M. Kennedy has promised to sign an Executive Order banning discrimination against homosexuals in government employment and services if he is elected president. The Task Force also said that Kennedy pledged to support the plank in the Democratic platform that supports the rights of Gay men and lesbians to full participation in the social, economic and political life of the nation.

We regard this as a significant commitment," Task Force Co-Executive Directors Charles F. Brydon and Lucia Valeska said. "This is the first meaningful commitment to Gay rights from the Kennedy campaign. Many Gay Democrats will look more favorably on his candidacy as a result." Brydon and Valeska said Kennedy's commitments were substantially the same as pledges made by California Governor Edmund J. Brown at a Gay rights fundraiser in Washington last November (AGN, 7 Dec. 1979).

NGTF said it expects a response from the Carter/Mondale campaign this week. "While we do not yet have a formal response from the Carter campaign, White House officials already have committed the administration to a serious review of our request for an Executive Order. We take them at their word," Valeska and Brydon said.

Brydon and Valeska said that the Kennedy and Brown pledges make it almost certain the Democratic convention will hear and debate a resolution on Gay rights. Efforts to get a similar platform plank in 1972 and 1976 were stalled in committee. "The importance of an Executive Order is not merely symbolic," Brydon and Valeska said. "A number of federal agencies still have specific bars against even low level Gay employees. It is an irrational and unwarranted intrusion into the private lives of citizens."

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C.V. calls for 500,000 letters

WASHINGTON, DC - In yet another fundraising appeal filled with strident and offensive language, "Christian Voice" has called on "concerned Christians to flood Congress with letters opposing the national lesbian/Gay civil rights bill in the House, H.R. 2074.

"Christian Voice" cited both the March on Washington and the record number of co-sponsors on the Weiss-Waxman bill as reasons for launching their first organized letter-writing campaign to Congress on the issue. Rev. Robert Grant, spokesperson for Christian Voice said, "If the homosexuals can impress Congress with 100,000 marchers, then we must impress Congress with 500,000 letters from concerned Christians." He further stated, "Gary Jarmin (CV lobbyist) has stressed to me again that we are not generating enough volume of mail to Congress to be successful in our legislative battles."

The Christian Voice literature also included a quote from Rev. Jerry Falwell, "God didn't create Adam and Steve, but Adam and Eve.", prompting Adam DeBaugh, who is both a Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) Board member and Metropolitan Community Churches' representative on Capitol Hill to speculate whether Falwell was referring to himself and Steve Endean, lobbyist for Gay Rights National Lobby.

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in Milwaukee, Minneapolis/St. Paul. Police harassment in Chicago, San Francisco, etc.

You say it can't happen here? A change in local, state or national officials can seriously affect the life-style of everyone living in a particular area. No police harassment today! Tomorrow a new Chief comes on the scene - suddenly there is harassment! A sympathetic president today does not mean a sympathetic president tomorrow. A friendly foreign regime can be ousted by revolution and bring a holocaust overnight. These changes affect minority groups more than any other. They are the ones who are sought after for support and votes when needed, but few campaign promises are kept after the campaigner gets into office, either because he/she was not sincere in the promises or because the situation just does not allow such promises to be kept.

The present administration in the White House has shown some compassion and a certain amount of interest in the plight of the Gay population in this country, mainly through sheer pressure applied by various Gay groups - The National Gay Task Force; Gay Rights National Lobby and The Gay Rights Advocates. These hard-working people are your watchdogs on the national scene. They must be supported.

But what about the local and state representation? There are far too few people who have shown any real interest in the human rights of the Gay communities. In Phoenix, for example, we get information from time to time concerning police harassment in book stores, parks and outside of the Gay bars. It is an important matter and some group or organization must take the bull by the horns and put an end to such harassment. CCR would be a logical organization to get involved and put an end to this issue once and for all. In Tucson, there is a city ordinance that prohibits discrimination against homosexuals in employment and housing. Since that ordinance was passed, only a handful of persons have used it's powers to adjudicate their grievances. Since there is so little usage of such an important ordinance - any fundamentalist group could attempt to get it overturned, unless Tucson gets a watchdog organization. The Tucson Gay Coalition, which was instrumental in getting the ordinance passed, folded last year for lack of interest. Apathy prevails in the Old Pueblo!

Elsewhere in this issue you will see what can happen to one of our Southwestern cities when a new police chief gets

into office. If police harassment can crop up all of a sudden in a city the size of Dallas, it can happen anywhere, no matter how liberal the former officials might have been. San Francisco has just selected a new police chief, as well as Mayor. It will be interesting to see if the Gay Mecca will be strong enough politically to prevail and endure.

Political power, clout or whatever you may want to call it, surely rests in the hands of a large minority such as the Gay population. The Gay political clout has been shown in other sections of the country to be a very strong force in the election of public officials (in some cases Gay persons) who are behind the human rights issue very strongly. 1980 is a big election year. Beside the national elections, we will see local offices up for grabs also.

Right here in the Grand Canyon State of Arizona, we are faced daily with oppression and brutality at the hands of the majority for having done nothing more than try to live decent, respectable lives. Some areas are more liberal than others, but this doesn't mean that the entire political climate couldn't change overnight with the election or selection of more conservative officials. Now is the time to start organizing, criticizing, energizing and politicizing and get the proper officials into office. If you are Gay and politically oriented, consider running for office, not necessarily on a Gay ticket, but it has been shown throughout the country that Gay people can be accepted into office if they are truly concerned, show the proper credentials and have general appeal. All others should show solid support for such an individual and work tirelessly to gain the election of such a person or any person who shows real support of human rights. There are many such officials already in office in our state, but unfortunately they are a minority also.

Many forward steps have been made in the past decade to further the Gay (human) rights movement. 1980 should be made a banner year to carry out our political, economic and spiritual clout throughout the city, county, state and country. If we don't "It could happen here!"


HAIR TIZ BOWLING LEAGUE TO BEGIN ROLLING FEB. 1

TUCSON - Hair Tiz' "Hot Times Friday Night Bowling League" will start it's 1980 season next Friday, February 1 and continue through March 28. Bowling will begin at 6:30 every Friday. The twelve teams have already been formed but if you would like to substitute leave your name at the bar. Prizes each night, trophies at the end of the series.

WOMEN OFFERED TRADE INFORMATION
 TUCSON - Federal regulations are mandating that construction trades make every effort to sponsor, hire and promote women and minorities in the apprenticeship trades. In an effort to correct the inequities at a local level, the Tucson Women's Commission, local area apprenticeship coordinators The Bureau of Apprenticeship and Adult Basic Education have developed a comprehensive educational program for women.

The first workshop scheduled for 1980 will be held on February 5, at 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local - 2475 E. Water. You will have an opportunity to meet area apprenticeship coordinators, and discuss the trades with women who are currently enrolled in apprenticeship skill crafted trades.

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Police harassment in Big D

DALLAS - The Dallas Gay Political Caucus is calling for a community meeting to discuss police harassment in this city and to decide on actions and alternatives to put an end to the harassment. The meeting is to be held this Monday, Jan. 28. David B. Rosen, Assistant City Attorney and Chief Prosecutor is scheduled to be the principal speaker. In a press release issued January 14, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus outlined specific incidents of harassment and brutality perpetrated by the Dallas Police Department. That news release is printed in it's entirety below:

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF POLICE HARASSMENT..... ?

Victim Nos 1 and 2 were arrested for public lewdness while dancing at Raintree Landing on the night of 13/14 December, although each can testify along with a witness that nothing lewd took place. At the jail, they were subjected to insults, jeers and a chorus of singing by a number of police officers, intended to humiliate them as gay persons.

Victim No 3 got into conversation outside a bar on June 16 with a stranger, and both were sitting on the kerb. Rising to leave, the victim tapped the man on the thigh just above the knee, and said that if he wanted to talk further, he (the victim) would be inside the bar. The stranger, a vice cop, entered the bar later and arrested the victim for public lewdness. A witness was present throughout the episode. Because of fear of losing his job, the victim pleaded guilty rather than face trial.

Victim No 4 was in a bookstore on West Mockingbird on 21 November, and was bothered several times by a stranger to whom he did not wish to talk, far less to touch. The victim made it clear that the stranger's conversation and suggestions were of no interest. Outside the store, the stranger, a vice cop, followed the victim, asking him if he was gay and pretending to apologize; then he arrested the victim for public lewdness.

Victim No 5 was arrested by two police officers in a bar on May 7 and charged with public lewdness along with another man. The only witness to their innocence lived in Houston and didn't want to be involved. Because it was the victim's word against that of the police officer's, the victim was found guilty. On December 5, the victim was seen by one of the officers at another bar while the victim was still on probation, and was arrested for public lewdness again. Both the victim and another man arrested claim that no lewdness took place, but the victim's previous arrest will make courts more prone to find him guilty.

Victim No 6 was talking to another man in a park, out in the open, on October 15. Two vice cops approached and arrested them for public lewdness; the time was 3.00 a.m. When the victim asked the officers why they had arrested him when he hadn't been committing any offence, the officer grinned and said, "You should plead innocent; it's your word against ours."

Victim Nos 7, 8, 9, and 10 were in a bar on the night of 26/27 December, and got into conversation with two strangers. Victim Nos 7 and 8 were arrested for public lewdness, Victim No 9 for public intoxication, and Victim No 10, the bartender, for serving liquor to an intoxicated person. Several witnesses can testify that nobody was intoxicated, but because his experiences at the jail were something of a nightmare, Victim No 9 pleaded guilty and paid his fine without ever seeing an attorney. The same witnesses at the bar claim that no lewdness took place.

..... AND THE VICTIMS OF POLICE BRUTALITY..... ?

Victim No 5 asked a police officer to loosen the handcuffs around his wrists, because they were painfully tight. The police officer tightened them further, causing the victim excruciating pain.

Victim No 11 was arrested in a bar on December 5. When he was put into a police car, he sat on the back seat with his knees crossed, because of a hernia problem. The police officer sitting next to him told him to uncross his knees; the victim informed the officer of his medical problem. The police officer thereupon struck the victim over the head with a billy club.

Victim No 12 was talking to a friend in a bar on December 5, when a vice cop approached and dragged the victim forcibly into the men's restroom. There the victim was arrested and charged with public lewdness along with another man who happened to be in the restroom when the victim was dragged into it. Two uniformed police officers followed into the restroom.

Victim No 13 was beaten up by a vice cop outside a bar on June 20, and his shirt was covered with blood; the victim was beaten repeatedly by the officer, and had to be taken to hospital. Although a witness to the episode, who has moved to California, can testify that the officer attacked the victim and that the victim did not initiate any assault of any kind, the police officer nevertheless charged the victim with aggravated assault, and the victim was duly convicted in court.

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VIEWPOINT

GAY LIFESTYLE MEANS MORE THAN THE 5 B'S

by Joe Garczynski

There are five areas of activity which provide us the entertainment for many members of the Gay community. These are commonly referred to as the 5 B's and include bars, baths, beaches, bookstores and bushes. These 5 B's are considered by many to be synonymous with the Gay lifestyle.

These places can and do bring fun and pleasure to those of our community who seek fulfillment of their lifestyle and seemingly find it within the bounds of these activities. They also serve as a source of strength for those who find some comfort being in the presence of those whose lifestyle they share.

I feel that Gay establishments such as the bars and baths, serve a most useful and meaningful purpose in the life of our community, not only through the services and entertainment which they provide, but by their increasingly direct involvement in the various affairs and projects of the community and their support of them. The owners and managers of these establishments are assuming a greater and more significant role in the Gay rights struggle.

And so, the 5 B's are an undeniable part of Gay life and will rightfully remain so. However there is one glaring misconception about this phase of the Gay lifestyle. Too many people really and sincerely believe that Gay life is limited to the bars, baths or other segments of the 5 B's. This is simply not only untrue, but the encouragement of this viewpoint is grossly unfair to those who seek alternate means of living Gay.

The belief that there is no alternative to the bar scene, for example, can have a potentially devastating effect on those who cannot cope with the living of their lives within such an environment. This could conceivably cause individuals to depressions leading to other serious consequences.

There are, in fact, many alternatives within Gay community for those in need of them. A listing of these can be found in the guide or reference sections of many Gay publications and includes groups and organizations active in the following areas of interest: social and service agencies; political and legal groups; student associations; religious affiliations; women's organizations; medical and counseling groups; newspaper and radio work. These groups actively seek and encourage the participation of any interested Gay person. Additionally, these places provide an outlet to meet other persons who share the Gay lifestyle with their brothers and sisters.

Also, there are countless numbers of Gay men and women whose personal lives are dedicated to sharing a relationship of love and whose home lives are the center

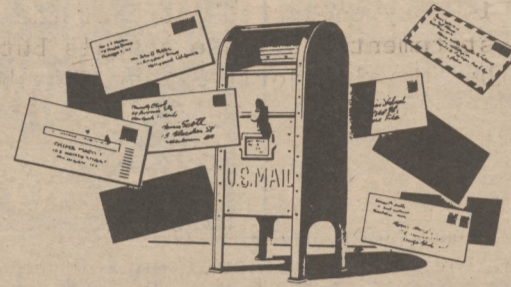
of their relationships. Many of these lover-relationships restrict their socializing to a personal circle of friends. They do, however, play a significant role in the Gay community by patronizing Gay businesses like restaurants, florists, travel agencies, etc.

The existence of this sizeable segment of the Gay community is evidence of the diversity of our community and serves as a beacon of hope for those seeking a life in such an environment.

It is heartening to find those who have maintained such a relationship for a number of years. Numbered among my friends is a couple who have been together for 46 years. There are others who are enjoying a lover-relationship for periods of one year to more than 36 years.

There is a place in our community for every type of lifestyle, whatever preference each may hold. We have only to remember that we are all brothers and sisters faced with the same struggle for the same rights to live our lives in dignity and peace. We should offer each other the encouragement and hope needed for the fulfillment of our mutual goals and dreams.

The Weekly News



LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing a press release that I received from the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. This group is similar to CCR but a thousand times more active.

I think it is an eye-opener as to what can happen in a short period of time when the authorities decide to crack-down on Gays. Perhaps it is only a coincidence that Dallas got a new Chief of Police in early '79, combined with the fact that the Gay community has made an effort to gather information from victims. You get a shocking picture as to what can happen in the 6th largest gay population area in the country.

If it can happen in Dallas, it could happen in Arizona. It frightens me!

Mike - Phoenix

ED NOTE: The Dallas Gay Political Caucus press release described in the above letter appears elsewhere in this issue "Be Ever Vigilant" must be the watchwords of every Gay community in this country. Freedom won today could very easily be freedom lost tomorrow. See Editorial this issue.

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2nd anti-Gay lobby underway

WASHINGTON - "Christian Voice" is not the only anti-Gay lobby now on Capitol Hill. The "Moral Majority," directed by Rev. Jerry Falwell, has also begun operation with strong anti-Gay attacks. In the December issue of the Moral Majority report, they say (in reference to H.R. 2074), "It is commonly known that some militant homosexuals will use their positions as teachers to recruit and convince others --- an activity which will be in direct opposition to the moral beliefs of many parents."

They also state, "Therefore, if this bill (Gay civil rights bill) is passed, it will set a precedent for our society. Imagine giving child molesters and rapists special preference in the law because they too have a bizarre sexual preference." The Moral Majority Report called on its readership of 90,000 persons (apparently mostly pastors who are expected to pass the message on to their congregations) to write Congress.


Steve Endean, lobbyist for the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) said, "It is easy enough to laugh at the outrageous, preposterous statements in these appeals but "Christian Voice" and the "Moral Majority" have the ability to deliver on their threats of constituent letters and that's no joking matter. To our knowledge, this is their first major attempt to generate constituent mail to Congress. If it is successful (and their lists are massive), such a massive influx of mail could badly distort a Congressperson's perception of public sentiment on the issue, have a chilling effect on our progress and encourage negative amendments to various non-related bills on the floor of both the House and Senate.

Norfolk taverns warned

NORFOLK, VA (GPU) - Police have been notifying tavern owners in downtown Norfolk that they could lose their liquor licenses for serving alcohol to "undesirable persons." These "undesirables" include those whom police believe to be Gays, prostitutes, or pimps, according to a woman bartender on Granby Street. Other bar owners in the area complained that police had presented them with lists of names and warnings that serving persons on the lists could result in loss of their licenses.

State Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations include a provision that a tavern owner can be fined or lose the license if the bar should become a "meeting place or rendezvous for users of narcotics, drunks, homosexuals, prostitutes, pimps, panderers, gamblers or habitual law violators. Many tavern owners complained to the ABC that the regulations, and the "black-lists" being circulated by police, were impossible to enforce.

An official with the state ABC Board in Richmond said that the "undesirable" regulation had not been enforced before, and would not be enforced by the Board unless serious violations of liquor laws had been found. Charles Davis, the ABC public information director, said that it was contrary to the agency's policy to challenge liquor licenses on the basis of the sexual preferences of a tavern's customers. The "undesirable" regulation, he added, "was put on the books in a different era. The times have changed." Vice squad and police officials had no comment.



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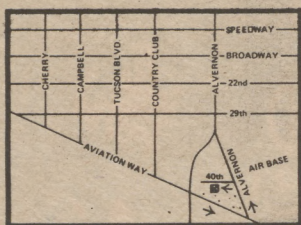
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TUCSON - In the leather/levi image, Tucson's Gay men's club - The Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) have issued a report on the activities and programs they have sustained during their first six months of organization. The club has been community involved. In six months they have contributed \$365 to community projects and various charitable ventures. In addition the weekly TKO Night held each Wednesday at Hair Tiz has produced an average of \$15 in prizes each week. The pool tournament held at the Graduate gave away \$50 in prizes and the Casino Night at Joshua Tree/Back Pocket put out over \$200 in merchandise to the Tucson community. TKO was also involved in "An Evening Of Gay Theater," in the Gay community booth at the 4th Avenue Street Fair, as well as the Men's Rap Group held at Casa Nuestra. For an infant organization, The Tucson Knight Owls have shown a real involvement in the Tucson Community as a whole. They are to be congratulated.

The next regular TKO meeting will be held next Saturday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. Check with any club member or Hair Tiz for location. Any person interested in joining this vital men's club is welcome to attend this meeting. Many outdoor activities are being planned and will be discussed at this meeting.

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NEW YORK - Robert Patrick, author of "Kennedy's Children," is looking for the most beautiful boy in America to audition for the role of "Tom" in the forthcoming New York production of his nation-wide hit "T-Shirts." The play was seen late last year in both Tucson and Phoenix as performed by the Phoenix based Theatre For Gays group.

Called by the SoHo Weekly News "One of the funniest plays you'll ever see," T-Shirts was an unqualified smash when presented last summer in New York as a showcase production. It has also been a hit in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minneapolis and The Los Angeles Times described it as "witty, taut and sparkling."

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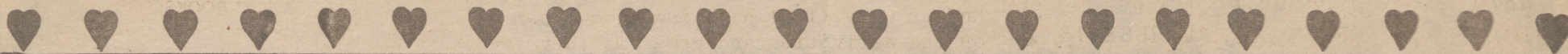
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Aquarius: January 20 to February 18

You'll be most successful in furthering pet projects if you put the wheels in motion. But things will move forward uneffortlessly. There is no lack of variety in your life now. Expect some grumpiness from loved ones about money. The job scene finds you enthusiastic about developments. Vitality is in high gear. There's a chance to raise your status through a surprising event. The FULL MOON emphasizes marital or other close relationships. Take a back seat before making a decision. Side track any tiffs.

Pisces: February 19 to March 20

Events around your home base of operations are liable to keep you busy. Things go hatwire, keep the emotional histrionics low-keyed. Iron out the details of anything that needs settling now. Your prospects are extremely good for advancing affectional ties. Things are promising for its progress in an existing relationship, and if single you can meet a new prospect. The FULL MOON may bring a current health or employment matter to a climax.

Aries: March 21 to April 19

Relations with others show an uptrend, especially if traveling or visiting. Don't let impaired judgement lead you astray in making decisions or promises, especially about your love life. Don't expect happy news from medical or dental checkups. Devote some attention to projects that promise comfort and security. Review health or other insurance plans. The FULL MOON finds you struggling with divided responsibilities. You'll have to reckon with relationship strain.

Taurus: April 20 to May 20

You are likely to be in a generous or spending mood, something you may regret when a purchased item reveals a flaw or loved ones take you for granted. Money troubles in various forms crop up. A loved one could gripe about expenses or a money pinch this week. Various messages, meetings, or phone calls bring good news. The FULL MOON denotes tension in family matters-possibly career-related in some way.

Gemini: May 21 to June 20

You'll be brimming with ideas and able to organize your time and energies in a way that makes some of them succeed. Your not going to see eye to eye with a family member. Be objective; don't let differences become personal. Irritating developments around your base of operations will claim your attention. Good trends for improving personal financial security. You can make long-range plans for domestic comfort and security as a result of an out-of-the-blue job development. The FULL MOON points up some difficulties in dealing with relatives, neighbors, or others in your immediate surroundings; distant matters cause family grumbling.

CANCER: June 21 to July 22

Don't bank on enjoying a trip to some out-of-the-way spot. Personal shortcomings or private problems are likely to loom large. Don't give in to depression, emotional histrionics, or deception. Face up to a difficult relationship decision. Later in week favorable trends support your efforts to advance personal aims, relationships on a more dependable basis, especially new ones. The FULL MOON calls attention to economic factors; Avoid buying or selling. An improved trend is promising for domestic affairs.

Leo: July 23 to August 22

Your social life is accented, but it will probably be more troublesome than it's worth. The impact of friends or groups will not be what you would hope for. Face up to the financial facts of life. If you work behind the scenes for the time being you'll enjoy some good financial fortune. Shun distracting people. The FULL MOON could put you into the limelight; but it may feel like the hot seat or some place you'd prefer not to be. Make allowances; avoid hasty criticism. Curb comments that could backfire.

Virgo: August 23 to September 22

Curb a tendency to personal excess. Family, marital, or community responsibilities are marked by problems. readjustments are in order to preserve a measure of harmony. The new workweek doesn't start off under the best auspices. A mixed trend shows that you may have to adjust to an edgy situation regarding your job or a health matter. Be cautious about home-front spending. The FULL MOON recommends extra consideration for job and health interest, obligations you've been postponing, and your peace of mind in general. Be conscientious. Be on guard for a verbal tiff with a co-worker. Keep a close check on diet and routine if you feel under par.

Libra: September 23 to October 23

It's probably best to soft-pedal the travel urge. Avoid any extra trouble as anyone who is looking for trouble is not going to be disappointed. Be guarded in opinions. Give gossip a wide berth. A lucky break could bring you recognition. Solid headway is not impossible. The FULL MOON denotes that loved ones or friends can play a crucial role. Weigh your options calmly.

Scorpio: October 24 to November 22

Constructive influences favor efforts to strengthen relationships and to straighten out financial involvements with others. Relationship conflicts are stressed, but going on a spending spree to relieve emotional tension is not the answer. Additional financial responsibilities will change your social plans. Travel or a distant visitor brightens the period. Keep the details straight concerning incoming news or mail. The FULL MOON emphasizes the need to compromise conflicting opinions, especially if they are related to travel, visitors. Be very patient. All's well that ends well, though, and background strategy sets things right.

Sagittarius: November 23 to December 21

You'll gain more by letting others toot your horn. Between business anxieties and a relationship problem, you won't be in a happy frame of mind. Financial dealings with others and business affairs enjoy a lively uptrend by mid week. Tidy up loose ends. The FULL MOON could prompt you to review your plans for the future. Incoming news or mail, a change of scenery, or a visitor from a distance will lift your spirits. Don't let a misunderstanding upset social plans.

Capricorn: December 22 to January 19

A mix-up in arrangements or instructions bring troubles that may affect your health. Try to overcome your glum mood or it could affect your vitality. Letting your mate or close ally set the pace. Social life should be lively and congenial. The FULL MOON may bring to a climax activities or plans involving the assets or resources of other people.

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The major problems with fist fornication occur when the passive partner loses control of the situation by either the use of drugs, alcohol or poppers. The three common fist fornication problems are:

1. Tears of the rectal sphincter muscle.
2. Scrapes or scratches of the rectum.
3. Perforation of the colon.

Muscle tears and perforations require surgical intervention. Because perforations may occur in portions of the colon which have no pain receptors, these perforations pose very serious problems to devotees of f.f. Once the colon is perforated there is no escaping a serious infection. Scrapes and scratches can usually be treated by medication and abstinence.

If you are going to be fist fucked, a few basic cautions are a must. Be in control of the situation. If you are stoned, don't do it! Make sure your partner's nails are clipped and rings are removed. Use adequate lubrication. Never allow the fist to be inserted beyond the wrist, any further and you're asking for a perforated colon. Go slow, pain is nature's way of telling you something is wrong (death is nature's way of telling you something is seriously wrong). If it hurts stop doing it, try something else.

Please don't interpret this article as condoning fist fucking - it doesn't. There are people who will engage in this activity no matter how dangerous it is. We simply want to warn these people of the dangers of fist fornication, and advise them on how to minimize their risks.

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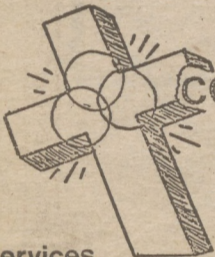


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