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Straight Sodomy Okay In Georgia

by Jennie McKnight

DECATUR, GA (GCN) - A Superior Court Judge ruled Sept. 6 that Georgia's sodomy law violates the privacy of married heterosexuals. Foes of the 156-year-old sodomy statute said the ruling underscores the real purpose of the law: to criminalize Gay and Lesbian sex.

The case involves a man who was accused of raping his wife, bit who was convicted of having consensual oral sex with her. (OBSERVER, Aug. 16). The man, James D. Moseley, was released from prison after serving over 18 months of a five year sentence. Moseley's challenge to the sodomy law was taken up by the Georgia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Moseley was originally charged in February 1988 with two counts of rape, two counts of anal sodomy and two counts of oral sodomy after his then-wife, Betty Roberts, accused him of raping her. Moseley denied that the had raped Roberts, but in his testimony during the criminal trial he said he had had oral sex with her at her request.

The criminal trial judge, William Ison, instructed the jury that even if they found Moseley not guilty of the charges involving forced sex, they could bring back a guilty verdict for consensual sodomy since Moseley had confessed to it under oath. That's exactly what the jury did, and Ison sentenced Moseley to five years in prison.

(Sue Hyde, of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Privacy Project, pointed out that the criminal trial judge, Ison, has a history of using the Georgia sodomy statute "in the most inappropriate ways". She said Ison was the same judge, who, in 1977, removed from custody the seven year-old son of Leigh VanderEls, a Lesbian mother. Ison called VanderEls an "unconvicted felon" and had her fired by calling her employer and revealing her Lesbianism).

In ruling on the Moseley case, Superior Court Robert Castellani said "Government has no business with a married couple's private consensual sexual practices." Castellani cited the 1986 Supreme Court ruling in Bowers v. Hardwick that upheld Georgia's sodomy law. In that case which involved a Gay man who was convicted of having sex with another man, the justices in the majority said the statute might not be constitutional as it applied to married couples.

Because of the ruling in the Hardwick decision, the chances for entirely overturning Georgia's sodomy law through the court is no longer an option, according to Hyde. "My opinion is that we've seen everything we're going to see in terms of a constitutional challenge" to the Georgia statute, she said. "What remains is a legislative repeal effort, which could result in the wholesale repeal of the statute, not just the marital exemption."

So fat, one Georgia legislator, J.E. "Billy" McKinney (D-Atlanta) has announced plans to introduce legislation that would amend the existing sodomy statute.

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ACT UP Sues U.S. Marshall In Strip Search

File photo of an ACT UP demonstration held during the recent 5th International Conference on AIDS held in Montreal, Canada. (PHOTO:T.L. Litt)

PORTLAND, OR - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced that the Portland, Oregon chapter of ACT/UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), an international AIDS protest group, filed suit Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Federal District Court of Oregon against the U.S. Marshall for the District of Oregon, Kernon Bagley.

The lawsuit alleges that federal marshalls in Portland strip searched ten ACT UP demonstrators following their arrest for non-violent civil disobedience at a Portland protest regarding Food and Drug Administration AIDS policies, specifically, bureaucratic delays in the approval of drug treatments for ailments associated with AIDS that are safe as well as promising, but which have not been scientifically proven effective to the satisfaction of the F.D.A. in strictly controlled drug trials. Some of these drugs are licensed in Europe or Asia, but remain unapproved for use in the United States.

The demonstrators, all Lesbians and Gay men, claim the strip search was unjustified and that the marshalls violated their fourth amendment right to be free from from unreasonable searches. The lawsuit seeks money damages and injunctive relief against future strip searches of demonstrators under similar circumstances.

The lawsuit from a Feb. 27, 1989 protest at which the demonstrators blew whistles and chanted slogans in the hallway outside F.D.A. offices in a federal office building in Portland. The F.D.A. office had been closed in anticipation of the demonstration. Over 100 ACT UP demonstrators circled the building on the sidewalk carrying picket signs with messages critical of government policy.

Twelve demonstrators were arrested. Eleven were taken into federal custody for creating the noisy disturbance in the hallway. A twelfth was taken into custody by Portland police after throwing himself in front of the marshall's van transporting other arrestees. He was held briefly in a police car, given a citation and released. He later paid a $25 fine.

The protesters arrested on federal charges claim they were subjected to a pat search at the scene, handcuffed and transported in a van to the United States Courthouse for processing by the marshall's office. There, they were charged with creating a disturbance in a federal office building, a petty offense under federal law.

Each was photographed, fingerprinted, asked to present identification, given a citation and released within three hours. However, prior to their release, the AIDS activists claim that the marshals, who were wearing rubber gloves, subjected each demonstrator to a degrading and intrusive strip search in which the men or ordered to lift their genitalia and the women their breasts. All were ordered to bend over and spread their buttocks for inspection. Several of the searches were conducted in full view of other officers and detainees.

"The question the government will have to explain to the jury is why. Why were these people strip searched? I can think of no legitimate reason," said Tom Steenson, a Portland attorney representing the demonstrators.

"There was no reasons to believe the arrestees would bring contraband or weapons into the holding area. This was non-violent disobedience. The government knew that in advance from pre-demonstration discussions with ACT UP representatives. Those who were arrested were given a citation —more or less a traffic ticket — and released," said Wayne Harris, an ACT UP spokesperson. "The fact is that these demonstrators were perceived to be Gay men and Lesbians," Harris continued. "I think that's the real reason they were forced to put up with this harrasment. It was designed to humiliate them, to make them think twice before speaking out again."

Most of the arrestees settled the charges by paying the government $50. One arrestee went to trial and was fined $50. In that trial, U.S. Magistrate George Juba rejected the federal prosecutor's attempt to force the demonstrator to pay restitution to clean up costs to remove red paint from the exterior of the building and stickers from its walls on the grounds that the government failed to present evidence linking the individual defendant to any activity beyond noise-making.

"The F.D.A. limits access to potentially life-saving treatments for people with AIDS. AIDS activists are fighting for their lives and the lives of their loved ones," said David Barr, an attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is co-counsel on the case. "This case will send a clear message to law enforcement officials throughout the nation that we will not allow them to trample on our constitutional rights." Lambda is the nation's oldest and largest legal advocacy organization working to further the rights of Lesbians, Gay men and people with AIDS.

ACT UP is an international organization with more than 50 chapters throughout the United States, Great Britain and Canada. Its members are dedicated to ending the AIDS crisis through non-violent direct action.

UPDATE

P.A.C.T. SOCIAL AT 'CASA'

TUCSON - The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (P.A.C.T.), have announced their first monthly Dessert Social to be held this Friday, Sept. 22 at 8:00 p.m. at Mi Casa Su Casa ('My House is Your House), 8101 E. Golf Links Road.

In an effort to have a purely social event, once a month and to enjoy the beautiful surroundings at 'Casa' they invited members and guests to come out and get acquainted. Refreshments will be provided.

The event will occur on the fourth Friday of each month, through the holidays. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 27, Nov. 24 and Dec. 22.

BARNEY FRANK PROBE OK'D BY PANEL

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The House ethics committee last week approved a preliminary investigation of Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who admitted hiring a male prostitute for sex and then employing the man as a personal aide. (OBSERVER, Aug. 30)

Committee Chairman Julian Dixon, D-Calif., who announced the investigation, would not say whether the vote was unanimous. Dixon also announced that the committee approved the request of one of its members, Rep. Chester Atkins, D-Mass., to withdraw from consideration in the Frank case.

Atkins said he feared a potential conflict since he and Frank could be opponents in the 1992 election because of congressional redistricting. Dixon said another member would be named to serve in the Frank investigation.

Frank, a leading congressional liberal and acknowledged homosexual, sought the investigation of his conduct with the male prostitute, Stephen J. Gobie.

The committee resolution said the panel was "aware of assertions relating to the conduct of Rep. Barney Frank in connection with his employment of a personal assistant." The panel "has determined that the matters merit further inquiry," the resolution added.

PIMA COUNTY GETS U.S. GRANT TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO AIDS PATIENTS

TUCSON (AP) - The U.S. Public Health Service has awarded $135,159 grant to Pima County to establish a 5-year service plan for AIDS patients. The grant was announced last Thursday, Sept. 14, and was one of 22 awarded by the Health Resources Services Administration of the U.S. Public Health Services, which offered the money to areas with low instances of AIDS.

There have been 167 cases of AIDS reported in Pima County since 1983 and the county's average of four or five new cases each month is well below last year's projections. Bruce Porter, Pima County epidemiologist said that predictions were that there would be 183 new cases of AIDS in the county in 1989 and a total of 2,600 cases by 1993.

Although the numbers are relatively low, Porter said, "We still will have several hundred people here with AIDS who need services, who consume things."

People with AIDS and HIV infection currently obtain support from agencies like the Tucson AIDS Project, the Shanti Foundation of Tucson, the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, and the Hispanic-oriented El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora.

Those organizations, staffed mostly with volunteers, provide a good level of service, but have agreed to a need for better coordination, Porter said. "It's not in any way a judgment about inadequacies in the present system," he said. "It's an attempt to plan for services in the future.

About $76,000 of the federal grant will pay for planning staff salaries and fringe benefits, he said.

Another $31,000 will be subcontracted to four other agencies involved in the planning: Information and Referral Services, Inc.; the Tucson Community Foundation, a private funding organization; the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson; and the University of Arizona AIDS Education Project.

AIDS ACTIVISTS DISRUPT SAN FRANCISCO OPERA OPENER

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - About 50 AIDS activists disrupted the opening night of the San Francisco Opera's season, chanting, "You have the power to stop AIDS now." But an opera spokesman said the protest was misdirected.

"The audience that these people irritated are the people who are paying for AIDS benefits in San Francisco. It was the wrong audience to do this in front of," Tom Illgen, the opera's marketing director, said after the demonstration which was held last Friday evening, Sept. 8.

The protesters are members of the group Stop AIDS Now or Else (SANE). Members of the same group blocked off the Golden Gate Bridge during rush hour for about 45 minutes on Jan. 31 before being arrested. Police made no arrests Friday night.

Shortly after the conductor took his place and the orchestra prepared to strike the opening chords of "Falstaff," the protesters stormed through the aisles.

"We are demanding that those in attendance tonight wield their power to make ending the AIDS epidemic a national priority," a group statement said.

As the activists chanted and threw leaflets, the orchestra played the national anthem, and members of the audience sang along, Illgen said.

He said the 30-minute protest upset the opera audience, which included singer Linda Ronstadt and actor Raoul Julia, "but it was not a big problem because opening night goes up about 20 minutes late, anyway."

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR REPEALS PRE-MARITAL AIDS TESTS

CHICAGO, IL (AP) - The governor reluctantly signed legislation to repeal the nation's only pre-marital AIDS-testing requirement, acknowledging that in 1 1/2 years only 52 AIDS cases were found among the 250,000 tests.

Lawmakers, health officials and civil rights organizations applauded Republican Gov. James R. Thompson's action.

"It was infringing on people's civil liberties, was detrimental to the public health and had very little benefit," said John Hammell, director of the AIDS and Civil Liberties Project of the Illinois American Civil Liberties Union.

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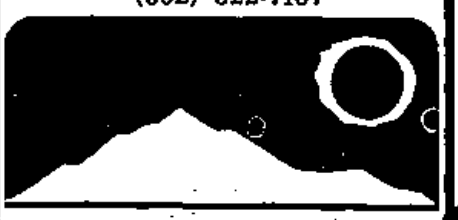

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Old Pueblo Benefit For Tucson AIDS Project Sept. 21

Choreographer Doug Nielsen

TUCSON - Choreographer Doug Nielsen lost another good friend early this year. Stage and TV actor Peter Evans died of AIDS complications.

A year before, Nielsen lost his friend Richard Picchiarini to AIDS.

Also early this year, the Tenth Street Dance Works commissioned Nielsen to choreograph a new piece with a grant the company received from the Arizona Commission on the Arts.

Subsequently, Nielsen organized a concert of his dance creations in which to premiere the new piece, "Speedway". The concert will be presented to the public Sept. 22, 23 and 24 at the Studio Y Theatre, 738 N. 5th Ave.

He calls it "Douglas Nielsen and Friends".

And, on Thursday, Sept. 21, Nielsen and Friends will mount a special preview performance of the concert to benefit other special friends, people in Tucson with AIDS who are being supported by the Tucson AIDS Project.

Shortly after Nielsen came to Tucson in 1987 to be assistant professor of dance at the University of Arizona, he joined Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association. So, when he decided to make his preview performance a TAP benefit, he called on OPBPA friends to help organize and co-sponsor the event.

The preview concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Friends attending are asked to donate $5 or more to Tucson AIDS Project. TAP will receive all proceeds, Nielsen emphasizes.

"Speedway", based on the Tucson street of the same name, "is a series of metaphors of people trying to get somewhere but never quite getting there because the street is perpetually under construction," Nielsen explained.

Also featured is a new solo piece titled "Big Brother," performed by Nielsen entirely on high-tech construction stilts. It is inspired by three months he spent in China in an exchange program late last year.

"A troupe of traveling stilt dancers strapped a pair of stilts on me, and we ran all over the place. It was too much fun," Nielsen said.

He uses the stilts to create a character trying to be bigger than he is and consequently closing himself off from other people.

"It really gives me another perspective, being 7'10" tall," Neilsen said. He is 6'4" without stilts.

Nielsen appears in three other pieces with UA friends Jory Hancock and Melissa Lowe: "Four In The Morning," six vignettes based on songs by William Walton and Edith Stilwell; "Three Preludes,: featuring music by George Gershwin played on twin grand pianos; and "Long Story Short," based on themes by Gioacchino Rossini.

Hancock and Lowe will again perform "L'Anniversaire". Tenth Street Dancers, including Charlotte Adams, Mitzie Adams, Keith Collea, Paulette Demos-Cauthorn, Thom Gillian, Cheiko Inada and Thom Lewis, will be featured in two other pieces in addition to "Speedway".

Seating is limited to 150. People wishing to attend the preview can make reservations by calling 628-8880 or 882-7113 and offer their donations at the door on concert preview night. Donations to TAP will also be accepted on public performance nights, Nielsen said.

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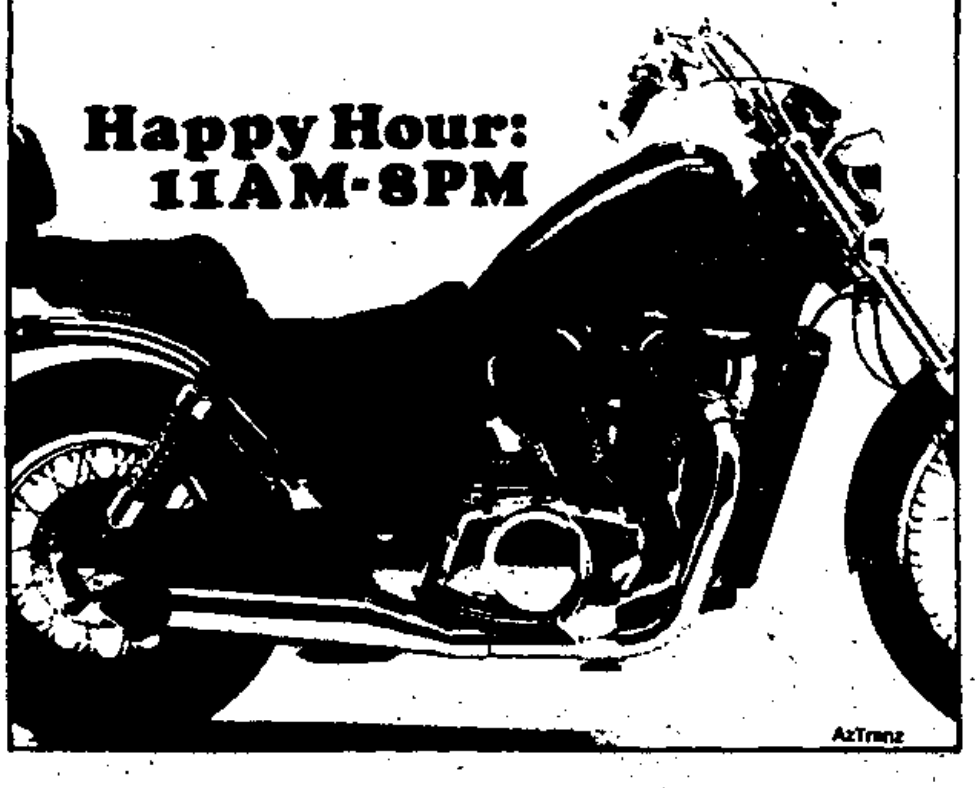

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On March 12, 1989, a man I considered a chosen brother, and for whom I had cared during the previous nine months, died from AIDS. I searched and searched for a book that would address my experience with AIDS, as a Lesbian carepartner and as one of the bereaved. Of the multitude of AIDS books on the market, none deals with the issues particular to Lesbians (and granted, we are not the most affected group), a very few broach the topic of grief from the view of a significant other who is neither a lover nor a mother. Therefore I am putting together a book of essays which will speak directly to Lesbians' experiences in responding to AIDS.

The first step is to find contributors. I am seeking submissions for a book on Lesbians responding to AIDS, focusing on the experiences of Lesbian carepartners and those who have lost close friends and/or family members.

Essays: (1) should not exceed 5000 words, (2) will be edited for grammar, and (3) should focus on emotional processes (love, anger, sadness, fear, survivor guilt, etc.), day-to-day concrete experiences, and interactions with others close to the PWA.

For more information, or to submit a manuscript, please write: Book Project, 1414 17th St., N.W. #802, Washington, DC 20036.

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to Durango's in Phoenix for hosting Saguaro I (a raft race for AIDS on Sept. 17th). The event was fun and Durango's was the perfect host.

I only wish that more bars and organizations from Tucson would have taken part. Well, maybe next year.

Special thank you to Colette Barajas of Colette's West for sponsoring Tucson's only entry and winners of the "Fastest Tube" in the event.

Tammur, Jacqui, Glennda and Esther (Colette's Arc)

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to say thank you to the many individuals involved in making my first benefit for Miss Gay Arizona a wonderful success.

It gives me a great deal of drive and determination to work even more to represent Tucson in my bid for a crown I would be honored to wear.

I would like to thank each individual who made this show the great success it was. Thank you to the entire cast of true friends Margo Leigh; Dani Reid; Lucinda; Jerry with Istulio and Fifi; Big Mike, Queen Moose, Gary and our special out-of-town guest from San Diego, Lady T.

Thank you also to Little Mike on lights, Bill F. on video, Jeff on the door, the bartenders Patrick and Phil and to the DJ Gilbert. You were all wonderful.

A special thank you to Danny Duncan, the manager of IBT's for your openness and support that gives me the strength and energy to do my shows.

Of course, thank you to all who attended and help raise the amount that was raised. It wouldn't have worked without you being there. I love you all

Michelle Kristie
"Kip"

FOR THOSE INTERESTED:

I have remained optimistic while others reportedly say it doesn't or won't exist. This past Sunday warmed my heart and brought a smile to my face. I am a member of the Deaftones and we went to Phoenix to do an AIDS benefit at Little Jim's 3-0-7. Of the nearly $300 that was raised, Joe, the manager of 3-0-7, donated $150 of that to Shanti/Tucson.

So, ladies and gentlemen, we as a community can work together. Thanks Phoenix, thanks fellow Deaftones and thanks Deb, our dazzling leader.

With love and thanks to a community of love,

Colette Barajas

EDITOR:

I would like to give a special thank you and a big hug to one in our community who has produced and directed several benefit shows for some time now. His most recent was held at the Rainbow Room for our organization P.A.C.T.

Frank Perez has once again shown that he is truly a concerned person for our Tucson Community.

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Congress flooded with mail as thousands sign up for 'Speak 'Out' message campaign

WASHINGTON, DC - The results are in from an unprecedented drive to make Gay and Lesbian voices heard on Capitol Hill, and the human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) Field Division has now signed up thousands of people nationwide for its Speak Out message campaign.

HRCF signed up more that 15,000 individuals at the Speak Out program at 1989 Gay and Lesbian Pride events around the country and at Names Project quilt appearances. HRCF signed up many Tucsonans and visitors at the 12th annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic at Himmel Park last June. Approximately 400 canvassers covered between 30-40 Pride events in more than 20 states.

Speak Out is a massive constituent mobilization effort that is generating tens of thousands of hard-hitting constituent messages to the U.S. Congress on Gay and Lesbian- related legislation.

By joining the Speak Out campaign, Gays and Lesbians and their supporters authorize HRCF to send one-day Western Union messages to their senators or representatives as critical legislation arises.

Speak Out currently has between 20,000 and 25,000 people enrolled in the program. Every state has Speak Out participants.

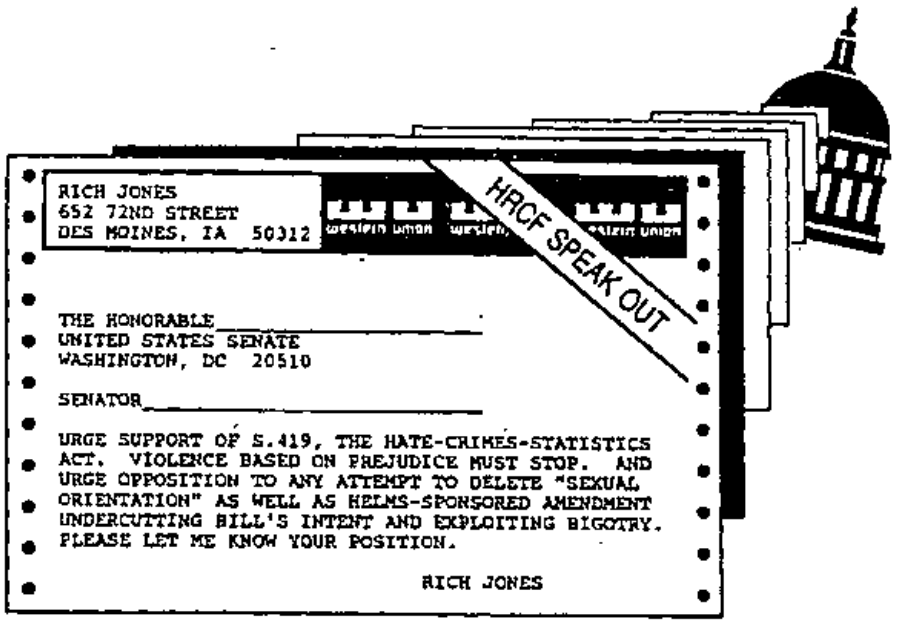
HRCF has sent messages to Congress on several important bills, including the American with Disabilities Act, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill. Mailgrams have been used to counter various anti-Gay amendments, including Jesse Helms' "no promo-homo" amendment.

"We've been able to translate grassroots pressure from rhetoric to reality," aid Steve Endean, HRCF Field Division director. "So often people mean to write Congress but don't get around to it. Speak Out allows concerned individuals to bridge this gap of good intentions."

"The impact on Capitol Hill has been truly amazing," added Endean. "The current enrollment of 20,000 to 25,000 is staggering compared to our community's previous one-time high of just 500 letters on a specific AIDS or Lesbian and Gay rights bill.

The phenomenal increase in messages can be attributed to unprecedented canvassing undertaken at Pride and other events. HRCF plans to continue its canvassing operations, and is inviting people interested in canvassing to call HRCF at (202) 628-4160 for more information.

For maximum visibility, 3,000 Speak Out "take one" displays are being distributed to Gay and Lesbian bars and businesses nationwide.



HRCF needs more canvassers for massive message campaign

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the largest national Lesbian and Gay political organization, is looking for assertive people to sign up individuals around the country for the HRCF Speak Out mailgram campaign.

Speak Out is an unprecedented program that is generating thousands of hard-hitting, timely Western Union mailgrams to the U.S. Congress on Gay or AIDS-related legislation.

Canvassers visit community events, Lesbian and Gay gathering places and make calls to sign up people for the Speak Out program. Canvassers ate paid, and can easily make $10-20 an hour.

Interested indiduals should contact: HRCF, Canvassing Unit, P.O. Box 1723, Washington, D.C. 20013, or call (202) 628-4160.

NGLTF receives record-breaking bequest

WASHINGTON, DC - Last month, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) received a $360,000 bequest, the largest ever received in its 16-year history. The money was a gift of the late Harry R. Rowe, M.D., a psychiatrist who resided in Long Beach, California.

"Dr. Rowe had many Gay patients and friends, and recognized how terribly important it is for Gay people to have greater protection under law," said William McLane, Executor of the Rowe estate. "He wanted to leave his assets to an organization that was committed to social change, one that has a proven record of accomplishment. It was on that basis that he chose NGLTF."

"We are honored by Dr. Rowe's recognition of NGLTF's contributions to Lesbian and Gay freedom," said Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Executive Director. "NGLTF survives almost entirely upon individual donations and memberships to do its vital work of grassroots organizing, lobbying, education and action. Proceeds from the Rowe estate will help us to build a stronger and even more productive Task Force."

Vaid also noted that bequests made in wills or through insurance policies, bonds, and stocks are simple vehicles for giving which all Gay people should consider when planning their estates. "The Task Force and other Gay/Lesbian organizations urgently need adequate financial resources to carry on our struggle for equality and against discrimination. Bequests are an easy way for individuals to make a tremendous contribution to the fight against homophobia."

Individuals wishing to name the Task Force in their wills are encouraged to write NGLTF, Deferred Giving Program, 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20009

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Councilmember Sharon Heckman was running against political newcomer Molly McKasson. McKasson upset the incumbent garnering 55% of the vote to Heckman's 44%. I will cover all the primary races in next week's column.

The Lambda Democratic Caucus next meeting will take place on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the MCC church building, 560 S. Stone. This meeting will cover the upcoming Town Hall.

Until next time, take care.

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McKinney is reportedly planning to introduce the same bill he sponsored in 1987, which would criminalize sodomy only if people of the same sex engaged in it.

Cathy Woolard, president of the Lesbian and Gay chapter of the Georgia ACLU, told GCN that "there's movement within the ACLU" to introduce legislation that would totally repeal the sodomy statute. "Billy McKinney is a bigot and a bully. What I'm hoping is that we'll be able to come up with a better piece of legislation that will get more support," she said.

Woolard added that election-year politics might affect the legislative debates, since "three or four members of the Georgia State Senate are running for governor, and they're all trying to see who can be the most conservative." Asked whether legislators might balk at even McKinney's bill, since it would allow married heterosexuals to engage in non-procreative sex acts, Woolard said she didn't think so.

"Here in Georgia, marriage and family are above everything in the universe. People don't want the government peeping into their private lives. They don't care if it peeps in my private life, but if it goes into what's white, what's middle-class, what's nuclear, then they say, 'Wait a minute here, we can't have this'."

Since his case gained notoriety, Moseley has become somewhat of a sexual folk hero. Newspaper accounts have described Moseley as "probably the only man in a Georgia prison for having oral sex with his wife." Moseley, after his release from prison, was quoted as saying "I'm standing up for every man and woman in the United States".

Woolard said that when she first heard about the case she was concerned, since Moseley was convicted on a consent charge, but accused of non-consent crimes. But she said she "checked it out pretty thoroughly," and is "pretty confident" about Moseley's version of the case. "He did stand trial for the other charges. A jury heard the evidence - and there were, I think, nine women on the jury - and they found him not guilty. We have to make the assumption that he was innocent," Woolard said.

When asked about Moseley, the sex hero, Hyde said, Aside from how the public perceives him, if what happened was he and his wife had sex and he went down on her - if he's really an unwitting victim - he shouldn't have been in jail. In that sense, I have some feeling for him in the same sense that I feel for Michael Hardwick - who I do think is a hero.

"Generally speaking, I do not hold male sexual privilege in very high regard," Hyde continued. "It makes me nauseated to think that there's this guy who perhaps through the phenomenon of male sexual privilege ended up a hero and the woman's story is totally discredited because what she has to say is so overshadowed by the unappropriateness of the [sodomy] law. The whole thing pisses me off because Michael Hardwick would never have been a hero in the same way, because he's just a faggot."

POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS: Well, the dust has settled in New York and Ed Koch did not pull off the upset. David Dinkins, the Manhattan Bofough President, captured the mayoral primary with 53% of the vote. Ed Koch captured only 40% of the vote. The rest went to the two other candidates. In the Republican primary, former U.S. Attorney Rudolph Guiliani trounced cosmetics heir Ronald Lauder by more than a 2 to 1 margin.

Guiliani also scored a major upset, when he defeated Dinkins and Koch for the Liberal Party nomination. The Liberal vote is usually equal to 10-15 percent in the elections in New York. Ronald Lauder got the Conservative Party nomination for Mayor. With Guiliani capturing the Liberal nomination his chances are now rated as being excellent since the Liberals draw a lot of crossover votes.

In Seattle there are 13 candidates running for the post of mayor. The field opened when the popular three-term incumbent, Charles Royer, stated that he would not run for a fourth term. The major issues in the race are schools, raising revenue for more police officers and growth.

The front runners City Councilman Norm Rice; City Attorney Doug Jewett; former King County Executive Randy Revelle and City Council members Jim Street and Delores Sibonga. Recent polls show Rice leading with 21 percent. If Rice wins, he would become Seattles first Black mayor. A runoff is expected with so many candidates in the race.

STATE NEWS: In the gubernatorial race, it looks as though the candidacy of prominent Maricopa Republican, Don Meyers is in trouble, even before his upcoming announcement. The attorney general has ruled that the Meyer supporters violated campaign spending laws by soliciting "unlimited" contributions prior to his announcement. The attorney general may order them to return the $25,000 raised.

In the Secretary of State race, also in 1990, here are the players in the race so far. First, the Democratic incumbent, Jim Shumway has announced that he will run for a full term. Shumway does have a challenger by the name of Dick Mahoney. On the Republican side, it looks like State Treasurer Ray Rottas will try for the position.

PHOENIX NEWS: At a recent debate, held before the Phoenix City Club, Phoenix Republican Mayoral candidate Burton Kruglick was left in an embarrassing situation. Incumbent Democratic Mayor Terry Goddard skipped the debate to participate in a debate with George Bush. "If I had known, I would have had President Bush on the telephone with us, also." Kruglick said in his closing statement.

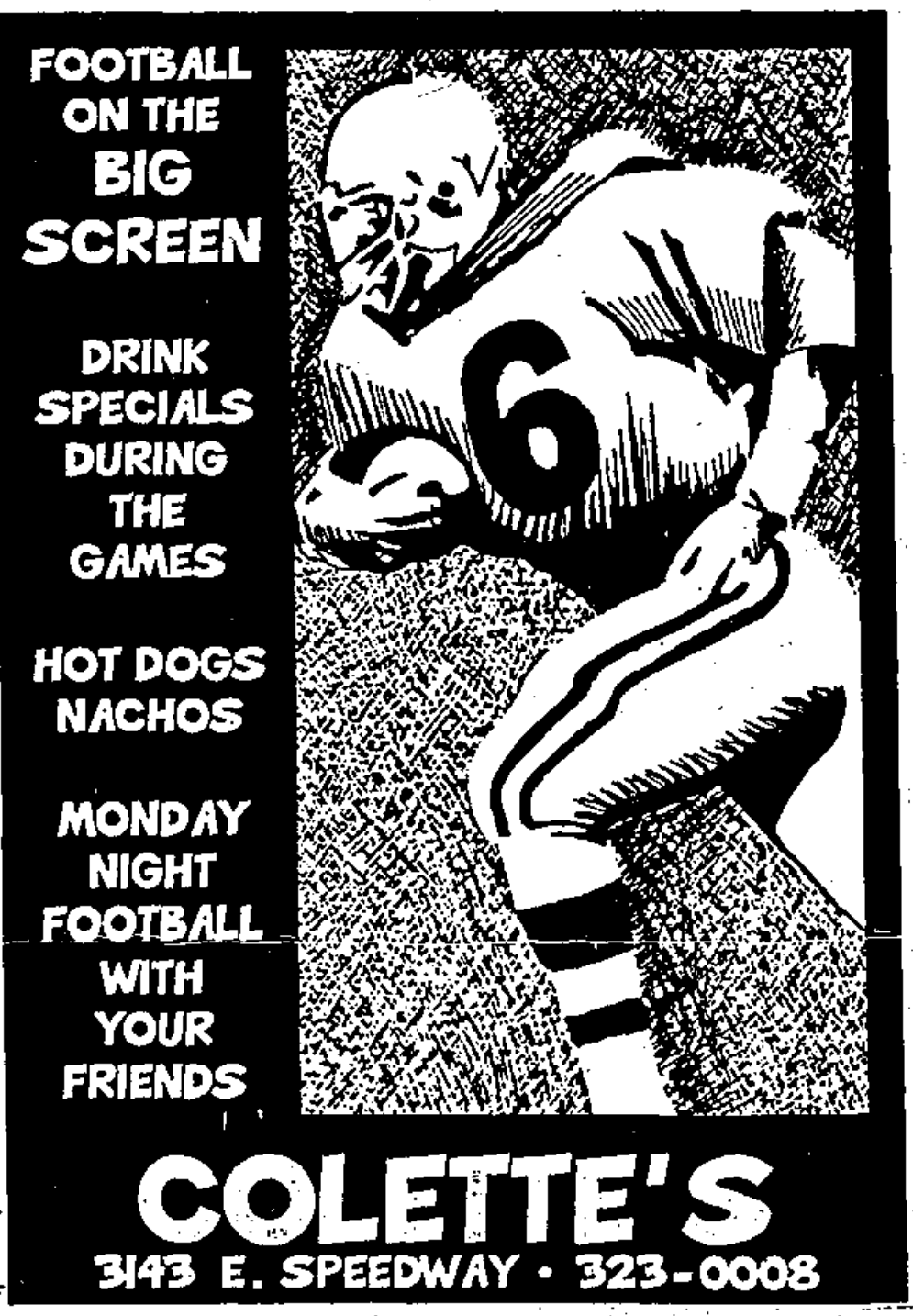
Recent polls give Goddard a 5 to 1 lead over Arizona Republican Party Chair Kruglick. Over 53% in the poll stated that Mayor Terry Goddard was doing a good to excellent job as Mayor of Phoenix.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS: I am pleased to announce that the Lambda Democratic Caucus' first voter registration drive was a smashing success. Even beating the record set by registration which occurred during this year's Pride Picnic of 93%. The breakdown is as follows:

Democrats	65	98.4%
Independent	1	1.6%
Republicans	0	0.0%

I wish to thank those who registered. You are now eligible to vote in the City General Election in November.

TUCSON NEWS: The primary election is now over and the only contested race was in Ward 6, in the Democratic primary. Incumbent City



Tucson Miss Gay Latina 1989

TUCSON - Last Saturday, Sept. 16, El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora, the local AIDS organization with a special outreach to the Hispanic Community, held a fund raising event at the Joshua Tree. Food was served and raffles were held as means of raising funds throughout the evening. The culmination was the First Annual Tucson Miss Gay Latina Contest. Five contestants vied for the title. At the end, the name was announced, and the winner was - Luisa de la O', pictured above

Other contestants included Chavela, Reyna, Rubi and Touche'. Congratulations to Luisa de la O' and all the contestants for a fine contest and a great cause.

NIH looking for participants in HIV studies

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Department of Health and Human Services has provided national and international leadership in the fight against AIDS. Much of this effort has depended upon the ability of NIH to recruit patients infected with HIV and other volunteers for inpatient and outpatient studies of new drugs and vaccines.

Listed below is an updated list of studies for which the National Institutes of Health is currently recuiting. Of special urgency are studies involving AZT and interferon which have both been in the news recently because of remarkable new developments. Much more needs to be learned about how to use them, however, and how to use potentially less toxic alternatives such as AZDU. Please be aware that after the initial screening visit, travel costs and medical care associated with these studies are free. For further information call Beverly Ringel, (301)496-9565.

AIDS & HIV Related Research
Intramural Program
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
National Institutes of Health

The following lists research studies available at the National Institutes of Health through the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and the Clinical Center on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

HIV INFECTION

Alpha Interferon/IL2 - Patients with HIV infection and at least 200 CD4/mm^3 are sought for a phase I trial of alpha interferon in combination with interleukin-2. Contact: Dianne Lee, RN (301)496-7196

AZT/Interferon 3 Arm Study - AZT vs. AZT + Alpha interferon vs. Alpha interferon - This 3-arm, randomized, unblinded study seeks HIV-infected persons with a CD4 count of at least 500/mm3 for a study comparing the efficacy of each of the 3 treatments. Contact: Victoria Davey, RN (301)496-7196

AZT/IL2 - Patients with HIV infection and at least 200 CD4 cells/mm^3 are sought for a phase I trial of AZT in combination with interleukin-2. Contact: Dianne Lee, RN (301)496-7196

GM-CSF/AZT/Alpha Interferon - This study is designed to evaluate the safety, toxicity and efficacy of giving granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor in combination with AZT and interferon in HIV infected persons with CD4 Counts of 200-500/mm^3. Contact: Victoria Davey, RN (301)496-7196

AzdU - For the first human trials of 3'Azido-2',3'-dideoxyuridine (AzdU), patients with CD4 counts between 200 and 400/mm^3 are sought. Contact: Dianne Lee, RN (301)496-7196.

AS-101 and AZT* - This phase I trial designed to obtain toxicity and preliminary data of AS-101 and AZT seeks HIV-infected persons able to tolerate AZT (or have no prior exposure to it) and with CD4 counts of < 200/mm^3 or < 20% lymphocytes. Contact: Debbie Ogata-Arakaki, RN (301)496-9565.

Bronchoscopy Study* - This is a diagnosis study to evaluate the lung tissue and pulmonary status of persons who are HIV infected. Contact: Debbie Ogata-Arakaki, RN (301)496-9565

NORMAL VOLUNTEERS

Vaccine (rgp160)- This is a phase I trial of an AIDS vaccine, recombinant HIV-envelope protein (gp 160). We are seeking healthy men who are HIV antibody negative to participate in this study. Contact: Margaret Easter, RN (301)496-7196

PNEUMOCYSTIS PNEUMONIA

Piritrexim* - This is a study designed to evaluate the toxicity and efficacy of oral pyritrexim and leucovorin for therapy of PCP untreated for the current episode. Contact: Donna O'Neill, RN (301)496-9565

PCP Prophylaxis* - This is a phase I/II study designed to evaluate the toxicity and tolerance of weekly dapsone or dapsone/pyrimethamine in HIV-infected persons with prior history of PCP or who have less than 250/mm^3 CD4 cells. Contact: Debbie Ogata-Arakaki, RN (301)496-9565

CNS TOXOPLASMOSIS

Toxo Study - This is a study to evaluate the toxicity, tolerance and efficacy of pyrimethamine and dapsone in the treatment of CNS toxoplasmosis in persons with AIDS who are either refractory or intolerant of conventional therapy. Contact: Debbie Ogata-Arakaki, RN (301)496-9565

CMV RETINITIS

Foscarnet Study - This is phase III randomized study to evaluate the toxicity and efficacy of foscarnet for the treatment of CMV retinitis. Persons with non-sight threatening CMV retinitis who have not received previous treatment with Ganciclovir are eligible. Contact: Barbara Beird, RN (301)496-9565

* - These studies are practical for patients living within a 100 mile radius of NIH.

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TUCSON! GET READY FOR BEACH PARTY II

Beach Party II
OUTDOOR CONCERT

THINK BACK!

B.J. Thomas
Jan & Dean
The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie
The Grass Roots
Six T's

October 15, 1989
12:00 Noon
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MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE JOSHUA TREE

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 24

WIN A BEACH PARTY II VIP PACKAGE
MEET JAN AND DEAN AND B.J. THOMAS!

Package consists of 2 tickets to Beach Party II; and 2 back stage passes plus 2 pre-concert dinners at The White Dove Restaurant at the Sheraton El Conquistador

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 25

Win free tickets to attend the Beach Party.
(100 pairs of tickets to be given away)
Drawings to be held between 8 and 10 p.m.
(With drink purchases)

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 26

With purchase of a drink, you can enter for a chance to win a 1989 Suzuki Samurai from Jim Click.
Grand Prize auto winner will be drawn at Beach Party II.

JOSHUA TREE / BACK POCKET
2921 N. 1st AVE TUCSON

Joshua Tree/ Back Pocket
2921 N. 1st Avenue 622-6233

Jailhouse Lesbians Scare Zsa Zsa

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (AP) - Actress Zsa Zsa, on trial for slapping a Beverly Hills cop, doesn't want to go to jail because she's "afraid of Lesbians".

The Municipal Court jury that could put the flamboyant actress behind bars were sworn in last Wednesday, Sept. 13. Opening arguments began on Thursday.

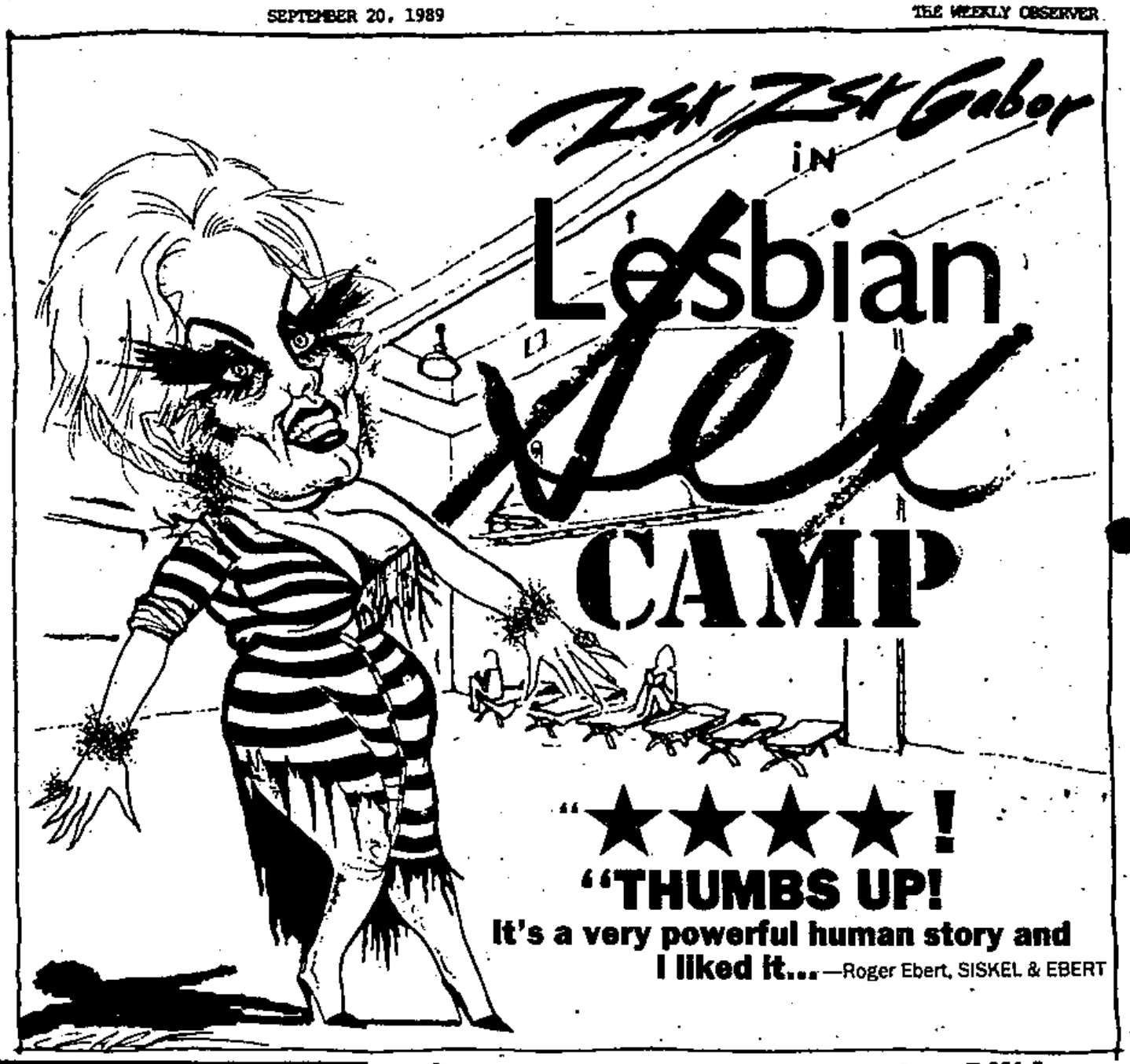
On the steps of the courthouse Wednesday, Gabor confided in reporters her fears of being convicted. A conviction carries a maximum two years in jail and a $4,000 fine.

"Mother is so worried," Gabor said. "In a deathly voice, she phoned me this morning and asked me, 'Dahling, are they going to book you in jail?"

"I told her I hoped not. I have claustrophobia and would be very unhappy in jail."

"And besides, they are all Lesbians in jail. And I'm so scared of Lesbians. Can you imagine being in jail with all those women?"

Gabor is charged with misdemeanor battery on a police officer, disobeying a police officer's orders, driving with an expired license, having an open container of alcohol in her car and having an expired car registration.



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Ticket Price - $1.00

Winner will be drawn at the November I.T.A. Meeting - **November 14, 1989,** and will be notified by phone and by mail on that date. Winner's name will be published in local publications. All travel must be completed by: **January 31, 1990**

Travel Arrangements by Fantasy Travel

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Frensdorff House opens for PWAs

TUCSON - Frensdorff House, a residence for persons with AIDS, located at 209 East 16th Street, will be admitting its first residents in September.

TUCSON - Renovations to the Frensdorff House, operated by a board of trustees of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the Armory Park area is now ready to house PWAs. Located on St. Andrew's church property, Frensdorff House (named after an Episcopal Bishop) will be able to accommodate 5 or 6 PWAs at a time. Each persons will have his/her own private bedroom and will share the living room, dining room, kitchen and laundry facilities. The house has two bathrooms. The downstairs bath is wheelchair accessible.

The house was originally built in the 1920s and used to be the parsonage for the church. St. Andrews congregation has been working on the house since last Christmas upgrading the electrical, heating, plumbing and cooling, finishing off the bedrooms on the second floor as well as painting and fixing up in general.

Occupants will pay on a sliding scale based upon ability to pay. In addition the church will conduct fund raising events in order to keep funds available for Frensdorff and to add other homes in the future.

Persons with AIDS or other terminal diseases, in need of housing without the funds to meet the high cost of other housing, may get additional information about Frensdorff House through Shanti Foundation or Tucson AIDS Project. For applications and interviews contact the Rev. Claude Price, PhD., at 623-5675.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

In case anyone who heard about a bunch of us going to Nogales this past Sunday, do not worry - there are still plenty of Margaritas left. The bunch I went with did try to drink most of them up, with the exception of Roger who drank nothing but chasers all day - what a bore.

And speaking of Nogales, TKO is planning a trip down there this coming Sept. 30. For anyone who wishes to tag along, we will be meeting at the Graduate at 11 a.m. with departure at 11:30 a.m. As much as possible, we will be car pooling.

I know it is a long way off before the CAT Awards presentation evening, but I must remind each and every one of you that this year you will be voting for all the award winners. In order for you to do so, you have to be registered with the CAT Committee, No Registration, No Vote!

At the time you are registered, you will be issued a voters card that you must turn in when you vote. The CAT Committee is trying this system this year for two reasons: (1) this is a fairer system in choosing this year's winners and (2) the Committee felt this system would help prevent anyone from stuffing the ballot boxes in an attempt to win an award. Watch for the different CAT Committee members around town when they have a table set up for registration.

Another upcoming run for Tucson is the Arizona Fellowship Run over the Thanksgiving holidays. All, the plans have been worked out and I can tell you that this year's version is going to be bigger and better. I'll be placing a special Arizona Fellowship update column in this paper. It will give the complete itinerary for the entire run. Also, in the near future, run applications will begin appearing around town on the different bulletin board in all the bars.

The run fee for the complete four (4) days is only $20. The one day run fee is $10. Both gets you your meals and into any parties or cocktail parties that might be held. The four-day run fee also gets you into the different games staged by some of the different clubs hosting the run.

How about our Wildcats? I wonder how much money was lost over last weekends game? Now that our team has shown up for the game, let's go all the way to the Rose Bowl this year, starting this weekend with Washington. Then Larry Smith gets to bring his USC team to town again and we will be waiting for them.

Well, I guess that is it for this week. Seems funny to have such a short column for a change. Looking at the calendar for October I'll have plenty to write about so I had better enjoy this one for now.

TBBS: It seems everyone is a critic. If I am given wrong information and publish it that way, don't blame me. That new club I mentioned last week has another member that I was not informed about. It is now the BBHET Gang, and we did have a meeting last week at the Back Pocket.

STARZ....

In response to reader's questions, Deymonn has been on vacation and will be back in time for next week's issue, hopefully. We are sorry for any inconvenience and look forward to next week.

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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
A UNA NOCHE SEGURA
October 7, 1989
Tucson, Arizona

The Women of **Take Back the Night** would publically like to thank & acknowledge the efforts and talents of some very special people who helped to make our fundraiser a huge success.

So BIG THANKS go to:
Colette and her staff,
Martie Van der Voort,
The Dazzeling Deb,
and the fabulous Deaf-tones,
Razzmatazz,
Kate Randall,
and all of you
who came to join the fun

We will see you at the march!!!

ARIZONA AIDS UPDATE

Channel 8 presents two special programs on AIDS. At **7:30 pm**, Peter Jennings hosts **The AIDS Quarterly**, focusing on research, legislation and late-breaking national news about AIDS.

At **8:30 pm**, public health experts join Michael Grant in a frank discussion of AIDS in Arizona, how it's spreading, and the local public-policy issues it raises.

Wednesday, September 27
Starting at 7:30 pm

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KAET Channel 8 / Part of Arizona State University

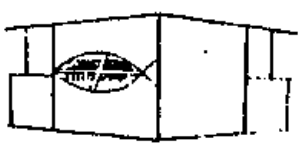
News From MCC / TUCSON

This coming weekend will be another full one at the church. Rev. Judy Dahl and Rev. Judy Davenport will be in Tucson. Saturday, the Reverends Dahl and Davenport will be reviewing records and interview the Pastoral Staff, Administrative Council and others. Every chartered church within the U.F.M.C.C. must be relicensed periodically to maintain their status as a chartered church. Sunday, the Reverends Dahl and Davenport will be attending our Morning Worship Service which will be followed with a pot luck luncheon to create an informal atmosphere for the entire congregation to get to meet them.

This coming Saturday evening, our monthly Bingo games will be played here at the church starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be ten games played, with the first nine games paying $5.00 cash to the winner of each game. The tenth and final game of "Cover All" will pay a cash prize of $40.00 to the winner. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Bingo cards are printed with three Bingo cards on a sheet, each sheet sells for fifty cents. Plan now to join in the fun, fellowship and cash prizes.

Thought for the Week: Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP



Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

COLETTE'S - Country/Western Night again - It's a monthly affair, you know - headliner will be Mr. Loren Johnson. Also pool Tournament every Wednesday begins at 8:30 p.m. Always an entertaining evening.

JOSHUA TREE - Talent Show begins at 9 p.m. If you have talent of any kind, come by and enter the show.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

COLETTE'S - It's Soul Music night again and is proving to be a big favorite with the crowd. Join 'em

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

RAINBOW ROOM - A Send-Off Show and Benefit Auction to help Miss Gay Arizona Mona Littlemore defray costs to get to the National Miss Gay America Pageant. The show will feature Miss Gay Tucson Christine Shade; Miss Gay Phoenix, Pussy Le Hoot and of course Miss Gay Arizona, Mona Littlemore. A 'Royal' treat is in store for you on this show and it begins at 8:30 sharp! No Cover.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

COLETTE'S - The popular band Razz-Ma-Tazz returns for a second time by popular request. They will be playing from 5 until 7 only so get there early. $2.00 cover.

IBT'S - Kevin Andrews brings his all male revue "Phoenix Heat" here beginning at 9:00 p.m. Make sure you get here early and enjoy these beautiful hot male strippers.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

COLETTE'S - Vocalist, musician, songwriter, and general all-around wonderful entertain Anne English performs here from 8 to midnight. Don't miss it!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

IBT'S - "Bobbi Jo Memorial Show" starrring her friends Margo Leighy, Michelle Kristi, Mr. Dani Reid and your hostest Christi Lunden plus a special friend from Phoenix - Ebony! 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

COLETTE'S - Big 3rd Anniversary celebration with an all-star women's live variety show. 8:30 p.m. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

JOSHUA TREE - Beach Party II will be celebrated here following the big outdoor concert held at Sportspark. There was a big crowd on hand last year and this year promises to be even better. Watch for more details and get your sun screen ready! Party!!!!

RUMOR HAZZIT - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will hold their big Fall Hoedown here for the first time. Watch for more details on this really fun event.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

GRADUATE - The 7th Annual Turnabout Night takes place here. Watch for more details or contact the Graduate for Roger or Kenny Anne.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

The following are organizations who hold regular weekly meeting on days indicated.

EVERY TUESDAY

HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

EVERY SATURDAY

HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP and P.A.C.T. offices.

SPORTS

THE NEW JOSHUA TREE BOWLING LEAGUE
FIRST HALF OF 1989-90 SEASON
MONDAY, SEPT. 18, 1989

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB
1. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	7	0	1.000	—
2. TEAM #2	7	0	1.000	—
3. TEAM #6	7	0	1.000	—
4. BACK POCKET	7	0	1.000	—
5. BOOKS BROTHERS LTD.	4	3	.571	3
6. TEAM #4	3	4	.429	4
7. TEAM #10	0	7	.000	7
8. THE JOSHUA TREE	0	7	.000	7
9. TEAM #1	0	7	.000	7
10. TEAM NUMBER 8	0	7	.000	7

HIGH GAME SCRATCH: TEAM #4 619 / BILL C. 193 / CAROL M. 163
HIGH SERIES SCRATCH: TEAM #4 1721 / BILL C. 533 / CAROL M 410

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Non-Bar
CALENDAR

(NOTE: IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR SPECIAL HAPPENING THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS NON-BAR ACTIVITY CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT BEN CORBIN PRIOR TO MONDAY OF THAT WEDNESDAY'S PAPER FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEKS ISSUE. AFTER FIRST NOTICE HAS APPEARD IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-45361.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Douglas Nielsen and Friends will perform a benefit dance for Tucson AIDS Project, co-sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association at 7:30 p.m. at Studio Y Theatre, 738 N. 5th Ave. A $5.00 donation is suggested. Reservations: 628-8880 or 882-7113.

P.A.C.T. General Meeting. Find out what P.A.C.T. is planning and express your ideas and preferences. 7:30 p.m. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Boomer's Cafe Espresso after hours until 3 a.m. Serving light meals with your cappuccino and espresso. 500 N. 4th Ave.

P.A.C.T. Dessert Social and Refreshments. An informal gathering of new and old friends at Mi Casa Su Casa, 8101 E. Golf Links Road, 8:00 p.m. Call P.A.C.T. office for details and directions 322-9808.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22-23-24

Arizona Women's Music Festival, The Lavender Patch, White Mountains Arizona. Music, crafts, fine arts, performing arts and more! Emceed by Slique Callahan. For more info contact 258-7985 or 274-0353.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Bingo Night at MCC/Tucson starting at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be given to winners of each game. Refreshments served during the evening.

Boomer's Cafe Espresso after hours until 3 a.m. Light meals with your cappuccino and espresso

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Softball Game at Himmel Park begins at 1 pm. It will be a fundraising event to help purchase equipment and supplies for the coming softball season. Beer and soft drinks will be available as usual. A fun day in the sun on Sunday in the Park with Colette's teams and their opponents. Come on by!

Men's Massage Group 7-9 p.m. Register by Sept. 22. Call Marc 881-4582. Small fee.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The "New Joshua Tree Bowling League" continues their winter bowling league at Fiuesta Lanes, 501 W. River Rd., at 6:30 p.m. There are still openings and substitutes are needed. Call Mark at 749-1312; Jack at 578-2865 or Bill at 744-1345 for more information.

The Winter Bowling League at Cactus Bowl, 1630 S. Alvernon starts at 9:00 p.m. Call Rick at the Rainbow Room for more information, 327-3390.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6-9. Swimming season is still open if you're adventurous. A $4.00 donation is requested for the open buffet.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

She Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus will meet at MCC/Tucson facilities, 560 S. Stone starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PACT General Meeting. Find out what PACT is planning and express your ideas and preferences. 7:30 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Desert Quilt Project, the new, now forming Tucson Chapter of the Names Project will be holding their first fundraiser at St. Francis in the Foothills with three different panel discussions focusing on "The Community and AIDS", from 5 to 9 p.m. Donations are accepted and there will be a Door Prize. Also on view will be three new Quilt panels that will join the Names Project Quilt in Washington in October. Purpose of the organization is to raise emergency funds directly for People With AIDS in Tucson.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Mi Casa Su Casa will have the 1st Annual Midwestern Corn Roast from 2 pm until ?? All the roasted corn with fixings that you can eat and all the tap beer you can drink for a $5.00 donation. There is no meat served at a Midwestern Corn Roast! Call 885-0115 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to ??? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Nine Down Nite" $1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.25 daytime / $1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Flamingo Cafe open noon to 4, great food from your hostess Kenny Anne. Noon to ??? Country Music - line dancing - drink specials. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - DJ "Spin" Flinn plays 9 pm to 1 am.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 + Schnappe .50/shot. DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnappe .75 5-8 pm non-Premium Beer $1.25, Well Drinks $1.50. DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Miller Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday Night Football on giant screen plus complimentary food by Coach John; Monday night drink specials. Dewey DJs at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Corona Beer $1.00 or Well Tequila $1.50 from 8 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, .75 draft; 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. 8-1 Bud Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m.: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 per glass plus $1.00 Schnappe from 8 pm to close! DJ Linda 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnappe $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

GRADUATE - Non-premium beers $1.25 days / $1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 p.m. Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50) Longnecks $1.50 & .75 draft. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well Nite, all Well .75, Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnappe from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, 8 to close Well Drinks $1.50, DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

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GRADUATE - Kenny Anne's Country Kitchen open 11 am - 3 pm. All Dark Well $1.25 days / $1.50 nites.

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RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Reuben from 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing. Kenny Anne's Country Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One; 8-1 Well drinks $1.50 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9-1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. DJ "Spin" Flinn plays from 9 to 1.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Progressive Friday: Well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm $1.25. non-Premium Beer and $1.50 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well drinks $1.75 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - DJ "Spin" Flinn plays from 9 pm to 1 am

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

No Homosexuals On Television

Let's see: There's the new series about a rebel cop forced to exist in a three-piece-suit world ("Booker," FOX); a really original comedy about a teacher and his kooky students ("Homeroom," ABC); another original about a guy raising a herd of daughters ("Major Dad," CBS); and, of course, the highly cerebral show about life guards and the terrible pains they must endure to insure world salvation —or something like that ("Baywatch," NBC).

But no Gays or Lesbians. Hmmm.

There are new series looking at: the trials and tribulations of fun-loving, happy-go-lucky families (2); the dangerous and exciting world of cops (6); the dangerous and exciting world of real-life news (3); the kooky world of kooky next-door neighbors (3); plus sundry others including a real-estate office, a magazine office, a time machine, a modelling agency, a witch, an orphanage, another private investigator (!), Richard Chamberlain as a doctor (whoa! deja vu!), a zoo, a barely post-pubescent doctor, a crazy hotel staff, Pony Express riders, (also just barely post-pubescent), and —let us not forget— a congressman.

But no Gays or Lesbians.....

Since the debut of "Soap" in 1977, not a season has gone by without a Gay or Lesbian character in a regular series. There was Jody on "Soap", Sydney on "Love, Sydney", and Steven on "Dynasty". Shows with Gay/Lesbian characters have recently abounded including "Hooperman", "Brothers", "Thirtysomething", and "Heartbeat".

This season, "Heartbeat" has been cancelled (although it is living life anew on the Lifetime Cable Network), "Brothers" is gone, as is "Dynasty", Hooperman", and the gay character on "Thirtysomething". Now, week after week, there will be NO Gay or Lesbian role models for young Gays and Lesbians to look up to; homosexuality on television will mirror the wishes and desires of the "moral" minority: it will be invisible to the naked eye.

This appalling lack of cultural reality has been festering for some time; the religious right-wingers have been issuing boycott orders against any show which even mentioned homosexuality saying such shows "promote homosexuality as an acceptable choice of lifestyle" perpetuating the myth that homosexuals are made, not born. So now people across the world will see American culture the way "they" want it: comprised of happy-go-lucky black and white families going to church each Sunday living in peace and harmony. Yeah, right.

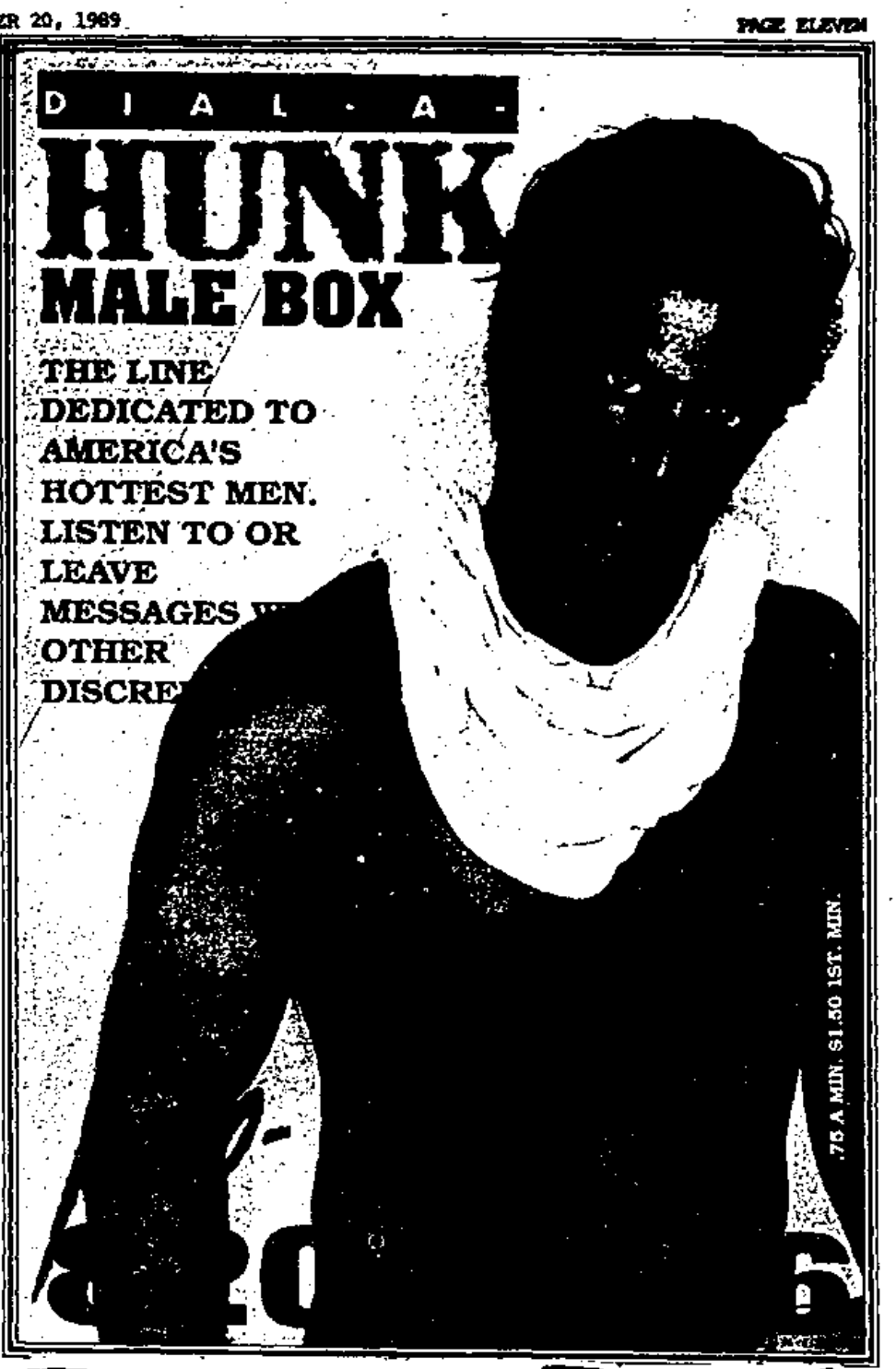
Last season's "The Women of Brewster Place" got high ratings --and letters of protest about Lesbian characters; "Hooperman" and "Heartbeat" both were barraged by a letter-writing campaign with anti-homosexual comments. It is an ill wind which blows for cultural enlightenment.

The 1989-1990 seasons sees NO regular Gay or Lesbian characters and only a handful of Gay-themed programs: two movie biographies of Rock Hudson, on ABC and NBC, and a HBO profile of AIDS patients. That's it. And, like last year's Liberace-fest, there will be no positive images of Gays or Lesbians on television this coming season. The well has gone dry.

I don't know what actions to suggest to counter this blatant posturing, this amoral attempt to cater to a select few, highly vocal morons who insist on having everything in the world conform to their highly suspect views of right and wrong; but I can suggest this: do something! Write a letter to the four networks, the cable channels, and your local newspapers decrying this abysmal lack of reality in programming.

And, while you're at it, complain about the myriad of happy-go-lucky black families which paint a black face on white people just to appease the black audience; and the cop shows without positive black or women characters; or the yuppie shows where all of life is a Hallmark card; and . . . .

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.



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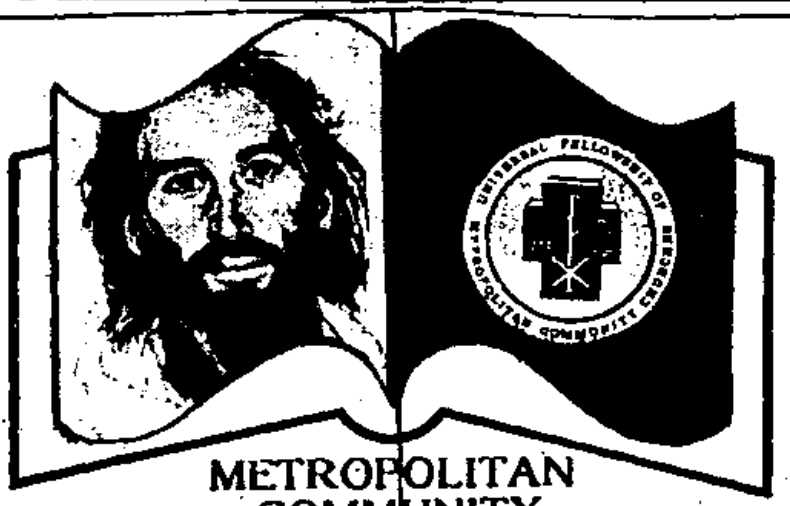

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BOOK REVIEW. . . .

Excerpt From "AFTER THE BALL"

Reviewed on page 16

A SELF-POLICING SOCIAL CODE

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I Won't Have Sex in Public Places.

I Won't Make Passes at Straight Acquaintances or at Strangers Who Might Not Be Gay

Wherever Possible and Sensible, I Will Come Out - Gracefully.

I Will Make an Effort, When Among Straights, Not to Live Down to Gay Stereotypes

I Won't Talk Gay Sex and Gay Raunch in Public

If I'm a Pederast or a Sadomasochist, I'll Keep It Under Wraps, and Out of Gay Pride Events

If I'm a Transvestite, However Glamorous, I'll Graciously Decline Invitations to Model Lingerie for "Oprah" or "Donahue".

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How will the Barney Frank scandal influence the new Fall fashions?

by Christopher Wittke - GCN

"It's hot up here but I ain't taking shit off today. You'll probably hold it against me in five years." Those two sentences were spoken by our very own Madonna (resplendent in a concealing brocade dress) at the Live Aid concert a few years back. She was trying to deflect the endless bad press that started when Penthouse magazine announced it would publish the "scandalous" nude photos she has posed for about a half decade earlier.

Like Barney Frank, Madonna was made vividly aware that once you're in the public eye people will sniff through your past like pigs rooting for truffles in the hopes that they will uncover something "unseemly". Even though Madonna repeatedly said that she had done nothing wrong and that she had nothing to be ashamed of, the hypocritical sexual politics of the would-be moral watchdogs had an immediate effect on Madonna's ... choice of outfits. (And, by extension, our choice of outfits).

Now we have to wonder, how will the Enquirer-like coverage of the fact that Barney Frank allegedly lived with an alleged male prostitute who allegedly ran an escort service out of Frank's alleged apartment - not to mention all of the attendant judgmentalism on the part of the allegedly ethically superior Republicans - influence what we'll be wearing this fall? In countless ways.

HATS: No. Never. What, are you trying to disguise yourself? Do you have something to hide? Head gear is out, even in the pouring rain.

SUNGLASSES: Uh-uh. See"Hats".

CONTACT LENSES: Heave 'em in the garbage. It's back to old fashioned eye glasses, the clunkier looking the better. It's time to be taken seriously, and as Pokey once told Gumby, "Glasses make you look smart".

TOPS: Natural fabrics are O-U-T. Even polyester/cotton blends are iffy. Your petroleum based products make for the perfect fall coats and shirts/blouses. The problem with all-cotton clothing is that it breathes with you and allows a feeling of fashion freedom.

Fashion freedom affords you the delusion that you can make choices. Making choices means that you might choose to have a pleasurable experience, like, say, sex and if you want to enjoy yourself in a sexual manner you will probably be revealed as a moral pariah that you really are. If you make the move to polyester immediately no one will think there's ever been anything in your closet besides a few geeky leisure suit jackets.

BOTTOMS: The polyester fabric emphasis is the same here, but remember, the baggier the better. Your pants and skirts (no matter what your gender) should say "I have no buttocks or genitalia and even if I did I wouldn't want you to know I know I do."

BEFORE

AFTER

A fashion regression or good common sense? You be the judge before someone judges you.

Throw out those hot neon bike pants you've been wearing this summer for dancing and working out. Toss away those clingy tank tops and hip hugging knee-length denim shorts with the one inch rolled cuffs. Slouchy socks (which were fading anyway) are gone, gone, gone, and do we even have to mention that anything with a Batman logo was pretty much outre by June and is not political poison? Why? Because like all the rest of these fashion choices, a Batman logo on any piece of clothing represents what we used to call "fun". And "fun" is out.

This fall the emphasis is on serious studious, ethical. You thought you were going to get to choose from a rainbow of yummy colors for your fall wardrobe? You couldn't have been more wrong. Say goodbye right now to anything vibrant or revealing or anything that makes you feel sexy because morally upright people, apparently, don't have sex. Starting at the top of the head and working down, here are a few fashion pointers that will get you through this fall:

ACCESSORIES: No jewelry. Black belts are okay, as are elastic stretch socks, in black or navy blue. Practical shoes, only. And no matter what it is you're out shopping for, under no circumstances should you put a green bandanna in either your back left or right pants pockets.

Remember, every outfit you choose this fall should tell the world "I am boring and hate fun and think people who like to have fun should be hassled and investigated and made to pay." Barney Frank has learned the hard way the lesson David Bowie taught us years ago: "Fashion, turn to the left; Fashion, turn to the right; We are the goon squad and we're coming to town. Beep beep."

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BOOK REVIEW

"AFTER THE BALL" BREAKS NEW GROUND IN THE WORLD OF SELF LOATHING
(Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen; Doubleday, New York, 1989
$19.95 cloth, 398pp.)

Reviewed by Gordon Gottlieb (GCN)

For better or worse, I missed the brouhaha in the straight and Gay press when "After The Ball" was published earlier this year, so I picked up this book without benefit of preconceived notions or awareness of the ridicule it had received. I was intrigued to read a book that claimed to set out to change straight society's homophobia, and I was eager to see what activist strategy would be unveiled.

Imagine my surprise then when I found out that I am as much to blame for homophobia as the straight society that envelopes me every day of my life. It turns out I'm too radical, I'm too vocal, I don't worry enough about how straight people might feel when I talk about sex. I try to work in coalitions with women, people of color and other political activists. Not only am I a part of the problem, but, according to the authors, the entire spectrum of the Gay/Lesbian movement comprises a bunch of misdirected, power-mongering, ineffectual, self-promoting losers (an assessment that may have some element of truth to it, but which this book wildly overstates).

The authors go on to inform us that we have been fighting homophobia in exactly the wrong way, and what we really need is a good advertising campaign followed by a "self-policing social code."

Yes, Marshall Kirk, a researcher in neuropsychiatry, and Hunter Madsen, a Harvard and Madison Avenue-trained advertising honcho, have carefully scripted an elaborate plan that calls for a national media campaign to show we are just as good as (if not better than) them. Combining what I presume to be standard communications theory with a healthy dose of Hollywood's mid-60s approach to role models for Black people (i.e. make Sidney Poitier more heroic, more virtuous and more non-sexual/non-threatening than anyone on earth), their "practical principles for the persuasions of straights" consist of eight progressively problematic steps.

Once they get past the obvious points (be clear what your message is; target your audience), Kirk and Madsen plunge into a breath-taking call for assimilation and cover-up: Don't present images of Gay men or Lesbians that show us as strong or defiant.

Maintain a victim's image - docile and subservient - and be suitably appreciative of heterosexual help. Avoid issues and movements that are "remote" from Gay issues (e.g. racism, militarism, etc.), but align with mainstream groups (NOW, the Democratic Party) as long as they throw us a big enough bone. Don't challenge straight people's notions of sexuality or family, just focus on homosexuality as a discrimination issue.

How does this translate into a print and electronic media strategy? Use only photogenic "nice boys and girls" to represent us, keep the "weirdos" and the angry people away from the cameras on Pride Day, don't ever talk to straights about Gay sex or god forbid engage in public sex, ignore the "fringe" groups (S&Mers, dykes on bikes, queens, etc.) and just pretend we're just like them.

This reliance on "standard image-management techniques" (their term) is neither original nor surprising - even if it ignores how ineffective it was with other groups who were willing to assimilate, for instance, German Jews earlier this century. And even the implicit racist, sexist and class-based concepts that underlie their assumptions of who Gay men and Lesbians are and what we want are predictable.

Actually, it's the second piece of their strategy that breaks new ground - primarily in the world of self-loathing. We need to "sanitize our very unsanitary image," according to these Image Police, who spend over a hundred pages denouncing a range of behaviors, attitudes and actions that Kirk and Madsen say dominate the Gay world. (Even the authors admit they're mostly talking about Gay men, not Lesbians. People of color, non-urban types and poor people are pretty much left out of their picture, no doubt for simplicity's sake).

In fascinating detail, Kirk and Madsen explain why "not our sexuality, but our lifestyle is the pits." Apparently, our "lifestyle" is full of "pathological liars and con men," people who disdain morality (undefined), and men who suffer from a range of personality disorders (especially narcissism, self-indulgence, self destruction) and other unpleasant qualities (selfishness, pettiness, jealousy, etc.).

Reading this section reminded me of pseudo-scientific books that purport to explain the "Gay underground" - books that I used to read surreptitiously 15 years ago. From ignorant and vicious straight people, I've come to expect this outlook. To see it penned by openly Gay men is comparable to writing "The Boys In The Band 1989". But unfortunately, "After The Ball" can't be dismissed out of hand - because straight society may use it to justify its own homophobia, just as the straight media could smugly point to Randy Shilts' "And The Band Played On" as proof of Gay men's complicity in "spreading AIDS".

I did find several kernels of common sense in the book. Some of the author's how-to ideas for using the media are valuable for people unfamiliar with such manipulations. And they point out the scandal of how only a relative handful of activists and donors keep Gay/Lesbian institutions afloat. But a handful of kernels get lost in a field of stupidity and self-hatred. We grazed there for too long. Thankfully, we are, for the most part, in a different pasture now, having left Kirk and Madsen way behind.

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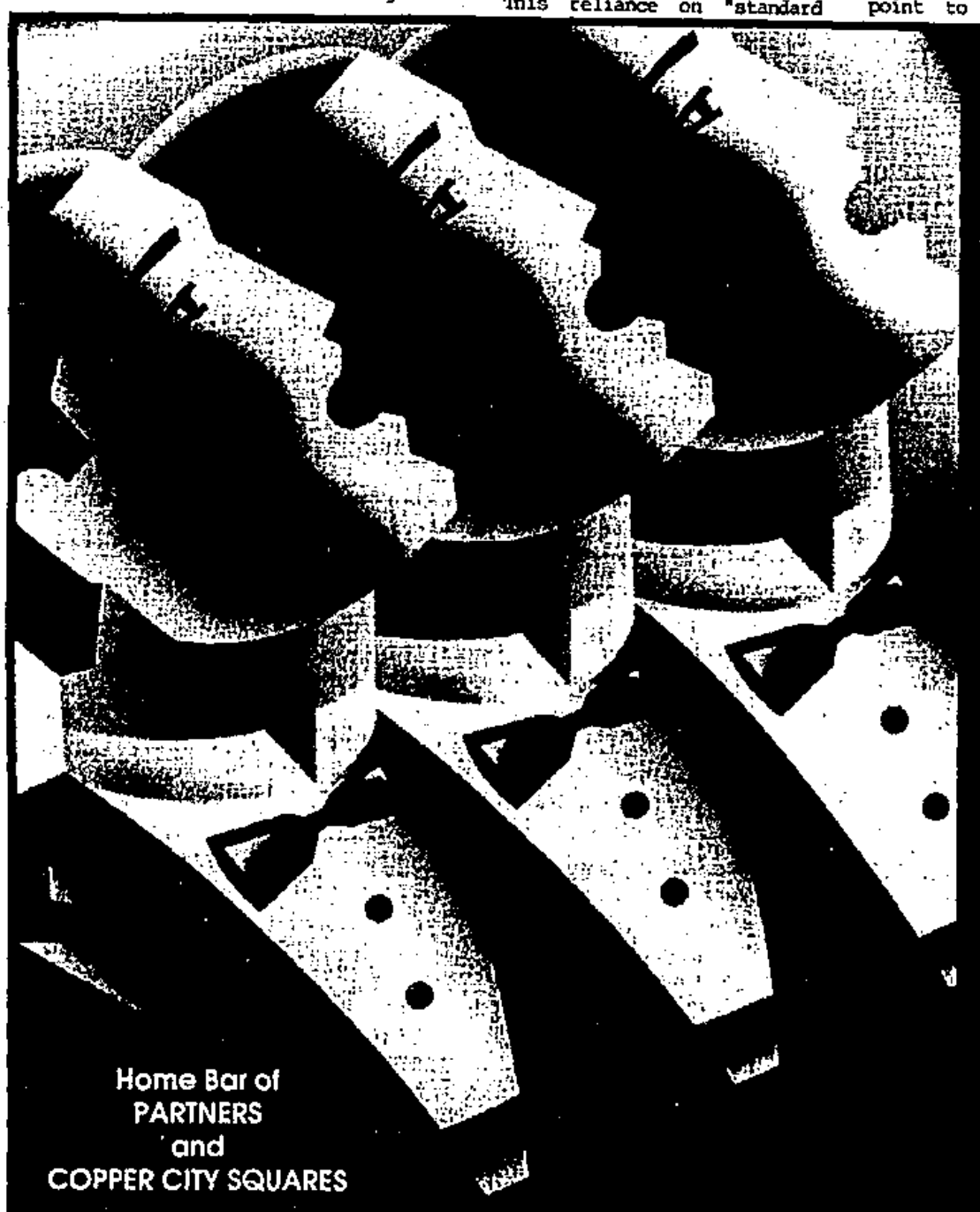

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