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## Mayor Volgy To Address OPBPA



TUCSON MAYOR TOM VOLGY

TUCSON - Thomas John Volgy, Mayor of Tucson, will pay a third visit to Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association when the club meets on Friday, Sept. 15 at the Hotel Park Tucson.

"Mayor Volgy made us all proud with his exceptionally strong proclamation of Anti-Discrimination Week in Tucson June 25 - July 2, 1989," said OPBPA President Al Whitehurst. "I hope many people will turn out to thank him in person for his support."

The proclamation noted the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City, "marking the opposition of harassment of Gays and Lesbians".

It said that "the Gay and Lesbian community remembers at this time of year the many homosexuals put to death in Nazi concentration camps during World War II".

The proclamation called all Tucsonans to "increase our understanding and awareness of the importance of eliminating harassment of others based on sexual preference".

Harassment for one's beliefs is painfully familiar to the mayor. In 1956, during a failed demo-

cratic revolution in his native Hungary, Volgy and his parents, Edith and Imre, fled to the United States and freedom. Tom was 10.

He graduated from high school in Grand Rapids, Michigan, obtained his bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in political science and history from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, and a masters and PhD in political science from the University of Minnesota.

He came to Tucson in 1971 to become associate professor of political science and a research associate at the University of Arizona.

Volgy has written scores of scholarly articles in the fields of international politics, comparative foreign policy, international organizations and structures, conflict and crisis behavior, foreign policy restructuring, defense policy, sex roles, cultural change and political adaptation.

He has focused on mass media impacts on mass political behavior.

Get acquainted time at the OPBPA meeting is at 7:30 p.m., the mayor's talk is at 8:00 p.m. Men-

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## Tentative agreement in 1985 Chicago Gay bar raid

CHICAGO, IL - American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois Legal Director Harvey M. Grossman has announced that a tentative settlement has been reached in a federal class action suit filed on behalf of fifty Gay men who were patrons of a Chicago Gay nightclub which was raided by state drug agents and Chicago police in 1985.

Under terms of the proposed settlement, presented at a hearing before federal district court Judge Suzanne Conlon, the city and state has agreed to pay over \$225,000 to nearly 50 patrons of a popular Gay bar whose rights were violated when agents of the Northeastern Illinois Metropolitan Enforcement Group and several Chicago policemen staged a raid nearly four years ago. The judge has stated that she would decide whether to accept the proposed settlement.

According to Grossman, Gays have long been subject to harassment by law enforcement officials. However, this is the first time a group of Gay men has successfully joined together to obtain damages from law enforcement agencies.

On Sept. 17, 1985, at about 10:30 p.m., Chicago police and MEG agents conducted a mass raid on Carol's Speakeasy. Although the officers had only a single arrest warrant for the bartender of the establishment, they detained over 50 men who were patrons and employees for periods of up to three hours. The men were made to remain face-down on the floor for long periods of time, subjected to derogatory slurs based on sexual orientation, searched and questioned extensively.

Some patrons were asked to

give personal information about themselves which included the names and addresses of family members, business and financial interests, marital status and their places of employment. Before they were allowed to leave the bar, each man was photographed. No drugs or weapons were found. One patron was charged with resisting arrest but was never prosecuted; none of the other men were arrested.

The ACLU filed suit, challenging the raid as a violation of the men's rights to association, to privacy and to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. The suit asserted that the members of the class desire the social benefits of living in a fully integrated society - including the freedom to associate with persons who are Gay and to do so in places of public accommodation.

The ACLU urged the judge to allow an extended period of time for the patrons of the bar during the raid to come forward in this suit. Grossman said, "Many homosexual and bisexual men were reluctant to disclose their identities because of past discrimination against them. Even with the identification and information taken by the authorities, we had difficulty locating all of those who may have been at Carol's Speakeasy that night."

If Judge Conlon accepts the terms of this settlement, each patron would receive approximately \$5,000, the return of all documents containing the personal information which the agents made them disclose, as well as the individual photographs. In addition, any police records of individuals detained during the raid would be expunged.

## Gay Games Torch Passed

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Francisco Arts and Athletics, ruling body of the Gay Games since their inception in 1982, has passed the torch to its succeeding board which will be known as The Federation of Gay Games.

The Federation's primary function will be "to foster and augment the self-respect of Gay women and men throughout the world and to engender understanding from the non-Gay world through the medium of non-competitively oriented cultural and athletic events promoted as "The Gay Games". Following the dream of the games' founder, Tom Waddell, the Federation will continue to emphasize inclusiveness in all future games so that all participants may exercise their personal best, whether in sports or the arts.

The new Federation's board is comprised of 40 Lesbians and Gays from regional, national, and international sporting, cultural and supportive organizations who are dedicated to ensuring the continued integrity of the Gay Games. At the transitional meeting in Seattle in July, the new directors elected officers and established organizational goals.

Co-President Peg Grey of Chicago, summed up the meeting by saying, "Tom Waddell's dream is the inspiration for us all. The geographic diversity of the new board

of directors reflects how the dream has gained support throughout the international Gay and Lesbian community.

Also Co-President, Rick Peterson of Seattle, said, "The Gay Games movement is coming to maturity and world ownership. Vancouver is hosting Gay Games III and The Hague has expressed interest in hosting the Games in 1994 in the Netherlands. At our upcoming meeting we will establish guidelines for site election of future hosts."

Other officers on the executive council with Grey and Peterson are Shawn Kelly, San Francisco, Vice President; Rose Mary Mitchell and Michael Clarke, San Francisco, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; and Treasurer Jack Campbell, of Miami. Officers will serve for one year, while all directors serve a four-year term.

While the world anticipates GG III hosted by Canada next year, this new council has already begun the task of determining the location for GG IV in 1994. The board meets again in October in conjunction with the final planning conference for Celebration '90. Organizations and individuals desiring more information about the Federation should write 584 Castro Street, Suite 343, San Francisco, CA 94114, or call (415) 566-1015.

# UPDATE

**CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE PLANNED TO MARK QUILT'S FINAL APPEARANCE**  
**LOS ANGELES, CA** - On Oct. 6, the AIDS Quilt will be unfolded for the final time in Washington, DC. The thousands of panels represent friends and lovers, sons and daughters. The Quilt is a memorial, but the sorrow of AIDS infected communities is intertwined with anger. ACT NOW (the AIDS Coalition To Network Organize and Win) will be exercising that anger around the country on Oct. 6 to put an end to the Quilt's growth.

At a meeting held in Montreal during the International AIDS Conference representatives of AIDS activist organizations from across the U.S. declared Oct. 6 a day of national protest. Local groups were urged to engage in highly visible demonstrations and civil disobedience. Already organizations in cities as diverse as Kansas City, Chicago, Austin, and Ann Arbor have announced their intention of participating and more cities are signing on every day.

ACT UP/LA will be holding a massive civil disobedience at the Los Angeles Federal Building to press demands for speedier release of AIDS drugs, changes in federal AIDS policies and a national health care program. Action Now in Orlando will demonstrate for release of ddI and foscarnet, two drugs that could benefit tens of thousands of PWAs now. OUT will hit the Health and Human Services Headquarters in Washington, DC with civil disobedience. ACT UP/San Francisco will be demonstrating at the Federal Mint in that city demanding that the money be spent to end the AIDS epidemic.

While the actions and demands of groups will be tailored to fit local conditions it is hoped that AIDS protests occurring around the country simultaneously with the Quilt's last appearance in Washington will awaken the country to the need to deal with the AIDS epidemic. To become involved in the Oct. 6 actions contact ACT Now directly at (415) 861-7505.

**EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT WORKSHOP FUNDRAISER IN PHOENIX**  
**PHOENIX** - U.S. West Eagle (Employee Association For Gays and Lesbians) will be conducting a fund raiser workshop on self-esteem on Friday, Sept. 16 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at 5090 N. 40th Street in the 'multi-purpose room'.

"Learning to Love from the Inside Out," will be facilitated by Carol Dorman M.Div/Counselor and Jim Eggle Ph.D. Psychology.

Registration is \$10 and should be mailed by Sept. 9 to: U.S. West Eagle, P.O. Box 36702, Phoenix, AZ 85067. For more information call Gloria, 247-7087, Peggy 247-3241 or Kurt 351-5463.

**OASIS MCC/PHOENIX CELEBRATES 10TH PHOENIX** - Oasis MCC will be celebrating its 10th year anniversary on Oct. 7 and 8. Plans and fund-raising efforts are in the works now.

A decade of service to God and the Gay and Lesbian community of Phoenix is a remarkable achievement. The Anniversary Committee, Kern Wilson, Gwenda Saylor and Donna Gibson plan on not only celebrating a decade of passing services, but to celebrate a new decade of services, which will make Phoenix take notice that Oasis is alive, well and a valuable asset to the community.

The celebration festivities will include an awards banquet honoring individuals within the church who have demonstrated out-

**MS. GAY LATINA '89 CONTEST SEPT. 16**  
**TUCSON** - El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora will present "Noche Mexicana" in celebration of the crowning of Ms. Gay Latina '89 on Sept. 16, at the Joshua Tree from 7 to 11 p.m.

Participants will be judged in three categories for a combined total of 30 points per judge (150 point total). Three questions (oral or written) of 5 points each (total 15) on issues relevant to our community (Gay & Lesbian, Latinos, and AIDS); 10 points on originality (Latino theme); and 5 points for talent. El Proyecto will not participate in the judging.

Persons of Latino origin interested in entering should attend meetings to be held Sunday, Sept. 3 at 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

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**AZT COSTS LITTLE TO MAKE, TOO MUCH TO BUY**  
 very early symptoms or no signs of the disease at all except for abnormal blood counts.

Burroughs Wellcome Co., the only company that makes AZT, sells the drug for \$1.50 per capsule. By the time wholesalers and drugstores take their markups, the retail price is about \$1.80.

People with AIDS typically take about eight capsules a day, while five capsules daily are recommended for those with no outward symptoms. For them, the price is \$9 a day, or about \$3,300 a year.

Last Wednesday, Aug. 30, fifteen Gay rights and AIDS activist organizations asked Burroughs Wellcome to lower the cost.

"Absolutely, it's overpriced," said Richard Dunn, director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York. "It's clear that at the current price, there will be people who won't be able to afford this drug."

**TAKE BACK THE NIGHT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MONDAY, SEPT. 11**

**TUCSON** - In conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness month, Tucson Women Take Back the Night will hold a march to protest violence against women on Saturday, Oct. 7. TWBN is a group of women in Tucson who have gathered for the purpose of bringing awareness to the community regarding the many acts of violence against women and children that occur daily. Such acts of violence include rape, battering, sexual abuse, prostitution, pornography, child abuse and sexual harassment.

A general organization meeting will be held Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucson Women's Commission Building, 240 N. Court. In addition, committee meetings are being held each week in the areas of publicity, peacekeeping, finance, events and programming and route planning.

Peacekeeper training will be held separately. With any large gathering, rally or march it is important to maintain the unity and safety of the participants. Peacekeepers are people trained to assist in maintaining this unity and assure a smooth flow to the March. Peacekeeper training for one event is useful for others, however, even if you have been trained as a peacekeeper, you must go through training for this march to assure consistency and unity.

Peacekeeper training dates and locations are:  
 Sept. 7 - 6-9 p.m.  
 El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W. Speedway.  
 Sept. 16 - 1-4 p.m.  
 Columbus Library, 4350 E. 22nd St.  
 Sept. 24 - 1-4 p.m.  
 383 N. Wilcox Recreational Center  
 Sept. 26 - 7-10 p.m.  
 El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W. Speedway  
 Oct. 7 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
 Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia

There will be several fundraising events prior to the actual March on Oct. 7. One of the first will be held at Colette's, on Sept. 15 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds will help cover the costs of the March and Rally.

All women and children are encouraged to join in acknowledging the violence in their lives and to share the hope for a future of peace and justice.

For more information and additional meeting dates please call 791-7891, 887-7880- or ask for Julie at 326-2153.

Women Take Back the Night has spokeswomen available from professions dealing with the different forms of violence against women and children including representatives from the Southern Arizona Task Force Against Domestic Violence, the Legal Community and Counselors working with victims of violence. Should any business or organization be interested in contacting a TWBN spokeswoman, please call any of the above numbers.

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**VOLGY TO SPEAK AT OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL MEETING**  
 bers and newcomers will be admitted without charge.

And there's a special extra for OPBPA friends and members. If you call 296-4642 before Sept. 11 and leave your name and address, OPBPA will send you a discount certificate for dinner at the Ranchers Club Restaurant in Hotel Park Tucson. The Ranchers Club will discount the cost of the lowest priced meal in your party of two or more, (drinks, beverages and gratuity not included). The certificate is good until Oct. 14, but you are urged to get one for a full evening out Sept. 15. Your name and address, incidentally will not be put on any mailing list.

## THE MORNING AFTER THE PROM

WOW! WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME IT WAS! AND WHAT A SIGHT TO SEE! THE HUGE LIST OF THANKS WILL HAVE TO SHOW UP LATER BECAUSE IT IS LONG AND I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANYONE OUT ... BUT IT WAS A GREAT ONE ... AND I AM POOPED TO PROVE IT. THANKS TO RUMORZ & PETER, RICKY NORMAN AND CAST AND CREW, ALL THE SHANTI VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS WHO HELPED ... AND TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR SUCH WONDERFUL SUPPORT WHILE HAVING SUCH A GOOD TIME !!

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# National Coming Out Day October 11

SANTA FE, NM - The second annual National Coming Out Day (NCOOD), Oct. 11, is being co-sponsored by a broad-base of highly respected community leaders and organizations. The goal of NCOOD is to increase the visibility of the more than 20 million Gay and Lesbian people in the United States. Last year's activities received positive media coverage throughout the country, including coverage in "USA Today", CNN, National Public Radio, "This Way Out" and the Oprah Winfrey Show.

October 11, the day of this national event, commemorates the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. NCOOD organizers invite individuals and organizations to become co-sponsors by making financial contributions to support the central office and by planning local activities in their communities. "This is a grass roots campaign, and its success depends on the willingness of local groups to plan and carry out events that support people to take their next step in coming out," says NCOOD co-chair, Dr. Rob Eichberg.

As coming out is a process and not a singular event, individuals are being asked to "take the next step" in their coming out process — a step which may be very personal for some and very public for others. "Our power is awesome, and it's time we use it. NCOOD is a chance to take the spirit and message of the March on Washington home to communities throughout the country" says NCOOD co-chair Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of National Gay Rights Advocates.

Joining the growing list of NCOOD sponsors include: Rev. Troy Perry Founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches; Jeff Levi and Urvashi Vaid with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF); Vic Basile and Tim McPealey of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF); Tom Stoddard of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF);

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The list continues with The Experience in the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, and Seattle; Torie Osborn of the

Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center; The Flamingo Freedom Band of South Florida; writer Harvey Fierstein and comedian Robin Tyler; and veteran activists Morris Right, Virginia Apuzzo, Eric Rofes, Vivian Shaprio, Susan McGreivy, Randy Miller and Cleve Jones.

For more information, or to contribute to National Coming Out Day, write to NCOOD, P.O. Box 15524, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87506 or call (505) 982-2558.

## AZT Costs little to make, too much to buy

BOSTON, MA (AP) - Five capsules of the AIDS drug AZT - one day's supply for infected people - contain an estimated 15 cents worth of ingredients.

Officials estimate the five capsules cost between \$1.50 and \$2.50 to manufacture, but they sell in the drugstore for \$9.

By any standard, a lifetime of treatment with AZT will add up to a lot of money. Is the price too high, as some critics say? Or is the medicine really a bargain, as its maker maintains?

The disagreement highlights the arbitrary, often mysterious, fashion in which pharmaceutical companies decide how much to charge for the medicines they hold exclusive rights to sell.

"The only thing we know is there is no objective social way of determining what the price should be except what the market will bear," said Dr. Donald Rucker of the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy.

In this case, the market is likely to grow dramatically.

AZT, known generically as azidothymidine and sold as Retrovir, is the only approved AIDS drug. Until recently, it was recommended only for the 40,000 people with AIDS or several AIDS-related illnesses. But new research suggests that the medicine can also forestall AIDS in people at earlier stages of infection with HIV. (OBSERVER, Aug. 16).

Federal officials estimate that the drug could become routine therapy for an additional 600,000 infected people - those who have

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 Thank you all  
 Peter, Manager, Ramorz 2222

**DEAR EDITOR:**  
 I would like to take this time to say thank you to all the entertainers, the DJ, bartenders, light man and especially Jim Lefkowitz for all the work put into the C.A.T. Benefit show.  
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# "Into The Woods" opens at U of A

by Steve Murray

The Wolf's bare chest, the jut of his hips and the lascivious way he licks his lips at Red Ridinghood clue us in early that "Into The Woods" is not merely for the child in us. It's also for the adult who, like Dante's midlife traveler, finds himself lost in a dark wood, beset by beasts (debts, soured relationships, wasted opportunities, etc.).

The Tony-Award-winning "Into The Woods" has been a Broadway hit since 1987, and now a national touring production company is coming to the University of Arizona Centennial Theatre Sept. 6-10. This sophisticated musical revision of several fairy tales, blended by Stephen Sondheim (music and lyrics) and James Lapine (book), is equal parts sugarplum and sour drop. The collaborators interweave familiar stories with their own coinage: a baker and his wife's search for a red cape, a white cow, a gold slipper and yellow hair - ingredients to lift the curse of childlessness cast by their neighbor a witch.

If these items sound familiar, think Red Ridinghood, Jack of Beanstalk fame, Cinderella and Rapunzel - whom the couple meet as they journey into the woods (an effective, childlike metaphor for the tangled moral issues we face as adults).

Also on the path are a couple of charming princes, one smitten by the girl at the ball, the other by the girl in the tower. In Act 1's goofily upbeat finale, they wed Cinderella and Rapunzel, joined by Jack, now rich; Mrs. Baker, now pregnant, and the Witch, now a knockout. But that's only half the story - the better half.

Act 2 shows what happens after "ever after" - boredom, infidelity, death.

The high mortality rate in the second act reflects the dread we feel in a world that sometimes seems haywire. The threat of a giant stomping through the kingdom evokes various sudden-death fears: AIDS, terrorism, nuclear holocaust.

As powerful as the metaphor is, without the twists and propulsion of ACT 1's syncopated story lines, the collaborators come up with a heavy-handed, slower-moving conclusion that has less to do with the uses of enchantment than the abuses of psychotherapy. The characters fret over their weaknesses, wrong choices and indecision, like New York neurotics at a storybook costume party.

While Mr. Lapine's direction tends to be precise with smaller groups of actors, his crowds lump together in dull configurations and dull dances. And while Mr. Sondheim's nursery-rhyme musical scheme - glittering like a busy sewing needle - breaks into occasional lush melodies, his crisp, witty lyrics often speed by too fast to savor. Nevertheless, "Into The Woods" is admirable for its ambitious use of the form.

Standouts in the touring production include the pure-throated Mary Gordon Murray as the Baker's Wife; the crystal-toned, hilariously pratfalling Jill Geddes as Cinderella; Chuck Wagner, oozing insincerity as the Wolf and Cinderella's Prince; Kevin R. Wright as the boyish Jack; Ray Gill as the stolid Baker and Tracy Katz who, as the nasal and pugnacious Little Red Ridinghood, steals her every scene.



(L to R) Betsy Joslyn, Chuck Wagner, Rex Robbins, Marcus Olson and Mary Gordon Murray in a scene from the National Tour of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Tony-Award-winning musical "Into

The Woods". The musical opens on Wednesday, Sept. 6 and runs through the final performance at a matinee Sunday, Sept. 10. (See advertisement elsewhere in this issue of OBSERVER). (PHOTO: Martha Swope)



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**GEMINI**  
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**CANCER**  
Be careful if you must travel for work purposes. Errors in communication could misguide you. Emotional agitation could play a major role in causing a relationship crisis. Tomorrow is another day.

**LEO**  
Be sure you are aware of all the facts concerning an important event in the workplace. Listening to what is said between the lines may tell you more than just the words you hear spoken. Avoid spending money on entertainment.

**VIRGO**  
This is not a favorable time for a relationship that is too serious. If you are feeling unsure of the way a romance is going, take time to yourself and spend more time at home.

**LIBRA**  
Learning something you didn't know could have you feeling upset about

how the way someone is treating you. Your intuition is very strong right now although some of what you suspect is true, it may not be the whole story. Listen to find out.

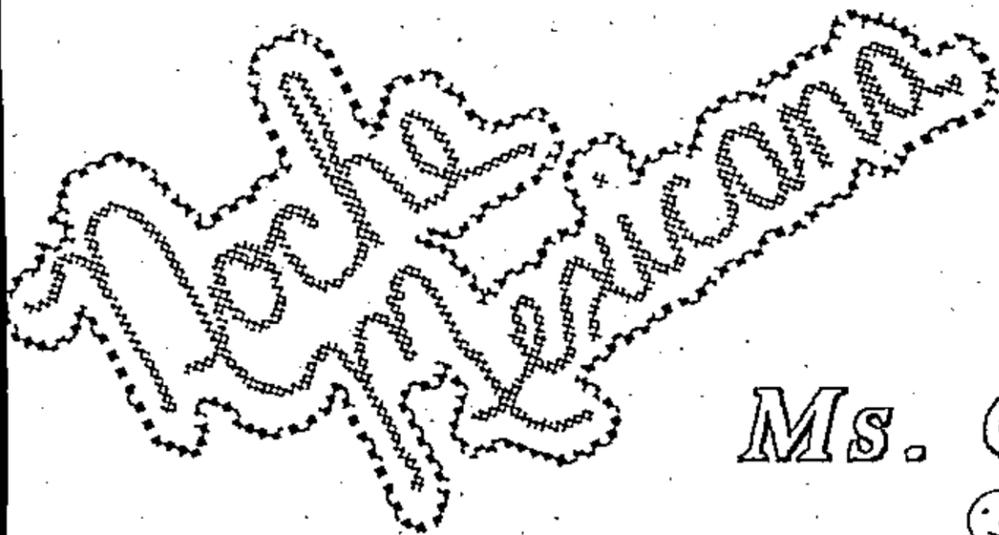
**SCORPIO**  
You may be disappointed about a secret desire you have had. If your intuition is giving you warnings it is probably a good thing that you listen to your own guidance. Avoid financial dealings with friends or you could suffer loss.

**CENTAUR**  
Career pressures are unusually stressful. Be on guard if you are dealing with people who may misinform you about their true intentions. Discuss any strong suspicion you feel with a trusted and well-informed friend.

**CAPRICORN**  
Unexpected disappointment could be revealed in career matters. It is very possible that you will have to re-define your goals for the future. Using your own organizational skills is one of your best talents but someone in authority could veto your decisions.

**AQUARIUS**  
It is possible that your career interests could offer you an unexpected opportunity to gain more specialized training. A female associate could express concern for future financial security. As much as you would like to help those who need it, this is not always realistic.

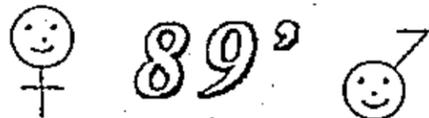
**PISCES**  
Something you learn from a friend could have you feeling angry with a certain someone. Avoid expressing your disappointment in a public environment or those who are not informed on what has happened may see you in the wrong light.



El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora  
presenta:

El Primer Concurso de

## Ms. Gay Latina



Sabado, 16 de Septiembre  
Saturday, September 16th  
Joshua Tree  
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
gratis/free

Participants will be judged in three categories for a combined total of 30 points per judge (150 total points). Three questions (oral or written) of 5 points each (total 15) on issues relevant to our community (Gay & Lesbian, Latinos, and AIDS); 10 points on originality (Latino Theme); and 5 points for talent.

Judges will not be from El Proyecto.

Invitamos a personas (de raíces latina) interesadas en participar en el concurso, a que se reúnan con nosotros el:

We would like to invite persons (of Latino origin) interested in entering, to attend a meeting on:

Domingo, 3 de Septiembre, 2:00 p.m. o  
Miércoles, 6 de Septiembre, 7:00 p.m.

Joshua Tree Patio

Sunday, September 3rd, 2:00 p.m. or;  
Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 p.m.

1º lugar: Viaje para dos. • 1st Prize: Trip for two.



## A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

## WHAT VOYAGER'S FLIGHT SHOWS US ABOUT OURSELVES

I was there, were you? I sat glued to my television set late night Thursday, August 24, and watched with incredulous wonder at the images coming back from nearly 3 billion miles away. Did you?

If you didn't, you are one in a very small majority; Voyager 2's fly-by of the "blue planet" captured the imaginations of citizens of Earth the world over. More than 400 members of the press awaited each and every new development at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, California. From Japan, England, Australia, Canada, Mexico and all points in-between, people were captivated by human's most recent foray into space.

Recent? Well, so it's 12-years-old.

A lot of interesting things happened in 1977: I graduated from high school; "Star Wars" became the highest-grossing film every made; Joan Crawford, Maria Callas, Charles Chaplin and Bing Crosby died; Anita Bryant made her anti-homosexual stand in Dade County, Florida; Jimmy Carter became the last (so far) Democratic President to take office; rings were discovered around the planet Uranus, the shuttle "Enterprise" made its maiden voyage (off the back of a 747 airplane) and --oh, yes-- the Voyager 1\* and 2 space probes were launched.

Almost as an afterthought, one of humankind's greatest achievements in space occurred, relatively unceremoniously --and scarcely anyone paid any attention. After all, the Viking Lander had touched down on Mars less than one year previously; and humans first stepped on the Moon scarcely 8 years before. What was so special about two probes? But that attitude would soon change.

1979: Jupiter. The Voyagers discovered rings around our solar system's largest planet --as well as evidence of volcanic activity on its Moon Io.

1981: Saturn. The Voyagers sent back some of the most incredible images of another celestial body --and discovered new moons orbiting the planet.

1986: Uranus. The Voyagers found small shepherding moons which keep the thin planetary rings from spreading out --as well as ten new moons.

1989: Neptune. After a circuitous journey of 4.4 billion miles, Voyager 2 passed within 3000 miles of the least known plan-

et in our solar system. (Voyager 1 had already been sent out of the solar system).

It discovered, amongst other things, up to six new moons, making a total of eight; not just one ring, but as many as five encircling the planet; cloud activity on Neptune; volcanic and tectonic activity on Triton, its largest moon.

The list of discoveries is endless --and will remain incomplete for many years to come; but Voyager's miraculous journey around the solar system has, hopefully, taught us something far more important to the survival of the human race: that the quest for knowledge is the glue which binds us all.

When was the last time representatives from so many nations gathered together for something not war-related? Other than the Olympics, I cannot think of any occasion which would qualify.

I cannot help but think if some of the money we reserve for bombs and killing machines was earmarked, instead, for the exploration of space, perhaps some of the fighting and animosity around the world would cease to have any importance --and therefore cease to exist. The future holds many things, including Space Station Freedom, the planned Lunar Base and the first human trip to Mars. Aren't these activities far more important than killing people over a few acres of earth? I would hope so.

Perhaps this is a naive conclusion to reach; but if the peaceful quest for knowledge is naive, then so be it.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

## News From MCC Tucson

This coming Sunday will be another full day at the church. Starting at 9:45 a.m. the Christian Education Classes entitled "The Journey to Spiritual Maturity" will begin. Our regular Morning Worship Service will start at 10:45 a.m., then, following the worship service, will be our Fellowship Hour and choir practice. Starting at 1:00 p.m., our Membership/Inquirer's Classes will start. These classes are offered to anyone interested in the background history and doctrines of the U.F.M.C.C. without obligation. The Christian Education Classes will again be presented at 4:30 p.m. for those unable to attend the morning session. Our Evening Worship Service will begin at 5:30 p.m.

"Why Do People Suffer?" This workshop will start Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7:00 p.m. This workshop is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. This workshop will have five sessions and will continue every Thursday through October 5.

Rev. Judy Dahl, our Southwest District Coordinator, will be in Tucson on Sept. 23 and 24. Rev. Dahl will be reviewing MCC/Tucson for the re-licensing as a chartered church of the U.F.M.C.C. There are stipulations in the U.F.M.C.C. by-laws that each chartered church must adhere. This up-coming review is a standard procedure that each chartered church must pass to remain a chartered church. It should be noted that MCC-Tucson will celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of the founding this coming year.

Thought for the Week: No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. (Eleanor Roosevelt)

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**POLITICS '89**

by Mark R. Kerr

**NATIONAL NEWS:** The big news this week was the special election for the 15th Congressional District vacated by the death of the great Democratic Congressman Claude Pepper. The participants were Ilona Ros-Lehten for the Republicans and Bob Richman for the Democrats. The GOP heavily targeted this district and the efforts paid off. For the first time in over a century, this seat will be held by a Republican. Ros-Lehten defeated Richman by 4,000 votes (52% to 48%).

Also, Mrs. Allison Leland stated this week that she will not run for the seat that her late husband held. Mickey Leland died in a plane crash in Ethiopia last month.

**STATE NEWS:** Another scoop for Politics '89. Rep. John Kromko (D-Tucson) informed me that there will be a petition drive to get an initiative on the 1990 ballot to lower auto insurance rates. Rep. Kromko had previously stated that if auto insurance was not taken up during the first meeting of the 39th Legislature, that he will launch an initiative drive. As we all remember, and are recovering from, the Republican-controlled legislature took up very little during the last session. Rumor has it that Gov. Mofford is trying

to get a bill introduced to head this off.

**STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES:** News on the Republican side to report. After having a talk with Pima County Republican Chair Linda Barber, I was informed of the newest candidacies. In Legislative District 13, Robert Bayne will run again. Bayne was defeated by David Bartlett in 1988.

In Legislative District 14, several candidates have popped up, to try to get rid of the incumbent Democrats, Rep. Cindy Resnick and Rep. Ruth Solomon. Joining Mehamite Ed Kahn will be former city council candidate Victor Venne. Venne last ran in 1987 and was defeated by William Kenneries in the Ward 4 primaries.

Also getting into the fray will be Ken Chiari. If this name sounds familiar, Ken, a Pima County College professor, waged a bitter battle for the State Senate GOP nomination in which incumbent William DeLong won. Speaking of Senator DeLong, he recently announced that he will run for another term. Now the big question going through Dist. 14 is will Cindy run?

**PIMA COUNTY NEWS:** The Lambda Democratic Caucus (aka GLDC) will

be drawing up a bill which will get introduced by lawmakers. The topic that this bill will cover is HIV testing. What this bill will do is make HIV testing confidential permanently throughout the state. Rep. John Kromko has stated on occasion that there is good support for confidential HIV testing.

The time to act is now, that is why the Caucus is taking such a bold step. Bold steps are needed - not dreams. If we want our basic rights, we are going to have to pressure our legislators. More information on the bill will come forth in future columns, so keep reading.

The weekend before the Sept. 19th Primaries, the Caucus is launching a voter registration drive. It will take place Sept. 15, 16, and 17. The locations will be in the various bars. The last day to register for the general election is Sept. 18. If you cannot make it to the Caucus drive, the Pima County Democratic Party headquarters will be open until midnight on Sept. 18. The address is 4432 E. Broadway, Suite 202. If you have any questions, you can give them a call at 326-3716.

**CONSIDER THIS:** Would you like to know who I would like to see as the Republican gubernatorial nominee? I would like to see Evan Meham get it. Why? First off, if he won it would put the Republican bluebloods in a quandary. The GOP legislators would be put

in the situation of defending their gubernatorial standard bearer. Moderates would find it hard to stomach him again, thus cross-over voting or staying home.

If Meham won the nomination, the Democrats would be in the catbird seat. Rose's victory is assured, the Democratic legislative candidates would put the GOP candidates on the spot. Lastly, you have the voters who will make the final decision. Mofford leads Meham by a 5-1 margin in the polls. As Meham does so does the Republican Party. If he got the nomination, the Democrats would control both houses of the Legislature and the Governor's mansion. And the right wing extremism would be extinguished.

Until next time, take care.

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# WHAT'S UP DOG?



To keep Annie happy, Partners' met last Tuesday, Sept. 5, not as I reported last week. Sorry for that gang!

This past Saturday found DL holding their monthly Beer Bust at the Graduate. After I had finished TKO's monthly meeting, I herded all the owlets up and headed them there upon walking in, you could tell it was a festive day - a large crowd was on hand. It took some outside work, but as advertised in last week's paper, the school marm did finally show up. This girl cannot figure out her name because a couple years ago she was called "Tug Boat Annie".

Anyway, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and one of TKO's members won one of the scratch tickets in DL's drawings, - finally someone won on it. Now I guess I'll have to fight to get my share of the winnings because I was the one who forced Tom Z. to go to the Beer Bust in the first place!

Speaking of DL, their always-popular "Mystery Run" is coming up Oct. 6-8. This years run will cost \$55 per person and will be held in Patagonia. Applications have been mailed out to all the clubs so if you want to go on this one, contact a member of the club you belong to or a member of Desert Leathermen to obtain one. This annual run is one of Tucson's best summer runs and is usually well attended. More details concerning this run can also be received by contacting one of DL's members.

As for TKO, they will be taking a one day trip to Nogales this month. I wonder if I should take the club money from the bank just in case I have to bail any member out of jail. This will be an open run, meaning anyone can join TKO on the run. The only run fee I can think of at this time is possibly the purchase of a cool refreshment of the liquid spirited type, at the Piano Bar in Nogales for me. If you would like to tag along on this run, contact Gary T. at 623-0993. Give him a couple of days to get the time of departure, departure site, because TKO and guests will be car pooling as much as possible.

This coming Saturday will be a good time to get this information because it is time again for TKO's monthly Beer Bust at the Graduate, starting at 2 p.m. Stop in and have a cool beer and enjoy the friendship shared by all during these Beer Busts.

**SPECIAL:** This message is sent to Bobby's in Phoenix - John, you haven't been to Tucson since your last venture up "A" Mountain. I have someone who would like to meet you, but at this time I'll not give any details about him; you will just have to load your fat rear in that brown tank you call an automobile and head this way. Then, somehow, you will have to contact me for the details and of course, introduction.

Also, if anyone in Phoenix would like to help me get some information about some of your activities, either by a club or organization, please mail them to me @ OBSERVER, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson 85703-1733. If I get the information in time, I'll get it into this column. Remember, I have to get this column in no later than Monday evening for the current OBSERVER. If you know of something coming up, give me plenty of time to get it into the OBSERVER.

At this past weekend's TKO meeting, I tried to get the club to buy me a printer for my computer so that I could not have to copy each r\*#\*o67x1 word onto paper for Bob. Would you believe, after all I've done for that club, they said NO! (Just kidding TKO).

The days have started to get shorter, but the nights longer. What you do with those nights is your own business, but I hope you are sharing them with someone.

Thanks to all who helped me celebrate another birthday this past Friday, but as I've told everyone, this year I am allowed to have 2 birthday parties. I was only allowed 1 for my first 50 years and now that I am working on my second, that means 2 parties. Of course, I really need an excuse to have a party.

This Saturday, at the Graduate, during TKO's Beer Bust, I, along with Tommy M., and Terry, will be celebrating our birthdays. An open invitation goes out to all Virgins celebrating their birthdays this month to stop in and join us for a full day of birthday parties.

With that I'll close for this week. So, until I tire those blood-shot eyes of yours through these printed words next issue, have a fun and loving week.

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# CALENDAR

*of upcoming events*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**JOSHUA TREE** - Starting tonight and running for four weeks, JT's will be having a "Fall '89 Talent Search". Winners of each week's contest will receive a \$25 first prize. Contestants must register by 7 p.m. on the evening of the particular contest entered. The finals will take place on Oct. 11 and the first place winner will take home the \$75 first prize as well as a position in the regular show cast. It's all hosted by Bobby Holliday. For more info contact Bobby Holliday & JT's.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**COLETTE'S** - The second presentation of the hilarious "Newly Wed Game". If you remember the first one you will surely not want to miss this and if you weren't we'd advise getting there early! See real couples answer lots of stupid questions! 8:00 p.m.

SAURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**GRADUATE** - TWO monthly Beer Bust from 2 until 6. Lots of raffles throughout the afternoon. Come on down and enjoy the people.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**GRADUATE** - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) hold their monthly Beer Bust from 2 until 6. Sisters of Sonora take over with their monthly Casino Night from 5 until 9 p.m. with special guest dealers and some great prizes. A full fun day and the Grad.  
**IBT'S** - Penelope Poupe and her hot men from Phoenix - Golden Boy Jim, Misster "Q", Mighty Michael and a surprise guest are set for a hot time in the old town tonight. The best male strippers from Phoenix! 8:00 p.m. No Cover.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**COLETTE'S** - Singer Anne English performs here again much to the delight of her many fans.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**COLETTE'S** - A benefit will be held here to help cover the "Take Back The Night" rally and march. It begins at 8 p.m. Help make this important event a success by your attendance.

**IBT'S** - THE O.P.P.C.L. event takes place here tonight come by and see what it's all about!

SAURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**JOSHUA TREE** - El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora will hold host "Noche Mexicana" - the first "Miss Gay Latina" contest from 7 to 11 p.m. No admission. Persons of Latino origin are invited to enter. There will be a meeting on JT's patio on Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. and Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. for those wishing to enter or get more info

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**COLETTE'S** - Vocalist Cynthia Stacey will be in the spotlight here for the evening. Check it out!

**IBT'S** - Benefit show for Michelle Kristie for Miss Gay Arizona Pageant. Cast includes Michelle Kristie, Gary, Dani Reid, Margo Leigh, Lillian Jade, Lucinda, Istulio, Pifi and Jerry, and featuring Bike Mike and Queen Moose.

**RAINBOW ROOM** - A benefit for People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) will be held here featuring the live band sounds of Rare Breed and some other surprises. Watch for further details.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**COLETTE'S** - A regular monthly event occurs again - it's a night of Womyn's Music. Come on down!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**COLETTE'S** - Country/Western Night again - It's a monthly affair, you know - headliner will be Mr. Loren Johnson. Always an entertaining evening.

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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

SAURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**COLETTE'S** - Big 3rd Anniversary celebration with an all-star, live variety show. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

**JOSHUA TREE** - Beach Party II will be celebrated here following the big outdoor concert held elsewhere. 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!

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.

# 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 WEEK'S ISSUE. AFTER FIRST NOTICE HAS APPEARED IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-4536).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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.

SAURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

A special get-acquainted party/meeting will be held at Mi Casa Su Casa for a new social group called "The Cronies". This will be a group of Gays and Lesbians over 40 to socialize in a non-bar atmosphere with group outings to theatres, restaurants, etc. Call Chuck at 323-1661 for more details.

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Men's Massage Group meets 7-9 p.m. Registration by Friday, Sept. 8. Call Marc at 881-4582 to register. Small fee. A safe, sensual, non-sexual nurturing environment.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Women Take Back the Night, an international organization whose purpose is to end violence against women, will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Tucson Women's Commission Building located at 240 N. Court. The meeting is being held to prepare for the Women Take Back The Night march which will take place Saturday, Oct. 7. All women interested in participating are invited to attend the meeting or call 791-7891, 887-7880 or Julie at 326-2153.

The "New Joshua Tree Bowling League" will start their bowling league at Fiesta Lanes, 501 West River Road at 6:30 p.m. Call Mark at 749-1312; Jack at 578-2865 or Bill at 744-1345 for more information.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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.

Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. This will be held by poolside, bring your swimwear. There will be a buffet with \$4.00 as the suggested donation. Call 885-0115 for details. This will also include another get-together for The Cronies, call Chuck 323-1661 for info.

Invisible Theatre presents the 4th annual benefit for Tucson AIDS Project presenting Christopher Durang's "Laughing Wild" at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10. Call IT 882-9721 or TAP 322-6226 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The C.A.T. Committee (Community Awards of Tucson) will meet at the Joshua Tree starting at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend. To retain your status as a voting member on the Committee, you must attend full membership meetings.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Mayor Tom Volgy pays Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association a return visit to review the state of our city. Hotel Park Tucson is the place. Greetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Volgy begins speaking at 8. The meeting is free for members and first-time guests.

"Take Back The Night" group will hold a benefit at Colette's West on Friday, Sept. 15 to help cover the cost of the March and rally which will be held on October 7.

Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Suggested donation \$1 at dpor. The Arizona Lambda Democrats will have Deputy Registrars during this time, if you are not a registered voter in the State of Arizona, Pima County, City of Tucson, now is the time to register.

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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.

# Tucson CALENDAR

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 777 \$4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Pizdale.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - "Wine 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 'BOU TIME** - Flamingo Cafe open noon to 4, great food from your hostess Kenny Anne. Noon to 777 Country Music - line dancing - drink specials. Dance 9-1.  
**RAINBOW ROOM** - DJ "Spin" Flinn plays 9 pm to 1 am.  
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monday

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**RAINBOW ROOM** - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks.  
**REMORHAZZIT 2222** - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Dewey DJs beginning 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.  
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**IT'S 'BOU 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.  
**REMORHAZZIT 2222** - 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 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ Linda 9pm.  
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**GRADUATE** - Non-premium beers \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.  
**IT'S 'BOU TIME** - Noon to 4 p.m. Well drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50) Longnecks \$1.50 t .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.  
**REMORHAZZIT 2222** - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

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**RAINBOW ROOM** - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.  
**REMORHAZZIT 2222** - 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.  
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**REMORHAZZIT 2222** - 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.

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# PUTZ FROM THE PAST



# The English 'Strip-Tique'

by Chris Reed - GCN

Gay life in England is not at the moment either very Gay or very English. Under the shadow of the recently enacted law prohibiting municipalities governments from sponsoring any activity that might "promote" homosexuality, the Lesbian/Gay scene consists of increasingly of meetings and demonstrations, with U.S. Gay rights activism the explicit model. About five years behind the United States in the epidemiological course of AIDS, the Lesbian/Gay community in Britain is gearing up for the inevitable onslaught of sickness and death, again turning to the U.S. experience for guidance.

With so many Lesbian and Gay eyes here staring westward across the Atlantic, a north American in London can feel he might just as well have stayed home. That is, until the discovery of one particularly English twist on Gay male culture, the striptease. So Gay-affirmative, class-busting, coalition-building, and generally euphoria-inspiring is this entertainment that combines uninhibited sexual display with radical sexual critique; I call it the "Strip-tique".

It may seem odd that a society with far more restrictive pornography legislation than the U.S. should have the striptease enshrined as a staple of popular entertainment. Quite mainstream pubs will have a buxom beauty in of a weekday evening to doff her clothes for a mixed-sex audience that gathers after work. I hasten to add that this is neither Lesbian/Gay affirmative nor class busting, not coalition-building or euphoria-inspiring, and certainly no critique of established notions of sexuality. On the contrary, it seems to demonstrate the same sort of blatant hypocrisy manifest in a tabloid paper notorious for its daily combination of a topless female centerfold with articles condemning the "immorality" of "poufs" and "queers".

What is Gay affirmative and all the rest of it, however, is the translation of the striptease tradition into Gay male pub culture. I'm not talking here about the Studio 54-type discos in central London, but the Gay pubs that dot the working class suburbs.

Here the locals gather and mix with the trendier center-city crowd. There is dancing, food (sausage and the inevitable chips) and entertainment. Often the show is a drag act, with a series of well-known stars, many of whom have been at it for years, making the circuit of London and the provinces. But throughout the year, excitement (mine anyway) has been building, as each local pub has advertised its own Amateur Male Stripper Contest. A mixture of intellectual curiosity, libido, political despair, libido, general boredom, and libido drew your intrepid GCN roving reporter to the final "heat".

The Gay pub sponsoring the contest finals turned out to be the function room of a solid and straight neighborhood pub, no doubt the scene of wedding receptions and golden anniversary parties since the reign of Victoria. There was a dance floor and music featuring a good many golden English oldies announced as such by the DJ, though the tunes meant nothing to me - English girl groups doing Motown with more enthusiasm than authenticity. The bar staff, which seemed to be a mix of male and female, Gay and straight, was more friendly than at any downtown club.

The crowd was mainly Gay men, but included lots of big groups with some women. And there was more racial diversity than I've seen in many English set-

tings. When the pub downstairs closed, a contingent of straight couples ranging in age from 16 to 60 arrived to dance, though there were still safely outnumbered by same-sex huggers and smoochers.

Now the scene was set and the big event began. A space was cleared in the middle of the dance floor, and the contestants, each the winner of his neighborhood pub's qualifying round, began to strut their stuff. One by one, they went, in the words of the old song, "about as far as they could go." And then they went further.

Yes, down to everything but the odd dog-collar, sweatband or bangle depending on each individual's aesthetic. They strutted and pranced, and encouraged a degree of audience participation - ooh those lucky girls who got to pull the cowboy boots off the blond one, or the guy who undid the button on the boxer shorts of the cute little one.

The audience at this point still consisted mainly of Gay men, but with a smattering of apparently heterosexual women straining to get to the front rows. I imagine the women-loving-women and the straight men retired to the bar to amuse themselves some other way for the 45 minutes of the competition, though I admit to being too preoccupied to notice. Certainly they were all back on the dance floor later.

So there I was, in the front row of course (it was my reportorial duty), with a bunch of Gay men and straight women. And we're all involved in a lowdown and dirty - but nevertheless eminently "safe" - celebration of the erotic possibilities of the male body.

Together, I have been in places where I felt many straights were willing to accept my sexuality as long as it remained conceptual and theoretical, unimplemented and unseen. But I have never seen a mixed environment where Gay male eroticism and straight female eroticism could be enacted simultaneously, and as the same thing. As an instance of imagining the erotic without the concepts of abnormality of deviance, it felt pretty radical to me.

And what of the sordid economics of voyeurism and sex for cash? Well, remember, those were amateur male strippers. Like the Olympics - should I say the Straight Games? - professional experience disqualified contenders. Only the winner and runner-up walked away from the evening any richer at all, and the top cash prize would pay the rent on my apartment for about a week. So from a purely financial standpoint, we're definitely talking hobby, not career.

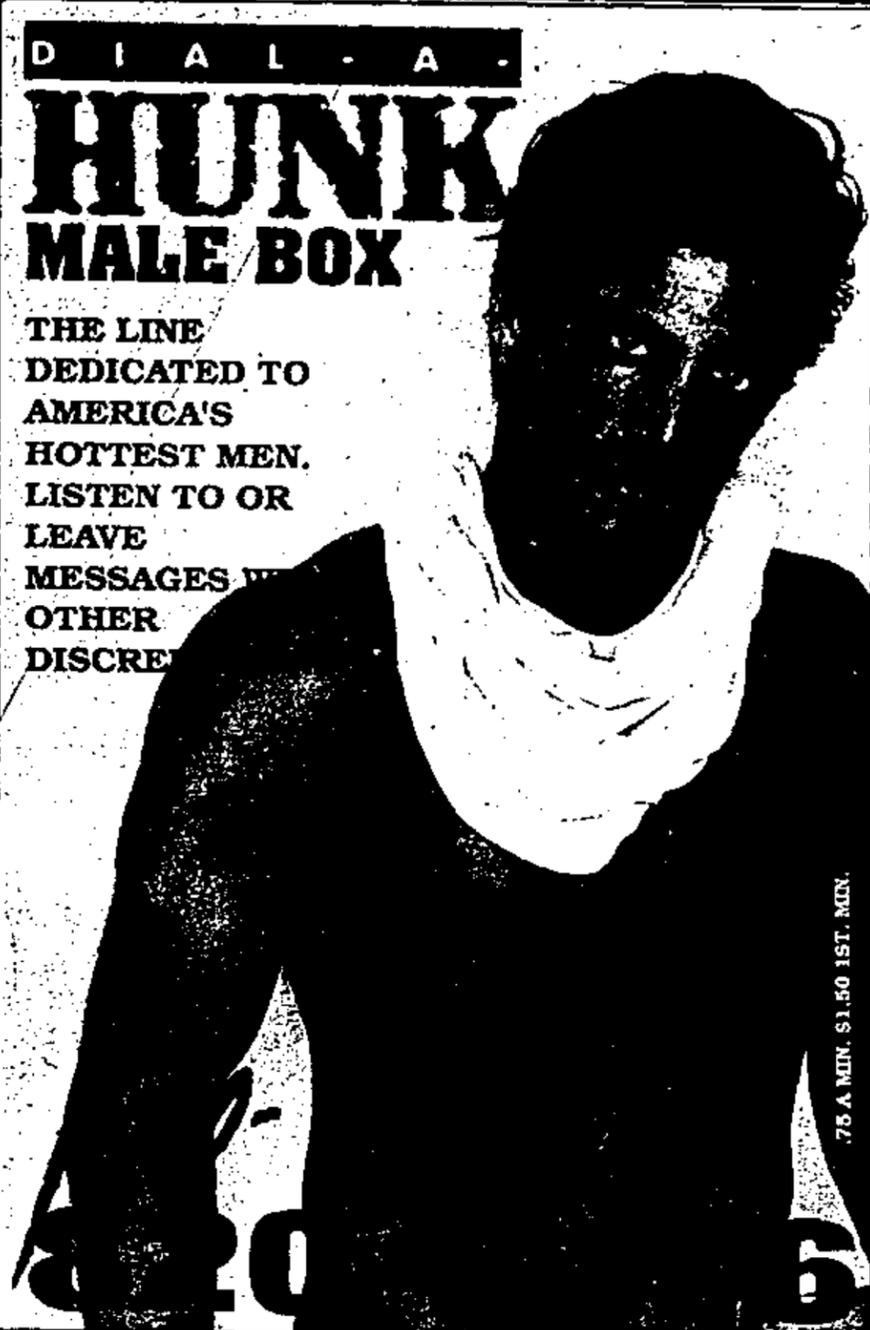
But what really eliminated the stench of the possibly-pornographic was the complete absence of the anonymity associated with pornography. The individual competitors were cheered on by regulars of the pubs they represented. They were known by name. They had brought their friends. One favorite barmaid mounted a stereo speaker to cheer that pub's particular representative - and cheerfully boo the rest. A cute little man with a Dick Van Dyke Cockney accent informed me in sorrowful tones that the winning stripper, whom he knew, was a happily married man with children.

So, having come to be titillated (a goal successfully accomplished) I went away profoundly moved. Terms that have been constructed as mutually exclusive - Gay and straight, male and female, voyeurism and friendship, community and erotic display, here were all combined in an atmosphere of unselfconscious fun.

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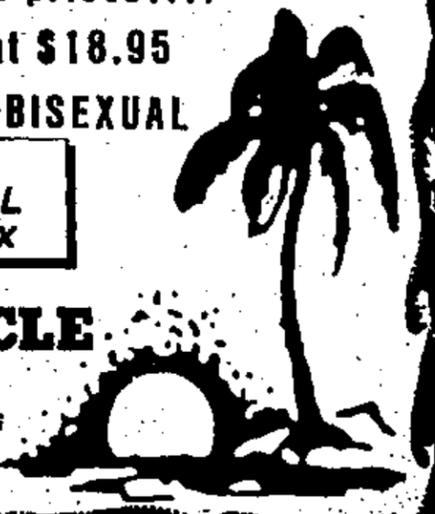
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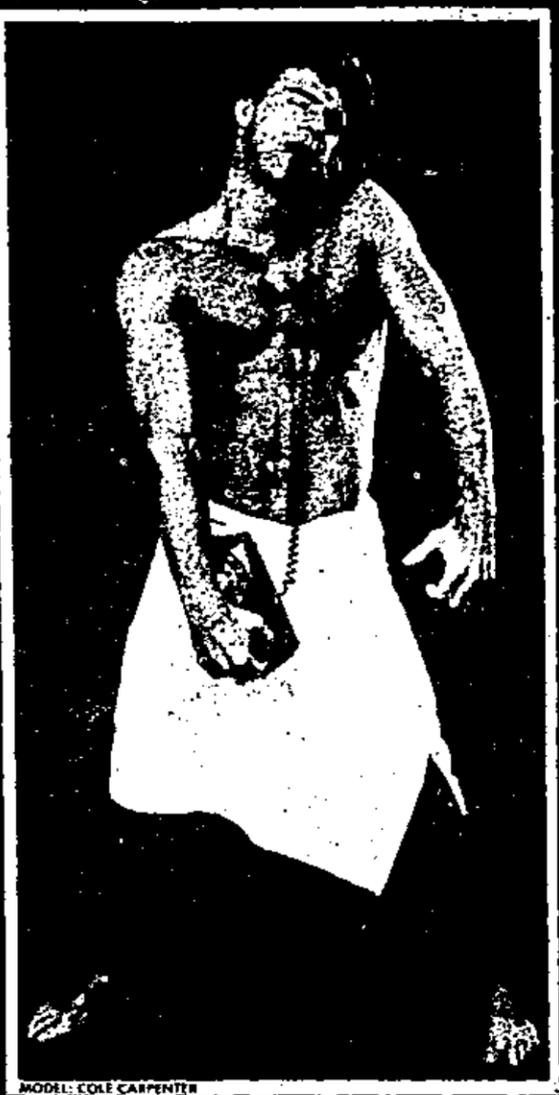
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a Lesbian love song at the Prince's Trust benefit in London), turned out for an AIDS benefit dance-a-thon in Los Angeles (see photo) announcing "I'm really here for two reasons. Number one is that I really believe in AIDS Project LA (who the benefit was for) . . . and the second reason is that I love to dance."

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# Inside The Washington Lobby

by Chai Feldblum and Laura Markowitz

There were 7,248 incidents of violence against Gay and Lesbian Americans - from harassment to homicide - reported during 1988, and probably more that were never reported, according to a study on hate crimes statistics released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The number of bias-related crimes (anti-Semitic, racist, homophobic, etc.) has never been determined in an official government study. Gay and civil rights activists are fighting to let accurate statistics on how many bias-related crimes are being committed in the United States.

Once advocates have objective numbers to prove the extent of the problem, they may be better able to convince the legislatures to pass laws prohibiting prejudice-based violence. Currently, no such national laws exist. Some states, such as Massachusetts, have laws that allow a private citizen to sue the perpetrator of a crime that violates the citizen's rights on the basis of, among other things, sex or race. The Massachusetts law was designed to deal with racially-violated hate crimes. (Remedies against violence based on sexual orientation are not provided by this law).

Since Gay and civil rights activists need to have statistics as arguing points, they are lobbying Congress to pass a bill to authorize a study of hate crimes. The bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator Paul Simon (D-IL), would "provide for the collection of data about crimes motivated by race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation".

The Attorney General's office would be responsible for compiling the data, and its findings would carry the authority of the federal government. The bill does not create any new rights, but merely

authorizes a study. The bill is backed by several staunch conservatives such as Senators Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), and Rudy Boschwitz (R-MN). The House version of the bill, introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) and Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-NY), similarly has broad support.

Last year the Hate Crimes bill was overwhelmingly passed by the House of Representatives, but the session ended before the Senate could act. This year, the bill is expected to move relatively quickly given the strong vote count it received in the last Congress. The bill was approved by the full Senate Judiciary Committee on March 9 and is now ready to be taken up by the full Senate when a time slot opens.

There may be trouble, however, when the Hate Crimes Statistics Act goes to the Senate floor for debate. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) has informally circulated an anti-Gay amendment providing that "the homosexual movement threatens the strength and the survival of the American family as the basic unit of society. State laws prohibiting sodomy should be enforced. The federal government should not provide discrimination protection on the basis of 'sexual orientation'. School curriculums should not condone homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in American society."

An ongoing educational and lobbying campaign is taking place to let members of Congress know that amendments like these are unacceptable and only obstruct important work.

If the Hate Crimes Statistics Act passes, it will be because of a strong coalition effort within the broad civil rights community, including the ACLU, People for the American Way, NAACP, the American Jewish Committee, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the Human

Rights Campaign Fund. Such coalition building raises awareness and consciousness, helps build a common history, and reinforces mutual goals.

The Hate Crimes Bill coalition has existed for two years and represents a major breakthrough. We

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER will be drawing on the bonds formed as part of this coalition in our civil rights work for years into the future.

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