



Koch issues executive order recognizing domestic partners

NEW YORK, NY - Recognizing domestic partnerships as "an accepted and acceptable fact of life," Mayor Edward Koch issued his 123rd Executive Order last week, Monday, Aug. 7, granting bereavement leave for city employees who are members of a domestic partnership. With the signing of the Executive Order, the City of New York becomes the largest employer — with an estimated 330,000 employees — in the United States to recognize domestic partners. New York joins a growing number of American cities that provide their employees with domestic partner benefits.

Lee Hudson, Director of the Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community, said, "The Mayor's

In his official statement, Koch said: "Over time society changes. So must the government which serves it. Practices or policies that might have seemed unacceptable to our grandparents or unusual to our parents seem equitable, indeed necessary to our generation. We honor the past, but we cannot be held captive to it.

"Today I am pleased to issue my 123rd Executive Order. Effective immediately, it will formally recognize something that has come to be an accepted and acceptable fact of life and living in our age — that many couples, both heterosexual and homosexual, can and do form long-term and committed personal relationships outside of



Mayor Ed Koch on the streets of New York (Photo by Rink)

Executive Order reflects the reality and meaningfulness of our relationships. It says, in effect, that Gay and Lesbian couples create family units and should receive the same leave privileges as married employees. Today's initiative by the Mayor, Executive Order 123, opens the door for future city-wide legislation, and sets the stage for collective bargaining with the city's unions to secure medical and insurance benefits now only available to married couples."

Executive Order 123 defines domestic partners as two people who declare that:

- (1) They have a close and committed personal relationship involving shared responsibilities.
- (2) That both of whom are 18 years of age or older neither of whom is married.
- (3) Who have lived together for a period of one year or more on a continuous basis at the time of registration.
- (4) Who have registered as domestic partners and have not terminated the registration in accordance with procedures to be established by the Department of Personnel of the City of New York.

Mayor Koch has instructed the Department of Personnel of the City of New York to establish procedures and develop forms for the registration and termination of domestic partnerships.

the traditional institution of marriage. Just as a legally married husband and wife can form a strong family unit, so can these unmarried couples.

"Under my Executive Order, then, the City of New York will give official recognition to domestic partnerships which have been established between two people, both of whom are 18 or older, who have lived together for at least one year and who have registered as domestic partners in accordance with procedures established by the Department of Personnel. Such partnerships will include heterosexual couples, homosexual couples, disabled couples and elderly couples who may or may not have a sexual relationship.

"This order also authorizes establishment of bereavement leave privileges for city employees in the event of the death of his or her domestic partner, the death of a parent or child of that partner, or the death of a relative of that partner who resides in the household.

"The same leave privileges are already in place for married city employees. Compassion and equity demand that we extend the same privileges to city employees with domestic partners."

Georgia case may fuel 'Hardwick' repeal effort

ATLANTA, GA - Georgia attorneys are challenging the conviction and jailing of an Atlanta-area man on charges resulting from private and consensual sodomy with his wife. A petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in DeKalb Superior Court on July 28 to overturn the man's two-year jail sentence. The petition argues that the conviction under the 156-year-old law violates the man's right to privacy and that the law is vague and overly broad. Winning Moseley's release from jail does not preclude a legal challenge to the Georgia sodomy law based on his case.

James Moseley was accused by his wife, from whom he was being divorced, of rape and aggravated oral and anal sodomy. On May 12, 1988, a jury found him innocent on all counts of coerced sex, but convicted him of sodomy because Moseley testified that he had engaged in consensual oral sex with his wife. Clayton County Superior Court Judge William Ison instructed the jury that Moseley's admission gave them the option of considering the consensual sodomy charge. The jury returned with a verdict of guilty and Ison sentenced Moseley to five years in jail. Moseley, eligible for parole after two years, has served 17 months.

Moseley's case has received extensive coverage in the non-Gay press in Atlanta and around the state. Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers, who argued to up-

hold the sodomy law in 'Bowers v. Hardwick', has said that "the law would have serious constitutional problems were it to be applied to a married couple."

In the wake of the Moseley case, Georgia Gay and Lesbian activists are considering a legislative repeal strategy to strike the law from the books. Kathy Woolard, president of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter of Georgia ACLU, said, "We've got the momentum from the press coverage. This is a big issue right now and we should strike while the iron is hot." Woolard and other activists are considering how best to prepare for the opening of the Georgia State Legislature in January 1990.

Sue Hyde, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Privacy Project, will work with Georgia activists on the repeal campaign. "We should always take advantage of opportunities for repeal of sodomy laws," said Hyde. "Judge Ison, due to his bizarre preoccupation with the private consensual sexual behavior of adult Georgians, has presented us with the possibility for outright repeal. This development tastes particularly sweet because Georgia is the site of the 'Hardwick' case in which the U.S. Supreme Court declared Gay men and Lesbians have no right to privacy. How fitting if Georgia became the first state to repeal its sodomy law."

'Into The Woods' comes to Tucson Sept. 6-10 only Arizona appearance



(L. to R.) DOUGLAS SILLS and CHUCK WAGNER in a scene from the National Tour of 'INTO THE WOODS', coming to the Centennial Theater on the UofA campus Sept. 6 - 10. Photo by Martha Swope

TUCSON - "Into The Woods" the multi-award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, written and directed by James Lapine, will be performed at Centennial Hall Theatre Sept. 6 through Sept. 10. These performances are the only Arizona dates scheduled for the National Touring Company.

"Into The Woods" received a number of awards, including: 1988 Tony Award to Stephen Sondheim for Best Score; 1988 Tony Award to James Lapine for Best Book of a Musical; 1988 N.Y. Drama Critic's Award for Best Musical; 1988 Drama Desk Award for Best Musical.

Sondheim and Lapine have created a musical based on everyone's favorite storybook characters. "They decided to explore what happens to the Brothers Grimm's characters AFTER "happily ever after."

Time magazine's William Henry III wrote, "Into The Woods" is a musical fairy tale in which Jack, of Beanstalk fame; Little Red Riding Hood; Cinderella; Rapunzel and their respective princes; Sleeping Beauty; Snow White — and, of course, a wicked witch and a menacing giant — are living out their stories in the

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UPDATE

PASTOR OF ST. FRANCIS IN POOTHILLS AT OPBPA AUGUST MEETING 'RECONCILIATION' TO BE TOPIC
TUCSON - In the late 1970s, the Rev. David Wilkinson spent three years in northern Scotland learning to "respond to the Divine within."

Peter Caddy, founder of the Findhorn Foundation, described the place where Wilkinson learned as the genesis of "a new age of life, love, wholeness, cooperation".

Today, Wilkinson teaches the resolution of personal conflicts to his congregation at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church.

That congregation includes a number of Gays and Lesbians who have been embraced in a process Wilkinson calls "reconciliation". He will speak of that process at a meeting of Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association at the Hotel Park Tucson Friday, Aug. 18 at 8:00 p.m. A get-acquainted time begins at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for members and first-time guests.

The Rev. Wilkinson is a native of Minnesota. He received his undergraduate degree from Cornell College in Iowa and a doctorate of divinity from the Claremont College School of Theology in California.

Wilkinson, his wife Marguerite and their two sons came to Tucson in 1970 when he became the youth minister at Catalina United Methodist Church. He became pastor of St. Francis in 1980.

In 1983, the Wilkinsons spearheaded a drive to make Tucson and NovoKuznetsk, Siberia, sister cities. In 1984 they toured the Soviet Union to foster people-to-people understanding.

MAN CHALLENGES FIRING BECAUSE OF GAY RUMOR
KANSAS CITY, MO - In a letter sent to Sam Walton, president of Wal-Mart department stores, ACT-UP Kansas City accused the company of discrimination in the firing of an employee because of a rumor that he was Gay.

The employee, Michael Poyner, was told in an October 28, 1988 meeting with top executives of Wal-Mart that he could not be an effective manager at the Blue Springs, Missouri store because of the rumor and further he could not work there if he was Gay or associated with homosexuals. "I had a spotless employment record for four years and I feel like I was interrogated about my personal life," Poyner said.

Poyner was told by his district manager that if the rumor were true he would be fired. He was subsequently dismissed on Nov. 18, 1988.

Michael is challenging the firing in the courts and his attorney, Michael Lacy, commented that, "it is outrageous that just the rumor he is Gay could warrant his firing." The decision to fire Michael Poyner came from the highest executives of Wal-Mart and Lacy further referred to president Sam Walton as an "All-American Nazi".

ACT-UP/KC member Jim Hull referred to Sam Walton's policy as reprehensible and commented, "ACT-UP intends to work closely with Michael in his attempt to seek justice from Wal-Mart."

Anyone wishing to contact Sam Walton directly can call him at (501)273-4000, or write to: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, AR 72716.

POPULATION GROWTHS AND LOSSES LISTED IN LATEST CENSUS BOOK
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Los Angeles County leads the nation in population gains this decade; Wayne County, Michigan has lost the most people; and the scattered residents of Loving County, Texas make the most money and fewest babies, the Census Bureau says.

More than 10,000 communities are profiled in the City and County Data Book: 1988 which was recently published by the bureau.

The 964-page book, selling for \$36, offers a wide range of data about the nation's cities and counties, including government finances, employment, vital statistics, social welfare programs, income and other factors.

Here is a brief rundown of some of the county findings:

- ** Most populous county, 1986: Los Angeles 8,296,900.
- ** Smallest county population 1986 Kalawao, Hawaii, fewer than 100.
- ** Largest population decline, 1986: Wayne, Mich., 173,500.
- ** Most people per square mile, 1986: New York County (Manhattan), 67,181.8
- ** Fewest people living per square mile, 1986: 0.1 in Loving, Texas; North Slope, Yukon-Koyukuk and Dillingham, all in Alaska.
- ** Lowest percentage of whites, 1984: Macon, Ala., 13.2
- ** Highest percentage under age 5, 1984: Unita, Wyoming, 15.7
- ** Highest percentage ages 25 to 44, 1984: Juneau, Alaska, 43.6
- ** Highest percentage 65 and older, 1984: Pasco, Florida, 32.7
- ** Highest birth rate, 1984: Wade Hampton, Alaska, 41.9 per 1,000.
- ** Lowest birth rate, 1984: Loving, Texas and Yellowstone National Park, Mont, too low to calculate.
- ** Highest per capita income, 1985: Loving, Texas, \$34,173.
- ** Lowest per capita income, 1985: Logan, Nebraska, \$2,209.

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same forest at the same time, bumping into each other and entangling one another's narratives.... 'Into The Woods' is the best show yet from the most creative mind in the musical theater today."

Howard Kissel of the New York Daily News wrote, 'Into The Woods' is total enchantment. A spellbinding score, witty enough to make old stories fresh for adults, lovely enough to enchant youngsters."

The three actors who appeared in the Broadway production are featured in the national tour. Betsy Joslyn re-creates her Broadway role as The Witch. She also was featured on Broadway in Sondheim's "Sunday In The Park With George" and "Sweeney Todd." Mary Gordon Murray, direct from Broadway, plays the Baker's Wife; Chuck Wagner, who originated the role of Rapunzel's Prince in "Into The Woods," now portrays Cinderella's Prince and the Wolf.

Also featured in the touring production are: Marcus Olson (whose New York credits include "Personals") as The Baker; Jill Geddes (who was featured in the national tour of "Evita") as Cinderella; Peter Walker (whose Broadway credits include "Pollies", "Dear World", and "Dracula") as the Narrator; Tracy Katz as Little Red Riding Hood; Kevin R. Wright as Jack (of Beanstalk fame); and Frances Ford (who was featured in the national tour of "Big River") as Jack's Mother.

Rounding out the cast are: Don Crosby, Danette Cuming, Jo Ann Cunningham, Marguerite Lowell, Barbara Marineau, Judy McLane, Ann Rickenbacher, Douglas Sills and Stuart Zagnit. (The cast is subject to change).

"Into The Woods" makes demands on the audience. Nearly three hours long, it is filled with the intricate lyrical word play of which Sondheim is master. "Into The Woods," "Ever After," "Agony," and "No One Is Alone," to choose just four, are the sort of songs you hum on the way out of the theater. Like all Sondheim scores, it gets richer with familiarity, but you can enjoy it easily right off.

Act I intertwines four stories: Cinderella and her Prince; Red Riding Hood and her Wolf; Jack of Beanstalk fame and his Mother; and a Baker and his Wife. The last tale is invented to provide sinewy cohesion. Rapunzel and her Prince and others are also heard from or about. Princes, it seems, do multiple philandering duty on the side. Then in Act II, Sondheim and Lapine explore the dark side of "happily ever after."

All this happens in the woods, a locale that starts out cartoon cute but matures into a rich and disturbing metaphor for life. In fact, the story really began earlier with a theft from a garden. The woods are indeed Eden after the fall.

Jack, Red, Cinderella and the Baker become refugees, as it were, though not without solace. People really die in these tales, which as Bruno Bettelheim has taught us, are rooted deep in the mysteries of life. It's not just a joke, for example, to discover sublimated sexual fears and enticements in Red's encounter with the Wolf.

There are moments in Act II that are legitimately terrifying - red sky, blasted trees, a very modern post-holocaust world approaching "the last midnight". In the

most modern stroke of all, the characters eventually turn on their own Narrator. But having sacrificed him, they're left without any control over the story. Really, it's a version of "Lord of the Flies" except that it isn't just about children.

Dates and times of the performances are:
Wed., Sept. 6 - 8 p.m.

Thu., Sept. 7 - 8 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 8 - 8 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 9 - 2 & 8 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 10 - 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$37, \$35, \$25 and are available at the Centennial Hall Box Office and all other Dillard's and Tucson Convention Center ticket outlets. For more information call the Centennial Hall Box Office, 621-3341.



BETSY JOSLYN as the Witch in a scene from the National Tour of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Tony-Award-winning musical "INTO THE WOODS". Photo by Martha Swope

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My congratulations goes out to the Graduate. Your reputation as a bartenders school has reached up the pike to Phoenix and one of the favorite watering holes up there. It is kind of funny because the manager at this particular watering hole is also the owner of the Graduate. Anyway, last Friday evening, one of Bobby's employees was at the Graduate learning the finer points of bar-backing.

The trainee was none other than John, who used the excuse he was only in Tucson to play bridge. He did try to go on a picnic also, but Mother Nature was not smiling on him this time - no picnic - nothing! To make matters even worse for John, he also lost in the bridge tournament. It just was not your weekend, John, but at least you now know how to bar back, stock the beer coolers and clean the bar up after closing.

I hope with this new education you will be able to go back to Bobby's and RT gives you a nice pay raise, at least then something good will have come out of this weekend - and something raises for you.

At this time I would like to thank Deja Vu for her compliments toward Tucson at the birthday show at the Graduate last Friday evening. There may be some differences between Phoenix and Tucson, but the one thing all of us should keep in mind is that regardless of feelings, we are all in this together and we should try to work together for a better Gay world for all of us.

To say the Graduate was busy this past weekend is an understatement. Things started off Friday evening with Aviva Diamond's Birthday Show. From conversations after the show, I learned it was the best drag show ever held in Tucson!

One of the highlights for this show was Bucky catching our own Miss Gay Tucson, Cristine Shade off guard during her rendition of, "This Is My Life." Bucky surprised Cristine by dumping the bowl of milk and Life cereal over her head. From then on it was a wet party for the two of them and some of those in the audience within splashing range.

Then, Saturday afternoon,

TKO held their monthly Beer Bust with a large group in attendance sipping the mads all day. On Saturday evening it was showtime again - this time a Birthday Show for Shree. Get the beer coolers restocked, make sure the Bacardi is on hand, because Sunday found TALL holding their monthly Beer Bust in the afternoon, followed by SOS' Casino Night.

Yes it was a busy weekend at the Graduate and I'm sure Roger would love to have the same every weekend. The only thing I heard Roger complain about after Friday's show was that he had to work the entire night! (Poor Roxanne).

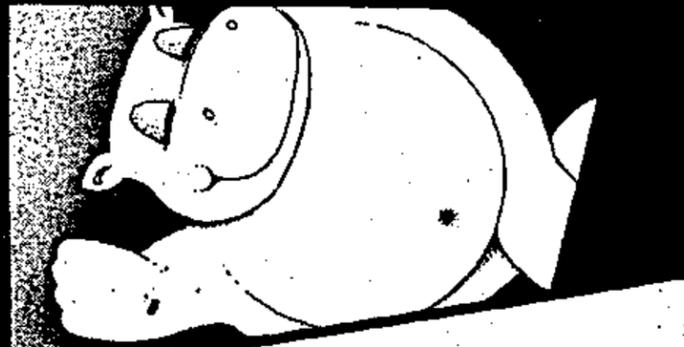
TKO will be out of town this coming weekend. They are making their annual trek to the City of Rocks in New Mexico. They will be joined by their Brotherhood Club, Hijos Del Sol. This annual run is the Brotherhood Run for both clubs and is always a very entertaining weekend for all.

As it stands at the time of this writing, this reporter will not be making the trip this year, but you can bet I'll have some notes from this run for you next week. Always, when I am not in attendance, have a sneaky cub reporter on hand to catch all those little tid bits people think they can get away with when I'm not there. If I'm able to get some pictures from this run, I'll see if I can get Bob to run them in the following weeks issue of the OBSERVER.

One other group will also be out of town this weekend. DL is taking a trip over to San Diego. Yes, I will again have a cub reporter on this trip, so watch next week's paper for some gossip and fun from San Diego.

This coming weekend is also time for Partners' monthly Beer Bust at IBT's. As always, those expensive gifts will be there to win throughout the day. Drawings for these usually are every half hour, so be sure to be on time. The Beer Bust starts at 2:00 p.m. and runs until 6:30 p.m.

I guess that is about it for this week. Have some fun with your friends this week. Whenever you hear a story, always remember there are two sides to it, so don't judge too quickly.



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SAN FRANCISCO, CA - More than 2,500 volunteers will converge on Washington, DC this Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 6-8, to make possible the final display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in its entirety. The display will include more than 10,000 3'x6' panels, nearly six times the size of the Inaugural Quilt display in 1987.

The volunteers are expected to come from all over North America, including the 19 U.S. and Canadian cities where major sections of the Quilt have been displayed during the recently completed 1989 tour. The tour, the second across the continent, has travelled for four months, raising awareness and funds in each of the communities the Quilt visited. \$200,000 was raised for agencies providing direct care services to people living with AIDS in cities from Birmingham, Alabama to Calgary, Alberta.

The focus for volunteers nationwide now shifts to the Washington, DC display, the third and last such display of the Quilt in its entirety. According to Cleve Jones, executive director of the NAMES Project, "The Quilt is simply growing too large to continue to be spread out in any one place. However, the NAMES Project is by no means finished," stated Jones.

"We are increasing the focus on outreach and education in communities all over the country. We will continue to accept panels and display them, but in smaller, more manageable and cost-efficient displays. And we look upon this as a time to reaffirm our original commitment, to continue the Project until the last person who wishes to create a panel has done so, and until that last panel is sewn into place."

There is no end in sight to the need for the grief support, educational, or fundraising aspects of the Quilt. According to Nancy Katz, Director of Education and Outreach for the NAMES Project, the potential for reaching people through the Quilt is tremendous. "The Quilt is a non-threatening approach to AIDS education - education that leads to prevention. In addition to looking back, as a memorial the Foundation also looks forward as an educational tool, to reach those currently at highest risk: racial and ethnic minorities, IV drug users, and sexually active young adults of junior high through college age."

This year, for the first time, the President of the United States has received a special appeal from the NAMES Project to attend the Quilt display, to join with tens of thousands of Americans in mourning their loved ones lost to AIDS. Said Jones, "We challenge President Bush to stand with us on the Quilt. Decisions about AIDS made in the coming months will help decide whether the ultimate death toll from the pandemic is measured in the tens of thousands or the tens of millions. It is imperative that those decisions be made with compassion, and we know that seeing the Quilt opens hearts and minds to the reality of this epidemic and the need for the immediate and compassionate response."

The NAMES Project Foundation, sponsor of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, was established in June of 1987 in the heart of San Francisco's Castro District. The Quilt began as a response by Lesbians and Gay men and their friends, to the devastation of their community by AIDS. From this beginning, the organization seeks to reach out to all communities affected by the epidemic. The NAMES Project has three goals:

(1) To confront individuals and governments with the urgency and enormity of the AIDS pandemic and the need for an immediate and compassionate response, by revealing the names and the lives behind global statistics.

(2) To build a powerful, positive, creative symbol of remembrance and

hope, linking diverse peoples worldwide in the shared expression of our common grief, pain, and rage in response to AIDS.

(3) To encourage donations in every community where the Quilt is displayed, thereby raising the desperately needed funds for people living with AIDS and their caregivers. To date, \$750,000 has been raised in on-Quilt donations and distributed to direct care service agencies in communities throughout North America.

AZT highly effective in early ARC cases

WASHINGTON, DC - Zidovudine, commonly called AZT, significantly slows progression of HIV infection when given to persons with early ARC (AIDS Related Complex), according to results from a placebo-controlled, multicenter clinical trial supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in collaboration with Burroughs Wellcome Co.

HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., hailed these results as offering new hope in the struggle against AIDS. "We are on the threshold of a time when advances in biomedical research will enable HIV-infected individuals to live longer, more comfortable lives," Dr. Sullivan said.

NIAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., reported that NIAID has stopped the study on the recommendation of the Data and Safety Monitoring Board reviewing the trial data. The trial has been underway at 29 units of the NIAID AIDS Clinical Trials Group since August 1987. All study participants will now be offered zidovudine. The Board reviewed trial data at its regular meeting on Aug. 2.

"For the first time, the benefits of anti-retroviral treatment for patients with early symptomatic HIV infection have been clearly shown," Dr. Fauci said. "In this study, significantly fewer persons receiving zidovudine progressed to advanced ARC or AIDS. This finding could extend treatment to an estimated one to two hundred thousand persons with early symptoms of HIV infection. It also emphasizes how critical it is that persons at risk for HIV infection be tested and seek prompt medical care."

The randomized, double-blind trial was coordinated by Margaret Fischl, M.D., University of Miami. It included 713 HIV-infected persons having T4 cell levels between 200 and 800/mm³ and one or two HIV-associated symptoms, such as oral thrush, chronic rash, or intermittent diarrhea. Participants received either placebo or 200 milligrams of zidovudine every 4 hours (1200 milligrams per day) over a period of 3 to 20 months. Fewer than 5 percent of the participants experienced serious side effects.

As of July 1989, 50 of the 713 participants had progressed to advanced ARC or AIDS. Of these, 36 participants were in the placebo arm of the study, whereas only 14 were in the zidovudine arm. The benefit of zidovudine was demonstrated only in those participants who had T4 cell counts between 200 and 500 when they entered the study.

"This study clearly shows that early intervention is important in HIV infection and that zidovudine is well tolerated in persons with early ARC," Dr. Fischl said.

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Frank E. Young, M.D., Ph.D., said, "The FDA will work closely with the NIAID and Burroughs Wellcome Co. to translate these important results into wider availability of zidovudine to this category of symptomatic HIV-infected persons."

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POLITICS '89
by Mark R. Kerr

This is an open letter to Mr. Paul Varnell, columnist for the Western Express. This letter is a response to his column of Aug. 11-24. The topic of this column was "Democrats and Homosexuality".

Dear Mr. Varnell:
Recently I picked up a copy of your newspaper and was thumbing through it and came across your column. After reading this column Mr. Varnell, it shows that you need to take a course in political science. First off, the Democratic Party, which I am proud to state that I am an active member, has, for the past half century, been the party of social change.

The party was the group to get the Social Security Act passed; Also getting the following legislation passed: (1) The minimum wage; (2) Medicaid and Medicare; (3) Child labor laws; (4) The Wagner Act (which allows workers the right to collective bargaining); (5) OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) which protects the workers right to work in a safe place; (6) Environmental Protection Agency Act (which makes sure that businesses, in the pursuit of the almighty dollar, does not destroy the environment in the process); (7) College loans which gives student loans to those who cannot afford to go on their own; (8) The Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act which protects blacks and other minorities right to vote and to live and prosper.

On the local level, it was the Democrats on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors which passed the Domestic Partners Bill. Mr. Varnell, I would surely love to know what your definitions of social change, social justice, equality of condition and sympathy are.

Now regarding your remark about the Democratic Party winning elections: What about the House of Representatives which the Democratic Party has controlled for the past 34 years? What about the Senate which the Democratic Party has controlled for 30 of the last 34 years? What about the Governors of the 50 states, which the Democrats controlled a majority of Governor's mansions? What about the state legislatures, which the Democrats control a majority of? The Democrats control a vast number of city councils and hold a huge majority of Mayorships. I guess they cannot win elections!

Second, it was NOT the Democratic Party who de-emphasized Gay Rights in the 1988 platform. It was the nominee for President, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis' people who through a majority of delegates completely watered down the whole platform. A normal Democratic Platform usually runs about 40,000 words. The 1988 Democratic Platform consisted of 5,000 words!

Thirdly, I would very much like to know where you got your information regarding the Rev. Jesse Jackson's views on the Gay and Lesbian community. Jackson was the only Presidential candidate who did reach out to the Gay and Lesbian community. He tried to get a more specific platform regarding the Gay and Lesbian community and also regarding other various matters, but if you do not have a majority of delegates, you cannot change things.

This little lesson should show that if we, as a group, are to gain our rights, we must get involved in the process. We must become deputy registrars, precinct committee persons, we must work within the party and work for candidates who are sympathetic to us - and we will succeed!

Armchair activism and dreaming will not get us anywhere except getting us into a further quandary with extremists, Republicans and those who wish to shove their views down our throats.

Mr. Varnell, I have just a couple of suggestions: (1) Get out of your armchair (get the hint?) go and get registered to vote. (2) Take a course in political science. (3) Read a newspaper and read Time or Newsweek. You will become a better person.

Sincerely
Mark Kerr
A Democrat and damned proud of it!

OUT ON THE TOWN

So, will Auntie Mame manage to subdue the goings on at the Ponderosa annex or will this Congress do. Oo, what's with the Repo Room? Is it now a twenty dollar girl in a ten dollar town in hock this time or what?

Vanna doesn't have to work the streets like Mae does. With what little wardrobe is required, Vanna can have an indoor job. Thank Heaven for Max Factor standing up under stage lighting.

Is Danny Wonder really color blind? Ask Granny? When was the last time Danny Wonder gave Granny a squeeze? Mink seems to have had an affinity, somehow, for water, she managed to find those big, big rainstorms. Mink and Mindy (or was it Bonnie and Clyde?) certainly left their mark on the Old Pueblo. What a whirlwind tour that was. What state was mink in when he left and what state was it for? So, watch out for six inch snakes at the pass where they certainly are made.

The Turtle Flat Queen-mobile just wanted to go to church, so why all the noise? Apparently there was so much noise someone towed her away. Those closet doors certainly did travel far from the Ponderosa annex to those fertile fields of the midwest, and to boot, they forget the dirt unlike some people.

What was it with bare-ass bathing and sunlight? Oh yes, don't forget Martha, don't drink the water. And then there's the basic B's of bottling bugs before bedtime, beer, Bronco Billy's butch bailing wire and barbecued bullshit. Sounds like the modern American camper.

Someone once said "that thing should be put somewhere" and someone else said, "Yes, away!"

So who was that Turtle Flat Princess Ponderosa Annex wannabe? And just how did that blond, good looking northwestern guy flex his muscle at the Ponderosa. Only Congolia knows for sure, especially with that tongue.

Magic Fingers Madge and Mae have some competition but just whatever are her fingers into these days.

Till next time, forever yours
Jza Jza LaMore

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TAURUS

Your drive is extremely strong this week. Strong energy is at work in your home and in how other people react to you. Achieving an important goal could directly involve a person you are strongly attracted to.

GEMINI

Educational matters and short range planning will have you busy now and during the next month. Sharing expenses with another person is a good way to decrease your stress level. Be sure you are involved with reliable people.

CANCER

You are always in heat. Keep trying to get pregnant you might actually succeed after all these years.

LEO

You have the limelight tonight. Shine on you crazy diamond, the whole world is watching as you dazzle them with brilliance. Hard work brings major financial benefits from an unexpected source.

VIRGO

The workplace could be a source of serious stress. Leave the bull behind you and enjoy friends and romance. Intense attraction is best expressed even if you feel repressing these feelings is more proper.

LIBRA

Friends play an important part in your pursuit of pleasure. Very soon a person who has admired you from a distance will move closer to revealing him/herself.

SCORPIO

Your desire to establish a stronger friendship with someone important is a step in the right direction. Tell this person why you admire their character and the result could intensify mutual respect.

CENTAUR

Organizational skills pay off in increasing your prestige among co-workers and superiors. Delegating more responsibility to others is part of your career future. Conversing by telephone is timely.

CAPRICORN

Your desire to achieve a secure future is directly related to your ability to accept responsibility. Relations with others are somewhat strained. Avoid legal involvements if at all possible.

AQUARIUS

A strong attraction could have you feeling more emotion than you are comfortable with. Partnership arrangements are in the making. Future security should be foremost in your mind. A good relationship will grow.

PISCES

Powerful emotions can influence your physical health. Your desire to strengthen a relationship can be a reality with the help of the right friends. Your intuition is very strong. Listen to your most trusted advisors.

Gay marriage test case expected Lawyers to use Danish law

by Jay Newquist

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - When Gay marriages become legal in Denmark starting October 1, will these same-sex unions be officially recognized in the United States, where Gay people are not allowed to marry?

National Gay Rights Advocates is already discussing a test case with two likely candidates, and the public-interest law firm predicts the new Danish law ultimately will challenge the American taboo against Gay marriage.

"I began to salivate once the Danish law was passed," said staff attorney Cynthia Goldstein, who indicated NGRA was actively preparing the groundwork to embark on a test case of the validity of the Danish law in the U.S.

"The legalization of Gay marriages is a very exciting idea, and of course it comes from Denmark, a region that is accepting of people's differing sexual orientation," she added.

Goldstein said she had read a translation of the progressive Danish law, which is already being used as a model for similar legislation pending in Sweden. She said a key stipulation of the Danish Gay marriage act is that one partner must be Danish.

She said there was no law on the books in the U.S. that would forbid the honoring of same-sex unions from abroad, but various cases over the years indicate an official resistance to Gay marriages because they are felt to be against public policy.

Goldstein said other examples of practices that violate public policy include polygamy and marrying a sibling.

"My guess is the court challenge will be against public policy, and I look forward to it," she said, adding a foreign marriage is generally honored in the U.S. unless it is against public policy.

Goldstein predicted the battleground will likely be set when a Dane and an American secure a same-sex marriage in Denmark and then come to the U.S., where the Immigration and Naturalization Service will likely rule on whether the union is valid as a legal way for the non-American spouse to enter the country.

"It will happen soon," she added.

Matt Coles, a Gay staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in San Francisco, said the validity of a Danish Gay marriage in the U.S. would depend on the nature of existing treaties between the two countries.

"We have treaties on mundane things like marriage and divorce and it would depend on whether a marriage in Denmark is legitimate in general to be regarded as legal here. Otherwise it would be up to the states," Coles said.

"Treaties have the same status as [federal] laws. If there are no treaties, then I don't think the states are compelled to recognize Gay marriages," he added.

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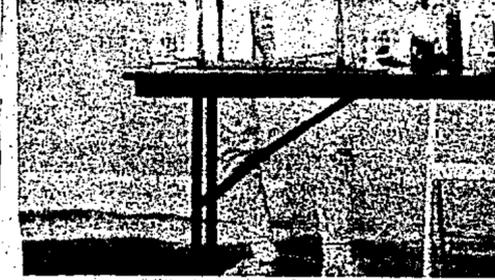
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

COLETTE'S - It's 3rd Wednesday and time for Country Music night, a monthly event and hosted by popular singer Loren Johnson.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

IBT'S - Guest DJ Mark Rosenbaum will be playing some Hi-Energy dance music from 9 to 1.

JOSHUA TREE - See some of your favorite stars perform in this benefit show for Tucson AIDS Project and El Proyecto Arizona-SonorA. The show is called "Latex, Sex and Drag" and begins at 9:00 p.m. Those included in the show are: Cristal Azul; Luiza De La O; Bobby Holliday; Janterra; Michelle Kristie; Gabriella La Vandy; Margo Leigh; Touche Le Yarne; Christi Lundes; Iris Parker; Reyna; Scandalicious; Shanise plus a special appearance by Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones, a full evening of great fun and entertainment on the outdoor stage. \$2.00 donation at the outdoor gate and there will be drawings for some valuable door prizes too. Mark your calendars now.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey plays and sings from 9 to midnight. No Cover. A talented artist whose performance should not be missed.

JOSHUA TREE - It's showtime here again with the Dazzling Dawn LeMay bringing her "Hollywood Legends" here along including Bruce Koehler as Elvis Presley, Reyna as Mae West; Lisette as Judy Garland and Jerome as Michael Jackson. Dawn will MC and entertain as the icon Marilyn Monroe. It begins at 10 p.m. Y'all come!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

COLETTE'S - Arne English plays her acoustic guitar and sings her heart out for you. A very pleasant evening of music for everyone.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

IBT'S - Clint Meyers, from Trax in Phoenix will be guest DJ this weekend. 9-1 for some hot sounds.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

IBT'S - Guest DJ Clint Meyers, from Trax in Phoenix will be playing for your dancing feet from 9 to 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Benefit show for the Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee. A big show is planned so watch for details on this worthwhile benefit.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

"Body Language" a group of some hot male strippers from Phoenix will be taking it off to warm you up beginning at 9 p.m. No Cover.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

COLETTE'S - The musical talents of Patti McCulla returns to the stage here. A unique performer with marvelous musical talents.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

RUMORZ - "The Prom" - a benefit for Shanti/Tucson will take place here. This promises to be a real "event" with a cast of thirty-some people all in character and dress of the '60s. Get into the spirit of this unique day and join in on the prom of your life. Much more later, but mark your calendars!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

COLETTE'S - The second presentation of the hilarious "Newly Wed Game". If your remember the first one you will surely not want to miss this and if you weren't we'd advise getting there early!

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

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.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

The Rev. David Wilkinson, pastor of St. Francis in the Goothills United Methodist Church, will tell Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association members and guests about the reconciliation process his congregation underwent recently. Greetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson. The Rev. Wilkinson speaks at 8. The monthly meeting is free for members and first-time guests.

Wmyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House big 3rd Anniversary Party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. \$1 at the door (more if you can, less if you can't). Discussion, Open Mike and Dancing. Coffee and tea provided, bring your own beer, wine, munchies and favorite game. No hard liquor please. Children welcome.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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, AUGUST 20

Young Men's MASSAGE Group meets from 6 to 8:30. This meeting is open to men under 40. Facilities limit this meeting to 12 people. Call 771-4582 for info and reservations. Minimal fee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

MI Casa Su Casa Taco Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. This will be held by the poolside, bring your swimwear., There will be a buffet with \$4.00 as the suggested donation. Call 885-0115 for more info.

HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30 to 9 p.m. TAP Office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., #252. Call 322-6226.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

The Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the MCC/Tucson church building, 560 S. Stone. Guest speaker will be Siteve Leal. Everyone is welcome.

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

MCC/Tucson's Monthly Bingo Games will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. Cash prizes for each game, refreshments served during the evening.

Benefit show for the Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee will be held at the Rainbow Room. A big show is planned so watch for details on this benefit that benefits the community in the end.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 28

The "New Joshua Tree Bowling League" will have their first organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Fiesta Lanes, 501 West River Road. Actual bowling will start on Sept. 11. Call Mark at 749-1312; Jack at 578-2865 or Bill at 744-1345 for more info.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

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 the poolside, swimwear is encouraged. There will be a buffet with \$4.00 as the suggested donation. Call 885-0115 for details.

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7:30 \$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 - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1.25 plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Flamingo Cafe open noon to 4, great food from your hostess Kenny Arne. Noon to 7:30 Country Music - line dancing - drink specials. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Complimentary Buffet 5:30 to 7:30

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

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .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.

RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Deway 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.

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 - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till 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. Rappy Hour 4 to 7 p.m.: Two for One drinks.

RUMORBAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. WJ/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.

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

GRADUATE - .50 draft or .75 schnapps open to close plus other drink specials.

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.

RUMORBAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. WJ/DJ "Spin Flinn" 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.

COLETTE'S WEST - Big League Baseball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudsersize!" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.50 open to close.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well Drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50). Longnecks \$1.50, Draft .75; 4 - 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Beer Bust, all can beer .50/can. Dance 9 - 1.

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

RUMORBAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with "Spin Flinn" 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.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, draft .75; 4 - 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.

RUMORBAZZIT - 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. DJ "Spin Flinn" 9-1.

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 - Open Noon to 1 am.

RUMORBAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with WJ/DJ "Spin Flinn" 9-1.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

The Job is Not Yet Done

From the San Francisco "Examiner" comes a recent report on the burgeoning infection rates among intravenous-drug users in that city of another virus from the HTLV group.

Although not thought to be related to the often fatal AIDS viruses HTLV-1 and HTLV-2, HTLV 1/2 is thought to have been in the Americas since the 16th century. It is believed to have originated in monkeys in Africa, then spread to Japan and the Caribbean via the slave trade.

Although no symptoms have appeared in those infected, the HTLV 1/2 virus is known to cause leukemia and neurological disease. It might not foster an all-out anti-infection campaign as did AIDS, but it points to an ever-growing need to be more aware and vigilant against the dangers of unhealthy sexual and social practices.

I first wrote about the threats of infections and diseases other than AIDS more than four years ago (OBSERVER, Feb. 20, 1985). Then, I pointed out the much higher incidences—and easier transmissions—of hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, gonorrhea, syphilis and other sexually-transmitted diseases.

Since that column, concern has grown among doctors over HPV, the human papaloma virus known colloquially as venereal warts. Incidences of infection by HPV have grown alarmingly with many doctors already calling it an epidemic.

As well, in the last four years a new strain of hepatitis (hepatitis C) has been discovered, as has HTLV-2: a relative of the deadly AIDS virus. A possible companion to AIDS, the HBV-6 virus, as well as the Seoul virus (a cause of renal disease in Korea) have made their way into America.

I will reiterate now what I wrote then: these facts are presented as an indication of the need for all of us to be more aware of the risks around us.

Especially in the last four years, infection rates of the AIDS virus have slowed considerably: due mostly to the tremendous education efforts begun and supported by members of the Gay and Lesbian communities nationwide.

In tandem, rates of many sexually transmitted diseases have similarly declined—but this is NOT a time to become complacent.

We have all become more aware of the importance of safe sexual practices. Most of us are concerned with our overall health and many have—to their credit—stopped smoking, drinking and using illegal drugs; substituting exercise, healthy foods and outdoor activities—all geared toward making us healthier and happier (not to mention giving us all a better chance at seeing the next century...).

We should all take a moment and give ourselves a big round of applause for the concerted public and private efforts we have made in the last half decade; but we should then roll up our shirt sleeves and re-enter the battle with a renewed sense of purpose. As long as our brothers and sisters are dying from sexually-transmitted diseases, our job is not done.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

News From MCC Tucson

Last Saturday afternoon MCC/Tucson had a Bake Sale at the Graduate in conjunction with TRQ's Beer Bust. It's amazing how many beer drinkers have a "sweet tooth". We want to thank Roger and the staff at the Graduate and the members of TRQ for making it such a success. And a very special "Thank You" goes to all of those who made purchases.

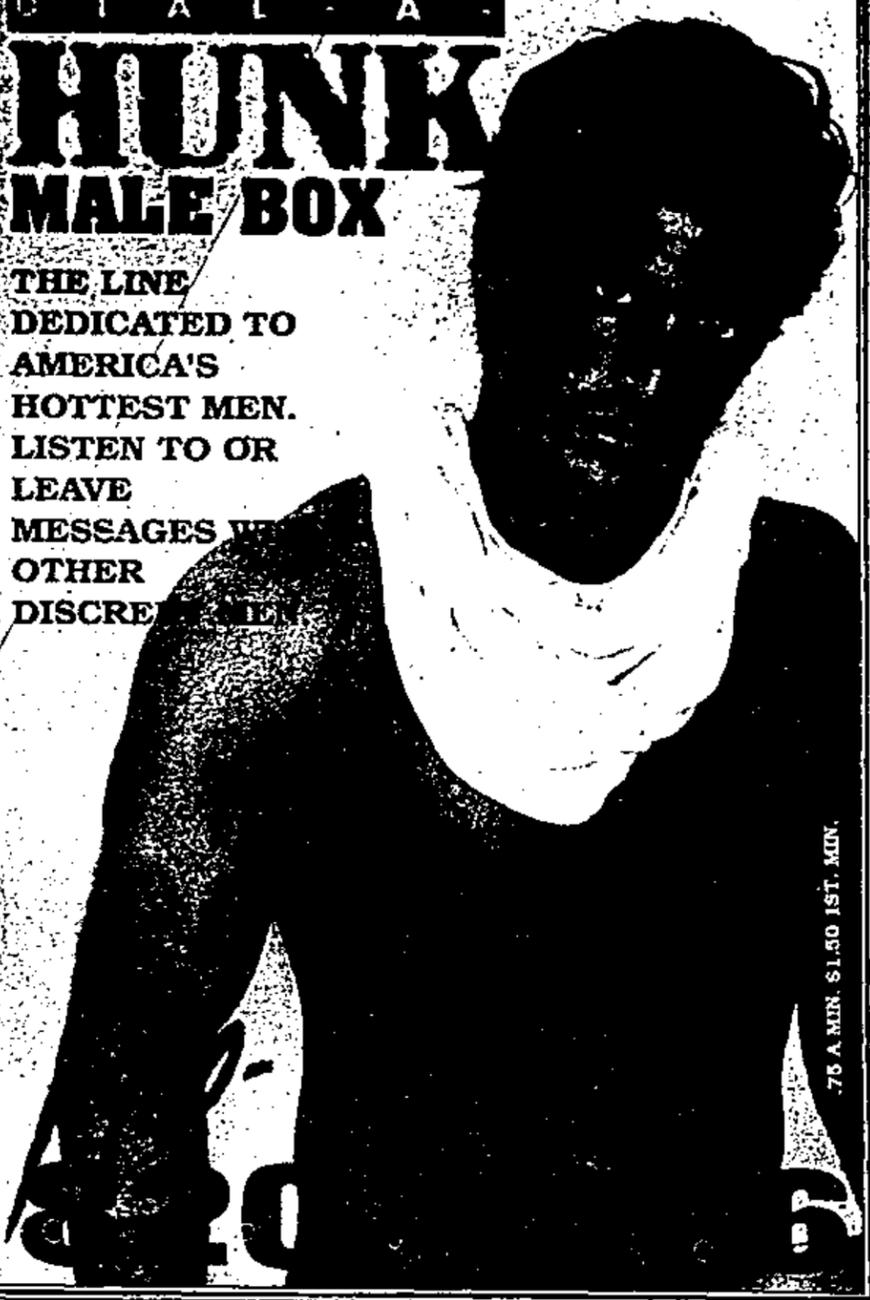
Next week, Saturday, Aug. 26, Bingo will again be played. There are ten games played with a cash prize of \$5.00 per game for the first nine games. The final game "Cover All" pays a cash prize of \$40.00 to the winner. Refreshments are served during the evening. Bingo cards are printed with three cards to a sheet and are sold for fifty cents each sheet. Games start promptly at 6:30 p.m. Come and join the fun, who knows, you may leave with a pocket full of cash.

Plans are now being made for a final summer swim party in September. This is the time to get to know everyone with the church in a relaxing atmosphere. Even if you are not a member of MCC/Tucson, this is the time to get acquainted with the congregation and staff. More details will be announced as the plans are finalized.

Thought for the Week: Rare is the person who can weigh the faults of others without putting his thumb on the scales.

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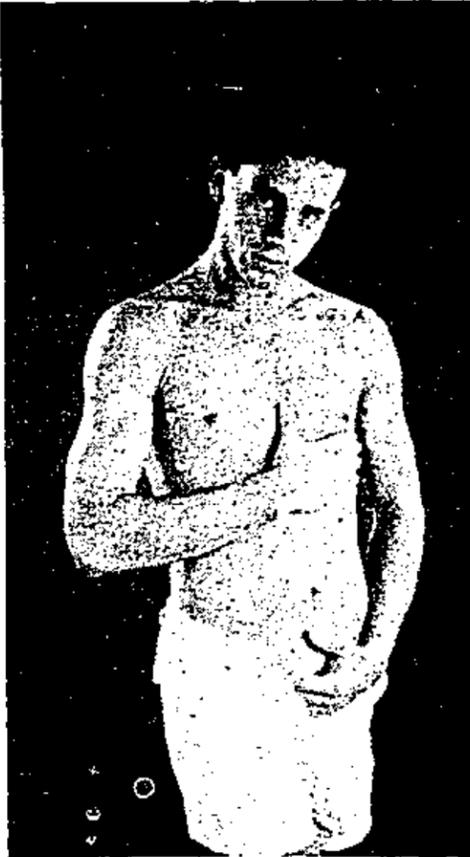
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Director Toby Ross has been in the forefront of Gay movie-making for nearly two decades. Films such as "Boys In The Slums" and "Do Me Evil" established his reputation as a director of films concerned with troubled youth. Still maintaining the highest of technical standards, Ross enters a new realm with "Sexy Billy Blue". This epic of self-discovery and self-assurance will help bring the Gay film out of the

closeted, backroom past into the proud light of today's Gay sexual maturity.

"Sexy Billy Blue" is currently priced at \$69.95 and is available exclusively from Bijou Video Sales, 1363 N. Wells, Chicago, IL 60610 (1-800-932-7111).

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Second, make a concentrated effort to find that person. Be logical here. If you want a spiritual person, look for him or her at a meditation group or Gay church. If you want a professional, go to your local Gay Business Association.

Third, do not — DO NOT — compromise on the ingredients you are looking for. It is only a matter of time before you find a very good fit for you. Don't let loneliness lead you into a less than desirable union.

If you are currently in an unsatisfactory relationship, assess why it isn't working. If it is because that person does not adequately match your list, consider starting over. You can't fill your relationship cup until it is emptied.

Hint: The quaint notion that opposites attract is total junk. Most long-term couples

started with a lot in common. The main relationship glue is shared interests and beliefs.

Oh yes, the "good" ones are not all taken. Sometimes they have been made "good" by being part of an ongoing, mutually supportive relationship. You and your future partner will help each other become one of the good ones.

[Demian is co-publisher/co-editor of PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Send your questions about Gay and Lesbian relationships, for possible use in future columns, to PARTNERS, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.]

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		AUG.	JULY	AUG.	JULY	AUG.	JULY
APACHE	52,108	4	4	2	1	1	0
COCHISE	85,686	6	6	2	3	4	1
COCONINO	75,008	6	6	3	-	-	1
GILA	37,080	3	3	2	-	-	0
GRAHAM	22,862	-	-	-	1	1	0
LA PAZ	12,557	2	1	1	-	-	0
MARICOPA	1,509,052	602	598	338	242	231	67
MOHAVE	55,865	7	7	4	-	-	1
NAVAJO	67,629	3	3	2	-	-	-
PIMA	531,443	166	160	76	35	31	26
PINAL	90,918	9	9	7	1	1	1
SANTA CRUZ	20,459	-	-	-	1	1	0
YAVAPAI	68,145	10	9	4	-	-	1
YUMA	76,205	12	12	3	6	6	2
UNKNOWN		1	1	0	6	6	[16]
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Where we stand at halftime

The first session of Congress ended on August 4, leaving a mixed bag on AIDS and Gay rights issues.

THE 1990 BUDGET

The 1990 budget is still in the process of negotiation, although it must be wrapped up by Oct. 1. At the end of July, the House Appropriations Committee voted on the budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, including money for AIDS. After the vote, they released a report - an essential document that expresses how Congress intends the money to be spent.

The full House of Representatives passed the recommended budget by a vote of 365-58 on Aug. 2. While the overall dollar figure for AIDS looks good, we had some unpleasant surprises in both the budget and the report.

The estimated amount of money that will be spent on AIDS during the next fiscal year is \$1.6 billion. This includes money for research, prevention, education, and some direct services. (This figure does not include money spent on services provided through Medicaid, the health program for people with low incomes.

The total amount of money the federal government will probably spend on AIDS including Medicaid and Medicare is \$2.8 billion. While \$1.6 billion is a respectable figure, it is \$400 million below what lobbyists and some members of Congress had hoped for.

For the past few years Congress has established a line-item budget for the amount of money that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is supposed to spend on AIDS research, instead of giving discretion to NIH administrators. This has saved AIDS advocates from having to fight at NIH level for adequate funding.

This year we did not get that line-item designation in the House budget. NIH will receive \$7 million, according to the budget, but no specified amount must be spent on AIDS. The appropriations Committee report read: "The level of activity has now reached the point where AIDS research should be managed by the NIH using the same system as it uses for other critical illnesses such as diabetes and Alzheimer's disease."

NIH will decide on the precise amount to be used for AIDS research based on the quality of applications submitted and competing research priorities.

The Committee views AIDS as being no longer a public health emergency that we know it still is. In practical terms, not having a line-item means AIDS advocates will have to start monitoring NIH—a huge task—if no line-item funding level is added to the budget before the finalization of the budget process. Lobbyists are still working with Senators to add in the line-item. The Senate has not yet voted on its budget or written its report so there is still time to get the line-item included.

SEX SURVEY

The House Appropriations Committee had a nasty surprise for Lesbians, Gays and people with AIDS. The controversy over a survey the Public Health Service was going to conduct to determine the sexual practices of people in this country was met by every respected commission and organization that has addressed the AIDS epidemic,

who insist that this survey is essential to learn about ways to fight the AIDS epidemic.

Congressman William Dannemeyer spearheaded the opposition, saying it was a homosexual plot to make it seem that more Americans than previously assumed were homosexuals. While activists were expecting an amendment by Dannemeyer that would kill the survey, the unexpected happened—the House Appropriations Committee took out the \$11 million budget for the survey. This move was quietly led by Congressman William Natcher, the powerful chair of the House Health Appropriations Subcommittee.

AIDS advocates had no time to respond. Not only did they kill the item, they made a general swipe against such surveys in its report: "A large-scale national survey of sexual behavior... does not appear to be an appropriate use of public funds; if such a survey is necessary, it should be supported with non-governmental funds. The Public Health Service is directed not to proceed with this study."

As with the budget, AIDS lobbyists will be turning to the Senate in September to see if the survey can be included in their budget, or at least the report item removed. Voting for sex surveys makes members of Congress extremely nervous. At the moment it is unclear whether there is anyone on the Senate Appropriations Committee who would be willing to carry the banner for us.

HATE CRIMES BILL

The Hate Crimes Statistics Bill, which would compile statistics on how many hate-related crimes are perpetrated in the country, was passed in the House and is waiting to be introduced on the Senate floor. Gay Rights activists expect an anti-Gay amendment to be offered by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC), and are already drumming up opposition to whatever it might be.

ANTI-GAY ARTS AMENDMENT

Robert Mapplethorpe's photography of men kissing one another drew anti-Gay responses from some members of Congress. The House voted in early July to reduce funding to the National Endowment for the Arts by \$45,000, the exact amount of the Mapplethorpe grant and another controversial arts grant. The Senate took it one step further a few weeks later by voting to prohibit any funding by the federal government for "indecent" or "obscene" art, which it defined, among other things, as "homosexual art."

Members of the arts community are just beginning to wake up to the ramifications of this amendment. Urvashi Vaid of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force and Barry Lynn from the ACLU are organizing the arts community to try to get Congress to delete the amendment.

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Over the last few years a number of major changes have affected our Gay lives (including Lesbian females and Gay males). Everything from the tougher drinking and driving laws, to the infighting among some organizations and the reorganization of others and especially the whole area of AIDS.

These negative factors are causing Gay people to change their ways of expressing and being Gay. We see the effects on our daily lives talking with people. If life as a Gay person does not seem as exciting, rewarding or as much fun, you have lots of company. What are YOU doing about it?

We hear about those Gay individuals who have reacted to the new negatives in our lives by withdrawing. Some are simply staying home and becoming "Couch Potatoes" while others are turning to the straight community for their social needs with varying degrees of success. There are also a great number which we do not know about, and that worries us even more.

For other Gay individuals, substitutes are sought which do not satisfy for very long and have to be increased or more costly alternatives sought. This might include addictive substances like alcohol or drugs, and addictive activities like shopping, TV, impersonal sex, helping others when we are in greater need ourselves, and even eating to excess. Others are turning feelings inward and becoming depressed. Professionals tell us that when people try to withdraw from an important aspect of their lives, there are going to be major consequences. These are negative when the return is not as great as the cost, when the person is out of control handling their life, or when it negatively af-

fects other aspects of the persons life. If these are happening to you, please seek help to change and get a better life for yourself.

Being Gay is not a choice and it should not be denied expression. The ways in which we express it need to change . . . the world has changed and so we must learn how to adjust. There are a number of more productive and exciting alternatives available to us, if we are willing to explore and try them. If you are unhappy, hurting, or just feeling numb to being Gay, reach out to someone. Tell them how you are feeling and what you wish they might do to help. Take action. Together you might find answers that are really quite simple and that work. Also, let your Gay community know what you want from it. Remember, a community is a group of individuals who come together for a common purpose.

Finally, we need to find out where we are and where we want to go. Letting our Gay community, and our greater metropolitan community know we are here is an important step. (Nearly 5,000 people at the recent Tucson Pride Picnic in a public park is a good example of letting the community know that we are here). Supporting activities, events, and organizations is important by having alternatives for ourselves and our Gay brothers and sisters. Getting involved, actively or behind the scenes through financial support, is so important in this age of change. Supporting causes which grant you freedoms, like anti-discrimination laws, can give one a sense of power over one's own life. Taking an active part in your life is an excellent way of telling your feelings, and others, that being Gay is really great.

THE PROM APPROACHES -
A BENEFIT FOR SHANTI FOUNDATION
TUCSON - Labor Day Weekend Sunday, September 3, will see the unveiling of an 'event' that is hard to describe, but it is evident the momentum is building so fast that it is bound to be a spectacular to end all spectacles - or so say the producers of the Rydell High Prom. The time warps backward to the 1960s where the latest dance craze was the "Madison" and the halls were abuzz with the energy of Prom time as it descends upon us once again.

The latest issue of the "Rydell High Times" is out and reports that "all committees are hard at work making sure that this will truly be a "Night To Remember". Patty Simcocks, President of the Girls 'Glee' Club, has promised us that there will be lots of festive decorations (let's hear it for the toilet paper) and plenty of snacks and beverages."

"Even some more liberal faculty members have been seen practicing the 'Madison' in the cafeteria daily. Mr. Hart, from the Music Department and Mr. Clark, the Pia Zadora of the Art Department, are frequently noticed dancing up a storm with the students. If you're interested in learning the "Madison" contact Patty Simcocks with the 'Glee Club' or Tracy Turnblatt who generally can be found in the alley behind Shop class, smoking".

It all sounds like great fun and rest assured the more than 20 persons involved in the cast are anxious to make September 3rd a Prom to remember. Get out your sixties outfits, and get ready for the time of your life. It will all take place at Rumorz, where the place will take on the looks of the Rydell High School Gymnasium complete with decorations, students and faculty.

And all proceeds go to our Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Plan to make it a BIG one.

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GAY MARRIAGE TEST CASE EXPECTED
AMERICAN LAWYERS TO USE DANISH LAW

Coles said he expected the states would do everything in their power not to recognize Gay marriages.

"There is unbelievable hostility now to Gay marriages, and that [atmosphere] continues," he said, adding that California last ruled against same-sex unions as recently as 1977.

"I would be surprised if the courts would now say yes," Coles said. "The crunch will come when [Gay partners] file joint tax returns.

Coles concluded that the Danish law will be tested shortly after Oct. 1 in the U.S. "It will happen provided they allow [Gay] non-Danes to be married in Denmark.

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1, a deal on the ADA was struck between the Bush Administration and Senators Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA), the original principal sponsors of ADA. Republican Senators Durenberger (R-MN) and Hatch (R-UT), were also in on the negotiations.

The bill now has bipartisan support as well as administration support - both of which will be critical when it goes to the floor of the House and Senate. It may happen that amendments are offered to restrict the strength of the bill and exclude people with AIDS and HIV infection.

But the success of the deal was evident on Aug. 2, when the Senate and Human Resources Committee passed the bill 16-0. With this type of Republican and Administration support, as well as the ongoing support of the Democrats, the disability community and the AIDS community, ADA may pass quickly, with its full protections intact.

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