

NETWORK VIDEO

Info on screenings, new tapes, news to reach Andy Lipman by Friday, six days before publication.

NEW REVIEWS

Cheech and Chong's Next Movie (CIC). Like man, these two dudes Thomas Chong and Richard Marin are something else, alright? Movie versions of the Furry Freak Brothers, they offer West Coast antics and end up at Close Encounters of the Too Many Spliffs kind. Not as cool and stylish as the Blues Brothers city slickers, rather an Hispanic macho antidote to John Water's Divine camp. Gross, tasteless, greasy fun to the sounds of The Champs, Ray Charles and The Pretenders. A couple of seventies spectacles now more or less ghostbusted.



Wacky Wiles on the wicked weed. See New Reviews.

Dempsey (Videoform) A spate of fight-back sports pics against the odds have just been released, with the true-story of boxing champ Jack Dempsey (Treat Williams) leading the pack for its non-glossy realism and treatment of the fight business and its racist undercurrents. It also features the excellent Sam Waterston from 'The Killing Fields'. Other contenders in Videoform's 'Golden Gloves' series are 'Marciano' (a Rocky IV starring Vincent Gardenia and Tony Le Bianco) and 'The Fighter', the tale of a Vietnam vet's attempts at prize-fighting on returning to the jobless States.

its big-screen release last year, but the blend of genuine true grit, endurance and suspense works surprisingly well, if you're not put off by the occasional sentimental dollops.

SCREENINGS

Monday Moonshine Video Workshop Victor Road, NW10 (969 7959) 7.30
Scratch Video: Screenings and discussion of latest scratch tapes, including Luton 33's excellent Reagan/Thatcher cut-up 'Death Valley Days'. A video sequel to the famous Ron and Mag's 'Gone With The Wind' poster, the tape follows the duo to the end of the sane world, mixing old movie clips, news and original footage from last year's summit. Most devastating of all is the nukespeak sequence with the usual diplomatic gobbledegook stripped down to

the bare bones—potentially ours!

Tuesday ICA Videotheque, The Mall, SW1. (930 3647) 6.30, 8.30 (£1.40)

Despite TV: A chance to see the latest offerings from the regular local video magazine tapes produced by Tower Hamlets Arts Project. Local news stories, interviews, information and promos for local bands provide the lively mix for community distribution.

Thursday The Kiosk, Zap Club, 191 Seaford Arches, Brighton (0273 775987) 11.00 to 2.00 £1.50

The Kiosk. Now established as a regular Thursday night video club.

OUT IN THE CITY

A selective round-up of the week's activities of interest to lesbians and gay men in London. Information should reach Brian Kennedy by Tuesday, ten days before publication date and include a telephone number for enquiries and information on disabled access. (See also Nightclubbing, Help and general entertainment listings.)

FRIDAY

Gay Black Group meets at Gay's the Word Bookshop, 66 Marchmont St, WC1. 7.30. [X]
'No Comment', exhibition by lesbian and gay artists at the Brixton Gallery until Jan 19. The second nation-wide showing of sculpture, painting, prints, photography, tapestry, film, video, ceramics etc. (See Visual Arts for review).
'Improper Conduct' a film about the treatment of gays in post-revolution Cuba opens at the ICA for a limited run (see Cinema).
Gay Youth Around London go ten-pin bowling, meet Streatham Hill BR 7.30.
The Funghetti Quartet and Jenny Lecoat plus Disco at women-only bop at the Drill Hall, 16 Chenies St, WC1 [X] £3/£2 UB40, free creche.

SATURDAY

New Depression in the City 126 York Way, N1 alternative disco, open till 1.00, £1/75p unwaged.
Femme Disco at The Cock, 2 Diana Place (off Triton Sq) NW1. Women only. 8.00 till late.
MSC London leather and denim club meets in The Ship & Shovel, Craven Passage (along from Heaven) WC2, 8.30.
Gay Christian Movement Conference, 'The Gay Community Under Threat' with speaker Chris Smith MP and Martin Pendergast in Southampton, phone 283 5165 for details.
Boysie at the Pied Bull, 1 Liverpool Rd, N1 [X] 9.00-2.00, £2.50/£2.

SUNDAY

Hall-Carpenter Archive work session at Room 8, 2nd Floor E block, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, WC1.2.00-6.00. Volunteers welcome to help with press digest, details from Julian Meldrum (274 1588).
Hyde Park Gays and Sapphics Speakers Corner, 3.00, campaigning from the soupbox.
Pink Singers rehearse at County Hall (room number from reception) weekly at 2.30. All lesbians and gay men welcome. For further info, contact Ron 881 0076.

Details from Rob (368 9863)
Harrow Gay Unity at the Harrow Leisure Centre, Christchurch Ave, Wealdstone, [X] 8.30. With **Walter Easey** from the Camden Police Liaison Committee.
Young Lesbians social group meets 7.30-10.30. Details 263 5932
Deptford Dykes Lesbian Group meets at Deptford Women's Centre, 74c Deptford High St, SE18 [S] 8.00-10.00. No w-chair access. Phone Cherry/Alix (635 8625) or Vada (697 6002). All lesbians welcome.
South London Gay Young People's Group meets 7.00-10.00, phone 697 7435 during those hours, mixed meeting plus separate activities.
Lunch with a friend at London Friend, 274 Upper St, N1 [S]. Snacks, tea and coffee from noon till 3.00 every day. Thur women-only.
History and Politics of Gay Liberation course—second term at City University, Northampton Sq, EC1, 6.30-8.30, £13.50 for ten weeks, half-price to unemployed, enquiries 253 4399 x 3252.



A man of many talents, ERIC PRESLAND entertains on Tuesday.

TUESDAY

Wicca Women meet at The Chepstow (upstairs bar), 39 Chepstow Place, W2. [S] 8.00.
Consenting Adults in Public theatre workshop for all lesbians and gay men, Thornhill Neighbourhood Centre, 199 Caledonian Rd, N1 [X] 8.00-10.00.
Kensington and Chelsea Lesbian and Gay Young People's Group, women-only meeting 7.30-10.00 in N Kensington, ring Gay Switchboard or Lesbian Line for further details (see end of diary).
Lesbian night at The Fulham Club, 111 Fulham Rd, SW3.

£13.20 waged 2.40 unwaged 12 weeks. Course includes consent, child custody, lesbianism, violence against women in a historical context. Women only. Details of both above courses from Rose (735 5669).

WEDNESDAY

Lesbian Discussion Group Gay's the Word Bookshop, Marchmont St, WC1 [X] 7. Toilets not w-chair access.
Gay Teenage Group for lesbians and gay men until 7.00-10.00. Details, phone 5471 during those hours.
Married gays/bisexuals lunchtime meeting at The [W], 259 Pentonville Rd, details phone London Fri 359 7371.
Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets at Response Bookshop, 300 Old Brompton Rd, SW5, [A] 8.00.
Lesbian Ethics meeting Sisterwrite bookshop, 19 Upper St, N1, 7.30, 50p. week 'Sex and sexual practice—is it an ethical issue'.
Lesbian Art & Aesthetic meeting, venue, time and above, planning the lesbian exhibition. For both meeting Onlywomen Press or 0596 to be sure of a place.
Lesbians in Education meeting at A Woman's PI Hungerford House, Victoria Embankment, WC2 [W], 12.30. Discussion on 'Teaching of relationships sexuality', bring along good teaching materials if possible.
Thames Poly Gaysoc Di the top bar, Students' Union, Thomas St, SE18, 8.00, 5 entry with **Stack Em Siste** Disco.
Turning Point, for men think they might be gay a want to meet others, at 2 Upper St, N1 [S] 7.30.
Rackets at the Pied Bull Liverpool Rd, N1 [X], £1.50 with UB40 (membership 1 Women-only with, Wed, J Sandwich).

THURSDAY

Friend Women's Group at 274 Upper St, N1, 7.30 in for all bisexual and lesbian women, pool-table now available.
Women-only lunchtime London Friend [S] (See M)
Croydon Lesbian Support Group meets at Croydon Women's Centre, 13 Woc Green, SE25, 8.00.
Kensington and Chelsea Lesbian and Gay Young F Group, mixed meeting, 7.30-10.00 in N Kensington, ring Gay Switchboard for details.
Bisexual Group meets at Heaven, The Arches, Chancery Lane, WC2, [S] 8.00.
East London Gay Community meets at Friends Meeting House, Bush Rd, E11 [W] with speaker from Gays T Word Defence Fund.
Feltham Gay Group meets at Feltham Community Centre, Hanworth Rd, Feltham, 8 with talk on Nicaragua with slides.
Gay Outdoor Club London Walk, meet 7.00 outside.