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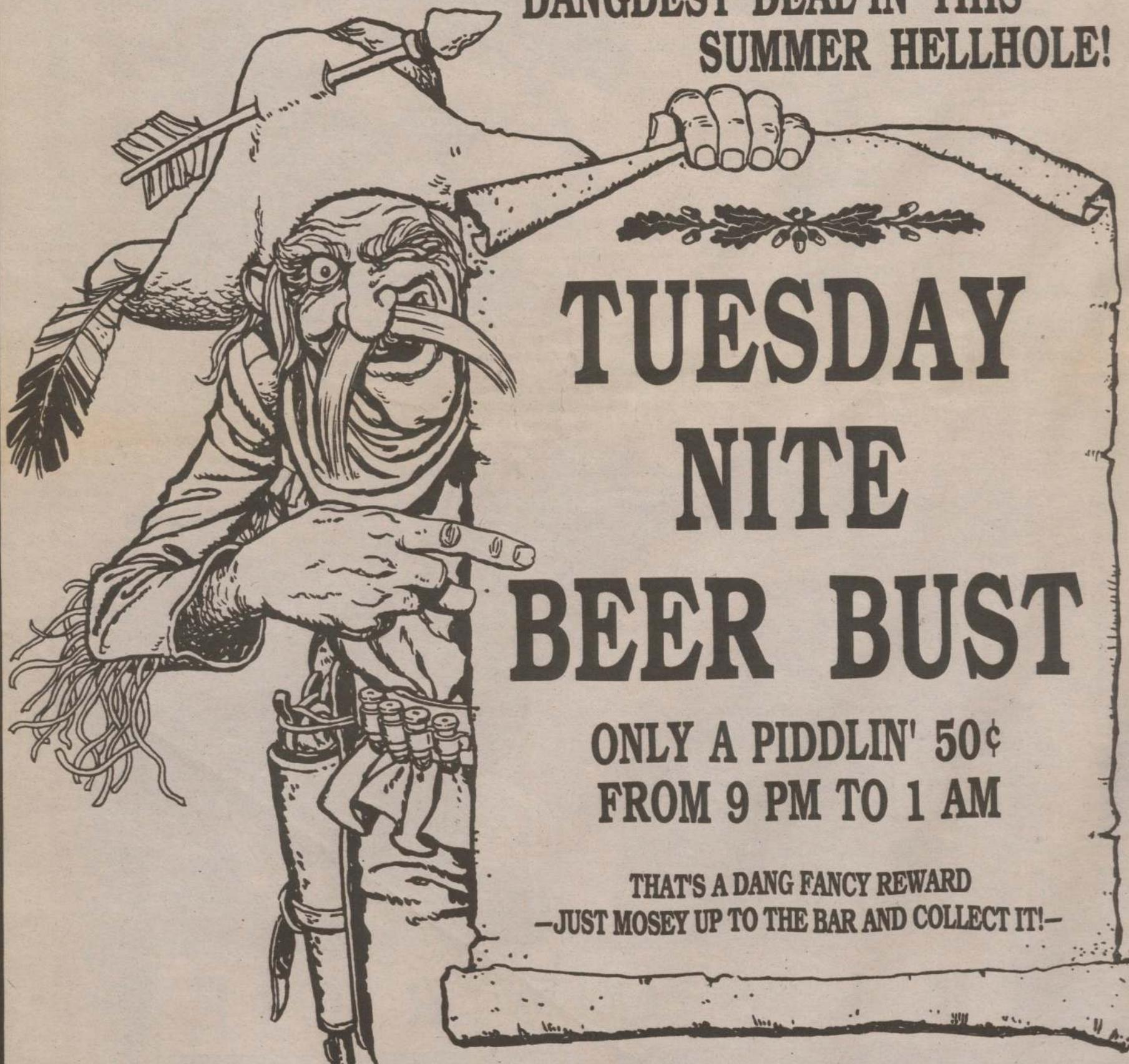
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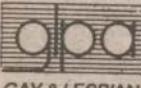
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Robt L. Pela

I get some pretty strange mail.

As a matter of fact, I have a file in my desk labelled "Strange Mail." It's filled with threatening letters from raging homophobes, suicidal poetry, and a circular offering "lesbian and gay underwear at wholesale prices." No kidding.

Today I added to my stash a letter I received from the late Rock Hudson.

The letter, mailed last week to various organizations and individuals in our community, originates from House of the Dawn, a "church" of metaphysics in Phoenix. It's signed "Best Wishes, Rock Hudson" and contains some of the most inane and insulting verbiage this side of the *National Enquirer*.

"Rock" informs us that he has been chosen as a spokesman for an ethereal organization ("The Souls of Light") to inform gay and lesbian Phoenicians of the truth about AIDS.

"(We souls) know that the key to stop AIDS cold is to eliminate fear and the guilt of being Gay and to put in its place a practical simple program that helps our brothers and sisters learn how to Love and Care for themselves (sic)," "Rock" writes.

How unfortunate, then, for all of the researchers who've spent years on this disease: according to one dead celebrity, they've been wasting their time. Moreover, how sad for those of us who've lost someone to AIDS. Would that we could turn back time and convince our loved ones that a little less apprehension might save them.

Perhaps the most derisive passage in this posthumous farce is one which attempts to explain the disease itself. "We knew that the only way souls on the Earth Plane could understand that AIDS is a state of mind would be if someone well known, who had experienced having AIDS on the Physical Plane, would tell them." The suggestion that AIDS is the end result of a thought process is as likely to offend people as would receiving a letter from a cadaver.

I spoke with the Medium Jack Stephens (apparently, the Extra Large Jack Stephens was out for the evening), a psychic reader who will channel Rock Hudson at House of the Dawn on August 21st. Stephens explained that the letter was meant as an invitation to community members "who will want to come hear Rock Hudson talk about AIDS."

"I started receiving messages in April, at the Names Project Quilt," Stephens told me. "Shortly after, the essence of Rock Hudson came to me and said he would be willing to tell people that fear and panic over AIDS is unnecessary."

When queried about "Hudson's" claim that "AIDS is a state of mind," Stephens concurred. "AIDS really is in the mind. The mind creates fear, and people die more from the fear of the disease than from the disease itself."

Stephens claims to have written the letter "in trance." "Rock Hudson is speaking through me to let (gay and lesbian people) know that there is a way to feel good about who we are. The reason that AIDS is attacking the gay community is because we feel so negative about ourselves."

My own unanswered question remains: How negatively must homosexuals feel about themselves before they begin seeking advice from deceased actors?

Dear Sir,

This week, we received through the mail a mailing entitled 'Rock Hudson Talks Through Jack Stephens.'

We are hard-pressed for the right words to comment on this piece of tripe. For any thinking individual to believe that Rock Hudson, or any other departed soul, would speak through Jack Stephens is ludicrous. However, if, by the longest stretch of imagination, one could believe this fantasy, would

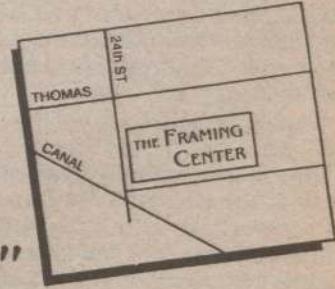
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Rock Hudson really say that "A.I.D.S. is a state of mind"? Is this all it really is? Most of us have known someone who suffered and died from this disease. Are we really to think it is 'only a state of mind'?

Would Rock Hudson have further stated that "the key to stop A.I.D.S. cold is to eliminate the fear and guilt of being gay"? In other words, so long as we have no fear, and are not guilty about being gay, we can do as we wish and have no worries about contracting AIDS!

This is the type of reasoning that begets homophobia. Is it any wonder that too many people have a hatred and fear of the gay community? Is it any wonder that far too many people think that sex alone is the object of our lifestyle? Being gay is not, in and of itself, a cause for AIDS. Nor is feeling guilty about being gay. AIDS is caused by unsafe sexual practices—among other things.

We take serious exception to this treatment of a highly sensitive subject in order to build a business following. We would certainly hope that Rock Hudson's legal representatives are made aware of the use of his name in this matter. Aside from being in very poor taste, the philosophy of this mailing could be very damaging to people who are grasping at straws. There are no sugar-coated pills for AIDS. To attempt to offer one under the aegis of a well-known personality is truly going past the limit.

We trust that all thinking members of the gay and lesbian community will see this as what it really is—a poor attempt at making something out of nothing.

Chris Post
Jack Schreiner

CAMPUS NEWS TARGETS GAYS

AMES, IA—Lesbian and gay students at Iowa State University in Ames are having to defend themselves against verbal and pictorial attacks put out by a right-wing publication, *Campus Review*. Like its counterpart *Midway Review* at the University of Chicago, *Campus Review* singles out left-wing and gay and lesbian students for special venom. One lesbian student, Claire Huebner, received a threatening anonymous letter since writing a response to the *Review* in the *Iowa State Daily*.

Huebner said she was provoked to write the piece by the *Campus Review's* full-page "clip and save" graphic depicting two figures (presumably gay men) in a sexual act inside a large red circle with a diagonal line through it. The accompanying copy read, "to our special friends at ISU: The Gay and Lesbian Student Outreach" and below, in large letters, "Stop AIDS. A public health service announcement from *Campus Review*."

The harassing letter Huebner received since her protest is similar to those sent to gay and gay-sympathetic students at the University of Chicago. Huebner is working with authorities to try to find out who sent the letter and to consider action against the party or parties when and if they are found.

Sources this issue: *Montrose Voice*, *San Francisco Sentinel*, *Chicago Outlines*, UPI.

TASK FORCE CONDEMNS PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO WATKINS REPORT "Years of Neglect" Continue

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, commenting on President Reagan's delayed response to the Presidential Commission on the HIV Epidemic Report, declared that "the Reagan Administration has missed an opportunity to overcome eight years of neglect and finally show some leadership on AIDS." Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF's executive director said, "The President's failure to implement the major recommendations of the Commission confirmed our worst fears: Reagan appointed this commission to delay taking substantive action on AIDS policy. Reagan leaves as his legacy to the American people the unnecessary death of literally thousands of persons with AIDS."

The Presidential Commission, chaired by Admiral James Watkins, submitted its report to President Reagan on June 24th. Rather than respond directly to the report, Reagan asked White House Drug Advisor Dr. Ian Macdonald to review the report and prepare action recommendations for the President. In a lengthy letter to Dr. Macdonald, dated July 13, 1988, NGLTF urged implementation of several of the Commission's key proposals, including passage of federal antidiscrimination and confidentiality legislation, as well as increased funding for targeted prevention campaigns and a thorough examination of health care financing issues associated with AIDS.

"Little of the Commission's recommendations can be found in President Reagan's ten-point plan," Levi said. "Having already studied the study at the White House level, he is now postponing action further by having federal agencies study the study as well. Ronald Reagan has clearly punted to the next Administration responsibility for implementing a comprehensive AIDS policy."

Among the issues President Reagan failed to address today were:

- Reagan failed to endorse the Watkins Commission's proposal for federal antidiscrimination protections for those with HIV infection. Vice President George Bush has supported this recommendation. He deferred the proposal to the Justice Department and instead ordered all executive agencies to implement guidelines prepared by the Office of Personnel Management. "While this is good news for federal workers, it is nothing new. The OPM guidelines were announced in June. In addition, this action does not reach the overwhelming majority of individuals in need of protection in the private sector," said Jeff Levi.

At press briefings today, Dr. Macdonald questioned the extent of discrimination and the need for federal protections. "Dr. Macdonald has completely ignored the evidence compiled by the President's own Commission—and is using the tired rhetoric of thirty years ago when conservatives objected to any civil rights protections at the federal level," Levi said.

- The President failed to request additional funds for any AIDS activities, even though the Commission recommended increases in research, treatment, care, and prevention that would have brought fiscal 1989 spending to almost \$2 billion (in contrast with the President's request for \$1.3 billion).

- The President failed to address the Commission's criticism that bureaucratic red tape is holding up research programs—particularly obstacles to increased funding and staffing levels posed by the Office of Management and Budget. "Instead," Levi noted, "the President reasserted the authority of the fox over the chicken coop by asking the OMB to look into impediments to efficient use of resources devoted to AIDS."

- The President failed to respond to the Commission's call for quick action to accelerate research on drug development, implementation of public health measures, and creation of an international response to AIDS. "Rather, the President is asking the relevant agencies to study these issues yet again—despite many years of consideration," Levi said.

"It is clear," Levi said, "that effective changes on the executive side must await a new administration. The challenge of this presidential campaign will be for George Bush and Michael Dukakis to embrace the Presidential Commission's findings and commit to immediate implementation upon taking office." Governor Dukakis has already endorsed the findings of the Presidential Commission; to date, Vice President Bush has only addressed his support for the antidiscrimination protections.

LESBIAN RIGHTS TO BE FOCUS OF CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

The National Organization for Women will sponsor a National Lesbian Rights Conference to be held October 7-10 at the Holiday Inn Embarcadero, San Diego, California. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for the development of a national plan of action.

Topics such as legalized discrimination, alternative families, health care, the politics of AIDS, portrayal of lesbians in the media, electoral politics, legislative issues, and educational issues will be discussed during a wide variety of workshops. Empowerment, visibility, and the dual problems faced by lesbians of color will be the underlying themes running throughout the conference.

Plenary speakers will include poet Robin Morgan; Jean O'Leary, executive director, National Gay Rights Advocates; Renee McCoy, executive director, National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays; Carmen Vazquez, coordinator, Lesbian and Gay Health Services for San Francisco County; and Karen Thompson, an activist who has spent over four years fighting for the right to care for her severely disabled life partner, Sharon Kowalski.

Marga Gomez will emcee a music concert featuring Deidre McCalla and Lucie Blue Tremblay.

For additional details, contact Nancy Buermeyer, NOW Action Center, Suite 800, 1401 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005; phone: 202/347-2279.

PHOENIX 'COMING OUT DAY' PLANNED Gayle-Ann Young

National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) and The Experience Weekend are encouraging all gay men and lesbians to begin or complete the process of total and free expression of their sexuality on October 11, 1988. On that day, in celebration of the anniversary of the National March on Washington (October 11, 1987), NGRA is calling for a National Coming Out Day.

The Coalition for Immediate Action (CIA) is the local coordinator for the Phoenix event. Bj Bud, President of CIA, says, "If all gays and lesbians would let just one person know that they know a gay or lesbian person, more people would be supportive of lesbian and gay rights." Bud notes that "only by one-by-one contact will opinions of lesbians and gays be improved."

"National Coming Out Day will be a powerful day in lesbian and gay history. It's goal is to increase the visibility and political clout of the more than 20 million gay men and lesbians in this country," according to an NGRA spokesperson. The idea of National Coming Out Day is to bring the spirit of the National March On Washington home to the local communities.

Coming-out stories, poetry, artwork, photos and memorial tributes are requested from the Phoenix community, to be published in *Phoenix Resource*, and will be sent on to NGRA. Bud requests that those contributions be sent to National Coming Out Day, P.O. Box 33233, Phoenix, AZ 85067.

Some plans have already been set into motion. According to Bud, there is a dance planned at South Mountain on Saturday, October 1. The proceeds of the dance will be divided between the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard and the 1989 Gay and Lesbian Pride Planning Committee, which is planning the Pride Event for June, 1989. Bud also plans a media blitz from October 1 to October 11.

Bud suggests that each person "take your next step—whatever that means to you!"

AIDS POSTAGE STAMP AWAIT APPROVAL

Postmaster General Anthony Frank has been asked to expedite federal approval of a proposed AIDS awareness postage stamp.

The idea of a "special issue" AIDS stamp was conceived a year ago by a registered nurse in Madison, Wisconsin. Jean Anne Hlavacek designed the stamp, which has "AIDS" inside the international symbol for stop, surrounded by the words "prevention, research, education and compassion."

In a letter to Frank, a San Franciscan recently appointed postmaster general by President Reagan, Agnos said an AIDS stamp "would raise AIDS awareness and focus attention on the importance of education and prevention" nationwide.

All new postage stamps must win approval from the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, which is appointed by the postmaster. The approval process, which is intensely competitive, generally takes about two years.

According to the Postal Service, the committee bases its recommendations for future stamps

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on "national interest, historical perspective and other criteria."

The concept for the stamp has been endorsed by people on all points of the political spectrum, including both presidential candidates Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, U.S. senators Alan Cranston and Jesse Helms, as well as the National Hemophilia Foundation.

SENATE VETOES HELMS AMENDMENT

Thanks to a "preemptive strike" by Senator Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), the U.S. Senate has for the first time voted down an amendment by Senator Jesse Helms (R., N.C.) to deny federal funds to AIDS educational programs that "promote or encourage, directly, homosexual sexual activity."

The Senate, by a 47-46 tabling vote, defeated a move by Helms to get into the pending Labor-Health and Human Service appropriations bill the same language it adopted, 71-18, earlier this year as part of the AIDS Research and Information Act (S. 1220). It voted 94-2 for a similar Helms amendment last year.

The Senate action came after it had approved, 61-37, a "preemptive strike" amendment by Cranston which would ban federal funding of AIDS educational programs only if they are specifically "designed" to promote or encourage homosexual or heterosexual activity, or intravenous drug use.

Helms would ban funding even if the programs are not intended to promote homosexuality.

The Senate voted down three parliamentary moves by Helms that would have had the effect of striking the Cranston amendment.

The Senate has approved, by a vote of 82-15, a watered-down Helms amendment by Senator Gordon J. Humphrey (R., N.H.).

But Cranston said he hopes to be able to defeat that in conference with the House "because of the three previous votes against Helms and because the conferees are more sympathetic to my views than Senator Helms."

The Cranston amendment, which was cosponsored by Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), also mandates that federally funded AIDS educational programs must "be designed to reduce exposure to and transmission" of the virus that causes AIDS, and must provide information on the health risks of promiscuous sexual activity and intravenous drug abuse.

"This was a vital victory in the battle to educate people on how to avoid AIDS in ways they can best understand," Cranston said.

Passage of his amendment, he said, "makes it possible for culturally-sensitive information about AIDS to be targeted to individuals with a variety of needs and levels of understanding."

"Gay men, bisexual men, individuals who are uneducated or illiterate, I.V. drug users, women, teenagers—all may respond to different types of messages and information."

"What's appropriate for the general population may have no impact in persuading a drug addict in New York City or a gay man in Los Angeles to change his behavior."

Referring to "killer amendments" which Helms previously succeeded in getting through the Senate, Cranston warned fellow Senators during floor debate that "every time legislation is

brought to the floor that would help stop the terrible AIDS epidemic by funding life-saving information and education programs, we are faced with attempts to hinder and curtail those efforts."

"Those attempts to hamstring public-health educational programs may be disguised in moralistic language. But the real truth—the bottom line—is that they will contribute to the further spread of this disease, more illness, and more death."

Cranston stressed that his amendment prohibits government funding of programs designed to promote "any type of sexual activity, heterosexual or homosexual."

"The government is not now, nor should it ever be, in the business of funding materials that are designed solely and specifically to encourage sexual activity."

CANADIAN DRUG BANNED BY FDA

WASHINGTON—The Food and Drug Administration wants to block a Canadian firm from selling to Americans an unapproved AIDS drug, but the firm said Tuesday it will continue exports until officially ordered to stop.

FDA Commissioner Frank Young last month announced a rule change that would allow U.S. citizens to import, either by mail or in person, small quantities of unapproved drugs—including dextran sulfate—for their own use.

But FDA inspectors have been ordered to block imports of dextran sulfate from Polydex Pharmaceuticals Ltd. of Toronto because of a controversy over promotional tactics, an FDA spokesperson confirmed Tuesday.

The FDA claims Polydex broke the rules governing the sale of unapproved drugs in late July when it issued a news release saying it would lower its export price for dextran sulfate from about 25 cents to 15 cents per tablet, and would fill U.S. mail order requests.

Under the FDA rules, unapproved drugs may be imported for personal use if there is no unreasonable risk or fraud, and if the product is not for commercial distribution.

"This is a fairly clear-cut case. It was about as promotional as something can be," said the FDA spokesperson. "It appears this was a large-scale scheme to distribute commercially an unapproved drug and that is not permitted."

"They were advertising the fact that they were ready to take any and all orders," he added.

FDA inspectors have alerted U.S. Postal and Customs officials to seize any dextran sulfate suspected of being mailed or personally purchased from Polydex, the spokesman said.

Thomas Usher, chairman of Polydex, said Tuesday he has received no official notification from the FDA about his firm's dextran sulfate exports. "We're not sure whether we really have been banned," he said.

Usher said the news release, which was issued through a public relations news wire, was not a promotional effort and was simply an announcement that "we were going to make our products more available to individual users."

"We have no hesitation in providing the drug to people for their own use and not for re-sale. Until we get a different response from the FDA, we naturally will continue to do that."

DON SLUTES

EDITORIAL

EARL'S ERROR

Listening to talk radio is just one of my many faults. Still, I'm curious about what Mr. and Mrs. General Public have on their minds, and radio phone-in shows are a great way to find out. Sometimes the radio hosts themselves have opinions. Sometimes we get to hear them.

Earl Baldwin is a talk-show host for KFYI whose vocal characteristics lie just this side of Walter Brennan. Now, because there are plenty of goofy radio people in Phoenix, I normally wouldn't single out someone like Earl, but he seems to have a certain personality quirk that may be instructive.

I happened to tune in to Earl's show during the week following Phoenix's gay and lesbian pride event in June, and I heard the otherwise innocuous radio personality prattling on about why homosexuals should stay in their closets. "I just don't understand why they have to march around and tell everyone what they do in bed," Earl said, or words to that effect. One of his frequent callers, a person known only as Patrick, concurred. "I never discuss what I do with someone in the privacy of my bedroom," said Pat, who nevertheless sounded like someone who was merely theorizing.

More recently, in the wake of the Circle K controversy, E.B. reprised this theme, saying that alcoholics (one of the targets of the Circle K policy) don't brag about their disability, so why do homosexuals (another target) go around parading their moral deficiency?

Which brings up a different question: Why does Earl Baldwin insist on parading his intellectual deficiency? First of all, Earl, you can't equate alcoholism with homosexuality. The former is a disease, almost always debilitating. Homosexuality isn't a disease, and it's only debilitating in the sense that the millions of Earl Baldwins out there can't seem to get used to the first idea.

As for morality, what is more immoral than clamping down on a whole segment of the population because of a few peoples' queasy sensibilities?

"Gay pride" isn't about sex; it's about politicized sex, and homosexuals didn't create the problem. Lesbians and gay men aren't "proud" of what we do in bed, or what we don't do in bed, nor are we ashamed. But we are proud of a struggle. The soul of our struggle is merely this: give lesbians and gay men the same social leverage as everyone else, and the same space in which to use it. Closets don't qualify.

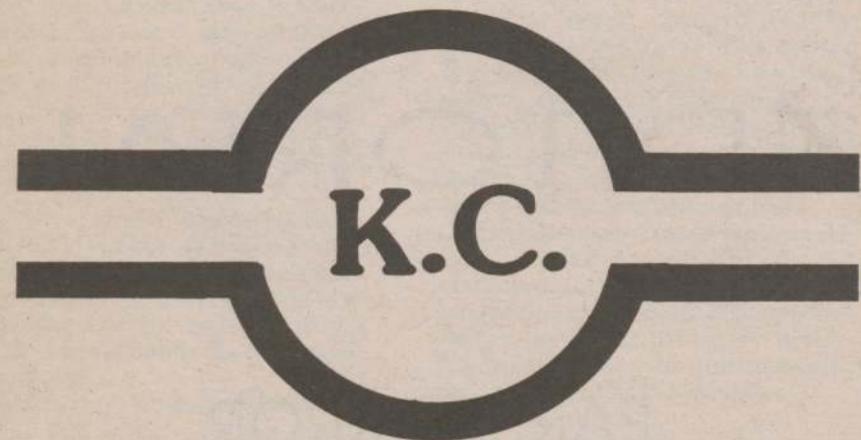
You don't have to look very far to see how high the stakes are. If you're a Circle K employee, for instance, you're now aware how homophobia can wreak havoc. If you're employed in state government, you know how one bigoted, small-minded governor can potentially ruin your career.

But employment discrimination doesn't happen just in parochial, conservative enclaves like Phoenix. In New York City, for instance, the long-distance carrier MCI is being blasted for firing an openly gay employee. The employee was not terminated because he was gay, an MCI spokesperson says, but because his co-workers couldn't cope with his being *openly* gay. Which means to work at this large company in the most metropolitan city in the world, you don't necessarily have to be heterosexual, but if you're not, you have to lie.

In the MCI equation, a few employees' prejudices outweigh one person's livelihood. What would MCI do if a bunch of employees informed management that they didn't want to work with this Black or that Jew? MCI would probably tell 'em, "Welcome to the 20th Century." So tell us, Earl, does this former MCI employee have just cause to march around clamoring for equal rights? Do the rest of us have just cause to march around in hopes of safeguarding our own rights?

Rest assured, Earl Baldwin, most lesbians and gay men don't care to tell you or even each other what we do in our bedrooms. We just want to *relax*—not be under the gun constantly to "her hide or defend ourselves, not to let an irrational prejudice ruin our lives, deprive us of our liberty, or thwart our pursuit of happiness."

And therein lies the paradox, Earl: Until you decide to leave us alone, we'll be in your face.



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A Long Sound: A Book Of Poems. Joan Larkin, author. Penobscot, Maine: Granite Press, 1986. 87 pages. \$8.95 paperbound.

You're probably wondering why I want you to pay attention to a book that costs \$8.95 for 87 pages, including the mostly-blank ones that have the short poems. And why I'm using my writing time and your reading time and valuable book review space to tell you about poetry from a small press that hasn't done anything else you or I have been excited about.

Well, that's what small presses do—they take chances on books they find exciting, and each one makes its own decisions about elegance of production versus cost to the consumer. Granite may have priced *A Long Sound* out of the market by its visual impact, and that would be unfortunate—the content is worth your attention.

Larkin is a recovering alcoholic, and that by itself is enough reason to find out what she has to tell us. All of us who have been, or are, chemically dependent or the child or lover of someone who is or was, live in our own hells through the process of addiction and recovery. Not many of us want to write about it, and fewer of those who want, can.

Larkin evokes her misery in blatant images and language that's occasionally unpretty and always unsentimental: this is the stripped-down, understated exposition that's lamentably rare in poetry as well as prose. She remembers, and she makes sure we don't forget.

We participate in her inability to decide whether or not to kill herself, and the resolution: "Something wanted to live./ It wasn't me." We sleep in gutters, endure unwanted sex. We watch the effect of our actions on the people we love.

Larkin is a mother and a lesbian, a daughter and a wife, a recovering alcoholic and a teacher of writing. Let her take you back...and forward.

Meg is a counselor in private practice in Phoenix and owner of Humanspace Books, Inc. *A Long Sound* is available from Granite Press and at Humanspace.



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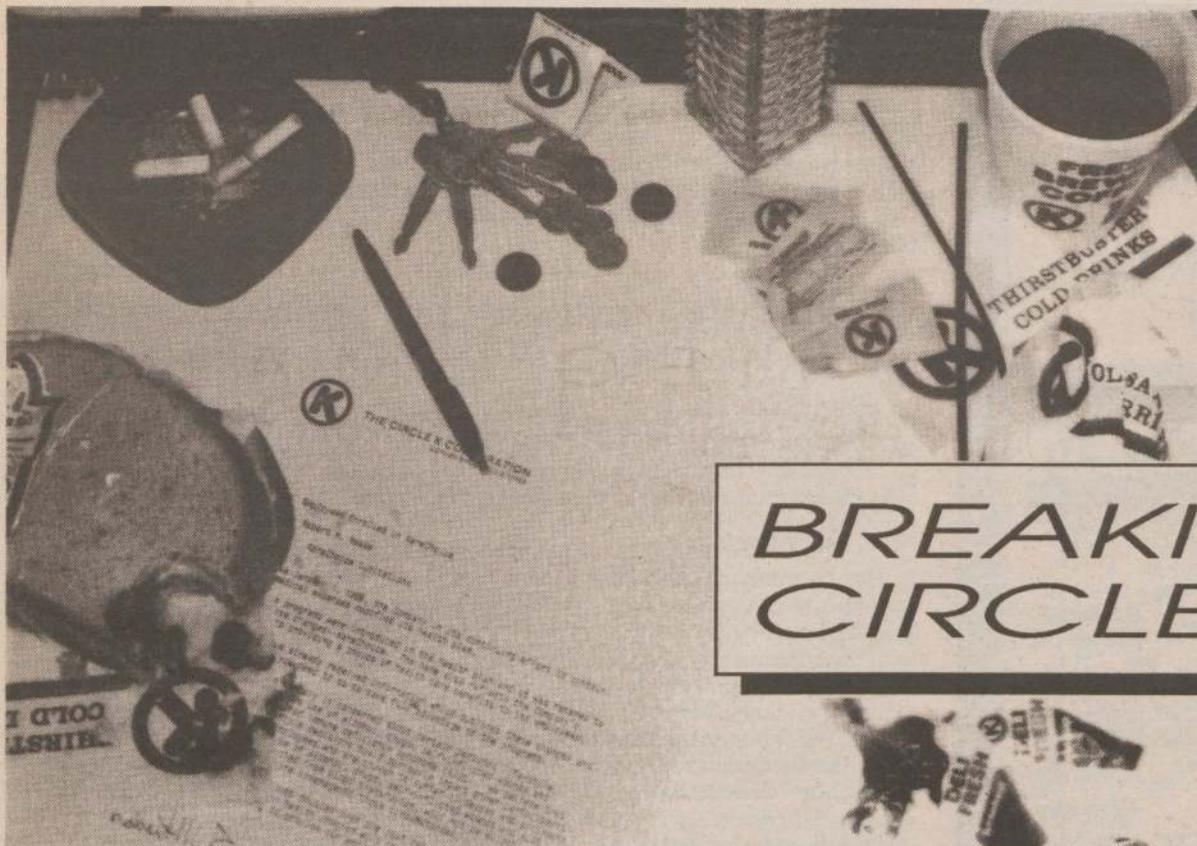
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BREAKING THE CIRCLE K HABIT

Circle K is a solvent, wealthy corporation whose existence is not threatened, as they would like the public to believe, by employee medical claims.

Circle K Corporation's health care benefits package, which became effective January 1, 1988, and public only two weeks ago, sets aside coverage for any illness that the company can attribute to "certain personal lifestyle decisions." To avoid any misunderstanding about their position, a Circle K employee memo explicitly states, "employees who are proven to suffer illness and accidents that result from the use of alcohol, drugs, self inflicted wounds and AIDS, proven not to be contracted from blood transfusion, will not be eligible to receive company health care coverage in those circumstances."

The Corporation, which operates 4,097 stores in 27 states, claims their medical costs have doubled over the last two years. Company spokespersons initially defended the corporation's actions by saying this was merely a business decision to contain costs.

On August 13, 1988, the Circle K Corporation suspended implementation of the policy for a 30-day review.

Circle K is a solvent, wealthy corporation whose existence is not threatened, as they would like the public to believe, by employee medical claims. At the end of fiscal year 1987, the corporation enjoyed a \$49 million profit, and its shareholders received dividends of 87¢ per share.

The company has an extensive history of convenience store acquisitions, beginning in 1983 when they bought 960 U-Totem Markets for \$226 million. In 1984, Circle K acquired 435 Little General stores, followed by their 1985 purchase of 446 Shop-N-Go stores located in Florida and Georgia. Their recent purchase of 473 Seven-Eleven stores in ten states only serves to strengthen their growing foothold in the convenience store marketplace.

As with any large corporate entity, there is much more to the Circle K Corporation than meets the eye. Their professional influence, built with longstanding personal friendships and powerful business associations, moves far beyond the store front.

Karl Eller, president of Circle K Corporation, is also the owner of Red River Resources, an investment company which currently owns 17.5% of Swenson's Ice Cream. On August 27, stockholders will give approval for Steve's Ice Cream to finalize their purchase of Swenson's. With this sale, Red River will then be a 16% shareholder in Steve's, occupying the fourth position of power on the board of directors with their 1,976,363 shares.

Red River Resource's influence doesn't stop there. It is also the parent organization for Loel One, Inc., Sunven Investments, and Cleco Investments. The major stockholder in all of these companies is Karl Eller.

Circle K Corporation, the largest individual supplier of gasoline in the state of Arizona, also owns Circle K Travel, McClean Sunwest Trucking, Sparkle Ice, Polar Beverages, and Deli Pride Foods. In addition, the company owns the property on which each of its stores stands, making their real-estate holdings some of the most valuable in the United States.

The corporation is an international company with major holdings in England. Earlier this year, a Phoenix newspaper reported that Eller's partner in the Circle K United Kingdom company is Rupert Murdoch, a man who in 30 years has constructed what will soon be the most pervasive media empire in history. Murdoch is notorious for his newspaper and broadcasting practices, his financial acumen, and his right-wing politics.

Circle K Corporation must have surmised, prior to placing this health care policy into effect, that they would be strongly criticized. They also knew they would be strongly supported.

Circle K's corporate headquarters are located in Phoenix, Arizona. The quality and delivery of mental health care in Arizona ranks 52nd behind Guam and Puerto Rico, and Arizona's Public Medical Care Program is currently in a spending slowdown. AIDS service agencies in Arizona are run on private donations, and state government has yet to respond to this epidemic with any financial resources. All around them, Circle K saw tacit approval for its indifference, and apathy for an already devalued segment of our society.

Immediate support has already been forthcoming from *The Arizona Republic*, one of the newspaper's owned by the conservative Pulliam Press. In an August 6 editorial, the newspaper defends Circle K's policy with the statement, "All mothers are women, but it is not illegal for medical plans to exclude maternity benefits. To discriminate against AIDS victims is not to discriminate against men, but against gay men." Given that the United States ranks fourteenth out of 36 industrialized nations in infant mortality, this analogy suggest a macabre attempt at justifying a senseless position.

The *Republic's* attempt to make this a gay issue has not gone unnoticed. Labor Union representatives, senior citizens, health care officials, neighborhood coalitions, and the lesbian and gay community have taken umbrage with the

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Gerrie Mayer-Gibbons

CIRCLE K
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Circle K policy. An August 15 meeting with Circle K officials was scheduled with representatives from these groups, and then quickly cancelled.

At press time, there were no future meetings scheduled.

The corporation has reneged on its original plan to review the policy by the end of the month, and is now claiming that it may be another two months before negotiations will continue. In an August 15 statement to KAET-TV, Circle K's Ray Cox stated, "When we have had the opportunity to conduct an orderly review, we will enunciate a reasonable and equitable policy aimed at containment of health care costs."

STATEMENT FROM HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND ON CIRCLE K STORES

Following is a statement from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest AIDS and gay civil rights lobbying group and political action committee, regarding the Circle K Corporation's decision to discontinue health care coverage to employees with AIDS.

The Circle K Corporation's decision to drop employees with AIDS from its company health care program is insensitive, wrong and out of touch with recent calls from President Reagan for compassionate, responsible AIDS policy in American business.

Furthermore, the decision to drop AIDS employees because of "certain personal life-style decisions"—a thinly veiled reference to homosexuals—is appalling, homophobic and blatantly discriminatory.

The Company's rationale for the decision—high insurance costs—is misinformed and inaccurate. Claims by the insurance industry that it will be bankrupted by AIDS costs have not been borne out. A survey by the American Council for Life Insurance and the Health Insurance Association of American showed that the average AIDS-related claim was only \$33,500 for life insurance and \$36,000 for health insurance.

Princeton economist Uwe Reinhardt, as reported in *The Washington Post*, observed that if AIDS grows according to Public Health Service estimates, by 1991 it will account for less than two-percent of national health expenditures.

Furthermore, a November 17, 1987 report by Moody's Investors Service Inc., the debt-rating agency, states, "It is unlikely that AIDS cases among the insured population will be numerous enough, even under the most catastrophic of current scenarios, to seriously damage industry credit-worthiness over the next decade."

Circle K's policy was revealed the same week President Reagan called for anti-discrimination protections and compassionate AIDS policy in American business. President Reagan has asked "American businesses, unions and schools to examine and consider adopting education and personnel policies based on the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and Centers for Disease Control guidelines." OPM guidelines emphasize anti-discrimination provisions and responsible AIDS policy in the workplace.

Circle K Corporation should read and support the National Leadership Coalition on AIDS' "10 Principles" for AIDS in the workplace. The principles are endorsed by more than 50 top U.S. companies, including IBM, Time, Xerox, Chemical bank and ITT. Principle #1 states: People with AIDS or HIV infection are entitled to the same rights and opportunities as people with other serious or life threatening illnesses."

Principle #4 states: "The highest levels of management and union leadership should unequivocally endorse non-discriminatory employment policies and education programs about AIDS."

There is no "valid business reason," as Circle K has said, for denying health care and compassion to AIDS sufferers. It is mean-spirited bad business. Most responsible companies don't turn their backs on sick employees, they support them.

Circle K also needs a primer on homosexuality. Being gay is not a "personal lifestyle decision." Gay men and lesbians are homosexual because that's the way they are, not because they make "decisions" to be gay.

Circle K has placed itself above the law and has made itself the ethical judge of morality. The company is doing everything *wrong* regarding respect for its employees. It's a textbook case on how *not* to handle AIDS in the workplace. Circle K is fueling anti-gay hysteria and AIDS paranoia surrounding the nation's major health crisis. It must change its discriminatory policy.

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CHRISTIAN GROUP BASHES LESBIAN TV CHARACTER

Jeff Coulter

A major letter-writing campaign, aimed at removing ABC's fall show *Heartbeat* from the air, is being challenged by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The campaign, initiated by Rev. Donald Wildmon of the American Family Association, is sending out thousands of pre-printed postcards to people on its mailing list. The letter accompanying the cards asks the individual to sign the card and send it to either ABC, or *Heartbeat*'s major sponsor, Lever Brothers. The postcards advise both companies that the American Family Association "speaks for tens of thousands of consumers" who will, presumably, stop watching ABC or buying Lever Brothers products if the show is not removed from the air.

Rev. Harry Stock, of the Church of Disciples MCC in Washington D.C., sent out a letter to over 300 Metropolitan Community Churches nationwide, advising them of the action being taken by the American Family Association and Christian Leaders for Responsible Television (CLeaR-TV). Included with the informational letter were pre-printed letters to ABC and Lever Brothers, congratulating them on this show, and expressing that Rev. Wildmon does not speak for them. It is the hope of Rev. Stock that enough letters of encouragement will be sent that ABC and Lever Brothers will proceed with the fall airing of *Heartbeat*.

The basis for both letter campaigns is a character on the show who is portrayed as openly lesbian. Gail Strickland, the actress who portrays the character, is quoted as saying "I hope to create subliminal tolerance (for homosexuals and lesbians)...I hope to show an ordinariness about (the lesbian's) life. She's not abnormal. Her sexual preference is just an addendum to who she is." Reporter Fred Rothenberg wrote: "If the character is accepted by the public and the show is renewed by ABC, (Sara) Davidson (*Heartbeat* creator/producer) envisions a more physical, romantic relationship for the character."

According to Rev. Wildmon's letter, "ABC's promotion of homosexuality is a calculated move." The four page letter warns the viewer of the intent of ABC to air the show, the threat this poses to their children, and of the plot by "TV elites" to "use their TV programs to reform the views and attitudes of society to match their own views."

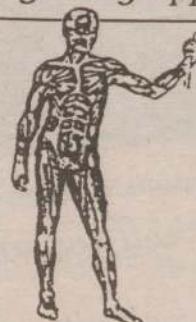
While AFA suggests sending a protest to ABC, their true targets are the sponsors of the show. Rev. Wildmon suggests a nationwide boycott against those companies that sponsor *Heartbeat*: "And even if ABC finds enough sponsors to pay for its promotion of homosexuality on TV, we will make it very costly for any company foolish enough to sponsor *Heartbeat*." The letter also goes on to ask for pledges to keep this type of work going. Rev. Wildmon ends his letter, "Remember, it's for our children."

The intent of the MCC campaign is to support and encourage programming such as *Heartbeat*. Appearing in letters to both ABC and Lever Brothers is the statement: "Thanks to you, there are many lesbian women who will watch this program, and for the first time in their lives they will be able to see a vibrant and healthy role model portrayed on TV." The letters go on to advise that the signer will continue his or her support of ABC and Lever Brothers.

To date, there has been no official response to either campaign.

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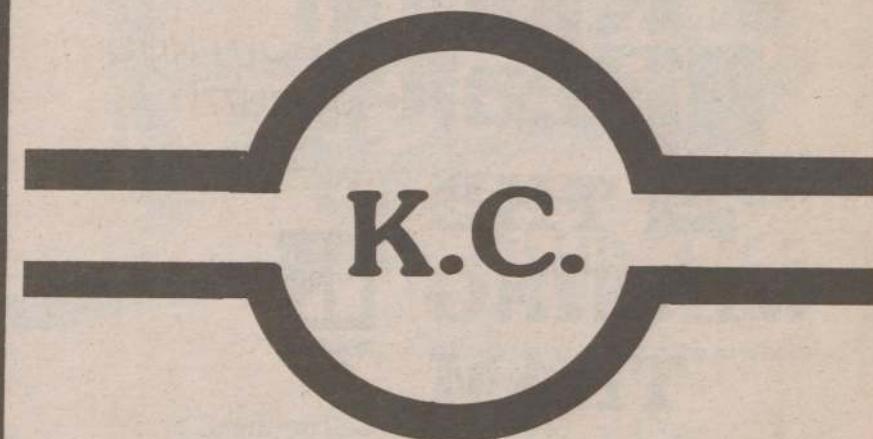
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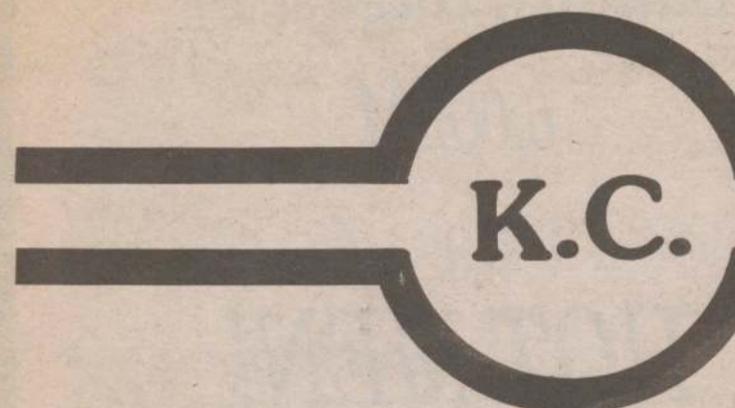
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JANUS THEATRE DIRECTOR UNDER INVESTIGATION

Allen Kalchik

A local gay businessman, respected for his involvement in gay theatre, has been under recent investigation by both the *Arizona Republic* and a local chapter of the Better Business Bureau.

Charles Hunt, Executive Director of Phoenix' Janus Theatre Company, is surprised and dismayed by reports in the July BBB newsletter and a recent edition of the *Republic*. The articles attempt to portray a new company Hunt has formed as employing unsound business practices.

"They treat (the company) as if they'd found some sort of scam," Hunt told *Phoenix Resource*.

The company in question, Kidsworld, is an organization Hunt formed himself. Working independently of Janus Theatre, the company was created with two goals in mind. "First," says Hunt, "we wanted to provide free theatre tickets for children's groups through the sponsorship of corporations and individuals who can better afford them. Secondly, we were looking for a way to continue paying the rent on the theatre facility."

"Kidsworld was formed to give us a more regular cash flow, instead of having to rely only on the more sporadic earnings that come from conventional ticket sales."

But it was Kidsworld's methods of operation—and not its intentions—which first brought the firm to the attention of the BBB.

"We're basically a phone solicitation business," Hunt explains. "We contact people by phone and ask them to sponsor children's groups through the purchase of theatre tickets. We have them sign the back of the tickets, and turn them over to either an organization of their choice, or a needy group selected by us, whichever they prefer."

The BBB questioned Hunt concerning which groups Kidsworld would specifically be helping. "We are contacting absolutely every group we can," Hunt says. "The response so far has been pretty favorable."

Hunt admits that he has no previous experience in telemarketing of this kind. "It seemed like a pretty good idea when we began," he says, adding that he "didn't realize that this type of phone sales operation had such a nasty reputation. I believed I had credibility in the business community."

Kidsworld has been operating under for-profit licensing, paying sales tax on the tickets it sells. "We are very careful to tell people that their purchase will be a sponsorship, not a donation. If they ask, we tell them it is not tax-deductible." Hunt says that he now realizes that it may have been better to have organized a non-profit company, and has applied for the proper licensing.

"The BBB came on very strongly with me initially. They seemed to be unfairly condemning us from the start, even telling me, 'Oh, you're one of those kind of operations....'"

Hunt assumes that a few people who misunderstood the Kidsworld sales pitch contacted the Bureau. "They sent me some questionnaires, and I guess I didn't reply quickly enough," Hunt explains. He believes that it was the delay that prompted the *Republic's* investigation.

"The slant of the *Republic* article makes it seem as if we're doing something wrong, but by reading it through you'll see that they found nothing illegal," Hunt insists.

Hunt wonders whether the implications stem from negative reactions by the *Republic* and the BBB to Kidsworld's ties to a gay and lesbian organization.

"We are doing exactly what we say we will: we provide free entertainment and, hopefully, future theatre classes, also for free. At the same time, we're helping Janus retain its facility."

Thus far, the enterprise has been moderately successful. "We've been able to pick up some rent for the theatre," Hunt explains, "and to get our first show mounted." The Kidsworld show opens August 20 and is scheduled to run for eight performances.

Hunt admits that some mistakes were made in the organization of Kidsworld. He has had difficulty making the payroll, and has yet to recoup his initial \$3,000 investment. Yet, he remains optimistic about the group's future.

"It they'll give us a chance to get rolling as an on-going thing," Hunt concludes, "I think those people who are concerned about our practices will see that we will be able to operate as an effective company, working to do some good for the theatre and for kids in the community."

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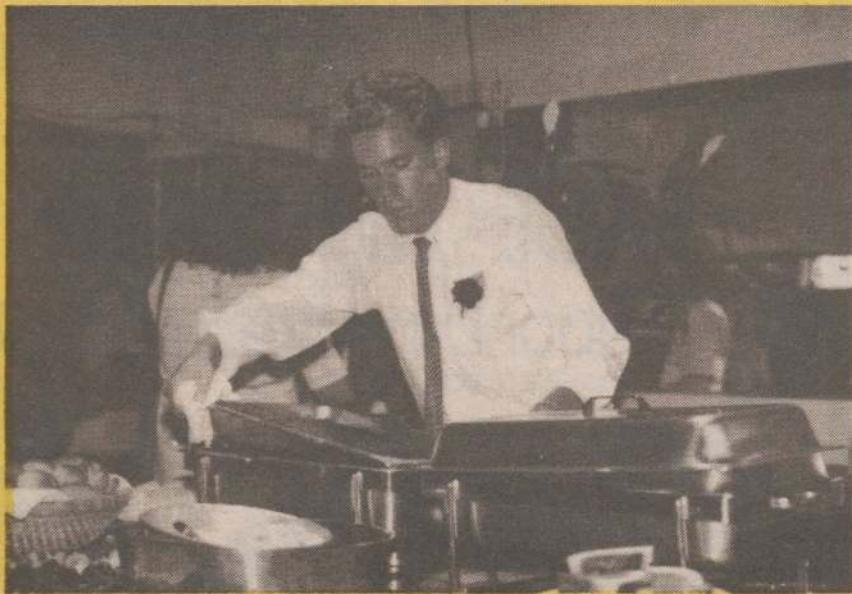
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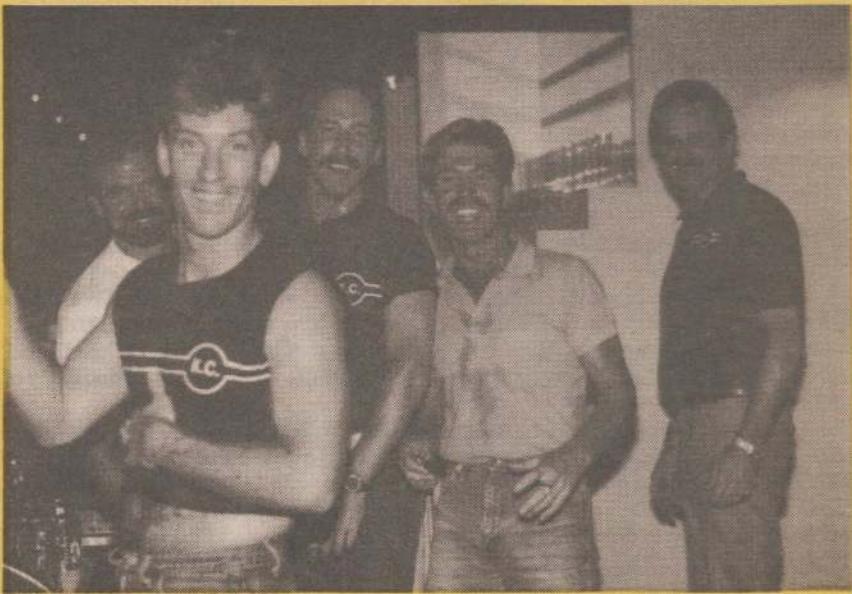
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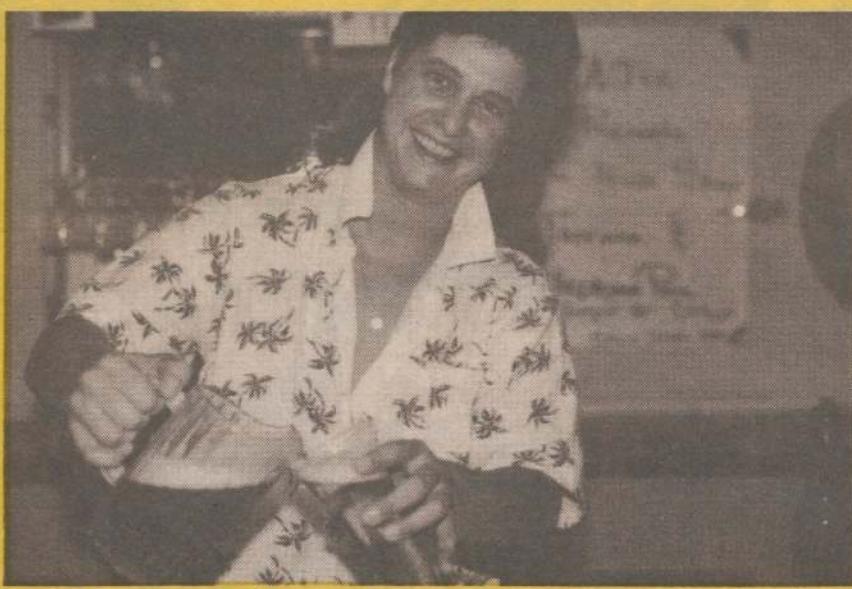
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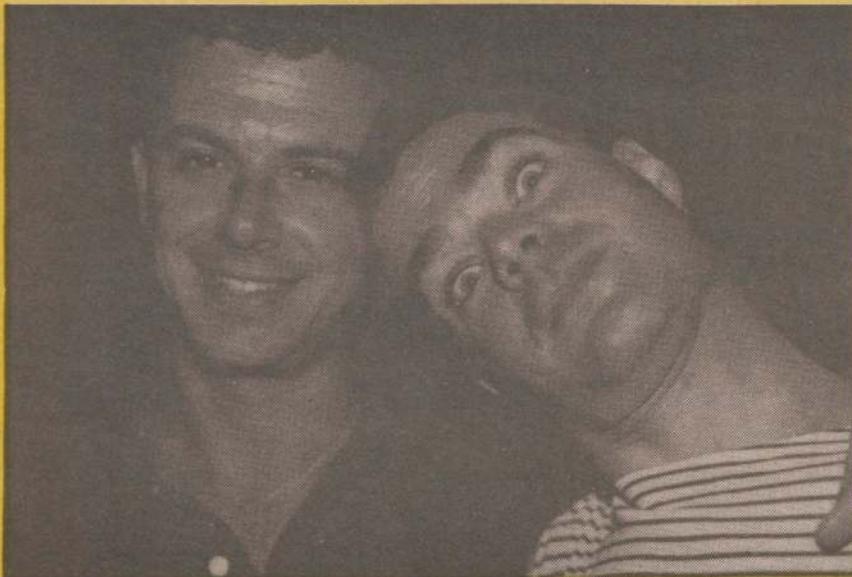
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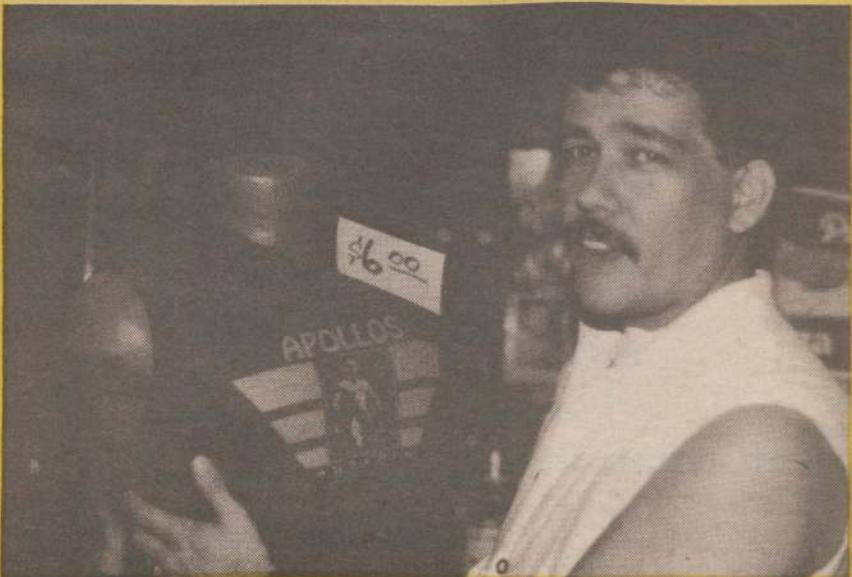
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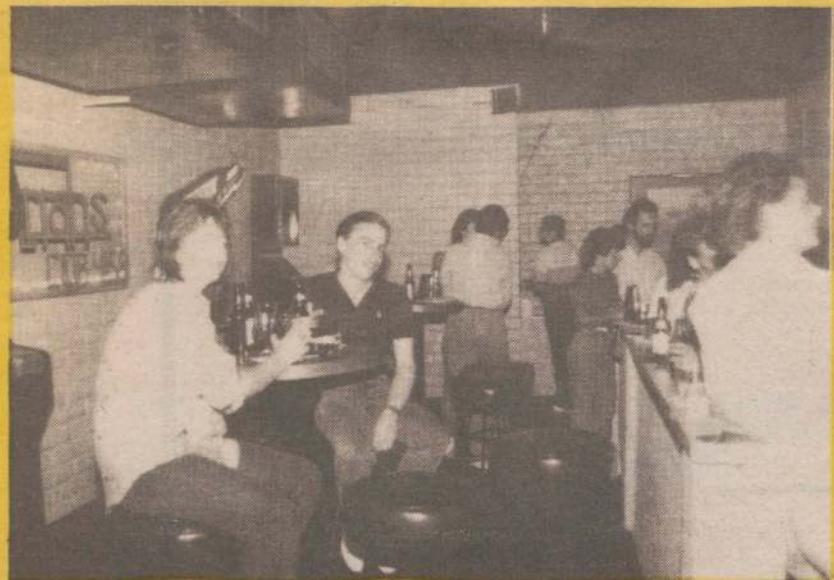
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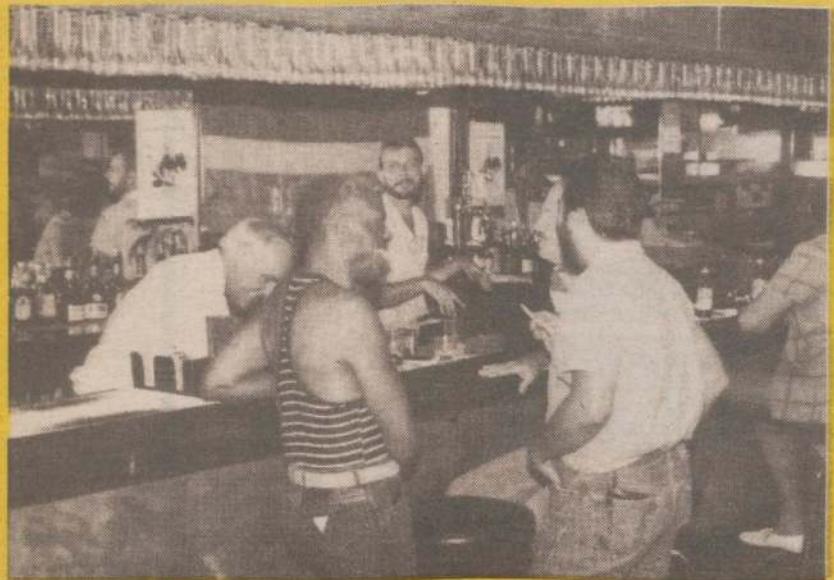
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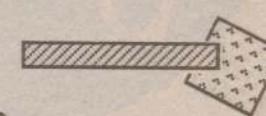


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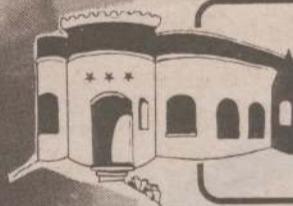
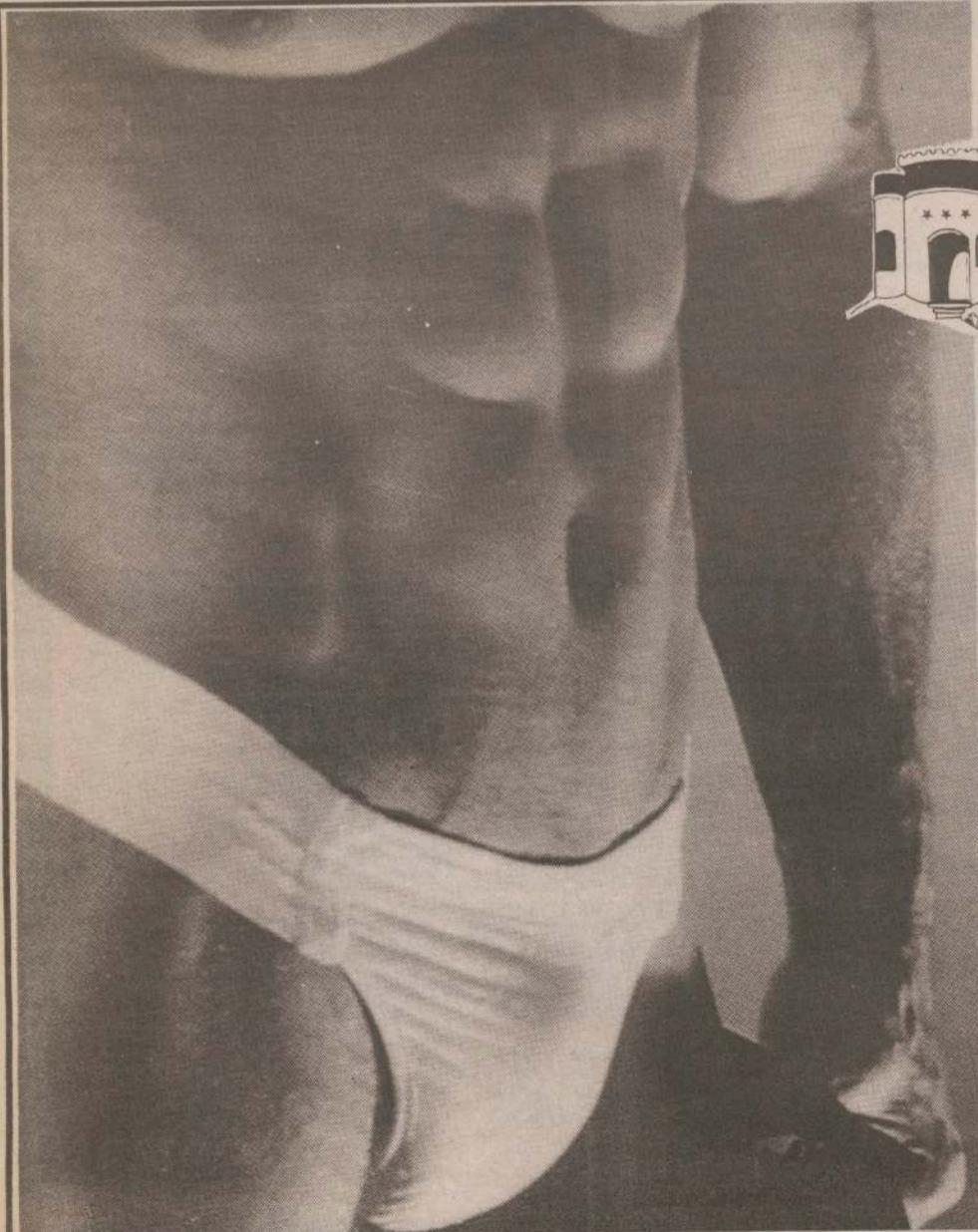
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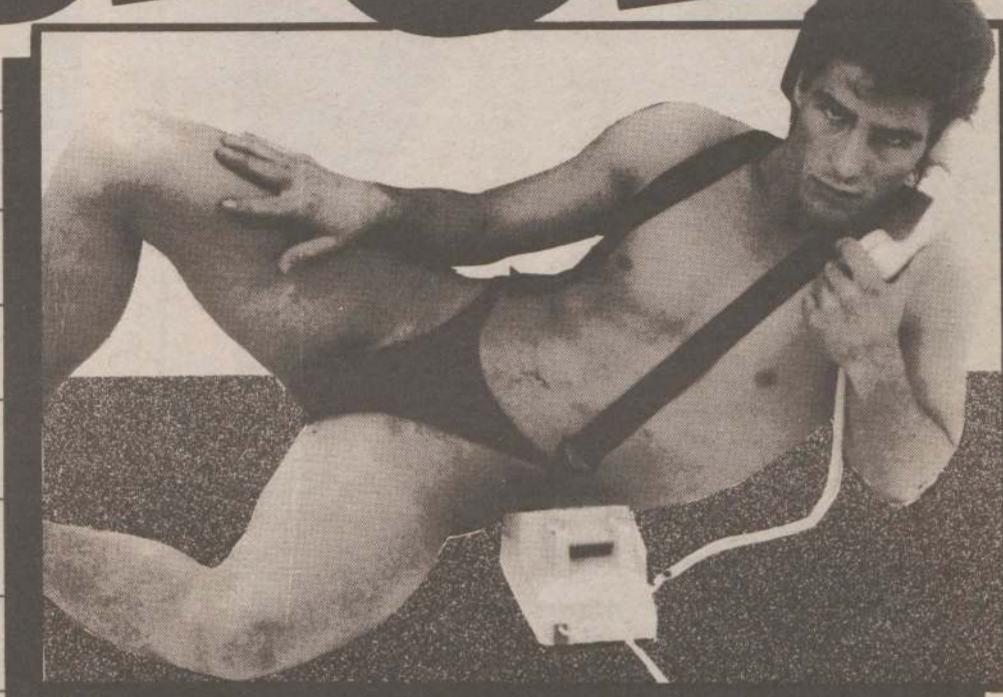
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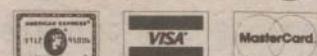
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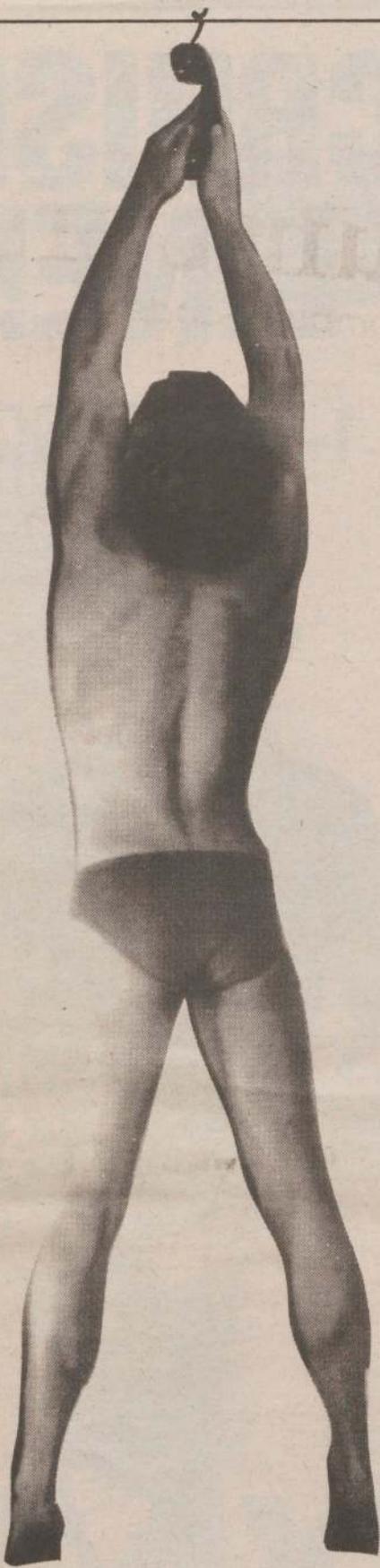
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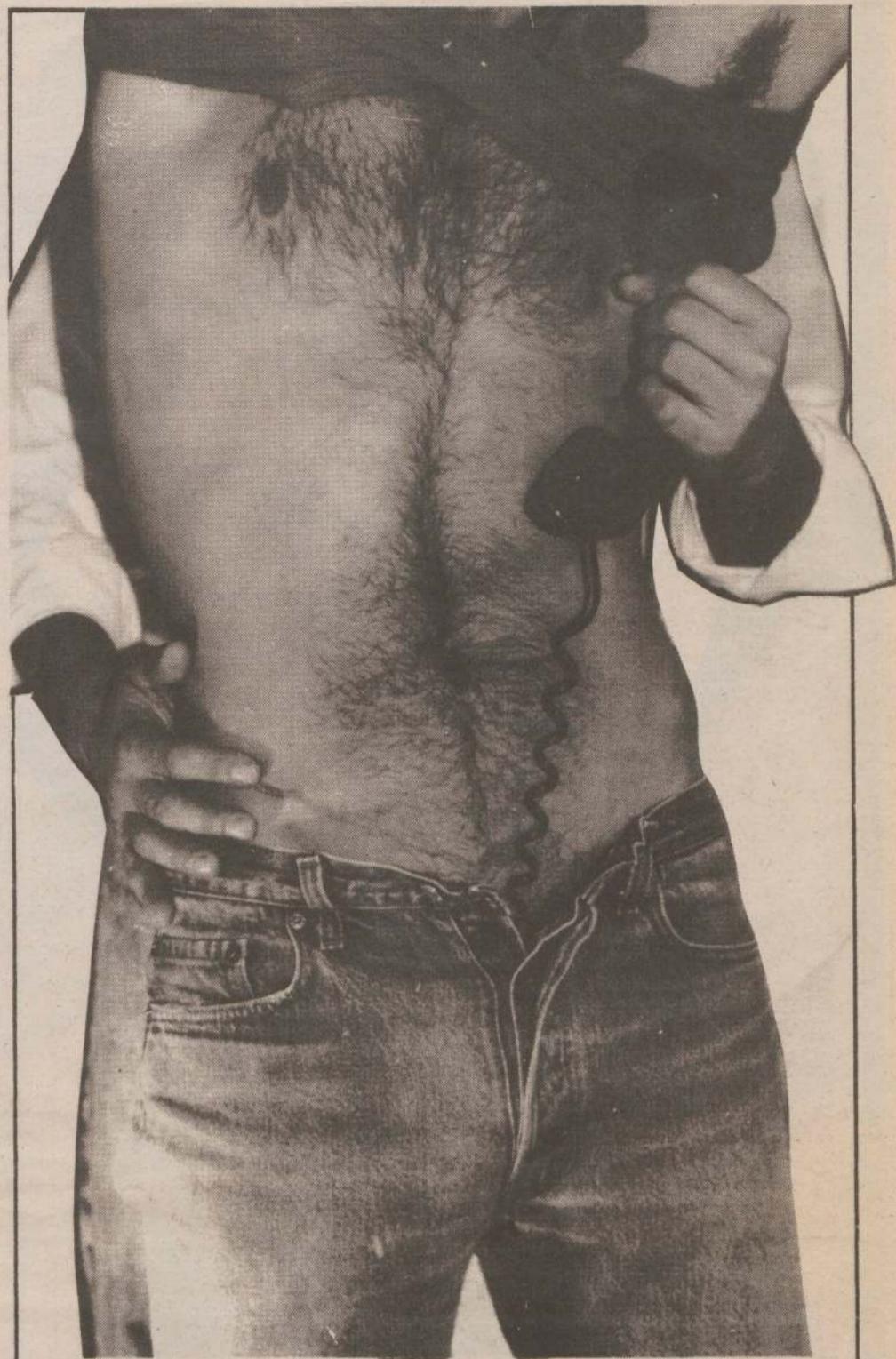
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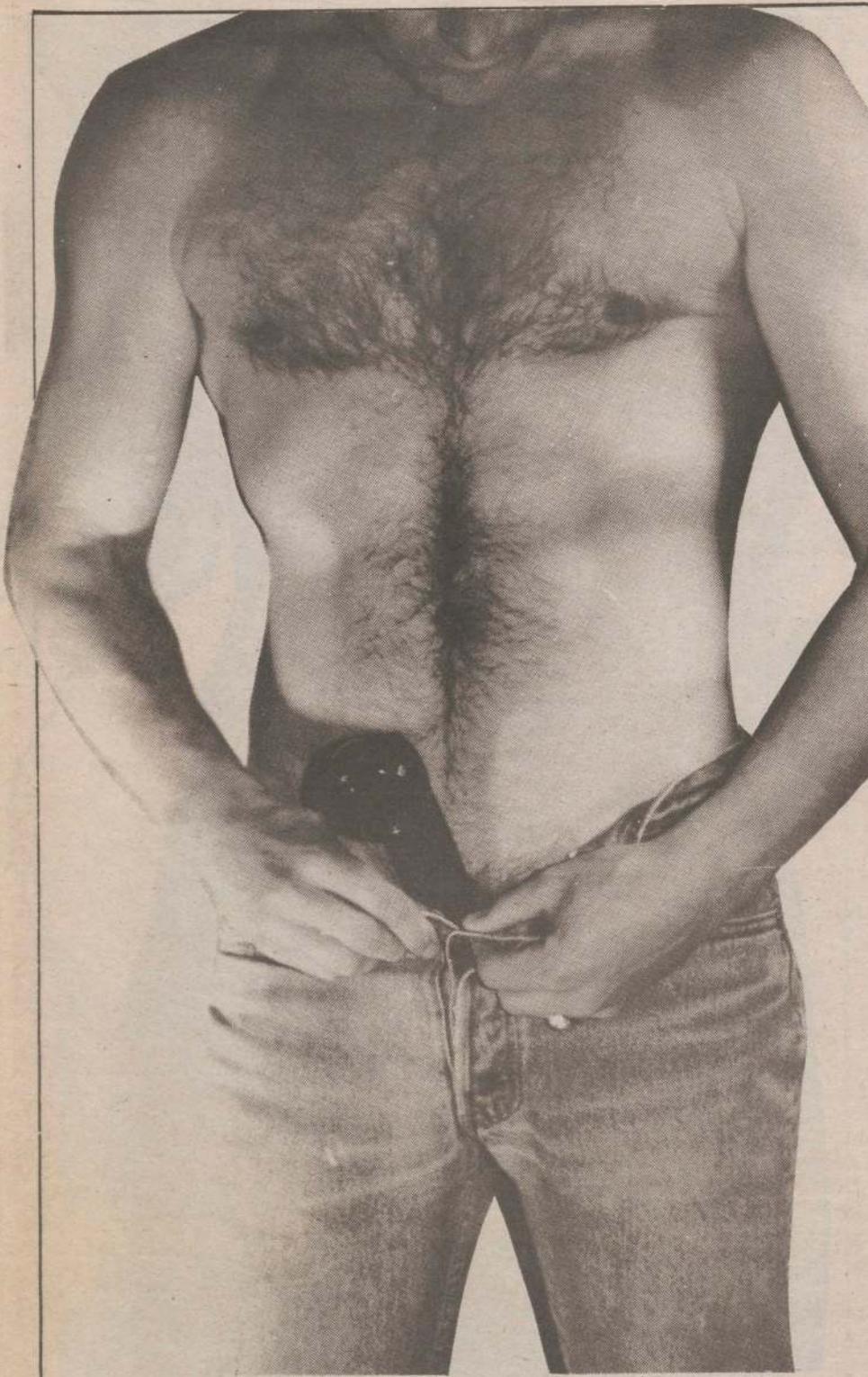


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LGCS & AAIL: AIDS Information Outreach w/video presentation, Wednesdays, 6pm, at Chuck's, The Bar at the Flex Complex. Presentation also available by request—contact R. Hegyi, 234-2752/2753.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES:

OASIS: Sundays at 11am. 4229 S. 36th Pl. (off Broadway). Socials, 3rd Saturdays; 1st & 3rd Wednesday Service, 7:30pm.

GENTLE SHEPHERD MCC: 3524 E. Mountain View, Phoenix. Sunday services at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.

CASA DE CRISTO: Sundays at 8:30, 10:30, and 7pm. Turney east of 7th St.

PFLAG: Meets 3rd Mondays, Mount of Olives Church, 3546 E. Thomas, 7pm.

PHOENIX GAY AND MARRIED MEN'S ASSOCIATION (GAMMA): Meets 1st Thursdays. 435-0828.

PHOENIX GAY YOUTH: Meets Thursdays at 7:30pm. Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th St. & Virginia.

PHOENIX SHANTI: Reaching for Alternatives (a "Loving" Support group for PWAs), Wednesdays at 7pm. Women & AIDS, alternate Wednesdays at 7pm. Family, friends, and significant others support group, Wednesdays, 7-9. HLT3 "test positive" support group, Sundays at 7pm. Call for info. regarding Welcome Wagon visitation/help line for PWAs.

RELATIONSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP: Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7pm. Unitarian Universalist. 4027 E. Lincoln Drive. 870-9597.

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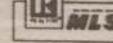
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