

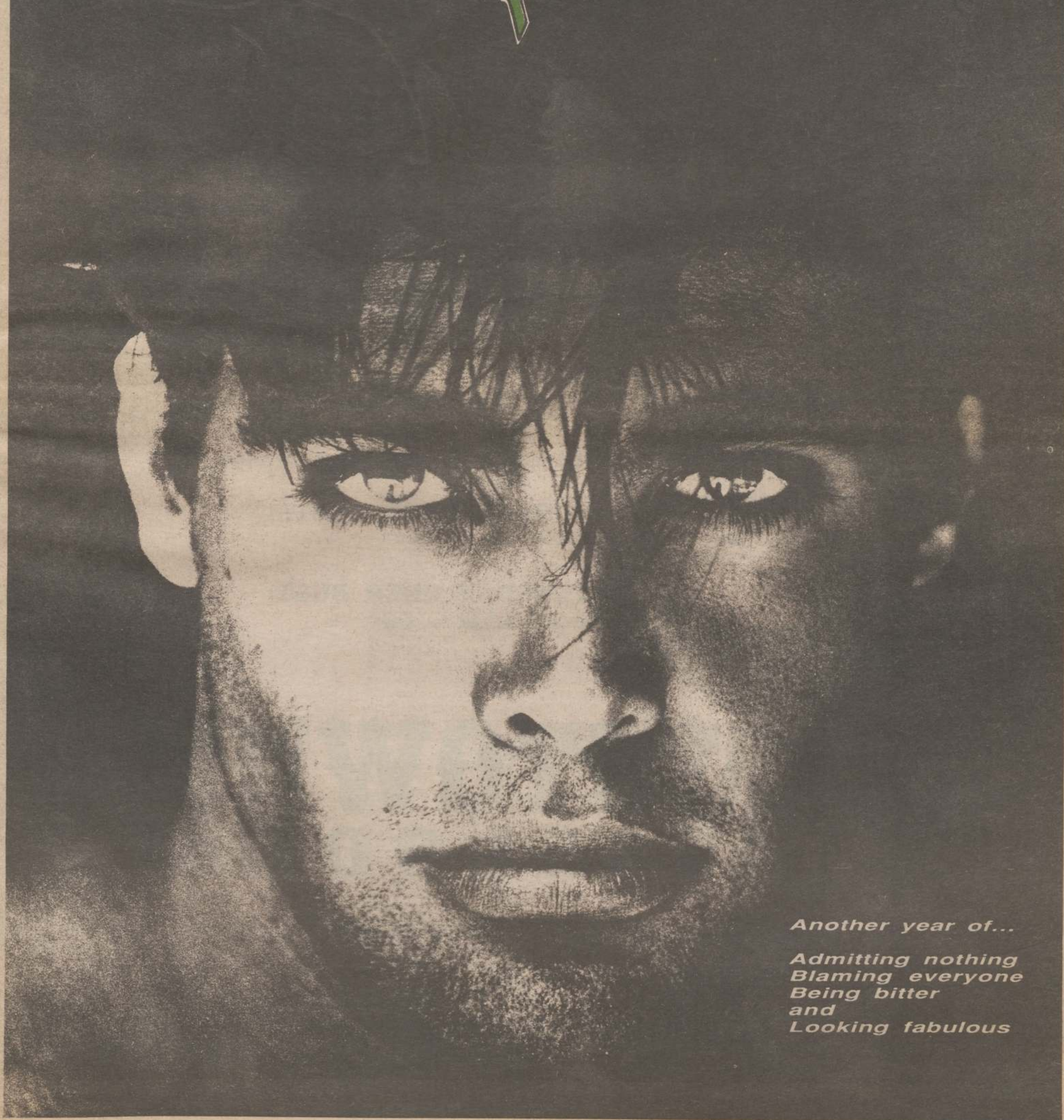


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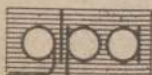
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LYNNE HARRIS MECHAM UPDATE

GOVERNOR MECHAM: 'IN THE HOT SEAT'

Governor Mecham may well be missing out on the cooler temperatures that winter in Arizona brings, as the turmoil surrounding himself and his staff continues to heat up. Mecham is facing a triple whammy most probably never presented to an elected official before: indictment, impeachment, and recall.

Even as the current Grand Jury's term neared expiration last Thursday, information was scarce concerning the investigation of the undisclosed loan that the Mecham Finance Committee received from Tempe developer and attorney Barry Wolfson. The Jury has been presented testimony from various witnesses close to Governor Mecham.

The alleged impropriety stems from the failure of Willard Mecham, as Evan Mecham's campaign treasurer, to disclose the \$350,000 loan made by Wolfson to help finance Mecham's run for governor. Wolfson himself has been called to testify before the jury as a "fact witness," a designation which essentially provides him with immunity against prosecution on the basis of his testimony. As the term of the current Grand Jury has expired, Attorney General Corbin has the option of asking for an extension of that term, or of waiting to proceed until the next Jury is empaneled on December 18th.

If the case does go before a new jury, that jury will review the documents and testimony given thus far, and will be entitled to call back any witness that they choose to review. The key issue to be determined is the intention of Mecham and his associates: did they deliberately attempt to hide a large sum of money loaned by a controversial figure, or did they simply fail to identify the loan properly? Also at issue are possible concessions granted to Barry Wolfson — including the hiring of Wolfson's associates for state positions, an action which may have served to benefit him personally.

A concurrent investigation is also under way on behalf of the State Legislature. The investigation, conducted by William French, is attempting to determine if Governor Mecham's conduct regarding the loan might be basis for legislative impeachment. The records of the Mecham Finance Committee have been subpoenaed, and have been submitted by Willard Mecham and the officers of Valley National Bank. Among those to testify before the panel thus far are Edith Richardson, former special assistant to Mecham; and Robert Hubbard, the accountant for the Mecham Campaign Committee.

In addition to the legal problems caused by the loan, Governor Mecham is also experiencing apparent financial woes trying to repay Wolfson. The \$350,000 loan, which was due in full on November 3rd, was finally repaid amid threats of suit by Wolfson. Of the total, \$125,000 was paid by December of last year, and \$100,000 was recently paid when Mecham called in promissory notes guaranteed by each of his brothers. The final \$150,000-plus was eventually paid to Wolfson on December 4th, following numerous extensions and stalls. The Mecham Finance Committee has not revealed where the money repaid Wolfson was

obtained, and many have called this into question. Unsubstantiated assertions of financial collapse for Mecham abound, including a report that his Pontiac dealership is up for sale, and the scheduled foreclosure of a piece of his investment property by its former owner.

In the midst of this apparent personal financial crisis, the Mecham Finance Committee has issued another letter, signed by the governor, to hopeful conservative supporters around the state. The letter asks for money to help Mecham retire his campaign debts and to fight the recall effort; in the letter Mecham promises to win the election, if only people "come to (his) rescue." Mecham's last such plea was a letter sent out in September asking his "fellow conservatives" to help him fight the Democrats and "million dollar" homosexual lobby which threatens Arizona lifestyle. The letter became a political fiasco for Mecham and swayed the opinion of many moderates and conservatives toward the recall movement.

The recall itself is looking like a virtual certainty as the verification process continues. Over 10,000 signatures are verified statewide daily, and approximately seventy to eighty percent have proven to be legitimate. Of the 48,836 signatures scrutinized as of November 30th, 14,470 have been retained for closer examination. Very few signatures have been rejected outright; representatives of the Recorder's office have stated that many of the signatures will be approved following individual rechecking. This additional scrutiny would result in an even higher percentage of valid signatures. The intense scrutiny of the recall signatures, whatever the motivation, will prove to be a tremendous advantage to the Recall movement. Given the employed method of checking each signature with a computer system and also by hand, detractors will have a difficult time denouncing the recall's validity and then mounting a legal challenge.

A group known as Concerned Arizona Voters, however, is not satisfied to let the recorder's office perform their job uncontested. In an underhanded attempt to dispute the signatures on the petitions the CAV plan to do their own personal investigation. The group has initially purchased petitions with 60,000 signatures, and will check phone directories to verify addresses of signers. CAV members plan also to visit homes and telephone petition signers to verify their residence. This action may constitute invasion of privacy and harassment, and no private group should be allowed to do as much.

On the lighter side of the political arena, our governor has been named the recipient of a very prestigious national award. Mecham now enters the limelight with the likes of Oliver North and Gary Hart, having been recently awarded the "Bozo Award" for political misconduct. The Annual Bozo Awards, originated by television's original Bozo, Larry Harmon, is now in its fifth year.

Apparently, in the realm of clowndom, it takes one to know one.

AAP 'SHARING WEEKEND': ACCOMPLISHMENT AND CONTROVERSY

November Donations Temporarily Withheld

On the third weekend of every month, volunteers with the Arizona AIDS Project's Fundraising Committee have been collecting donations at the entrances to Phoenix gay and lesbian community bars. Committee members are calling the effort the "Sharing Weekend."

The idea, according to project founder Bob Aronin, is to allow the entire gay and lesbian community to be involved in assisting persons with AIDS and those having tested positive for the AIDS virus. "It's a hell of a testimony to all of us involved who have been able to pull this off, when so many said it couldn't be done", Aronin says, reporting that twenty-four local bars are now participating in the Sharing Weekend project. "It's the first time that all the bars have united this way on anything," Aronin adds.

The project has proven successful thus far, having raised just over \$15,000 since its inception in September of this year. Over one hundred volunteers help staff the collection posts, and the November weekend alone brought in over \$4,200.

Yet the November "Sharing Weekend" also brought a degree of controversy along with the money raised. Members of the AAP board say that some of the bar owners, together with Aronin, expressed concerns about how some of the money collected is being spent by the organization. Aronin apparently convinced several bar owners and their representatives to withhold funds until his concerns over the division of the money could be heard by the board.

On Monday evening, November 30, Aronin held a meeting at his home with several board members and a few representatives from participating "Sharing Weekend" bars.

"We've really listened to what Bob had to say," says Bill Lewis, AAP Vice Chairman. "It's unfortunate that he handled it this way. By (withholding the money), he's not helping us, he's hurting us."

Lewis says that the board had not been informed that local bar owners did not feel properly represented by AAP, an issue Aronin was especially concerned with. Aronin also told AAP that he didn't feel enough of the money was getting directly to AAP's clients. "Bob has risked tainting our reputation with the participating bar owners, when it's important that we work together on this project," Lewis adds. "He really should join the board if he wants to help get things done."

Bruce Terry, AAP Treasurer, agrees, saying, "It's unfortunate that the people most critical of AAP refuse to take responsibility, to chair a committee or join the board."

"I hold no position or title," admits Aronin. "I'm only someone who, together with my friends, feels a strong obligation to helping those affected by this crisis. We have a responsibility to take care of our own." Aronin declined to comment on the meeting at his home, and would only say that all of the funds raised in November were turned over to AAP by Wednesday, December 2nd. Treasurer Terry confirms this, saying that the withheld funds were turned in to the AAP office sometime that Tuesday by a representative of Aronin.

"We're going to go ahead with the sharing weekend in December," says Terry. "It's still a project that the board believes in." Aronin concurs that the

committee is planning for the December weekend, with a few concerns. "We're going to take a closer look at what happens to the money after it's collected," Aronin says. "We're also going to be looking into getting funds to other groups; possibly groups who directly support PWAs and those infected with the virus."

Neither Terry nor Lewis have an idea which groups Aronin might be referring to, and both hope that the recent controversy won't damage the board's ability to cooperate with local gay bar owners. "Most of the big money is in Federal grants," says Lewis, adding that AAP has had some trouble getting these grants for various complicated reasons. "We really rely on this kind of support from the community to keep our doors open," Lewis concludes. "We are looking into the possibility of starting a housing project for PWAs," reports Terry. "The 'Sharing Weekend' has been important to us, and we definitely are going ahead in December."

It is apparent in speaking with Aronin that he feels a strong sense of pride in what the "Sharing Weekend" has accomplished thus far. "It's magical," he says in describing the show of support from both bar owners and the gay community. "The way that people come together on this has really been...it really has just been magical."

—Allen Kalchik

INCOME TAX TIPS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES

Did you know that the new income tax law actually gives lesbian and gay couples several advantages over "traditional" married couples? That, if you are aware of these and plan accordingly, you can achieve considerable tax savings? This will all be covered at a free informational presentation from Couples of Arizona, a social and educational organization for those who are involved in a relationship.

The session, to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 9th at Augustana Lutheran Church (14th St. at Virginia), will have as its guest speaker, Mr. Bob Lind, a senior tax accountant with a local CPA firm. Bob is also the co-proprietor of Camelwest Income Tax Service, which primarily serves the gay and lesbian community.

"It's true that we're not allowed to file a 'joint' return," says Bob. "And, at least in this state, you can't ever claim your partner as a dependent, even if you provide all of their support. That's why it is so incredible that many provisions of the Tax Reform of 1986, the most sweeping tax legislation in thirty years, actually favor us over 'straight' married couples, in terms of planning for reduction of your combined tax liability." His talk will also explain the changes you will notice on your 1987 tax forms.

Couples of Arizona holds monthly informational meetings covering topics of special interest to those in alternative relationships. These meetings are always open, at no charge, to both member and non-member couples. For further information, call Beth or Mary at 831-5920.

NEW NATIONAL LESBIAN MAGAZINE, 'VISIBILITIES', INITIATES FIRST LESBIAN RISK STUDY FOR AIDS

"In order to believe that lesbians are not at risk for AIDS, or that those who are already been infected are merely incidental victims, I would have to know and agree with the standards by which we are judged to be safe. Meaning, I would have to believe...that lesbians, unlike straight women, can get seven years worth of honest answers from their lovers about forgotten past lives." So states author Lee Chiaramonte in the January 1988 issue of *Visibilities*, a new national magazine for lesbians. Chiaramonte's article, entitled "Lesbian Safety and AIDS: The Very Last Fairy Tale," is the culmination of a six-month investigation of media and medical community assurances that lesbians, as a group, are at almost no risk for the fatal disease.

The article casts doubts upon prevailing medical wisdom: after extensive interviews with AIDS foundations in San Francisco and New York and discussion with virologists at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Chiaramonte discovered that claims of lesbian safety from AIDS are based upon no clinical data whatsoever. "In fact," said Chiaramonte, who was reached for comment today, "I was told by the Chief of the AIDS Diagnostic Labs at the CDC, that the Federal Government plans no studies of lesbian risk in the foreseeable future, and as I say in the article, 'until

cellular scientists believe that lesbians even exist, our existence, simply put, is at risk."

Drawing upon published scientific data on the sexual behaviors of lesbians, Chiaramonte points out that it is possible that both the prevalence and amount of certain sexual activities, for example, tribadism, in combination with exposure to sero-positive partners, could put lesbians at risk for the disease, as such activities may involve exchange of body fluids or tissue trauma.

Susan T. Chasin, Publisher and Editor-in-chief of *Visibilities*, together with Chiaramonte, and health educator Denise Ribble, sought the cooperation of epidemiological researcher Michael Marmor in order to create the first scientific lesbian risk study of AIDS. *Visibilities* readers will be able to participate in the confidential study and be tested for sero-positivity anonymously. The magazine's concern for lesbian safety has resulted in this landmark study.

Visibilities launched its first issue in June 1987 and will release bi-monthly issues throughout 1988. The special AIDS-focus issue also includes a column on the politics of AIDS and a centerfold photo essay on the October March on Washington, D.C.

Visibilities is available in the Phoenix area at Humanspace.

GAY REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE

Gay and lesbian Republicans of the Phoenix area are meeting to form the first Log Cabin Club in Arizona.

Specific goals for the new organization remain to be set; however, organizer Wil Drabenstot expressed the opinion that the fledgling club should "form a communication bridge between the gay community and the Republican Party. It should function with and within the gay community to promote the interests and rights of gays and lesbians and it should function with and within the Republican Party to promote the candidacies of qualified, fair-minded, tolerant Republicans. These objectives are not at odds, regardless of what some people would have you believe."

Drabenstot, a resident of Fountain Hills for the past three years, was a founder of the Log Cabin Club in Los Angeles. Known as the Log Cabin Republican Club since it was chartered by the Republican Party in 1985, the LA organization celebrated its tenth anniversary November 15th. During recent years, it has been a major influence in the election of Republican candidates who demonstrated a regard for human rights and the rights of homosexuals in particular. The club also has played a key role in the determination of the party leadership.

There are also Log Cabin Clubs in San Diego and in Orange County. The three California Log Cabin Clubs and Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR) of San Francisco have jointly formed a state-wide political action committee, Californians for Individual Rights and Civil Liberties (CIRCL-PAC). This PAC provides monies for Republican candidates who are supportive of homosexual issues and its endorsements are highly regarded by gay voters

throughout California.

The Log Cabin Club in Arizona will be completely autonomous, according to Drabenstot. In fact, the name is being used only for identification during the organizing phase and is subject to being changed as the club forms.

When asked about the number of potential members of such an organization, Drabenstot said, "In the 1950's Dr. Kinsey estimated ten percent of the general population to be homosexual. I have found over the years that this estimate seems to hold very well for most areas, cross section and groups. Perhaps it doesn't hold for fundamentalist preachers; I don't know."

"It is reasonable to believe that there are over forty thousand homosexual Republicans in Maricopa County today. Because of the political climate in Arizona, the great majority of these are much too 'locked in the closet' to openly participate in any identifiably gay activity. I believe that there are potentially several hundred active members of the Log Cabin Club in the Phoenix area and several thousands of others whose participation may be limited to the voting booth."

Drabenstot denies that the formation of a gay Republican organization at this time has any connection to the Mecham recall effort; however, he noted that "anti-gay statements by the governor and other political leaders demonstrate the exigency for gays and lesbians to come out now and take their rightful places in both political parties. Until we are willing to honestly represent ourselves within the political structures we have neither any hope nor any right to expect those structures to represent us."

TWELVE GAY & LESBIAN ACTIVISTS CLEARED OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CHARGES

Washington, DC — Twelve lesbians and gay men were granted dismissals of all criminal charges against them resulting from their participation in the October 13 civil disobedience action at the U.S. Supreme Court, which was part of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The group appeared before D.C. Superior Court Commissioner Roy M. Ellis on December 2. Each had entered a plea of not guilty at the October arraignment to charges of unlawful entry and demonstrating on Supreme Court grounds.

Commissioner Ellis dismissed the charges against each demonstrator after the prosecution's witness, a police officer, did not appear for the trial. Noting that the activists had traveled great distances at their own expense to appear in court, Commissioner Ellis said, "I cannot ask them to return two or three more times just because the District of Columbia cannot manage its own security forces and guarantee the appearance of the state's own witness."

Of the 12 activists, seven traveled to Washington from the New York-New England region, but one man made the trip from Georgia and one woman rode a Greyhound bus from San Francisco. Because of the dismissal on procedural grounds, none of the c.d.

participants was allowed to make a statement to the court regarding the purpose of the action nor did anyone mount a "necessity" defense to explain their act of civil disobedience.

One of the twelve civil disobedience participants, Cathy Hoffman of Cambridge, Mass., said "Although I'm disappointed that First Amendment issues were not pursued, I'm delighted the state was not allowed to drag this out and that our charges were dismissed. And though I'd certainly rather have the chance to speak in court, the statement that we made on October 13 spoke powerfully of our numbers, the solidarity of lesbians and gay men, and the determination of our movement."

Nina Kraut, DC attorney and veteran of many civil disobedience actions, represented several of the activists and advised others.

Four participants in the October action will return to DC Superior Court in December and January. Support for those with court dates is being coordinated by Sue Hyde, Director of the Privacy Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Any persons needing help with a court appearance in connection with the civil disobedience may contact her at (202) 332-6483.

RULING ON PHONE SEX

San Francisco — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that phone companies can ban telephone services that offer sexually explicit entertainment for a fee without violating the vendor's right to free speech, according to *The Advocate*. The court held that while the government upholds the right to free speech and therefore cannot itself ban such services, those guarantees do not apply within privately held telephone companies. It therefore found that Mountain States Bell, an Arizona telephone company, may adopt a general policy of refusing to carry sexually explicit material whether or not it is obscene.

The decision follows a controversy in which a county prosecutor threatened Mountain States Bell under a state law which forbids the distribution of sexually explicit materials to minors if the utility continued to carry the taped messages with the 976 prefix of Carlin Communications.

After Carlin made an unsuccessful court challenge, the telephone company dropped the service; four days later it began a policy of not carrying 976 "adult entertainment messages" even if the messages do not violate state laws. The court found that Mountain Bell acted unconstitutionally in cutting off Carlin's services under direct threat of prosecution, but that the adoption of a general policy was not unconstitutional. Michael Boone, owner and operator of a 976 service in Los Angeles which is geared toward a gay audience, has noted increased pressure to eliminate the services, and said that the fact that users of the service do not provide public support makes their maintenance difficult. "It's really like the silent majority...I get over half a million calls a month. But people don't want to get involved in the legal issue...We can't be silent and we can't be ashamed. There is nothing wrong with calling a number.

NGLTF RELEASES LEGISLATIVE SUMMARIES OF CONGRESSIONAL BILLS

Washington, DC — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) released documents detailing the voting records of all members of Congress on key bills of interest to the gay/lesbian community which are pending before or were voted on during the 1987 legislative session. The Legislative Summaries for the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives briefly describe the different Congressional bills, list cosponsors and detail the voting record of each member of Congress on each bill.

"This legislative summary is an invaluable tool for local and state political activists, because it shows us how much work we must do to educate our Senators and Representatives," said NGLTF Lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic, who compiled the documents. "By monitoring their legislative actions, registering our support or disagreements, and educating our community to act, we can begin to more effectively move our national legislative agenda."

Among the bills detailed in the summaries are the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1987 (the federal gay civil rights bill); the Federal AIDS Policy Act of 1987 (the Kennedy-Waxman bill); the Immigration Exclusion and Deportation Amendment Act (introduced by Rep. Barney Frank, D-MA); the Hate Crimes Statistics Bill (introduced by Rep. John Conyers, D-MI); and the Helms Amendment barring federal funds for gay-specific AIDS education.

The legislative summaries will be updated on a regular basis and may be ordered from NGLTF at 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

NGLTF ISSUES MODEL CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE SURVEY

Washington, DC — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) issued a model survey of Congressional candidates and urged state and local organizations to undertake surveys in the upcoming election year. The survey covers the areas of gay and lesbian civil rights, bias motivated violence, immigration, AIDS funding and AIDS testing.

"In the upcoming election year, it will be very useful for lesbian and gay activists to gather information on which Congressional candidates support full civil rights for gay and lesbian citizens, so that we can educate our community and target the candidates who need special attention," observed Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF lobbyist, who wrote the model survey.

Radecic noted that NGLTF has begun files on the voting records of members of Congress on issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community. The files also log constituent contact with Congressional members. "We hope to increase the flow of information between local and state groups and NGLTF on constituent contact with representatives," said Radecic. "If we know what they are promising at the local level, we'll be better able to hold them to it here in Washington."

SHEEN ARRESTED AGAIN

Martin Sheen has been pursuing his second career—that of social activist—and getting arrested doing it.

Sheen was in Washington a week ago with homeless advocate Mitch Snyder to protest a fence around a downtown subway station where homeless people like to sleep. Snyder, Sheen and a cohort were arrested about 12:30 a.m. and released 12 hours later after pleading innocent to a charge of unlawful entry.

"It (the metro station) could save a life, particularly on a night like tonight," said Sheen one day after the area was hit by 15 inches of snow.

"You can imagine yourself if you were out here sleeping and this was the only spot."

Sheen has been a Snyder supporter since portraying Snyder in a TV movie and also is frequently involved in anti-nuclear protests that result in him getting arrested.

NGLTF STAFFER TO SERVE ON BOARD OF NATIONAL FEMINIST NETWORK

On November 22, 1987, Peri Jude Radecic, lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Women's Conference Committee. The National Women's Conference Committee (NWCC) is the Continuing Committee for the National Women's Conference held in Houston, Texas in 1977. At the ground-breaking Houston conference, several thousand feminist activists met to form a comprehensive agenda for action to achieve women's equality. The NWCC has for ten years monitored and promoted the implementation of the planks and resolutions passed at the 1977 conference.

"The work to achieve the full implementation of the feminist agenda is far from complete," noted Radecic. "I plan to aggressively advance the interests and concerns of lesbians, and to promote greater support among the mainstream women's organizations for equal civil rights for gay men and lesbians."

The NWCC recently convened its 10th annual conference in Washington DC.

CALIFORNIA INCLUDES GAYS IN SUICIDE CURRICULUM

Sacramento — The California State Board of Education will formally include special reference to Gay and Lesbian youth in a suicide prevention syllabus developed for the state's public schools. Gay educators and activists lobbied for the inclusion after learning that a rough draft of the syllabus did not mention the concerns of sexual minorities.

In part, the manual states, "Gays and lesbians, young people who are struggling with or because of their sexual identity, appear to have a higher incidence of suicidal behavior than their heterosexual peers, perhaps because they are subjected to rejection, discrimination, and isolation from support networks."

Additionally, two Gay-oriented books will be included in the resource guide list. They are *Demystifying Homosexuality: A Teaching Guide for Lesbians and Gay Men*, by R.H. Morey, and *Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide*, by Paul Gibbon.

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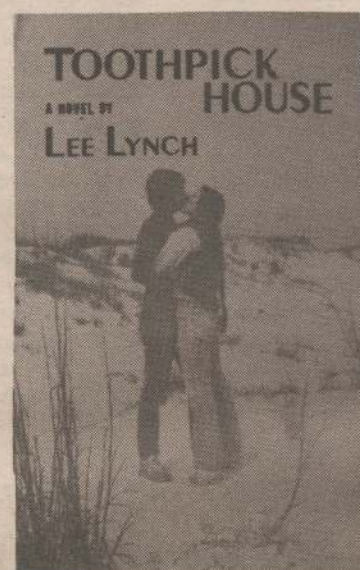
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Good Enough To Eat. Leslea Newman, author. Ithaca, NY: Firebrand Books, 1986. 269 pages. \$8.95 paperbound.

Toothpick House. Lee Lynch, author. Tallahassee, FL: Naiad Press, 1983. 256 pages. \$7.95 paperbound.

These two novels tell stories that are consistently fascinating to readers of lesbian fiction: in each, a young adult woman becomes aware of her orientation toward women and gets involved in her first lesbian relationship. Both novels explore additional themes that may affect all of us, male or female, gay or straight, older or younger. Both authors recognize that life continues fully dimensional through our preoccupations with our new involvements.

Liza's ultimate realization that she actually is *Good Enough To Eat* is as important to her as her growing realization that she actually is a lesbian. "Good enough to eat" doesn't mean "good enough to be eaten" — the emphasis isn't on sex — but rather, that she has the right to decide what, how much and when to eat in order to please herself. If you've ever counted calories or battled bulimia, you'll find yourself exposed here. Liza's thoughts, feelings and actions about food and body weight show us that we're far from the only ones who decide that as long as we've already gone off our diet, we may as well really pig out today and start the diet again tomorrow...we're really going to lose fifteen pounds next week by fasting but graham cracker doesn't have enough calories to count...if we eat someone else's food in secret we're less naughty than if we eat our own diet food to excess...most of us know how this goes. Liza lives with Harvey —

he's gay, and Cindy — she's never home. When we meet Liza, she's having sex with any man who shows interest, because that shows her that she's desirable. In one of her rambling discussions with Harvey, she convinces him and herself that she'd much rather hold women's bodies, and the next day she heads for the women's book store to find some lesbians. Her first sexual experience with a woman...should happen to everyone. Verbal communication creates, shapes and enhances sexual communication: Liza's lover reminds her again and again that it's okay to find out what she wants, to ask for it, to please herself. That it's okay to be good enough.

Annie is a cab-driving, beer-drinking butch who lives in the *Toothpick House* — a flimsy rented cottage on the beach. Victoria is the proper daughter of nouveau-poor parents and a student at Yale. In the early seventies, her dorm-mates are discovering the women's movement; two roommates decide that, for political consistency, they should become lesbians and lovers, and discover by experience that they are. Victoria meets Annie when everyone's in the same bar, and each of them takes several chapters trying to convince herself that their relationship will never work. Annie's friends help her subdue her fear of commitment. Victoria and Annie come to understand that Annie has to cause hurt and distance because she's afraid, and she doesn't have to be afraid.

Reviewed by Meg Umans. Meg is a counselor in private practice in Phoenix, and owner of Humanspace Books, Inc. These two books are available from the publishers and at Humanspace.

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A National Leadership Dialog

by Don L. Volk, GLPA News Service

The following dialog of leaders of national gay and Tuesday, October 6, 1987, just prior to the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, to address issues important to the lesbian/gay community.

The group was specifically asked not to address AIDS issues, because we know the community needs to continue taking a leadership role in that area; and we wanted to focus on other community concerns.

Moderated by Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA) President **Don L. Volk**, the meeting included **Vic Basile**, executive director, Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF); **Jeff Levi**, executive director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF); **Renee McCoy**, executive director, National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays (NCBLG); and **Tom Stoddard**, executive director, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (Lambda). **Jean O'Leary**, executive director, National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), was unable to attend, but has been allowed to comment on the various issues addressed.

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Volk: As we re-define families in a way to acknowledge our relationships and to give them credibility, that is going to loosen up other anti-discrimination areas. When people say "you guys do the same thing, you get together, you buy a house, or you get an apartment together."

Stoddard: Oh, no we don't! Some of us do, but not all of us.

Volk: As we get more acknowledgment for our relationships and parenting abilities, is that going to make us more "acceptable," if you will, to the community at large? Or are they going to resist us more in those areas?

Levi: There is almost an underlying current in what you are saying of mimicking heterosexual society. I am not sure that is what we are doing. We are asking for an affirmation of our relationships, however we may define them. We as a community are much more willing to give equal value to the couple in a long-term monogamous relationship as to a couple that has a totally open relationship or people who choose to remain single. What is threatening about us and our relationships to heterosexuals is the very range we are willing to accept. We are opening up sort of the frontiers of what is acceptable behavior. If in some way they come to acknowledge it is acceptable for homosexuals, then why not for heterosexuals? It probably would be relatively easy for them—all other things being equal—to give couples a piece of paper saying legally you are the equivalent of a couple and you can write the other one off as a beneficiary or something like that. But, it is the acknowledgment of those ranges of opportunities that all people should have that so threatens straight society.

Stoddard: Right. It is a very personal comment, but I have no desire to mimic the society at large. My aim is to open it up generally; this is one route to do that, but not the only route. Hopefully, we create a society where people can make choices for themselves and aren't judged negatively because of that. I have no desire to create a sort of mirror-world where we simply create a model that hasn't worked very well for other people in other circumstances.

McCoy: We are headed towards increased acceptance of gays and lesbians as responsible. But we have an obligation to be more responsible about how we do it when we are accepted into the mainstream of American society. What I don't see happening and what really frightens me, as a black lesbian, is that I don't see that level of responsibility actually coming out.

In New York, the people gentrifying Harlem for a large part are white, gay men. That increases hostility in the black community about homosexuals—period. It

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also increases the obstacles that black gay men have to overcome in order to gain that level of acceptance. What I fear will happen is that the white, middle class will open its doors, the black middle class to a great extent will open its doors and be much more accepting—not affirming. I don't see that acceptance as affirming our relationships. And there will be a collective rush toward further oppression of the lower, working class.

However, our collective experience as oppressed people can be brought to the forefront of all we do so that we will be responsible. But we have to be real vocal about the necessity of being responsible in ways that the non-gay community has never been. For me the hope of the nation depends on how responsibly we as an oppressed people who have collectively risen are. How responsibly we respond to the liberation we are trying so hard to achieve.

Basile: We have to keep pushing family issues before the public in ways that force them to confront this as one of the central factors that keeps us oppressed. They must recognize that these are important issues and that they are really basic for human rights and dignity. As they continue to be confronted by them, there is a process of desensitization that goes on, the opposition will be less vocal as we go along. The marriage taking place on Saturday is controversial because it strikes at the very core of one of America's most sacred institutions. But the next time it happens, it won't be that bad.

Stoddard: Controversial with other gays and lesbians; or controversial with the straight society?

Basile: I think it is very controversial with gays and lesbians on whether to do it or not. There is more controversy in the gay and lesbian community.

Stoddard: Because it is a "mass wedding," or just the idea of a wedding at all?

Levi: I think there is a lot of noise around that issue. Whether it is a mass wedding or whether it is a wedding at all...

Volk: One of the things that developed in California out of Prop. 64 was that a lot of coalitions were built to defeat that and some were built because it was Lyndon LaRouche. It seems politically that we build a coalition around an issue with non-gays; and as soon as that issue is over, they just sort of go back and do what they do, and we do the same. Are we building long-standing coalitions now?

Stoddard: I think a lot about this. We shouldn't be too hard on ourselves. This is a very young movement. It has gained public recognition only over the past 15 years. We have come a very long way. This was almost an entirely invisible and silent community until 1969. It is almost miraculous that we are where we are today: That representatives of gay organizations exist and are quoted in the major media; that we debate and negotiate with representatives from the AMA, the ABA, and the White House and Congress, and presidential candidates from A to L. That is fairly remarkable. Those coalitions may come and go, but we are now being treated with some degree of seriousness in important segments of American society as real players. We have to continue to build on that process particularly at the local level and in places outside the big cities where being gay still creates enormous and understandable fear. I wouldn't want to be gay in Boise. If I were, I would leave and that is why most people who are gay in Boise do leave.

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O'Leary: We can't forget we have come farther faster than any other civil rights movement in the short period of time that we have been out and visible. I believe we are forming these coalitions and don't think they should be locked in concrete. They should be able to self-destruct, if you will, on an issue-by-issue basis as long as we can pick up the ball again and get people together again. In our networking, we will form on-going relationships that will make it easy to pick up the phone and get people back together when there is a specific need. I don't believe in institutionalizing coalitions. It is good to have structures that come together over a particular issue and then dissolve and then come back together again.

Volk: With all this political action, political lobbying, and the public interest law firms, how important are court cases: How do they help the community?

Stoddard: Speaking on behalf of my own organization, we are a legal defense and education fund built upon patterns created by the NAACP and the NOW legal defense funds. We view law as only one tool to try to achieve the larger objective of a society that is both accepting and acceptable.

It is harder to litigate in federal courts right now. But only in federal courts. It is easier to litigate in state courts now; because as the federal courts have diminished their vigilance in constitutional questions, some state courts have grown in willingness to view these issues. In states like California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Michigan, there is a growing body of state law we can use particularly on issues like domestic relationships and issues having immediate effect on people's day-to-day lives. Federal courts are a problem and will continue to be so whether or not Bork is actually appointed.

Levi: The sad ironies of the Bork fight was that a lot of other civil rights groups have been deeply concerned about what a change in one vote would mean in terms of their ability to turn to federal courts. That has not been an issue for us because we have been facing a hostile Supreme Court for some time now. Our role in fighting Bork has been as much to make sure that what has happened to us doesn't happen to others.

O'Leary: NGR is also a multi-purpose, multi-level organization. We believe very strongly in the courts and that it is harder to fight there. There is no question about that with the Reagan appointees on the federal level. We should turn to the states, but that doesn't mean giving up entirely on the federal level. Close analysis has to be made and made constantly about who sits on the courts that we are going before, and what are the ramifications if cases are appealed. We have got to be careful about the kind of cases we take. Right now we would do best to stay within some of the clear-cut constitutional issues that have never explicitly included us before and have gay victories. Our slogan has always been "defending our rights, creating new law." The emphasis is on defending our rights. If we do get knocked down, we are going to pick ourselves up and fight again. It is an on-going battle and that has to be looked at over the long range. If we suffer a defeat, as we did in Hardwick, there were still positive ramifications of that. I am the extreme optimist and tend to always look for positive points. The country rallied around that. Many people from different segments of the population were with us on that, the editorials all over the country made comments on it. Even the legal organizations that deal strictly with the courts still have an enormous amount of work to do under the auspices of public education. That is where NGR is going to put a lot of emphasis. Basically things aren't going to change until people's attitudes change.

Stoddard: Conversely the stakes for us are higher because most of those other groups have recognized legal remedies and we do not. So the courts were more important to us than they were to the black civil rights movement or the women's movement because their battles had already been won in the courts. The federal courts are closing down at precisely the moment when we would be most likely to win the kinds of battles that were won by other movements 10-12 years ago. That makes me particularly sad, but we persevere.

Volk: What issues do you think are winnable on local levels? Do you think sodomy is winnable? Same-sex relationships?

Levi: It is a very individual situation. What is exciting is that there are always going to be some victories to be had.

Stoddard: Florida and Michigan are prime candidates for litigation on sexual privacy on the state level. Some states have actual privacy amendments within their constitutions, which the US Constitution doesn't. Those present circumstances that are much more favorable to these issues. Alaska's Supreme Court has declared that there is a right to smoke marijuana in your bedroom under the state privacy amendment. These are local issues and ultimately can only be dealt with on a truly federal level when they bubble up through the courts. The very best custody case dealing with a lesbian mother emanates from Alaska.

Volk: State laws do not apply to other states technically.

Stoddard: Technically, right.

Volk: But do other states look to them for precedent?

Stoddard: California is a rather unique entity with its own judicial precedent. Traditionally it also has a very expanded notion of the government's role in prohibiting discrimination and other areas. Theories developed there or in any state are often looked at in other jurisdictions for guidance.

Volk: Say Lambda is fighting a case in Tennessee, they may find something in a case theory that they can say, "it works over here."

Stoddard: Sure. They very best employment case in the country was decided by the California Supreme Court. It states that a public utility, in this case Pacific Telephone and Telegraph [brought by NGR], could not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation because it held what was, in essence, a monopoly from the state and was so bound up with the public good that it would be wrong for the courts to permit it to discriminate. That theory has not yet been tested in other jurisdictions, but it is a plausible theory. And it is one—at least until deregulation—that might work with Con Edison or other public utilities, and one that would be worth using if the circumstances arise.

Law cases depend, to a surprising degree, upon the particular individuals and facts involved. If you have a really likable person with a compelling story, that person is much more likely to win than somebody who doesn't seem so nice who has a not very nice story. That's the way the system works.

Levi: So explain Hardwick.

Stoddard: We almost won Hardwick. That is exactly why there was a deliberate

decision to take that case up and take it up first because it was the best possible statute to challenge and the best possible person to bring the suit. We came within about 36 hours of winning, and it was just Lewis Powell's unfortunate afterthought that changed it.

Volk: A lot of these issues are local and best handled locally. Is there a role for the national organizations to provide more guidance, so that you would advise the community on these issues?

Stoddard: That happens.

O'Leary: We certainly do that. We use our expertise and speak about cases, compile and computerize cases and make them available as precedents for others. We don't want people out there re-inventing the wheel. We are available for advice and help obtain expert witnesses. It also happens among the lawyers themselves. We all share valuable information that we have with each other in conference calls originated by Lambda every month. All the legal organizations are included and that prevents us from overlapping and helps us work together.

Levi: That is how our Privacy Project works. There have been a lot of horrendous things happening in Tennessee and that is a state that is ripe for organizing. We are helping pull together a statewide meeting so that people there can get together and devise a strategy. We are not doing the strategy; we are providing the catalyst for them to do that. That is a role we can play, and it can become far more specific than that. If a local community needs or wants to set up an anti-violence program, then we will go help them. I think that exists for whatever area of expertise any of us may have.

Volk: Do you do that with lobbying as well?

Basile: We have learned a lot on the national level, and we should be participating in ways that pass on information to groups.

Stoddard: It works both horizontally and vertically. We talk to one another a lot too. We recognize that certain people and organizations develop expertise in some areas, and we work together to fortify that. There are some competitive urges, but that has been restrained. There are certain issues, for example, that National Gay Rights Advocates has been particularly vigorous on like immigration and employment and we have generally deferred to them on those issues. And there are other issues where we have been more active.

McCoy: It is real important that the national organizations give local organizing a sort of safety feature. For example, in Detroit which is my home, I can say or do a lot more things coming from a national office than people in Detroit could do. It is a most crucial, or probably the only way effective organizing will be done is for people in rural areas to be strengthened by our presence in Chicago, New York, Atlanta. I think that is perhaps crucial for the '90s in gay and lesbian organizing. Even though we do break up and support our specific organizations after that coalition building happens, the leadership of our community must begin to develop an organizing team-consciousness that goes in as a unit with each group taking a piece. We will go in together and organize in a unified fashion so that we don't have the white, gay male community going one way and lesbians going another.

Until the leadership at the national level develops the kind of network that moves as one unit, we are just going to keep spinning our wheels.

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SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: Tips to take to the office party

The holiday office party may be a traditional event in most workplaces, but it is not necessarily something everyone looks forward to. For many of us, it can be a dull obligation, a part of the job, rather than a pleasant elective. For others, discretion must be served, so we must leave our lovers at home and attend the party alone to field the inevitable question about our single status. And some of us just feel uncomfortable in social situations for a variety of reasons.

Even if we might otherwise enjoy the office party, we can still experience self-consciousness and doubt about our social adeptness, particularly in the presence of company executives we wish to impress.

According to Marcia Hawkes, who has a private counseling practice in Montebello, California, none of this is unusual. Hawkes has developed a series of seminars to teach gay men and lesbians how to relax and feel comfortable in social situations.

Some degree of fear of social failure ("I won't make a good impression"; "People won't like me") is universal and not necessarily gay-related, emphasizes Hawkes. She believes that being in or out of the closet, however, can affect self-consciousness and an individual's ability to relax and feel comfortable in a nongay social setting.

Although Hawkes seminars focus on the social party scene, the techniques she teaches can be easily transferred to work-related situations, such as office parties and business lunches, even job interviews.

Conversation is the key to establishing rapport with another person in any social situation. It's one of the skills people have the most difficulty with, says Hawkes, because they're afraid they won't know what to say. But if you listen to the other person, she says, and ask the right questions once a conversation starts, you can keep it flowing. Try asking open-ended questions instead of ones that elicit only a "yes" or "no" response. If, for example, a person tells you "I'm in the public relations department," your response could be "What do you like most about working in that department?" or "How did you become interested in public relations?"

Hawkes also suggests that while you're listening to what people say, listen to how they say it. People can be categorized into three "neurolinguistic" systems — tactile, aural and visual — according to the verbs and word-images they use, says Hawkes. Tactile people express themselves with "feel" and "touch" words, aural with "hear" words, and visual with "see" or "picture" images. When people who employ different systems converse, they don't always connect because they are, in a sense, speaking different languages. After indentifying your own system, learn to listen for the subtle verbal clues others give you in their conversation. With practice, you can develop the flexibility to switch systems and speak the other person's "language."

Nonverbal communication is also important in developing rapport with another person. Body posture, for example, can reflect the degree of rapport between people. Friends, who are relaxed and comfortable with each other, will often unconsciously assume similar body postures; even breathing will follow similar patterns. This is not usually the case, however, with people who are newly acquainted and when one person is more relaxed than the other. An effective nonverbal technique to help you establish rapport is to consciously, but subtly, mimic the other person's body posture.

Taking the pressure off yourself to succeed socially involves more than mimicking body posture and asking the right questions. Most important, perhaps, is to put the event into perspective. Even though a business social event may be called a party, it really is a work-related activity. That means you're there for business reasons, not personal ones. Once the perspective is clear, you'll increase your chances of success—and of having fun.

Keeping the event in perspective will be easier if you know what you want to accomplish at the party and establish a few concrete goals. You may decide that when you arrive at the office party you will greet your boss, introduce yourself to each of the sales directors present, have a conversation with at least one of them, then leave the party after one hour. Achieving these goals will give you a sense of accomplishment, and you'll probably decide that you also had some fun. Hawkes suggests rewarding yourself; Go out dancing or buy yourself a present.

Of course there are the very practical pointers to keep in mind, such as not drinking too much and maintaining a sense of humor. Drinking impairs judgment, is a professional liability, and diminishes your personal integrity. Your sense of humor will allow you to keep things in perspective and to make mistakes without reproaching yourself.

As to responding to any inquiries about your lack of companionship, Hawkes suggests a big smile and a cordial, direct response, no lies or excuses. A simple "Thank you for asking. No, I don't have a partner with me tonight" should be sufficient.

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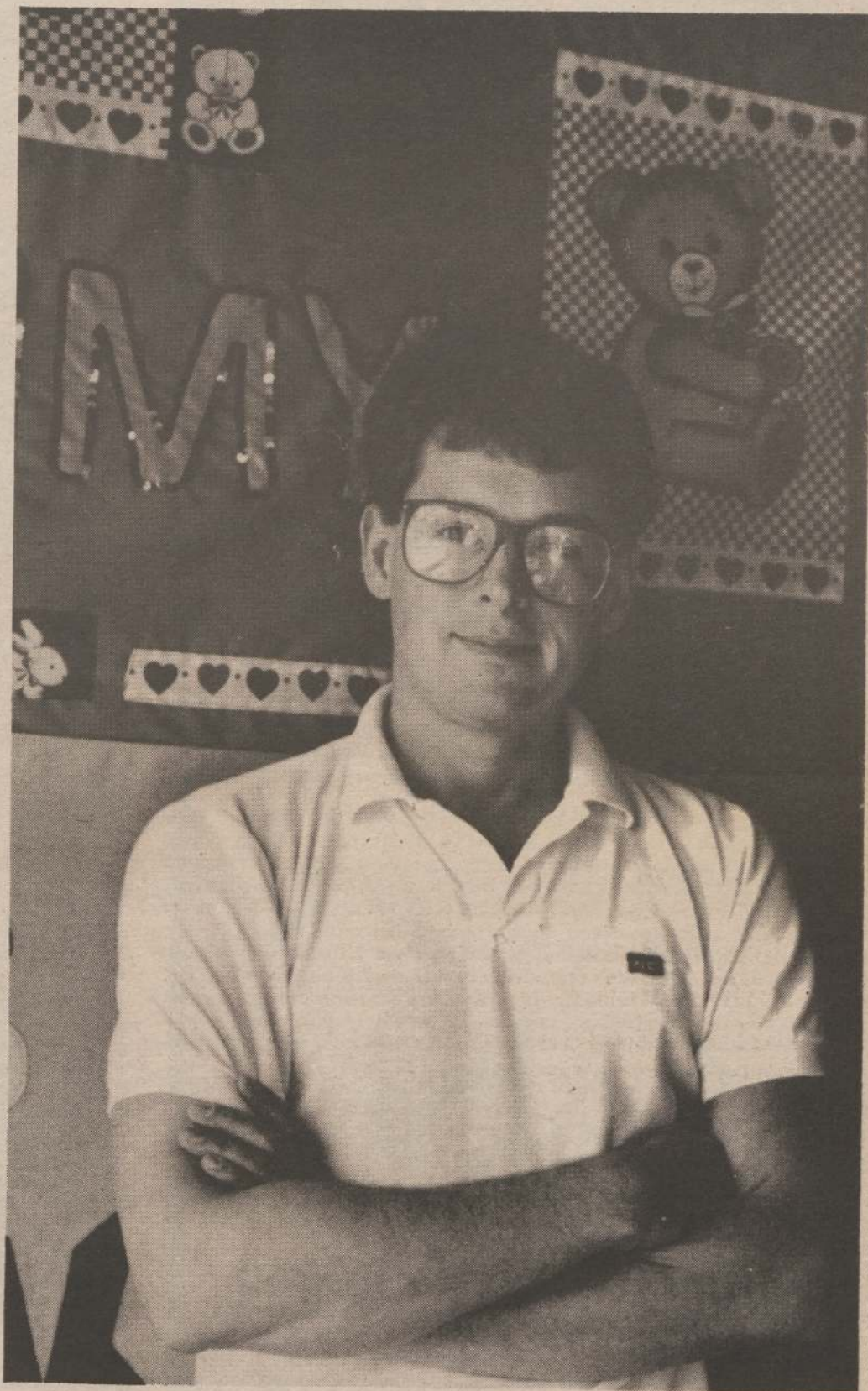
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CLEVE JONES: Fighting for Non-Violence

by Dell Richards

Violence has dogged Cleve Jones all of his life. Because he wasn't typically macho as a kid, other boys beat him up at school. Because he is a spokesman for the gay community, thugs have tracked him down and stabbed him on the street. And today, because he is antibody positive, he waits for a time-bomb in his body to possibly explode in a final assault.



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Despite all this, Jones—a political organizer and founder of the NAMES Project—isn't giving up. The man who abhors violence and attends Quaker meetings is doing what he's always done: fighting to make the world a safer place.

The child of liberal parents, Jones was born in LaFayette, Ind., while his parents were still in graduate school. As a child, he moved around until his parents completed their educations and found jobs as university professors. For Jones, a self-professed sissy, it was doubly hard being the new kid on the block, with children scrutinizing him, only to find him 'not up to snuff.'

"In one sense, I had a privileged childhood in that I come from a white, middle-class family with all of the benefits of the American middle-class," Jones says. "Good schools, good neighborhoods...but I was an unhappy child, subjected to a lot of bad treatment from the kids—I was beaten up many times and called names." Jones didn't know it at the time, but he was the stereotypical image of a gay male: effeminate, soft-spoken, non-violent; radically different from his childhood peers.

"I always knew I was different but I didn't know quite what it was," Jones

explains. "I thought maybe I was from another planet. Other people kept calling me 'queer' and 'fag.' Other people knew it before I did." To ease the pain, Jones turned to his father's library of psychology books for information and solace. "First, I went to my father's dusty old Freudian textbooks," Jones laughs. There, he found devastating information on homosexuality, "usually in the same chapter with genital deformities and child murderers." But Jones also discovered other, more modern books whose authors offered him answers to the riddle of his life. "There were works in the library by Jean Genet, Saul Bellow and back issues of *Partisan Review*. As I began to read these, I learned that there was a homosexual subculture, which was very important because I didn't know that there were others."

In the world beyond his father's musty library, gay liberation was becoming more vocal, spawning a revolution that would be heard all over the country. "Word of the Stonewall rebellion gradually trickled into Arizona, and a gay liberation movement was born in the Arizona desert: GLAD," Jones jokes in a voice filled with irony. "Glad to be gay in God's desert."

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Upon graduation from high school, Jones joined the group and told his parents he was gay. Despite their staunch liberalism, his parents weren't pleased. "They were surprised and frightened," Jones says. Although he'd planned to go to college, Jones changed his plans and headed for San Francisco, a mecca for eccentrics of every stripe. "I ended up hitchhiking to San Francisco and was pretty much on the street for the first couple of months, Jones says. He worked at various menial jobs until he landed a job selling Time-Life books. "I'm embarrassed to say that I excelled at this job, and made ridiculous amounts of money."

It was at this job that he met Marvin Feldman—his best friend until Feldman's death from AIDS in 1986. Jones and Feldman were close buddies for 14 years and the Time-Life job allowed them to travel the world.

When they returned to San Francisco, the political atmosphere was radically different. The Castro District had attracted men from all over the country who were openly gay, and who were making their political might felt. Harvey Milk—San Francisco's first openly gay city supervisor—was beginning his political career. Jones was ready for it.

"I come from a political family," says Jones. "My parents are liberal Democrats who were very active in the peace movement. I did a lot of work with farm workers while I was still in high school."

With his background in political activism, Jones was the perfect person to help Milk organize street demonstrations for his campaign. He also helped the gay community defeat the state ballot initiative that would have kept homosexuals from teaching in California schools.

When Milk was murdered in 1978, Jones coordinated the candlelight march. And when Milk's murderer was let off on a plea of temporary insanity, Jones led the march that turned into a riot. "People were hospitalized, 14 police cars were destroyed, City Hall was trashed—the windows and metal grillwork completely broken," Jones said. "Civic Center Plaza was filled with burning police cars."

Though he was hardly to blame for the anger of the gay community at such blatant injustice, Cleve took the rap for much of the violence. That verdict puzzled Jones, who felt his life had been dedicated to non-violence. "I thank God no one was killed but I can't say that I feel sorry that it happened. It's one of those little contradictions in my life. I abhor violence but when I think about that night, I have to confess to a certain sense of satisfaction."

During the next few years, Jones was able to put his political savvy to work in state politics. Hired as a legislative aid by Leo McCarthy—then Speaker of the California State Assembly—Jones was the first openly gay person to hold such a visible and influential position. "Harvey had been killed, but it was clear that we had survived his murder," Jones says, "and that our political power here in San Francisco was intact."

For the first time, Jones was happy with his life. He was living in an environment that accepted his sexuality—and his pacifism—and he was using his administrative and political talents to help gay rights on a statewide level. Then AIDS struck. Dr. Marcus Conant, a doctor at the University of California Medical Center and one of the founders of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, warned Jones of a new virus that was sexually transmitted. The doctor predicted the fatal disease would be the scourge of the gay community.

By the end of 1985, the threat wasn't just a theory—it was a harsh reality. Jones' best friend Feldman was diagnosed with AIDS. With the threat so close, Jones organized a memorial during the annual candlelight march for Milk. He dedicated it to the first 1,000 San Franciscans who had died from AIDS. "I knew a great many of those people," Jones says. "And I asked everyone to bring a piece of cardboard with the name of someone they knew who had died of AIDS on it."

The march ended at the Federal Building—where ladders were stashed under trees. Marchers scaled the walls and covered the building with placards bearing names. "Taped to the gray stone building, it was a very startling image," Jones said. "And as I watched the hundreds of people who stood there for hours on a cold, damp night looking at the names, I realized that we needed a memorial. As I looked at it, I saw a giant quilt."

By then, Jones had become a fixture of the gay political scene. As one of the founders of the AIDS Foundation, he had become known as a knowledgeable spokesperson on the AIDS epidemic. After being on the "60 Minutes" program "Life and Death in San Francisco," he began receiving death threats on the phone.

On May 29, 1986, two men were waiting for him outside his apartment. As he walked down the street, they called to him. Jones quickened his pace to get away but wasn't fast enough. He heard a noise and as he turned around, one of the men stabbed him.

Today, Jones bears a scar an inch wide where the knife severed the shoulder muscle and came within an eighth of an inch of a major artery. For Jones, it was just another skirmish in a life-long battle with people who can't accept him as he is. "The beginning of my political awareness was that of fear, of knowing that I was going to be confronted with physical violence because of the way I was," he says. "When I walk down the street and see men walking toward me, my first reaction is fear."

During the six months he spent recovering, Jones thought about violence, about AIDS and about the rising death toll. When Feldman died, he knew he wanted to make a quilt for the people who had been struck down by AIDS.

"When Marvin died, I began to despair," he says. "After he died, I came to believe that I and almost everyone I care for was going to be killed by this disease." It became clear to Jones that his own personal struggle wasn't unique, that it was shared by thousands of gay men and lesbians across the country. When Jones and two friends began making panels, the NAMES Project was born.

"We have a commitment to continue building the quilt as long as the epidemic continues," Jones says. "My greatest personal goal is to be here when we sew in the last panel."

"I'm optimistic for the long term," Jones continues. "I believe that a cure will be found eventually and that there is hope for those of us who are still healthy now. I believe that the ideals and aspirations of the gay and lesbian community will continue to move forward." But for the short term, he's sad and pessimistic. "I'm one of the millions of Americans who have already been exposed to this disease and I'm terrified," Jones says. "I think that my chances of survival are tied directly to the level of federal funding for research—and that makes me very frightened."

Although Jones has learned to live with a constant fear of death and physical violence, he's not letting it stop him. To combat fear, he's dedicated his life making sure that those who have died from this insidious form of violence will not be forgotten.

THE NAMES PROJECT: D.C. Was Just The Beginning

Steve Newberger, a volunteer at the NAMES Project, is sending an information packet to a woman whose brother died of AIDS. Although there's no panel bearing her brother's name yet, the woman placed a frantic phone call to Newberger. She is afraid his name will eventually be added to the memorial quilt. Newberger hopes that the brochure will help the woman understand her grief—and her anger. But he's not sure it will make a difference.

Cleve Jones—Executive Director of the NAMES Project—already knows about the call; he talked to the woman a few days before. "I tried to tell her that her brother had two families," Jones said. The sister belongs to one family; the man's gay friends and lovers belong to the other. "I told her that his gay family has the right to express their grief in any way they feel is appropriate," Jones said.

It is a moot point, as there is no panel with the man's name on it. But the call does raise an important issue: should homosexuals be kept in the closet—even after death—to protect their relatives? Jones insists that the quilt is only a community arts project—a way for friends and lovers to work through grief. But the NAMES Project has much broader implications.

Bearing the names of almost 2,000 dead, the quilt was the size of two football fields when it was first unveiled October 11, 1987 in Washington, D.C. prior to the March on Washington. And each day, the quilt continues to grow. Panels are pouring into the San Francisco headquarters from cities all over the country.

It isn't just the gay community that is responding to the project. Members of organizations like the International Ladies Garment Workers Union are donating funds and support. Although gay men are bearing the brunt of the epidemic in America, people from all walks of life are dying. And as they die, their loved ones turn to the only place they know for comfort in this crisis—the NAMES Project. In fact, the project is gaining so much momentum that a major New York publishing house is planning to put out a coffee-table size book about the quilt in time for the tour.

Notoriety isn't what the NAMES Project is after. It serves a much higher purpose—sewing names to create a memorial is a means for friends and relatives alike to work through the grief that AIDS is bringing to thousands of people across the nation. "We have men and women, gay and straight, young and old," Jones said. "We've got senior citizens involved, teenaged kids. We have the mothers and fathers of people who have died of AIDS—and their lovers and friends."

In the midst of colorful, sequined banners, middle-aged, middle-class Republicans sit at sewing machines in the storefront headquarters making panels for the deceased. "It's a gift of love," Jones said. "The people who work here are trying very hard to express to the world what it means to face this epidemic. A lot of that is negative—there's a lot of fear, there's a lot of sorrow, loss and grief. But there's also great courage, great love, incredible sacrifices and an absolute commitment to the community."

"That's what this quilt represents—the good and the bad," Jones continued. "When you boil it down, this quilt is a symbol of love. It has the power to touch all different kinds of people."

The quilt may be a beautiful symbol but it also is the means of raising money to fight AIDS.

Beginning in April, the quilt will make a sweep of the country, touring the twenty-five largest cities for four months and raising money for local organizations which provide services to people with AIDS.

On October 8 and 9, 1988, the quilt will return to Washington, D.C. to be spread out again on the Mall. Jones expects the number of names—14,000—to cover the entire area from the Washington Monument to the Capitol itself—almost a mile. Reminiscent of the list of names on the Vietnam Memorial, the quilt undoubtedly will arouse equally strong emotions.

By then, perhaps there will be a panel for the brother of the woman who called the Project out of fear. Perhaps someone who knew her brother will have made a panel for him out of love.

Perhaps not. Perhaps the man will remain unknown, lost among the anonymous dead and forgotten.

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DYKE VIEW

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"Thanks, Ev."

It's high time we paid Governor Mecham the respect he deserves. We too, have been guilty of viewing our governor from only a negative perspective and have not recognized his accomplishments. Although he constantly chides us to look at the positive things he's done for the state of Arizona, we have been resistant to do so. We now stand corrected.

In Mecham's recent interview on ABC's *Nightline*, Ted Koppel did state that the governor's office made available to the show's researchers a list of our governor's 23 accomplishments during his term of office. Actually that was an error. There are really 24 accomplishments. We're sure this was just a simple oversight. Ev's brother Willard probably didn't note the 24th item in the correct column and therefore didn't get appropriately tallied.

As two of the good citizens of this state, we are ready to assist our governor by commenting on his 24th, and to us, his most significant accomplishment.

During one of Ev's grander homophobic hallucinations he created a homosexual lobby. In a flurry of paranoia, letters were sent to heaven knows where, signed by Lord knows who or what, requesting immediate migration to Arizona to assist in his effort to defend himself from the onslaught of attack from the homosexual lobby.

Needless to say, our curiosity was peaked by this pronouncement. We weren't aware that such a lobby existed. We called several of our friends we know who always have the inside track on current happenings in our community and they too had no information about the governor's homosexual lobby. However, that does not negate the fact that the governor put forth an exceptional idea. What about a homosexual lobby? Or better yet, how about a Gay and Lesbian Political Action Committee which would provide a solid basis for this lobby?

By conservative estimates there are at least 200,000 individuals living in this state who identify as gay men and lesbian women. With numbers that large, it behooves us to join together on a formal basis to effect change. We are long overdue for this collective voice to be heard.

Never again can we silently sit by as unconcerned citizens, allowing others to shape the outcome of elections in this state. Never again can we allow a person to be elected who, clearly by his words, actions and deeds, villifies our human and civil rights.

Let's consider what impact a Gay and Lesbian Political Action Committee would have in this state. With such a block of votes we could be assured of elected officials who would advocate for fair employment practices in government based on the knowledge, skills and abilities of the applicant, rather than his/her personal sexual preference. Furthermore, legislation can be passed guaranteeing non-discrimination in the areas of housing, public accommodations and medical services. Along with the aforementioned, we must as a block vote, elect people at all levels of government who will publicly take the position that queer-bashing is a felonious crime in this state, punishable by incarceration, with provisions for total financial restitution to the victim.

Never again can we allow a person to be elected in this state who casually asks for a list of homosexuals working in state government so "he can take care of them." If we do, then we as a community have failed ourselves and have committed the greatest offense of all — apathy.

Heavens, Ev, little did you know that at least *one* suggestion you've made does deserve some attention. We would hate to see you leave office as a *total* failure.

We thank you for this 24th accomplishment. Now, resign while you've got a favorable thing to your credit.

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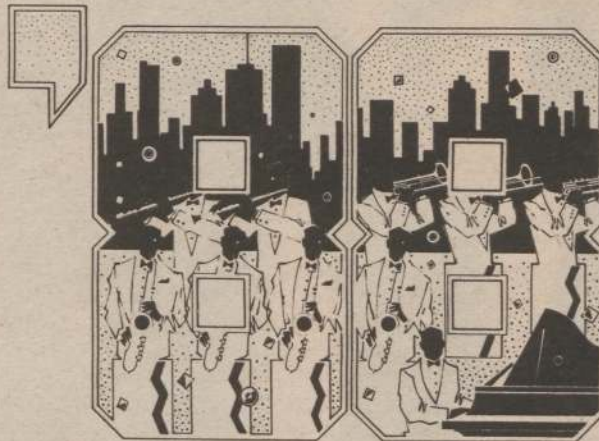
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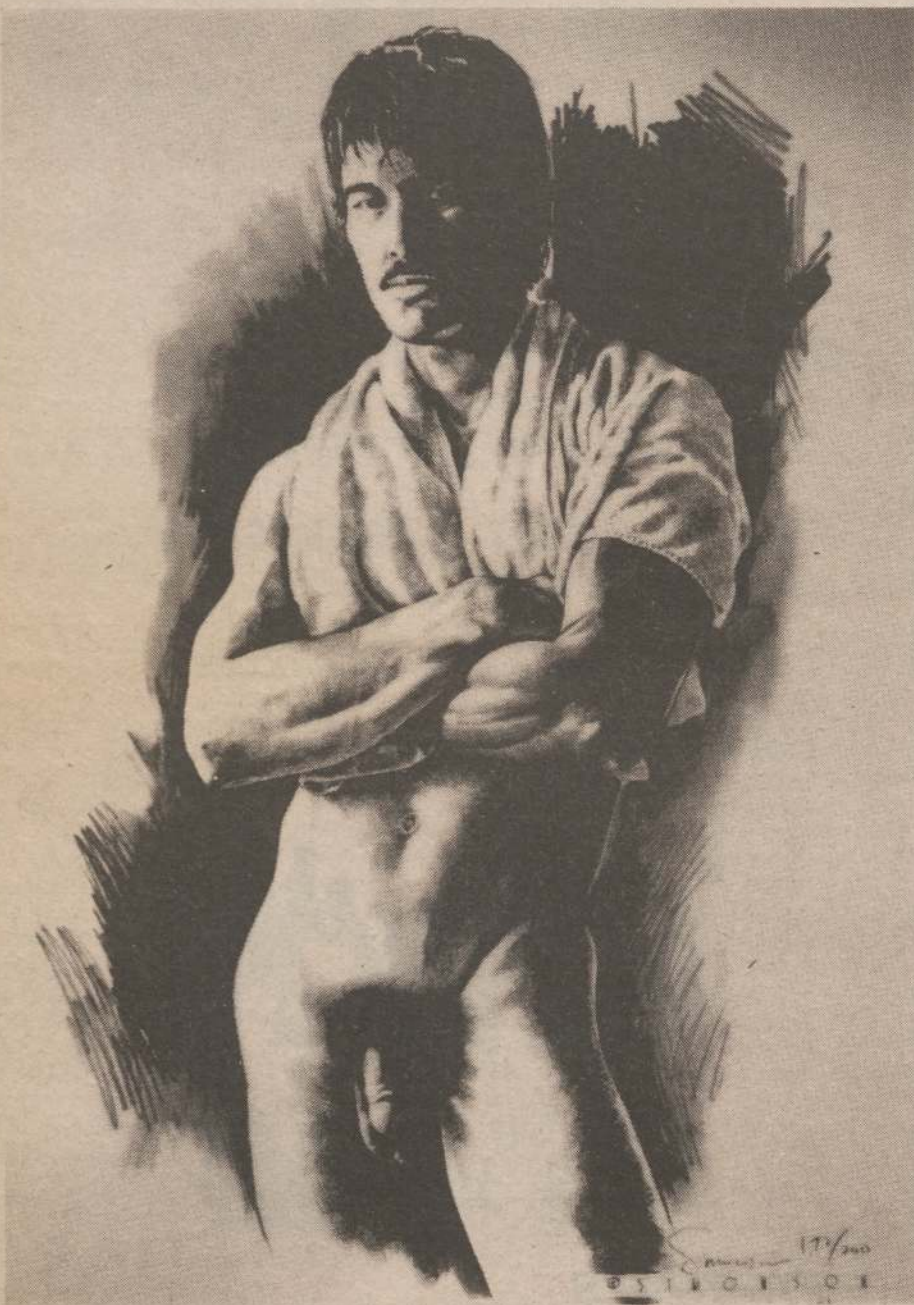
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TRISH TRIVIA TWIST



Looks like Trish stumped all you Trivia buffs with his Anniversary Edition quiz. To ease your frustration, we've reprinted the original questions...and their answers.

1. What year did *Ben Hur* win the oscar for best picture? — 1959.
2. Who wrote the novel *A Town Like Alice*? — Neville Shuite.
3. Who starred opposite Petula Clark in the film *Finian's Rainbow*? — Fred Astaire.
4. Who directed *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World*? — Stanley Kramer.
5. In *One Touch of Venus*, who starred as the goddess Venus? — Ava Gardner.
6. Who directed the continuing adventures of Norman Bates in *Psycho III*? — Tony Perkins.
7. Directors Peter Weir and Richard Franklin started their film careers in what country? — Australia.
8. What city does the film *It Came From Beneath The Sea* take place in? — San Francisco.
9. Originally made for PBS, the film *Testament* focuses on what subject? — Nuclear disaster.
10. What classic film are the above answers clues to? — *On The Beach*.

This Week:

1. What is the title of the film biography of actor Lon Chaney, Jr.?
2. What early 1960's TV comedy cop show takes place in New York City?
3. In the board game Monopoly, what dollar amount is noted on the gold-colored play money bills?
4. "Walt Whitman High" was homebase in what TV sitcom?
5. The numbers from the above four answers add up to the title of a famous Broadway musical.

Answers — last issue:

1. Dr. Seuss
2. Christmas
3. Boris Karloff
4. Animated
5. *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*

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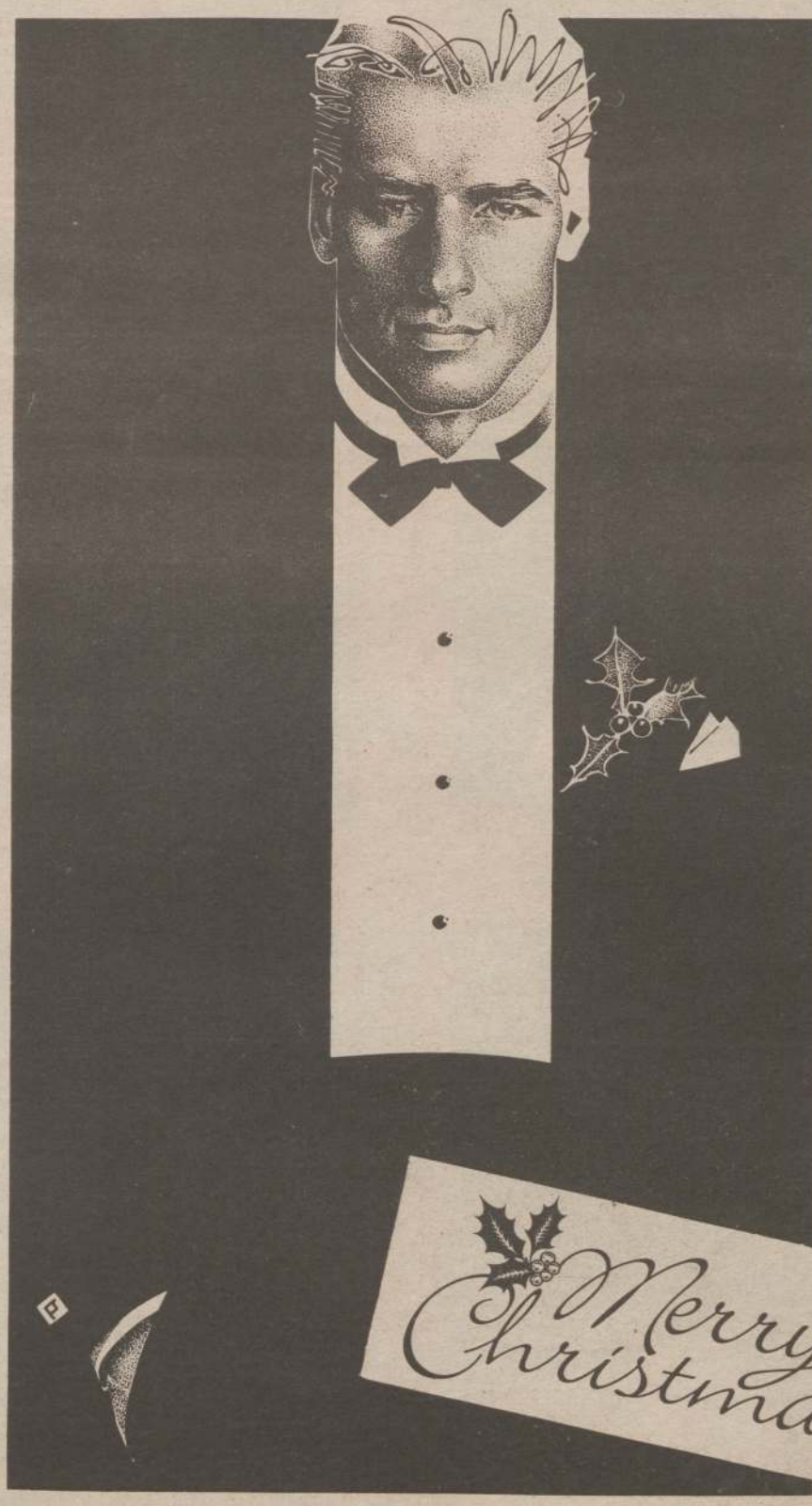
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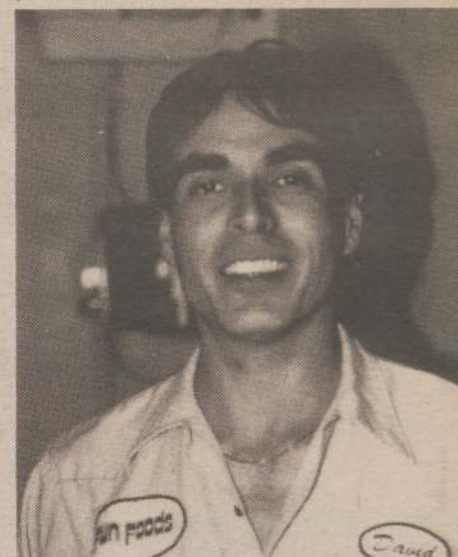
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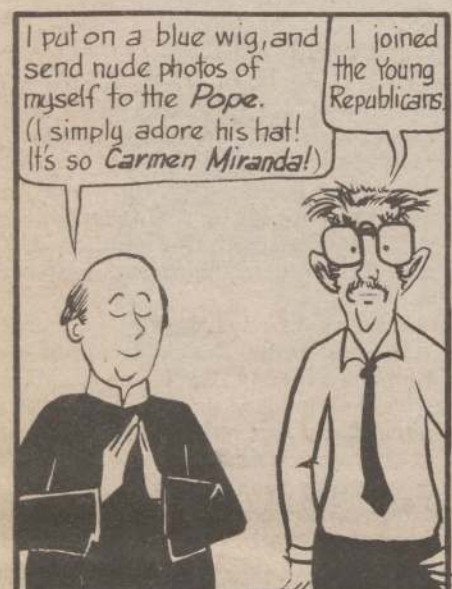
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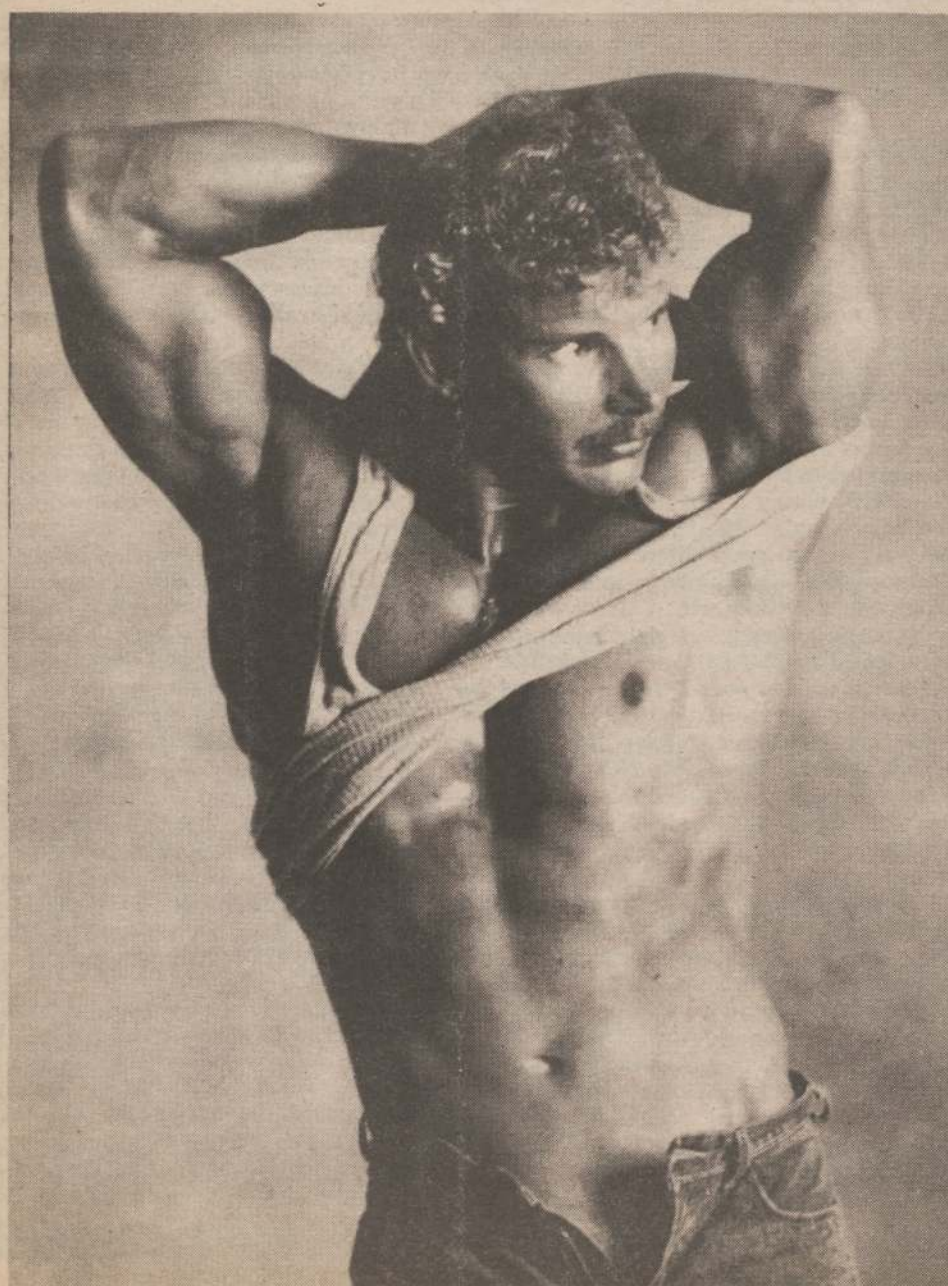
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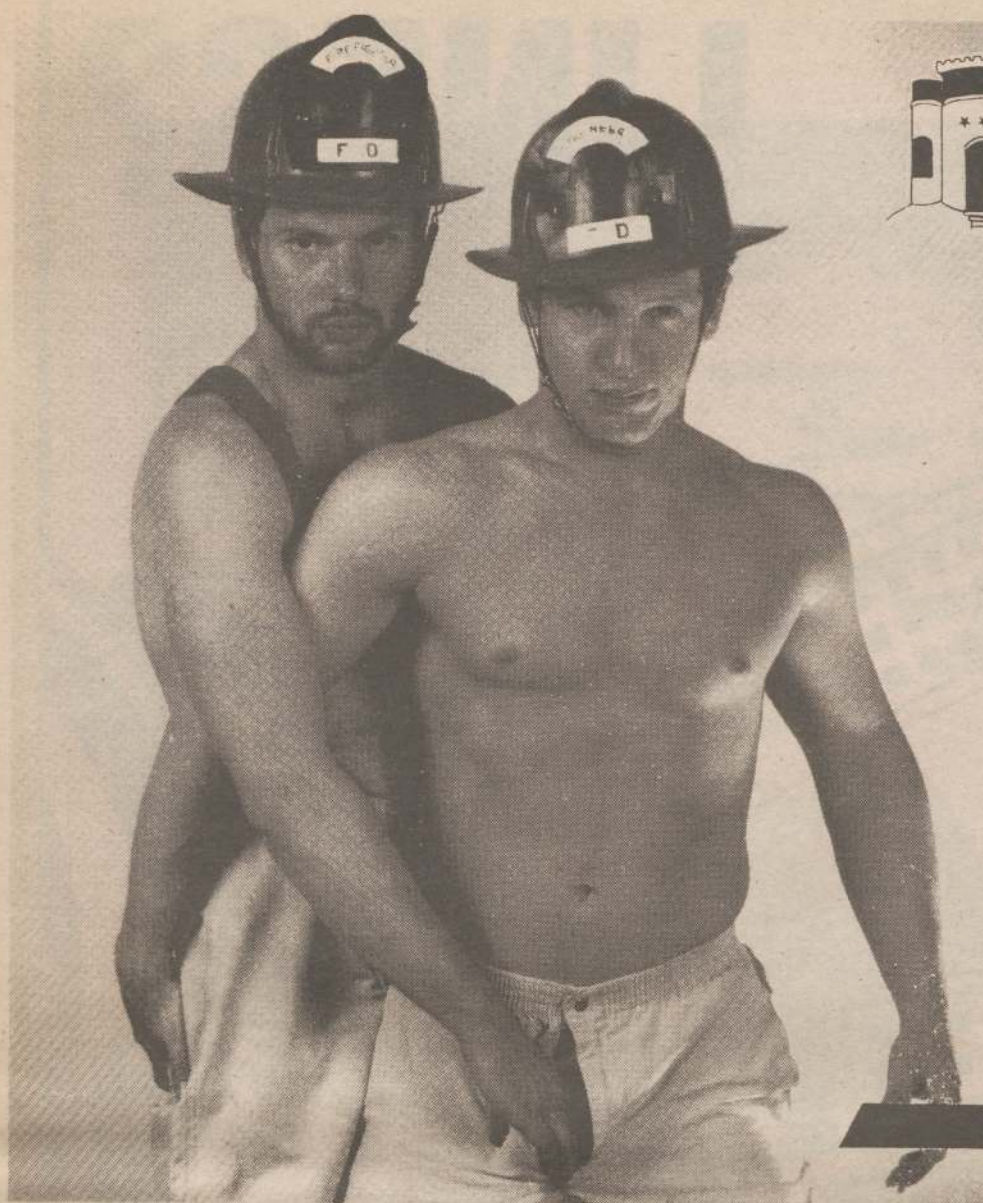
Well, let me tell ya', no way he was buying that crap. I had something he wanted and no simple little "Dear Rand", (yeah, that's his real name) was going to put him off. The letters continued; wise, witty, warm and wonderful. Each one made me pray, "please Lord, don't let this guy start writing for gay newspapers." Little presents came in the mail, love gel, rolling papers and two teddy bears. One sits on my desk and is correcting my spelling at this very moment, while the other rides shotgun in my red VW bug. A couple of weeks back, during the Jewish Holidays, he sent me a honey-nut cake just like my grandmother used to bake. Now that's a low blow. But he burned that sucker to death, and know what? He just cut the top off and sent it anyway. What a dude! I would have been so worried about what others thought that I'd have baked that bugger six times over until it was perfect. Well, if he had the balls to send it I certainly had the balls to eat it...and share it with the dogs...all of them.

The weeks went by; the letters and cards were coming almost daily, and so were the phone calls. And me—who wanted no part of this thing—was sending letters in return. I even sent him flowers at work on his birthday! "Explain those!" You know the little cutesy notices that come with your phone bill? Expect the next one to read, "AT&T thanks Lee and Rand for making possible the renovations to our New Orleans and Rogersville offices." If a day went by without a call or a letter, I missed him. I was also becoming very stressed over this thing. I didn't have the time for this, and yet it was on my mind constantly. I tried writing about it but didn't know what to say. On my next visit to the doctor, he asked why my blood pressure was doing such strange things. "Well, there's this guy..." I explained everything and he just smiled, "What's the matter, haven't you ever been wooed before?" he asked; "Sure", I replied, "but I'm not used to this — I'm a wooer, not a wocee."

Day by day I was getting more caught up, and finally had to ask myself what was going down here. He's not bad looking — not like I'd have to lock him in the cellar when company came. He's bright — a law student. "Hmm...could turn out to be a smart ass." But my mother would love it: "Oh yes, both my son and daughter are married to lawyers." (But mine's younger and cuter than my sister's). He's only 30. Awfully young...but then he could afford to keep me when I trade in my horse for a wheel chair. "What's a kid like that want with an old fart like me?" "Old fart, my ass! I'm a damn good catch — he'd be lucky to get me." He'd be company on long winter nights, somebody to talk to...now that Trail Pig is gone. But I'm used to things the way they are...I don't want to change. "You do too, you jerk!" Warm, loving, caring, steady sex right here on the farm, alright! "Yeah, but you'll miss the imported stuff you get once in a while." If you get the feeling that I didn't know whether to shit or get off the pot, you're right. What if I don't like him, or the sex is no good, or there's just no chemistry? We only spent a weekend together, and it never occurred to me to have him fill out a resume. Hell, I didn't even know there was an opening! Now what do I do?

The solution, I'm pleased to say, was right in front of me — sort of. I wrote about it a while back and decided if the advice was good enough to give it was good enough to follow. We set up a meeting far enough in advance to give us both a chance to get to know each other but not so far down the road as to drag things out ad nauseum. We had about six weeks lead time, and we made the most of it. We tried not to get too caught up in fantasies, but that's hard to do when you're a living, breathing human being who would kill just to have someone else get up in the morning and stoke the fire.

As the weeks went by we opened up to each other...I more slowly than he. That comes from being older...more cautious...scared shitless? I learned that I liked and admired this man...but could I love him? Sometimes we talked silly, dreamy stuff. If you can't share a man's dreams, don't expect to share his pillow. Other times we were serious; transferring schools, employment, his dowry. When you're 800 miles apart this is important stuff. Were we laying down the foundation of a long term commitment or were we just two lonely guys blowing pretty bubbles in the air? We didn't know. He arrived last Friday and we spent our second weekend together. There's not enough room left for me to share that with you now, so you'll have to wait until next time. I will say that the outcome was less than we hoped for and far more than we ever dreamed possible.



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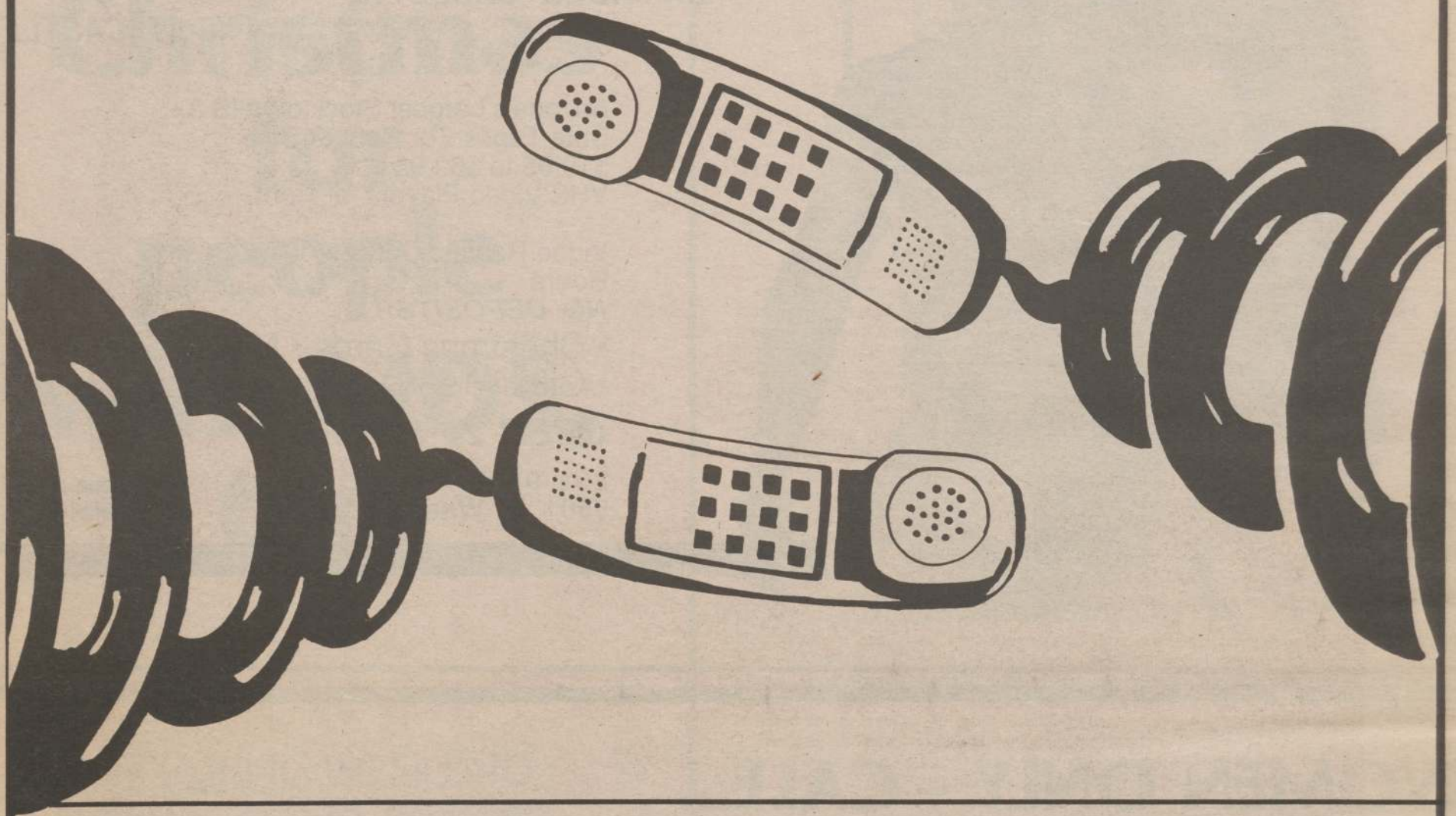
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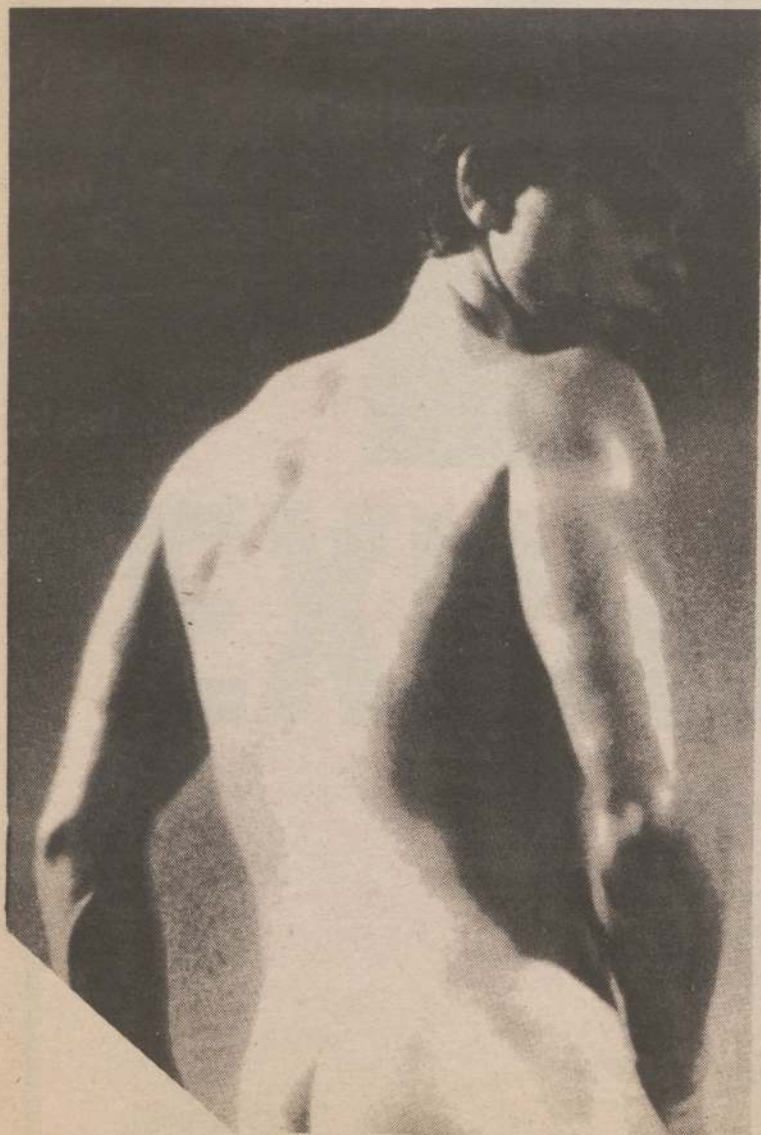
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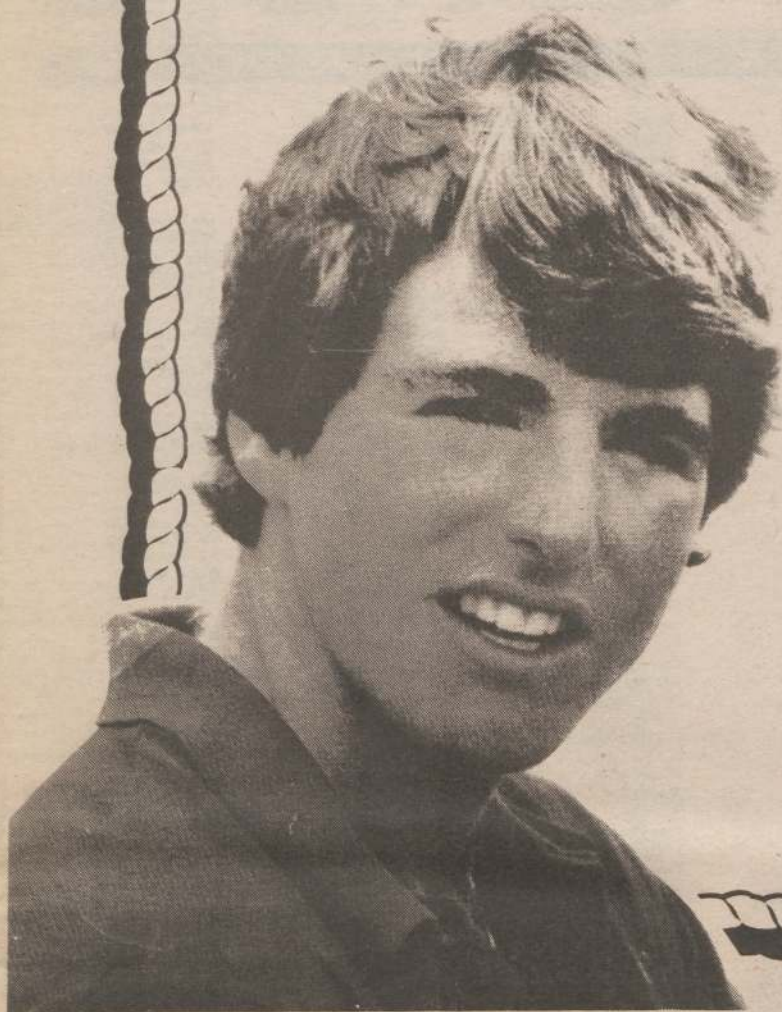
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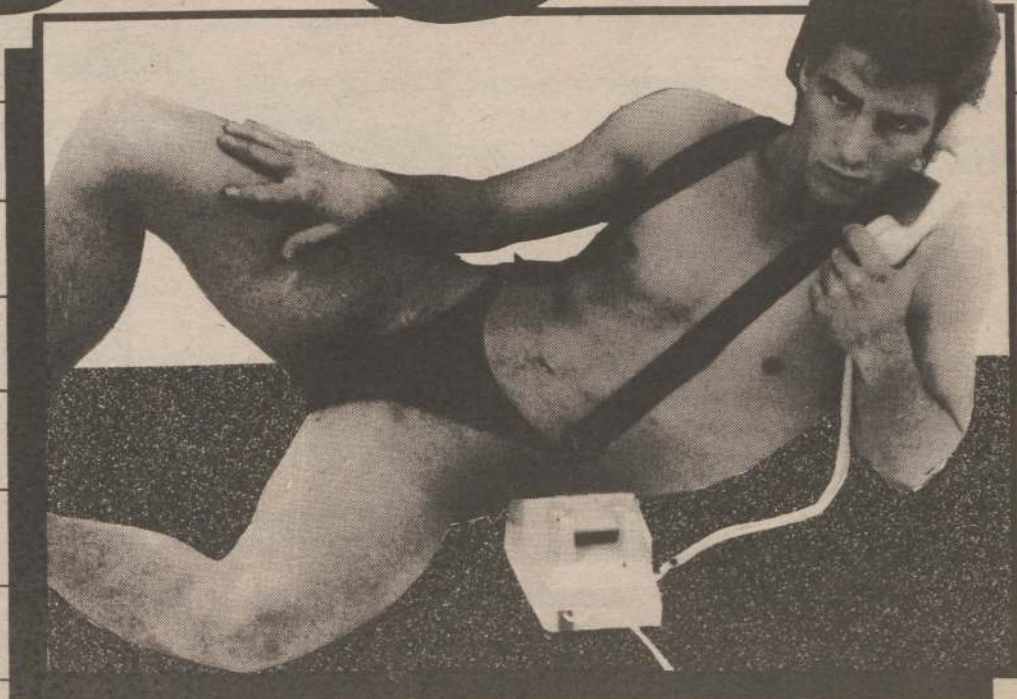


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AGRA: 3RD Anniversary Celebration. Charlies.
- 12/13
AGRA: Fundraiser. "Casino Night" Talk of the Town. 7pm.
- 12/14
DESERT OVERTURES: Mini-Concert for the "Days of Christmas", Charlies. Phone for details.
- 12/17
AGRA: Fundraiser. "Casino Night" Network. 7pm.
- 12/18-19
AAP: Sharing Weekend. \$\$\$ collected at clubs.
- 12/19
DESERT ADVENTURES: Hayride and Christmas party (tentative). 995-5021.
HOUSE OF THE DAWN: Self Hypnosis Workshop w/ Cal. Bring lunch.
- 12/21
COUPLES OF ARIZONA: Annual Christmas party. Non-members welcome! 831-5920/841-0583.
- 12/22
RELATIONSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP: "Holiday Hopes, Fears, and Fun!" 7pm. Unitarian Universalist.
SHANTI: Holiday Party. Indian Hospital (classrooms), 16th St. & Indian School.
- 1/3
HOUSE OF THE DAWN: "Exploring Within." Workshop w/ Jack & Calvin. 2-5pm. Donation.
- 1/7
PHOENIX GAY AND MARRIED MEN'S ASSOCIATION (GAMMA): Monthly meeting.
- 1/8-9 & 15-16
SHANTI: Volunteer Training. Fee. 265-3884.
- 1/8, 9, 10
AGRA: Fundraiser. "Western Weekend" at the Flex Complex. Details coming.
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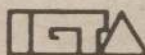
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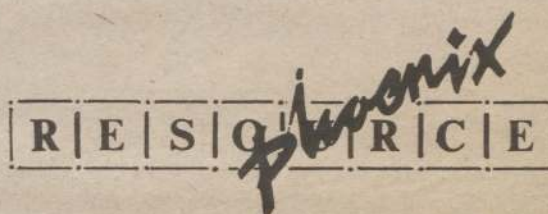
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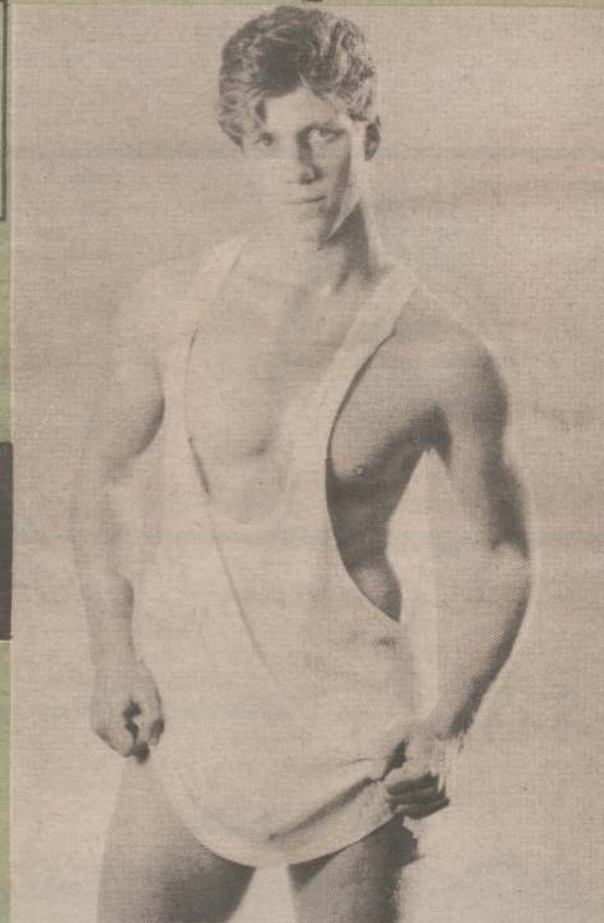
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