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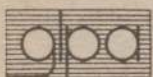
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GOVERNOR MECHAM: "NO COMMENT"

In yet another characteristic display of altered consciousness, our illustrious governor has failed to recognize the obvious: he is on his way out of office. Unfortunately, he is refusing to leave in a manner which would retain what little dignity he has left.

Rather than respond responsibly to the opinion of his constituency in Arizona and resign his office, Mr. Mecham intends to leave office kicking and screaming. In acting with complete disregard and disrespect for the voters of Arizona, Mecham is bent on forcing our state to spend millions of taxpayers' dollars on a recall election. In doing so, he will also succeed in raising still more divisiveness among voters and political parties alike. Democratic legislators have endorsed the recall, yet the Democratic party on the whole has not. Mr. Mecham is the topic of both friendly conversation and heated debate in homes, schools, on the street and in the workplace. Arizona as a whole is becoming more politically aware and involved — thereby even the Mecham administration has done some good, albeit in a backhanded way.

According to the latest figures released by the Mecham Recall Committee, at least 226,518 voters in Arizona have exercised their option to choose a Governor who will serve their interests rather than promote his own bigoted, isolationist views. Mr. Mecham has proven his inability to be publicly accountable by his steadfast insistence in repeating the key phrase, "no comment" to press and television reporters

alike. In matters of national security or sensitivity this is a valid response. In Mecham's case, however, use of this epithet is a continued attempt to evade inquiries regarding his honesty, character, policy, and ability.

If the Mecham Recall Committee succeeds in its endeavor to have the governor recalled, these past months will remain as only an unpleasant memory for most Arizonans. Fortunately, the Committee is exerting every effort to ensure the removal of Mecham from office. They have thus far put petitions in the hands of over 15,000 committed citizens, registered thousands to vote, and stirred the political consciences of supporters and detractors alike. Concerned citizens carrying petitions have donated their own time at football games, the Papal visit, the airport, shopping malls, valley concerts...anywhere they can find interested citizens. Many of us have donated money to fund the various state committee headquarters offices, the Recall "Wagon" which toured the entire state for a month, and the inevitable operating expenses the Committee has incurred.

The people of Arizona have joined together to fight this state's greatest threat to personal freedom today, the administration of dictator Evan Mecham. The Governor has stated recently that he has a "four year lease of the office;" soon he will be rudely awakened to the fact that no public official has the luxury of ignoring the voters he or she serves. Mecham was voted into office; he will be voted out of office just as easily.

— Lynne Harris

SCHEDULE FOR THE D.C. MARCH

Are you planning to go to Washington to participate in the National March for Gay and Lesbian Rights? You may want to consider staying in D.C. long enough to participate in the following events. (Remember Monday, Oct. 12 is Columbus Day — you may have this day off from work.)

Thursday, Oct. 8, and Friday, Oct. 9: National Lobby Day — delegations from around the country will meet with their senators and members of Congress to acquainting them with our issues and to urge them to support appropriate legislation.

Saturday, Oct. 10: The Wedding — A nonsectarian union celebration of the relationships of hundreds and perhaps thousands of same-sex couples. A reception will follow.

Lesbian and Gay Bands of America Concert—Thirteen bands and two choruses featuring 250 musicians will perform from 8-11 pm at DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW.

Sunday, Oct. 11: Veterans Memorial Service — Prior to the March, gay and lesbian veterans will conduct a memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to honor the many

thousands of gay men and lesbians who have given their lives while members of the U.S. military.

AIDS Memorial Project — The Name Project is creating a national AIDS Memorial composed of thousands of individual 3' x 6' fabric panels, each inscribed with the names of someone lost to AIDS. Completed panels can be sent to the Names Project, P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA (415)626-5725.

The March — Line up at 10 am with a step off at noon. To be followed by a rally.

Monday, Oct. 12: National Lesbian and Gay Rights Congress Planning Meetings — Plans will be initiated for a 1988 nationwide Congress of lesbians and gay men, to show our diversity, to establish our priorities and to devise strategies for accomplishing them.

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Civil Disobedience for Lesbian/Gay Rights — A non-violent civil disobedience action at the Supreme Court to demand full civil rights for lesbians/gay men; a powerful statement of resistance and hope for love and justice for all.

NEW CDC AIDS DEFINITION

Washington — The Centers for Disease Control has broadened its definition of AIDS, in an effort to follow the course of the disease more accurately, the *Chicago Tribune* reports. The original definition was composed in 1981, before the virus which causes AIDS was discovered. The definition required people to be diagnosed with an immune deficiency problem of unknown origin, and rare opportunistic diseases such as Kaposi's sarcoma or Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. The discovery of the HIV virus and the subsequent development of a blood test which detects antibodies led to the inclusion of a positive antibody test in the definition. Since that time researchers have found that people infected with the HIV virus can have other

infections and disorders such as emaciation, dementia, and tuberculosis. The new definition includes these various infections and disorders, in addition to the positive HIV antibody test. Dr. Timothy Dondero, chief of the surveillance and evaluation branch of the CDC's AIDS program, said that the new definition "will be more sensitive because it will pick up a larger proportion of AIDS cases and yet it will remain quite specific." The new definition is expected to produce an increase in the number of reported AIDS cases over the next few months, as officials go through their lists of suspected cases and report those excluded under the old definition but included in the revised version.

NEWS

MARCH ON WASHINGTON TO ORGANIZE A SPECIAL CONTINGENT FOR DISABLED

The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights announced plans today to organize a special contingent for persons with disabilities within the October 11 March and to make every logistical consideration necessary to accommodate the needs of the disabled community on the March itself.

According to Bruce Rose, National March Steering Committee Representative for Persons with Disabilities, accessibility for the disabled community is an important priority for every aspect of the March activities.

Vans, cars and open-air vehicles will be used to transport People with Disabilities and People With Aids who wish to ride with their contingents. Wheelchairs and wheelchair pushers will also be available throughout the March.

Hotels are being booked and housing accommodations are being made in facilities that are wheelchair accessible. Many of these hotels are within a few blocks of the wheelchair accessible D.C. Metro System. For hotel information call (202) 783-1828.

Sign language interpreters for the deaf and hearing-impaired are being lined-up for both the morning rally at the Ellipse and the afternoon rally at the Capitol on October 11.

According to Kay Ostberg, the Washington, D.C.-based National Co-Chair of the upcoming lesbian and gay rights march, "Every possible effort is being made to make this demonstration for civil rights accessible for Persons with Disabilities."

For more information, contact the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights at (202) 783-1828 or Bruce Rose at (404) 239-0222.

U.S. POST OFFICE REFUSES TO DO ITS JOB

San Francisco — The U.S. Postal Service refused to deliver hundreds of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club's Spanish-language AIDS education pamphlets to addresses in Central and South America, *The Washington Blade* reports. The pamphlets were returned to the group stamped unmailable; the post office claimed they they needed to be sealed in envelopes. The Club had however paid a higher postage for "air mail," so that usual restrictions were not in effect and the pamphlets did not need to be sealed.

When officials of the Club met with post office officials and noted this point, the post office agreed that the pamphlets should not have been returned, but said they were not responsible for the mistakes of individual post office employees. Club officials said they lost thousands of dollars in postage and in printing, because the stamp on the brochures renders them unmailable. Club director David Lewis said that the postal service has refused to carry their mail in the past, and he believes that post office employees are "expressing their personal distaste with having to handle AIDS education materials."

CUAV, NGLTF ANNOUNCE NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON ANTI-GAY/LESBIAN VIOLENCE DURING MARCH ON WASHINGTON WEEKEND

San Francisco's Community United Against Violence and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force are co-sponsoring a roundtable meeting for individuals and organizations concerned about anti-gay/lesbian violence and related issues. The meeting will take place on Saturday, October 10th — the day before the National March on Washington — at the Carlyle Suites Hotel, 1731 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., at noon.

The event will be facilitated by individuals with expertise on various aspects of anti-gay/lesbian violence, including:

- community organizing
- victim assistance
- educational programs to combat homophobia
- documentation of anti-gay/lesbian incidents
- police/gay community relations

Representatives of local and national anti-violence projects will describe their efforts and share materials about their programs with Roundtable participants. Discussion will also focus on national coalition efforts to end anti-gay/lesbian violence and a possible national conference on the issue in 1988.

Stated Glenne McElhinney, CUAV board member, "In the San Francisco area, anti-gay/lesbian violence has reached alarming proportions. The number of victims requiring surgery or hospitalization in recent months has increased more than 200% over the same period last year. We have also observed a sharp increase in violence against lesbians."

Added Kevin Berrill, NGLTF Anti-violence Project Director, "Anti-gay violence is pervasive in the United States. Now, more than ever, individuals and groups need to exchange information and ideas and work together to lift the siege under which we now live. It is our hope that this meeting will help promote action at the local level."

The Roundtable meeting is free to attend. No pre-registration is required. For information call (415) 864-3112.

San Francisco's Community United Against Violence exists to prevent violence against gay men and lesbians, and to empower and assist those who have been victimized.

LESBIAN MOTHER DENIED CUSTODY

A lesbian has been denied custody of her own child by a Georgia judge citing the state's sodomy law which contends homosexuality is a "crime against nature" (whatever that means) and that the woman's change in sexual preference and manner of exercising it is a "substantial change in circumstance." Leigh Vanderels responded to all this: "It is often easy for us to believe that we are relatively safe within our own structured space. What we need to remember is that each time one of us is discriminated against and we don't take a stand, all of us lose." Appeal has been denied and now the ACLU will shoulder the defense.

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MEXICAN AIDS CASES DOUBLE, SAYS MINISTER

Mexico City (UPI) — Cases in Mexico of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, have nearly doubled in the last five months, the Health Ministry announced.

In a written statement last Saturday, the ministry said the number of cases now reported in the country is at 662, up from 344 in late March. The statement said the highest number of cases were found in Mexico City, with 275, the State of Jalisco, with 89, and the state of Coahuila, with 47.

Some 43 percent of AIDS patients reported in the country have already died, the statement said.

The ministry reported 78 new cases in August. The number of pediatric cases in August rose by two, and 21 children are now said to have the disease.

Private agencies, such as the National Chamber of Hospitals, have said AIDS cases in Mexico are much higher than government figures show. The chamber estimates cases of the disease to number about 1,100 nationwide.

CONDOM STORE OPENS

Seattle — The Rubber Ducky has been doing a brisk business since it opened on Capitol Hill in June. The small shop owned by Bob Days sells greeting cards and a large array of condoms. The shop also displays information on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"We've had a good response and feedback to the store," said Days. "We have as relaxed an atmosphere as possible. A number of people are uptight about going to a drugstore and asking about condoms. They grab the first one they see, go to the cashier and pay for it. We're more willing to talk about the differences. We're concerned about what they do."

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REACH OUT AND ZAP SOMEONE

Now you can send a Western Union Telegraph electronic mailgram to Congress for only \$4.50 — about a third the cost of sending one independently. Here's your chance to oppose with ease the nomination of Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court and other lobby issues. The Action Hotline is sponsored by the Fairness Fund which facilitates direct mail to grassroots constituents in collaboration with the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the national Gay and Lesbian Task Force (the nation's two primary gay and lesbian lobbies). The 24-hour Washington-based toll-free number (1-800/325-6000, Operator 9188) will give you a choice of three 50 word messages urging Bork's removal from the Supreme Court nomination and addressing his hostility to civil rights and civil liberties in general. For an additional \$1 you may specify your own message in 50 words or less. The messages are part of a broad coalition effort and in no way reflect the sexual orientation of the sender.

The call will be billed to your personal phone number, of course. As we all know very well, justice has its price.

NEW METHOD OF AIDS TRANSMISSION

Borneo — A cannibal tribe on the tiny island of Borneo, located in the Indonesian Archipelago, may have been exposed to AIDS by eating a man who had the disease. The man, a Swiss botanist, was on the island working on a plant study project.

According to Ian Brinsdon, a Borneo official, the botanist had ARC when he began his project. However, the botanist's journal indicated that he later developed AIDS.

The health official is attempting to find out if any members of the tribe have contracted the disease.

THE WEDDING

Time to demand recognition of our relationships

J. Carey Junkin and Walter Wheeler

The Wedding is a demonstration for equal rights. It is not a wedding for people starting new relationships. It is called that because our society has told us we cannot have a wedding. It is time to tell the government and society that we already have committed on-going relationships and they deserve the same recognition as heterosexual relationships.

The Wedding is our chance to demand recognition of our relationships. Those of us in relationships must face the day-to-day repudiation of our on-going commitment. We must face employers that refuse to extend benefits to our partners, and insurance companies that not only reject us while living but repudiate our relationships in death. We must contribute to a tax structure that subsidizes married heterosexual couples. We must fight constantly just to preserve our families.

Several years ago the Reverend Moon married a large number of heterosexual couples in a mass wedding. This ceremony was used to join people together, many of who had just met, to obtain the many benefits of legal marriage. While this ceremony made a mockery of the law and real loving relationships, the government recognized these marriages. It is an outrage that the same government will not recognize our loving relationships. It is time to demand that recognition.

On October 10, 1987, hundreds and perhaps thousands of same-sex couples will demonstrate in Washington DC, for the recognition of our relationships. This demonstration officially sponsored by the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights, is intended to emphasize the March demand that lesbian and gay domestic partners be entitled to the same rights as married heterosexual couples.

The time has come for our society to recognize the true meaning of the word "family." The "ideal" or "Leave it to Beaver" family concept of the '50's continues to be upheld both socially and financially without regard to the percentage of Americans actually living in such situations.

Through the tax laws, the government subsidizes the traditional families at the expense of the majority

of tax-payers. After years of living together and sharing our financial burdens, same-sex couples can still not file a joint tax return — we must continue to check "single." It is time to remove family structure from the tax tables.

Through their policies, the insurance industry ignores the existence of same-sex couples and to some extent children of gay and lesbian parents. Only through court actions, by the National Gay Rights Advocates, did the American Auto-mobile Club in California extend its insurance policies to cover all co-habiting adults. They still won't let us have joint memberships with the reduced associate membership dues. It is time for all organizations to extend family status to us.

The rights of gay parents to the custody of their children are constantly being denied only because they are gay. Most states will not let us adopt children. Many gay parents have actually been told that they must choose between their children and their partner. It is time for the social services community to recognize our families. It is time for the government to stop destroying our families to leave their hands off our children.

Our own families refer to our partners as "roommate" or "friend." Too often they ignore our relationships at family gatherings. Some families even seize shared property upon the death of one partner. It is time for our families to extend the same love that they do for other in-laws.

There is only one qualification for family, and that is love. The lawyers and politicians may need their paper definition but we have our love and commitment. Love makes a family, nothing less, nothing else.

Join us at The Wedding as a participant or supporter for equal rights. On to Washington!

J. Carey Junkin is a member of the National Steering Committee for the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights representing the Wedding. Walter Wheeler is the president of Couples, Inc. "the National Organization for the Advancement of Gay and Lesbian Couples." They can be reached at P.O. Box 13323, Los Angeles, CA 90013-0323.

MARCH MORNING RALLY SPONSORED BY THE PEOPLE OF COLOR CAUCUS

On October 11th at 9:00 am, the March on Washington will kick off with a morning rally at the Ellipse sponsored by the People of Color Caucus of the March. The rally will provide a moving sendoff for tens of thousands of marchers as they assemble for the day's protest.

The morning rally will include speakers representing people of color, youth, seniors, people with disabilities and people of transgenderal orientation. Terri Ortiz, chair of the People of Color Caucus explained, "The morning rally provides the opportunity for a diverse group of grassroots organizers to share our heritage and dreams with marchers and to send them off with our hopes and visions."

The speaking segment of the rally is scheduled to end at noon. However, since marchers will be filing off the

ellipse for some time after the step off at noon, the Caucus will schedule music to continue until 1 pm.

Some of the speakers for the program include: Pat Parker, a black lesbian poet; John Bush, a professor emeritus of South Eastern College and former Co-Chair of Black and White Men Together; Loren Laureano, a Puerto Rican activist and Co-Chair of the National Association of People with AIDS; Morris Kight, a senior activist and co-founder of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Center; and black poets Essex Hempill and Wayson Jones. The musical performers for the rally will include the Lavender Light Gospel Choir and Lifeline.

For further information about the March on Washington, contact: Nick Curto (202) 628-0761.

10 MILLION DOLLARS AWARDED FOR AIDS RESEARCH

HHS Secretary Otis R. Bowen, M.D., today announced the award of \$10 million in cooperative agreements for research to discover new therapies for AIDS. Eleven newly formed National Cooperative Drug Discovery Groups received the funding by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

In announcing the awards, Dr. Bowen said, "In our continuing search for new approaches in AIDS treatment, we must strengthen the alliance between scientists in government, academia and private industry."

"These research groups represent an expanded, coordinated effort to utilize the capabilities of universities, pharmaceutical companies, research institutes and other organizations, in cooperation with the federal government, to develop potential therapies for AIDS. We believe they will add greatly to the basic and applied research foundation for future AIDS drug development," Dr. Bowen said.

The National Cooperative Drug Discovery Group Program began in 1986, when five NCDDG's were established. The addition of the 11 new groups brings to \$68 million the total projected funding for the program for 1987 through 1992. The program is managed by the Developmental Therapeutics Branch of NIAID's extramural AIDS program.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, NIAID director, said that cooperative agreements differ from both grants and contracts,

which have been more commonly used mechanisms for government funding of scientific research. "The NCDDG's," Dr. Fauci explained, "allow the academic and industrial partners to define and manage their basic and applied programs, with NIAID having a substantial role in assisting or facilitating their efforts when appropriate. NIAID will not direct the activities, but will provide a formalized framework for collaboration."

Dr. Fauci enumerated several features of the program. The principal investigator of each NCDDG determines the composition of the group, which determines its own research objectives, maintains all patent rights to the therapies developed and is not required to divulge negative data. NIAID will assist in the transition from preclinical studies to clinical trials in human volunteers. NIAID helps to expand the multidisciplinary approach by making available research resources in the various contract programs of the institute.

"We received a very enthusiastic response to our request for application," Dr. Fauci said, "confirming our conviction that this approach is attractive to industry and academia. NIAID's AIDS program is using this cooperative agreement mechanism for additional initiatives in clinical studies, vaccine development and international research. We believe that a national emergency like AIDS requires this kind of extraordinary mobilization of scientific resources."

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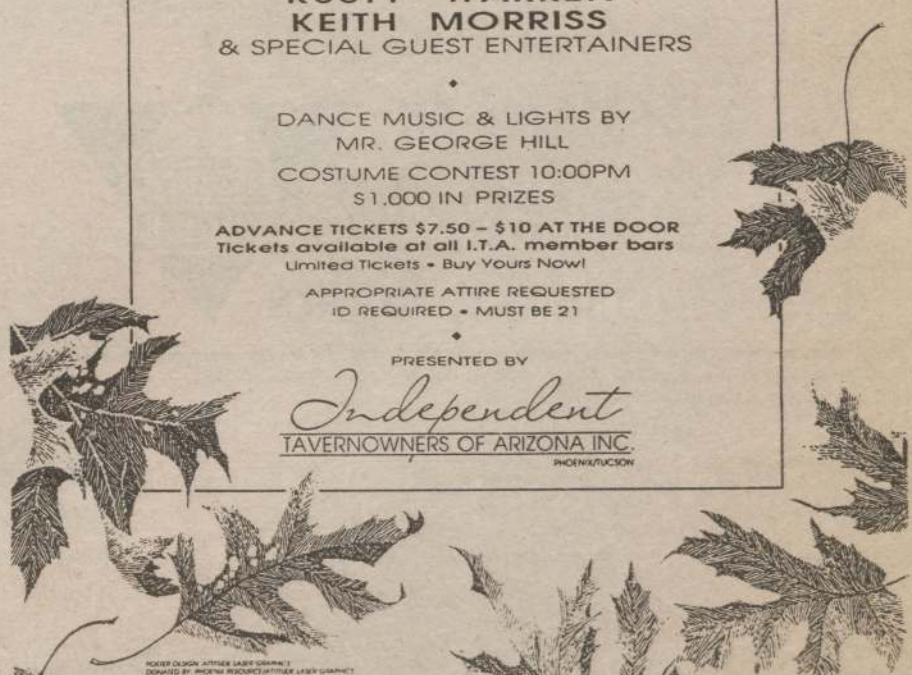
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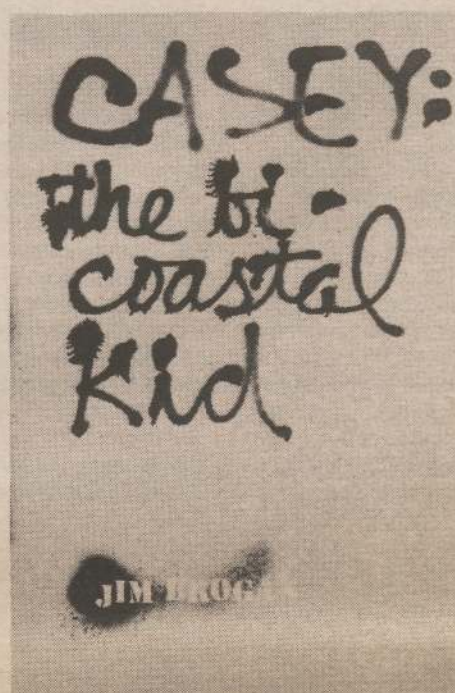
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MEGUMANS REVIEW



Casey: The Bi-Coastal Kid. Jim Brogan, author. Bolinas, CA: Equanimity Press, 1986. 219 pages. \$7.95 paperbound.

Brogan does it again. His previous book, *Jack and Jim*, was a rare treat when it appeared in the seventies (it's still available), when I was far less aware than I am now that any two people can fall in love naturally and simply, and it's beautiful. In the seventies, I was still discovering that love between men is for real, and *Jack and Jim* is one of the stories that helped make it real.

Now Brogan gives us *Casey: The Bi-Coastal Kid*, lest we forget that every kind of love that happens is real and right. *Casey* may be a mind-blower to the gay world of the eighties like *Jack and Jim*, among others, was to the straight world of the seventies — we all have our comfortable certainties about how people really are.

Casey is really Casey, and he doesn't fit easily into the way the most people know about life. Casey is a high-school senior. His parents are amicably divorced, and one lives on each coast. Casey's journal tells of his senior year, including time spent in households on both coasts, hence the title. Both parents are living their lives as more straight than gay, and both parents are open with Casey about their involvements, past and possible, with their own gender. No one in either household finds any of this unusual.

Casey's girlfriend is Gloria, and Gloria's twin brother is Mark. No, it's not going to be as contrived a situation as it sounds, but Casey and

Mark do have their own special friendship. Casey feels a different kind — but not a different depth — of bonding with his male friends, gay and straight, from his bond with Gloria, and the kid has the guts to express it, both verbally and physically. No one in their peer group finds any of this unusual either.

Least of all Gloria. Gloria is firmly protective of her own freedom to explore and experiment, and she consistently imposes the same demanding freedom on Casey. Gloria's discoveries include her own gender as well, including two women who'd had sex with Casey...this is written from a teenage male's viewpoint, so you've got to expect it to include a lot of sex, one way or another.

It's more than that, though — it's as dimensional as all love and growth. All of this feels just as strange to Casey as it does to us, and his journal and letters and forays into third-person narration show us the full range of his thoughts and feelings as well as his actions. Minor characters are well-developed enough that we readily accept the ring of truth in most of Casey's interactions.

Brogan rarely hits us between the eyes with his messages, but they're there. The more blatant part of what's there is the fun of being a bright, happy and lucky teenager — Casey's a good kid to know.

Meg is a counselor in private practice in Phoenix, and owner of Humanspace Books, Inc. Casey is available from Equanimity and at Humanspace.

37,867*

To date a staggering 37,867 people have been diagnosed with AIDS. 58% have died. Many more have ARC. Our government has ignored demands for full funding of the AIDS crisis. Five years of neglect tell us this is a dire political crisis, as well as a major health epidemic.

March for all people with AIDS/ARC. Stop the criminal neglect and genocide of our people.

Oct. 11th

ASSEMBLE: 9:00 am at the Ellipse, 17th St. & Constitution Ave. (Behind the White House) March starts 12 o'clock pm. Rally at the Capitol, West Terrace!

*as of July 10, 1987.

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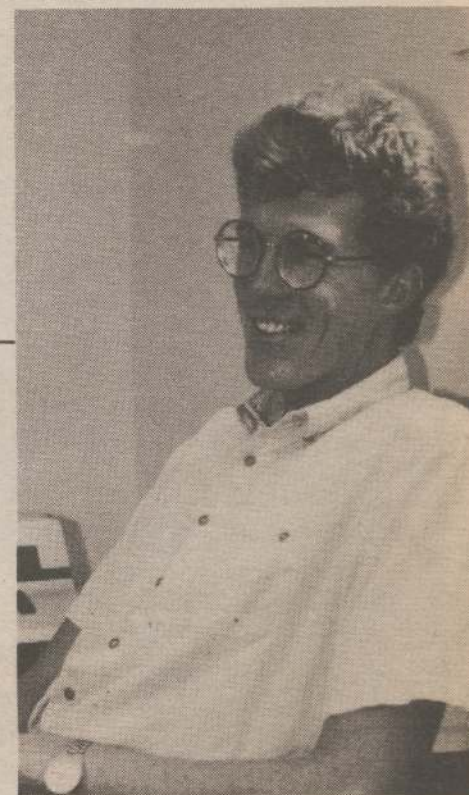
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SNOW RESIGNS FROM SWITCHBOARD



Nicholas Snow, who replaced Robert Hegyi as Executive Director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard last March, has resigned from that position as of Monday, September 28.

Snow's resignation came as a result of the current financial status of the Community Switchboard. Apparently the organization — whose only salaried staff member is its Director — has been unable to maintain Snow's salary. It's interesting to note that similar circumstances precipitated Hegyi's bowing out of his directorship of LGCS, and that the current board of directors had attempted to handle the problem by acquiring grants which would allow for a salaried employee on the LGCS staff.

Remaining board members were not willing to comment on why it is that Snow chose not to wait for the funding necessary to reinstate his salary. "I imagine that there were reasons, other than finances, out of which Nicholas chose to resign," commented board member Paul Bayfield. Says Snow, "One of the original goals of the Switchboard was for us to have a broad enough funding base to support having a salaried Director."

Meanwhile, Snow is seeking employment which will allow him the time to continue participating with LGCS. During the month of October, Snow will remain on hand to "tie up loose ends. I'm still part of the team — we're working together to insure that the organization continues to move forward."

Asked to speculate on the re-election of an Executive Director to replace him, Snow suggests that this is dependent upon the organization's ability to finance the position — or to find someone willing to fill the bill as a volunteer. "For the time being," continues Snow, "the Switchboard will concentrate on living within its means...and not expanding its expenses by paying an Executive Director until it can afford to do so." Bayfield concurs, saying, "Right now we have no plans to look for a new Director. We're looking into a grant that would allow us to have a salaried person on staff."

"As a result of my resignation," concludes Snow, "the Board is becoming more active. (They) will oversee the growth and development of the Switchboard, at least for now. What's happening is that the organization is becoming more sophisticated and less dependent on one person."

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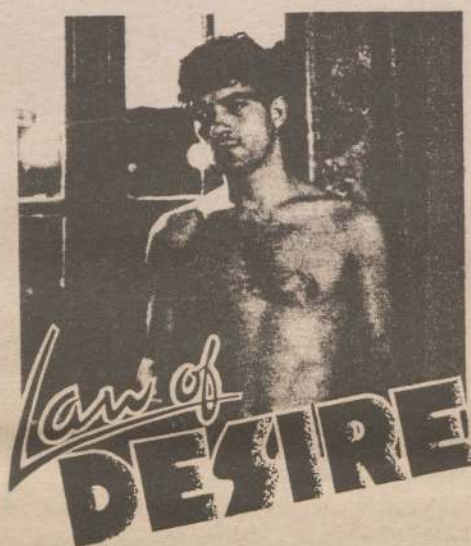


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LAW OF DESIRE:

An outrageously polysexual film

Guest reviewer: Ivan "Gay Caballero" Martinson
Seattle Gay News

Pedro Almodóvar's *Law of Desire* played with little fanfare last July. The law of supply and demand was curiously violated, in that the week chosen for an outrageously polysexual film that delighted all the major critics back East, hit the rest of the country with so little fanfare, that those who might have reviewed and acclaimed it barely had the chance to.

And it turned out to be the best gay movie of several years. It is an exciting, stylish, genuinely comic, and often touching film. Something no gay should miss, something few thinking movie lovers of any orientation would not enjoy.

Pablo (smooth-faced Eusebio Poncela) is a famous director of "artsy" pornographic films. His storm affair with Juan (luscious Miguel Molina) is interrupted by Juan's vacation. Although obsessed with Juan, Pablo is not above seducing young Antonio (Antonio Banderas), who worships Pablo's films. Antonio has never done it with a guy before — one good fuck and he's obsessed. Pablo wakes up to find Antonio painting his apartment, cooking his breakfast. And, though Pablo doesn't know it, he is also reading his diary and his mail.

This Hitchcockian affair (I thought of *Vertigo*), so perfect for a self-dramatizing adolescent like Antonio, so problematic to the bewildered Pablo, would not itself make *Law of Desire* a special film. But this plot is intercut with the story of Pablo's sister, Tina (abrupt, elegant, melodramatic Carmen Maura — who has been compared to Anna Magnani, but is far prettier). Tina has lousy luck with men and is losing her lesbian lover (played by a stunning male transvestite) whose daughter, Ada, Tina would like to keep and raise in an atmosphere of *mucho* religiosity. It turns out that Tina was born a boy and seduced by her father, who insisted she get a sex-change operation. She finds happiness only in Ada and in acting in Pablo's stagings of Cocteau...but what if she should meet Antonio?

Add to these ingredients murder, amnesia, art imitating life, life imitating art imitating life, and corrupt police ("That's not enough cocaine for a conviction." "No, but it's enough for two hits — you want one?"), and you see why I'm having trouble with this plot summary.

Law of Desire has a wonderfully clean, economical, high tech look to it. The crazy story unfolds so gently that it seems for a long time quite reasonable. The plot resolutions are operatic — both the grand and soap varieties — but everything seems to fit. We're too intrigued and too fond of Pablo and Tina to think it merely ridiculous — it is ridiculous, and touching and alarming as well. Almodóvar's master of story telling with a camera is of the first rank, and in his care for his characters, even such minor but immediately colorful ones as Antonio's German mother and the father/son cop team, one sees the quick, complete touch of the finest short-story writers of the screen. *Law of Desire* is a major gay romance and some kind of screwball classic. Don't miss it.

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by Kurt Erichsen

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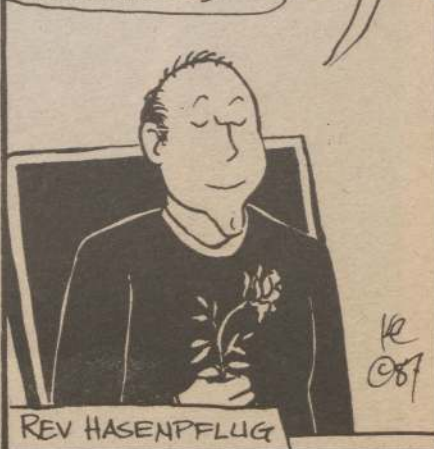
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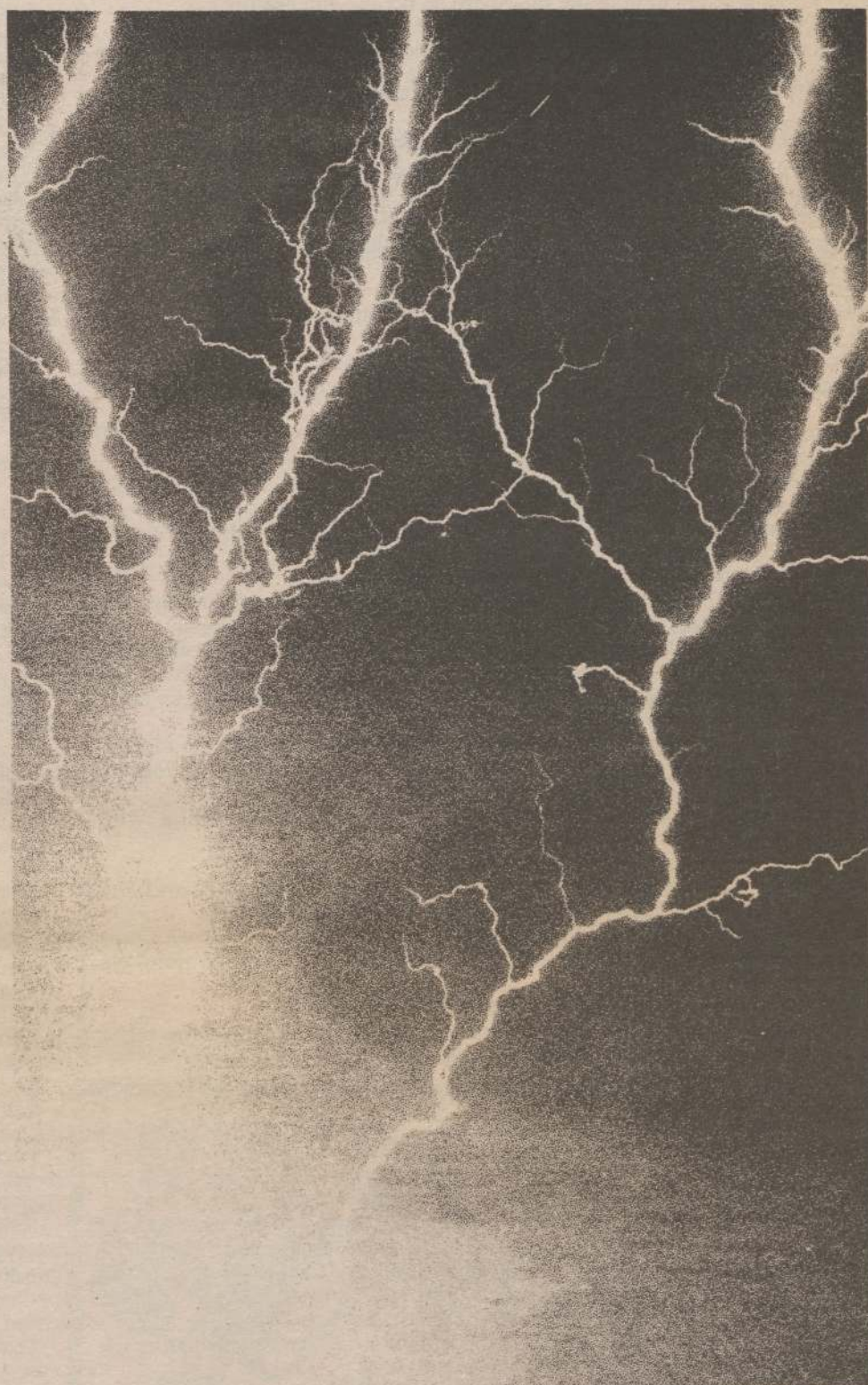
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TAKING THE TEST

Some thoughts — and fears — written after taking the HIV anti-body test.

Meg Umans



Wednesday:

"I want to take the test." He's been wanting to take the test for over a year now, wanting to know, afraid to know. Worrying whenever he loses weight or sweats.

"I don't know where to take it. Maybe I should go to California." California has mandatory reporting too. We talk about the possibilities — private doctor, private clinic, home test, County clinic. County has no interest in whether the name you give them is real or assumed. I've talked with some people who work in the STD clinic at County, and some people who've taken the test there; we discuss what to do and what to expect.

"I'm scared. I don't want to be on lists. I don't want to die this way." I'd be scared too, and angry.

"I'll come with you."

"I was waiting for you to say that."

"But I won't take the test. If I still have this rash, and if I test positive, I'll go into a tailspin."

Thursday:

So what? My life's been spinning all summer anyway, and one of the things this year has taught me is that I can make my way through whatever's out there. I want to take the test. Not because I have any of the symptoms of AIDS, but because of a growing feeling of commitment to...what?...humanity and life and death and spirit. As more people allow me to be with them through illness and death and internal journeys, I want to be more with them. My experience of the testing procedure — the internal debate, the decision, the actual clinic procedure, the waiting, hearing the result, dealing with the result — will let me be there on common ground.

And it'll make me more likely to be listened to when I talk from the inside about the jungle of test-related traps.

Why do I want to get into this mess just because so much of my community is in

it? And why do I want to do it with my real name? Well, that's the easy one: it'll make it easier to continue calling the shots as I see them. But why do it at all? Because I'm relatively free of the practical consequences of being on lists, because my psychological and spiritual resources are relatively strong, because I want to validate what sometimes feels like arbitrary trust in me.

Friday:

"I'll take the test with you. As Meg Umans."

"Oh?"

Saturday:

"I'm going to take the HIV-antibody test."

"What's that?"

(Shit, why do I bother?)

"The AIDS test."

"Oh. Do you think you have it?" She leans back, her eyes dart. Shit, why do I bother.?

Sunday:

The rash that's taking over my right hand isn't making this any easier. Neither are the scabs that are still on my leg from the scratches I got in May. Neither is thinking about all the times my father wouldn't let anyone else touch him while he was sick and dying, and his pee and his spit and his cuts and his sores and none of us ever thought of rubber gloves. And none of this is reasonable cause to think I've got HIV antibodies running around in my blood just waiting to be overwhelmed by the virus they're running around with and I've got to get some sleep.

"Will you call me if you need to talk while you're waiting for the result?"

"Okay." Because he wants to be there for me.

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Monday:

We've heard that the way to do this is to turn up at the County STD clinic at 7:45 any weekday morning and get in line to wait for the clinic to open. At 7:40 there's hardly anyone there, and only the same few people at 8:00.

"This guy I know is going to take the bus there so no one will see his car."

"We'll go in mine. I'm using my real name anyway."

So I'm driving and he's nervous and I want to hold his hand or keep my arm around him but I can't drive that way. I remember high school dates where the guy's right hand was all over me as he drove — just another cultural fringe benefit of growing up male...

At 8:00 we're told that the clinic takes appointments a day ahead. I go into my assertive-woman stance and we get appointments for noon. We dawdle over breakfast, shop, hang out at his apartment. I browse through his nursing books for descriptions to match my rash. Plenty of options — fatal, psychosomatic, chronic, stress-related, genetic; most of them without known cause or cure. Reassure the patient.

The receptionist is slow and abrupt again.

My number is called, exactly on time, and a small, young woman leads me into her cubicle and closes the door.

"I'm Marla. Do you have reason to think you're at high risk?"

She's friendly, cheerful, good eye contact, sits close, doesn't flinch when I touch her.

"I'm going to give you some information about risks and symptoms, and I'll answer any questions you have."

As she talks, she pulls out photocopied information sheets as she needs them, places them facing me, scribbles new information on them upside down, looks up a lot to see whether I understand, whether I have questions. She doesn't watch the clock.

"We don't check ID, but I need to write something down here."

Name, address, phone number. I ask who'll have access to the information. If I test negative, no one but her, and she destroys her copy. If positive, the information goes to "someone at State" who contacts me to get me to take a TB test...but county clinic will start doing the TB tests themselves soon. Then the information is scrambled and stored in a computer. Why? SO CDC and the state can do statistical breakdowns by city.

I ask whether she sees any glitches in letting people use my business address and phone and an assumed name. That's fine — no results are given by phone or mail anyhow; you have to come back.

The appointment felt good. Marla was with me; she wanted to be doing what she was doing.

"Now a technician will take your blood."

Marla introduces me to the technician — Bob, of Phoenix Shanti — and she stays in the room with me while he takes blood. He's friendly, and quick.

"Now go make your appointment to get the results. It takes three weeks now because a lot of people are taking the test, but the lab'll get it back to ten days soon."

My blood is labelled with my appointment number, not my name.

The receptionist is still cranky. Our appointment slips are coded so the other patients don't have to hear us say "HIV" to the receptionist.

If I test negative now, I'll take the test again — I had my father's fluids on my skin less than three months ago.

My friend feels a little better now that that's done — living with the results of a decision can be easier than making the decision, and for now he's done all he can do. He says that if I hadn't been there at 8:00 he'd have made an appointment for his next day off and not kept it. I know the feeling.

Marla and I compared notes on our resource lists and our impressions of various referral sources. She said that three of the people who work with HIV status are involved in and familiar with the issues, and the fourth is learning. By chance, my friend worked with the one who's learning — Anthony — and implied that Anthony isn't real communicative, but did a fine job of answering questions.

This part of the experience was assuring and affirming. I haven't read through the pile of handouts yet, but I don't expect any surprises.

Thursday:

When the subject comes up, and with people I know well as I see them, I've been mentioning that I took the test. Everyone's first question is "How long does it take?" Some people who are wondering whether to take the test, or what actually happens, want a minute-by-minute description.

All along, I've gotten occasional good-intentioned criticism for talking about AIDS at work: "The people who come here hear about it enough and think about it enough, they don't want to talk about it too."

Maybe. But I've talked with many who do want to talk about it because they're used to thinking about it isn't okay. And many who are appallingly uninformed simply because they don't know where information is available or whom to ask.

And yes, dammit, I want to scare people. All the people at high risk who've never known anyone who tested positive, much less developed AIDS. The people who are afraid they won't know how to act if someone they know or love develops AIDS. Someone else, not them.

I've got my own head in the sand. It won't happen to me.

Yesterday I saw someone I like and respect and admire a lot, but don't see more than every two or three months. I didn't recognize him. I've seen the pattern of facial swelling before — it's a reaction to some treatments of the opportunistic infections. But I didn't recognize him and I didn't hug him and I was on the phone and I didn't make a point of saying "Stay, and we'll talk", because he usually stays anyway, and I went back to the phone and he left and I felt guilty for the rest of the day.

So last night I fell and injured my foot and now I can barely walk and I suppose that takes care of something or other. This isn't fun.

Friday:

My foot hurts less today, I can put more weight on it; I can — sometimes — move spontaneously. Unlike the rash, some things that go wrong with my body don't just keep getting worse. Of course, the rash is a hell of a lot more likely to be connected with immune response, but I don't want to think about immune response now.

So why am I reading about it? Coincidence? One of the new AIDS books was

next-up in my stack of review books, so I'm reading it. No, I'm reading it — someone's diary — in case I need it as inoculation...as rehearsal.

Sunday:

I don't like thinking about this. But I guess writing is one way to stop thinking.

Okay. Mom did better with it than I expected. "You're not with them in any way that you could get it, are you? Like kissing or fucking?"

"Not fucking. And kissing just occasional pecks on the lips or cheek."

"Yeah, I guess everyone does that. But you can get it from kissing too, from saliva."

"No, keep up on your reading. I'd have to drink two quarts of saliva, and I don't intend to."

"Yeah, but I read that somewhere."

But I haven't told her that Marla's face clouded when I told her that Dad died with septicemia. And she...Mom...picks today to tell me that one of the specialists who saw Dad a few days before he died was "an infectious disease man", and her son-in-law-the-doctor said that was very important because Dad was full of infections. Whoopee. I didn't say anything. So I'll get tested again three months from when he died.

Talking with someone who got his AIDS diagnosis ten months ago. He's had illnesses, for which he refused to be hospitalized — "They're not going to want to be around me, and I don't want to subject myself to that." He's weaker now than he used to be, and thinner, but he feels good and looks good, and he's building cabinets for the house he and his roommate just moved into.

He used to host groups in his home for people with AIDS or ARC or HIV-positive. He says the people who test positive and are healthy worry a lot, and he tells them to stop thinking about it and play safe and take care of themselves — if they build up stress, they'll end up where he is. He thinks people shouldn't take the test unless they have a specific reason.

Talking with two people who did take the test for specific reasons. One's actively bisexual, living with his wife. The other's living with his lover in a long-term exclusive relationship. They both tested negative, and are therefore glad they were tested. But...?

We compared experiences of the testing procedure, the different information each tester required (so far, all the testing sites I'm aware of, including private, are willing to accept minimal or fictional personal information), the telling-the-results procedure...which I don't know about yet. I've heard horror stories of results told over the phone. People misreading identity codes, misreading test results, telling results to someone other than the testee. County makes you code in again to get your result.

Wednesday:

Looks like he was right. My body is achy — probably from the compensations for limping, and from not getting enough sleep, and not eating enough because I'm not getting enough exercise to be hungry — and I've got a sore throat which is probably just the beginning of the cold that everyone else has. And I'm thinking about acquiring a business that didn't work for the previous owners but would for me, and I woke up with the thought, "But I have to sell the store. I have AIDS." And another two weeks to wait for my test result. My dreams aren't always fun either.

And about sex. Minimal interest, minimal physical response. I seem to have put a wall around even thinking about anything that could possibly kill someone, and if it could possibly kill someone, it's less fun to think about.

Party. Mostly gay activists. By unspoken consensus, no one mentions the "A" word. But we allude to the syndrome, and we talk about aerosol pentamidine (used by some to protect against PCP).

Now I'm more alert to reports about aerosol pentamidine in my reading, as well as reports of other alternative options. A writer for Gay Men's Health Crisis thinks the medical profession is suppressing the use of aerosol pentamidine because if there are fewer cases of PCP then that will distort the AIDS statistics. Great.

Testing. Several test protocols require clean data — the patient is supposed to stop all other medication so improvement can be more easily attributed to the treatment being tested. Great. Let 'em die as long as it doesn't skew the statistics.

Friday:

How much of this am I doing to myself, and for what purpose? A friend suggested that maybe I'm punishing myself, or appeasing the gods, or something like that, because so much in my life is going right now. Okay, maybe — to everything but AIDS.

Wednesday:

Talking with someone who took the test when he lived in another state. Had to wait a month for his result. Didn't tell his wife, but stopped having sex with her, without explanation. Didn't tell anyone else either — went through a month of wondering, all alone. When he got his result, he was asked to fill out a questionnaire — how many of these (about sixty) anxiety symptoms did you have while you were waiting? He wonders why the clinic couldn't have handed out a list of the anxiety symptoms at the time of testing, so people wouldn't think they were disease symptoms. I wonder too. He mentions the test every few days, to see whether I want to talk about it, because he knows how hard it is to do this alone. And that most of the world doesn't want to hear about it. The test may be almost as much of a social isolator as the damn disease.

And talking with a friend who hasn't taken the test but has recognized his own symptoms of ARC, which he keeps in remission with his natural health-care regimen. He wants to relax me, to get me to stop fretting unnecessarily.

"But you're not losing weight, are you? And you're not having night sweats, are you? And you're not doing unsafe stuff, are you?"

Thank God he didn't wait for answers between questions. I won't lie to him. The spoken answer was no, I'm not doing unsafe stuff, but I've done my share — oral, anal, vaginal.

The unspoken answers are yes, I'm losing weight, and yes, I'm having night sweats. Don't want to lie down because I'll wake up drenched. Tell myself it's because it's hot, and/or because I'm fighting the flu. Tell myself that's why I'm weak and sleepy most of the time.

A customer diagnosed the rashes on my hand as a fungus: tinea-something. That makes sense of a lot of what's happening with them. He called later in the day to say he'd found a picture that looked like my rashes, and this is what I

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should put on them...Okay, I'll do that next.
Caught myself thinking "When I have more energy, I'll move the bookcases around." That's dangerous. I'll move them today.

Saturday:

Doing it again. The bookcases still need a lot of shoving around, and now that the Fall greeting cards are starting to come in, so do the card spinners. Found myself thinking about how I'll rearrange them when I have more energy. But I may never have more energy than this, which is enough to get by, but not enough to feel good or utilize my potential. Why isn't anything getting any better? Susan and my mother will be visiting at the beginning and end of next month. I don't want either of them to see me like this. Like what? Weak, tired, emotionally neutral.

It's been almost three weeks — 48 hours from now I'll know my test result — and I still haven't even picked up the pile of papers Marla gave me to read.

Maybe part of why my friendships are all in good working order now is that I don't have the emotional or intellectual energy to analyze them, I just do them. Or don't do them, and don't apologize.

But meanwhile all I want to do is sleep, and even sleeping ain't what it used to be. Careful of my hand, careful of my foot, still wake up soaked sometimes — but less as the flu runs its course. And dreams. Whatever I'm afraid to deal with has even masked itself in my dreams: I'm dreaming other people's pain.

I want my mommy, I want my daddy, I want a man to hold me and pet me and let me feel protected.

Sunday:

Chatting with a customer yesterday. "I decided to come here because it's the only thing I can do for myself that I'm sure will always be nourishing." Thank you. And our conversation nourished me in a totally unexpected way.

This man and I are both feeling sorry for ourselves now. He asked whether I've considered that the hard times I've had may be an indication that this is my last time around.

"Yes, and I've had other indications of that. But I like it here, as much as I bitch about it and I want to come back. I was taken to a future life where my major task was writing, and I want that life."

I needed that conversation — I'd forgotten recently how much I do like it here. Keep remembering that.

Meanwhile, I've read the stack of information from the clinic.

In a nutshell, oops.

Anyone who's had sex with a man who's had sex with a man since 1977. Yes. My partner's partner was a sexually active gay man, and my partner was anal-receptive. And will all the screwing around I've done, I don't even know who else was involved with whom or what.

My father. Infectious disease specialist. He had pneumonia and lost his mind near the end.

The...thing...on my leg. "In its early stages, it may look like a bruise or blue-violet or brownish spot...it's usually harder that the skin around it." Yes. I'll ask Marla. Some of John's lesions looked and felt like this.

Swollen glands. I think so.

And other strange things, that may be "just" the ringworm spreading.

The fatigue is less today, but I slept for ten hours.

Monday:

His appointment is at 8:45; mine is at 9:00; we'll meet here at 8:30 and use my car again. I was up before 6:00, figuring out how soon I could sell the store and get a job that provides health insurance and hope that the insurers don't bother asking women about HIV testing...and I'd better get a roommate because I'll need help with personal care...And taking my mood out in a "fuck off" letter to someone who hasn't done anything that bad:

And my friend arrives. I chatter. He interrupts.

"Are you nervous?"

"Terrified. I just read the handouts yesterday."

"I still haven't."

"Good. They made it worse for me."

He offers to drive my car, which he dislikes. I accept. He's called in right away, gets his result, and comes out flapping it at me while I'm waiting to be called. He's negative. We start talking about lesions, and my friend who died with AIDS last year. I'm starting to show him the strange thing on my calf when Marla spots me.

Marla apparently assumed that I knew I'd test negative. She was simply glad to see me, and we chatted for a while before she thought of digging up the slip of paper that said negative, handed it to me, tore up her copy, and went on chatting. I like her. We had a pleasant and productive talk, comparing our impressions of medical referrals, making notes based on each other's information. We talked about the store as an information source, we parted with "See ya soon."

Pleasant networking visit, both of us acting like of course my result would be negative. God, I'm so cool I could vomit.

And then my friend and I just about choked each other with hugs.

And then we went for coffee and acted cool some more. And then we came back here and he read this and then we talked about how the three weeks had been for him. I didn't know he hadn't told anyone. Whenever we talked about it, he said he was managing not to think about it.

Well, he was managing not to talk about it.

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EATING DISORDERS:

A Major Concern

by Gabrielle Antolovich
Frontiers

It is estimated that more than half the American population have eating disorders of one kind or another. Statistics are scattered and not comprehensive and none are specifically about lesbians or gay men.

The *Eating Arch* is a continuum of eating disorders by Susan Sloan who wrote *The Slender Balance*.

1. *Anorexia Nervosa* — these people have lost 25% of their original body weight and "feel fat." 90% of anorexics are women, most of them teenagers. Statistics indicate that one in every 250 women will develop anorexia. There are two types of anorexics: *restrictor anorexics* deny themselves food, and *bulimic anorexics* end binges by vomiting or using laxatives and diuretics.

An anorexic often comes from what looks like the perfect environment materially. Ninety percent have one parent who is an obsessive weight watcher, and 10 percent have mothers or sisters with eating disorders. Anorexic persons often feel they can't live up to the expectation of others, even though they are high achievers. Being such "people pleasers" means they suppress anger and may feelings and thoughts that are perceived as unacceptable, thus losing sight of what they want. This feeling of being out of control will lead the anorexic to seek the perfect slender body as an attempt to regain some measure of control over his/her life. This general profile of the anorexic fits many gay men's lifestyles and certain circles of obsessive body-beautiful lesbians. The new high achievers would intimidate any new gay to the scene. Watching the frantic masses frequenting the gymnasiums, being seen in the right public places, looking the perfect weight, and eating at the right cafes, could make many gays feel they are not good enough — a perfect set-up for anorexic behavior. Another time of powerlessness which can trigger anorexic behavior is when a relationship becomes totally out of your control.

2. *Normal Weight Bulimic Purgers* — these people binge often and purge through vomiting, laxatives, enemas, or diuretics to maintain normal weight. Bulimia is the official psychiatric term for eating a lot of food in a short period of time and purging either by vomiting, laxatives, diuretics, amphetamines or excessive exercise. It is in this category that most gay male bulimics fall. Here is the disguise of normality and the secret weight controller. The pressure to be perfectly good-looking in single circles is enormous and many businesses profit a great deal from this obsession alone. It is like being caught up in a whirlwind of "hunk" photos in gay magazines, tank-tops revealing strong gymnasium-bred muscles, dancing with the right flexibility, and eating exotically often. It's enough to make you throw up — to keep up! Not only is the bulimia triggered by the gay scene itself, but also through relationships.

Relationships can often tap you into old family dynamics. If you have eating disorders, incest, alcoholism or rape in your background, then bulimic behavior often develops as a way of managing feelings. This can be very distressing to you and your lover because bulimia and any other eating disorder is addictive and can become a problem in itself.

Lesbian relationships can get very intense and do bring up unresolved issues from the past; and if this isn't recognized, then they re-enact the past onto each other and repeat the old patterns. Therapy and 12-step programs such as Overeaters Anonymous, Al-Anon and Adult Children of Alcoholics are popular among lesbians and growing numbers of gay men. Different spiritual paths and teachers are also popular along with holistic healing techniques.

3. *Situational Purgers* — these people purge for specific occasions. This means losing quick weight to fit into that tuxedo for the annual lesbian ball, or that animal suit for Halloween. Situational purgers are also those who "pigged out" at the AIDS benefit and felt bloated, ate twice at the AA birthday party and knew they had a dinner date in an hour, and those who need a flat stomach for work the next day.

4. *Bulimic Dieters* — when they binge, these people don't use instant weight loss methods such as vomiting, but they do fast or exercise.

5. *Chronic Dieters* — these people — instead of eating a whole cake at once — will nibble on it all day and wonder what happened to it. At other times, chronic dieters will be on the latest fad diet convincing everyone to go on it with them. Diet queens talk excessively about all diets and diet food, and know about all the health spas, and may take the occasional exercise class.

6. *Noncompensatory Bulimics* — these are the overweight-to-obese people who when they binge do not try to compensate. They are upset by their compulsive eating and weight problems and are often the ones drawn to Overeaters Anonymous.

Lesbians have a reputation of being overweight, and a lot of lesbians are, but those who are not are often assumed to be heterosexual. The invisibility of lesbians is a major issue — some go with the disguise, some are upset that they are mis-labelled, and some go with the "fat" lesbian image and find safety in that. Many lesbians don't fit into any of these categories. Losing weight can mean gaining the attention of heterosexual men, the family believes that your lesbiansim go away, your friends think you're okay now. There are many other outside pressures which lead compulsive overeaters back to eating heavily, or having to develop new friendships.

Many couples talk about how eventually their contented state leads them to grow fat together. Some people prefer their partners to be overweight. Overeating is a growing problem among the men and more gay men are seen in recovery groups.

7. *Occasional Dieter* — these people sensibly cut back their eating, say after a gourmet holiday.

8. *Normal Eater* — these are rather rare people.

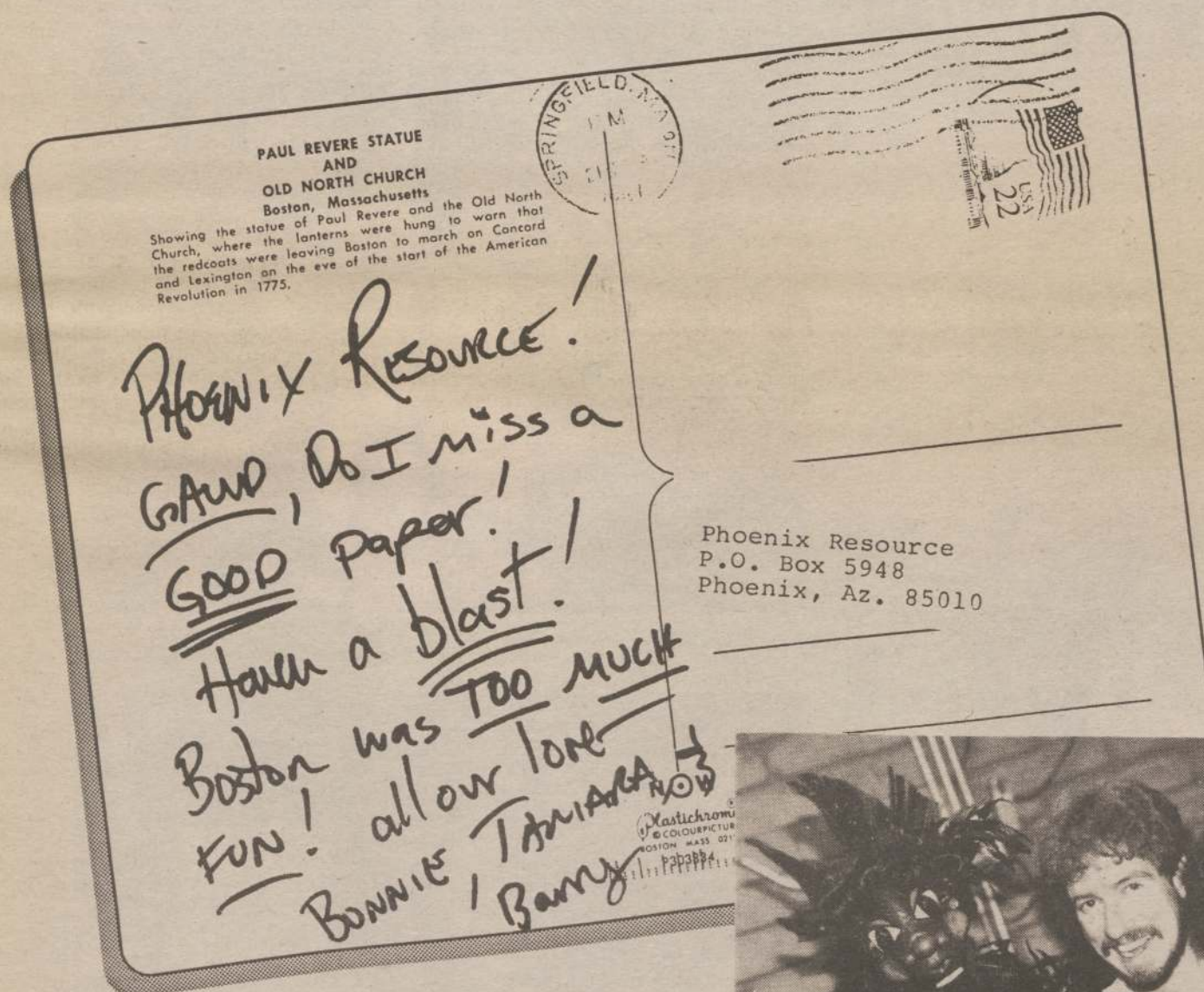
There is much overlap and interchange in eating behaviors along the Eating Arc.

Special Note On Addiction

Even though there was a specific reason why certain eating disorders began, if a person gets addicted to vomiting, eating sugar, using laxatives, etc., then the behavior will continue even after the original problem no longer exists. This is why some people need intense and long-term treatment.

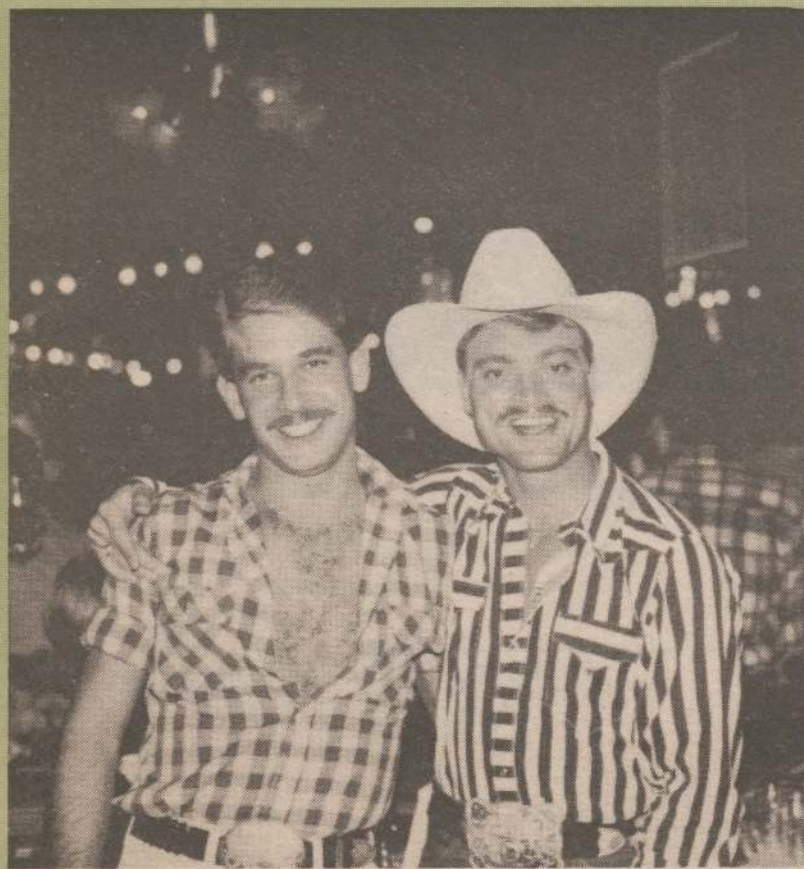
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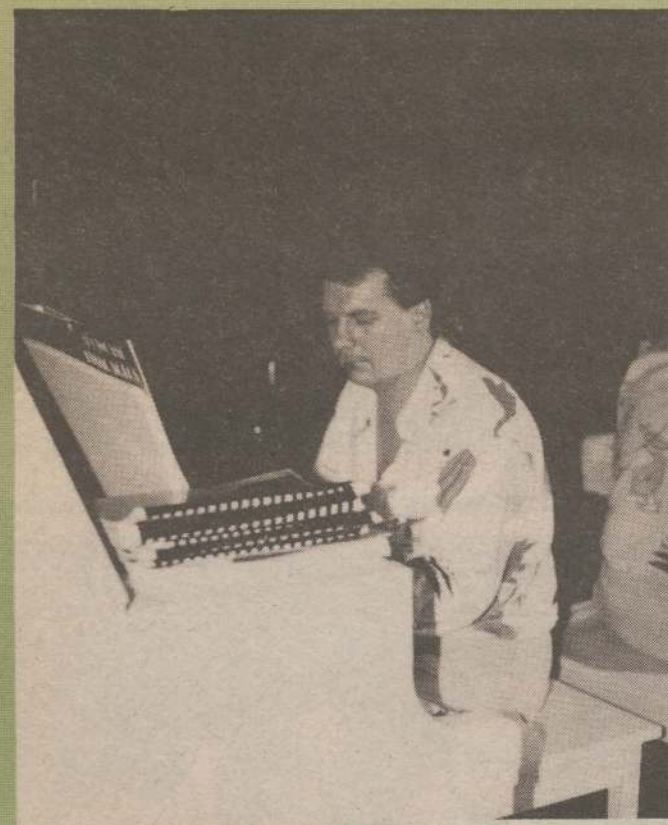


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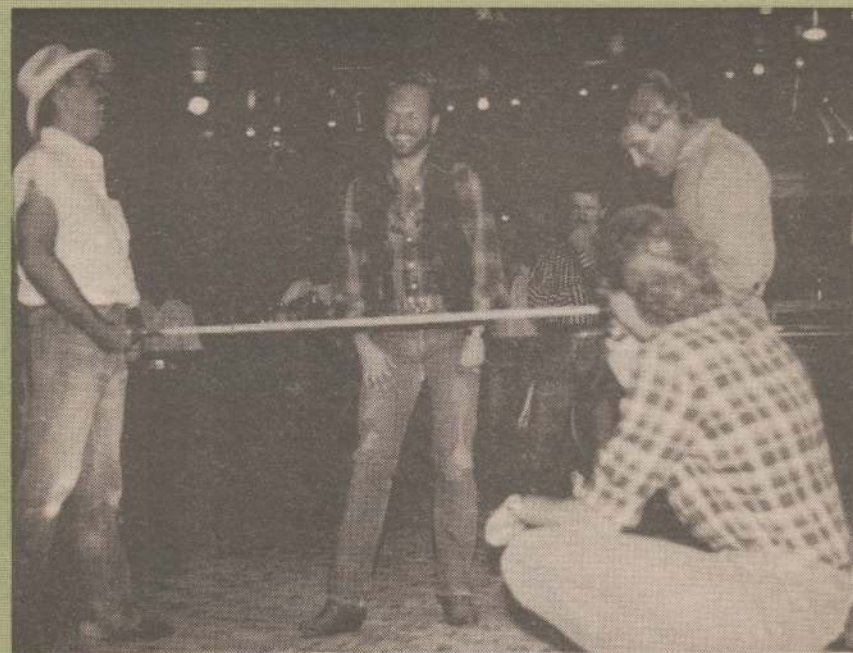


John and Greg of **Charlie's** taking a moment away from the festivities of the night to share themselves with the camera.



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John King and company doing "limbo" at Charlie's.



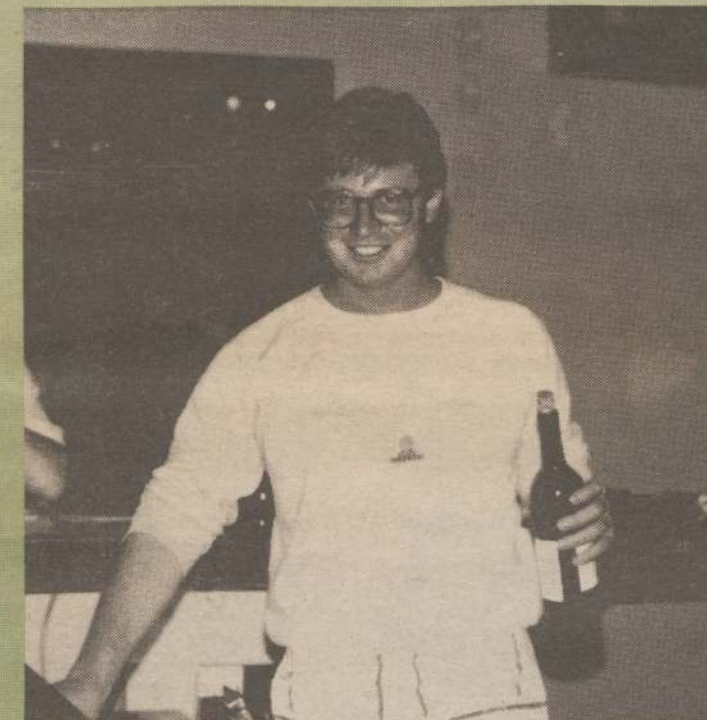
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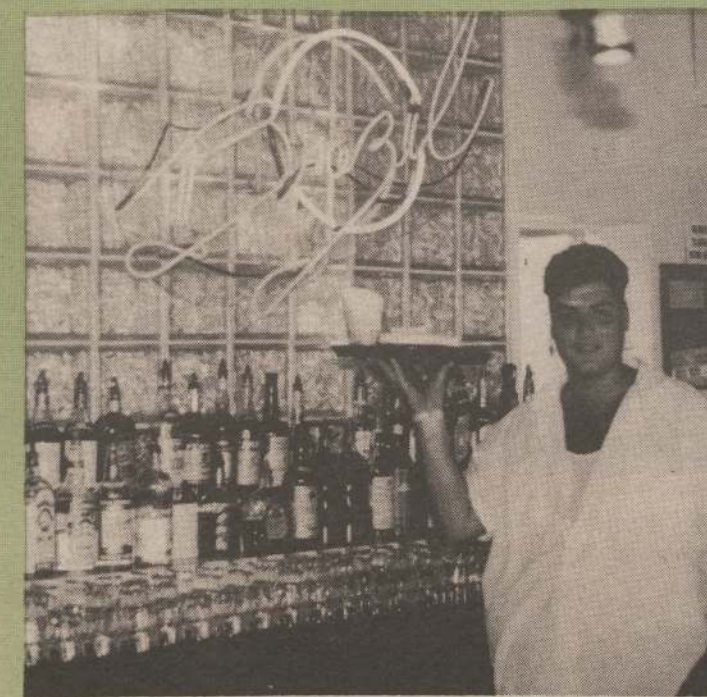
She can click her heels for all eternity, but this bitch ain't goin' to get back to Kansas.



Garry Mangum of Flex tickling the ivories.



Good looks, good bartender, at **Flex**.



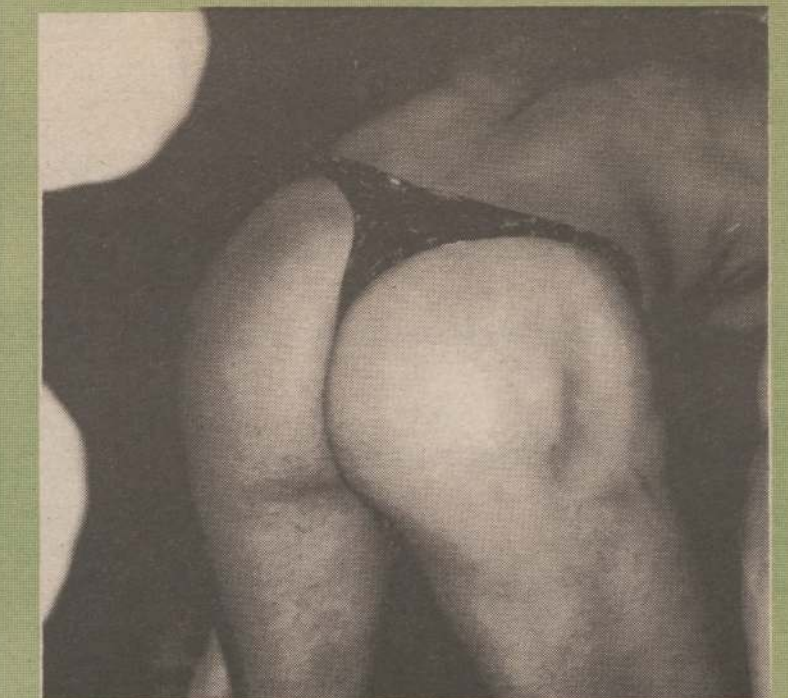
Hans of **Brazil** serving up good things to all those who enter.



Okay, so this isn't the greatest of photos, but the service at **STIXX** is!(great that is).

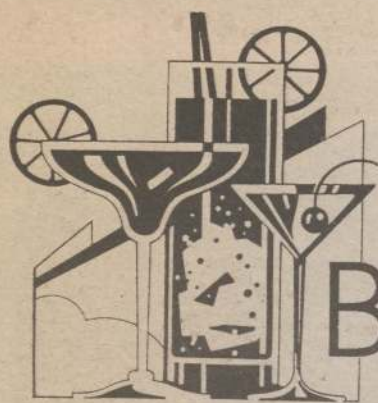
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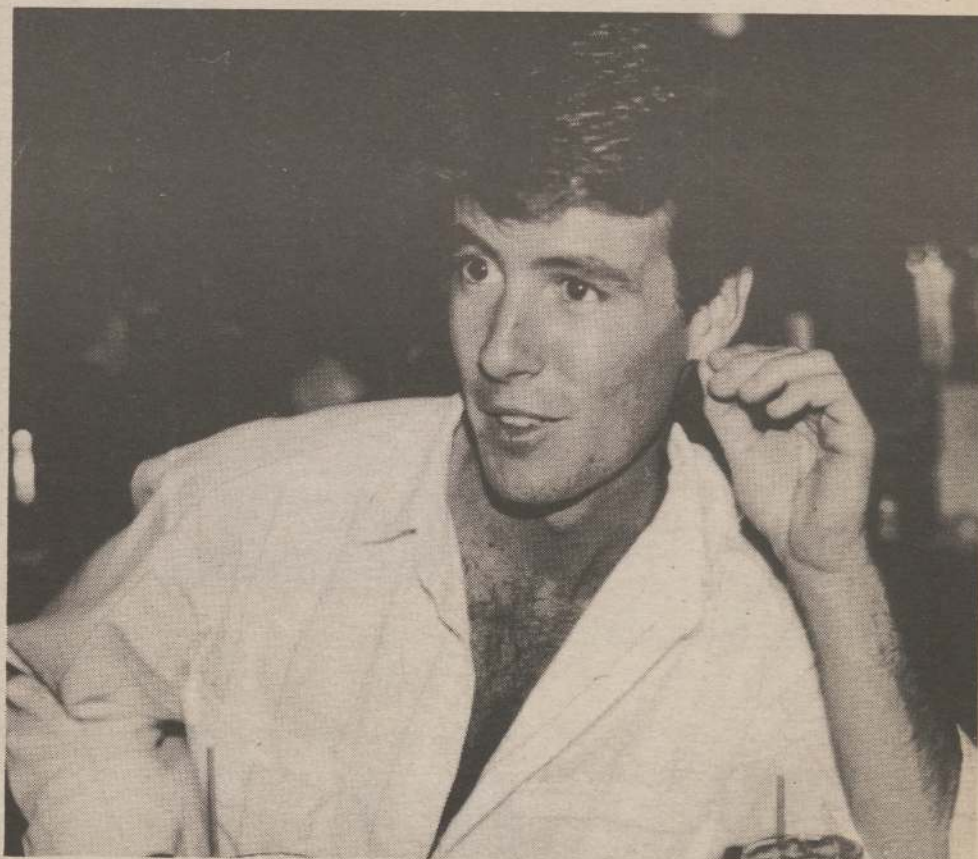
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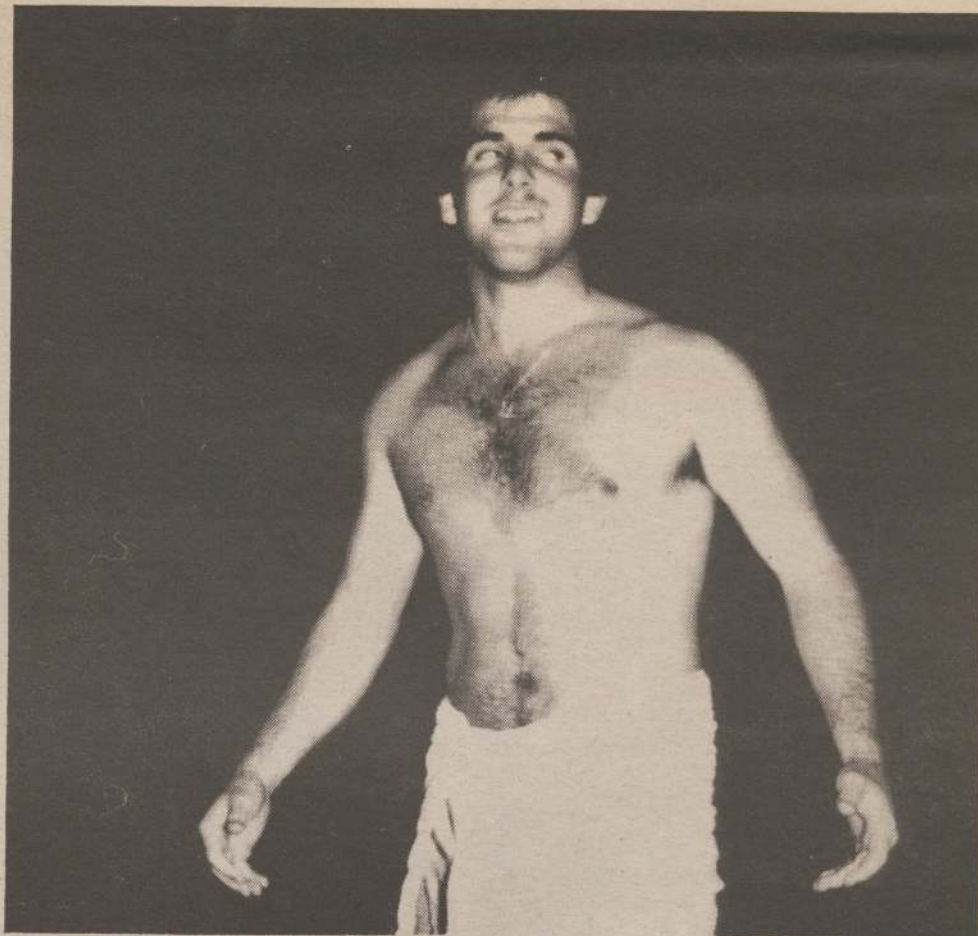
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BARTENDER OF THE MONTH:



David Johnson of **Nutowne**. Obviously a good reason to drive across town from the westside to have a drink.

AND FINALLY:



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BRAZIL: Mens Bar featuring Monday night beer bust. Sunday wine cooler bust 12-5; Thursday 2 for 1 shots of Schnapps 8-12.

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CONNECTION: Levi/leather men's bar. Happy Hour Monday through Friday 5:00 - 8:00. Dancing in Der Druke.

CRUISIN' CENTRAL: Downtown neighborhood pub. Thursday night strip shows.

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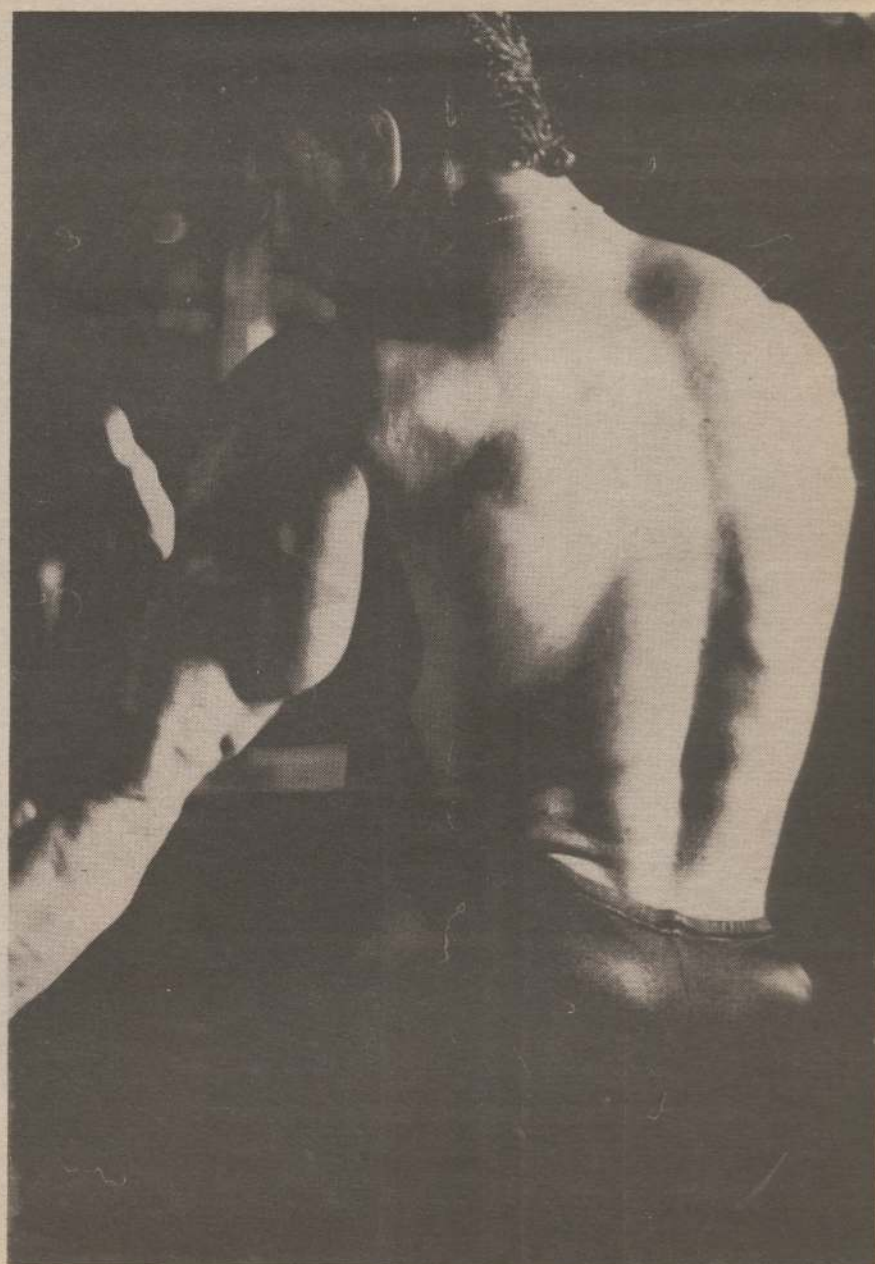
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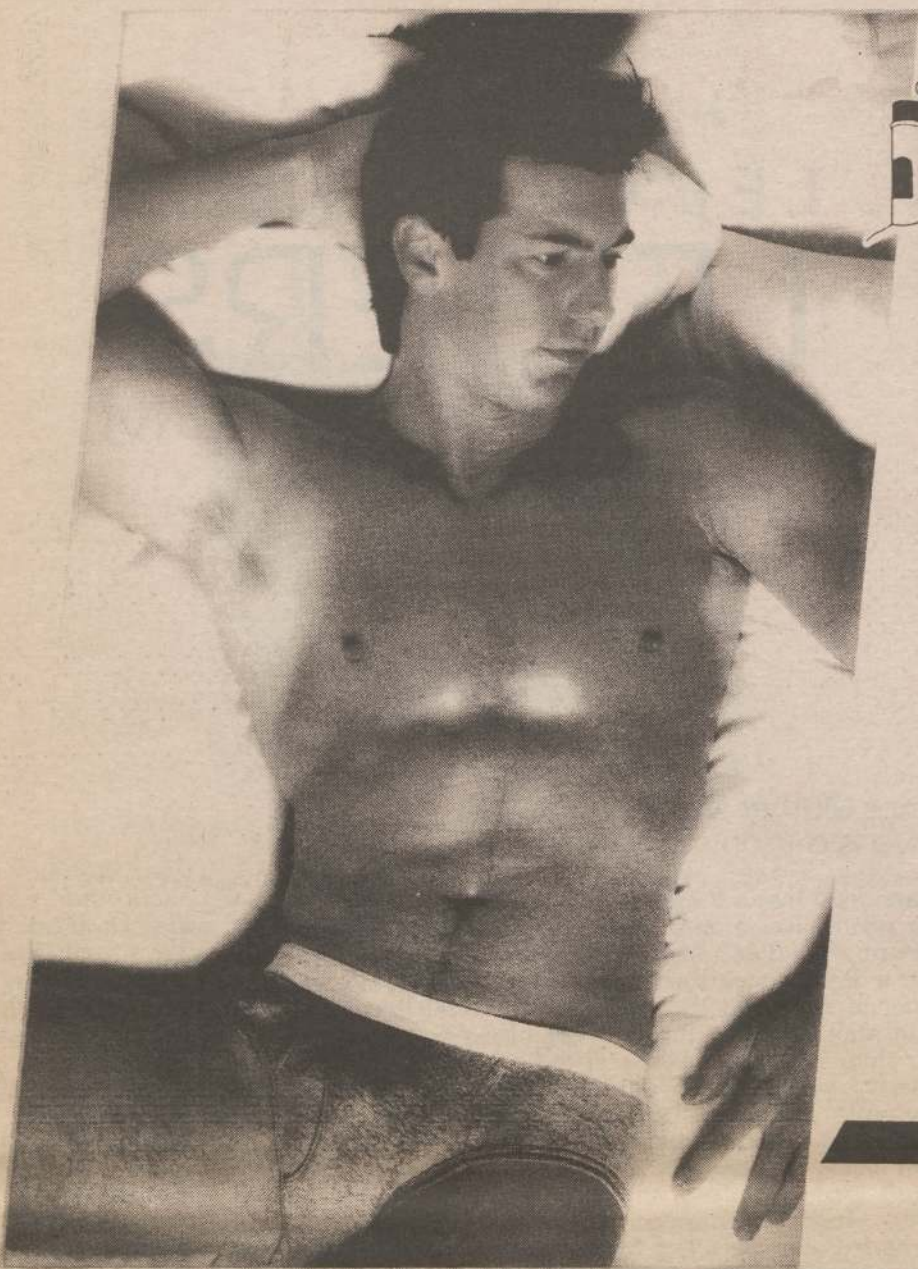
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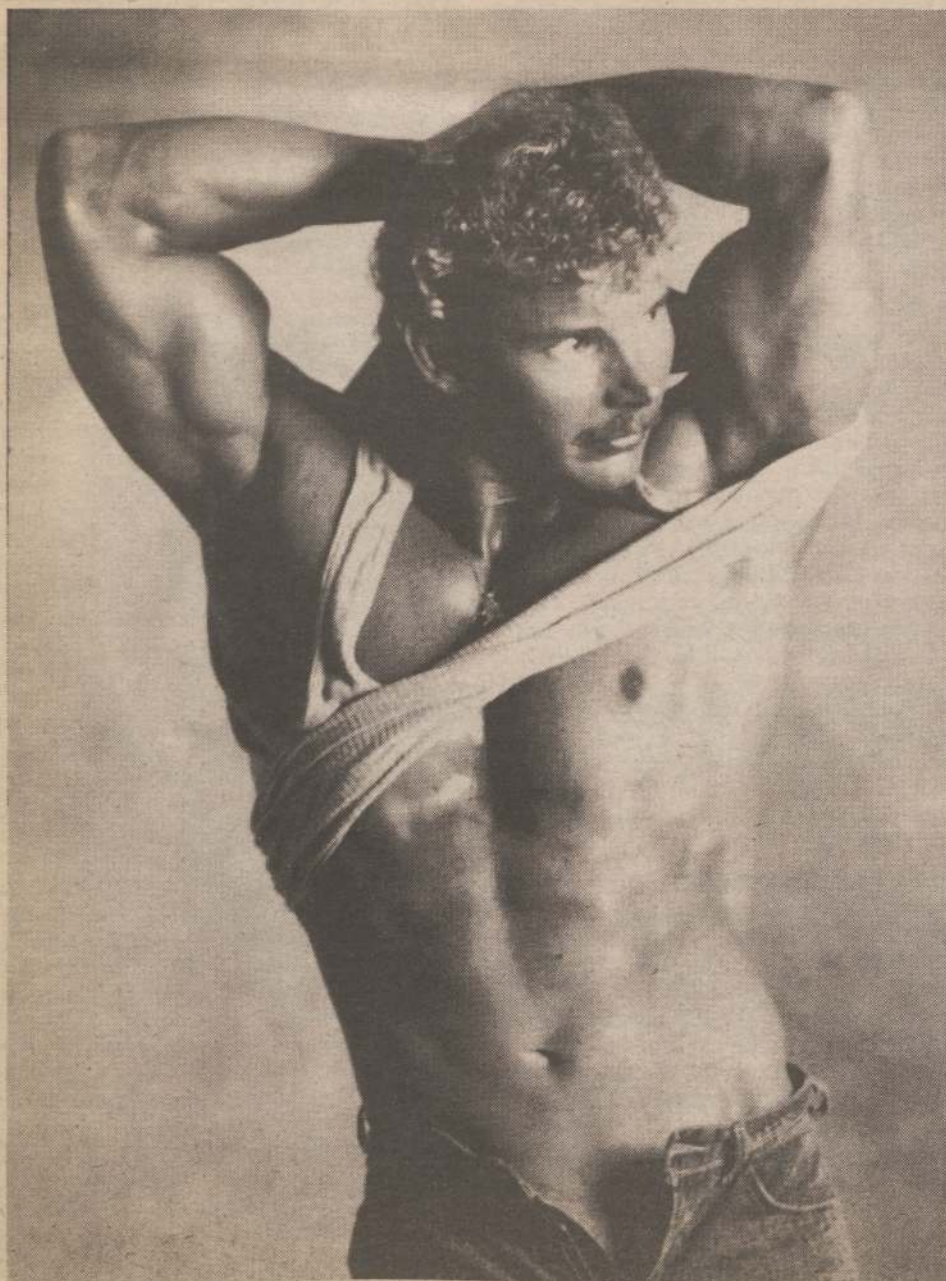


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Things Mother Never Taught Me "Love is a many splendored pain in the ass"

Years ago I had a friend in New York who would feel alone, unloved and insecure if he didn't have sex at least twice a day. His apartment was on the corner of 76th and Madison, and he could spot an eight-incher from his fifth floor window. Like a speeding bullet, he was in the elevator, dabbing Patchouli under his arms, in his crotch and combing back his wavy Latin locks. By street level he was up to full cruising speed and his prey never stood a chance. We once calculated that over the term of his lease, based on frequency and an average length of six inches, he had been screwed by twice the height of the Empire State Building. An enviable accomplishment by anyone's standards — but he couldn't leave well enough alone. He kept falling in love — over and over and over. Each affair left him hurt, bitter, angry and swearing the monastic life was all that was left for him.

Let's clear up something right now. The act of "falling in love" is just that — an act. It's like a play — with character and plot. Act 1 — we meet and "fall in love"; Act 2 — getting to know each other and, alas, Act 3; discovering that "each other" is a jerk and then, the inevitable final curtain. Before you know it — the play that opened to rave reviews (at least two) suffers an ignominious closing. There's no question that "falling in love" is a gut-wrenching, emotional experience; but it comes not from the heart — if in fact such a thing is possible. Nor does it emanate from the brain — either side. Falling in love is an emotion — albeit a legitimate one — that comes from somewhere immediately south of the navel and only in exceptional cases (or in porno films) does it rise above that level.

Last week, a guy from Florida called to tell me he had found "the man of my dreams. We can only see each other on weekends but we talk three or four times a day and I think about him all the time. This is IT! We want to live together and make a lifetime commitment to each other." He wanted to know if I thought it a wise idea or were they rushing things. "Well, golly, I'm not sure," I replied while tugging the straps of my overalls and chewin' on a blade of grass. "Let me ask a question or two if you don't mind." I wanted to know how old they were, how much previous experience they had, what their financial situation was, how long

they've been seeing each other, how good his teeth were. I have a responsibility to my boys, and these were the same questions my college girlfriend's father asked me. The answers were enlightening. One was 21, the caller 24. One was in school — the other actually worked at a pretty good job. The younger had had 4-5 experiences — not affairs (Translate that as one night stands). The older had "been around" (obviously a man of the world) and at that time they had known each other eight weeks. *Eight whole weeks!* Based on that remarkable track record, they were going to "commit for the rest of our lives." What did I think? Biting my fist to stifle a monumental guffaw, I outlined my thoughts on "Falling in Love."

(Before we go any further let me clarify my position on that. Falling in love is wonderful. Falling out sucks! Unfortunately, the former almost invariably leads to the latter.)

We all want to be loved, and some of us even want to love in return. To fall in love is, in some ways, a return to childhood. It's like Mommy, Daddy, camp counselors, and everybody you ever had wet dreams over hugging you all at once and kissing you and telling you how wonderful you are. It's a time of make believe — we become all-knowing, all-powerful; and anything is possible if "we love each other enough." We can conquer all odds. No obstacle is too great. Hand in hand, we will slay whatever dragons threaten our peaceful idyll. We gladly give up the things that are distinctly ours, because we want to do for, to please, and to make happy and content the person who has brought us such joy. Love is wonderful. Love is grand and squeezing each other's zits ranks right up there with ear nibbling and tit play. Will these guys make it? Can two kids (I'm sorry but at my age, anything under 30 is a kid) survive Act 2 — much less enjoy a long run? Will they be a hit or a flop? I could go on for pages telling you what I think but I'd rather you tell me. What's wrong here, what's right?

I mean it — these guys were serious and so are a lot of others who are doing almost the same thing. Those of you who "fell in love" and survived — same play, same co-star — get back to me PDQ. Ditto those who didn't. These dudes need help! Write to: Lee's Letters, Lee Valley Farm Rt 9 Box 145 Rogersville, Tn. 37857.

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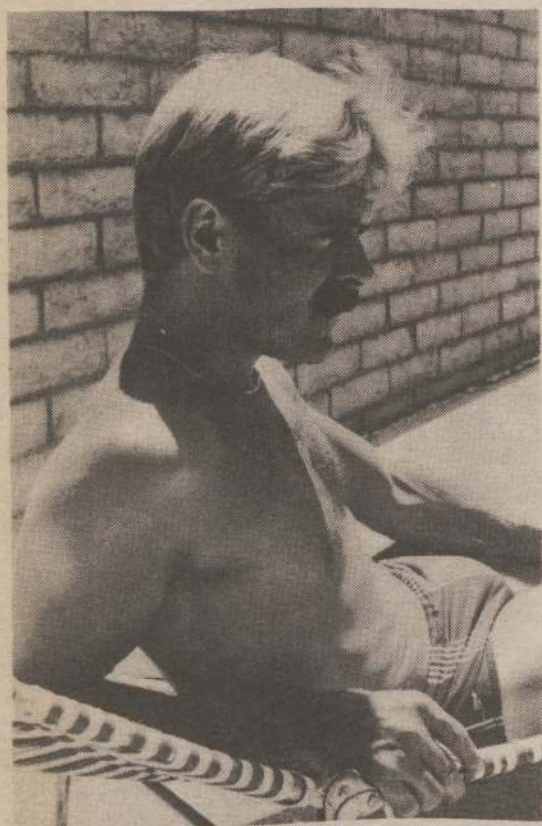


1. Name the *Dynasty* star who appeared in the epic disaster, *Empire of the Ants*.
2. Which movie legend starred in television's *The Dark Secret of Harvest Home*?
3. Whose life story was the film *Star 80* based on?
4. Joe Dimaggio's infamous ex-wife.
5. What do the above film stars have in common?

Answers - V.3 #18

1. Donald Pleasance
2. Grace Jones
3. Telly Savalas
4. Honour Blackman
5. All of the above have played villains in James Bond films.

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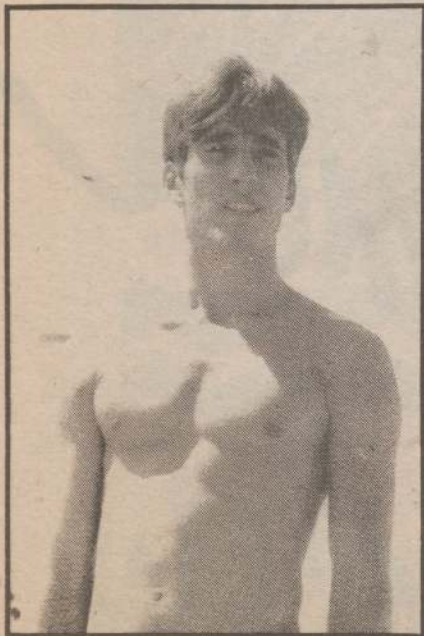
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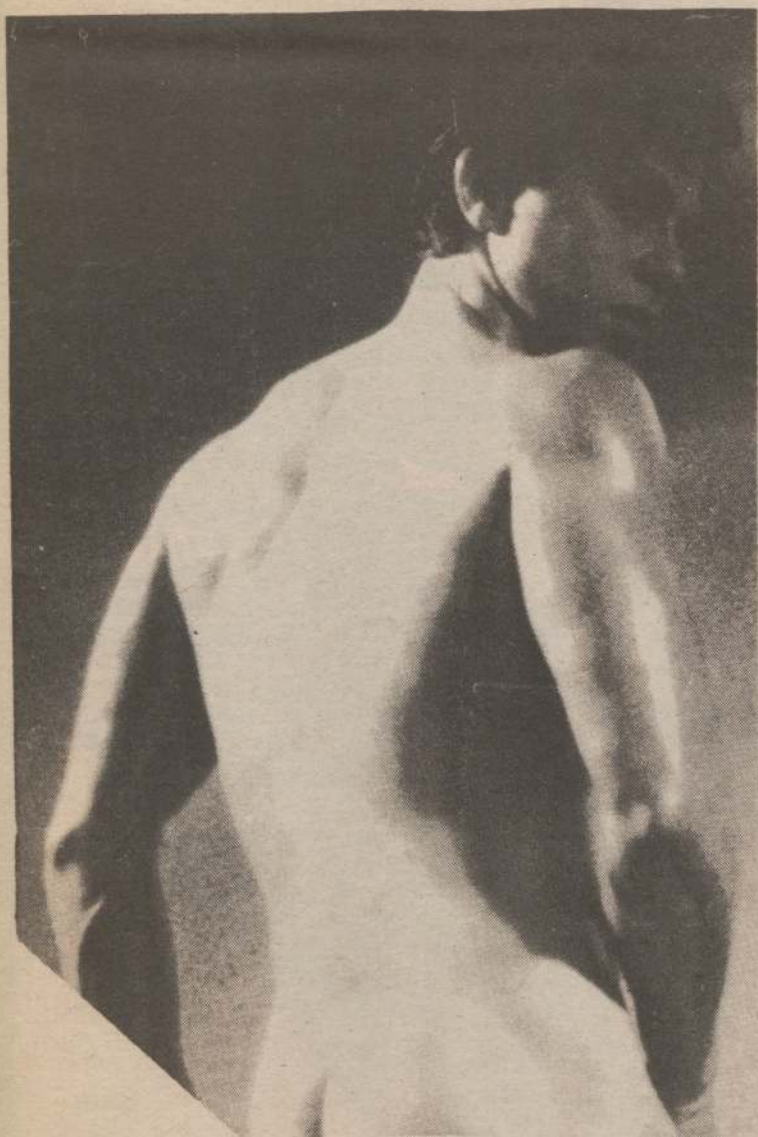


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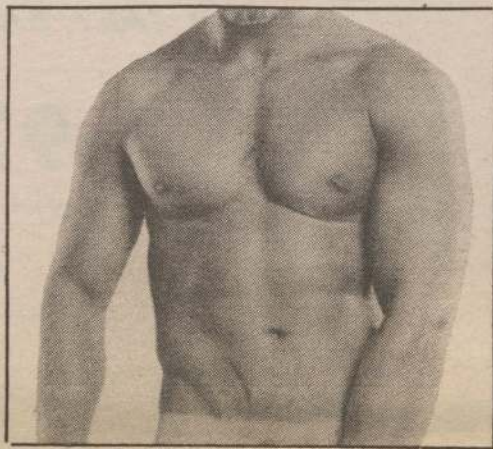
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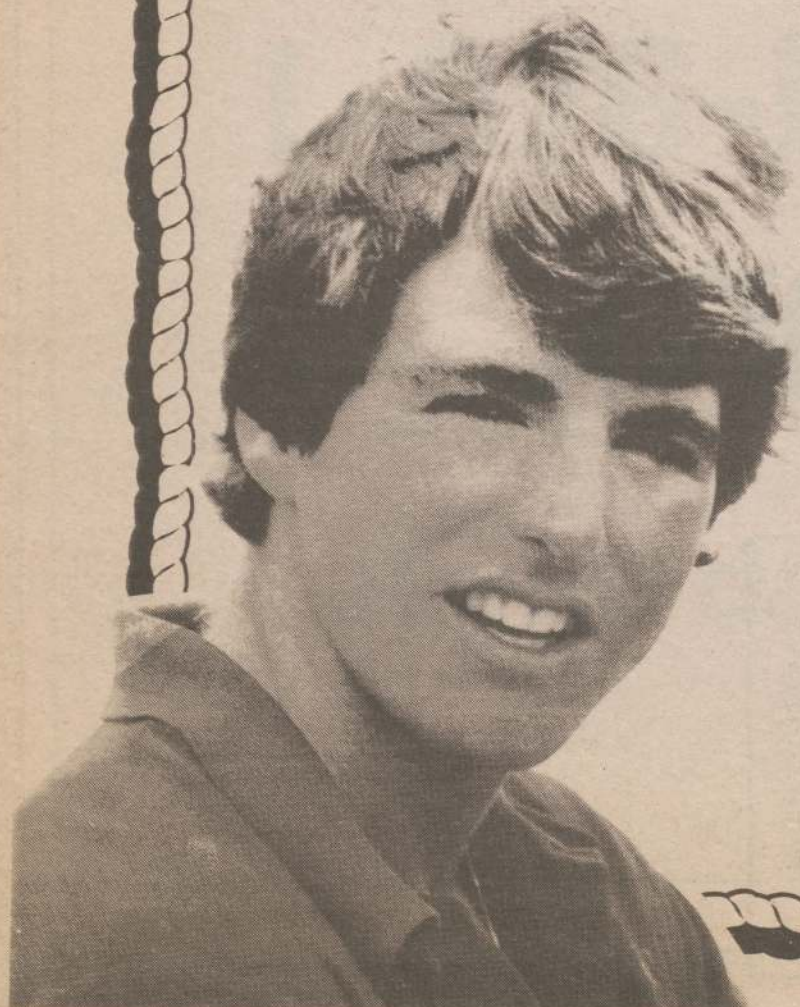
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DESERT OVERTURES:

Fundraiser "Hoedown". Farrah's.

HOUSE OF DAWN: "UFO's — The Cosmic Connection". 2 — 5.

CASA DE CRISTO, MCC: Sunday services at 8:30, 10:30, 7pm.

10/5

AZ GAY YOUTH: Meeting. 8pm. Weekly.

HOUSE OF DAWN: "Nostradamus". Video. 7:30.

10/6

DESERT ADVENTURES:

Monthly meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, Lincoln Drive.

AAP: Surviving Partners support group. 7 — 9. Weekly.

AAP: PWA/PWARC support group. 2 — 4. Weekly.

DESERT OVERTURES: Research. 7:30. Covenant Presbyterian Church. Weekly.

10/7

AAP: Family, friends, and significant others support group. 7 - 9. Weekly.

10/8

DESERT ADVENTURES: Rollerskating night. Great Skate Rink.

AAP: Phone counselor training. 7pm.

10/11

PRIDE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

AGRA: Fall Gymkhana. Noon. Estrella Mountain Park. 230-1170.

AAP: HTLV-3 test positive support group. 4-6. Weekly.

10/12

AFFIRMATION: Family home evening. 2nd & 4th Mondays.

HOUSE OF DAWN: "Intro to Self-hypnosis". 7pm.

10/13

INVISIBLE THEATRE, TUCSON: "A...My Name is Alice" — 13th through 23rd. 882-9721.

RELATIONSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP: Meeting. 7pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church.

10/15

AAP: Center for Disease Control Liaison "Press Party."

10/16

SHANTI: Volunteer training (phase 1). 16, 17, 18.

10/17

HOUSE OF DAWN: Self-hypnosis workshop. 9:30-4:30. Fee.

CASA DE CRISTO: "Triple" anniversary celebration.

LGCS: Volunteer/new recruits get-together-by-the-pool. 1pm.

CASA DE CRISTO: Healing service. 7pm.

10/19

PFLAG: Monthly meeting. 7:30. Mt. Olives Lutheran Church.

10/23

SHANTI: Volunteer training, phase 2. 23, 24, 25.

PFLAG: National organizational convention. Washington DC. 23 - 26.

10/24

AAP: Practical support training. 9am.

10/25

CASA DE CRISTO: Concert. MARSHA STEVENS. 7pm.

10/27

PFLAG: Sun City chapter monthly meeting. 10 - noon.

RELATIONSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP: Meeting. 7pm.

10/30

DESERT ADVENTURES: Scavenger hunt/Halloween celebration.

CASA DE CRISTO: Step Retreat in Oracle, Az. 30, 31, Nov. 1.

Phone individual organizations for specifics.

This is the first organizational calendar for community events. *Phoenix Resource* is developing it as a regular feature and requests the assistance of all community organization members in the compilation of a complete, unbiased, and valid list. Current criteria for inclusion simply requires that each listing must directly pertain to an organization or be of interest to the community at large. If you have something that needs said, let us know, and we'll do what we can to get the word out. Thanks.

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Given the space, four out of seven "armchair authors" expressed desires for zit-popping, stretch-mark licking, a game of Poke (me), and (oh God!) Mona's cooz. Though the tastefulness of three items is questionable, that of Mona's cooz is unbearable. I believe a douche-ing of that segment is in order. —Howe Yucky

Black Mambo: If it's true that virgins in Rhodesia get it nightly in the ass, then whatever shall the rest of us do? —Hot Lady

Cleep: I don't care what their names were. They drew eyes on the Deers. —Mab

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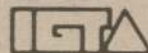
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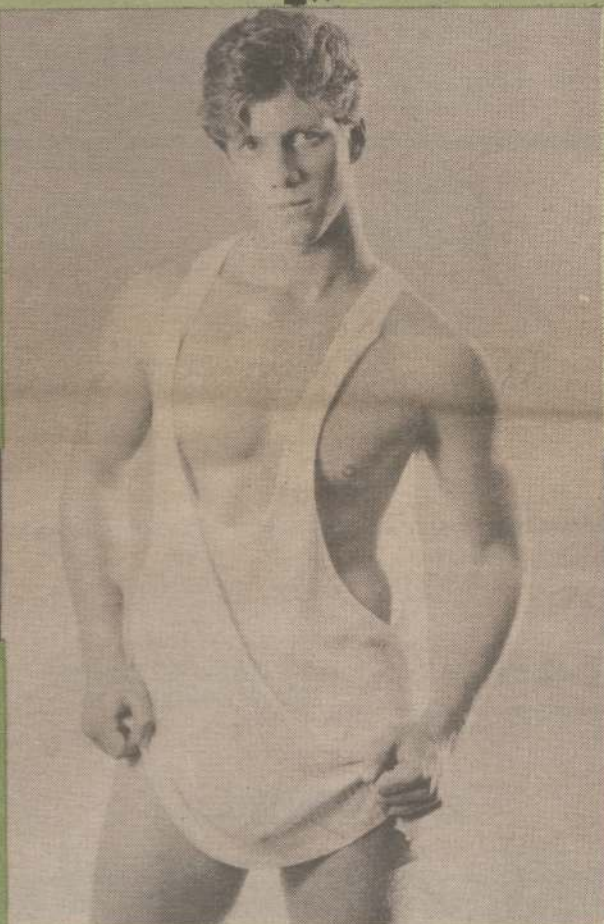
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