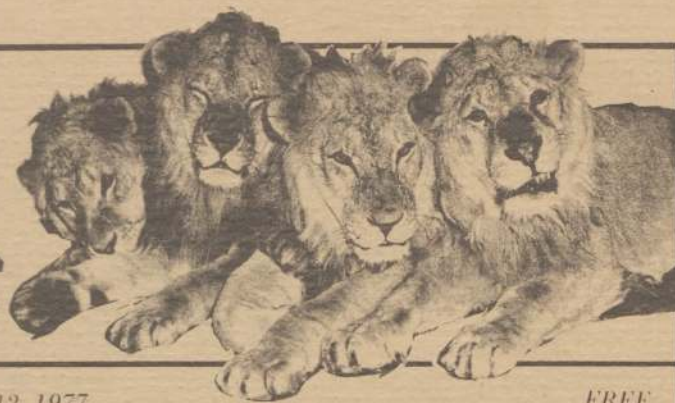


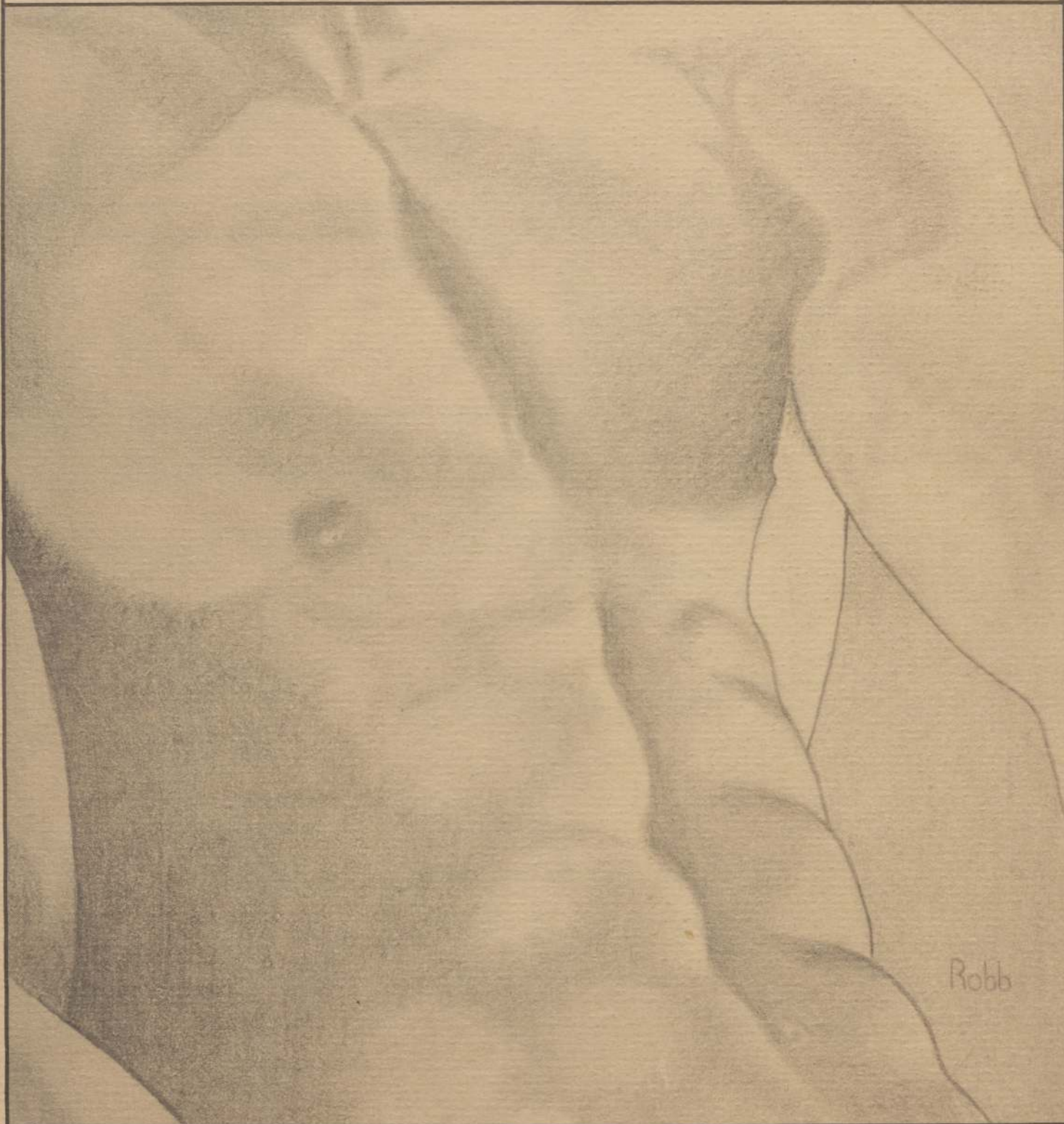
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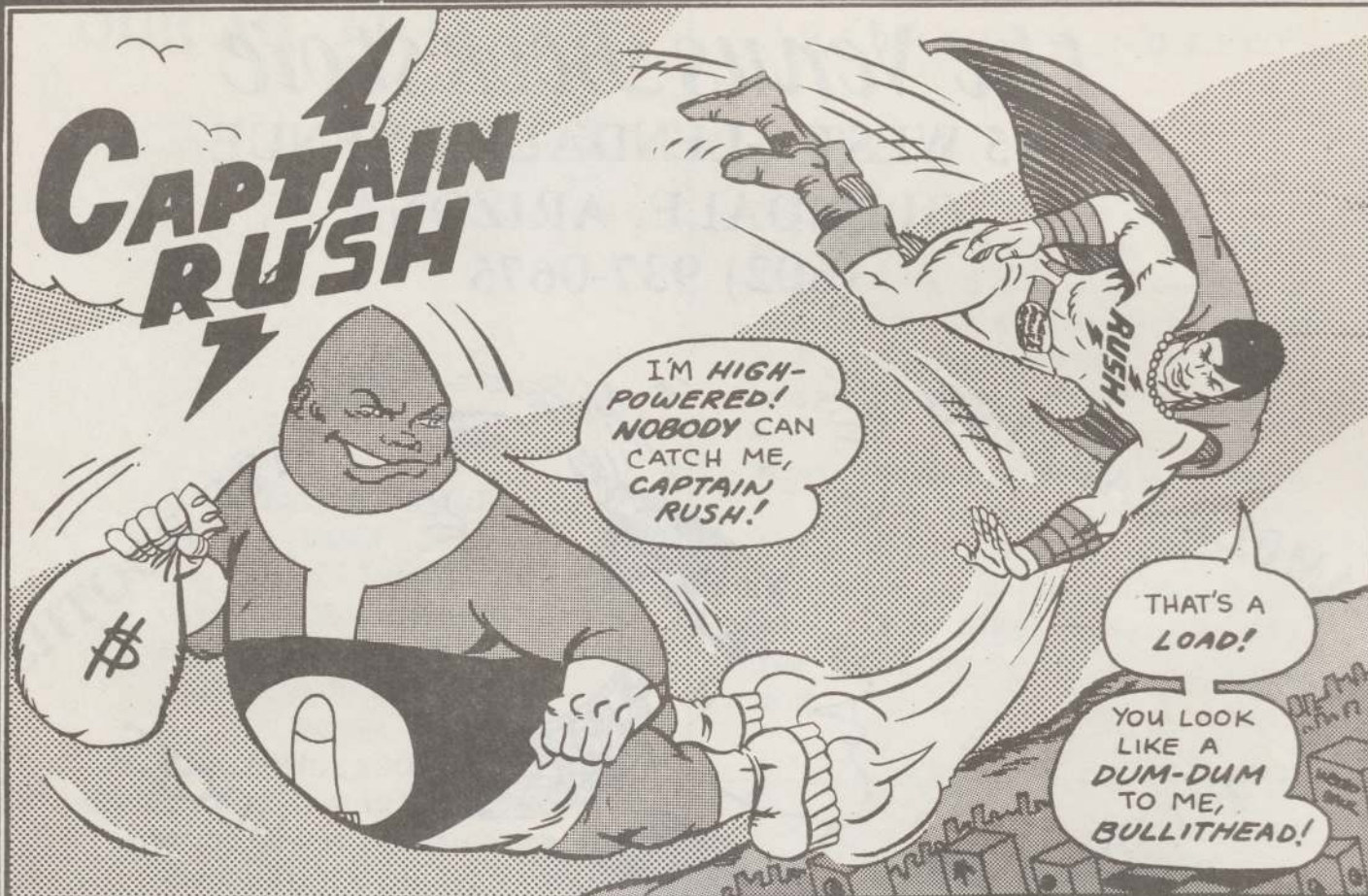


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Hi! My sister is only putting me down because she is jealous. More people come down with me than all other VD put together.

Are you dripping, burning on urination—think it's my sister gonorrhea?—Surprise, it's just little old me. I scare hell out of people. The best part is I'm usually resistant to penicillin. If you take penicillin because you think I'm gonorrhea, you may reduce the symptoms, but better chances are you'll increase the symptoms. I love people who guess what they have without tests.

I can have many causes. Have you had too much to drink and lots of sex? Put the two together and you'll get me. Screwed rectally? Inside the rectum is a friend of mine called Coli. If he gets into the tube of your penis you'll get me. That last blow-job? Was a good one, huh? The mouth normally has bacteria called cocci. Suck a little too long and you can catch me. Most people don't know if they only urinated after sex, they would wash out most of my causes.

I can travel up to the bladder and cause frequent urination or pain on ejaculation with lower abdominal pain. I may attack the prostate which makes most of your ejaculate. This makes it difficult to start and/or stop urinating. You know no matter how much you shake it, the last few drops drop in your pants, and with me there are more than a few drops.

While other drugs may help, tetracycline is the best drug of choice. What do you have? Gonorrhea or me? If you have sex with me you have more chance of getting an even worse infection. Keep trying, I'm only around the corner!!

RETURNING FROM OUTER SPACE...

I have just come back to the Gay World after nearly twenty years of living with the conventions in outer space. I thought I'd be returning to a familiar planet. Instead I found a radical change in climate. True, some things are the same, such as the three races. Once they were homosexual, lesbian, and "normal." Now they are gay, bi, and straight. I have always felt uneasy about most categories, but at least gay men and women are beginning to accept a shared humanity, which is another way of saying shared suffering. A welcome new season indeed. Just as gratifying is the new warmth and kindness of the Gay Community. Gays, as we all know, have never really been gay. Our lives are just as unhappy as anybody else's. But instead of the old nastiness and arrogance so common in the past, I now find a careful sensitivity to feeling, determination to tread lightly. The young and the beautiful seem to share this gentleness almost more than anyone, as if the blatant revolution of the 60's were continuing to flower quietly into the 70's. Finally, gay pride seems to have marched in from the streets. With it has come the courage to confront the inevitable grief of our lives without self-pity or self-loathing. Perhaps this new self respect is the most joyful of all the new seasons on a planet renewed.

—John Davis

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...Editors Notes...

In this, our third issue of THE PRIDE, you will find current standings on the proposed criminal code revision, both from the House and the Senate, along with a report from our local Task Force, called CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. This is a newly-formed organization, banned together to fight for our right of privacy and human dignity. They are a hard-working group, needing all our support. Get behind them—Volunteer your assistance!!

You will also find another LOVE BUG column, which will become a regular feature in THE PRIDE, and although it is written humorously, it gives us very necessary information on current venereal diseases.

The calendar of events (IN THE VALLEY) has been expanded to include a section for Tucson. On a recent visit down there, I found our brothers and sisters to the South to be very friendly, with lots of Happenings going on in their local taverns. Want a change? Why not drive and say, "Hello"

Again a column from Mariah, JoAnne's Dressingroom, and Disco Scene. Jakki, DJ has made plans for raising funds to help CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. Take notice at your favorite Disco for information regarding these functions.

It was so encouraging to see the grand turn-out for the meeting on the 16th, please be reminded that meeting was just a start. Don't let yourselves become lax just because of the huge turn-out. We need thousands of people and letters to make this plan work. Take that five minutes a week and write that letter—EVERY WEEK! Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers—this is not only directed to Gays, but affects the entire community. Help get everyone informed and involved. THE TIME IS NOW!!

We are still looking for people to write guest columns, particularly on Astrology, Gardening (indoor and out), Cooking, or if you have a particular craft you would like to share—Let us know.

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FACELIFT

THE SPORTSMAN's LOUNGE is getting a new look has a new manager, and is looking for a new name. Their Grand Opening week will be April 8 thru the 15th. In talking with Will, the new manager, he gave me a schedule of events for the week:

April 8th—Champagne Brunch 5—9 p.m.

April 9th—Keg Party 7—11:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 there will be a special show from out of town.

April 10th—Tequila Sunrise special with a brunch from 2—6 p.m. with another Keg Party that night.

April 11th—Disco Night with a Dance Contest.

April 12th—Personality Night with a Contest.

April 13th—Keg Party with \$1.50 Cover at the door.

All through the week there will be door prizes. Drop on in and enter your suggestion for the new name and see what they've done—You'll like it!

WANT BARS OPEN TIL 2 A.M.?

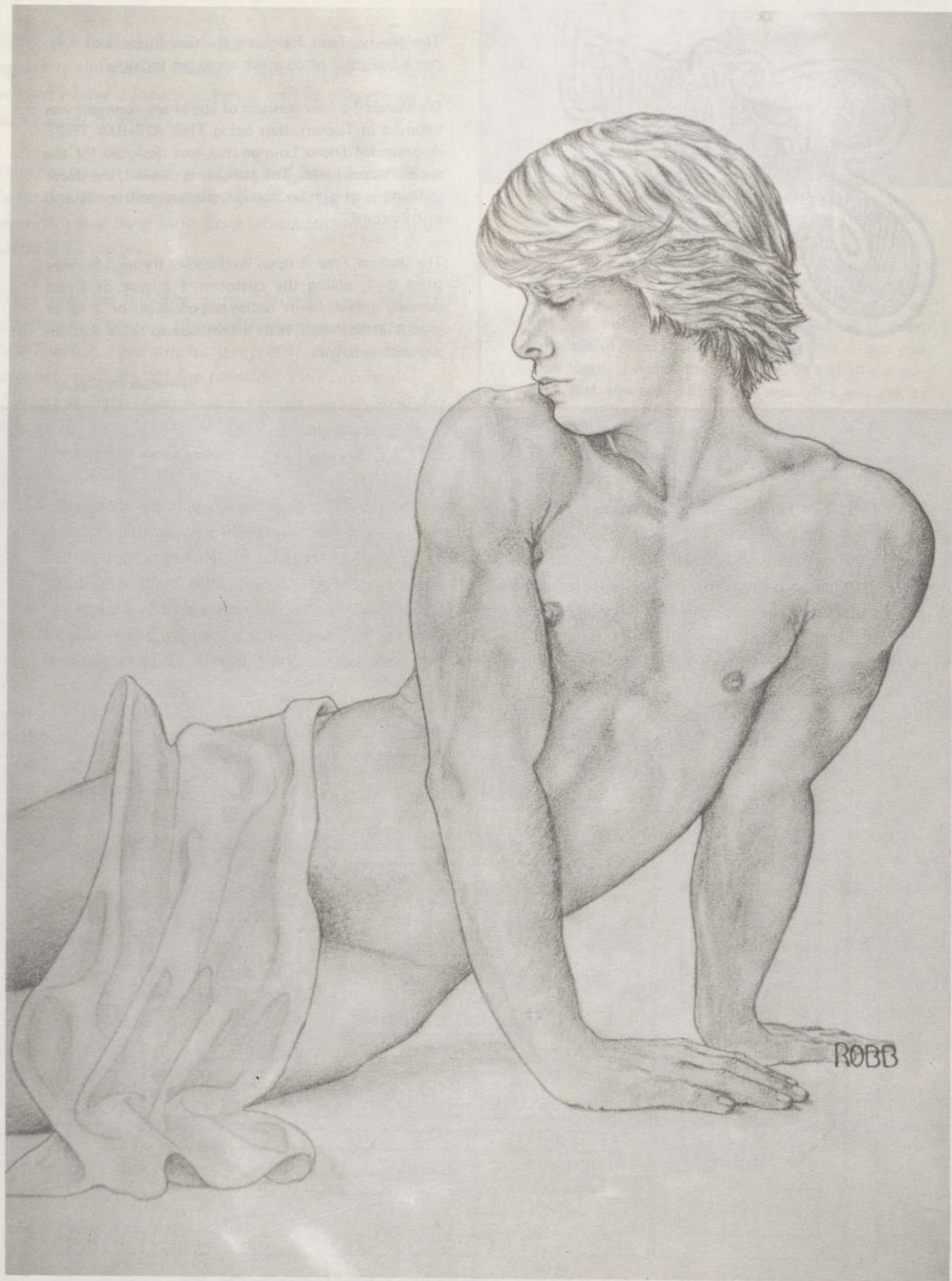
There is a Bill before the Arizona House of Representatives at the moment, which would allow bars to remain open until 2 a.m. with consumption allowed until 2:15. In addition all Arizona bars would be allowed to remain open on any election day. The Arizona Retail License Beverage Association is backing the passage of this bill. If any of you are in favor of the passage of this legislation, write your representative, tell him you are in favor of the bill and ask him to vote for its passage. By the same token, if you are not in favor of this particular bill, let your representative know your feelings. The bill is House Bill 2005. Your representative awaits your letter.

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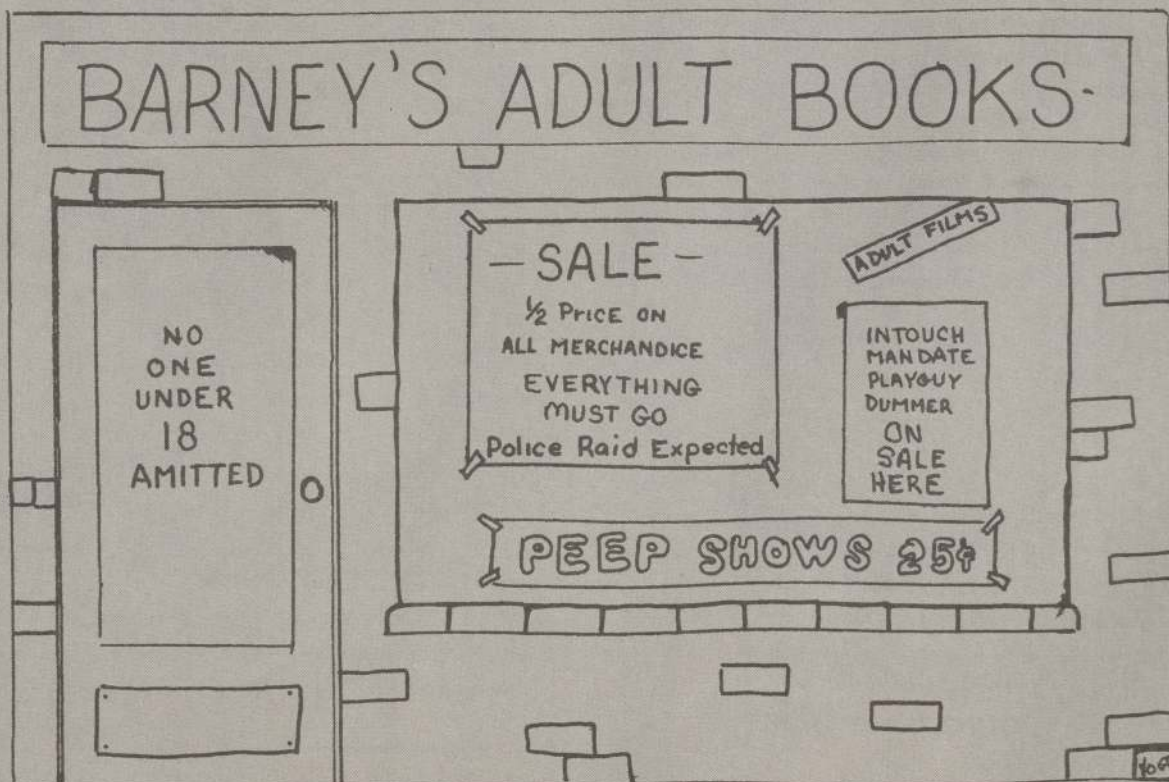
On March 9 a new concept of social environment was exposed in Tucson, that being THE JOSHUA TREE. A beautiful Disco Lounge that was designed for the sophisticated male. The attitude is relaxed, the decor indigenous of our Southwest, the people friendly and justly proud.

The Joshua Tree is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9-1, giving the customer a choice of Disco dancing mixed with oldies-but-goodies, or a quiet lounge atmosphere with a fireplace to relax and enjoy with a friend.

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.....PUBLIC SAFETY.....

Isn't it nice to know that the streets of Phoenix are so safe that the police have enough time and manpower to have six policemen at one bookstore on McDowell to arrest a guy for supposedly lewd acts, and at the same time there were police at two other stores on McDowell. My guess is that about 12 police were busy protecting customers from getting mugged in these three stores alone, not to mention numerous other stores in Phoenix. This all took place on Monday, February 7, 1977. These same police stated that they would be back every night. Again I say that it is good to know that I do not have to worry about getting robbed or mugged and that my home is safe and sound, but if I do have any problems, I can always find police officers at almost any adult bookstore in the city of Phoenix.



Watch the bulletin boards for more information regarding the Easter Sunday Affair. As of present, we don't have a location, but it will be something you won't want to miss.

At presstime, Anita Bryant has had her ads for First Federal Savings Bank pulled from the air and she has been dropped by a New York production firm for a possible TV series.

"This telegram tells the story," Miss Bryant said. The telegram was sent by Barry Drucker, president of Tele-Tactics. "We sincerely regret that the extensive national publicity arising from the controversial political activities you have been engaged in, prohibits us from utilizing your services," the telegram said.

For those interested in registering their protest to the Florida Citrus Commission for their tacet support of Miss Bryant's position by continuing to air her ads, write to:

FLORIDA CITRUS COMMISSION
P. O. Box 148
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Attn: Arthur Darling

In talking with Dale at the CONNECTION, he told me about Las Vegas Night which will happen on Monday, April 4 with the Casino opening at 7 p.m. There will be door prizes, free chips with every drink, Tequila Sunrises for 75 cents, chili dogs for 50 cents, and draft beer for a quarter. This will all take place in the building next door. Sounds like fun. It is nice to have something different to do, so let's all get out and support this, for all we know it could become a regular affair.

Watch for the grand opening of the new TALK OF THE TOWN, scheduled for the first Monday in April. They will feature THE CISSY GOLDBERG SHOW on Monday and Tuesday, with Thursday night Beer Bust and Disco through the weekend. They have great plans for food and after-hours, so if you know any ideas, get in touch with Stan, the new manager, or drop in and put them in the suggestion box. With what Bill and Sam have told me, it is going to be nice.

MOON'S VIEW

LADIES—No, not "YOU LADIES"—I mean the ones with the "REAL BOOBS."

For those of you who were not at the meeting—you lose. I'm sure most of you have already heard of just how much you missed. It was beautiful. Even the walls of Moon's Truck bulged a little—and you were there. I was so pleased and proud of all the women that showed. Everyone was. We gals are so lucky to live in a city with guys like we've got. Thank God for them! They never gave up on us and FINALLY—we came through. Get those letters written—mail them—make phone calls. If you didn't receive the literature that was passed out at the meeting and still have questions that we were unable to answer in THE PRIDE, please contact me. If I can't answer it for you, I'll put you in touch with someone who can. Just do something! We need all the support we can get—You need it!

Have you heard about the Habit moving uptown? Oh, yes, a new name!! Ready? 7100 NORTH!! Now is that not real class?! Actually I like it, but if you really think about it, I don't need an address to get there—It's when I get ready to leave that the problem starts! Make a note on your calendar to be at the Habit—uh, sorry, Lucy—7100 NORTH on Mar. 23rd. They're bringing in an all-girl band from San Francisco! They record for Olivia Records and go by the name of Be Be K-Roach. Sounds like it will be a super night.

A couple of weeks ago I had a very bad experience. I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to my friend and neighbor, Lou, and to my friend Mary Carol for their support. Also a very special thank you to Moe and Jean at the Unlimited. They did a wonderful thing for me on that fateful day.

I hope you all have seen the flyers out about the dance contests that will be in most of the clubs around town. Please do not let the donation scare you. It will be put to very good use. These contests will be even more fun as Miss Goldberg will be the MC at all of them. With that crazy lady there, there's no telling what will happen! If you haven't heard about

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the wind

of MARIAH

Hello again! This month was to bring a poem describing the allegorical and spiritual flight of Mariah and Brother Owl, but alas, Owl has flown to the snow covered northland with another, and with the poem, so I'll concentrate on matters closer to home. Anyway, writing this is a way of easing the emptiness which is mine.

I'm sure there will be reactions to what I've written this month. At least I hope so. Please write 'em to: Mariah, c/o THE PRIDE OF PHOENIX, 6800 N. 55th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85301, and please have them in before the 25th of the month so that I can comment in the next month's issue (and so I don't have the editor on my back . . . or elsewhere).

This month I write about advice and consent or should I say "consenting" as in adults. First *advice*: I am willing to devote a portion of this column to the sharing of common problems and offering advice and counsel. Make your comments of serious nature, no

jokes please for this one. If your questions and concerns are in to the editor on time, I'll try to include them in the next issue of THE PRIDE.

Speaking of PRIDE . . . what is it? Really. PRIDE of course is the name of this paper. And with good reason. Look at how it's grown in just three issues. Pride is the advertising support it has gathered, the increase in the number of contributors, and the increased acceptance among our readers. Pride is something many felt as we jammed, first into the Casa, and later Moon's Truck, some 400 strong, to hear what we could do to challenge the proposed Criminal Code Revisions. How many of you have written those letters to your Legislators? Pride is doing it! Now! I did and believe it or not I received some answers. Good answers. One rather influential Representative has said "I agree that what one does in his own home is his own business." Now, that's some progress! But wait. Do Gays have sex in their own homes or apartments? Popular belief

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LOOKING AROUND WITH DAN

I took in the Show over at the Casa last Sunday night. The kids in the show are a delight. They seem to get better every time I get a chance to see their show. Was disappointed that Cissy wasn't there, but they hung in there without him. I always enjoy Cissy's monologs.

Things seem to be brightening up at the Sportsman's Lounge. They are finally giving it a facelift. Will has been getting rid of the riff-raff. Hopefully, we will have the old Sportsman back the way it was a couple of years ago. Watch for the "Rename the Sportsman" contest.

Diamond Lil's has started their show again. They have a good line-up, with Oona, Zien, LaRaye and a special guest star this Friday night. DL's had Bobbie Glen there last month from San Diego. He did all of his makeup changes on stage, explaining what he was doing and how to get the different images with makeup. He did the four moods of King Arthur, also a mime of a lady going to a beauty shop and getting

her hair done. Then he went into drag for a couple of numbers. His ending number was I've Got To Be Me, taking off the drag at the same time. It was the first time in a long time that I have seen a performer have the audience in the palm of his hand. I could have heard a pin drop while he was on stage. I talked with him before he went back. He plans on doing a show at the Sportsman's for their Name the Sportsman contest. Then back to DL's in June.

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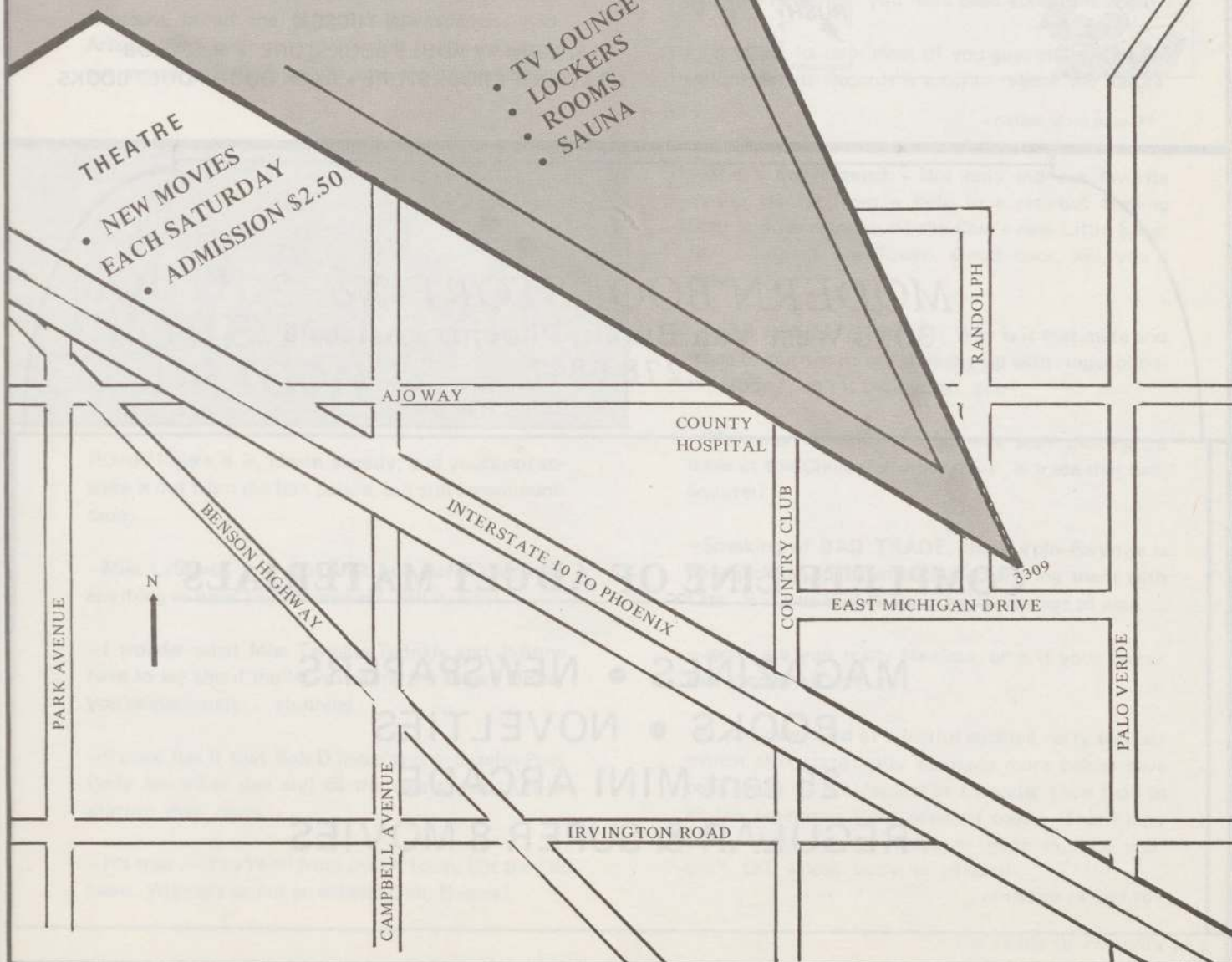
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Well, my friends, looking at the calendar, I see it's not only the month of March, but also, what appears to be THE Social Event Month of the year. As many of you already know, it is the month of the "Spring Affair Disco Dance Contest" with the finals being scheduled for Sunday, March 20th at 4 p.m. at the Mighty Moon's Truck.

By now most of you are aware that all the bars in the state are supporting this event, along with many other businesses and companies, and I may add, are supporting what is in essence the first fund-raising event for CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. At this time I would like to add that every penny donated, not only to this event, but in every event to come, will be accounted for in monthly printouts in all the Gay State newspapers. So Arizona, let's get out to these club events and show our support to those people who are supporting us.

A special thanks to Red, Rick, Seth and Buddy at Tucson's Jekyll's & Hyde's and also to Tommy at the Joshua Tree, scheduled to open this month, for their support and efforts for this event.

At this time, I think a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU should go to Mike from Circles Records & Tapes and Debby, Steve and Jeff from Rolling Stone Records at Tower Plaza for the records they have given all the clubs to be given out at each contest. I don't know about you, but I do know where I'll be buying my records from now on.

Well my friends, checking the available space I have left, I have just enough room to cram in some of that hot new vinyl you have been asking me about.

First of all, to calm most of you guys and gals down, United Artists Records is soon to release the Barbra

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THE MOUTH OF THE DRAGON FROM



ROAR!! Here it is, March already, and yours not-so-truly is out from the lion palace, but still incommunicado.

—Miss LeSewer, is it true that you haven't written anything to your Legislators yet? Sell it, Girl!

—I wonder what Miss Twinkle-Twinkle and JoAnne have to say about the MC's stealing the show? Bette, you're absolutely... stunning.

—Rumor has it that Bob D had a pretty tasteful Pool Party the other day and all the cats showed up to sharpen their claws...

—It's true—they're all from out of town, but they do leave. Willingly or not so willingly, eh, Denver?

—What's this I heard: Not only did our favorite mouse change from a hole to a pit, but Smiling Stan is now manager of the Casa's new Little Sister Bar: Talk of The Town. Good Luck, kid, you'll need it!!

—Them Lesbians get mean!! Why is it that more and more of our sisters are showing up with ring-around-the-elbow? Isn't it big enough, girls?

—Who was the midget that was seen picking up trade at the Clinic the other day? Is trade that bad, Squirrel?

—Speaking of BAD TRADE, the Purple Porpoise is now picking up street-trade and sharing them with Cass. Is it true that Phoenix has a shortage of men....

—Jerry, are you really Mexican, or is it your accent that throws us off?

—It was overheard at a lustful cocktail party this last month that statistically speaking more babies have been made in the Jacuzzi at Lavender Lane than in all the tea-rooms from coast to coast. That funny slimey film on top helps to glide in, but you can't tell whose body is whose!!

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this before, get down to one of the bars, pick up a flyer and make it to as many of the contests as you can. It's for a very worthy cause—you. The men can't do it all—they need us women too. So for those of you who have been just sitting around waiting for those new laws to go away—Get your shit together Honey—'cause they're not going anywhere unless you help them move!

I was down at the UNLIMITED the other day and low and behold, across the street is a shop called Womansplace. It's got just about everything—books, records, buttons, T-shirts—well, go see for yourself. You'll meet a super lady there by the name of Moonyean (no relation). Tell her you heard about her in THE PRIDE.

By now I'm sure all of you have heard about the fabulous happenings down at the TALK OF THE TOWN. Yes, it's true—Bill and Sam have done it again! A new cocktail lounge for us gals! Bill and Sam have asked me to tell you they are looking for a new name and a suggestion box will be going in so you can tell them your likes and dislikes. Kahuana will be behind the bar days and Stan The Man at nights. Stan will also be the manager, so if you're interested in working there—see him. Oh, are you ready for this! Rumor has it that Cissy Goldberg may be moving to the TALK OF THE TOWN on Monday and Tuesday nights! There are going to be so many changes they will have to wait til my next article, but Bill asks for you all to be patient with them and they'll make a bar for you that you're not going to believe. Eventually even the kitchen will be open, serving as they did at the old Happy Gardens! So, support them now—you're going to love it later!!

To all my friends—I love you. I'm a very lucky lady to know you. So until next month, take care of yourself—for me. —Moon.

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joanne's dressing~ room

Hi Gang—Hope you're having a happy Spring and enjoying Nature, etc. This month instead of dishing all the drag queens in town, I thought I'd tell you some particulars about one who is not only one of my favorite entertainers, but also one of my favorite people.

Working with this lady has always been a pleasure due to his unequaled wit and charm and professionalism. You all know what a talent this guy is so now let me tell you about Morey, the man behind that beautiful face.

Before Morey created Ebony, he was a registered nurse with a B.A. from Michigan State University and North Western University in Chicago. He worked for two years at one of Chicago's top hospitals where he operated all the highly technical parts of the life-saving Kidney Machine. Chicago's first heart transplant was one of his patients. He also served in the medical corp of the Army and left with an honorable discharge. Of this he states, "they didn't catch this girl—she wasn't all the way out yet! I wasn't completely gay until I went into drag. I was a closet queen until then. Baby, you can be a closet queen in your mind. I think it was a way of accepting myself. I don't mean waving a flag about it, but admitting to ourselves that we are gay is something else and many times a very hard thing to do." He now feels he is just a plain homosexual who is not putting on any airs about it and is working at something he enjoys. "I've lost some friends because of it, but I've gained a lot more. My friends give me props," he states and they do because they help and encourage him in his work and in his private life.

There are two sides to everything and everyone. With the creation of Ebony, Morey has found the other side of himself. He has taken the nicer sides

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has it that Gays have sex just about anywhere but their homes. You know—the bars, the baths, adult bookstores and movie houses. All too often these beliefs are validated as the recent arrests (which I don't endorse) in the bookstores have shown. And of course Gays all seduce under-age kids, right? Well, there are many under-aged kids who many of us knowingly bring into and/or take home with us. All this at the risk of having the bar closed. Why do so many Gays rush willie-nillie (or Nellie, if you prefer) to buy into all of the stereotypes that the uninformed try to lay of us?

It would seem that at this time when harassment is up and lawmakers are rethinking the whole issue of sexual conduct between consenting adults, that this would be the time for us to get some PRIDE. Let's save our sexual encounters for the private scene, like they meant something to us, instead of flaunting them in public. Let's not encourage our under-age bretheran to jeopardize us and the bar owners by bringing them into the bars and clubs. Let's show some class. Laws and times may be a-changin', but a consenting adult law is not about to include public sex acts nor will it include sexual conduct and/or drinking with under-age kids.

Register to vote, write your Legislators, and get some PRIDE. If you don't have it yet, look around and find someone who does. Who knows, you might also find yourself a lifelong friend and somewhere with whom to share your love and to, in the words of a dear friend of mine, "grow young together."

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—Who was the new star that was seen on Channel 3 one Wednesday evening, Sammy. Now you have your papers, there's no stopping you. I mean, isn't owning half the Valley enough? But what was TV doing in a Gay Bar?

—Lucy, Love, I hear you're growing a beard. Stunning, just stunning and soooo BUTCH. But what happens when you put on your dress—Another Cycle Slut????? Speaking of Drags, John Boy: Put on your hoop-skirts and get up there and TWIRL!!!

Well, Lamb Chops, that's all for this month—
And remember. . . the streets are safe, as long as you're not in Arizona!!

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My condolences to those of you who were unable to be present at GALLERY 3 on North Third Street on Sunday, February 27, for a very special treat as provided by one Mr. Ralph "Gus" Kniffin. Gallery 3 proudly displayed many of Gus's finest works in pen and ink, and I know that all those who did attend were more than favorably impressed.

As an art critic, I am severely limited by my amateur status, yet the quality of Mr. Kniffin's work can be easily distinguished by the most discerning eye.

I was immediately taken with the simplistic elegance in each work, and after viewing the entire collection I began to realize that Gus has been able to subtly and successfully blend a very fine and polished technique with a keen sense of ethnic pride. The Native American theme which ran throughout most of the works displayed by Gus was, I feel, a classic example of what seems to be an important and growing trend in American Art today.

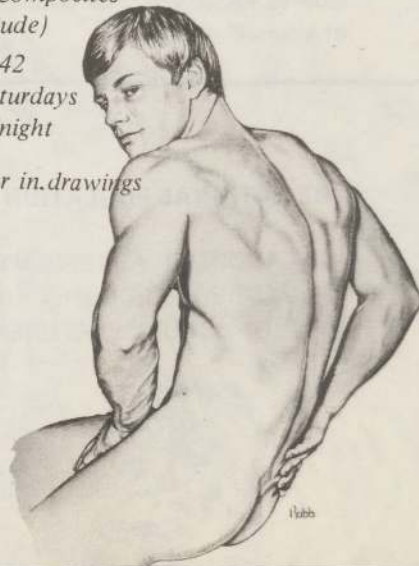
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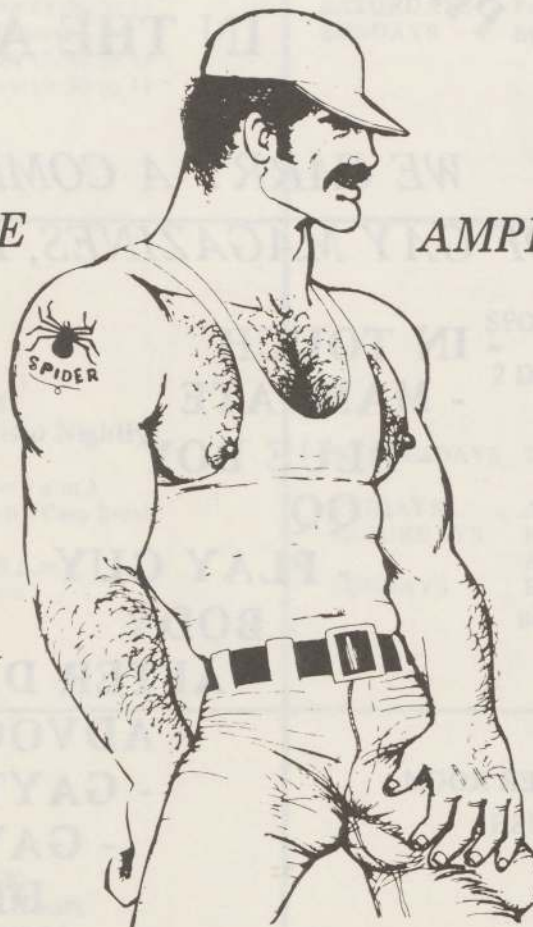


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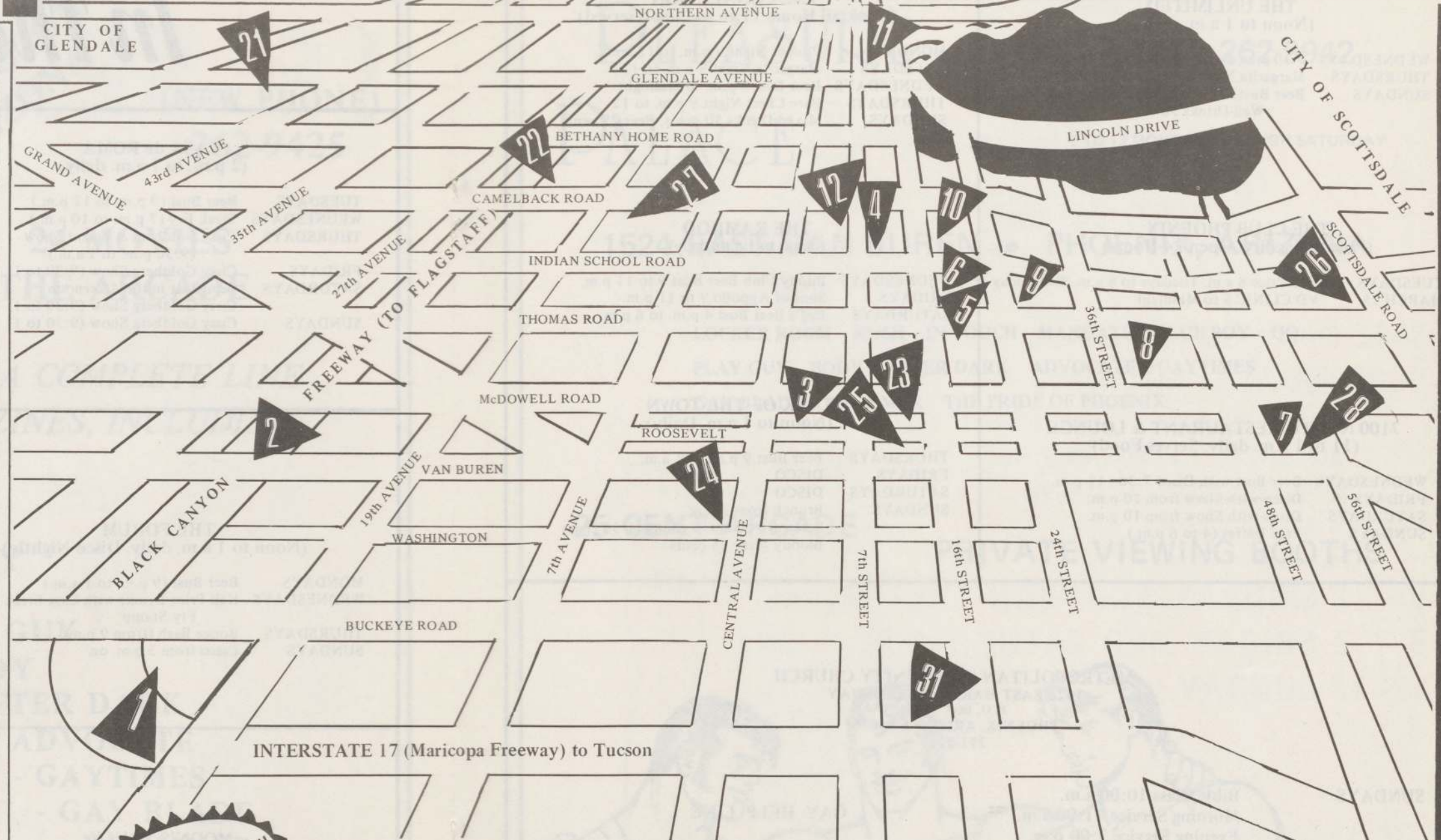
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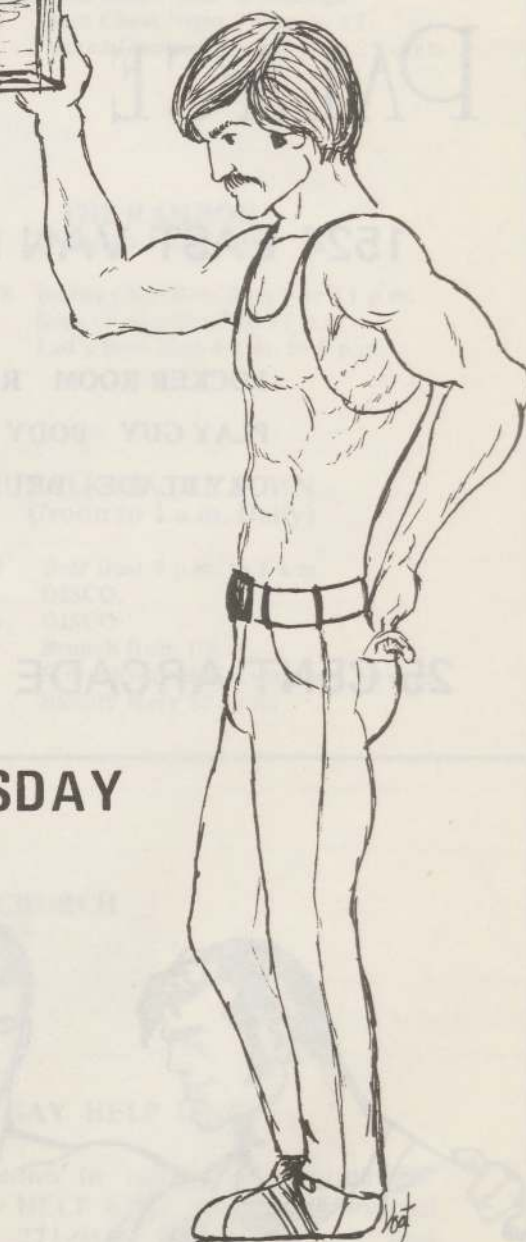
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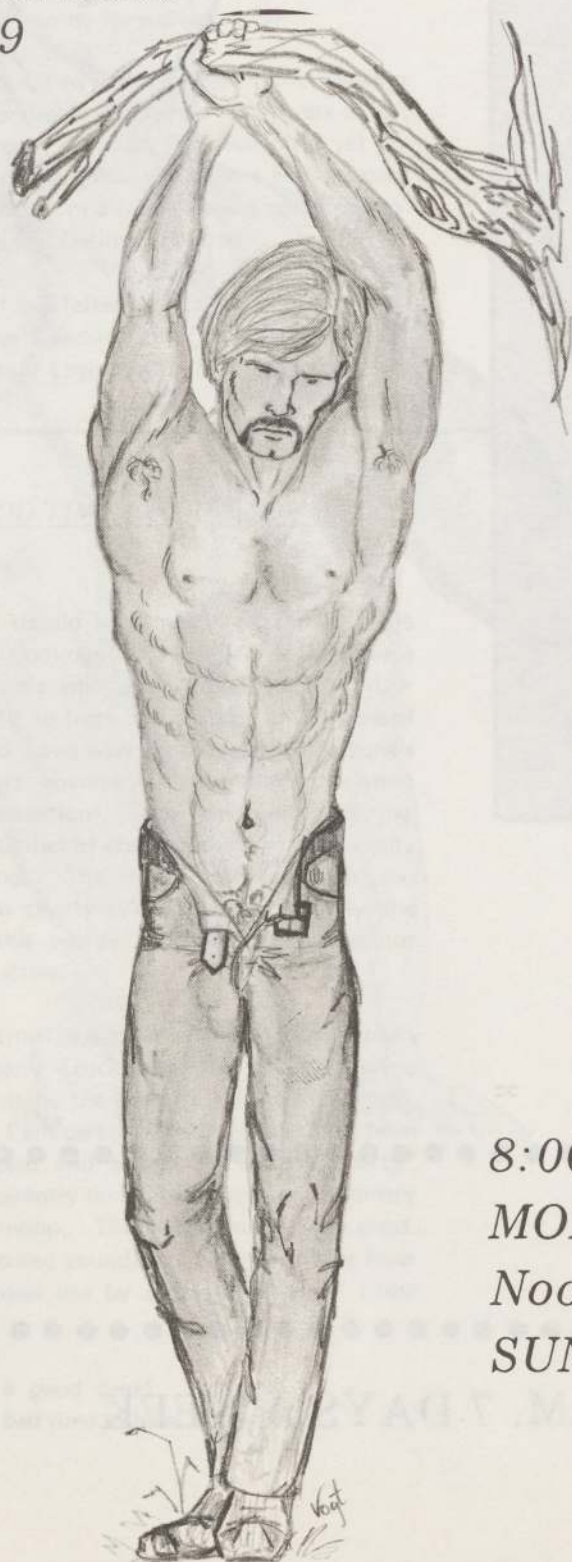
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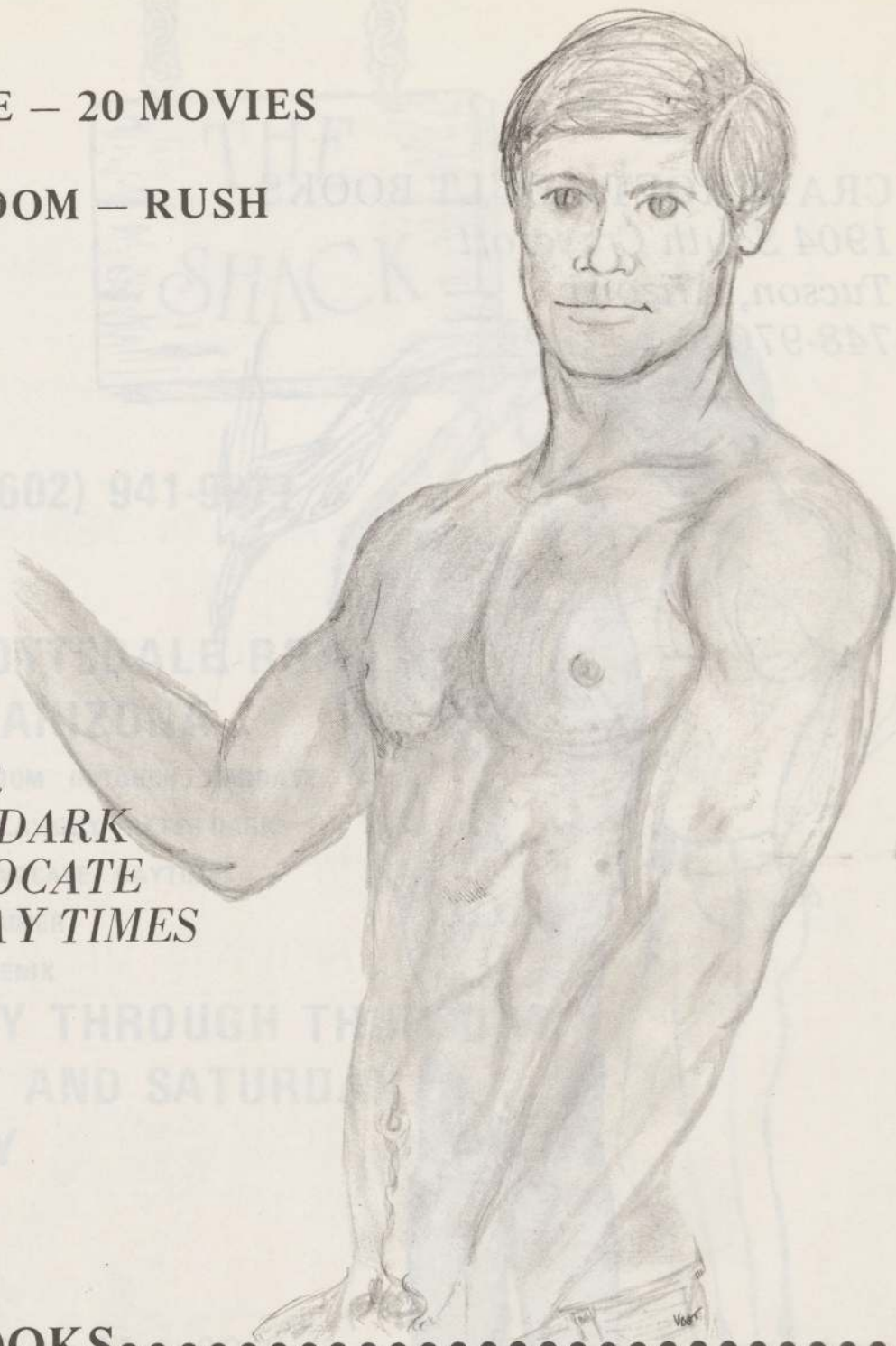


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I am 28 years old, I served four years in the US Navy and have an Honorable Discharge. I am a tax-payer; I pay your wages! I am an American; but yet my freedom is restricted. You see, I am a Homosexual. I'm not an animal, I'm a human being with feelings. Feelings of love and feelings of hatred.

The purpose of this letter is to call to your attention the "Homosexual Conduct Code" now pending before the Arizona State Legislature. It is long past time

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AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL???

A compliment should be generally extended to the Phoenix Gay Community in regard to the large number of people who appeared at Moon's Truck on February 12 to learn more about the Proposed Sexual Conduct Laws now pending before Arizona's State Legislators; however, this compliment is given with some reservations. The important gathering had all the potential of accomplishing some crucially important things. The energy level was high, and enthusiasm was clearly evident. Unfortunately, the direction of this energy and enthusiasm was not totally constructive.

Had an uninformed newcomer to the Gay Community arrived at Moon's Truck just prior to the opening statements made by the three valued and knowledgeable speakers, I am certain that he would have been greatly impressed and astonished by the "party" which was apparently taking place on a very ordinary Saturday afternoon. The disco sounds were great. The alcohol flowed abundantly, and the dance floor was put to good use by some of Phoenix' finest hoofers.

Wow! What a good time!

Wow! What a bad time to have a good time!

CCR —WHAT'S GOING ON—

CCR is growing. We have requests from groups and individuals all over Arizona trying to find out how they can get involved.

Individual letters to your Legislators are still our most important tool—please write to them and tell them exactly how you feel (A statement of what should be in your letters is following this article). When you get a reply—please take a minute and send us a copy of the reply to help us.

We have committees set up—if you want to work as a registrar, lobbyist, fund-raiser, typist, etc., or in groups to get religious, business and organizational support, or to work "behind the scenes" or numerous other areas—**WE NEED PEOPLE AND IDEAS! WRITE to us at CCR—P. O. Box 2266, Phoenix Arizona 85002.**

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and could move at the discretion of those committees. There has been a lot of input and we don't plan to stop until the State stays out of our private lives even to the point of becoming involved in the election process in November of '78!!

For the first time we (the Gay Community) had a constructive and urgent purpose in joining forces: A purpose that is critical to each of us as individuals, and we blew it (no pun intended!).

Again, I had the opportunity to observe, first-hand, a serious lack of concern for ourselves as valuable and intricate parts of society. Instead, I witnessed many of us treating this important event as a social affair rather than an exercise in civil liberties and honest citizenship. Our priorities were seemingly lost in superficial concerns and general merriment, but the greatest loss may soon come to pass. The Arizona State Legislature may quickly inflict upon us a series of ludicrous laws regarding personal sexual conduct, each of which may seriously hamper our day-to-day lifestyles—unless we unite and really strive to show this community that we are strong in nature and willing to stand up for those things in which we heartily believe.

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It is not too late. We can still recover what may have been, at best, sidetracked on February 12. It simply involves individually contacting our own State Legislators by mail and making ourselves heard. As registered voters we have the power to sway our State Representatives, but we must be serious about our endeavor.

On the other side, I was impressed by many individuals who have apparently taken seriously the information presented to them at Moon's Truck. Many intelligent and timely questions were put forth during the question-and-answer period, and I can only hope that these questions are indicative of positive follow-up action. Only time will tell.

In Phoenix we are just beginning to feel our way as a group with power and influence. Unfortunately, I'm afraid we are going to have to accept some hard knocks unless we settle down to some serious inner thoughts about ourselves. In the interim, I can only hope that at least our numbers as indicated by the turnout at Moon's Truck on February 12, will have some impact.

For further information about what you can do to combat this serious legal issue, please contact the following:

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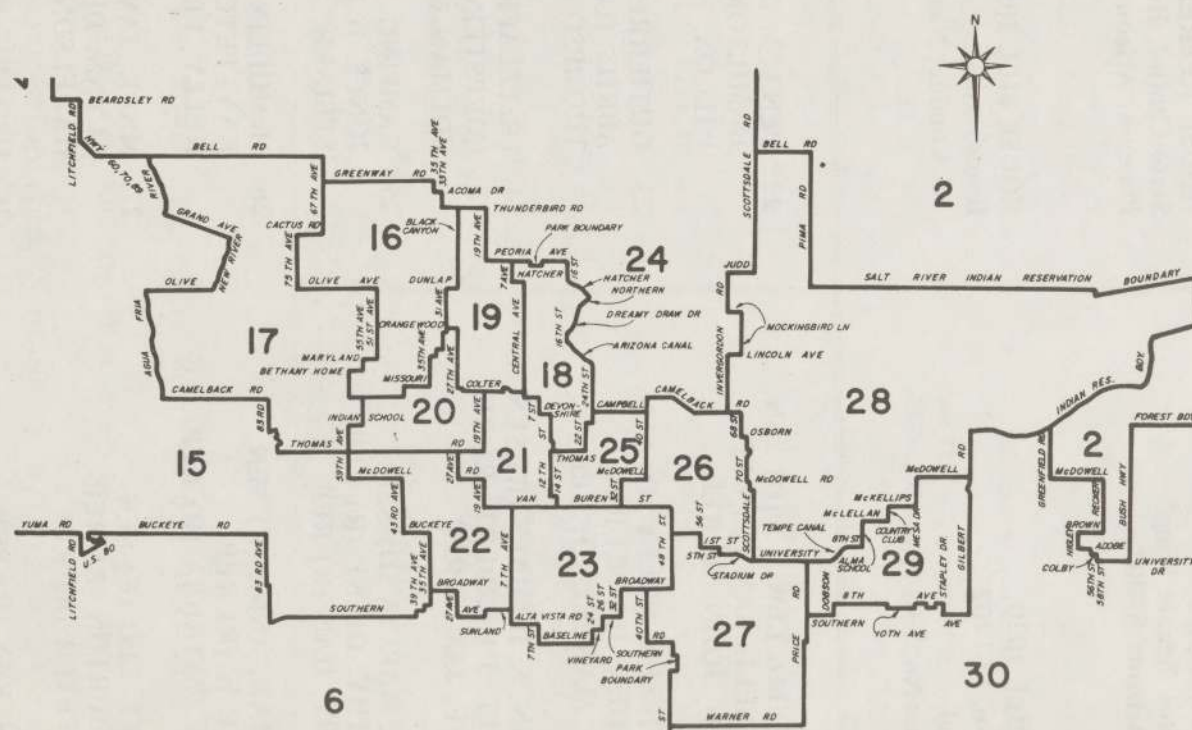
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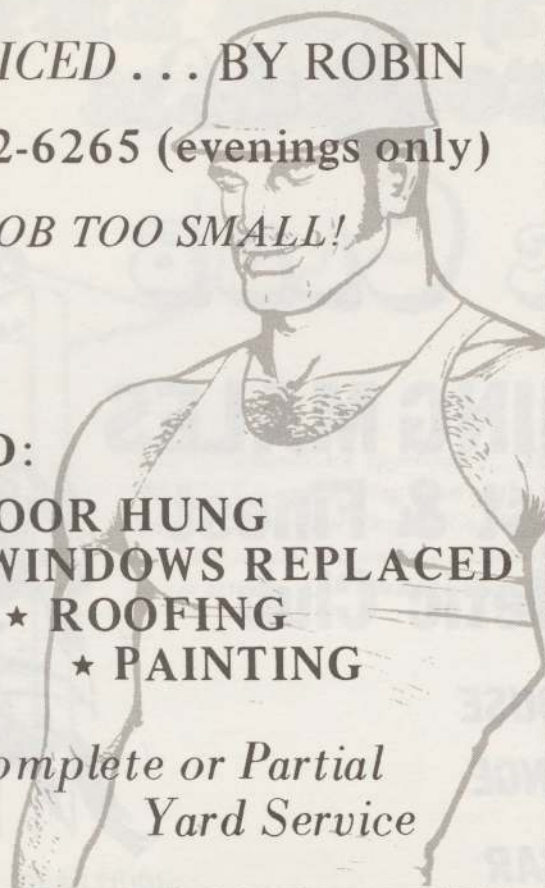
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It's really great to see a decent Gay publication in the Valley, it's been long overdue. Keep it up! Also, I really loved your article, "From the Mouth of the Dragon!" — G.T.

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Best of luck, Joshua Tree!!

A Disco Press, by the Goddess of Disco, Miss Donna Summer with Spring Affair and Winter Melody and soon to be released the new Heart and Soul lp Love in C Minor and many other dino-mite cuts

For you Disco Party Freaks, don't miss the Bob Crewe lp STREET TALK—you'll wish you hadn't. Also, Vont the Nitro lp-produced by Norman Whitfield (of You & Me fame).

Now, especially for you gals, don't miss the incredible new Natalie Cole LP UNPREDICTIBLE YOU, on Capitol Records and Melissa Manchester's LP on Arista. I strongly encourage all of you to get the new LP by George Benson, IN FLIGHT, and the new Love Unlimited LP I DID IT FOR LOVE.

Last but not least, those hot little 45's: DISCO (She'll Dance You In The Ground) by the Amazing Mr. D on Franklin records, and a song we can all relate to WONDER WOMAN by the New World Symphony on Shady Brook records and finally, UPTOWN FESTIVAL by Shalamar on Soul Train records.

DISCO SCENE *continued from page 13*

Pennington LP 24 HOURS A DAY, so keep checking those stores! Now when you're in the stores, look for the DISCO PRESS sections and you'll find the new "TK" record releases by George McCrae with LOVE IN MOTION, also T CONNECTIONS, new GOT TO SEE MY LADY and WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO from Playboy rec's, THE THEME FROM ROCKY by Current and soon to be released from Glades Records STONED TO THE BONE by Timmy Thomas and from Casa Blanca

That's about it, now I want you to run into Rolling Stone Records (Tower Plaza) & Circles and Go CRAZY. Will see you there and at the clubs on their scheduled dance contest dates.
LOVE I YOU —Jakki DJ

P. S. Hey, let's all call "Anita" and tell her to forget about oranges and try grapes—Sour Grapes would be right down her alley about now!!

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of both identities and made them totally compatible and completely acceptable by his world of family and by the people who pack the clubs to see him. Morey, the boy, is very sensitive, shy, and basically introverted, while his other identity as Ebony is very sure, proud, worldly and bold, an extrovert. According to Morey, "Ebony makes Morey a much better person. Ebony is an entertainer, not a drag queen. She shares herself with other people. I want her to have something to say; to be entertaining. I want her to make people feel, to laugh and cry with her by using songs that have been recorded by Billy Holiday Aretha Franklin or Big Mama Thorton." And Ebony does just that with songs such as "My Way" or "My Song", she shows you what the funky and the South side of Chicago is all about with feelings so low you ache. With songs such as "Tell Mama" and "Clean Up Woman" she shows you that some things can be funny also. She even has a walk that has a label on it and should be patented, but I'm sure the U S Patent Office would never be able to handle it, let alone catch it to file it. For Morey being a female impersonator is much more than putting on grease paint or "doll shit" as he calls it, it is a world of theatre fantasy and entertainment—not a sex trip. What ever the reason that this boy left a \$300 a week job as a professional nurse to work as a female impersonator, one thing is for certain, his talents are many and he will be around for a long time.

So now you know. Sometimes those "drag queens" up there on stage are real, complicated, interesting and alive individuals behind the eyelashes and pancake.

If you like this article about Ebony—let us know, and let us know who you'd like to hear about next time.

See you next month.

P. S. Look for the gang from Casa to perform at the TALK OF THE TOWN very soon.

Love, JoAnne

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that the government stopped putting its nose into the personal and private lives of the citizens of this country. -What we do in private is no one's business but our own!

My understanding is that Homosexual Acts are considered "victimless crimes". If there is no victim, then how can it be considered a crime? If the government would stop trying to play church, and the church would stop trying to play government, we would all be better off!

Also, I do believe that the Phoenix Police Department has more important things to do besides hassling people in gay bars, and harassing them as they leave the bars. I have very personal knowledge of this; and I feel that I was treated very unfairly.

In closing I would like to ask your support in defeating the proposed Homosexual Conduct Code and all other laws that would discriminate against homosexuals. Homosexuals are human beings just like everyone else in this country, and we demand our rights as citizens of America, "Land of the Free!" In Freedom's Name—David G.

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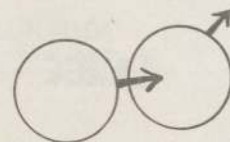


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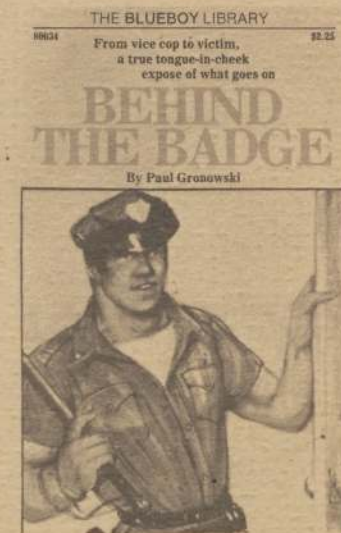
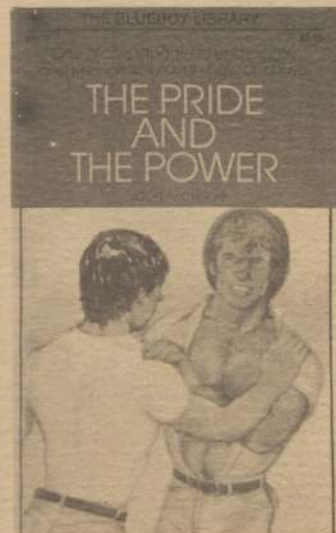
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