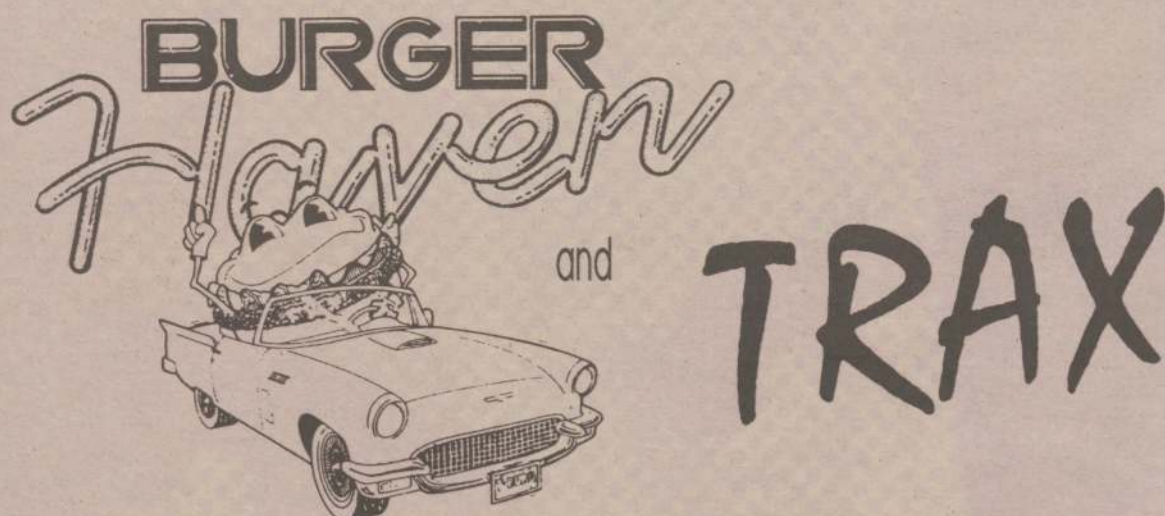


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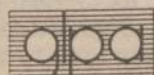
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## MECHAM RECALL A THREE RING CIRCUS

The never-ending process of removing Evan Mecham from his position as Arizona's governor has taken on all the dignity and continuity of a three-ringed circus. As ringmaster, Mecham has managed to manipulate the ever-increasing cast of characters at will. This circus, however, is nothing to laugh at. It is an expensive and indefensible display of smoke-and-mirror trickery leveled against the state he has sworn to serve.

Mecham's attorney Murray Miller resigned last week for undisclosed reasons, and has been quickly replaced by attorneys Jerris Leonard and Thomas Crowe. Mr. Mecham could not have chosen a better successor to the bellicose Miller, as Leonard has made his reputation by representing controversial figures and is well acquainted with the mechanics of shady business dealings. As a result of taking the Mecham case, Leonard was forced to resign from the Washington D.C. law firm where he had worked for the past two years. Leonard has vowed to take the entire impeachment issue to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

Mecham's various attorneys have continually attempted to derail the impeachment process by filing motions based on the shop-worn arguments that the impeachment trial violates his constitutional rights. Prior to resignation, Miller repeatedly badgered Senate members with requests to delay the hearing until Mecham's criminal trial is concluded. That trial, in which Mecham will face six felony counts, is scheduled to begin March 22, and while Miller has promised the criminal trial would be expeditious, common sense suggests its conclusion to be well past the May 17th recall election date.

After failing to extract the lengthy delay requested of the Senate, Miller went a step beyond and asked for a complete dismissal on the grounds of "insufficiency of the articles of impeachment." This request was summarily snubbed as well.

Still not willing to face the music in the Senate court, Miller refused requests to submit evidential exhibits, documents, and a witness list by the required filing deadline of Wednesday, February 24. Failure to do so could result in the Senate issuing sanctions against Mecham, including forbidding him to introduce his own witnesses and evidence.

Once again, acting as omnipotent ringmaster, Mecham is forcing the State to choke down spurious

delays and burgeoning costs while demonstrating a peculiar leaning toward high stakes chicanery. Thus, the Arizona Legislature is transformed into ring number one.

Ring number two, naturally, is the farcical recall arena.

This ring, at present, is occupied by the ninety-seven characters who have taken out their own nomination petitions. As yet, only two contenders promise to be viable candidates, while the remainder make a denigrating mockery of the electoral process.

John Rhodes and Carolyn Warner have both formally announced their recall election campaigns, and Attorney General Bob Corbin has issued a non-binding legal opinion that Rose Mofford may be on the ballot as well. In order to be included, yet not resign her current post, Mofford would need only to refrain from nominating herself and announcing her candidacy. She would not be barred, however, from being drafted to run in the election.

Adding financial insult to political injury in this debacle, Mecham has requested an astonishing \$1.5 million to run his recall campaign, citing a constitutional allowance of sums provided to recall targets. With the citizens of Arizona currently paying nine so-called staff members to assist Mecham's campaign, \$1.5 million appears a trifle excessive to mount a two-and-a-half month campaign.

Ring number three is composed of steadfast Mecham allies, surreptitiously espousing "mom and apple pie." Upon close examination, however, we find a neolithic band of bloodthirsty zealots committed to returning Mecham to power and Arizona to puritanism. To a vocal and energetic minority of Arizona, Mecham represents the fight against corruption, big business, and moral decay.

Among this sect, Mecham is not just a man who would be governor, but the deification of "all that is good;" the saviour of our state. Mecham himself has claimed that he is our political salvation, and he has a sinister agenda, one supported by vacuous, droning reactionaries.

Mecham's own statement of his intentions offers a rather chilling view inside the mind of a man with a "divine mission." Says our former governor, "I'm doing what's good for Arizona; I've changed a lot of things. This job isn't nearly complete."

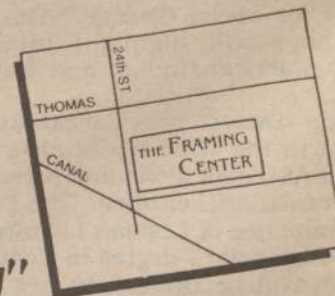
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## NGLTF TERMS AIDS BUDGET "STILL DEFICIENT"

Calling the Reagan Administration's fiscal year 1989 AIDS budget proposals "a step forward but still deficient," the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) called on Congress to appropriate a minimum of \$2 billion for AIDS research and prevention at the Public Health Service. The President's fiscal 1989 request allocates \$1.3 billion to the PHS for AIDS research and prevention activities, as compared to \$950 million in the current fiscal year. While the President's budget message announces \$2 billion in AIDS spending, the Administration's figures incorporate the programs of all government agencies, including Medicaid. Only \$1.3 billion would go toward the PHS's efforts.

"As the crisis continues to escalate," commented NGLTF Executive Director Jeffrey Levi, "we must move to reach the \$2 billion target set by the National Academy of Sciences." Levi argued that the President's budget is particularly deficient in the areas of prevention and care, and said NGLTF would be working with a broad-based coalition of gay/lesbian, AIDS, and health oriented organizations to justify a minimum of \$2 billion in funds next year.

"The toll keeps mounting, the virus keeps spreading, and still this Administration has failed to pull together a major national prevention campaign," Levi said. "What prevention money is available is strapped in its ability to deliver an effective message by restrictions imposed by Jesse Helms, the New Rights, and the White House," Levi continued.

NGLTF also criticized the lack of planning for the care needs of persons with HIV infection and AIDS. "We are fast approaching the point where the health care delivery system will be overwhelmed by AIDS in some parts of the country," states Levi, "but still, model programs for care delivery go underfunded and the federal government has played little role in inspiring planning at the local level."

The research component of the proposed budget represents significant increases in funding. "But more money on paper does not mean rapidly expanding research. Unless the government acts to remove bureaucratic

roadblocks to getting the funds into the hands of the scientists in the field, more money means little to people with AIDS who need treatment and a cure."

Among the recommendations for additional spending that NGLTF advocates for the fiscal 1989 budget cycle are:

- Increased staffing for the PHS agencies working on AIDS. The Administration refuses to give the agencies the staff they need, making less effective any increase in appropriations.

- The Administration is seeking \$100 million for HIV antibody testing. NGLTF is asking an additional \$200 million for counseling and the training of counselors—two essential ingredients to make any testing program effective. An additional \$50 million is being sought to support the long-term counseling that persons testing positive need.

- An additional \$200 million is sought for prevention activities targeted at specific groups—in particular minorities and youth at risk.

- NGLTF seeks at least \$100 million in increased spending on treatment for intravenous drug use. Ending drug dependency is the most effective means of stopping the spread of AIDS through IV drug use. One of the greatest tragedies of the AIDS epidemic is the long waiting lists associated with treatment programs.

- NGLTF urges an increase of at least \$50 million beyond the President's request to assure increases in the number of individuals enrolled in clinical trials. (At \$10,000 per patient, this would allow for an increase of 5,000 patients.)

- Areas of research requiring greater attention that are identified by NGLTF include studies of how to accomplish behavior change, more attention to co-factors and their link to contracting HIV infection and developing AIDS.

- NGLTF also recommends an additional \$150 million in expanded or new care-related initiatives. They are all designed to develop alternative care systems and encourage planning for the increasing burden AIDS will place on the nation's health care delivery system.

## ASU LESBIAN LIT PROGRAM ACCEPTED

Arizona State University's Women's Studies Program will be represented at the tenth annual National Women's Studies Conference. Over 1500 women from the U.S. and overseas will participate in the conference June 22-26 in Minneapolis.

This year's theme for the event is "Leadership and Power: Women's Alliances for Social Change." The 250 workshops will highlight international, American/Indian and lesbian issues.

Donna Taylor, post-baccalaureate student in the Women's Studies program at ASU, will direct and present a session from ASU entitled, "The Power of Performance of Lesbian Literature." Taylor's bachelor's degree in Communication will be utilized in her program of staged readings from lesbian literature, accompanied with a presentation on the genre.

Taylor's earlier research in "trigger scripting" focuses on the effects of oral reading of literature on the reader's

and listener's sensibilities. Of particular importance in the research is how heterosexual audiences react to and possibly experience sympathetic response to the dramatization of lesbian literature.

Ms. Taylor has adapted, directed and presented "A Lesbian of One's Own" at ASU in March of 1987, and presented an adaptation of "Desert of the Hearts" for the Saddleback Interpretation Festival in Mission Viejo, California in April of that year. The Minneapolis conference presentation will feature highlights from her previous work, and the results from the "trigger scripting" research.

Partial funding is needed for the undergraduate actors' transportation to the event. Individuals interested in assisting the company may send contributions to: Women's Studies Dept., Travel Fund, c/o Carol Valentine, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-1801.

## HEALTH CARE SOURCEBOOK TO BE MOST COMPREHENSIVE

Since the earliest days of the gay liberation struggles, experience has shown that one of the most necessary and valuable tools for progress is the sharing and compiling of information about available resources. The National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation is again making a contribution to the gay and lesbian community with the second edition of its *Sourcebook on Lesbian/Gay Health Care*, to be published in the spring of 1988.

"Many people—both within and outside the lesbian and gay community—have erroneously come to view AIDS as the only health care issue that touches the lives of gay people," explained Ellen Ratner, President of the Foundation. "This book will clearly illustrate that there is a broad range of health care issues of vital concern to our community."

The *Sourcebook* will include information on the 1988 National Lesbian/Gay Health Foundation Conference, a bibliographical section on health care issues for lesbians and gay men, as well as the fifth edition of the National Resource Directory of Lesbian/Gay Health Care Providers. The editors are William Scott and

Michael Shernoff, social workers with a long standing commitment to the lesbian/gay health care movement.

Several articles will be written by some of the most prominent individuals in the fields of medicine, psychology, social work, substance abuse, AIDS, sexuality and nursing. It will be "the most comprehensive volume published to date in the area of health care needs of lesbians and gay men," stated editors Scott and Shernoff. "Given the variety and scope of issues it addresses, the *Sourcebook* will be valuable to graduate students and professionals, and to members of the community who also are consumers of health care services," remarked Scott.

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## AIDS ACTION COUNCIL CHALLENGES CANDIDATES IN IOWA Makes Recommendations

As the Iowa primary campaign heated up in early January, the AIDS Action Council lost no time in publicly challenging the candidates to commit themselves to fighting the AIDS battle.

In a series of press conferences in different cities, Ann E. McFarren, Executive Director of the AIDS Action Council, called on the candidates to produce a long-range plan consisting of "effective, well-thought-out, all-embracing programs which address every aspect of the country's most urgent health crisis." The call for leadership was given at a press conference here by Ann E. McFarren, executive director of the D.C.-based AIDS Action Council. McFarren was joined by Timothy J. Sweeny, Deputy Executive Director for Policy for the Gay Men's Health Crisis, Dan Johnston, an attorney formerly of the Iowa legislature as well as a member of the Government Relations Committee of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, and Joel Gray and Iowa AIDS educator.

According to Ms. McFarren, "In October each of the candidates was presented with a 71-page document which the Council prepared entitled 'The HIV Epidemic: A Plan For the Future.' The report describes the AIDS crisis from a political, legislative, educational, social, medical and public health-care point of view, nationally and internationally. No one can say he doesn't have accurate scientific information on the issues," McFarren asserted.

"No presidential candidate should be elected unless he or she has a well-formulated, scientifically-based, responsible and compassionate strategy for dealing with what is the foremost health issue facing the United States," said Ann McFarren. "And a long range plan is required under the circumstances."

"In this Presidential Candidate Briefing Package, we offer five recommendations for additional initiatives to be taken by the next

administration. Our recommendations detail the most effective ways for the government to manage the epidemic, while still continuing current efforts," McFarren said.

The AIDS Action Council recommendations are:

- expanded support of biomedical research programs
- an information/education/risk reduction campaign
- legislated confidentiality and anti-discrimination in the use of the HIV antibody test
- access to and reimbursement for clinical service
- a full-scale federally sponsored anti-drug and treatment campaign.

"Along with each recommendation we provide a detailed background report. Fact sheets summarizing the epidemic are also provided," McFarren said.

"The AIDS Action Council package coalesces the knowledge, information and experience of the best minds working in this field since its inception. We have been consulting with candidates' staff regarding the HIV epidemic," she said.

According to McFarren, the Iowa effort is only one of many ways her organization will be utilizing to keep its agenda in the forefront of the candidates' attention. "Throughout the election year, we will continue to raise the issue and work with candidates' staff to help insure that they are mindful of their obligation; we will not be ignored," McFarren said.

The AIDS Action Council is a national public policy and lobbying organization representing more than 350 groups which provide AIDS services and education. Its mandate is to insure that the federal government adopts an adequate response to the AIDS crisis, including allotting \$2 billion, \$1 billion for AIDS education and \$1 billion for AIDS research, by 1991.

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## DESERT STATES REGIONAL CONFERENCE: Opportunity for movement

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For more information about  
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...Glendale, AZ. 85304. Get involved  
...and be heard.

—Martha Jones

## MANDATORY AIDS TESTING BILLS OKAYED

The House Judiciary Committee last  
week passed legislation that would  
require AIDS tests for suspects ar-  
rested in sexual or drug-related of-  
fenses.

House Bill 2127 would also make it  
a felony for PWAs to have sex without  
telling their partners of their condi-  
tion. The bill was approved 13-2 and  
sent on to the House appropriations  
Committee.

While law-enforcement agencies are  
lauding the bill as a beginning step  
toward the stemming of AIDS, health  
officials are calling the bill inadequate  
and a waste of money.

Captain Russ Pearce of the Mari-  
copa County Sheriff's Office says he  
thinks HB 2127 will help identify  
PWAs in the jail system. "We don't want  
the jails to be an incubator for AIDS,"  
Pearce says.

HB 2127 preceded a similar bill  
which requires that mandatory testing  
for couples prior to marriage be law.  
House Bill 2124 narrowly cleared a  
House panel amid charges that Evan  
Mecham ordered state officials not to  
criticize the measure.

The Human Resources and Aging  
Committee voted 8-7 to pass the bill.  
Bart Baker of Hereford was the single  
Republican hold-out in the vote.

It would require an estimated 72,000  
Arizonans each year to be tested for  
acquired immune deficiency syndrome  
before obtaining marriage licenses. A  
similar measure was defeated last  
year.

## WORLD'S AIDS COUNT TOPS 77,000

GENEVA (UPI)—The number of AIDS  
cases reported to the World Health  
Organization rose 9.3 percent last  
month to reach 77,266 by Jan. 31,  
compared to 70,670 on Dec. 30, the  
U.N. agency said Feb. 12.

WHO officials cautioned that the in-  
crease reflected improved reporting by  
Third World countries as well as a  
continued global spread of acquired  
immune deficiency syndrome.

By the end of January, WHO said in  
its latest monthly situation report,  
three new countries had detected the  
disease for a total of 132 cases with  
one or more cases.

The United States remained far  
ahead of all other nations with 51,361  
cases as of Jan. 31—or 66.5 percent of  
the world total.

Figures are cumulative since AIDS  
was first reported by the United States  
in 1979.

WHO officials said about half of all  
cases had so far resulted in death and  
the true global total is probably from  
50 percent more to double the number  
of reported cases.

The agency also said the number of  
reported cases is probably low be-  
cause while the United States sends  
weekly reports to the WHO Global  
Program on AIDS, most other coun-  
tries report only on a quarterly basis.

"Thus, it will be well into February or  
March before reports of the first AIDS  
cases diagnosed in 1988 will begin to  
be received," it said.

Cumulative annual world totals  
since the first cases were reported  
have been, at the end of each year: 14  
in 1979, 84 in 1980, 380 in 1981, 1,510  
in 1982, 4,951 in 1983, 11,938 in 1984,  
25,033 in 1985, 47,692 in 1986, 70,670  
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this year.

## LOS ANGELES RODEO TO BE HELD IN MARCH

LOS ANGELES, CA—The Golden State  
Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA) has  
announced that the Los Angeles Gay  
Rodeo will be held the weekend of  
March 25-27, 1988. For the fourth con-  
secutive year, the three day amateur  
rodeo will be held at the Los Angeles  
Equestrian Center in Burbank. The  
facility offers a covered arena which  
seats approximately 3,000 spectators,  
plenty of parking, and room for retail  
booths, two stages, a country western  
dance floor, and a casino. The theme  
for the Arts and Crafts portion of the  
event is "Golden State Country Fair  
'88."

"With an estimated 200 contestants,  
this year promises to be the most ex-  
citing year in the history of the Los  
Angeles Gay Rodeo," said Al Bell,  
Rodeo Director. "There will be the  
usual 13 rodeo events each day which  
consist of, 4 rough stock events, 3  
horse events, 3 roping events, and 3  
"camp" events."

Rough stock events include: bare back  
bronc riding; wild bull riding; wild cow  
riding; and chute dogging. Horse  
events include: pole bending; barrel  
racing; and flag racing. Roping events  
include: calf roping on foot; calf roping  
on horseback; and team calf roping on

horseback. "Camp" events include:  
goat dressing; steer decorating; and  
the wild drag race.

GSGRA has added \$7,500.00 in prize  
money this year, an amount consid-  
ered substantial even by professional  
rodeo standards. This money is over-  
and-above the regular "day money"—  
the money paid by contestants to en-  
ter the event, which is distributed to  
the winners. \$4000.00 of this added  
money will be divided between the "All  
Around Cowboy", and "All Around  
Cowgirl" winners.

The Los Angeles Gay Rodeo draws  
over 12,000 spectators during the 2  
1/2 days of activities, making it the  
largest gay rodeo in the country.  
Festivities will begin at 7pm on Friday  
night, and at 12 noon on Saturday and  
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Parade and Grand Marshall. Tickets  
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**Bisexual Spouse: Different Dimensions In Human Sexuality.** Ivan Hill, editor. McLean, VA: Barlina, 1987. 264 pages hardbound. \$16.95.

This book is one of many creative, successful and misleading products that cash in on AIDS. When middle America gets bored with castigating male homosexuals, it wanders over to male bisexuals. Since semen is a major transmission vector, males are major targets of invective. Hill and his cohorts plunged into the resulting fray and extracted sufficient data to convince the wavering of their previous convictions.

Six marriages are studied in detail, through "intimate interviews" with both partners in each marriage. All marriages are categorized as bisexual by Hill, but the subjects present different facts. We have our token lesbian, five gay men, and six heterosexual spouses. Five of the marriages ended with divorce. In the sixth, the husband suppressed his inclinations toward men for the first thirty years of marriage, and by then, the marriage bond was strong enough to embrace it.

Spouses were interviewed individually, and in most cases, several years after divorce. Editing was superb—quotes from one spouse are followed immediately by quotes from the other on the same topic so that we see simultaneous interpretations. In addition, a few men and women were interviewed whose partners were unavailable, and in these cases, quotes were supplemented with editorial narration.

Another superb aspect of editing is that Hill and his cohorts know when to shut up. They chose the data to present, and the order and manner of presentation, and their choices necessarily express their views, but beyond that, they stay out of it. Each person interviewed expressed strong emotions and firm beliefs, and the statements and opinions are often contradictory. Different people have different answers, different values, different priorities and different situations. They say what they have to say and do what they have to do, and Hill et al don't comment except by silence.

After the interviews, we see the results of a sexuality survey completed by psychiatrists and sex therapists, and comments on the survey by a psychiatrist. Again, results are reported without comment, but some of the questions incorporate a viewpoint. Read the respondents' comments about the questions—I found them the most interesting result of the survey.

The book called *The Bisexual Spouse* is actually about homosexual divorced people and their exes. It wasn't written for these people, nor for people in, or considering, homosexual/heterosexual marriage. It was written for people who favor monogamous marriage. Other ways of being are presented selectively, and the selected portions are unfortunate aspects of a larger truth.

*Bisexual Spouse* is available from Barlina Books, Inc. and Humanspace Books, Inc.

# PAUL KING TICKET STUBS



## 'BIG HAIR' ON PARADE

You may have forgotten how divine John Waters can be, depending on how long it's been since you last rented a copy of female trouble.

With *Hairspray*, I knew I could count on two things; the film would probably be irreverent, and would certainly have as one of its cast members, the irrepressible Divine. I was right about both.

The story takes place in Baltimore during the early sixties (Mr Waters lives there and presumably lived there at that time, as well). It's an honest-to-goodness period piece, replete with beehives and puppy love. Especially Beehives!

Tracy Turnblad, who is a pleasantly plump young girl, loves to dance and hang out at the filming of a local television program, *The Corny Collins Show*. The show features pop hits and a studio filled with anonymous, strolling youngsters. Amber Von Tussel shares the same interests and enjoys the good fortune of fate; she is blonde, pretty and, for her time, acceptably mainstream. And, twenty-five years ago, getting your young unknown face on an honest-to-goodness television screen, was better than being queen of the prom!

Corny Collins plays host to the Auto Show Queen Contest. Amber and Tracy are in hot competition. Tracy may be overweight, but she knows how to dance. She also possesses an inordinate tolerance for colored people. What the heck! They're worth dancing to, so why aren't they worth dancing with!

*Hairspray* is an ambitious film; one which is probably better recommended than the burdensome, *Cry Freedom*. After all, a lesson in race relations is more easily tolerated through laughter—a spoon of sugar, and all that. While White America dithered over whether the last Thursday of the month was sufficient recognition of Black Kids on "The Corny Collins Show", Tracy and her friends just wanna dance!

While Adult American worried about the acceptability of fat girls, entering the Miss Auto Show contest of 1963, Tracy and her Mom just wanna shop for dresses at Hefty Hideaway. Little do any of them realize that Beatniks, Reefers, and steam-ironed tresses, are right around the corner.

Let the symbolism slip past your grey matter and allow your orbs to enjoy all of the hysterical antics of people caught in the tides of change. I really ought to let my older sister know about this movie. It would be a great excuse for her to dust off the poodle, grab a can of Aqua Net, rat her hair into a frenzied stupor, and do the Continental down the center aisle. If she doesn't enjoy the non-stop music, at least she'll learn that fat white girls have rhythm too. It's Mashed Potato Time!

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## RIGHT OF BORK???



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**W**ho is Bernard Siegan?

President Reagan is bound and determined to leave his ultra-conservative thinking as a legacy to this country's judicial system. Just when we can feel relief about Bork's nomination being defeated, the Reagan administration nominates Bernard H. Siegan to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. It has already been said of the 63 year old law professor that he makes Bork look moderate by comparison.

Before delving into Mr. Siegan's qualifications as a jurist or his legal opinions (which are primarily expressed in the signed opinion columns of the right-wing newspaper *The Orange County Register*), consider the gravity and responsibility incumbent on Siegan as a final arbitrator of legal interpretation.

It is customary for all federal bench nominees to possess outstanding intellectual qualifications, legal skills and expertise. This is important in the case of Federal Courts of Appeals judges, as these courts make the final decisions in most cases decided in the federal court system.

In the fiscal year 1986, which ended September 30, 1986, the Federal Courts of Appeals disposed of 33,821 cases. Since the Supreme Court reviews only 100 to 150 federal appellate annually, nearly all Courts of Appeals decisions are final. Therefore, standards for appointments to the Courts of Appeals should reflect high responsibility to the laws and opinions of equity to the people who will be affected by his judicial renderings.

Mr. Siegan does not meet these standards.

After reviewing Siegan's entire legal career, the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Judiciary gave him a "qualified" rating, the lowest passing grade. Siegan's responses to the Senate Judiciary Committee's Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees reveals a career lacking distinction. Out of 24 years in private law practice, ending in 1971, he spent his last 21 years as a real estate attorney. It appears that much of his time as a lawyer was spent representing his own interests rather than those of others.

Although experience in a courtroom is not a prerequisite for an appellate judge, this experience is useful, in that it gives the jurist the practical framework to determine if the lower court correctly applied the law. For this reason, Siegan's lack of courtroom experience is relevant.

Siegan has never appeared in the 9th Circuit or any district court within the circuit. He appeared in federal court shortly after law school and he characterizes that appearance as "not of any significance."

In this questionnaire, Siegan stated that he appeared in court only "occasionally" and "almost all experiences were in state courts." Closer examination of his state court experience indicates limitations in this court also.

For instance, Siegan has never had a jury trial.

In Siegan's 24 years of practice, he listed one breach of contract and nine real estate cases as the ten most significant litigated matters he personally handled. He was his own client in several of those nine real estate cases.

Based on his minimal experience as a lawyer, Siegan never should have been nominated to a seat on the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. During an initial interview before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Siegan contended that his personal views are irrelevant to this judicial decision making. Although that may be a well intentioned statement, it is at best naive. Senator Dennis De Concini (D-Arizona) quickly replied: "Your thinking is not irrelevant. What you are and what you have written and how you think is very important and quite frankly, is very relevant."

De Concini is supported in his views by eminent constitutional scholars such

as Charles Black. Black has documented in his writing that philosophy does shape judicial behavior. No one can so completely divide opinion from action.

Siegan's contention that when appointed to the bench he will do a 180 degree turnabout in his legal thought processes is totally ludicrous. This is the man who opines in his writings that the Supreme Court has been on the wrong track since 1937.

Siegan's application of his judicial philosophy results in bizarre views on a broad range of fundamental constitutional doctrines and lines of precedent. His views, as reported by *The People for the American Way*, included the following:

1. The Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment does not prohibit states from discriminating against minorities and women in education, jury services, voting and office holding.
2. *Brown vs Board of Education*, the landmark case which banned segregated schools, was decided for the wrong reasons and the decisions enforcing *Brown* are not justified by the constitution. States which refuse to dismantle illegally segregated schools cannot be forced to do so by the courts.
3. The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment was not incorporated by the Fourteenth Amendment and therefore does not apply to the states.
4. The Supreme Court has been wrong in upholding a substantial number of health and safety laws. Siegan has criticized the minimum wage laws, toxic related litigation and other forms of economic regulation.
5. The First Amendment prohibits only Congress from abridging freedom of speech; it does not prevent the President from limiting free speech.
6. Congress does not have the "competency" to enact legislation regulating the economy. Therefore, judges should be willing to strike down economic laws.

Basically, what we have in Siegan is a man who: 1) believes it's perfectly legal for states to discriminate against women; 2) has publicly gone on record that *Brown vs. Board of Education* is wrong because it inhibits the Black child's right to travel; 3) is against free speech; 4) believes the President should have the power to limit free speech; 5) doesn't want minimum wage or toxic waste control and states economic regulations should be in the hands of judges rather than Congress.

The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is the largest appellate court in the United States. The territory presided over by these 29 seated jurists includes Washington, Alaska, California, Wyoming, Oregon, Hawaii, Nevada and Arizona. At this juncture, the last thing the State of Arizona needs is another arch-conservative, who by his own writings makes the local "talent" appear to be mild by comparison.

Arizona is a beleaguered state. For openers, we have an ex-governor embroiled in legal battles; a mental health care system which ranks 52nd out of 52 states and districts evaluated; a public education system mass producing illiterates; air so polluted that it is dangerous to breathe; and now the possibility of seating Bernard Siegan to the second most powerful judicial seat in the land.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what his legal opinions would be, regarding gay and lesbian rights, if such a case were argued in his court.

You may voice your opposition to the seating of Bernard Siegan to the U.S. 9th District Court of Appeals by writing Senator Dennis De Concini, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Or if you prefer, we invite you to send your letters to this publication and they will be forwarded to Washington, D.C. for you. However you choose to protest this nomination, please be heard.

# LEE LAWRENCE LETTERS FROM THE FARM

## MY HEART BELONGS TO HOOVER

Sometime during the winter of my twelfth year I became a man. I know I was supposed to wait for my Bar Mitzvah, but that was a year off and you know how it is when you're a kid: a year is forever! I already had this fascination with my body—some parts more than others—and used every opportunity to explore, examine and question its doings. I also used to question my best friend, Rudy. One day we were playing in the backyard behind our apartment building and I asked Rudy, "Do you get stiff?" Rudy was hanging upside down by the backs of his knees from a maple tree, and his hair fell straight down. I envied kids with straight hair. Mine was blond and curly, practically in ringlets, and my ears stuck out despite months of Scotch taping them flat to my head. Everybody said I was cute. I hated that. Mostly because when I was younger my mother used to make this big curl from front to back right in the middle of my head. I have pictures, and that curl is so perfect you can almost see a little surfer hanging ten, crouched low shooting out of it and stopping his ride at my forehead.

"Does what get stiff?" Rudy asked lowering himself from the tree and scrunching up next to me, our backs to the rough bark. "You know, your peter. Your dick, Dickhead. Does it just get stiff on you?"

"Yeah, you too, huh? Golly, whatzit mean?"

"Dunno. But it feels good when I play with it like that. Do you play with yours?" Rudy was getting red. Even though he was my best friend, we never experimented with each other. Later on I did that with some other friends. All of them, in fact.

We pushed pebbles around in the dry dirt and stuck twigs in the shoelace holes of our Keds and wouldn't look at each other but kept asking questions. "Mine sticks up in the air when that happens and it's real hard to pee. I gotta bend way over and sometimes I miss the bowl." I don't remember exactly what Rudy's did, but he didn't seem to have the same problem. We talked a while more, and then my father's whistle ended the conversation. "Gotta go, dinner." What a relief, I thought, I'm not the only one. Once I started asking around, I found out all kinds of neat stuff. The older guys told me about jerking off and cumming and what you do with girls. One afternoon a bunch of us were in the clubroom we had in the basement and Alfie Fredricks, who was kinda my idol, said we should all play strip poker which I'd never done before. I wasn't even down to my underpants when Alfie told me to take my peter out and play with it and make it shoot. Now I was scared because I knew it wouldn't shoot. I'd tried, lots, but I didn't want them to know. I told the guys it didn't work if I had to pee, so I'd go pee first. The bathroom was down the hall from the clubroom so I sneaked out and later told the kids I ran into my mom by the laundry room and she had me help carry the laundry. I hoped to buy myself some time. Weeks later, despite all my efforts (and believe me there were many), I still had nothing to show to Alfie Fredricks.

One afternoon a few months later, our cleaning lady, Lillian, didn't show up. To this day, cleaning house ranks right up there with tweezing my nostrils as a favored pastime, but that day I called my Mom at work and told her that Lillian called in sick. My mom was a real nut. She ironed sheets and tied them in bows. Her closets and drawers had everything where it was supposed to be. Mother's favorite expression, along with "If you weren't so big I'd shove you back where you came from," was, "A place for everything and everything in its place." She was upset at the idea of putting in a full day at the store and then coming home to what, in her eyes, would be a "filthy house."

Back then I still had this need to please my mother in order to feel loved. So for the next few hours I dusted, fluffed pillows, cleaned ashtrays and vacuumed. The vacuum always held a special fascination for me. I would stick it against my cheek and then see how far I could pull my cheek away from my face before the skin popped. Then I'd watch the red circle slowly fade. One of my favorite things was sucking up the water in the little goldfish bowl I had on my dresser. (This was the only pet I could have that wouldn't mess up the house or clash with the decor). I would see how far I could hold the hose away from the water before it sucked it up—like a mini-water spout. That's what gave me the idea. First, I went and put the chain on the door—just to make sure my mother didn't barge in on me. Then I pulled the drapes shut. After some careful experimentation I decided I was on to something. I was right. Within minutes, thanks to boyish curiosity, raging hormones and mother's Hoover, I blasted my way into manhood.

But alas, like all first loves, this one could not last. The following summer I went to stay with my aunt in the country for a few months and had to leave my beloved Hoover at home. As soon as I arrived I checked out my aunt's broom closet. She had an upright with mean looking rollers underneath instead of a cool, loving nozzle. Uh, uh. I'd have to wait.

The day after I got home everyone was gone, so I lovingly took the Hoover from

the closet and prepared myself for the delights I'd been denied for so long. I turned on the machine and discovered, to my horror, I didn't fit anymore! I was desolate. I felt betrayed and angry. But at what? The vacuum for not being bigger, or my peter for not staying small? Puberty is hard enough as it is, but this...this was too much. None of the attachments worked, and my efforts to bypass the hose made for some frantic button pushing. An hour later, covered with sweat, fuzz balls and lint, I sat on the floor and cried. Finally, I wiped away my tears and replaced the Hoover in the closet, gave it a farewell caress, and closed the door on part of my youth. It was a rite of passage. To this day, every time I see a Hoover I get a little tight in my throat and little stiff in my pants. "You loved me once," I say to myself and turn away. Come to think of it, I never did prove my manhood to Alfie Fredricks, but even though there have been many others, I will always have a special place in my heart for my first lover, my mother's Hoover.



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# GAY & MARRIED

## Faggots or Fence-Sitters?

Meg Umans



Erin is married to a gay man. Several years ago, she was jolted by a friend's question, "Would you rather win or just not lose?" She'd never thought of it that way, and decided that what she wanted in her marriage with John was not to lose. Ten years later, she describes her continuing adjustment to broken agreements: "Well, I keep finding out how much I can take. I choose to stay—I know I can always leave, but then I'd have even less."

Their salient common characteristic is tenacity. These married gay men have a rare willingness to hang on to what they have. So do their wives. Under the creative adaptations to continuing marriage is the invincible assumption that their marriages must continue.

The common and individual requirements of secrecy raise the questions of who these people are and why they agreed to be interviewed for this article. They're all real individuals—no composites or creations—and they all live in Phoenix, and they're all identified by pseudonyms. Most of them are in their thirties, white middle-income professionals with Protestant background. All but one of the married men are fathers.

They talked to me for various reasons. Some are members of the local support group for married gay men who wanted the group's existence or their own stories publicly acknowledged. Some are personal friends and some are personal acquaintances.

Most of the men expressed similar reasons for getting married. Alex says, "I thought I was in love. I'd already decided that I preferred men, but it was Shelly I was marrying. I'm a follower...it was more appropriate to marry a woman than to continue dating men or women...and dating women wasn't what it was cracked up to be anyway...but I'm independent—my mother was surprised that I got married at all."

John, Erin's gay husband, comments about the extensive remodeling and redecorating of their house: "It's for her. It's only money and it keeps her happy." Both are high-income professionals, and Erin willingly meets her responsibility to John's image ("I go to company functions and smile till my face hurts"). It pays.

John's involvement with his lover began about halfway through the current span of his marriage with Erin. With its increasing stability came its increasing allocation of John's time. This marriage will last.

Ron expects his marriage to last too, even after the kids are grown and gone. "I stay because of the kids, because I've heard and read that it takes kids five years to get over a divorce. And because I don't want anyone else raising my kids."

He stays for other reasons too. "Aside from this, it's a good marriage. The rewards are watching my children grow, and having someone in my corner, someone I totally trust—she's the only one since I broke away from my parents. I'd miss the stability, and the emotional closeness."

The emotional closeness has a limit. "I can't talk about needing men with her. She invites me to talk about it, and then she puts up a wall I can sense." Ron gets along better with women—he finds women more open and easier to talk to. His impression is that gay men prefer emotional love with women and physical love with men. Many gay men, not married to women, recognize these separable attractions.

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Alex, who's married but recently separated from his wife, has the opposite experience: he's more open with men. He has no gender preference, and is drawn to the same qualities in men and women. "What attracts me to a person is more social than sexual. People with a head on their shoulders, people who are caring and outgoing. I'm most comfortable with people who are medium height, and slender." Alex came to this even balance the hard way.

The best part of Alex's relationship with Willy is their communication. "We communicate so well. We can agree, or disagree, or agree to disagree. I'm good at avoiding disclosure; I don't usually share my feelings. Willy is less reserved, and he's more of a team worker. I'm used to solving my own problems. I want to, and I will, be more open."

Openness is a more comprehensive priority for Steve. "I suppressed a lot of feelings because of my Southern Baptist background. In early adulthood, I saw the fallacy of the limits they put on sexuality of all kinds and with that came an open-mindedness about lots of other things." Steve thought his wife would be an ideal partner because of her open-mindedness, and he thought the intensity of their relationship would be sufficient satisfaction. "But it didn't work—it didn't make me straight, and it was never that intense." His closest friend is a woman (not his wife), and he sees no significance in her gender. "I'm attracted to people, what's going on in their head."

Bob has found, by comparing his wife with his lovers, that he's more emotionally attracted to women. "It's easier to develop a close bond. Maybe it's because of competition between men, maybe it's because of the individuals—my wife and I are just so incredibly compatible." His sexual preference is for other men, and he recognized that a lot sooner than his emotional preference for women.

Dom has found, over the long haul, far more acceptance, emotional support and comfort with the women in his life than with the men. His wife Ann "is a sweetheart. She's totally happy being a wife and mother and depending on me. I love her for that. And she never had qualms about accepting Jerry as another member of the family. This is what she wants, because it's what I want."

Jerry lives lives by himself, an easy walk from Dom, Ann and their child. Everyone enjoys Jerry's frequent presence in their home and their lives, and finds it natural that Dom often visits Jerry. Dom feels the special bond of maleness with Jerry, and in addition, the same quality that he loves in Ann. "They both depend on men—I take care of them. I've always taken care of the people in my life, and gotten my satisfaction from that."

Alex also was attracted to a common quality in his wife and his lover, but for Alex, it was their ambition and accomplishments, their determination and willingness to work for what they want. Alex chose his wife for her ambition, their common goals, and an opportunity for his personal growth. Shelly's goals were formidable, and she achieved them, and settled in to enjoy them and maintain her status quo.

Willy's ambition is enhanced for Alex by Willy's open-mindedness and adventurousness. Willy demonstrated both these attributes in his response to Alex's marriage. "I didn't realize it until we'd been seeing each other for a few weeks, and then I found out by accident. Alex asked me to hand him something, and I saw it had both their names on it. I'd suspected something before that, and I wasn't very upset—I figured a separation was probable or underway."

Bob's wife Diane suspected nothing, and was very upset when she found evidence that Bob had spent the night in bed with a man. "I confronted him, and we had a classic scene. Then I confronted myself. Will staying in this marriage be self-destructive?" She decided that this marriage was too good to let go, and set about maintaining it. "I wanted him to have a mate, to stabilize my own marriage", and Diane and Bob invited the man Bob was seeing to become the third adult member of their family. "I'm scarred from how that went sour. We made a bad choice. Now he's too busy to find a mate, so I have him for myself."

By combining the results of several studies, surveys and polls, one can estimate that about fifteen percent of married men are gay or bisexual, and about fifty percent of gay or bisexual men are married. The vast majority of gay men who got married also got divorced, and the fifty percent are the ones who stay married. These men have formed national and local support groups, and rarely seek other support. Other married couples and other gay men seldom suspect that these married men are gay.

Why? bob says simply that he feels no need to confide. "I'm too private a person—it's my own secret." Diane has additional reasons. "People would be astounded—we're well-entrenched, and we look very straight. I'd like to think sex is primarily personal, but some gay people make it political—they say that bisexuality harms gay people, lets them all down." Bob agrees, and passes on comments he's heard about "fence-sitters: gay people want sexuality divided into 'them versus us', for solidarity."

Personal privacy is important to Steve, too: "It's really none of their business. And maybe it's also protection because of my job." He agrees that neither side of the fence accepts the sitters. "Gay people say you're gay and fooling yourself, and straight people say this isn't right."

Alex, like Diane, seems to enjoy the feeling of fooling people. "If you only knew, asshole!" Alex's wife Shelly doesn't know either, and neither do any of his friends, although he's open with the people he's met through his lover Willy. "Because of my career, coming on macho is less detrimental. My friends are straight, to my knowledge, and I'll go elsewhere for gay relationships." Alex's reticence is less motivated by personal privacy than a long habit of independence. "I don't put stuff on the table; I solve my own problems...always. For me, part of being black is getting good at reading people fast and avoiding disclosure. Shelly needs not to know, and why go into it if it isn't necessary? Caroline (their daughter, now six) will figure it out a few years down the road; I see her mind ticking."

Elliot is a strong and eloquent advocate of the sister bond. "It's fashionable for gay men and straight women to best of friends, I've been reading about it, and some of them even call themselves soulmates. The bond with straight women is special and precious, you know. Gay men don't get along with each other very well, there's too much competition. With women, the outlook is similar, and there's no need to compare. From your end gay men are unlikely to be sexually demanding or sexist."

"The bond with straight women is special and precious, Eliot continues. "But even with the currently changing mores, men in my position have a mind-set for marriage. We grow up without the advantage of 'it's OK to be gay'."

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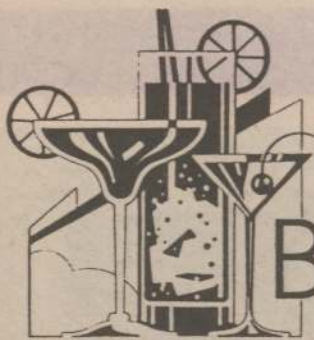
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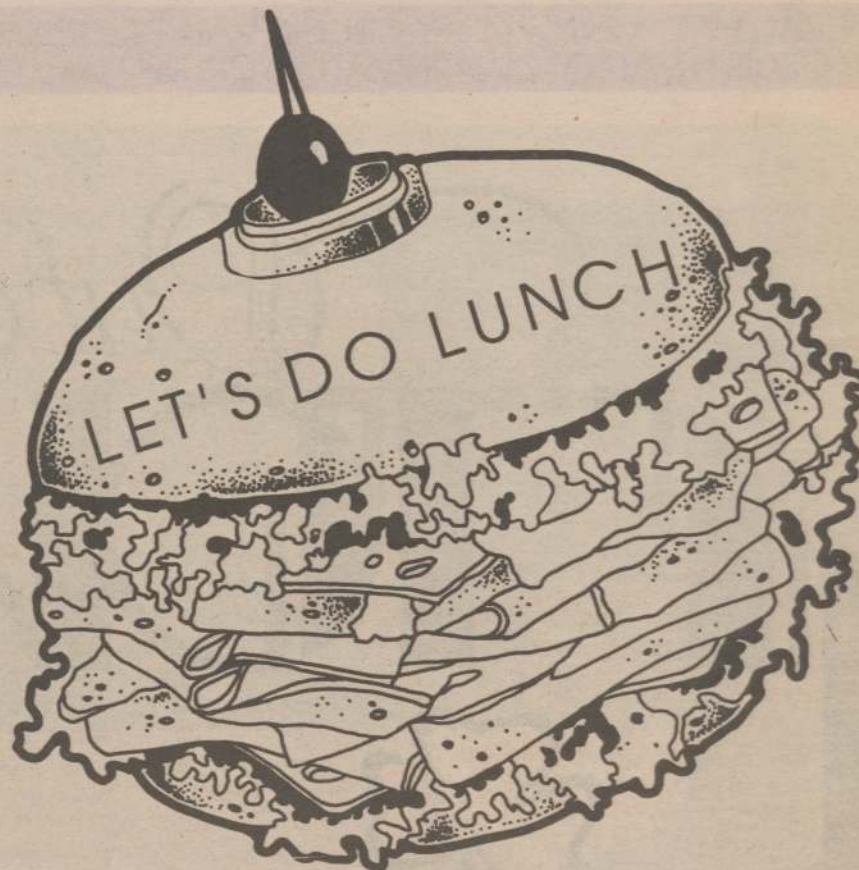
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2. Richard Roundtree became an overnight success after the release of this hit movie which started a wave of 'black films' in the '70s.

3. Model turned actress Jennifer O'Neill starred in this 'coming of age' story about characters Hermie, Oscie and Benjy.

4. Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn star in the movie version of the stage play about two people that meet one weekend each year to continue an ongoing affair.

5. What do the above four movies have in common?

Answers: last issue.

1. *The Wizard of Oz*

2. *Desert Bloom*

3. *The Abominable Dr. Phibes*

3. *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*

5. The song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" was featured in all four of the above films.

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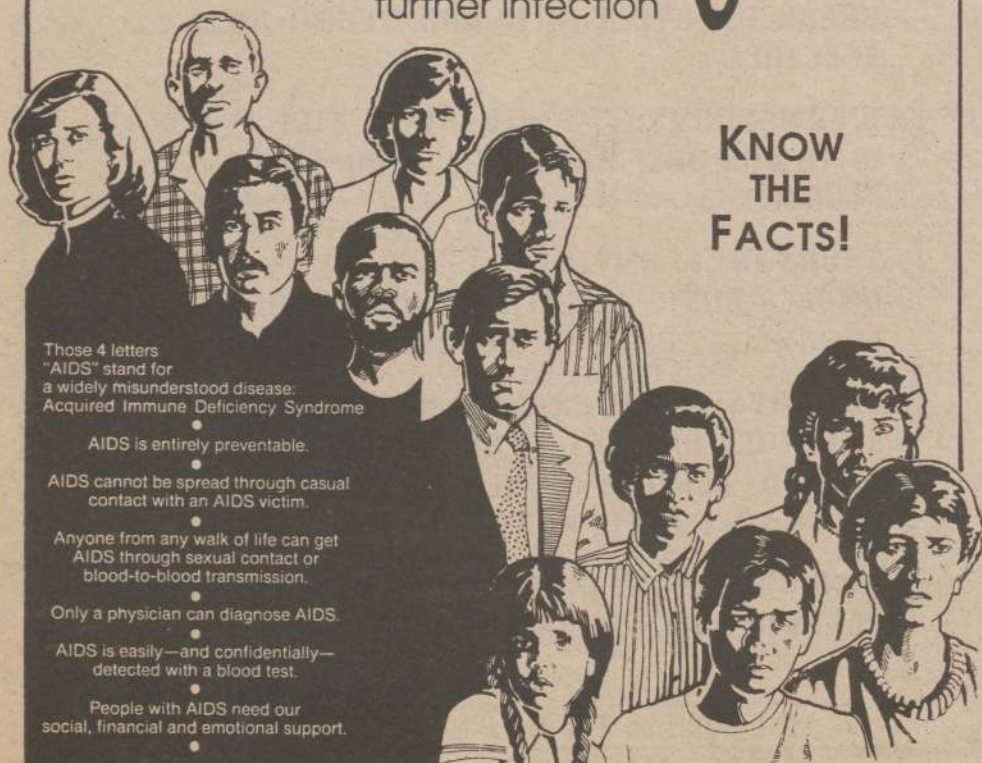
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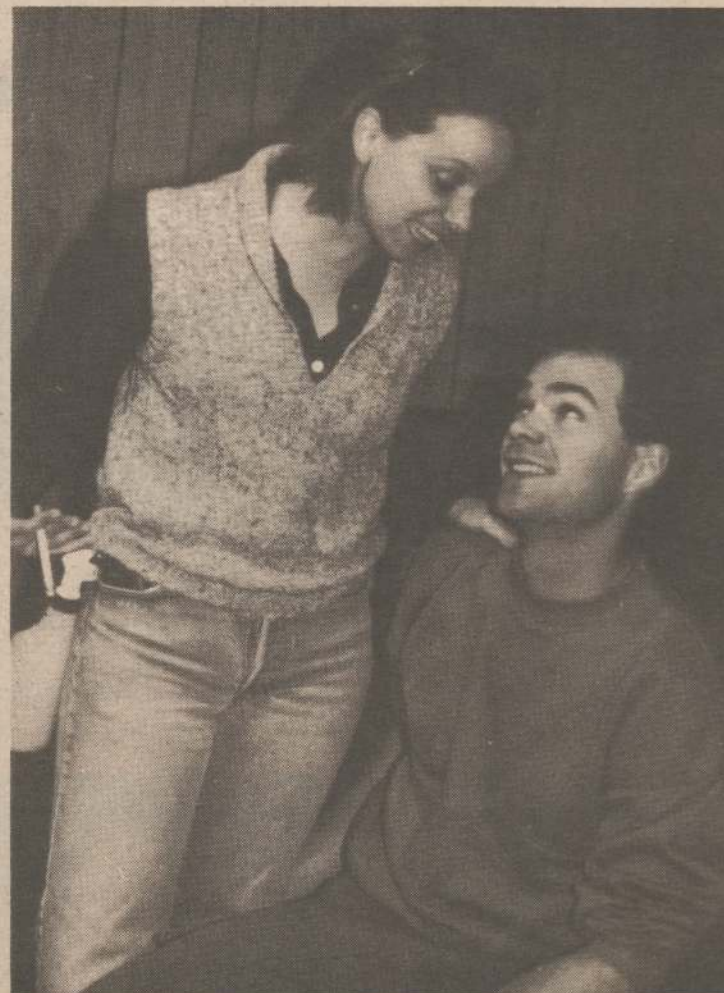
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## LEZZIES AND GUPPIES AND QUEENS—OH MY!

Doug Holsclaw's *Life of the Party* is another in a seemingly endless line of post-AIDS dramedies currently playing around the world, creating a hybrid genre all their own. As with *Torch Song Trilogy* and William's *As Is*, *Life of the Party* concerns itself with the life and impending death of every gay male PWA ever scripted. Familiar music ("As Time Goes By," "It's My Party," stuff by the Supremes), recognizable stereotypes (nelly queens, pushy dykes, guppies), and a popular undercurrent (love is not a pleasure, it's a distraction) all combine in support of a dramatic theme cheerfully flogging itself to death all over the country.

Yet Janus Theatre Company's current production of *Life of the Party* manages—by way of some fine performances and Holsclaw's witty script—to rise above the groans of "Oh no! Not another AIDS play!"

Originally produced last year at L.A.'s Celebration Theatre, *Party* benefits in its Janus production by way of Steve Schemmel's apt direction and some fine-tuned stage lighting. The lighting is important here—*Party* is staged in the now-vogue "fourth wall" form, with actors addressing the audience at intervals. During these monologues, the actor speaking is spot-lit and the remaining stage drops out into darkness. Timing is the key here, and Janus' lightman is on the money.

Much of the action in Holsclaw's play takes place in the kind of pithy bantering gay men are supposedly known for. Gay clichés abound: ceaseless reference to sucking and fucking; a Hayley Mills film festival; a lot of talk about "the good old days before Safe Sex;" a trip to a bathhouse. Rather than resting smugly on these safely comic cushions, the Janus cast presents a strong character study within the framework of these familiar trappings.

The casting helps. Gregry Foster and Neil Cohen present nicely varied versions of the femme fairy. Cohen's Andrew is an androgen with a cause, a "safe sex robot for the human race." Cohen's forceful delivery points up Andrew's strengths, rather than playing on his campier qualities. Andrew is a queen with a consciousness, while Foster's scene-stealing Curtis is more affected and typically queer (his Diana Ross impersonation is hilarious, if not accurate).

Allen Kalchik, as the bravely whimpering protagonist, turns in a powerful performance, one in a long list of similar characterizations currently beating the boards. Kalchik plays his scenes in a flood of emotion, yet performs with such aplomb that he never appears maudlin. Quite a trick when one is playing a dying man.

Greg Lutz, last seen in Janus' 1982 production of *Widows and Children First*, is the villain of the piece here. His portrayal of a slutty fag "stuck in the seventies" is sympathetic rather than swaggering; his farewell speech at play's end is especially chilling.

Unfortunately, the supporting cast is lost alongside such fine performances. Constance LaCount, in a plum role, is more affected than effective as the lesbian housekeeper; the Brooklynese could use some work. Jeff, as a despicably pompous guppie, isn't bad, but merely overshadowed by his costars.

*Life of the Party* is less than complex drama; it is in fact a rehash of every tired cliché about faggots, what they do, what they talk about, and what they wear. Yet the subject matter is presented in such a timely, enticing manner that the stereotypes seldom offend, and the casting and production are strong enough to convince us to sit through it all, one more time.

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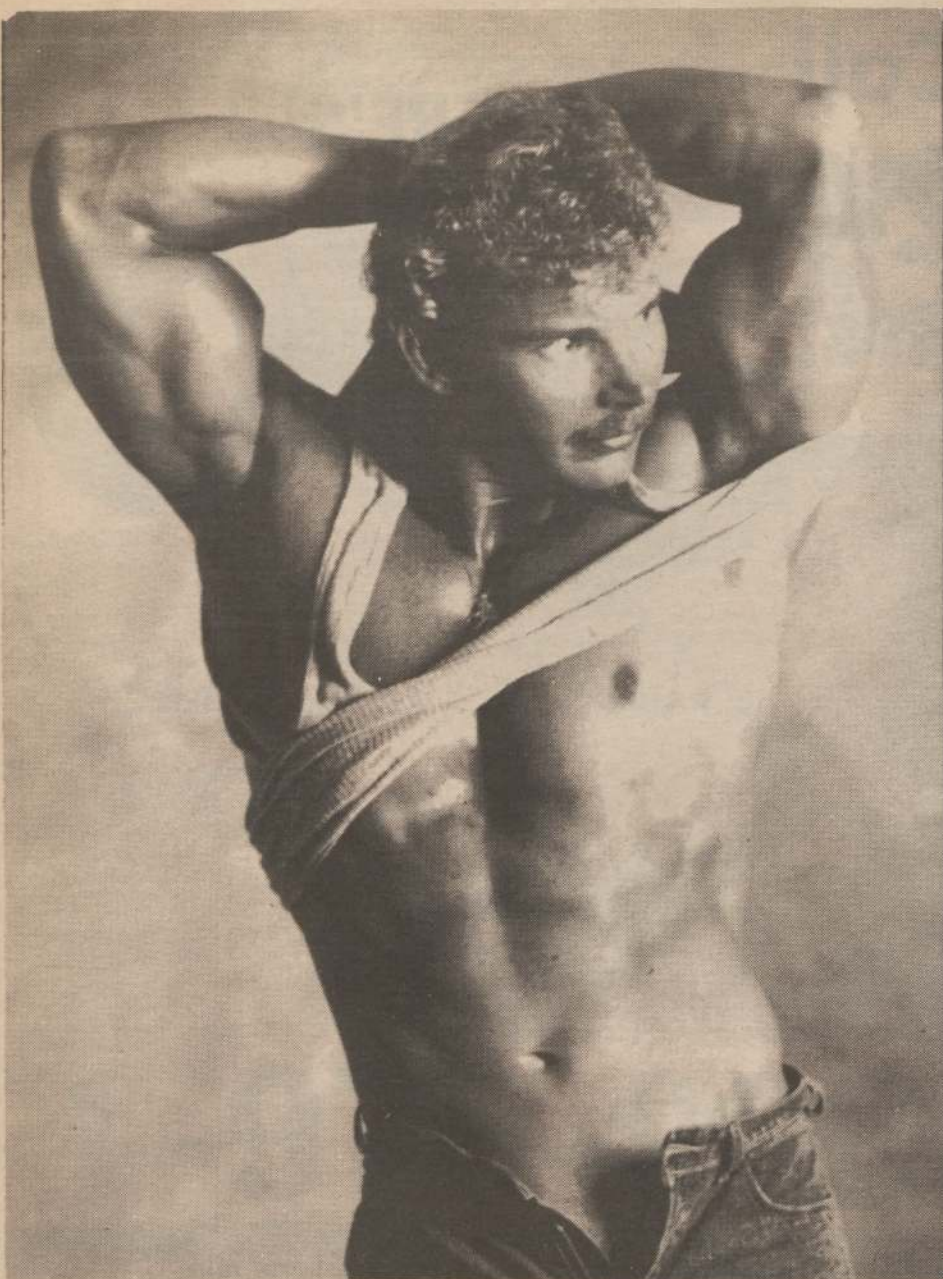
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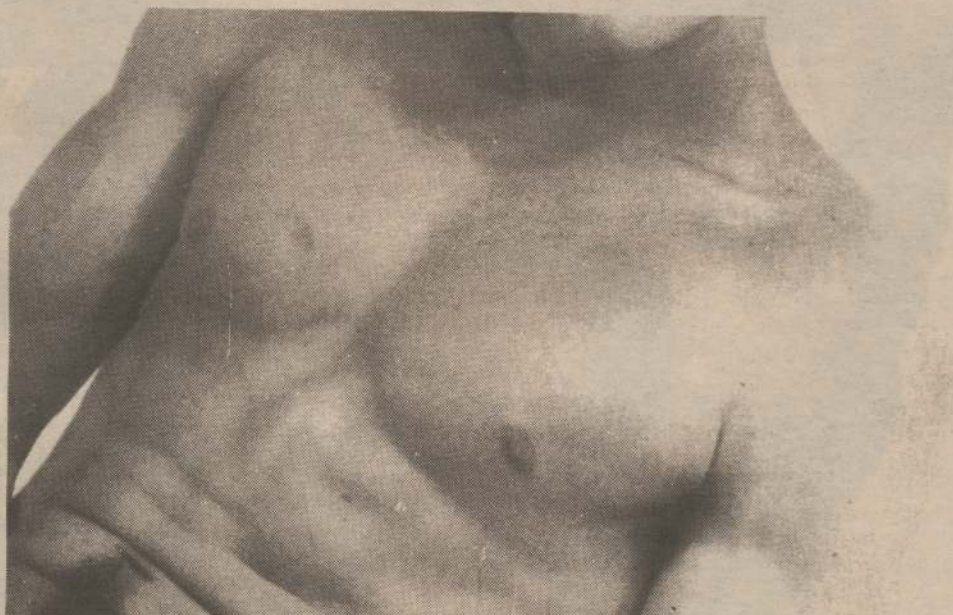
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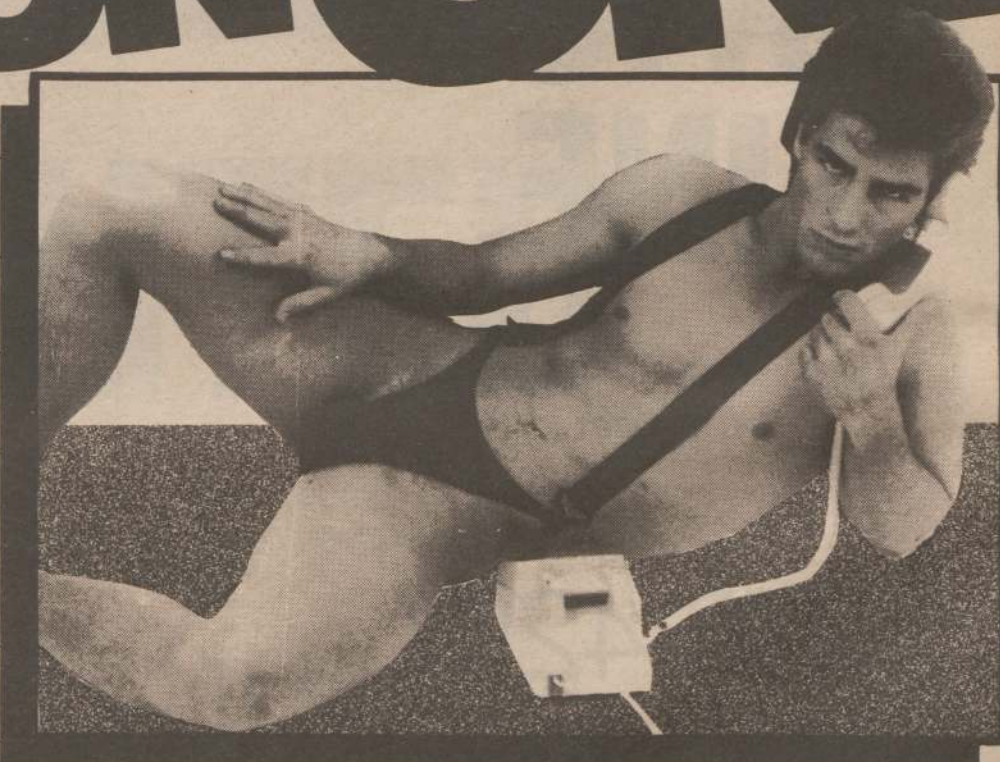


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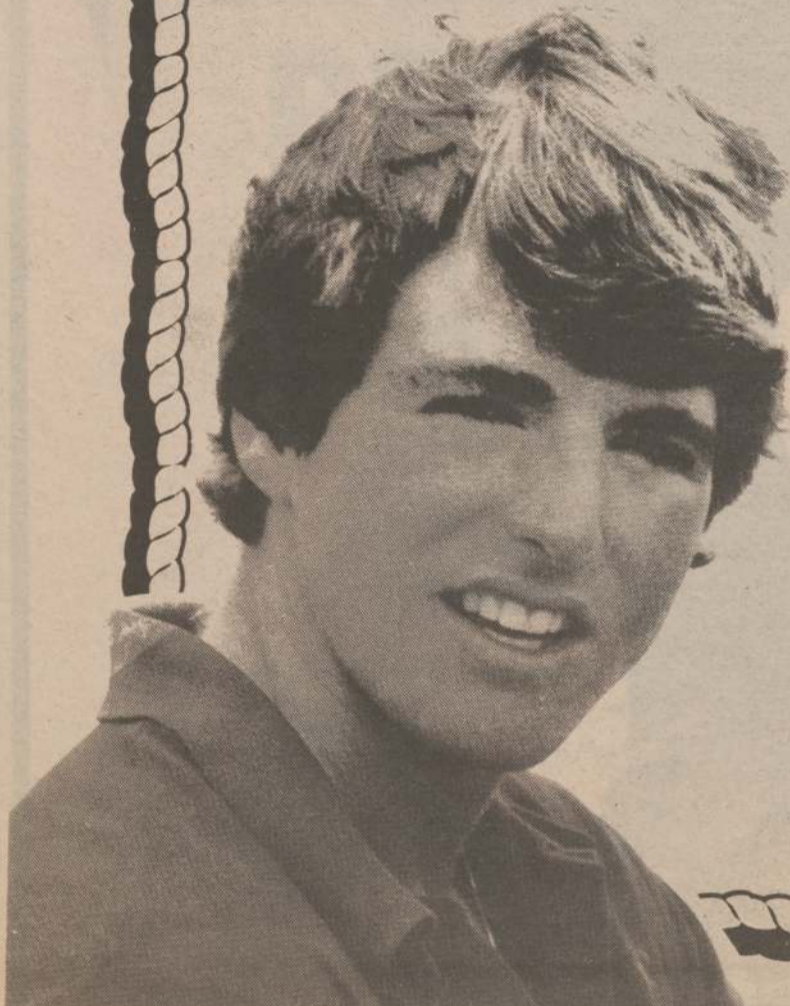
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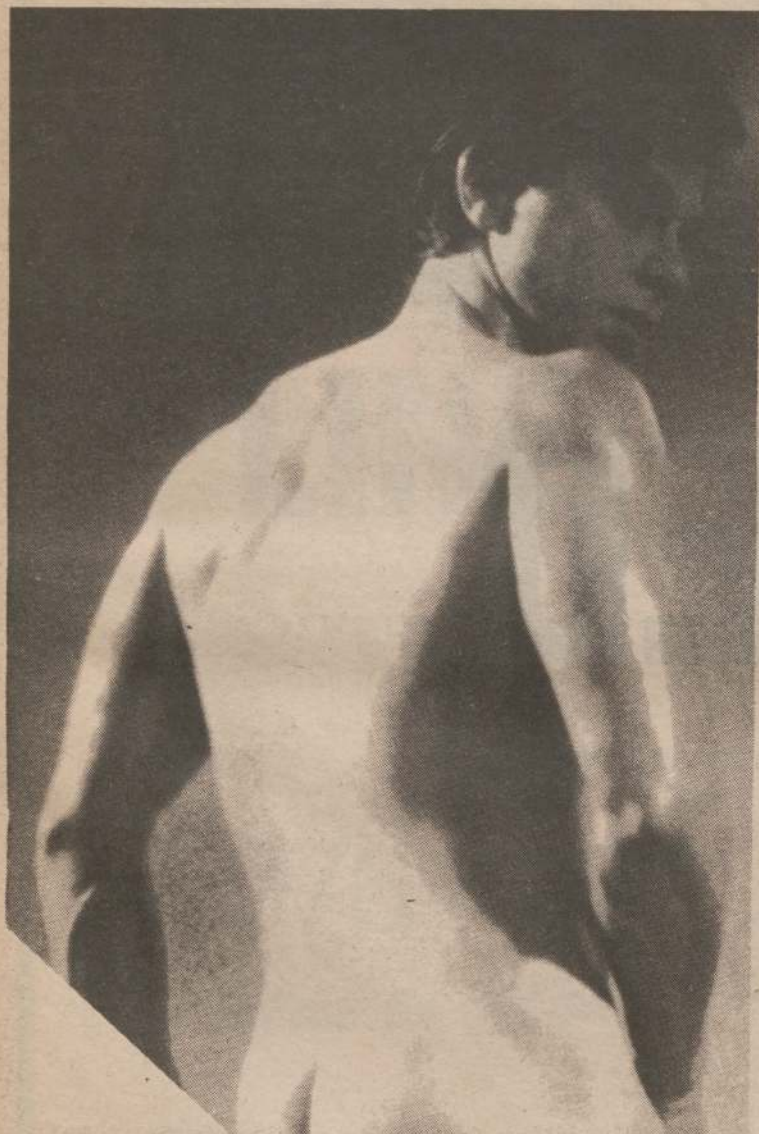
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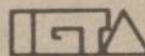
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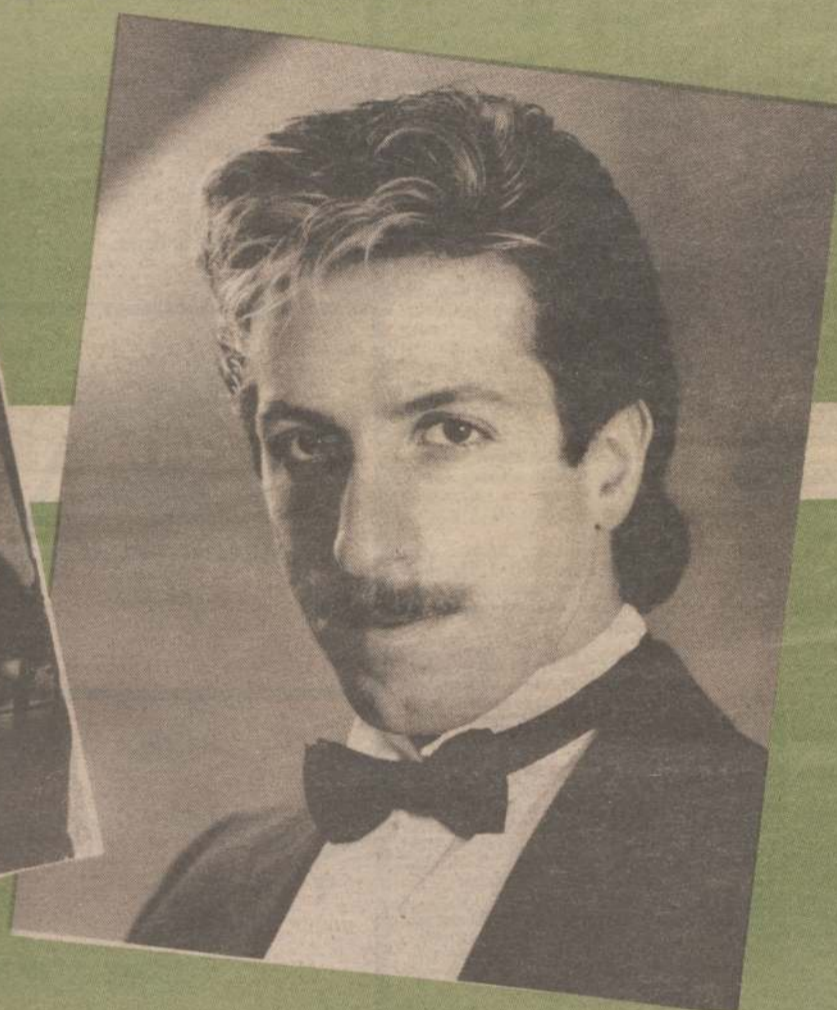
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