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PHOENIX - It has been 30 days since the National Sexual Privacy Challenge was brainstormed in Phoenix. In those 30 days, challenge coordinators Carl Brown and Judith Curtis-Hardon have called and met with hundreds of people around the country, inviting input and refining the original idea into a workable action.

At the request of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Carl and Judith traveled to New York to present the idea of the Challenge to an ad-hoc task force of attorneys from all over the country, to challenge sodomy laws. During the two-day discussion they had access to information about the status of sodomy laws in many of the targeted states. The challenge and its place in the larger scheme of sodomy law revision was discussed for two hours. State by state information was gathered, hard questions answered and suggestions were taken.

October 20 has been chosen as the opening 'event' in this

action that will see citizens from 36 cities in 25 states and the District of Columbia rally at their local prosecutor's offices and turn in "Request for Prosecution" forms. Resulting media coverage and education, it is hoped, will become a basis of legislative repeal in these targeted states. Rallies are to be held in the following cities and states:

ALABAMA: Montgomery
ARIZONA: Phoenix, Tucson
ARKANSAS: Little Rock
FLORIDA: Miami
GEORGIA: Atlanta
IDAHO: Boise
KANSAS: Topeka, Wichita
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NEVADA: Las Vegas, Reno
NORTH CAROLINA: Greensboro, Charlotte
OKLAHOMA: Tulsa, Oklahoma City

RHODE ISLAND: Providence
SOUTH CAROLINA: Columbia, Charleston

TENNESSEE: Memphis, Nashville
TEXAS: Austin, Dallas, Houston
UTAH: Salt Lake City
VIRGINIA: Richmond
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in non-targeted states are being urged to organize support rallies on October 20, with celebrities and local people endorsing the Challenge and celebrating their right to sexual privacy.

NATIONAL SEXUAL PRIVACY CHALLENGE

OCT. 20, 1986

On June 30, 1986, the Supreme Court announced its decision in *Bowers vs. Hardwick*, a case originating in Georgia that raised the question of Constitutional guarantees of privacy for consensual adult sexual behavior. The 5-4 opinion upheld the right of states to criminalize the sexual behavior of citizens who engage in any form of sexual behavior that is not specifically marital, procreative activity. The respondent in the case, Michael Hardwick, had not requested approval or endorsement of his sexual practices. He asked, rather, for the court to affirm his right to be protected from government intrusion. The Court ruled that he, and most of the citizens of the states with laws similar to the Georgia law, could not count on the Constitution to guarantee such privacy. The Court held that Georgia could. If it chose to do so, enforce its law and imprison an offender for 20 years, the penalty in Georgia for sodomy (defined in Georgia law as any sexual act "involving the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another").

As William F. Buckley said in a recent column discussing the Hardwick decision, "The happiest of all solutions now would be for Georgia to repeal its dead and smelly law as also the other states..." We Concur. Although 18 of the 24 states and the District of Columbia that still maintain similar laws enforce them, these laws can and do cause harm. Custody decisions, occupational licensing, polygraph examinations for employment, law enforcement employment and security positions in affected states can and do take such laws, and "violations" of these laws, into consideration. The Hardwick decision affects most of the sexually active adults in the states that have yet to repeal these laws criminalizing the behavior of millions of otherwise law-abiding citizens. It is time now to INSIST on the repeal of these hypocritical and dangerous laws.

The NATIONAL SEXUAL PRIVACY CHALLENGE, scheduled to take place on October 20, 1986, in states maintaining these laws, is the kick-off event for a nation-wide repeal of all sodomy laws. The goal of the event is to provide an opportunity for broad-based, grassroots citizen expressions of resistance to the spirit of the Hardwick decision and sodomy laws everywhere. The CHALLENGE, which includes a media blitz prior to the date, will culminate in rallies in targeted cities in which hundreds of "criminals" invite prosecution for their "crimes." Coordinators in the targeted states will be provided camera-ready copy for newspaper ads, video spots for distribution prior to the action, and action plans outlining the aspects of organizing that will make the CHALLENGE a success. Coordinators will be expected to organize committees to raise funds for the ads, elicit support from local participants to speak on the day of the rally, encourage large numbers of people to participate on October 20, find legislative sponsors who will introduce repeal legislation in their state legislature, and organize grassroots response to the action in the forms of letters-to-the-editor and local press, radio and television appearances. A successful action in any state will bog down prosecutors in those states and illuminate, in the tradition of Henry David Thoreau, Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi, the sanctimonious pretense of virtue and bigotry of these laws.

While CHALLENGE is not totally without risk, we have worked with attorneys to develop a "request for prosecution" form that people can sign as part of the action without identifying any particular form of sexual behavior or subject any person to risk of actual arrest. Just as with any other crime, confession is not enough to justify arrest — prosecutors must have actual "evidence" of a crime before they can make an arrest. However, an outpouring of citizen rage about these spurious laws will send the unforgettable message to state legislatures everywhere that citizens will no longer tolerate these gross invasions into their private lives.

The selection of Coordinators in targeted states is a critical aspect of this action. Organizing and people skills, along with an intimate knowledge of the political and legal environment in target states, are the highest priority in the selection of the Coordinators. Nominations for Coordinators, accompanied by a brief statement explaining the reason for interest in the project and fundraising ideas, and including biographical, political, and organizational information about potential Coordinators, should be sent to: The NATIONAL SEXUAL PRIVACY CHALLENGE, P.O. Box 13015, Phoenix AZ 85002.

We must move quickly — attempts to re-criminalize sexual activity in the states that have already repealed their laws are in the works. The NATIONAL SEXUAL PRIVACY CHALLENGE can and will overturn existing laws and provide an environment which will be unfriendly to re-criminalization.

Join us in affirming Justice Blackmun's words: "The fact that individuals define themselves in a significant way through their intimate sexual relationships with others suggests, in a Nation as diverse as ours, that there may be many 'right' ways of conducting these relationships, and that much of the richness of a relationship will come from the freedom an individual has to choose the form and nature of these intensely personal bonds... this [Hardwick] case is about 'the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men,' namely, 'the right to be let alone.'"

We shall overcome.

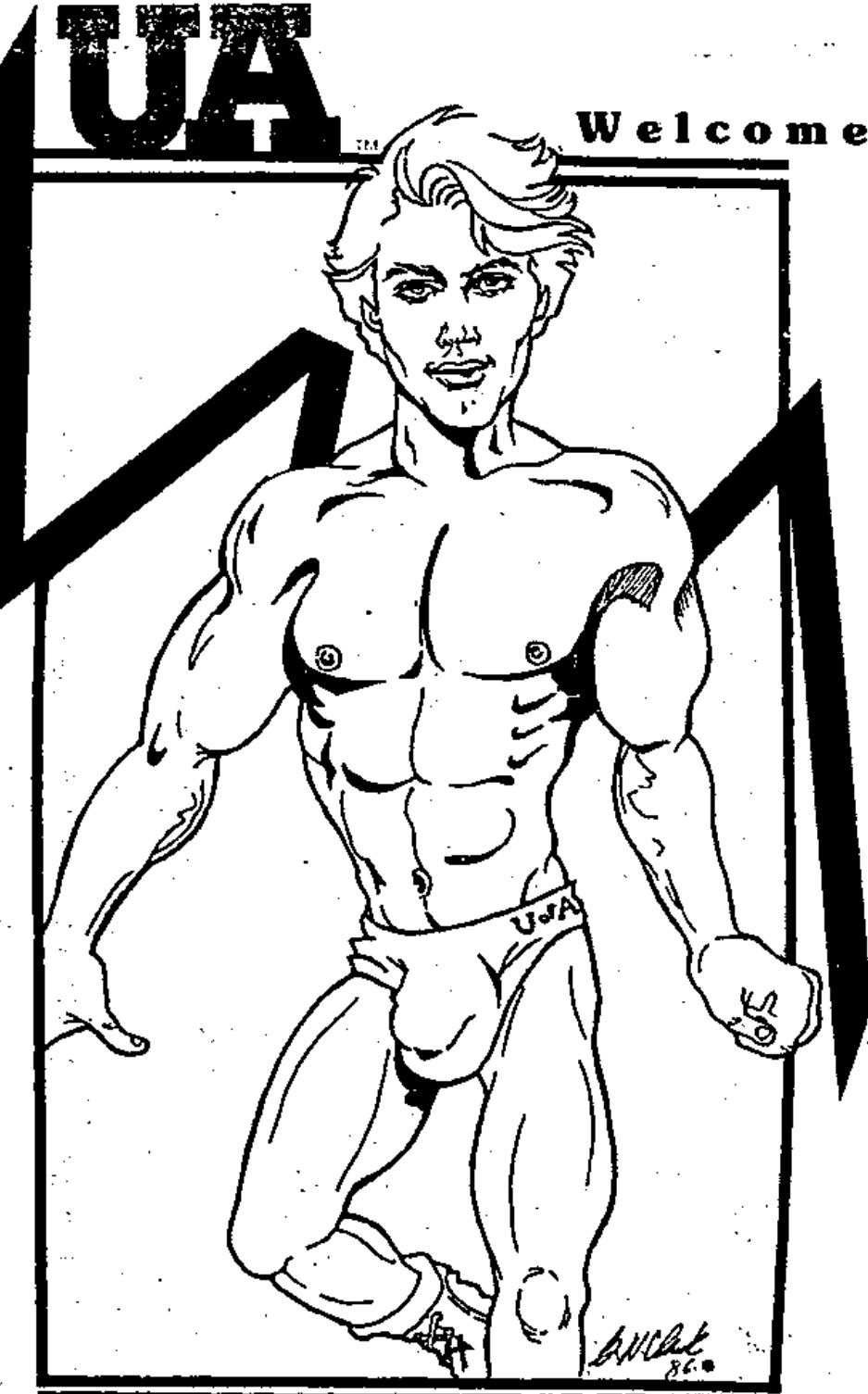
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This Week's TV Programs

7:00 (2) THE LOVE BOAT - (60 min.) Things have calmed down on the cruise ship since last week. Something must be brewing!

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS (60 min.) Sophie has a dream one night involving cone-heads and rubber rings. Sophie: Brucie Hazzit.

(69) FRONTLINE (60 MIN.) It's amazing, hostess Jackie de Soy Sauce and her orchestra leader have not asked for a certain recording back after loaning it to a friend. They shouldn't worry because it is in good hands. Don Hinkie Orch.

8:00 (2) Katie still has not confirmed a local show booking even though she has been advertised for weeks. Katie: Petra St. Pool.

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.) Crock's out of town, suck face, one night stand, love affair, apparently went nowhere as Crock and Stubbs resume their old standard night hauntings. Crock: Gary Stark. Stubbs: Bob Jealous.

(69) MOVIE: Drama (120 min.) "FORESKINS! UGH!" A skinny queen really says she wouldn't go to bed with an uncut man. Yet, she tends to vacillate when the man is HOT! Starring: Tim Barrios.

9:00 (2) DIE HARDY - (60 min.) Alexi does the one thing on her birthday that she should really not have done. Serve dinner to ten loud, boisterous people. Alexi: Davida Zircon.

(7) FAMILY TIES - (60 min.) Alex fails to join the celebration but in the long run, it is probably just as well. Alexi: Mackie Ibt.

COPPERSTATE LEATHERMEN UPDATE

TUCSON "Waldorf Weekend 1986" will be held over the Labor Day Weekend beginning Friday, Aug. 29 and ending on Monday, Sept. 1. The run site is in the Coronado National Forest at an elevation of 7,000 feet on the slopes of Mt. Graham near Safford, Arizona. There will be eight full meals, a continuous bar, the "Wheels Go Far" Enduro, Bike Events, People Events, Super Trivia II, The Great Copper Hunt, and the Copperstate Wild West Show. There will also be Camp Beautiful Awards for groups and individuals who use the Old West, Indian or Mexican themes associated with the Great Southwest.

An application form can be found in this week's OBSERVER and they also can be obtained at It's "Bout Time in Tucson or the Ramrod in Phoenix or from any Copperstate Leatherman.

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UPDATE

CAN'T TAKE A JOKE

LAS VEGAS, NV (GCN) - It seems that people still can't take Joan Rivers' jokes. In fact she filed a federal court lawsuit last week seeking more than \$1 million against Marino, the Rivera Hotel and its show "An Evening at La Cage", which features female impersonators. Rivers claims Marino is using material she has copyrighted, and that the hotel's advertising of the show is misleading.

Rivers' lawyer said that up to eighty percent of Marino's act was taken from Rivers' current material. "Joan has been very friendly to him," he continued. "She told him, 'you can use my old material. But please don't do the jokes that I'm using now.'"

Marino, on the other hand, says he uses "very few of (Rivers') jokes." He conceded that it was an unwritten rule that comedians shouldn't use each other's material. "But I'm impersonating the woman, so it's kind of hard not to."

Marino, who appears slightly taller and blonder than the real Rivers, and has a more subdued taste in jewelry, had first met the comedian three years ago. The lighter mood of that occasion, during which Joan complimented Frank and asked the name of his dress designer, seems a thing of the past now.



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'TALHA' MEN'S CLINIC CLOSES

TUCSON - The Tucson Alternative Lifestyle Health Association Gay men's clinic has had to close their doors, hopefully for a short period of time.

TALHA was holding its weekly clinic in cooperation with the El Pueblo Neighborhood Clinic on West Irvington Road. El Pueblo was recently notified that, in addition to having their liability insurance rates drastically increased, their liability insurance policy was not sufficient to cover all the services it was offering. TALHA was informed, as were several other programs at El Pueblo, that their program was forced to close.

TALHA volunteers are working very hard to re-open their clinic and are studying various programs and options, to get the required liability insurance, that will allow them to resume operations. Spokespersons are optimistic that the Pima County Health Department might be an answer to the problem - that TALHA might be able to reopen under the liability insurance of Pima County Health Department as early as next weekend. You are encouraged to watch next week's issue of OBSERVER for further updates on the reopening of this much needed facility in the Tucson Gay community.

CONQUERING NEW PHONE NUMBERS

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - For those of you who have tried calling Jerry Falwell, there's a new number to keep those fingers busy. The number is a public opinion line the White House uses to prepare a daily report for President Reagan. A national campaign is underway to use the line to voice objections to the Justice Department memo which held that it would be legal for employers to fire an employee whom they think might transmit the AIDS virus to someone else at work.

The phone number is, unfortunately, not toll-free, but will cost less than one dollar per minute, according to an article in Minneapolis' "Equal Time". Since the calls are screened and synopsize, the campaign organizers suggested that callers plan what they want to say ahead of time and that they be "polite". It is also suggested that callers include other issues such as increasing funding for AIDS research, in their messages.

The phone number for the opinion line is (202) 456-7639. The phone number for Howard Armistead, one of the organizers of the campaign, is (213) 204-4236.

AFFIRMATION ACTIVE IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX - Affirmation, the organization of Gay and Lesbian Mormons, meets monthly in Phoenix for fellowship and positive support. In addition, regular activities are scheduled for Affirmation members and their friends.

Affirmation has a new mailing address and telephone number in the Phoenix/Mesa area. The address is: P.O. Box 315, Mesa, AZ 85201. Telephone 981-0121.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE HARWICK DECISION

The coordinators greatest concern, and the reason for their travel and discussions, is that each state will have an action plan that will be workable and will put the fewest people at risk. It is always clearly discussed that this is an action of civil disobedience and therefore includes an element of risk.

Carl Brown has lobbied for Lesbian and Gay concerns since 1980 at the Arizona legislature. In 1984 he was appointed by Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard as the first openly Gay member of the Phoenix Human Relations Commission. Judith Curtis-Hardon is celebrating her 10th year of political activism. Currently the co-coordinator of the Valley West H.O.W. chapter, she has served as lobbyist, and additionally was co-chair of the Arizona H.O.W. state Lesbian Rights Task Force. Both are native Arizonans. In addition, members of the National Coordinating team are Lori Peterson, Jeri Dustin from Phoenix and Nancy Langer from New York.

TOP MAKEUP ARTIST DIES OF AIDS

NEW YORK, NY - Way Bandy, one of the fashion world's top makeup artists and author of a best-selling beauty book, has died at age 46. Bandy, who had homes in New York City, Hantucket, Mass and Key West, Fla., died of acquired immune deficiency syndrome at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, said agent Helen Murray.

Among his clients were First Lady Nancy Reagan, Elizabeth Taylor, Raquel Welch, Catherine Deneuve, Lauren Hutton, Farrah Fawcett, Barbra Streisand, Cher, Gloria Vanderbilt, Lee Radziwill, Sigourney Weaver and Cheryl Tiegs.

Watch for Juicy Lucy . . .

TUCSON - Well, since I'm new in town and don't know the routine and don't know what's happening yet, I decided to go out the other night and do a little checking. Got the list of places to go right from this paper. I dropped by this one "watering hole" and the place was really jumping. There was this here "pool party" going on - this bunch of people was having one good old time knocking little balls all around a green table - every once in a while someone would knock on of the balls in a little hole on the side of the table. Found out that one of the players commutes between Memphis and Tucson - lives in Tucson, works in Memphis - talk about a closet case.

Well, after having a few "long necks" and trying to be friendly, I decided to go to a different place. Went to this other "watering hole" and would you believe it - another pool table. Had a few more "long necks" and tried to be friendly again, but everyone seemed to be having private conversations. I really don't like to eavesdrop but some of the conversations I overheard, you just wouldn't believe. I guess what would really be interesting to write about would be to let everyone know what's being said. So, my next trip around town I'll see just what I can come up with from these conversations. Some of the things being said is just too good to keep private.

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An interview with U.S. Senate candidate
Richard Kimball

Jack Stockslager



TUCSON -Richard Kimball, a candidate for U.S. Senator from Arizona, made history this June by being the first political candidate running for federal office to address the Tucson Lesbian/Gay community at the 1986 Pride Week Picnic. As this event was clearly a statement by the candidate of his desire for our support and votes he consented to an exclusive interview to further expand on his views regarding issues that directly effect the Lesbian/Gay voter.

Mr. Kimball presented himself as very personable and open during the interview which took place in the quiet and relaxing atmosphere of the library of the Tucson Arizona Inn. The previously agreed upon one half hour interview ended up being one hour as the candidate has a lot to say and is clearly interested in supporting Lesbians and Gays in their endeavor for the full rights of citizenship.

AIDS is a very important issue for Mr. Kimball and he states that much more money is needed for research, education and financial support especially as he realizes that AIDS is not a Gay disease and greater realization of this will come as the disease crosses into the general population.

Civil Liberties is also a vital issue for the candidate. He feels that civil liberty laws need to be expanded on the national level to include sexual preference. He favors an all encompassing law that does not necessarily list protected groups. Basically his stance is no one should be subject to any discrimination with few exceptions. He was the sponsor in the state legislation of the E.R.A.

Mr. Kimball is very heavy on conservation and environmental issues. In fact during the interview he was called to the telephone to give a taped statement on these issues. He calls for a coalition of government and business as currently they are polarized.

Concerning the defense of the country, Mr. Kimball states that the greatest defense is the strength of the people and economy and not in how many times we can destroy the earth. Mr. Kimball would have voted against the aid for the Contras in Central America. He feels that we should be clear and open on our policy in that area of the world. We should stay out of their affairs unless our security is directly threatened possibly by missile bases.

Mr. Kimball also opposes Gramm Rudman bill as people in defense areas primarily benefit such as General Electric, General Dynamics, etc. All other areas

of importance lose, such as the environment, veterans, senior citizens, social service agencies and many needed domestic programs.

Regarding his appearance at the Pride Picnic he said he came to make a statement. He is not after the big bucks to back his campaign such as the big corporations. Instead he politically attacks the big bucks people. In politics Mr. Kimball says that Gay = suicide due to the religious right and the lack of support from Lesbians/Gays, mainly little volunteer support and no money comes from it. Mr. Kimball says firmly that until Lesbians and Gays decide to become a political force they will not get the attention from those in office. He further offers the advice that we must become organized in political action committees as when we do we will have a potential for much power and clout if we use it.

As the interview ended it became clear that Richard Kimball did not come to the Pride Picnic and grant this interview for just the votes but also to offer an opportunity for Lesbians and Gays in Tucson to begin to learn to use some political clout. He would welcome our support, as politically dangerous as it may be. If you want to get involved as a volunteer contact his political headquarters.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

For over 2 years "The Observer" has served the Lesbian/Gay community of Tucson with entertainment, observations, advertisement, the most current political updates and of course, most importantly, has provided all available information on AIDS and other health issues that have had such a complex influence on our society.

Looking over the 2 years of headlines, you will find many Lesbian/Gay oriented organizations, both social and service, who have been supported through this weekly publication. Just to name a few, there have been benefits for MCC, TAP, Copperstate Leathermen, The Gay Games I and II teams, TLGA, Shanti Foundation and SOS, each having received front page coverage and recognition from "The Observer" in support of their endeavors. Many other groups and clubs are listed weekly (without charge) in the "notices" section to keep "Lesbian/Gay Tucson" aware of the wide variety of opportunities available to us.

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last spring, a Benefit Raffle is now in progress to help fund the purchase of a new computer (which is desperately needed to continue publication). The Raffle is sponsored by TLGA. Tickets are \$2.00 per chance. The giveaway is a weekend for 2 at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas plus roundtrip airfare. Not bad for a \$2.00 chance!

This is one of the most important benefits to happen over these past 2 years because without a newspaper covering local events, none of the others (benefits) would have met with the success they had. It is vital that all of us, clubs and individuals, support this benefit. It is time for all those who have had "The Observer" support to come forward now, financially, to guarantee the continued "coverage" that our organizations need to survive.

This situation brings to mind a song performed by the "Grateful Dead" in the mid 70's. Replace the "me" with "us" and the "I" with "me" and hopefully you'll get the idea. It goes like this: "In the beginning you really loved me, but I was blind and I could not see. But when you left me, oh how I cried. You don't miss your water, till your well runs dry." BUY YOUR "OBSERVER" RAFFLE TICKETS NOW BEFORE OUR WELL RUNS DRY!

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by Marc Haberman, BA, MT.

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Touching is my business. I am a professional massage therapist, and a wholistic health practitioner. The people who come to me may have an excellent physique or be overweight, tall or short, men or women, business executives or unemployed, Gay or straight, or many times in a difficult transition such as relationship problems, too much stress at work, or too busy of a schedule. The approach I use is combining bodywork as a form of deep relaxation and counseling. Each person feels refreshed, relaxed, and more mentally and emotionally calm in one hour after they have arrived. To some people the transformation is fantastic and noticeable, and to some it takes some days to have an effect.

The sense of touch is very healing. We all need to be touched more often. As a culture we have a little problem with touch. We misunderstand its intent and benefits. Both the Gay and straight community have the same problem. Touching is a way of communication, not always a sexual come-on. Touching can express more than words. By initiating the touching, we can make others more comfortable with touch. Don't forget to hug someone, or two or three, today. Surprise someone in a joyful way. A sensitive and gentle touch is the beginning of us healing ourselves.

If you have any comments to this or any other articles I write, or are interested in the Men's Message Workshop on Friday, or wish to make an appointment for a massage, call me at my office 577-5125 or at home at 881-4582.



Photographer Ken Duncan dies of AIDS

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TGGA proudly announces a series of monthly forums on topics that are of interest to all segments of our community. These events will give us the opportunity to learn more about ourselves as individuals, couples, and as a community and also a chance to discuss our needs and achievements. All of the forums will take place at the Fineline, 101 W. Drachman, on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The first forum, scheduled for Thursday August 28, is entitled "Everything you wanted to know about Female Impersonators but were afraid to ask". This is a panel discussion by the many talented performers that entertain here in Tucson on a regular basis. They will discuss when and how they got started, the demands involved, what it is like to be on stage, etc. Many times we have all heard people making comments about those that cross dress. Well here is your opportunity to get to know your local talents and what makes them tick.

The second forum, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25, is entitled "Being Allies for Each Other: Gay Men/Lesbians". This event is a discussion of how we can better relate as individuals, groups and a "community" through understanding of differences and similarities to improve our lives.

The third forum, scheduled for

Thurs. September 25, is entitled "Sexual Behavior/Gay men". This is a continuation of the workshop that was held during Pride Week with a more in-depth discussion of the origins of our sexual practices and more group discussion.

It is also our hope that we will present these forums twice in two locations, the Fineline and also at the U. of A. Please watch this paper for further updates and next week for a clip out schedule. We do have forums planned through January 1987, including such topics as Issues of Same Sex relationships, Lesbian/Gay Pride, Cruising/Window Shopping, Victims of Crime and Enforcement of the Sodomy Law, Being Gay and Turning Grey, etc.

If you have further suggestions for other topics or would like to help with the planning or presentation at these forums please come to our next meeting. Your ideas are welcome and you do not have to be a member to volunteer your time.

Throughout the year the TGGA is involved in such activities as Workshops, publishing the Tucson Resource Guide, Christmas Ball, Cinco De Mayo celebration, Pride Week, Political and Educational activities and Advocating for those discriminated against. Our next meeting is Monday Sept. 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fineline, 101 W. Drachman.

Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson

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From *Nude*, a collection of photographs by Ken Duncan. Dance Magazine Inc., 1979, distributed by After Dark.

by Michael Bronski
NEW YORK, NY (GCN) - Kenn Duncan a prominent dance and theatrical photographer died Saturday, July 26, in New York Hospital of toxoplasmosis, an AIDS-related disease. He was 56 years old and lived in Manhattan.

Duncan achieved fame in the mid-1960's for his photographs of the world's leading dance companies and of many individual dancers such as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Dame Alicia Markova, Rudolph Nureyev and Judith Jamison. Many of his photographs are on permanent exhibit in several American museums, the Dance Library of Israel and the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam.

But Duncan is perhaps best known, especially by Gay men, for his photographs which appeared for more than 15 years in 'After Dark' magazine. From its beginning in the early '60s, 'After Dark' billed itself as an 'arts' monthly, featuring reviews and puff pieces on theater, dance and film. The real draw of the

Journal was, however, the copious, and revealing photographs of male performers - in dance belts, leotards and briefs. Any indication of full nudity would have been considered tasteless.

Appearing before the more permissive age of Playguy, Mandate, Honcho and Drummer, and before Gay or Lesbian material of any kind was widely available, 'After Dark' was for many Gay men the only positive reinforcement of their sexuality. This was especially true in non-urban areas where there was little, or no, access to pornography. It should be noted that 'After Dark' itself was totally hypocritical and refused all ads for openly Gay books, records and other material.

But while closeted to the point of being obsequious, Duncan's work and 'After Dark' are a reminder to many Gay men of their younger days... when a stretch of thigh peeking out from a beach towel was the most erotic of images.

Bar Talk

RUMOR HAZZIT preparing for a big, big Shanti Foundation/Tucson Benefit Show with a cast of ten (count 'em 10!) in a Variety show that will feature lots of 'live' entertainment (not the same old drag). Make plans now for Sept. 7 & 8 (and maybe even the 9th if reservations keep coming like they are)! Also plans being made for a big Labor Day Weekend here. Watch next weeks Observer. GRADUATE now has installed their refrigerated air conditioning as well as some very costly new sewer plumbing work. Ronnie will have to stay in Phoenix for a while to help pay those bills. And Roger will have to get back behind the bar in the 'fund raising' effort....Speaking of refrigerated air, THE FINELINE has always had it and now that their new bar room is open to the left of the lobby on the ground floor it is fast becoming an 'in' place for conversing. The room is done in earth tones and has some rustic furniture that makes you feel comfortable about entering and enjoying the people and the conversation and the drinks, and the music....And speaking of music, Bobbie Jr. keeps them jumping at the JOSHUA TREE. Along with Dave Pierson and Thursdays, Sundays and Mondays, this place keeps packing them in for some of the hottest dance music, and the coolest patio conversation in town. Steak Dinners every Sunday still a favorite pastime for everyone here. Fall season of volleyball to begin soon. Watch for details... Speaking of food, RITA'S RENDEZVOUS is the place to be every Sunday for Brunch. Served from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m., and at \$2.25 this is the

biggest bargain in town. Rita's Wednesday evening dinner buffet from 6 to 9 p.m. continues to be a very popular event. A spread that has to be seen to be believed for \$2.75. Check their monthly calendar for the different entrees each week....And speaking of food again, IT'S 'BOUT TIME will re-open their kitchen on weekends starting Labor Day Weekend. Cheri and Joe will operate the place which will feature hamburgers, hot dogs and a special plate every Saturday and Sunday. Plans are to expand the number of open days and hours as the business warrants. Check this one out and see if they have to lower the sink so Cheri can wash the dirty dishes, or will they give her a stool to stand on, or will Joe have to do them? IT'S Wet Party coming up this Saturday, August 23. Get your squirt guns ready for a really wet time along with wet contests and a show with Aviva and Candy and Tamara. Check their ad....The word is out that another bar will be opening very, very soon. Watch the OBSERVER for full details as soon as they are received. Have a great week and end.

ITALIAN MOURNERS FORCE PRIEST TO BLESS GAY MAN
TURIN, ITALY (GCN) - When a Roman Catholic priest refused to conduct a funeral mass for a murdered Gay man, 200 enraged mourners went after him. The priest was dragged from his church office to the altar, according to the Windy City Times, and was forced to bless the coffin of Bruno Delana.

As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson
and mothera, "we are your teachers and your mechanics," "WE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS." It's only by being seen and known that we can overcome this struggle.

While vacationing in northern Arizona recently, my lover and I drove into Flagstaff and were surprised to see what has to be the high point of the Rambo machismo craze currently sweeping the country. There, on the street in front of us making a left turn into MacDonald's was a jeep flatbed truck painted army green with a rocket launcher mounted on the back complete with four 'rockets' welded in place. In the back window, I assume to protect Mom, apple pie and the American way, was displayed a high-power rifle complete with telescopic lens. At the wheel? Marvin Macho!

A week later we drove through Mormon Lake Village just as the Arizona Bowmen's Association was winding down its annual weekend "meet". The town of 150 or so had swollen to several thousand macho men (and women) each with a six foot bow slung over his shoulder (men only please, women forbid from such activity) and a quiver of arrows hanging from his hip. Here and there targets had been placed. The men would ambie up, set down their can of Bud, draw an arrow and fire at a cardboard "deer", "bear", or "a comie oriental" figure painted on the targets.

I had never thought of northern Arizona as a haven for radical rightwing reactionaries and vigilante action, but both of these events pulled me up short and started me to thinking about "what's going on here?"

The major problem with vigilante actions is that they often are not well thought-out. Such persons are more interested in speedy action rather than justice and a lot of crazy things happen that hurt a lot of good people. But why is vigilantism and machismo so much a part of the American "dream" today?

Following nearly twenty years of social upheaval in America, the national humiliation of defeat in Cuba, Vietnam, Iran and Lebanon, together with the nearly constant frustrations many Americans feel about their personal inability to control the events in their own lives, perhaps we are desperately looking for a way back to the "good ol' days" when everything was wonderful and we had respect and appreciation. It's a simplistic reaction, but one that is not uncommon - we often live in the immediate past when we fear and do not understand the present and have great anxiety about the future. Are we moving back to 1950? The 1950's remembered was a period of rugged individualism with everything "in control". It was a period of strong leadership, decisive action, family dedication, etc. In reality, it was a period of intolerance, abuse of power, blacklists, intimidation, secrecy and deceit. Minorities fear a return to such a period. Gays and Lesbians fear a return to such "good ol' days" where power is maintained by a select few who "know what's best for everyone else" and are more than willing to impose that concept on the rest of humankind. The similarities between the vigilante and the Christian rightwing is too close and it chills many of us.

That loud noise you hear in the background is closet doors slamming shut as thousands of Gays and Lesbians run back into their closets to get out-of-the-way of any possible upcoming mayhem. Homosexuals who had started to take their first steps into the sunlight have returned to the closet, slammed the door and are now peering through the keyhole to see what's going to happen. If you look closely, you'll see that in many ways the struggle for human rights for Gays and Lesbians is being moved to the back burner and it's being done by us, the Gays and Lesbians ourselves.

As I see it, our need to come out of the closet is more important now than at any other time in history. To return to the closet is to quit the fight and surrender the gains we've made. It's only by showing society that we are everywhere, "we are your brothers and sisters," "we are your fathers

and mothers," "we are your teachers and your mechanics," "WE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS." It's only by being seen and known that we can overcome this struggle.

Because of a particular series of sociological events (pluralism, urbanization, post-industrial society) together with advances in psychology, theology, and other empirical sciences, the door to human rights for Gays and Lesbians is open wider now than at any other time in the history of Western Civilization. We can't afford to miss this opportunity - if we miss it now, it may be gone forever.

Coming out of the closet has been a life-long process for me. It has been a road of personal growth, development and fulfillment. It was a very personal and private decision to start, and to continue, the process. To choose to open the door to my closet was to embrace honesty (not a bad beginning) and to state in a positive manner, "I choose to live as an open and honest person." I personally believe that every time someone makes the choice to "come out", he or she has cast a vote for personal mental health as well. It hasn't always been easy (that's where the growth has come in), but I know I'd rather live in the open sunlight that exists beyond my closet door than to spend my life cowering in dark corners of mental illness brought on by my fears to live life as the person I am.

I am a creation of God; I am a good person, a quality person. If others cannot see that, then the illness is theirs and they need to look to their own healing, but I will not allow anyone to deny me that light that is just beyond my closet door.

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

This past Sunday, Pastor Dave delivered another worthwhile message in his series of sermons entitled, "Encouraging - On Another". This was the third of this series and next Sunday will be the continuation. Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday morning service which begins at 10:00 a.m. with a fellowship following the formal worship service. Our Sunday evening service has been discontinued during the month of August.

Plans and preparations are in process for our "A.I.D.S. Vigil Of Prayer" weekend. This weekend of prayer and education will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5 and will conclude on Sunday, Sept. 7.

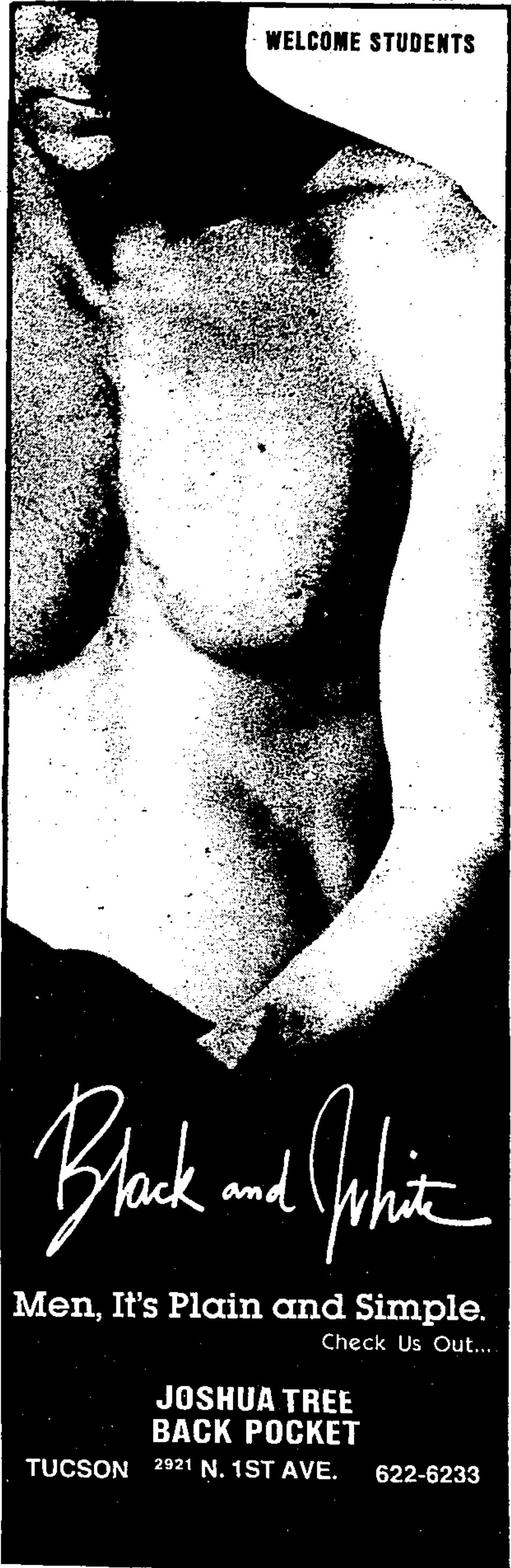
We are concerned that there are people who profess publicly that they are followers of Jesus Christ and then make statements that are in opposition to the teachings of Jesus. Why should we consider AIDS a punishment of God? Why should we consider homosexuality a punishment of God? Why should we consider it a punishment of God if we are born ugly, or blind, or deaf, or crippled? I, personally, will not let anyone, in the name of God, influence me to degrade, to be hostile to, or wish suffering to anyone who has been made less than what is considered "perfect" by a mortal.

We are born as God made us, we learn to live with what we are and to make the best of it. 2 John 1:20-21 - "If anyone comes to teach you, and he doesn't believe what Christ taught, don't even invite him into your home. Don't encourage him in any way. If you do, you will be a partner with him in his wickedness".

Thought for the Week: Definition of a BORE: A person who talks when you wish he would listen.



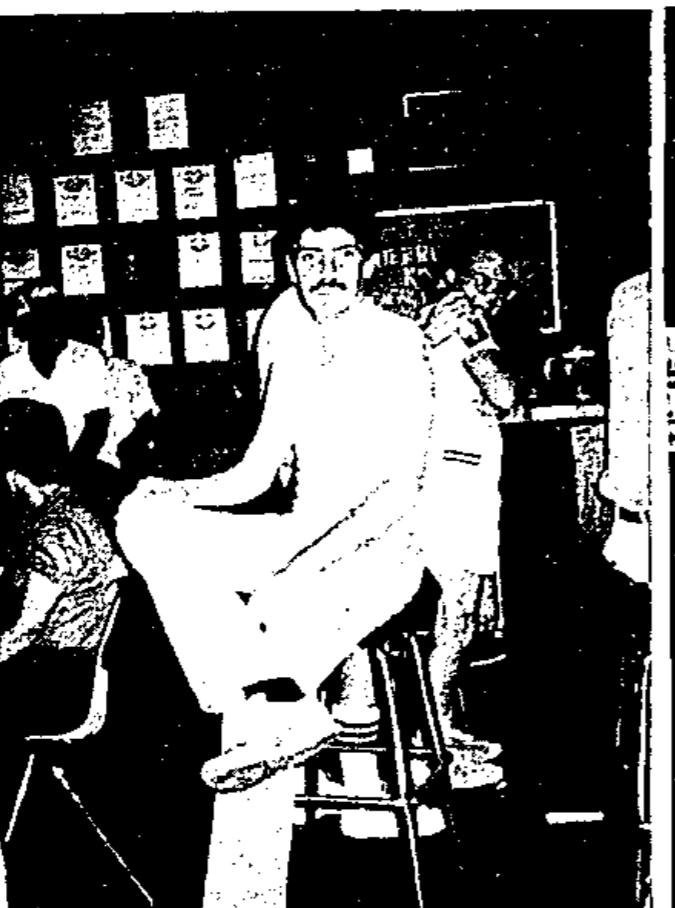
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TAURUS
You could suddenly become very attracted to a person you work with. You might spend hours in pursuit of this person but you should know it is probably just a passing phase.

GEMINI
You are feeling desire toward a younger person. A relationship could be more than you bargain for. Be sure this person is not too young or you might be in for trouble.

CANCER
Your relationship with a friend could have you feeling more passionate than you are able to express. Occult activities can transform your entire philosophy. Expanding your mind can change your potentials.

LEO
You are still a ray of sunshine in everything you say and do. Romantic attractions at work can overwork your nerves because of difficult communication.

VIRGO
A younger romantic interest could change the way you view your possessions. The moon is right for a meeting with this person. Be ready for hot passion.

LIBRA
A warm link you have to a certain person could explode into a surprising display of emotions. Your finances are undergoing a transformation but so is your heart.

SCORPIO
A change in your feelings is for the better. A secret love may no longer be kept a secret. Communicate your desires and be ready to act on what you feel.

SAGITTARIUS
Your love of luxury and your love for a friend could somehow conflict. Your communication of things in your past that you have kept secret could increase the conflict.

CAPRICORN
Your appearance soothes with sexuality. Many people find you attractive so enjoy it while you feel so self-confident. Your ability to communicate with friends is changing for the better.

AQUARIUS
Relationships are brightening your days. Intensely emotional thoughts are rare for such a disciplined mind. This more emotional approach could be just what you need.

PISCES
A business partnership with a friend could have you wishing for more than just a friendship. Psychic impressions you have kept secret are about to transform everything about you.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Well TKO made it back from the City of Rocks Run in good shape. I'm holding off reporting on it until next week because I have to get the pictures developed.

Don't forget about TALL's Old Pueblo Run coming up over Labor Day Weekend. Contact a TALL member real soon for all the details. This is a local run that should prove to be a lot of fun.

Also, don't forget Copperstate Leathermen's "Waldorf Weekend '86" also being held over Labor Day Weekend near Safford, Arizona. If this one interests you, see the bartender at It's 'Bout Time for more details.

The Sam's Place summer bowling is in their final two weeks. The fall league will be starting up in about a month. If you would like to join in on this fun-filled Wednesday evening of bowling, contact Allen at the Fiesta Lanes.

I'll close this short column this week, but make up for it next. Stay cool and love HOT!

A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

WHAT IS LOVE?

We now know what it is, but what is it? Simply, love is:

-To know that there will be someone to whom another can always turn to know that this someone will have your best interests --at all time-- in his heart; to know his attention and care comes without strings, clauses, or conditions.

-To know that there will be someone to listen even when what is said may mean nothing at all but to the speaker; to know his ear is always yours if it is needed.

-To know that when you are in pain from any source, there will be someone whose touch will banish that pain forever; whose touch will provide comfort and ease.

-To know that there is someone who will forgive your errors; one who will understand when your words lash out at the person closest to you; who will smile and insist that no apology is needed.

-To know there is someone with whom a future can be planned; with whom you can share a sense of excitement in the adventure of life; someone who insists on no more adventure than to be comfortably by your side.

These qualities, when found in yourself and in that other person, are clues that this abstract concept is forming around you. No one person can describe love to another, yet it takes another person to elicit those feelings of comfort and security. No one person can force love, yet, alone, one cannot truly exhibit love.

Love is both the giving and receiving of comfort and security; the giving and receiving of exceptions and care; the giving and receiving of respect, patience, and courtesy.

Love is unselfishly --gladly, even-- going out of your way for someone and expecting nothing --nothing-- in return, but accepting as the highest possible price, his smile and happiness.

Love is a joy, a happiness; contentment, excitement, and a vitality not found anywhere else from any other person or thing. Love is the result of that spark, that bright, invisible light which only comes when two hearts meet, and merge.

Love is also the moment when a third entity is created: When you and I become us or we; when two individual human powers create a whole far greater than the sum of its parts; when that new force is lifted high above the mundane and the ordinary. It is a force to be cherished and respected, unlike any other, natural or artificial. It is an end to which any sane person must aspire, and it is a goal whose attainment is far more satisfying than the challenge.

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CALIFORNIA

In the summer, our minds turn to the beach and the waves and we yearn for California. I have been there three times, and by my lights, I know little enough about the place to really do it justice. I remember my first impression of "California" was coming over the hill into El Cajon, outside San Diego, and staring amazed at the rows on rows of houses stretching into the distance (so much like the places people lived in E.T. or Poltergeist - Spielberg's vision of ideal middle-class life). And not just the quantity of the houses, but their sameness astounded - clones spreading to the horizon! One then notices an odd colored tinge to the air, that day a yellow band of haze hanging above the horizon. There was no smell and the breeze was refreshing, but the promise of the disease hung in front of us.

We stayed in Ocean Beach on Newport Avenue, apparently a seedy, run-down beach village (San Diego seems to have discreet little places within its larger bounds which give you a manageable sense of neighborhood), which we found fascinating - teeming with tourists, bronzed, muscled surfers, lunatics (one guy kept walking by going "rat-tat-tat" as he pointed his hands, gun-like, at the passersby), and all the other interesting types. The hotel was appropriately named the Ocean Beach Motel and was cheap and clean. The street had a large collection of cafes, all seemingly engaged in a breakfast war; last time we were there omelets were going for \$1.25 with a full breakfast. Nothing like eating breakfast for two for about 4 bucks.

For swimming we go to Coronado Island, across the swooping bridge over the bay. The beach on the ocean side of the island is the best, unless the Tijuana sewer system is acting up, with gold flecks of mica in the sand; when the waves roll in they glitter in the sun. If you want more bodies and less beach, you can go to Mission Beach where all the kids go; if you can dodge the frisbees and not get stepped on you can ogle 'till your eyes pop out. Further up the coast, and distinguished more by its restaurants and stores, Laguna's rocky beaches are interesting: go at high tide or you might not have room to spread out your towel.

We felt obliged last trip to do Disneyland. Got up early and drove up the coast to Anaheim, a pit if ever there was one, clothed in a classic pall, gray buildings in every direction, nothing to locate you except signs directing you toward some freeway or the other. We were among the first to rush the gate at 9:00 opening time, us and thousands of children, already

in a heat induced tizzy. Upon entry we sped toward the Space Mountain ride - the roller coaster in the dark. After only a 15 minute wait we experienced the high point of the day - that exhilarating, excruciating slam through pitch blackness with jerks and stops and water spraying and clutching your hat and stomach. My only regret is that we were dead sober in every way! The rest of the day we spent shuffling between rides of lesser excitement until we finally were reduced to Mr. Toad's Wild Ride from The Wind in the Willows. After this low point, driving a car among cardboard pop-ups at 3 miles an hour, we thankfully split and drove quickly to the Little Shrimp where we quickly tossed down several medicinal drinks and watched the regulars gobble shrimp appetizers. Disneyland may be too stressful for anyone over the age of 10.

Ocean Beach offers the city fishing pier, a balm for any tired traveler. It stands 1/2-mile into the ocean and becomes a wide T at the far end. There is a cafe and gear rental place halfway out. Nothing like walking out around 10:00 at night, buying a tall boy from the cafe and going out to the end to watch the kids and the far eastern families fishing. Boom boxes are blasting, the air is filled with wet salt smells, the world is at rest.

GAY AND LESBIAN LEADERS CALL FOR GRASSROOTS PLANNING CONFERENCE

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - Lesbian and Gay leaders in Minneapolis and Saint Paul have called for a national conference of grassroots Lesbian and Gay leadership "to organize and develop leadership at the grassroots level for dramatic and sustained actions in months and years ahead". The conference is planned to "enable joint action in areas where there is broad agreement as to priority and strategy through an identified and empowered leadership network."

The conference, entitled, "Forward in Unity: Charting the Course," will be held October 24-26 in the Twin Cities. Organizers said the conference agenda would include recognized national leaders as keynoters and as "inspirational speakers" at a closing celebration brunch. The conference plan also calls for a "unique process" of alternating small group and plenary discussion to determine shared priorities for action. Participants will also be able to choose from about a dozen workshops emphasizing personal, political and pragmatic concerns of Lesbian and Gay leaders.

Co-coordinator Emma Hixson

described the event as "an important resource for both emerging and experienced leadership." She said, "Without discounting the importance of acting and ideas originating on the East or West Coasts, most of the Gay men and Lesbians in this country live somewhere between the coasts. We think this conference offers us a particular opportunity to be heard, to share ideas with one another, to interact with national leaders, and to participate in strengthening our movement. We see this meeting as a catalytic event in the development of our movement."

"When we began meeting in May," commented co-coordinator Morris Floyd, "we viewed this event as a time when we could come together to build an agenda and, in the context of that agenda, decide whether another March on Washington would serve our movement well at this time."

In mid-July, however, an "initiating meeting" was held in New York City to begin planning for a march. Floyd said. Along with openly Gay Minneapolis City Council member Brian Coyle, Floyd attended the New York meeting. "I don't dispute the need for a March, but I was disappointed by the group's failure to understand the necessity of broad consultation prior to the decision." He noted that fewer than a third of those at the July meeting were from outside the greater New York area.

Floyd said that the "Forward in Unity" conference might well provide a broad base of support for the national march, "but even more importantly, it will be a start at planning for the long term follow-up that will be necessary to consolidate whatever gains may result from the March on Washington."

Complete details of the event will be available by Labor Day, organizers said. Those wishing to receive information as soon as it becomes available should send their names and addresses to Morris Floyd or Emma Hixson, P.O. Box 300171, Minneapolis, MN 55403-3171.

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

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SUNDAY AND MONDAY, SEPT. 7 & 8
RUMOR HAZZIT - A big fund raising benefit for Shanti Project of Tucson in memory of Eddie Rios. An all-star cast in "Variety" - Not Just Another Drag Show. A must-see event that has to be presented in at least two days (since the Sunday performance is almost sold out already - check with the bar to make reservations now. If enough are received, it will be performed on Tuesday also. Check with this paper for details).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
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MADOLFOS	14	9	23	.609
MEAN MACHINE	16	16	32	.500
TIME TRAVELERS	11	18	29	.379
SUN SETTERS	11	19	30	.367

There are three weeks left in this our first Summer Volleyball League. The last night of league play is 9/3/86. We play every Wednesday night at the Joshua Tree at 7:00 p.m. through 10:30 p.m.

Beginning Sunday September 7 at the Joshua Tree will be the 7th Annual Fall Volleyball League. We will play for 13 weeks every Sunday beginning at 1:00 p.m. We expect to have eight teams of 6 to 8 players to compete in match play with each team playing two matches each Sunday. Players of all ranges of experience are welcome. You can join a team as an individual or join the league as a full team.

BOWLING

The 7th annual Fall/Winter Joshua Tree bowling league starts Monday, September 8th at 8:30 p.m. at the Cactus Bowling Lanes on Alvernon just south of 22nd St. The league lasts approximately for 36 weeks and is divided into halves with a tournament and a first place roll off at the end of the season. Also there is a very entertaining banquet at the end of season. See you at the bowling lanes.

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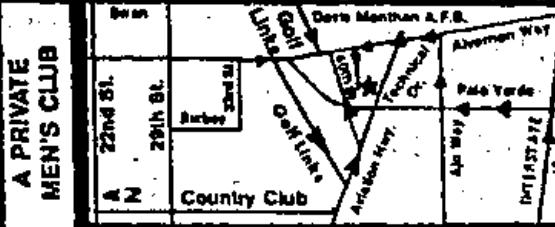
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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

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GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other drink specials.

FINELINE - Open 7 pm - 1 am. Draft Beer Bust .25

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12: .50 Draft and .50 schnapps. Dance B to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Well Scotch \$1. Schnapps .75 noon to 7 pm. DINNER BUFFET NIGHT 6 to 9 pm. \$2.75.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Domestic Beer Bust 8 pm to 1 am. \$1

"Brothers" on life-size screen 8 pm. Drink Specials noon to 1 am. Schnapps .75

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Lite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm - 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ.

FINELINE - Open 7 pm to 1 am in new room at lobby level.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Rum \$1. 5:30 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer. Dance B to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Bourbon \$1; Schnapps .75.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Daily Drink Specials noon to 8 pm Square Dancing by T-Squares from 7 to 9 pm Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close. All White Well Drinks \$1.25.

FRIDAY

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Fineline open 7 pm to 1 am in new room off lobby with alcoholic beverages. Skyline open from 8 pm to 1 am upstairs with non-alcoholic disco. Skyline admission \$3. After Hours upstairs

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Gin \$1.00; 5:30 - 8 pm 2 for 1 Well; 8 pm - 1 am \$1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobbie Jr. DJ 9:00 pm to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Rum or Tequila \$1.00; Schnapps .75.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm - 1 am. Drink Special 2 to 8 pm daily. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

SATURDAY

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Lobby Level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Special. Upstairs non-alcoholic disco opens 8 pm. Admission \$3. After Hours upstairs.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobbie Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00. All Well 6 pm to 1 am \$1.50, Dance B to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (Non-Premium) \$1. 11 am. to 7 pm.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Special. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beef Bust 4 to 7 pm. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner \$5 to 7:30 pm \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

FINELINE - Lobby Level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1 (domestic) with other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 noon to 6:30. 6:30 to 1 am Danny's Choice every hour (?). Dance B to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

Bloody Marys or Screwdriver \$1.25 noon to 7:00 pm. RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Video Dancing 9 pm to close.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ.

FINELINE - New lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.

GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 till 1 am. plus other specials.

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RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

Bloody Marys or Screwdriver \$1.25 noon to 7:00 pm.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Special to 8 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to close.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Miller's or Miller's Lite \$1.00. Bobbie Jr. DJ's in J/T

FINELINE - New lobby level Fineline open at 7 pm. Drink Specials.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing. Plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Scotch \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to close. Well \$1.50.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Vodka \$1 and Schnapps .75.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Special to 8 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to close.

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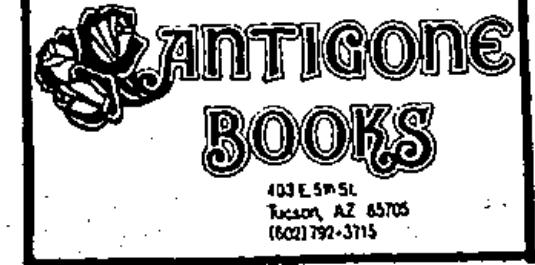
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OUT ON THE TOWN

STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Seems Stunt Malibu Christi and Drag Malibu Ken have finally started appearing in pictures. Due to the nature of the film, they had to go to Phoenix to get it done.

The long dry spell may be ending for Toasted Totie. She managed to get quite moist this last weekend. She is also making specific reservations for October. Will she be picked up in a limo? Apologized to Beatrice. There was no intention of a premature burial, however. Goodbye Beulah.

The TTT had a rare treat awhile back. Too bad those drawers were pulled behind closed doors. So, was that Danny Wonder behind those Bauech and Lombs?

Will Mathilda Ez ever learn? Instant replay wasn't bad enough, she wanted to be sure. At least this time it wasn't at Toto's expense. Mathilda must have been resurrected unless Key was too forgiving and let Mathilda set up temporary sleeping quarters in the closet, which is almost as big as Vivian's box.

Las Vegas claims to have the most liberal sluts in the world but they really hadn't seen anything until Ronda and Mae showed up. Those girls really put up some tough competition cruising the casinos, bars, bookstores and buses till 5:00 a.m.

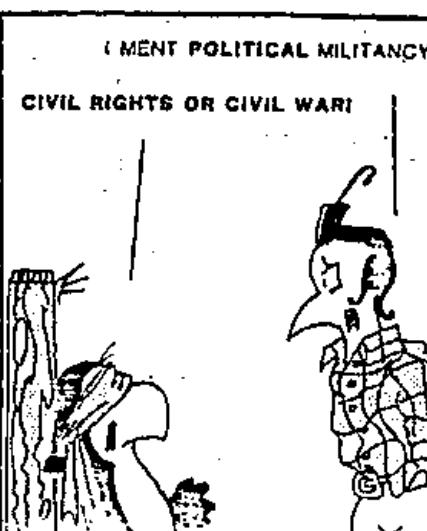
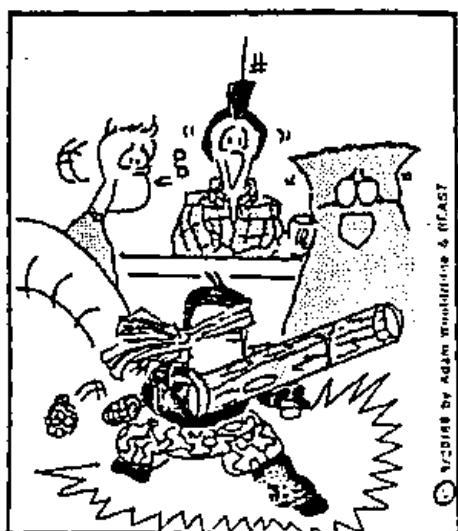
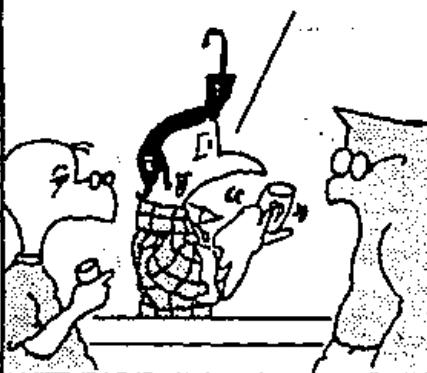
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BATH

BY ADAM WOOLDRIDGE & BEAST

OK, I ADMIT THAT THE GAY COMMUNITY HAS HAD SOME HARD TIMES LATELY, BUT I STILL FEEL THAT IT MAY BE GOOD FOR US. HARD TIMES ENCOURAGE US TO FORGET OUR DIFFERENCES AND WORK TOGETHER.

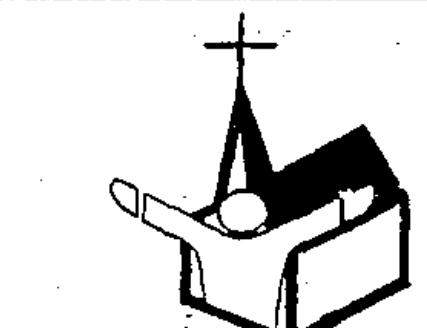


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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) MEETS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Dining Room "C" (Second Floor) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend. Get involved! For more information call 792-3772.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fineline, 101 W. Beachman. Everyone welcome.

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Gary:
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ROY CRUZ-

Thanks for showing up. Now get down!

Bobbie, Jr. 109

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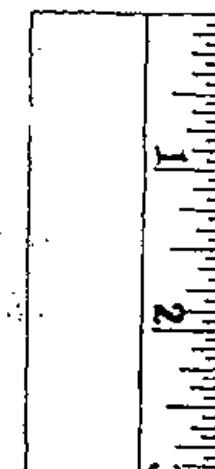
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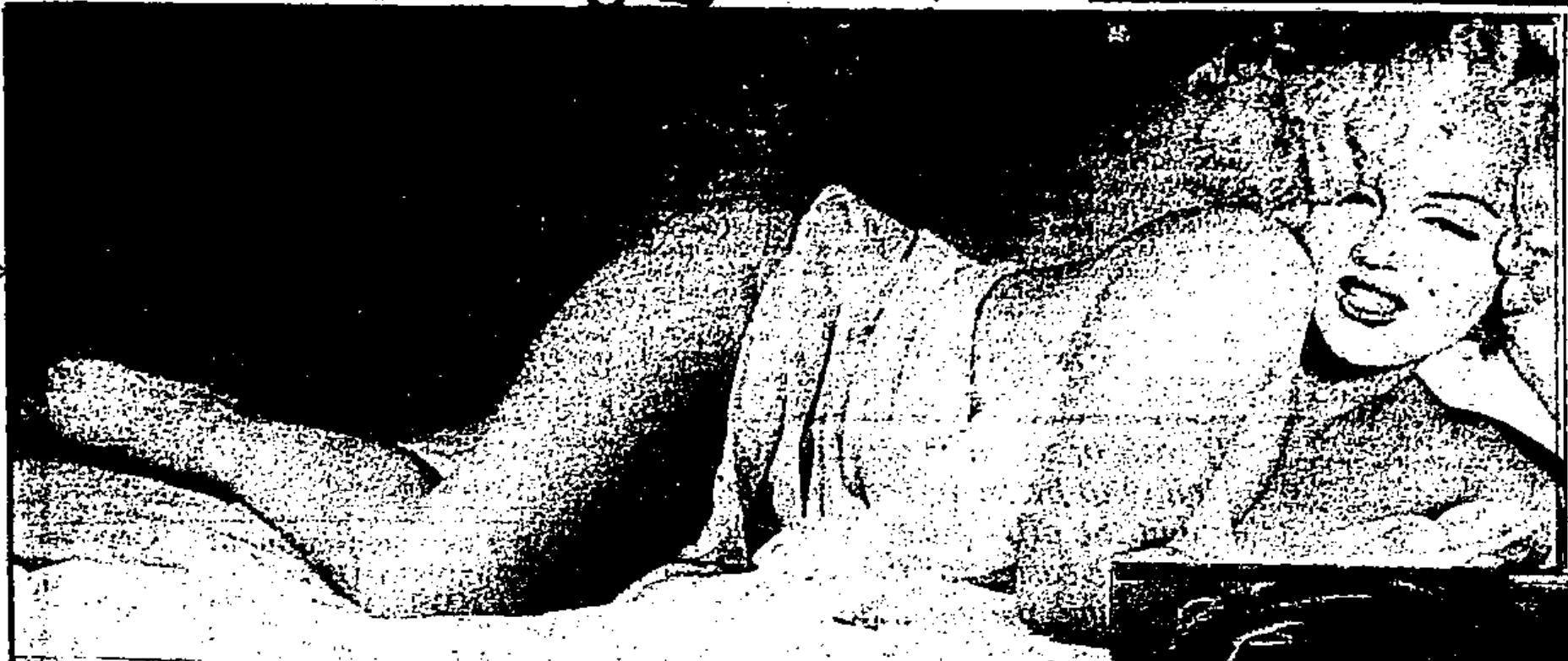
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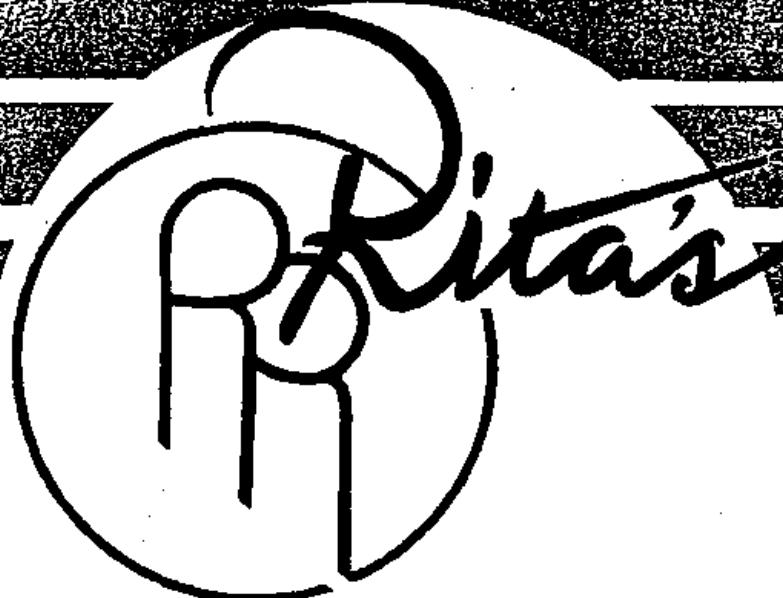
At the Pilgrim House

Jimmy James

When the curtain opens in the dingy downstairs bar of the Pilgrim House to reveal Jimmy James as Marilyn Monroe, the astonishment of the audience is due not so much to a belief that Monroe has in fact risen from the grave, but rather to the incredible talent of James in replicating not only her physical characteristics, but also every nuance of her style.

James (a Texan by birth and, offstage, by accent) began his theatrical career as a make-up artist. Noticing the resemblance in facial structure between himself and Monroe, he spent three years studying her movies, photographs and, in his words, finding "the Norma Jean inside of Marilyn Monroe." This empathy combined with a heavy dose of talent make for a show that should not be missed.

During the first half of the show James lip syncs Monroe classics (e.g., "I Want to Be Loved by You" and "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend") and sings in his own voice the infamous Kennedy "Happy Birthday." In addition to singing, James/Monroe jokes with and for the audience, though the humor is sometimes in questionable taste (lots of lame Kennedy jokes). During these sessions with the audience, James at times seems hesitant and unsure, a function of relative inexperience. Undoubtedly, he will get better as time goes on.



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