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MECHAM RECALL - A "SMORGASBORD OF IDIOCY"

by Lynne Harris

By definition, a smorgasbord is anything which offers a wide variety of choices, presumably providing something for everybody. We've all been to edible versions of the smorgasbord: breakfast, Chinese and Italian buffets; even some of the better-produced happy hours around town qualify for this title. The smorgasbord designation, however, can be easily utilized to encompass the unique brand of government brought to Arizona by its own "chief cook and bottle washer," Governor Evan Mecham. The fundamental difference between the Mecham smorgasbord and the edible variety is the drastic contrast between all you can eat and all you can stomach.

If there remained any doubt about Mecham's having something for everybody, these doubts were laid to rest this past week. In the early days of his term, Mecham wisely chose two easy propaganda victims: Gays and the media. While most all elected officials have condemmed the media as arrogant, biased, and exploitive at some time in their careers, Mecham's attacks have been less than creative. Unfortunately, most all elected officials are also biased in regard to Gay individuals, giving only cursory support to their causes when it best suits their own personal ambitions. Mecham, however, was apparently not bright enough to simply keep his mouth shut. His inflammatory remarks drew the ire of even pacifist gay people. Mecham moved swiftly on to the Hispanic community, with his appointment of a non-citizen: an inexperienced yet "dazzling" Hispanic liaison who was not a registered voter. We all are aware of what Mecham has accomplished for Black and civil rights sympathetic voters. In the same strategic motion, he has also managed to dent our vital tourism industry. In his most erudite international relations comment to date, Mecham questioned the Pope's ability to speak english, thereby displaying an unforgivable display of indifference to every Catholic in

The list, unfortunately, goes on and on. Womens groups, peace movements, business leaders, Democrats, Arizona legislature and judiciary, et. al., they have all been shot with the slings and arrows of Mecham's sanctimonious rhetoric. Our head cook has served up a smorgasbord of idiocy broad enough and deep enough to incense every segment of Arizona. Eventually, it seems, Governor Mecham will ultimately choke on that which he is serving.

Thus far, over 250,000 Arizonans have wisely turned in their dinner forks for pitch forks; they're "mad as hell and they're not going to take it anymore." As a result of this mandate of the people, the powers that be have leapt onto the Recall bandwagon. Barry Goldwater, the "grandaddy" of Arizona Republicans, has asked that Mecham resign the office of governor to spare Arizona further expense and national humiliation. Carolyn Warner has spoken in favor of the recall, and has herself signed a recall petition. Warner continues to be the likely Democratic-fielded candidate in the recall election. The Arizona Republic/Phoenix Gazette has supported the recall and has now called for Mecham to resign. Numerous party officials. both Democratic and Republican, have made a point of identifying themselves when signing petitions. Morris Udall, elder statesman of Arizona, signed the petition and formally endorsed the Recall weeks ago.

Many of those who until now chose to ride the fence of opinion have been drawn into the foray by a single, glaring Mecham faux pas. The infamous "Letter" may well be the final nail in the Governor's political coffin. Some confusion exists concerning this piece of literary drivel. Explanations and excuses from the Mecham cadre are more insulting to the collective intelligence of Arizonans than the letter itself.

In brief, the Letter was to be sent to Republicans outside of Arizona, and asks that sympathizers send money to Mecham to battle the dark forces of the queers and dissidents currently trying to overthrow our Governor's righteous, moral, conservative government. It speaks repeatedly of the horrors all conservatives in the nation will face if the homosexual lobby is allowed to defeat Arizona's pillar of decency. Mecham's cohorts predictably bungled this simple task and mailed some of the letters within the state. Just as predictably, Mecham's team conjured up a sophomoric fairy tale to explain the mishap. More specifically, they lied — as is their wont when caught with their pants down.

The initial story suggested that Mecham did not write the Letter, nor did he approve it. Rather, an underling exceeded his authority and conjured up the idea himself. There's a gap in logic in this tale: the exceedingly poor grammar and vehemently bigotted content point to one author alone; therefore this position is doubtful at best. Even given the benefit of the doubt, such an occurence hardly bodes well for Mecham's choice of staff or his ability to manage them effectively. The phrase "loose cannon on deck" springs to mind.

A second cover-up story suggests that the Letter was an attempt to solicit funds to retire Mecham's previous campaign debts. One would have to leap a chasm in logic to buy this one. At absolutely no point in this fund raising letter is reference — or even inference — made to previous campaign debt. Even if this were so, why does Mr. Mecham find it necessary to look outside of his own state to find financial support?

The actual content of the Letter amounts to a whining, paranoid cry for funds to stop the dissidents and homosexuals of Arizona from casting aside the great white hope for the salvation of American decency. "The real reason it was written to those outside Arizona," according to Bob Davis of the Recall Committee, "was that the last vestige of Mecham support is busted" within the state. The Letter was a desperately calculated and despicably dishonest attempt to cling to an office to which Mr. Mecham has surrendered all right and claim.

The laughter across the state has been silenced; Mecham's antics are no longer only funny. They have become intensely insulting, desperately dishonest, and have reduced Arizona's stature nationwide. The volumes of jokes surrounding his person and his politics are a symbolic attempt to find humor in tragedy. As jokes have surfaced through the pain of AIDS, airplane crashes, and even the Challenger nightmare, so it is in our state. Much humor finds it roots in fear, and Arizonans have reason to fear to the rights and lifestyles they value dearly.

For a man of conscience and dignity, the answer would be simple: resign gracefully. Admit defeat, call it quits, go out with respect intact. But Evan Mecham will doubtlessly be removed from office by force — the force of public opinion.

The governor himself has been the Recall Committee's greatest contributor of free advertising. The goal of that organization at this point is two-fold. Firstly, they require more signatures. To effectively guarantee success, it is imperative that the Committee generate 100,000 additional signatures. Many who have heard that the Committee has accumulated the required number of signatures may be lulled into thinking they're no longer needed. Secondly, the committee must generate substantial cash contributions to keep the movement going at its most efficient. Ideals are the fuel of any movement; money is a necessary foundation. Each dollar is an investment in our individual and collective futures in this state.

These two goals are joined for one purpose: it isn't over 'til it's over. From November 3rd until the recall election, Evan Mecham will remain our governor, with power and connections at his disposal. He has time to do a lot of damage, and is certainly capable of doing just that. Both your signatures and your contributions are needed to fight the battle; the truly difficult is still ahead. Remember: terrorists take as many as possible with them when they die.

VOTERS WANT WASHINGTON INSIDER AS PRESIDENT

Washington (UPI)-American voters, who elected former governors for presidents the last two times, now want as their next leader a Washington insider with the ability to get things done, a nationwide poll commissioned by the Times Mirror Corp. said Wednesday.

Two-thirds of the 1,903 people interviewed by the Gallup organization said an experienced member of the House or Senate would make a better president than a governor. Both Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter before him were once governors.

Among the poll's other findings; Social justice rather than economic concerns will be the major issue of the 1988 election.

"Don't know" leads the Democratic presidential race with 30 percent of the response, followed by civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, 24 percent; Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, 15 percent; Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, 7 percent; Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee, 6 percent; and former Gov. Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, 1 percent. The remaining 10 percent of Americans have other preferences.

Vice President George Bush is the Republican favorite with 42 percent of the response, followed by Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas with 23 percent and Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, 12 percent. Trailing are former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont and evangelist Pat Robertson.

The controversial nomination of

Judge Robert Bork to Supreme Court is supported by 39 percent of Americans and opposed by 35 percent, with 26 percent voicing no opinion.

By a margin of 62 percent to 29 percent, Americans think the congressional hearings into the Iran-Contra scandal were good for the nation "because it was important to get out all the facts."

Aid to Contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's Marxist Sandinista government is supported by 40 percent of Americans and opposed by 46 percent.

The nationwide survey, conducted during the first two weeks of September, was a follow-up to one commissioned by Times Mirror in May that redefined the nation's voting population in terms of its stand on issues rather than by traditional party or philosophical labels. It identified 11 issue-related groups, some of which line up along party lines and some of which do not.

The poll showed that President Reagan cut deeply into some of the normally Democratic voting groups in the new alignment, and concluded that it would be very difficult for another Republican to put together the same coalition in 1988.

The GOP generally divided into two groups with little in common. One, called "Enterprisers," contains probusiness and anti-goverment voters; the second, called "Moralists," is more committed to a social agenda, opposing abortion, favoring school

prayer and supporting government spending for the middle class. Enterprisers were 10 percent of the total; Moralist, 11 percent.

Of five independent groups, two learned Republican: "Upbeats," 9 percent, the young, optimistic voters who backed Ronald Reagan, and "Disaffecteds," also 9 percent, who supported Reagan but are pessimistic about the future and more skeptical of big business and government.

About 11 percent fell into a group defined as "Bystanders": young, white, single, urban and unlikely to vote.

The other two independents leaned to Democrats: "Followers," 7 percent, with little interest in government, little education and blue collars, and "Seculars," 8 percent, characterized by lack of religion, concentration on the East and West coasts, solid education and high income.

The Democratic Party was found in four groups: "Sixties Democrats," 8 percent, identifying with peace, civil rights and the environment; "New Dealers," 11 percent, older and religious Franklin Roosevelt types with primarily blue collars; "The Passive Poor," 7 percent, with strong faith in America, concentration in the South and 31 percent black representation; and "The Partisan Poor," 9 percent, urban, poorly educated, 40 percent black and with strong faith in the Democratic Party's commitment to social change.

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Rochester, N.Y. (UPI) - Elizabeth Debbie Eden, whose desire for an expensive sex change operation drove her lover to attempt a Brooklyn bank robbery which later inspired the film "Dog Day Afternoon," died Tuesday at age 41, hospital officials said.

Her former lover, convicted holdup man John Wojtowicz, said the cause of death was pneumonia as a complication of AIDS. Officials at Genesee Hospital said Eden had requested that the nature of her illness not be released.

Wojtowicz, who lives in New York City, said he wanted the public to know that Eden died of AIDS.

"We believe even though she is dead, she can still save lives," Wojtowicz said.

"It's time for people to know how dangerous AIDS is and it's time the government gave more money so a vaccine can be developed to save gay and straight people."

Genesee Hospital spokeswoman Jean Dalmath said Eden, who had been hospitalized for two weeks, had told hospital staff members she was the lover of the failed bank robber portrayed in the movie.

"As far as we understand it, she was the same person," Dalmath said. Wojtowicz and an accomplice held up the Chase Manhattan Bank branch in Brooklyn on Aug. 22, 1972, and held seven bank employees hostage for more than eight hours as hundreds of heavily-armed police officers and FBI agents huddled outside.

During the bizarre drama, which took place on a sweltering afternoon in the so-called "dog day" of summer. Wojtowicz and his partner in crime demanded that pizza be brought in, shouted "Attica!" and threw dollar bills to cheering crowds of spectators outside the bank.

Wojtowicz also was married to a woman who was the mother of his two children. They were later divorced.

The hostages were relased after the FBI agreed to provide an airplane to Wojtowicz and his partner, who planned to flee to Algeria. However, Wojtowicz was captured and his partner was shot and killed by FBI agents at Kennedy Airport as they were about to board the plane.

The story gained national attention as the inspiration for the Warner Bros. movie "Dog Day Afternoon," directed by Sidney Lumet and starring Al Pacino, which debuted in 1975.

Wojtowicz served six years of a 15year prison term for attempted bank robbery and was released in 1978.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ESTABLISHES CLINICAL STUDIES GROUPS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen, M.D., has announced the award of \$18.6 million in cooperative agreements for research on AIDS treatment, basic studies and outreach. Seventeen Clinical Studies Groups will be established in 10 states and the District of Columbia by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The total projected funding for the groups is approximately \$100 million for 1987 through 1992.

In announcing the awards, Dr. Bowen said "Everyone is keenly aware that AIDS is an enormous and growing problem, demanding strenuous effort and creative solutions. This initiative is another example of how America's scientific talent is being mobilized to combat AIDS."

Through the clinical studies groups, NIAID can extend access to clinical trials of promising AIDS therapies to patients in a much wider geographic area than is now possible. The CSG clinical trials will be coordinated with the institute's existing 19 AIDS Treatment Evaluation Units, which were established in 1986 and early 1987.

"This program is generated by an exciting, innovative concept," NIAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., said. "We are attracting top-notch scientists into the field and we are facilitating partnerships between basic scientists and those doing clinical research on AIDS.

We anticipate new and imaginative approaches to treatment and other problems posed by the complexities of the disease and the virus that causes it. In addition, through their outreach efforts the CSGs will perform research into methods of communicating health care information to other health care professionals and to the patient populations they serve.

"We are making a concerted effort to include in our clinical trials all groups at risk for AIDS, particularly hemophiliacs and childern born to infected mothers. Through the CSGs we will develop leadership among a wide range of health care professionals who serve all the populations in which AIDS is spreading most rapidly; for example, Blacks, Hispanics, intravenous drug users, bisexuals and homosexuals."

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Retrovir (AZT) is now available to individuals with AIDS at a price below wholesale, thanks to a national program announced today by Family Pharmaceuticals of America, Inc. Responding to an article in *The Washington Blade*, Family Pharmaceuticals Vice President Kim Richardson, RPh, stated, "We have put together similar programs for individuals with other chronic diseases. With AZT, the problem goes beyond just price — which is considerable — to include availability and confidentiality.

Family Pharmaceuticals of America, Inc., a South Carolina-based pharmacy which serves patients across the nation through the mail, has agreed to make Retrovir available for approx-imately \$200.00 per hundred capsules, including shippings. "The cost from Burroughs Wellcome for Retrovir may vary, but we'll keep the cost about 10% below the national average wholesale price." Added Richardson, "The program is really quite simple. Anyone with a valid doctor's prescription can charge their purchase on major credit cards, and Family will ship the medication in tamper-proof boxes by First Class mail, assuring that all transactions

The article, "Price of AZT as high as \$3,384.00 per month in New York," which appeared in the August 21st issue of *The Washington Blade*, discussed a survey conducted by Virginia Apuzzo, New York Governor Mario Cuomo's deputy executive director of the state's Consumer Protection Board, which found an extreme variation in prices among New York pharmacies. A similar survey in the Washington, D.C. area showed onemonth supply prices which ranged from \$800.00 to \$928.00.

Individuals can enroll in the program by calling Family toll-free at 1-800-922-3444. For more information, contact: W. Kim Richardson, RPh, 309 Mill Street, Mt. Pleasant, SC, 29464

GLAAD FIGHTS BORK NOMINATION

New York- The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation announced today its first nationwide campaign - an effort to help gay and lesbian groups around the country mobilize to defeat the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

Craig Davidson, GLAAD's executive director, said the group has mailed a mobilization kit to groups across the country. Each kit contains information about Bork's judicial record a model letter opposing his nomination, and names and addresses of senators to whom letters should be sent.

"Bork is so anti-gay that last year's Supreme Court decision upholding sodomy laws, Bowers vs. Hardwick, would surely have been even more gratiuously bigoted had he written it," Davidson said. "Basic rights of women and other minorities are at risk, too. The importance of defeating this nomination cannot be overemphasized."

For more information, contact GLAAD at 99 Hudson St., New York, NY 10013; (212) 966-1700.

TASK FORCE EXPANDS LOBBYING STAFF

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced the expansion of its lobbying staff with the hiring of lesbian activists Peri Jude. Ms. Jude will work with Executive Director Jeffrey Levi on a broad range of issues which comprise the gay/lesbian community's national agenda.

Ms. Jude brings to the Task Force years of experience as a lobbyist and organizer on lesbian/gay, feminist and health-related issues. She most recently served as the National Coordinator of the Program on Lesbian and Gay Rights of the National Organization For Women (NOW). Prior to her work with NOW, Ms. Jude worked for the American Public Health Association (APHA) in its publications department.

Ms. Jude is the first open lesbian to be appointed to a Board or Commission in the State of Maryland, where she serves as a Mayoral appointee to the Rockville Human Rights Commission. She is the Lesbian Rights Task Force Chair of the Maryland Chapter of the National Organization For Women, and worked actively to advance the Maryland Sodomy Repeal Bill in the 1987 legislative session.

"Peri brings a great deal of savvy and experience to a very tough job," obseved Jeff Levi, NGLTF Excutive Director, "The Task Force will benefit greatly from the skill and commitment she brings. And with the addition of this staff positon, NGLTF will be able to strengthen our lobbying efforts

across the board at this very critical time."

The Task Force lobbies for gay and lesbian civil rights in Congress, before the Execuitive Branch and before a wide range of governmental and private, non-profit agencies. In additon, NGLTF's State Acton Lobby works closely with state and local gay/lesbian organizations to secure gay/lesbian civil rights throughout the country. Since 1982, NGLTF has worked to secure increased government funding for AIDS research and treatment, and fought to safegaurd the civil liberties of persons with AIDS and AIDS related illness.

PRO-GAY CANDIDATE WINS ELECTION IN CONNECTICUT

Connecticut — Republican Christopher Shays, a supporter of the Lesbian/Gay community, has won the special election to fill the Congressional seat vacated by the late Rep. Stewart B McKinney, the first member of either house of the U.S. Congress to die of AIDS.

Shays, who won the August election with over 60 percent of the vote, was supported by Lesbian and Gay organizations in Connecticut because of his record on Gay rights as a state legislator and his promise to support the Federal Gay civil rights bill.





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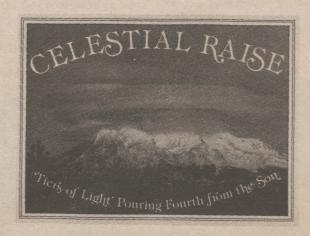
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Celestial Raise: Tiers Of Light Pouring Fourth From the Son. Marcus, compiler. Mt. Shasta, CA: A.S.S.K. 1986. 228 pages, color photo plates. \$21.95 paperbound 8 1/2 x 11.

Dancing In the Light. Shirley Maclaine, author. New York: Bantam, 1985. 405 pages \$4.50 paperbound.

Welcome to the New Age. In Autumn 1986, I read Dancing In the Light on the recommendation of a friend who hadn't yet read it himself. It gave me more spiritual answers than I'd known I had questions, and when my friend read it with my prodding, he found equally significant answers to his own questions. After six months of encouraging each others' spiritual explorations, he recommended Celestial Raise. It has a different viewpoint and different content, but the messages are similar to each other, and to most New Age material.

Most of the variant spellings in Celestial Raise (for example, those in the title and subtitle) are intentional, as are most of the variations from common literary practice. The information presented in this unusual format comes from many sources, and they get their messages through to us the best ways they can. The words of channeled entities are recorded here, usually as received by their channels, and occasionally ether spoken directly by the entity itself or reproduced from another publication. The messages answer questions, explain phenomena, offer suggestions, advice and greetings, or give reminders and warnings. In many forms, the nature of the communication is always: prepare

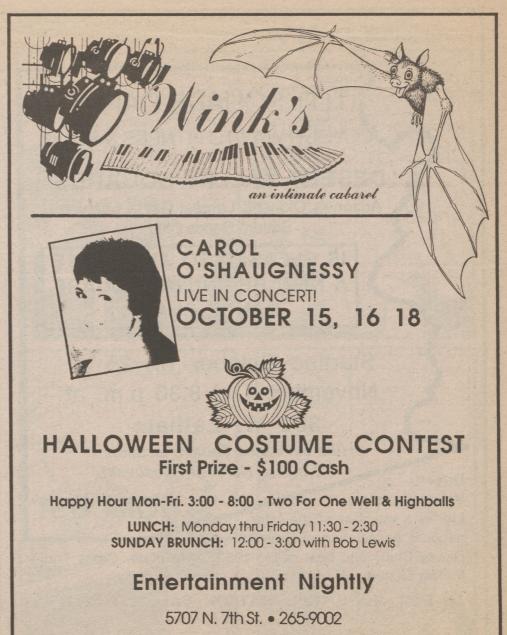
yourselves to live with love. The fullpage color photos are of cloud formations, mostly around Mt. Shasta. If you like, you can see them as spaceships.

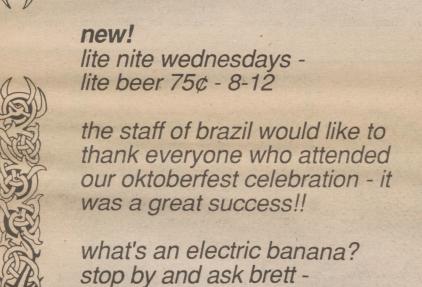
Dancing In the Light is the coninuation of the story of life in Shirley Maclaine's world, begun in her earlier books Don't Fall Off the Mountain, You Can Get There From Here and Out On a Limb. We find the usual Maclaine mix of her lives among the stars - both celestial and boxoffice varieties - and her relationships with her family, friends, lovers and spiritual consultants. The openness and receptivity of Maclaine family interaction is rare; I was especially moved by her father's reassuring welcoming of his approaching death. Bella Abzug's unquestioning love for Maclaine is another rare joy: spiritual expoloration isn't Abzug's thing at all, but her ardent support of Maclaine's quest is unwavering. All the way through, the striking element is total acceptance - everyone who assisted Maclaine's progress did it without a second thought. Maclaine herself accepted and honored some revelations that, in any other framework, would look very strange.

All of the above may look very strange to you, and you may be thinking that your familiar and dependable reviewer has finally gone...okay, out of her tree. Join me.

Meg is a counselor in private practice in Phoenix and owner of Humanspace Books, Inc. Celestial Raise, Dancing in the Light and all other books mentioned are available from the publishers and at Humanspace.







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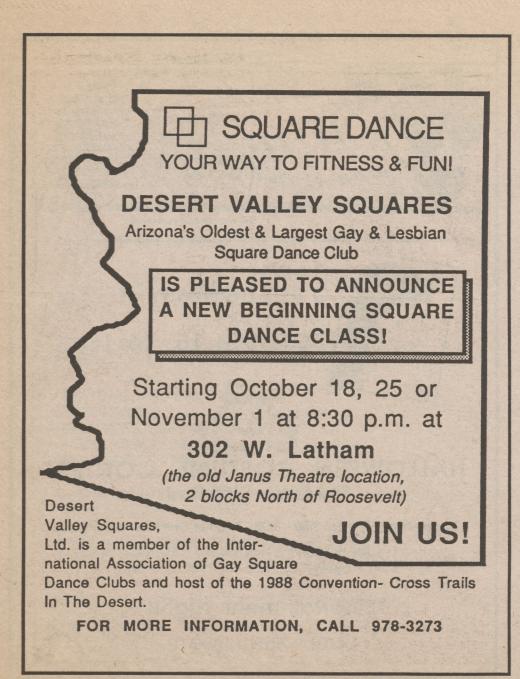


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976 "PORN" NUMBERS IN JEOPARDY

Efforts to close down 976 numbers that offer sexually explicit recordings and conference calls got a boost Monday, September 14, when the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit held that "Mountain States (Telephone & Telegraph) and Carlin (Commlunications, Inc.) may contract or not contract as they wish."

The suit was brought by Carlin when Mountain States first refused to continue providing 976 lines to Carlin after a Maricopa County, AZ, deputy attorney "wrote to Mountain Bell threatening to prosecute if the company" continues offering Carlin 976 lines

The district court held preliminarily that Carlin's message business did violate Arizona law and ordered the telephone company to proceed with its termination of Carlin's services. Shortly afterward, Mountain Bell offices adopted a policy of refusing 976 service to any company "offering sexual" "adult entertainment" messages, even if carrying the messages would not violate the laws of any of the various states within which Mountain Bell operates."

Carlin challenged Mountain Bell's policy asserting First Amendment Rights and under state public utility laws. The appeals court said that since "over 7,900 callers can be connected simultaneously to the same recorded message," that "under these circumstances the telephone is serving as a medium by which Carlin broadcasts its messages. The phone company resembles less a common carrier than it does a small radio station."

The decision might allow other telephone companies to deny service

to "adult entertainment" 976 messages as well. Pacific Bell dropped efforts to halt "dial-a-porn" messages after the state Public Utilities Commission concluded that the state should remain "content neutral" in regulating pay-by-call services, but will now review its policies.

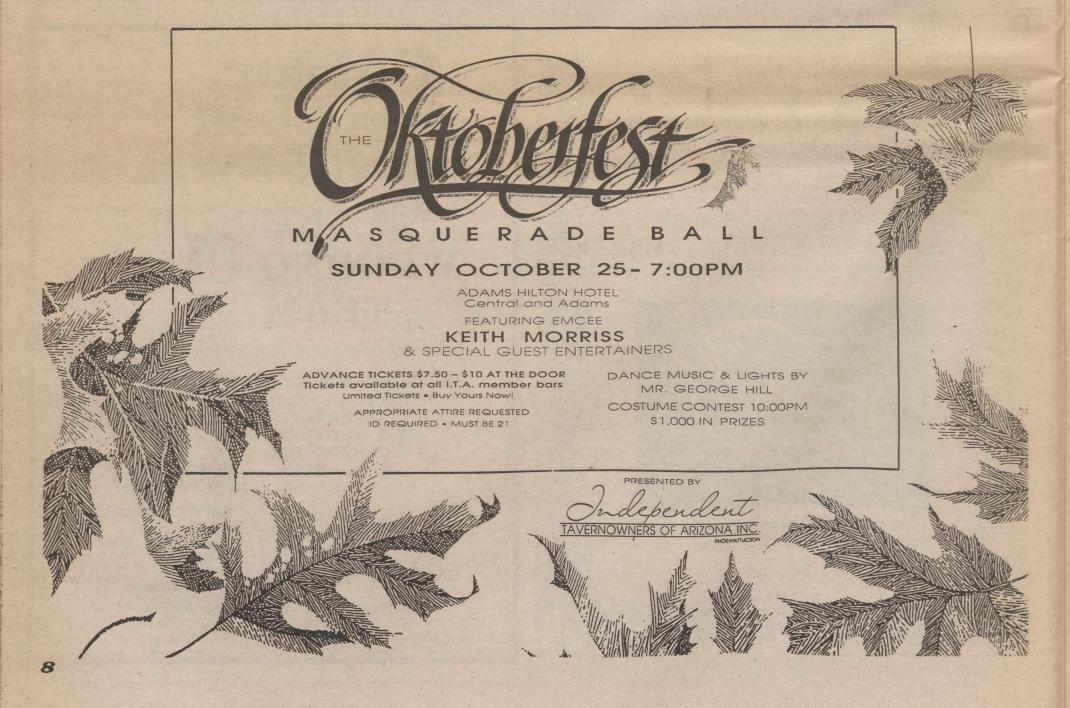
976 numbers have become a stalwart of many gay publications and provide substantial advertising revenue to many publications thoughout the country.

LESBIAN MINISTER SUSPENDED BY METHODISTS

New Hampshire — The Rev. Rose Mary Denman, a lesbian, has been found to be in violation of a United Methodist Church rule that prohibits gay men and lesbians to be a part of the ministry.

The nine-man, four-woman jury, made up of New Hampshire clergy, announced their decision on August 24 and explained that the issue was whether Denman had violated the church rule, not if that rule was sound. Denman, who has been on leave from her two parishes in Conway, New Hampshire since 1985, had demanded the church trial, wishing to challenge the rule.

Although she could have been expelled, Denman was suspended until June, when the United Methodist Church's ministers from the state convene for their annual meeting.



CONNECTION CLOSES; TAYLOR'S REOPENS AS 'THE CLUB'

With little anouncement and no fanfare, one of the valley's oldest — and certainly most successful — nightclubs closed its doors for good this past weekend.

Connection, which opened sixteen years ago, will be torn down later this month, as the property has been sold to a local credit union. Despite numerous rumours, Connection manager Tom Warner says that selling the bar was a "business decision." "Dale (Williams, Connection's owner) has been planning to sell for years, and finally got the right offer." The area sold includes the building and surrounding parking lots.

Also closed was Taylor's, the restaruant/bar located directly across the street from Connection. Taylor's which was also owned by Williams, was closed for remodeling, and reopens October 16 as The Club. The new bar, which will be loosely patterned after the Connection, will be run by that bar's staff.

"It feels just like a family project," says Warner, who will manage The Club. "We closed Connection at 2:00 am, and at 2:05 we started moving things here. People stayed for 48 hours!"

Indeed, the former staff of Connection seems enthusiastic about the bar. The interior of the club has been redesigned to accomodate a larger crowd, and will feature a patio, game room with pool table and video games, and a dance floor with apprroximately the same square footage as Connection's.

While the general concept seems

much the same, and will probably attract the same crowd, it was not Warner's intention to recreate the Connection. "Everything changes," says Warner, "we aren't trying to make it Connection."

The Club's grand opening takes place October 16 at 7:00 pm, and Warner encourages everyone to drop in. "It's new, it's different...it's great!"

-Jeff Coulter

COUPLES TO HOST HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Saturday evening, October 24th at 7:00 pm, Couples of Arizona will hold their annual Halloween Costume Party at the Augustana Lutheran Church Hall in Phoenix.

Couples is a social and educational support organization for those in alternative-lifestyle relationships. It primarily serves the lesbian and gay community, and has no political or religious affiliations.

For the October 24th event, Couples is happy to play host to visiting members from the San Diego Couples group. Our Phoenix group had the privilege of meeting them when we visited in July.

The Halloween Costume is open to all couples, members or not.

MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen









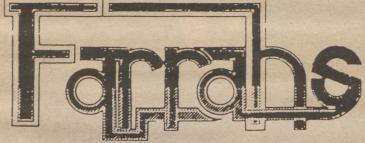
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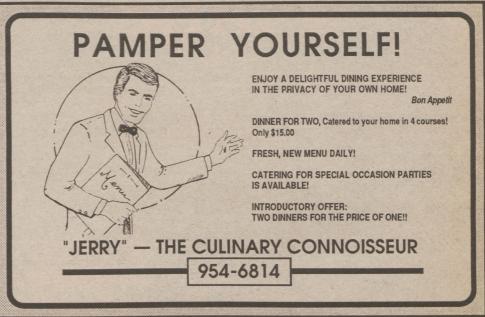
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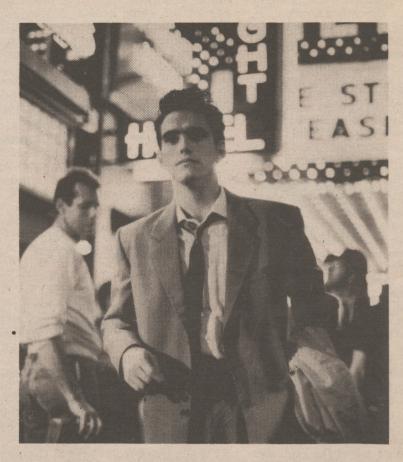
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AUTUMN FILMS: A Great Harvest?



Pity the poor moviegoer. Autumn is here with an abundance of films piling up around their ankles like so many fallen leaves; there were nine new releases last weekend alone! (Let's see now. If you only went to see the new ones and had to go during prime time, that would come to approximately forty-five dollars. Even if you managed to sneak away from work during the day, hopped from one screen to the next on Tuesday night, or sacrificed auditorium comfort for cheap everyday savings, your cash outlay could still amount to about thirteen bucks. No checks Please.) Feast or Famine. Of course, just because there are more choices doesn't mean they are all good choices. But with the competition of sheer numbers, odds favor the movies that move the tickets. (I know, I know. There is no guarantee that all those people standing in line have any apparent taste or reading skills — just breeding skills. Popularity as a gauge is better than none at all.)

RANDOM SAMPLING:

The thriller of this summer has to be Fatal Attraction. Glenn Close was an essential ingredient in the success of the sleeper/thriller — or is that thriller/sleeper? — "Jagged Edge." She is absolutely pivotal in what looks suspiciously like the same kind of movie. Look past the cheap thrills, because this babe is turning in some fine — and different — performances.

Sally Field, Michael Caine and Steve Guttenberg. Golan & Globus. Warner Brothers and Ultra Stereo. The movie is called Surrender. The advertisement in the local daily shows Michael and Sally's names attached. Steve's name is a little lower and off center. With so many partners — and their lawyers — involved, it's a wonder the film is as good as it is.

If you hear the word 'visual' being emphatically used to describe a movie,

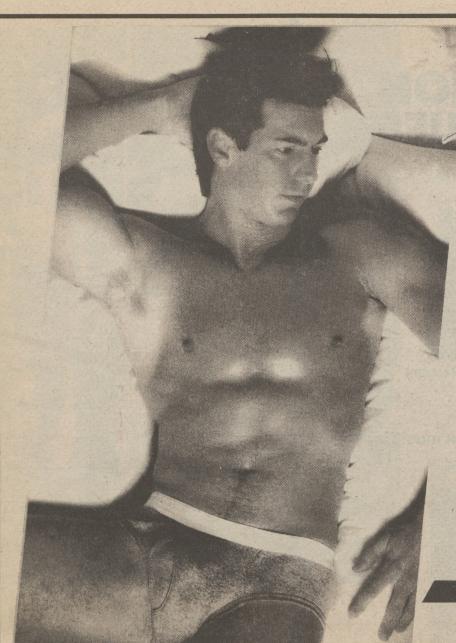
chances are it's a Ridley Scott contribution. His association with "Alien" and "Blade Runner" got him his deserved reputation. Someone to Watch Over Me is a contemporary story that looks like "Blade Runner." For those of you who took notice of him in "Platoon", Tom Berenger stars without the scars. Sounds good to me!

Does anyone remember *The Big Town?* At a glance, can you tell me where it is playing? It is a film that visually succeeds as a 'period piece' — Young Stud in Fifties Chicago — but reminds too many people of the much more interesting "The Color of Money". Matt Dillon (Little Darlings, My Bodyguard, Rumble Fish) takes on a leading role in this film. Call me crude, if you will, but when I see Matt on the screen, I imagine Jimmy Dean doing an impersonation of Marlon Brando. The ad for Near Dark is grotesquely provocative.

Some movies get such a monumental build-up that the actual viewing can be a disappointment of sorts. (For some reason, Beverly Hills Cop and Top Gun spring into my mind.) I hope the hoopla surrounding The Princess Bride doesn't have the same effect. If you forgive the occasional lapses of Jewish humor and don't expect too much, it's a good movie from Rob Reiner (This is Spinal Tap, Stand By Me).

And there is Baby Boom. And it stars Diane Keaton. How much you like her has a lot to do with how much you will like this movie. Does she really play anything but herself? Am I to blame for thinking of her character in the film as Annie Hall in executive garb?

Those are just the tip of the iceberg — more films are coming out now than in the recent past. The adroit consumer will have no problem juggling theatre tickets with trips to the video aisle at the grocery store.





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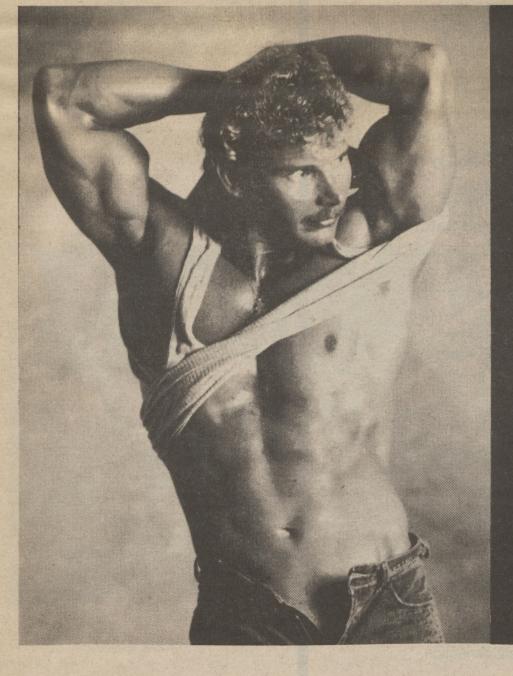
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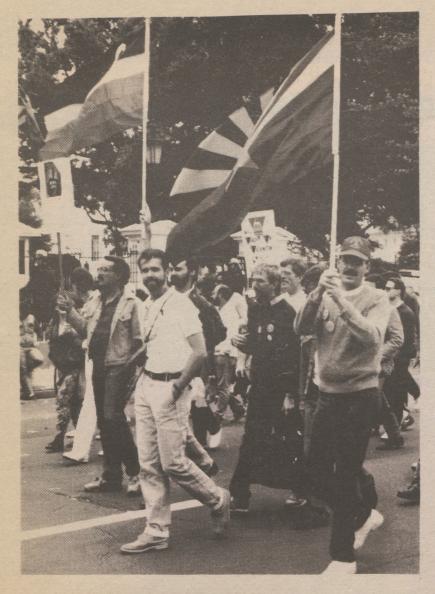
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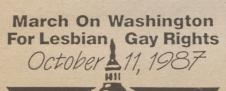
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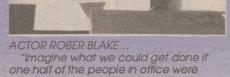












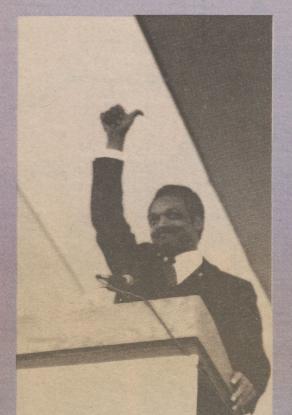
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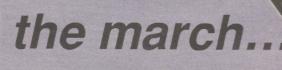


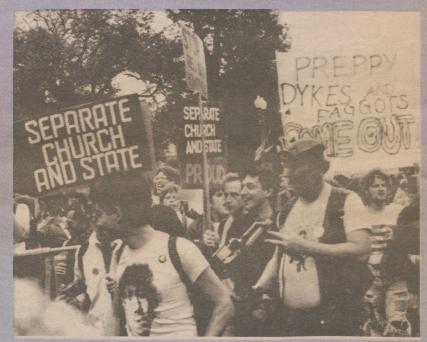


Presidential Candidate REV. JESSE JACKSON... "We've come together today to demand the rights of the American people — gay or

"We can no longer tolerate violence against any minority. We must end violence against everybody!"







Lesbian and Gay Rights wound its way past the White House — and into Gay history — on Sunday,

Hundreds of thousands of gay men, lesbians, and sympathizers paraded through downtown Washington D.C. bearing placards ("Faggots and Queers Unite;" "Glad to be Gay;" "Pork Bork"), waving banners ("Bryn Mawr Lesbian Coalition;" "Lesbian Mothers of Gay Children"), and swinging state flags. The March on Washington was presented for a demonstration of the number and strength of lesbian and gay people, as well as a demand for specific rights and freedoms. The March Demands included legal recognition of Lesbian and Gay relationships; the repeal of all sodomy laws; passage of the lesbian and gay civil rights bill; an end to discrimination against Persons with AIDS and massive increases in Funding for AIDS education and research.

The March, which began at noon and lasted some six hours, concluded with a post-March Rally

held in a public park near the Capitol. Featured speaker Reverend Jesse Jackson addressed the crowd, asking them to "find a common ground of humanity. ...we share the desire for equal protection under the law. Let's not dwell on distinctions."

Jackson brought the crowd to its feet with an appeal to end the AIDS crisis. Following his speech, Jackson joined the audience of PWAs at the foot of the stage, shaking their hands and acknowledging them for their courage.

Also present at the Rally were actors Robert Blake and Whoopie Goldberg (who roused the audience by referring to Ronald Reagan as "the fucking President"); Ginny Apuzzo, former director of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force; and Dan Bradley, a PWA who served as a White House aide under former President Jimmy Carter. Bradley stirred the crowd with a poignant reference to remaining closeted: "...after a lifetime of fear, I had the courage to say, "I'm gay and

Rally entertainment included performances by Holly Near, Cris Williamson, and Sistah Boom, a spiritual dance and vocal group.

Despite reports the the March was attended by some 200,000 participants, it is estimated that

in excess of 500,000 people took part in the event.

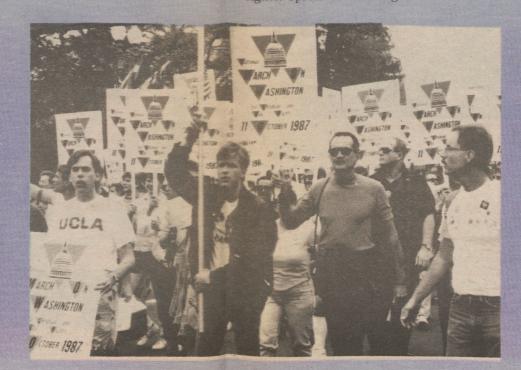
"The 200,000 figure was released by the U.S. Park Police and was based on the number of people it takes to fill up the Mall (the site of the Rally)." according to MOW staffer Randy Miller. In fact that count was taken early on in the afternoon before the Mall was filled and the March was officially completed. "We obviously don't have a precise figure," says Miller, "but we're certain that there were between five-and-six-hundred thousand participants in the March."

While the success of the March is inspiring, it is the ongoing commitment to continued support and activism which was its message. Whether or not the demands of the March will be met remains to be seen.

Former National Organization for Women President Eleanor Smeal perhaps summed it up best: Feel the political power of this moment. Take it out into the world with you. Continue to fight for our rights. Spread love and fight hate."

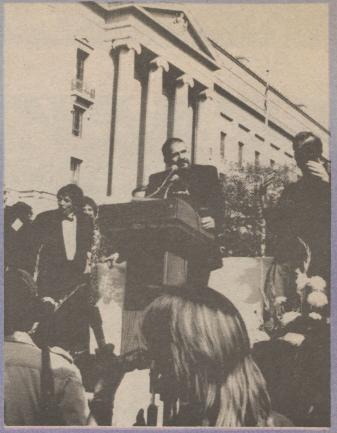










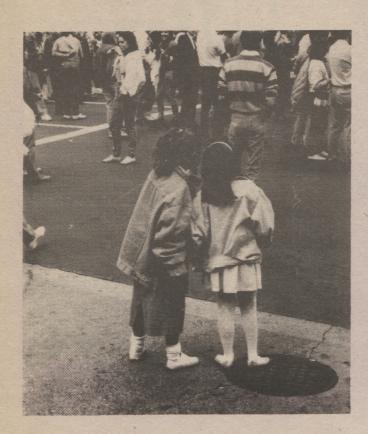


REVEREND TROY PERRY.. "Today, we're burning down all the closets! Today, this is the Gay capital of the world!"



Members of the Press Corp., (gay and straight both) in front of the stage at the March Rally.









the wedding...

More than 5,000 couples took part in this non-sectarian mass "ceremony" held on Saturday in front of the Internal Revenue Service building. Rev. Troy Perry addressed the assembled crowd, asking that they continue to protest religious and social barriers against their relationships.

The brief ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Deana Bachelor, a metaphysical minister and hypnotherapist who stood before the crowd and read affirmations of our love and relationships.



A portion of the Arizona contingent, pictured at the Pre-Rally.

and finally...

civil disobedience: 840 arrested...

On Tuesday, October 13 an estimated 4,000 people ascended the steps of the Supreme Court Building in Washington D.C. in a demonstration of civil disobedience to protest the Supreme Court ruling that the Georgia Sodomy laws are constitutional.

840 people were arrested on Tuesday, according to Nina Kraut, a civil disobedience lawyer working with the chief Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court in handling the protest.

"This has been recorded as the largest mass arrest in recent memory at the Supreme Court," says National March staffer Randy Miller, "and the largest mass arrest in D.C. since 1971."

At press time, individual arraignments were continuing.

LEELAWRENCE LETTERS FROM THE FARM

It was Saturday morning and I was feeling lower than dog doo. It had only been a few hours since Trail Pig had been carted off to a demise I didn't wish to think about. I betrayed her and the money received gave me no satisfaction and I almost threw it in the pond, but didn't. I said low, not stupid. Is this how Judas felt?

Dogs barking pulled me out of my funk and I looked up to see a red and white pickup truck coming up the gravel drive to the house. The man who got out was big, kind of beefy, with a salt and pepper crew-cut, a wide open grin and a great big paw of a hand which he threw my way. "Howdy, I hear y'alls got a pig fer sale." Catching the hand and trying not to let the shake lift me off my feet, I explained. "Sorry, she's (sniff) already been (snuffle)

"Not surprised, heard she were a good'un - shoulda called sooner."

I really wasn't much in the mood for company but figured I might just as well shoot the shit as sit there feeling blue. "I still have a wagon and a horse trailer and a couple of horses for sale. Wanna see?.

"Might as well long as I'm here."

We talked rain and crops and the lack thereof on the way to the barn. He wasn't interested in anything else I had but on the way back to the house he said, "You shore don't look like ah pictured ya t'look.'

"Oh. what did you expect - I mean where did you...you know me?

"Why shore, I usta read everything y'ever wrote in the REVIEW. I even cut most of it out and saved it." The REVIEW was the local newspaper I wrote for before I wrote for you guys. I still would except that my editor would only accept an, "aw shucks!" while my soul was crying to type an, "oh shit". Never one to compromise I did it my way. So did he and fired me.

"Yup, I shore do miss yer column." I didn't think it would be a good idea to suggest a subscription to TWN and instead asked, "What did you think I'd look like?'

"I was spectin ya t'be tall and skinny and lots older." And then that slab of an arm shot out, grabbed me around the shoulders, pulled me close and he said "but ya shore are a good lookin'

Huh? Oh, whoa! Did this dude just hit on me? Nah! No way! This is one of the locals, they do not call other men good lookin fellas. Even when they obviously are. 'Lee', I said to myself, "you just keep on walkin' and talkin' and make believe like nothing is happening here. If this guy's dropping a bobby pin there's no way you're gonna pick it up. No sir!"

"How bout a beer?" I offered when we reached the house. We settled back on the porch, me in my chair and him on the stoop, close-by, within arm's reach. Conversation eventually got around to the Sissy Spacek movie, The River, which was filmed here in town and in which my visitor had a part and served as an advisor on, "farmin' and the like." "Coulda been a whole lot better movie. They didn't get a real feel fer country. They ast me t'come to Hollywood and help 'em edit but I was too busy farmin. Y'know, we shore coulda used a good lookin' feller like you in that movie." With that he reached over and grabbed my knee and gave a hard squeeze. Ow wow, I thought this IS a hit. Shit! He's at least fifty years old, red-necked, from years in the sun rather than attitude, with deep creases around his bright blue eyes. He'd already told me about the wife and grown kids. Not a bad looking man - there was just so...so much of him and he did't smell all that swift either. Under the right circumstances sweat can be a real turn on but this wan't one of them.

We kept on making conversation. Crops were safe, the drought was safer. Then I told him about my hay shortage and having to sell my horses and (sniff. sniff) Trail Pig."Hay. Y'all need hay? Why my barns are fulla hay. I got all the hay ya need and I'll sell it to ya' fer a dollar a bale. I'll even deliver it and help ya stack it."

A dollar a bale! Hell, with this

drought he could get \$3.00 any day. I took one look at that man - my savior, my hayman - and one thought went though my mind, 'I'm gonna have to fuck for that hay.

Would I? Could I? For hay? You

So far my hayman's delivered 400 bales in three separate trips and I haven't had to drop my drawers - yet. The last time I showed him a letter a reader/farmer from Michigan sent me. The writer was lucky enough to have all his hay in the barn and he sent me a check for \$25.00. He wrote, "I can't send you any hay so here's \$25.00... buy yourself some grain or a good bottle of scotch. You don't have to thank me - it isn't much - just one farmer helping another." I told the hayman how good that made me feel and how grateful I was. He smiled.

Then we went out and unloaded the

truck. This time he brought an extra 25 bales so I told him I'd make out another check for the difference. He reached across the cab of the truck and squeezed my knee. "That's OK", he said, "if that guy can give you \$25.00 so can I" He flashed me one hell of a smile and said he had about three more loads saved for me...and that he' bring 'em in plenty of time..."before the snow falls". I smiled back.

But. what if he doesn't? What if he waits until there's two feet of snow on the ground...until there's no more hay in the barn...what if he ignores my first half dozen pleading calls...until a herd of hungry horses have me barracaded behind locked doors? Then, when all seems lost - like the cavalry he'll pull up with a big load of hay and an ever bigger grin on his face, "Howdy, good

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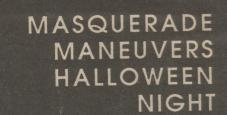
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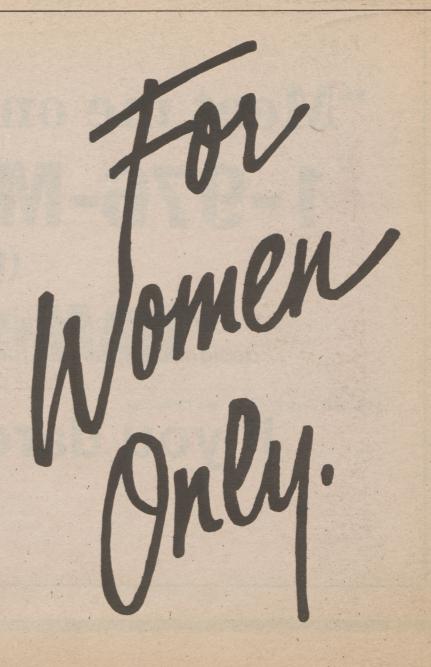
TRIVIA TRIVIA TWIST

- 1., Mary Martin reprised which of her Broadway roles for television?
- 2. George C. Scott and his wife Trish Vanderveer starred in the television adaptation of this classic tale of love and beauty.
- 3. Name the Victor Hugo classic which was re-made starring Anthony Hopkins and Lesley Anne Down
- 4. This charming story is about a family of tiny little people who live on the leftovers of the occupants of an old house, and starred Eddie Albert, Judith Anderson, and Tammy Grimes.
- 5. What do these feature presentations have in common?

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- 2. Bette Davis
- 3. Dorothy Stratten
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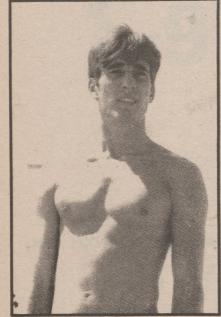
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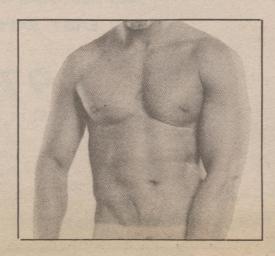
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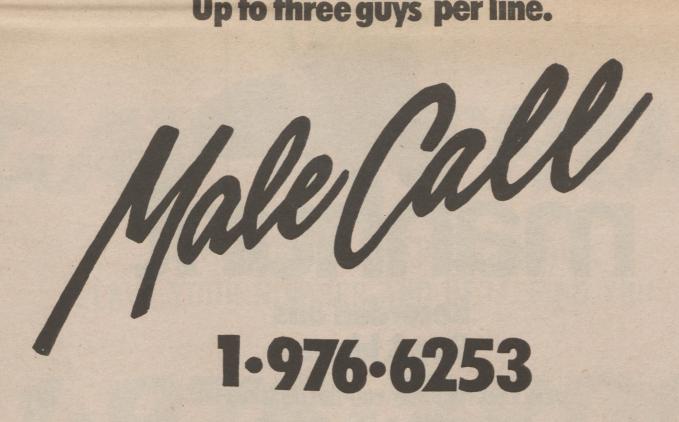
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HOUSE OF DAWN: Self-hypnosis workshop. 9:30-4:30. Fee. Bring Lunch. CASA DE CRISTO: "Triple" anniversary celebration. Volunteer/new recruits get-together-by-the-pool. 1pm. CASA DE CRISTO: Healing service. 7pm.
COUPLES: Bowling at Squaw Peak Lanes, 32nd St. & Indian School.

DESERT VALLEY SQUARES: "BASIC" classes to begin, 302 W. Latham, 8:30 pm & 10:30 pm. 10 weeks/\$15., intro free. No partner needed! CASA DE CRISTO: Healing Service. 7 pm.

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

SHANTI: Volunteer training, phase 2, 23, 24, 25.
PFLAG: National organizational convention. Washington DC, 23 - 26.

10/24
AAP: Practical support training. 9am.
COUPLES: Halloween Party. Augustania Lutheran Church, 7-ish. All welcomed, \$5. per couple fee for

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

HOUSE OF DAWN: "Kria Yoga" intro with Cal. 7:30.

PFLAG: Sun City chapter monthly meeting. 10 - noon. 10/29

MISHPACHAT AM: General meeting. 10 am - noon.

DESERT ADVENTURES: Scavenger hunt/Halloween celebration.
CASA DE CRISTO: Step Retreat in Oracle, Az. 30, 31, Nov. 1.
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HOUSE OF DAWN: "Kria Yoga" workshop with Cal. 2-5. donation.

AAP; Benefit performances of "The Normal Heart" at the Kerr Cultural Center. 3rd-6th, 10th-12th.

AAP: Benefit. "Tommy Tang"

COUPLES: Meeting. Augustania Lutheran Church, noon. Hosting "Visionquest" and kicking off National Couples Month in Honor of Parents and Friends.

ONGOING:

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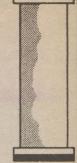
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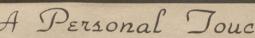
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