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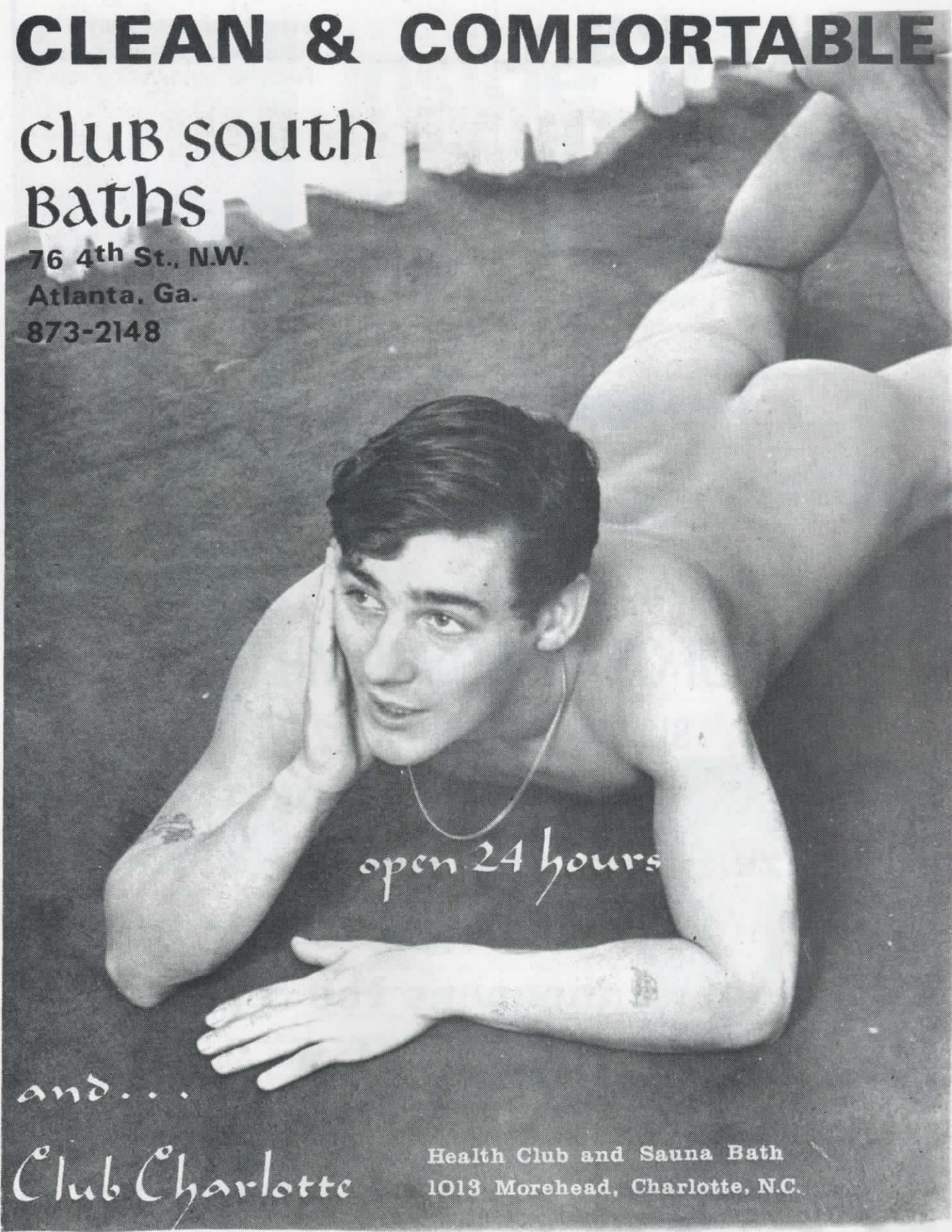
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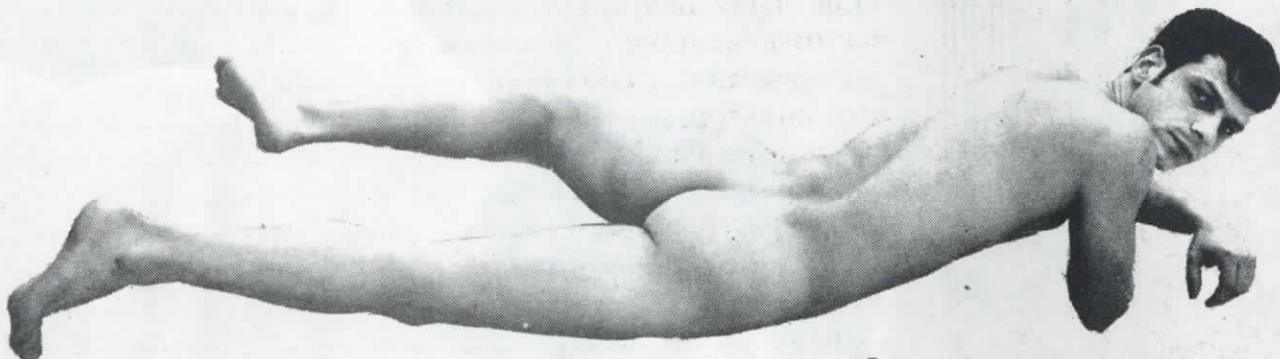
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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear DAVID,

I tell anyone heading for Florida to buy your publication to find out what's going on.

I think any of your readers who are interested in religion might like to look into a church that has long accepted homosexuals. It is the American Eastern Orthodox Church with headquarters at St. George's Church, on Bledsoe Lane, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They have only one or two other churches, but one is somewhere in Florida. They have a missionary priest in Los Angeles, Fr. Philip Cain, at 4611 Prospect (Hollywood). One of the interesting things about this church is its use of the Peshitta Bible which is probably a more accurate Bible and less mo-

ralistic. Anyone seriously interested in religions should visit or contact this church. With best wishes for the coming year, I am,

Sincerely,

W.E.G.

Hollywood, California

ter. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

G.E.N.

Asheville, N.C.

Dear DAVID,

Just one question - why VENUS?
R.L., Atlanta, Georgia

Dear R.L.

Thank you for asking. Primarily DAVID is a magazine for all gays. We do try not to discriminate but understandably girls have a hard time identifying with a magazine with a boy's name. Hence the VENUS section. It should contain articles of interest to all gays, but let's see just how interested the girls are in taking care of their own.

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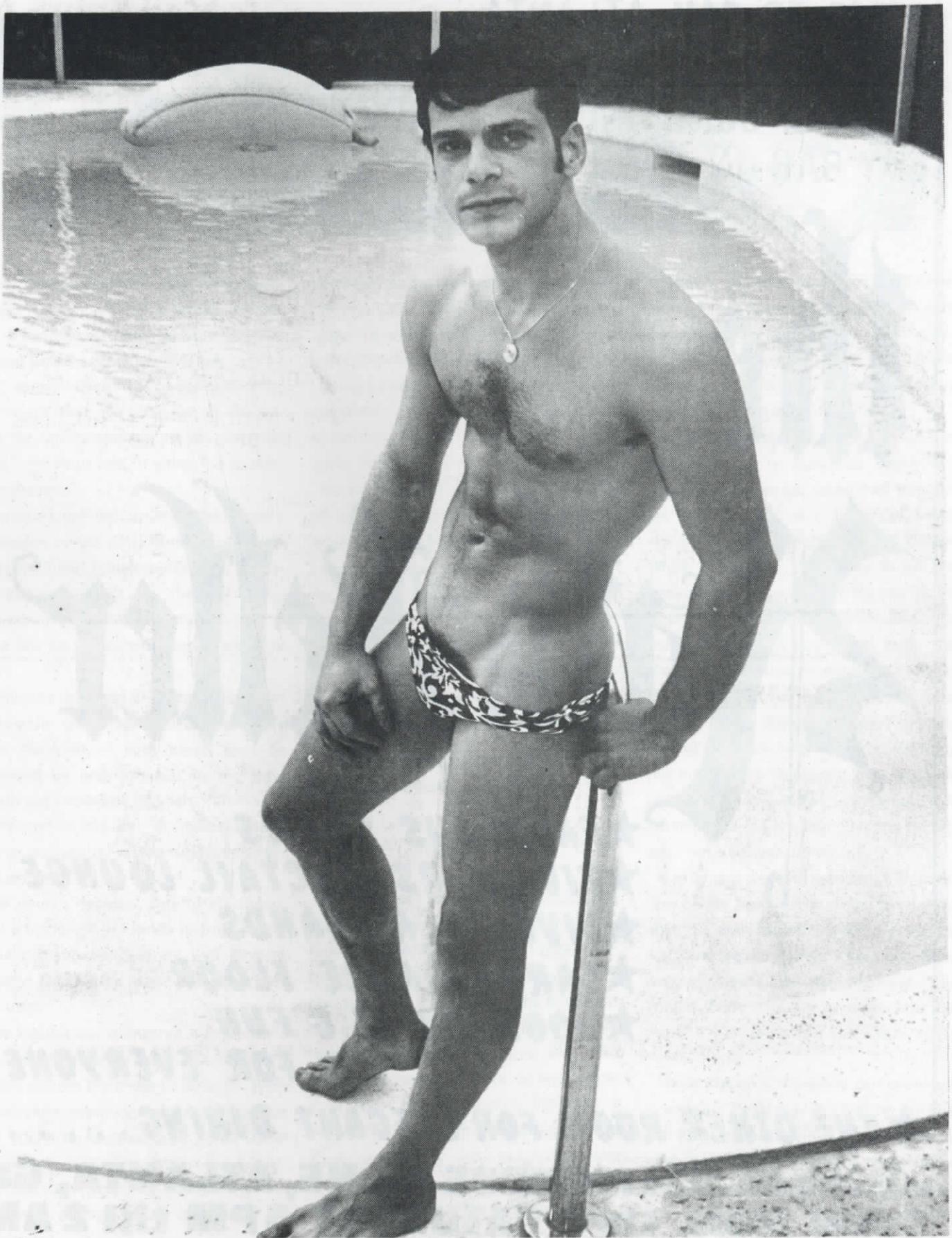
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LOOKING AROUND



The Florida Supreme Court has overturned the state's crime against nature law, meaning that homosexual and other deviant acts are no longer felonies.

"It cannot meet the constitutional requirement that the language of the statute be understandable to the common man," the court said. It voted 6-1 to overturn the law.

The court pointed out that "historically forbidden sexual acts, homosexuality or bestiality" will remain punishable as misdemeanors under a law forbidding any "unnatural and lascivious act."

The law held unconstitutional said only this:

"Whoever commits the abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or with beast, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding 20 years."

This applied not only to homosexuality but to oral-genital relations between men and women.

The court's decision, sure to be considered a landmark in Florida jurisprudence, came on appeals filed by two Pinellas County (Fla.) men sentenced to prison last year.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Gautier, Democrat from Miami, more clearly defines the crime of sodomy. It also provides specially that the law would not apply to husband and wife. Other consenting adults engaging in the forbidden practices would be guilty of a misdemeanor with a penalty of \$500 or 60 days in jail.

Forcible sodomy would carry a 30-year penalty. Offenses committed with a child under 18 would result in either 15 or 30 years, depending on the age of the child.

Some jurisdictions, notably Illinois, have completely legalized all sex acts between consenting adults. Gautier's bill would make them misdemeanors.

He said he does not think "a majority of the populace and the legislature" would accept a bill as liberal as Illinois.

But, he said, there probably would be far fewer prosecutions under a misdemeanor statute. "Non-married, consenting adults would not be likely to subject themselves to penalty unless they did it in the officer's presence," he said.

(The above, reprinted from the St. Petersburg Times, December 21, 1971).

AT THE MOVIES

Sean Connery is once again back upon the silver screen as the inimitable James Bond in **DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER**: this time playing opposite the mostly unclothed body of Jill St. John. The movie has the usual generous amounts of sex, violence, far-out scientific toys, etc., plus an equally generous share of representatives from the gay world, including—a drag, a flaming (literally) queen, a fruity freak and a few very butch but very beautiful girls.

The story is totally absurd and phantasmagoric as is the status quo for this sort

of movie but let's face it, we'd be disappointed if it weren't. I'm not even sure that a few of the happenings and/or characters even have a legitimate place in the plot but they do add to the confusion and hence, the fun.

The plot is impossible to explain but it is vaguely about a diabolical (naturally) power freak, who has taken over the offices and identity of a Las Vegas-based multi-billionaire, by the name of Willard White (WW-HH?). He intends to use the position to gain control of the world...no small task. His plan is to rip-off diamonds from all over the world and build the most powerful laser in existence. The laser is sent aloft by the U.S. as a satellite at which time White takes over control. Naturally, Bond discovers the whole thing but not in time to prevent it by any simple means. He uses the usual amount of gimmicks to get the bad guys headquarters, "not a second too soon."

A little gay element is added to this edition of the Bond Series, when two lovers open the show by stealing some diamonds and blowing up a helicopter, and then walk into the sunset, hand-in-hand. The Willard White imposter even gets into the scene by escaping his Las Vegas penthouse in drag.

About the only thing one can count on in a James Bond movie is that he will live and will eventually win. Everything else is wild, fun surprise. This time, he gets buried in a sewer, locked in a casket and almost cremated, almost bombed, almost

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electrocuted and on and on and on.....
DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER is, without question, pure escapist fantasy, but then, everyone needs that now and then. If you're in such a mood that you could use a shot of adrenalin and some good laughs, try it...you'll like it!

K.C.

AT THE BOOKSTORE

THE SCORPIUS EQUATION

By Larry Townsend. Copyright 1971 by The Traveller's Companion Inc., affiliated with the Olympia Press, Inc.

THE SCORPIUS EQUATION is an unbelievably sexy, suspense-filled, science fiction novel. The plot is as intricate and imaginative as most of the better straight science fiction books. Larry Townsend has taken this sound plot and made sex an important part of it. The sex is highly erotic and every act is unique and usually aids the plot in some way. In fact, sex is actually used as a devise in many cases. The various characters use it to gain someone's trust, during interrogation, or to prove loyalty.

The story takes place in 5609 A.D. on the fringes of our own galaxy. Earth and society, as we know it, has long been dead. There is a new morality and life style including multi-marriages, drugs to maintain youth, open homosexuality, telepathy and space warps along with the same age-old hang-ups of racism and political cold wars.

The plot revolves around the fact that a United Planet cruise ship has been lost with no trace in the sector of space which is the border between the Scorpius Empire and the United Planets. These two giant powers have been locked in a cold war for some time and politicians of the United Planets feel that the ship may have been destroyed by an aggressive act of the Scorpius Empire. The hero, Alpha Yarboro, inadvertently becomes a diplo-

mat to the Scorpius Empire when it is discovered that he has personal friends high up in the Scorpius hierarchy. Alpha has many suspenseful adventures involving the various political factions of the Scorpions all the way up to the eccentric aging emperor Salus. Salus is basically a "peacenik" and trusts Alpha. He gives him a message in the form of a confusing puzzle which ultimately explains the missing ship and many other factors involving the two superpowers and discloses a hitherto undiscovered third race.

THE SCORPIUS EQUATION is definitely worth reading as pure suspenseful sex-filled entertainment. It's a part of the new generation of gay novels; it actually has an interesting plot and on top of that, offers the reader the unusual combination of two different kinds of fantasies that are rarely combined—sex and science fiction. A great way to spend what may otherwise be a dull evening at home.

K.C.

ALL IS WELL

By Dirk Vanden. Copyright 1971 by The Traveller's Companion, Inc., in affiliation with the Olympia Press, Inc.

ALL IS WELL is the final step in the metamorphosis of the gay novel. It takes homosexual literature out of the grade 'B' or 'trash' category and elevates it to a new albeit long-awaited height. It is basically a book of liberation through self-discovery; one man's liberation from the stigma of the latent homosexual. Dirk Vanden says in an author's note, "I have had to make a decision—to write 'just another sex book' or to test my convictions that gay people want to understand themselves and one another more than they want to jack-off." Needless to say, he decides to test his convictions and he does it with flying colors.

The book is virtually a case history with all aspects in tact, of Robert Thorne, a middle-class, middle-America, middle-ev-

erything latent homosexual. As the book opens, Thorne is, for all practical purposes, straight. He becomes increasingly aware of his homosexual desires as the book progresses and consequently goes through some mind-shattering inner conflicts. He also begins to realize that his teenage son is gay and is experimenting with drugs. This, naturally, adds to his mental anguish and his middle-class Mormon background doesn't help things at all.

At one point, Thorne accidentally drops some of his son's mescaline and the drug-induced revelations are astounding. He realizes, for the moment, that he has been stifled emotionally, physically and psychologically for most of his adult life. He sees incidents from his past that make him realize that he had homosexual tendencies early in life.

His son finds him on the drug and a closeness develops that had been lacking since his son's childhood. His own son becomes his teacher and comrade.

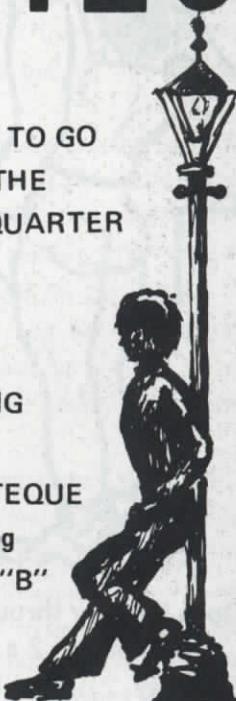
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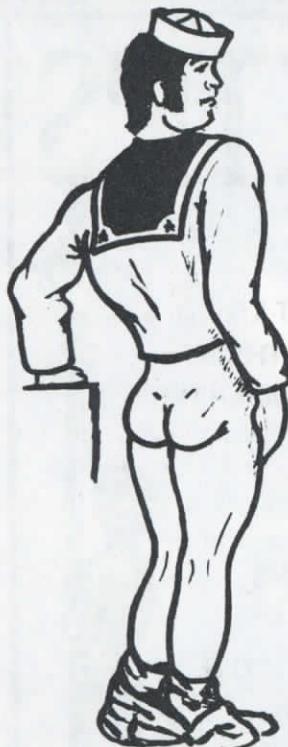
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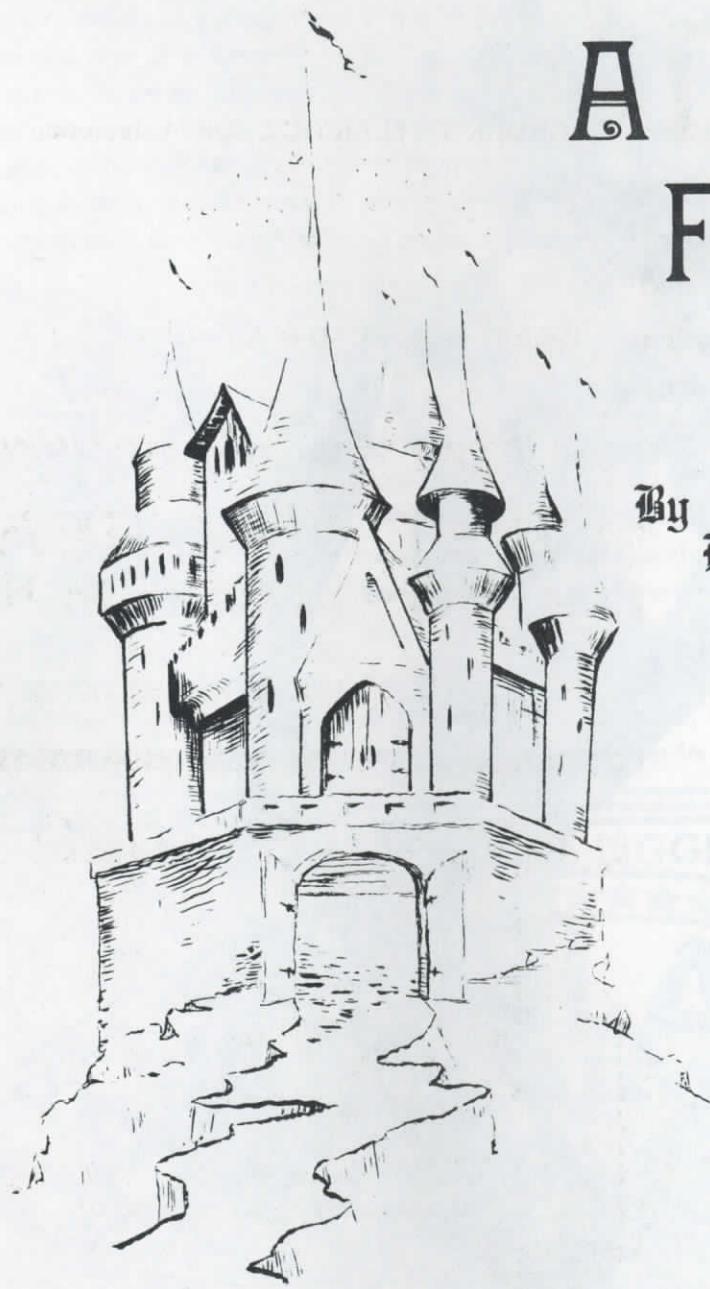
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A FAIRY TALE

By
R. C. Ballarian

Once upon a time, in a far off land, there lived the most beautiful Queen in the world, Queen Claudia. Now, Queen Claudia was not only the most beautiful Queen in the world, as luck would have it, she was married to the richest King in the world, King Fred. Fred was everything a Queen like Claudia desired: fat, rich and impotent. Long past the age of romance (he was over thirty) King Fred spent his days in the Royal library read-

ing the greatest literature of his time: 'The Love Machine', 'The Carpetbaggers', and, the most intellectual of all, 'Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Sex, But Were Afraid to Ask'. Clearly, King Fred's mind was as great as his capacity to rule.

Although Queen Claudia was often deprived of the King's company, she was seldom alone. But she was always busy. Aside from inventing new taxes every-

day (beauty treatments do cost a lot) Queen Claudia's most famous work was done in the army barracks. She adored armies, anybody's army. While it's true you can't keep a good Queen down, Claudia had some trouble getting up. Which didn't bother her in the least: if the work didn't exactly keep her on her toes, it did put her in a position to relax.

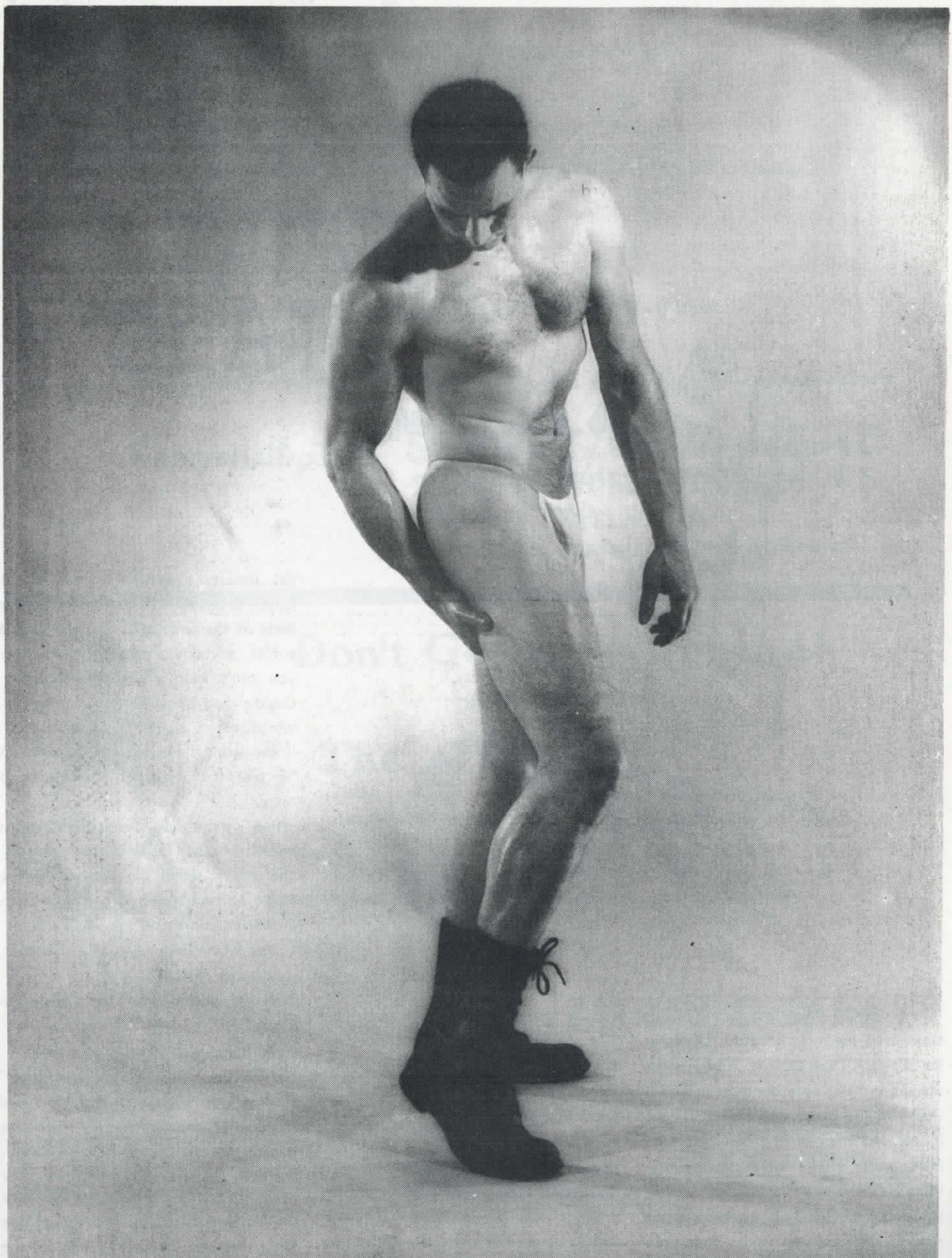
Once a day Queen Claudia spoke to her mirror (she had a thing about mirrors) and what's more, the mirror, being a Magic Mirror, answered her right back.

"Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who's the most beautiful, fabulous,
exciting Queen of all?"

And the mirror, smart as a whip, replied,

"I think that I shall never see,
A Queen more Beautiful than thee." Well, Queen Claudia had never heard of Joyce K., and wouldn't have cared less that the mirror screwed up his old poem, the point was made. However, everyday the point had to be made and everyday the mirror had to do it. He was getting fed up, you can be sure. So one day the

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Mr. Frisby - Houston

Remember The Alamo !!

But don't forget the rest of Texas ! Longhorn Country has come a long, long way since the days when John Wayne defended the Alamo in old San Antonio.

DAVID took a trip west of the Mississippi, and was treated to the warmest of welcomes, Texas style. We're definitely looking forward to returning for 'Fiesta Week



In April. Visitors from 7 states crowd into little San Antonio for the 10 day celebrations which include massive river par-

ades, a "night in old Mexico", and some of the greatest cruising in the Manger Hotel Plaza area (near the Alamo) to be seen anywhere.

The bar scene in San Antone has continued to grow and does a good job of presenting something for every taste. Tops on the list of places to go are the ARENA, the ACT III, the CHRISTOPHER, and NUMBER TWO.

The ARENA, 3123 Broadway, has no sign out front and the entrance is in the back, but once in, you find excellent cruising among a good looking young crowd.

Well known for it's grand staircase (on which the female impersonators may be seen making their ever-so-grand entrance during shows), crystal chandeliers, and rustic fireplace, the ARENA also features D.J. Discoteque and dancing. Kent and Jim also offer 10 cent beer to their cus-

tomers from 9 to 12 on Wednesdays, and from 6 to 9 on Sundays.

In the downtown area you will be sure to have a great time at the very popular ACT III. It's a fairly new bar (the sign out front still reads the RICKSHAW) but is also very cruisy with groovy bartenders and a large dance floor.



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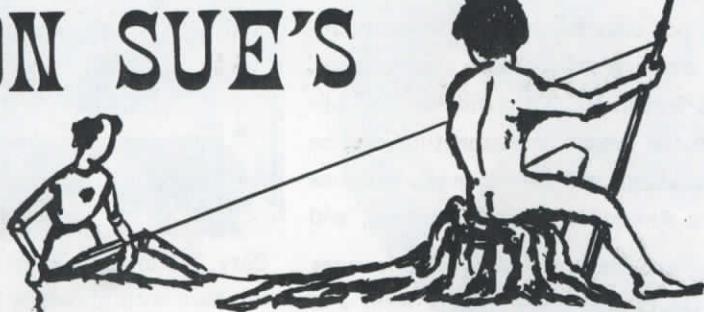
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The CHRISTOPHER is one of San Antonio's oldest gay bars and has gone way out of its way to improve the gay image in the area. A good example is the benefit performance made by the Christopher Players last December 23. Admission was a toy for the children at the Baptist Mexican Orphan's Home and proved to be quite a success.

Chris (pictured below at their gala Hal-



loween Party) and Leonard recently opened another bar down the street to handle better the large crowds drawn for the Christopher Player's shows complete with one of the most unique stages in the southwest called the NUMBER TWO. Both bars are well worth checking out.

The Globe Newsstand on Houston Street has an Adult Section downstairs with a complete stock of gay oriented books, and magazines (including DAVID) for sale for those rare moments in San Antonio when there's nothing to do.

A trip to Texas would not be complete without staying in Houston for a while.

The HI-KAMP has the "lion's share" of the younger crowd in town and bills every week as "Hi-Kamp Action Week". Action they get, too, with a special offered to their customers every night of the week ranging from discount drinks to special shows. They've got some photos on the front wall testifying to fabulous parties. The photo of Mr. Hi-Kamp is almost too beautiful to believe! He'd be an impressive entry in the MR. DAVID contest this spring.

Another special feature of the Hi-Kamp is their free "After Hours" where coffee and soft drinks are served and the cruising and dancing continue until 4 a.m. on weekends.

About one block from the Hi-Kamp is MR. FRISBY'S private bath club. Memberships are only \$2.00 per year with a \$5.00 visit charge.

The picture on page 14 of this issue is Mr. Frisby himself and he proves that cameras do not lie. He's just as hunky in person. Stop by and say hello. Tell him DAVID sent you.

LA BOHEME is located in a tres gay section of town on Westheimer. A comfortable, cozy bar, it's a great place to stop early in the afternoon while antique shopping in one of the many fascinating shops in the neighborhood. Both girls and boys mix well there.

The keg parties on Sundays from 5 to 7 have been very successful. All the beer you can drink during that period for only \$1.00.

ROSALIE'S NEWSSTAND on Texas Avenue is one of the few we've ever seen that offers a 'Gay Priority' on materials selected for sale. Rosalie absolutely refuses to jack up the prices on magazines which is an even rarer but ever-so-welcome sight. People are generally in business to make money, and most of them earn it, every penny, but it's always so good to see someone who can but goes way out of their way NOT to take advantage of the gay community.

DAVID: FEBRUARY 1972

ROSALIE'S NO. 2 at 900 Preston Street in Houston has just been taken over by new management, but we've been assured by Bert (the groovy sandy-haired one behind the counter) that management policies will remain the same. The selection of publications there also leaves nothing to be desired.

The RED ROOM is billed as Houston's Showbar featuring The Fabulous Four Plus One starring the fantastically beautiful Tiffany Jones.



Shows are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays.

The Atmosphere at the RED ROOM is bright, cheerful, clean and comfortable. The bartenders are not only very attractive but cordial and attentive as well.

If at all possible, be there early on show nights to assure a good seat for the shows.

THE GALLEON sports good crowds not only late in the evening, but manages to draw quite a few hunky numbers around cocktail time. Somehow the rugged but tasteful surroundings make them look even more desirable. A very cruisy bar.

Clip out the GALLEON's advertisement and present it for a complimentary drink. you, M.C. and Frank (the owners) and DAVID will be glad you did.

The fair city of DALLAS has been treated to the opening of probably the most complete gay complex in the country. Called the BAYOU LANDING, it's located at 2609 Pearl Street, just off Cedar Springs and offers not only something for everyone, but something for every mood.

The Main Room is done a very patriotic red, white and blue with stars and stripes for days. Different level balconies are provided for above the crowd cruising and for watching the Bayou Revue on center stage. Two huge screens show wild slides and old time silent movies all night so you won't appear too interested in the boy you've been cruising all night.

The Game Room has a definitely masculine flavour with a campy moosehead overlooking the pool tables. The moose has eyelashes that would hit the ceiling (if she could lift them), earrings and the reddest lips this side of Fancy's new dress.

The Dining Room, which, by the way, serves a delicious club steak, is elegantly done in white and gold under a ceiling

DAVID: Is there any way of contracting syphilis through any means other than intimate sexual contact?

EAVES: Yes, there is. It could be caught in ways other than sexual contact, but the number of occurrences like this are very low. It almost never happens. It could happen, for instance, in the case of one of our own health workers. If this person had a cut on his hand and he was doing a microscopic examination on a lesion of early syphilis, he could develop primary syphilis. Cases like this have been documented but it is extremely rare. For all practical purposes, the contraction of syphilis is purely sexual.

DAVID: How often does the disease come about with no symptoms? Does this happen often enough so that a person who is promiscuous should worry about it and perhaps have a blood test every six months or so?

EAVES: I would certainly say so. I think it's worthwhile to have an examination.

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entirely done in stained glass. Diners feel they are under the world's largest Tiffany lamp shade.

After dinner, a nice quiet drink at the Tiki Bar is in order. The juke plays only soft relaxing music to prepare you again for the liveliness of the Main Room. Each table is an intimate grass roofed hut and the room is illuminated by two dozen blowfish (slightly altered).

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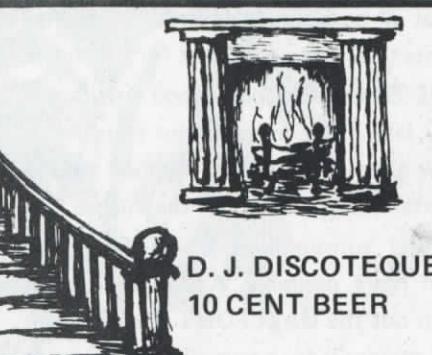
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LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT V.D.

It is well known that Venereal Disease has reached epidemic proportions in the United States. The age bracket most often affected is that of the 15-24 year old group, whereby in 1970, in the state of Florida, 50% of the syphilis cases and 71% of the gonorrhea cases, were reported from that group.

Unfortunately, too many young people are unaware of the "hows" and "whys" of "V.D." and consequently, suffer from their lack of knowledge.

To help enlighten our readers in this area DAVID interviewed Donald B. Eaves, the Regional Consultant for the Venereal Disease Program in Jacksonville, Florida.

The following is the text of that interview:

DAVID: What I'd like to stick to basically is, facts that people don't generally know. For instance, I have heard that within the last few years there has been a type of syphilis that has come over from Vietnam and that area is virtually incurable. Is this true?

EAVES: No, it's not true. The syphilis that we see is the same syphilis that doctors and health workers have seen all through the ages. The syphilis that we see is the same type of syphilis. The germ itself has not changed.

DAVID: Is syphilis in any way becoming resistant to penicillin?

EAVES: No. Not to our knowledge. We are using the same treatment schedule that we used years ago. When a new drug comes out, of course we adopt some new treatment schedules for that drug, but we are still treating it with penicillin in the same amounts that we've been using.

DAVID: Then as far as we're concerned, syphilis is totally curable?

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EAVES: Absolutely. The only stage at which syphilis is not totally curable is in the late stages, what we call the late manifest syphilis. This is when the destructive part of syphilis has set in. This usually occurs at least five years and not more than 25 years after the person is originally infected with the disease. At that point in time, syphilis can cause insanity, blindness, heart disease and various other neurological problems such as crippling, and even death. If you find a person who is in a late manifest stage of the disease, the person can be cured at that time, but the damage that has already taken place cannot be repaired by the treatment. This is the only time when syphilis is not totally curable. In the earlier stages, it is completely curable.

DAVID: This damage is basically tissue deterioration, then? Is it primarily nerve tissue?

EAVES: In some cases it is. The germs of syphilis in the later stages settle in various places throughout the body. The damage that occurs is usually not a direct damage. For instance, in syphilitic insanity, there can be destruction of the brain tissue itself, but usually this damage is caused because the germs of syphilis have settled around an artery which supplies blood to the brain and the body's reaction to this is that it produces a lot of white blood cells to attack the syphilis germs. When it does this, it causes a constriction of the artery which supplies blood to the brain. It really turns out to be inadequate blood supply to the brain that causes this. It can also attack the nerve centers of the body to cause crippling effects and blindness and so forth. It attacks virtually every organism in the body in the late stages.

DAVID: Then it works in a random way. There is no way that you can say that it is going to first affect the brain, then the eyesight, etc.?

EAVES: That's right. It usually just takes one form. In other words, late manifest syphilis would take the form of either a destruction of parts of the body such as destructive lesions that you sometimes see on the hand or face. Sometimes you see a nose that's completely destroyed. This is what we call late benign syphilis. When syphilis does occur in the late stage, you won't see several types of late syphilis. Each person will manifest only one type of late syphilis, such as blindness OR insanity OR late benign syphilis.

DAVID: Is there any possibility of contracting syphilis through any means other than intimate sexual contact?

EAVES: Yes, there is. It could be caught in ways other than sexual contact, but the number of occurrences like this are very low. It almost never happens. It could happen, for instance, in the case of one of our own health workers. If this person had a cut on his hand and he was doing a microscopic examination on a lesion of early syphilis, he could develop primary syphilis. Cases like this have been documented but it is extremely rare. For all practical purposes, the contraction of syphilis is purely sexual.

DAVID: How often does the disease come about with no symptoms? Does this happen often enough so that a person who is promiscuous should worry about it and perhaps have a blood test every six months or so?

EAVES: I would certainly say so. I think it's worthwhile to have an examination

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periodically. At least once a year is recommended for everyone who may have any chance of contracting the disease. If a person has any reason to believe that he has been exposed to a venereal disease, he should seek medical assistance right away.

DAVID: Can syphilis be contracted by means of fellatio?

EAVES: Absolutely. It is just as contagious this way. It can be contracted either way. For instance, if one of the people had a chancre on the penis, the germs could be transmitted to the other person's mouth, and he could get a primary chancre inside his mouth. Conversely, if the other person had either a primary chancre or any of the secondary manifestations in his mouth, whereby he was able to transmit these germs, then he might give the disease to the other person. Later on, this person would come up with a sore on his penis.

DAVID: I get the impression, then, that it is not necessarily always transferable, if you do have the disease. Is it only transferable when you have a lesion?

EAVES: Exactly. This is good because if it were transmissible during the whole time that a person was infected until the time he was treated, in some cases it would be a very long time and the person would have had many sexual partners. As it is, there is only a maximum of five weeks during the primary syphilis that the person can be infectious because this is the maximum time that a primary lesion will last before it goes away by itself. In secondary syphilis, we usually say that it can last any time from two weeks up to a year, but for all practical purposes, two weeks to two months would probably be closer to the truth, so we are talking about a maximum of 13 or 14 weeks that a person is infectious while he has syphilis.

DAVID: Is it more infectious during the first stage than during the other stages?

EAVES: We feel that it is most infectious

during the first stage. At this time, the person has manifestations of the disease on the sexual organs and when he has sexual contact with other people, the germs will be transmitted to those people. With secondary syphilis, very often the only symptom is a rash, and the rash itself is not always very infectious. Sometimes it is. The other manifestations that can go with the rash, which are mucus patches which occur inside the mouth or around the genitals, are very infectious. I would say that in no more than 25% of secondary syphilis do these symptoms occur. So, generally speaking, all primary syphilis cases are infectious, but only 25 or 30% of secondary syphilis cases are really infectious.

DAVID: Of the venereal diseases known and counted, what percentage is syphilis?

EAVES: Gonorrhea is, of course, the most common by a large percentage. There were roughly half a million cases of gonorrhea in the U.S. last year. There were roughly twenty thousand cases of syphilis reported; that is, primary and secondary syphilis.

DAVID: Is the problem of drug allergies a factor in eliminating syphilis or are there enough drugs that will effect the syphilis germ so that this is not a factor?

EAVES: It is no factor. There are a number of alternate antibiotics that will eliminate syphilis. Erythromycin is one of them.

DAVID: Then penicillin is by far still preferred?

EAVES: Absolutely. If the person can take penicillin we prefer to use it. It's quicker and the cure is more easily assured.

DAVID: In general, is syphilis curable with say, one injection of penicillin?

EAVES: Not really. It can be treated in some stages with one visit to a doctor's office, using certain types of penicillin, but generally speaking you could say that any early case of syphilis can certainly be treated within a week's time; in say, two or three visits.

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It would help to ease the hurt if he could share his grief. Gene's mother could pace the hospital corridor, crying, accepting sympathy and allowing the comfort of others to lessen the burden of her grief, but Larry's was locked deeply and secretly within his own heart. No one must be allowed to know that Larry was not only losing a friend, that he was losing the sole purpose of his life, the only person he had ever really loved.

How unfair that a love so true, so beautiful, so complete could not be felt openly. A deep, unselfish sharing between two people could not be wrong. It made them both so happy. The very same people who condemned their love to remain in the shadows would have given their lives to know such joy.

Gene had come into Larry's life much the same as all the others. A chance meeting in a dim gay bar, a hasty exchange of names, a quick embrace in a rented hotel room, all under the cover of darkness with the fear of discovery dimming the joy of their encounter.

But, both Gene and Larry knew. Afterwards, neither could forget. This wasn't a one-night stand. This was real. This was what they both had spent their lives in search of. And, as months passed, the love they shared had deepened in both with such intensity that it consumed them wholly.

Larry simply could not imagine his life without Gene. There would be no purpose for him. His mind wandered back over those beautiful moments spent in

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DAVID: What is the general course of the cure? Is it a series of shots or is it, say, one shot and a week's worth of pills?

EAVES: It's usually just one type of medication such as shots on three different occasions.

DAVID: Can gonorrhea be caught any way other than by intimate physical contact?

EAVES: Not really. It is possible to catch gonorrhea in ways other than sexual contact—it has happened, but it's extremely rare just as it is in syphilis.

DAVID: Gonorrhea, simply because of the fact that the symptoms are more obvious, is really less dangerous, is it not?

EAVES: Absolutely. There are, however, rare cases where a man has no visible symptoms of gonorrhea. We are just finding this out now. Within the past two years or so a lot of research has been done on this and a study that they are doing in Tampa has shown that roughly 5 or 6% of the males that are tested as contacts to gonorrhea have been found to have positive tests to gonorrhea although they have no visible signs or symptoms of it. This is a disturbing thing to think about, because there's no telling who may be walking around with gonorrhea.

DAVID: What about the odds of a definite symptom showing up with gonorrhea contracted orally or rectally?

EAVES: We rarely see a case of gonorrhea that has been contracted orally. I believe that the reason for this is that usually the symptoms that we see are either a discharge from the rectum or from the penis and we assume that is the only area of infection, but the person may have had a sore throat for a while which is due to gonorrhea and they think they just have a cold or something.

DAVID: Do you mean to say that gonorrhea contracted orally will work its way through to the urinary tract?

EAVES: No. Most likely the person has been exposed to begin with, in both areas.

DAVID: What would the symptoms be if it were strictly oral?

EAVES: The only symptoms that a person would manifest would be some type of soreness in the throat. But a person who had gonorrhea rectally would almost always manifest some type of discharge, and often it is painful.

DAVID: Suppose gonorrhea went undetected for a long period of time. Does it go through stages similar to syphilis?

EAVES: Gonorrhea does not go through stages. It is constant infection. It is possible for gonorrhea to cause arthritis, possibly even blindness if it goes long enough. The worst manifestations of gonorrhea is conjunctivitis, which is an infection of the eyes. This could happen very easily to a person with gonorrhea. He may inoculate himself and produce an infection which is very severe and very dangerous. You could lose your eyesight like this in a hurry.

DAVID: Can gonorrhea be contracted through any mucus membrane or any open sore?

EAVES: Yes. It can be contracted thru

any mucus membrane but you would not expect it to be transmitted through a sore.

DAVID: I understand that gonorrhea is much less easily detectable in females. Is this true and is this really a bad factor or is the disease generally fairly noticeable?

EAVES: In the female gonorrhea is generally not noticeable. We estimate that over 50% of the women who catch gonorrhea have no symptoms. Of course many women have a small discharge anyway and they don't really pay much attention to the fact that they may have a little additional discharge. Usually it's not painful because the germs affect the vaginal tract rather than the urinary tract. In the urinary canal it's just as painful as it is in a man.

DAVID: Aren't the odds pretty high that the infection will be transmitted from the vaginal tract to the urinary tract?

EAVES: It usually does eventually. In some cases this is the way it is detected but more often the case is that one of her sexual partners tells her that he's had a

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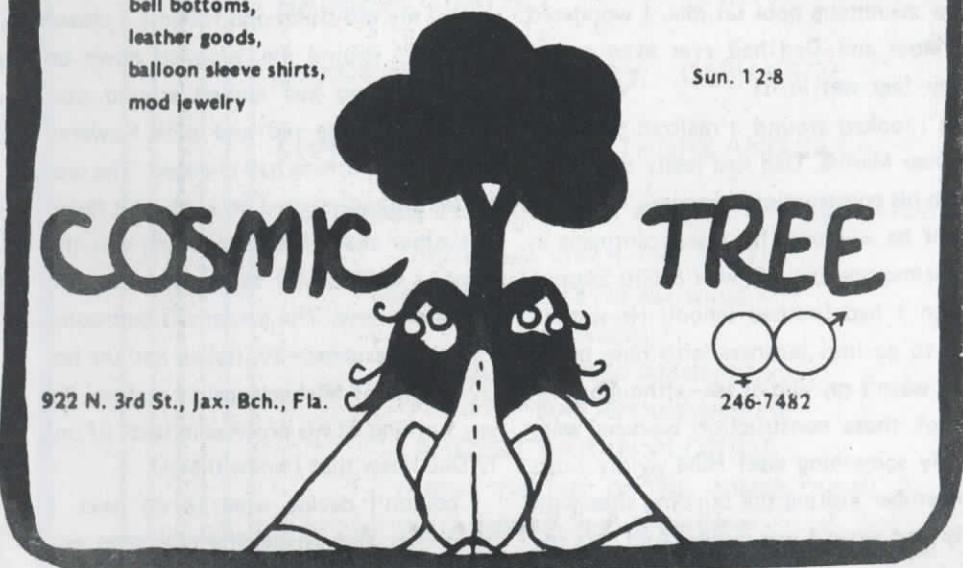
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After a long battle with my conscience, I finally decided to go home for the holidays. As I drove up the long driveway, I gazed at the huge house where I had grown up. The sprawling green lawns were perfectly manicured (as was I). The new swimming pool sat idle. I wondered if Mom and Dad had ever even gotten their feet wet in it!

As I looked around, I realized that as a former Marine, Dad had really done well with his construction company. I wondered if he was over his disappointment about me opening a Flower & Gift Shoppe when I had finished school. He wanted me to go into business with him, but it just wasn't my cup of tea—although plenty of those construction workers were really something else! How vividly I can remember visiting the building sites with my Dad when I was young. And how the

workers, always shirtless in the warm weather, held contests, for my benefit, to see which one had bigger muscles--how well I remember!!

I entered the front door. No one home. Probably at the club. I ran up to my bedroom, my old childhood fortress. I closed the door behind me, plopped down on the floor and just looked around, surrounded by the red and pink flowered wallpaper. Nothing had changed. The lace curtains I had insisted on were a bit faded but other than that, everything was the same. I walked over to the window. Ah, the same view. The gardener's bedroom. Oh, that gardener—26, Italian and the body of one of Michaelangelo's statues. To say nothing of his prowess in bed! (If only Dad knew that I knew that!!)

I couldn't decide what to do next. I went over and sat on the bed. Yes, my

old bed. I must have cried for three solid weeks before Dad finally put that canopy on it. Then, it caught my eye. My own private booty—my world in wood—Pandora's box—my toy chest!

I dropped down on my knees (expertly) and lifted the lid. My whole childhood lay before me. As I rummaged through, my mind wandered back--back to those gay (hmmm), carefree years.

The first item to see daylight again was my baseball glove. I could almost feel my sore rearend again from the day Dad gave me that glove. In a half hour, I had the most beautiful dried flower arrangement in it. It was simply fab! But Dad didn't think so. His next attempt in sports for me, was a baseball bat, but the only result from that was seventeen stitches, you know where!

OH WOW! In a frenzy, I pulled out my

most prized possession. Slightly tattered, and now too small, but still, it gave me goose-bumps—one of Mom's old formal gowns which I had salvaged from the garbage along with matching shoes (one heel was broken). Oh my, I was so beautiful in that outfit.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw an absolutely divine scene. One half of a cover to one of my "magazines." I reached down and pulled them all out. I had everything in these magazines; wrestlers, body builders, nudes, etc., etc., etc.. I read through each one of them, from cover to cover, wondering what delights had been on the pages that were ripped out.

Leafing through the porno, I found a snapshot of a wonderful young stud who was laying on my bed, wearing nothing but a smile! Ah yes, Virgil, my older brother's roommate from college. He had the body of a Greek God and the looks to match. I remember that first night he crept into my bed and asked me if I wanted to play soldier. I wasn't crazy about the idea, but he refused to play nurse, like I wanted to.

So first, we played Greek soldier and then French soldier. I never knew that playing soldier could be so much fun! I really looked forward to Virgil's visits. But, as they say, all good things must come to an end, and Virgil finally moved to San Francisco where he is now a successful hairdresser. I wonder how many people he has "shot" with his "gun" while playing soldier!?

Having emptied the toy chest, I then went into the closet (in a matter of speaking). All of my dolls were still there as was one of Mom's old, beaded purses I had stolen. More memories. Way up on the shelf was my old underwear collection. All sizes, shapes and colors from various visitors to the house; the milkman, the mailman, two cousins and an exterminator. Even two pairs that belonged to the butler. More memories.

After moving a couple of boxes, I came upon my old football helmet. The one I used to wear in the shower to keep my

hair dry. Dad gave up on gifts after that one.

Tired from my trip, I lay back on the bed, thinking to myself:

I wonder if everything would have been different if my mother hadn't insisted on naming me Sally Jo?

I decided to look around the house to see if anyone was at home. It was so easy to get lost in that house. And how many times was I grateful for that!!

I passed Dad's den which was full of awards and trophies for various sports and athletic feats. The glass case holding all of the medals from his marine service was a bit dusty, but still as impressive as always. Dad certainly was quite a man.

My search led me to the storage room behind the garage. I began going through the junk piled in there, only to reveal more memories. My first hairdryer, with two, now moldy curlers, still in it. A pile of pictures of my favorite movie stars (male only, of course), and a few candid

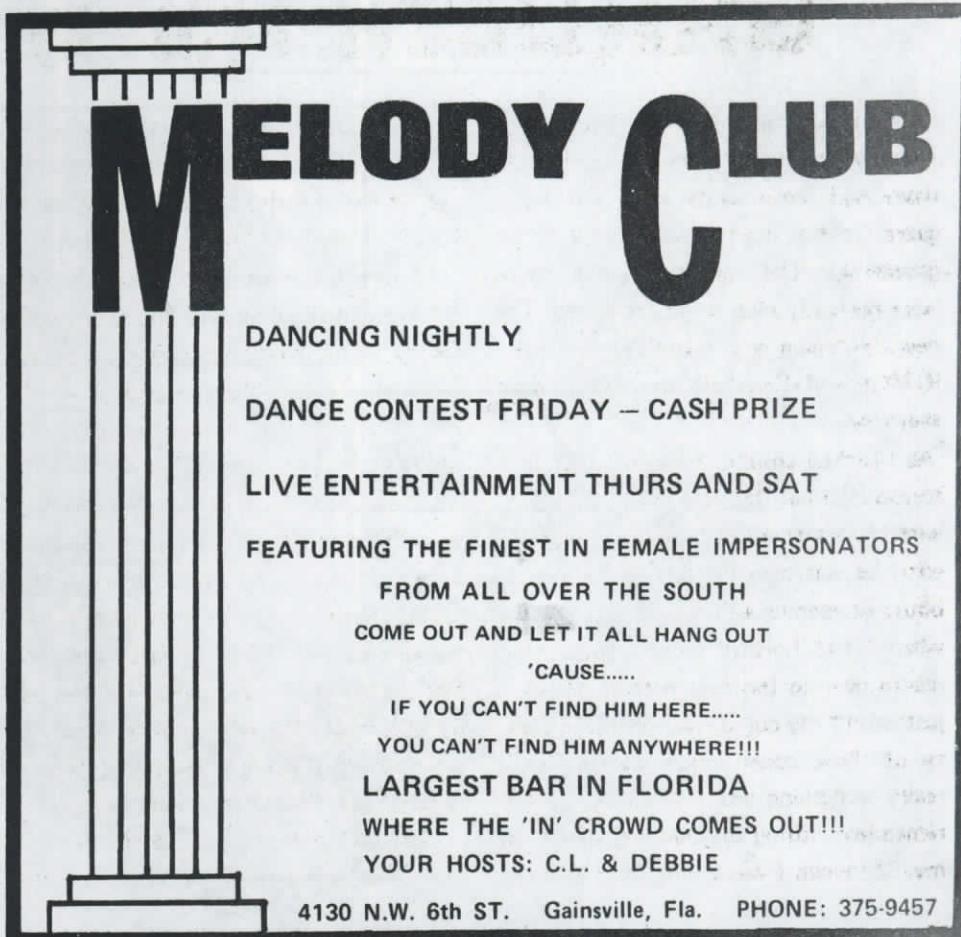
polaroid shots of the gardener—very candid! As I looked at those pictures of him, that same warm feeling went through my body—oh, that gardener!!

The last thing to catch my eye was a stack of cards; my school report cards. Would I ever forget the stink my Dad made when I enrolled in Home Economics and Cosmetology!! I just couldn't see myself in Wood Shop.

I left the storage room and headed for the servant's cottage. As I neared the gardener's bedroom window, I thought I heard a familiar voice. I could hardly believe my ears! I crouched down and looked in the window at the two bodies, passionately embraced on the bed. My ears may try to deceive me, but my eyes never lie!

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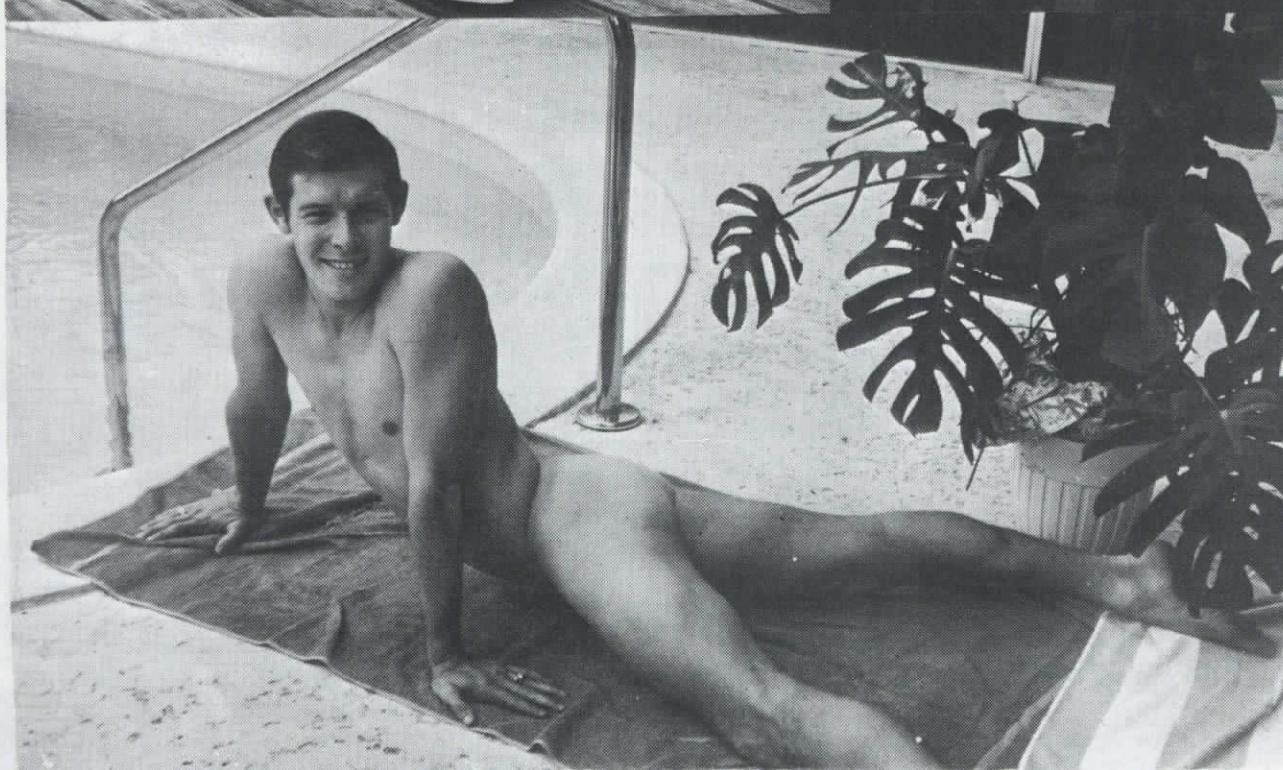
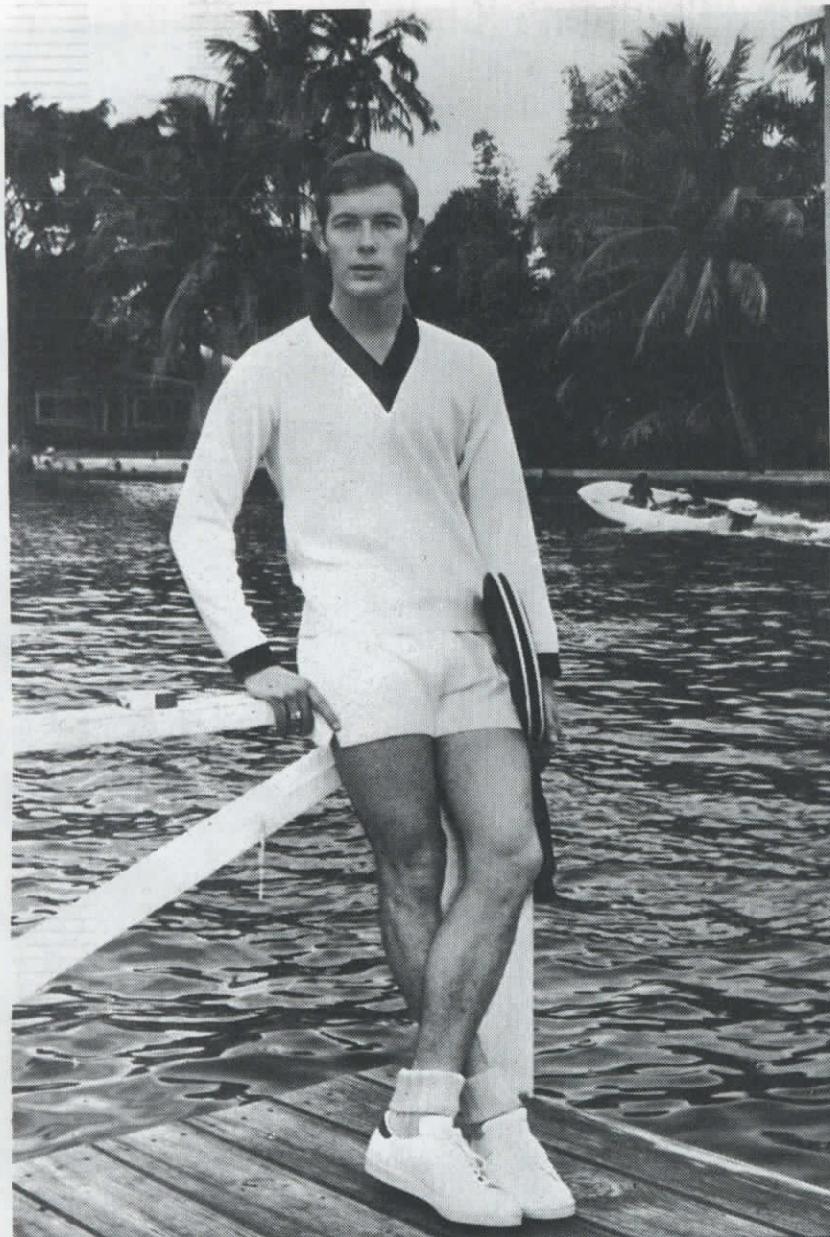
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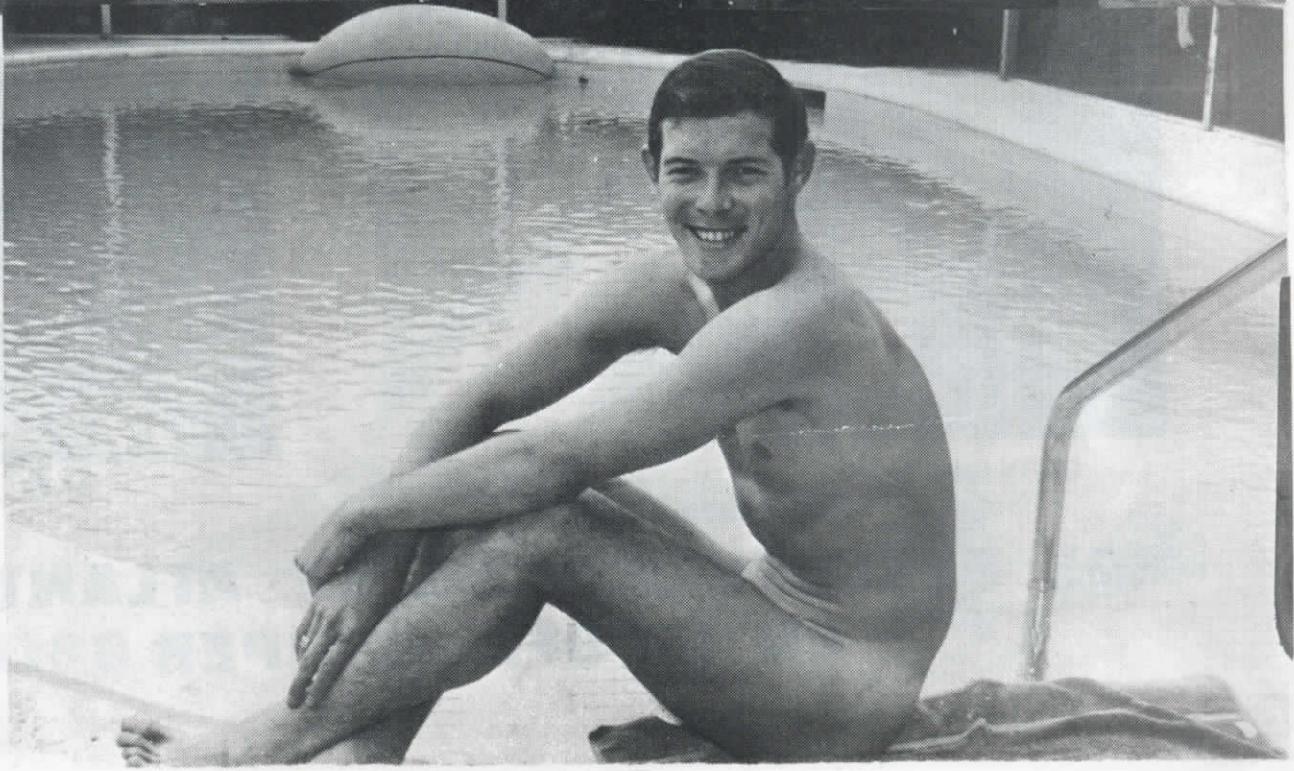
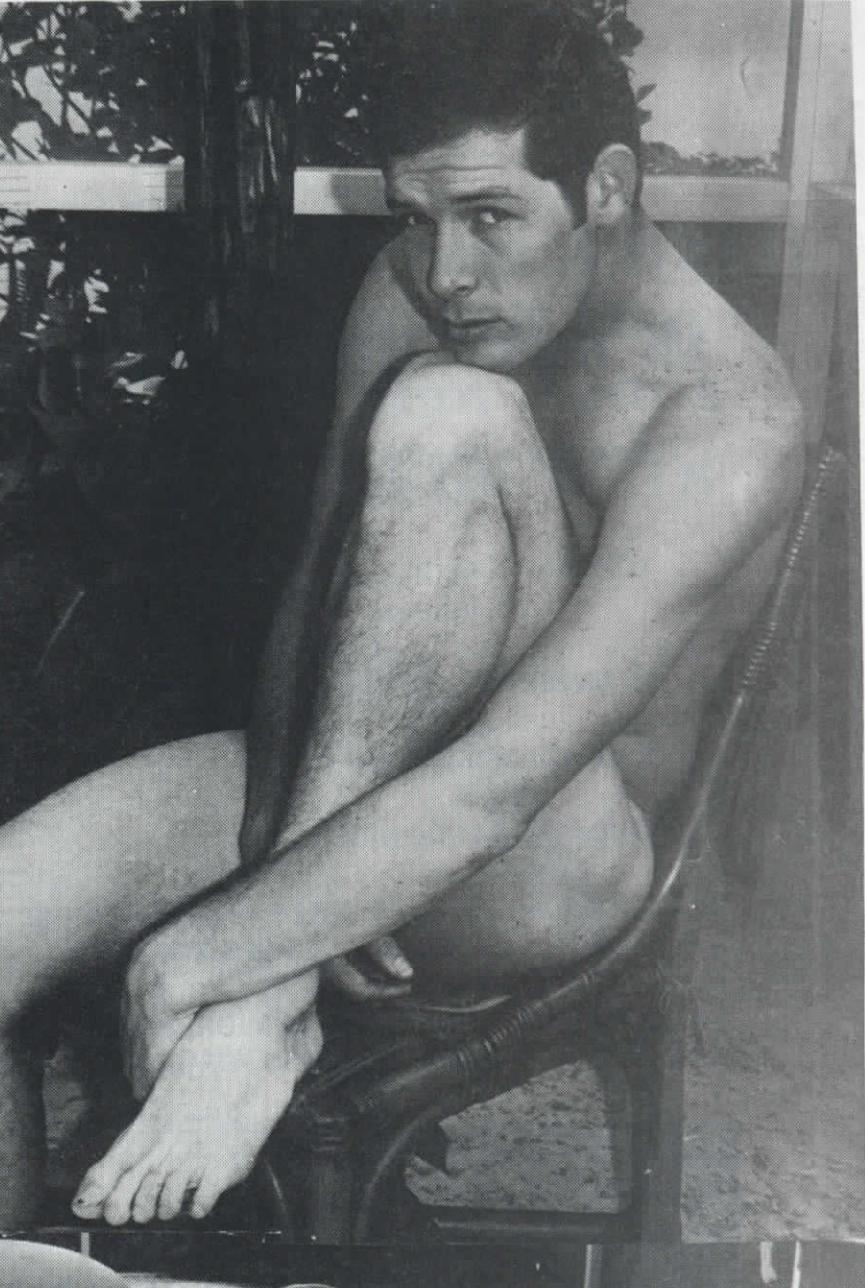
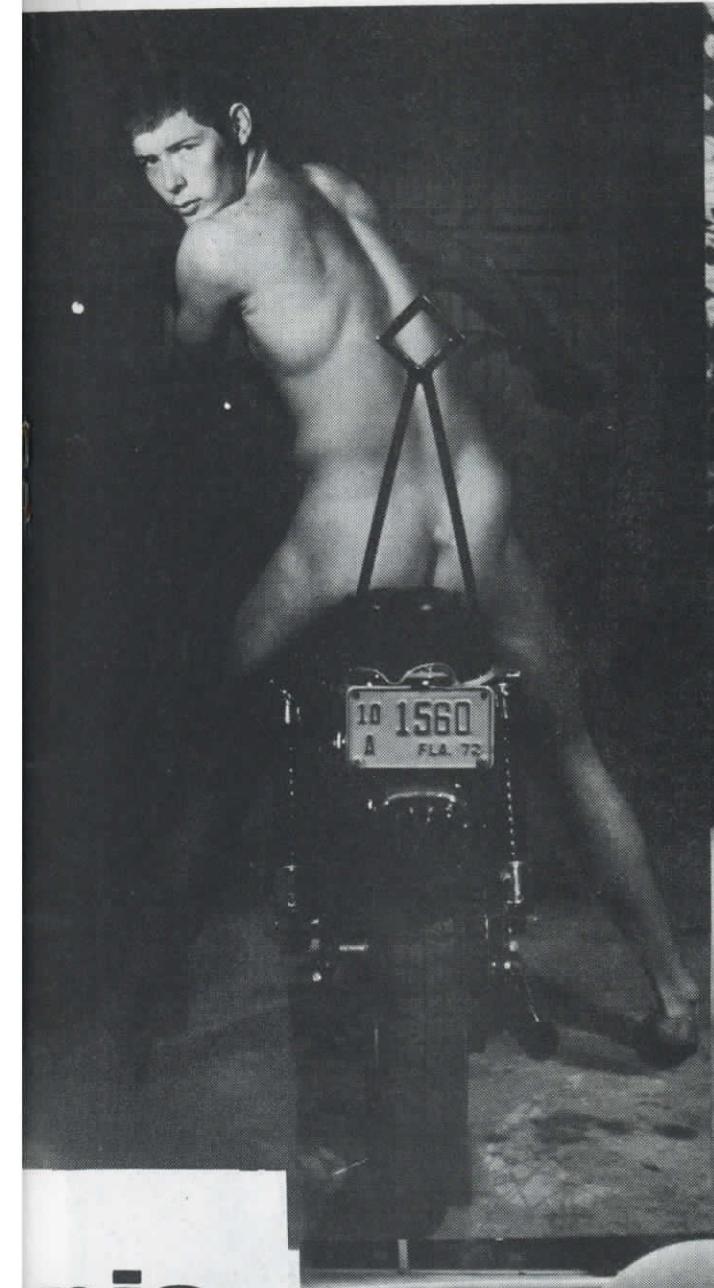
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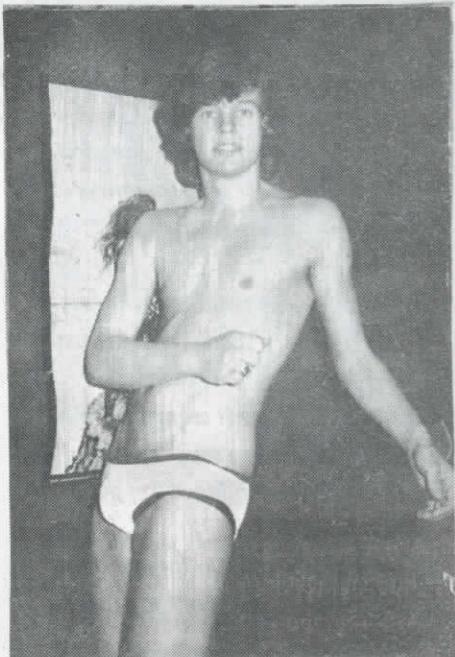


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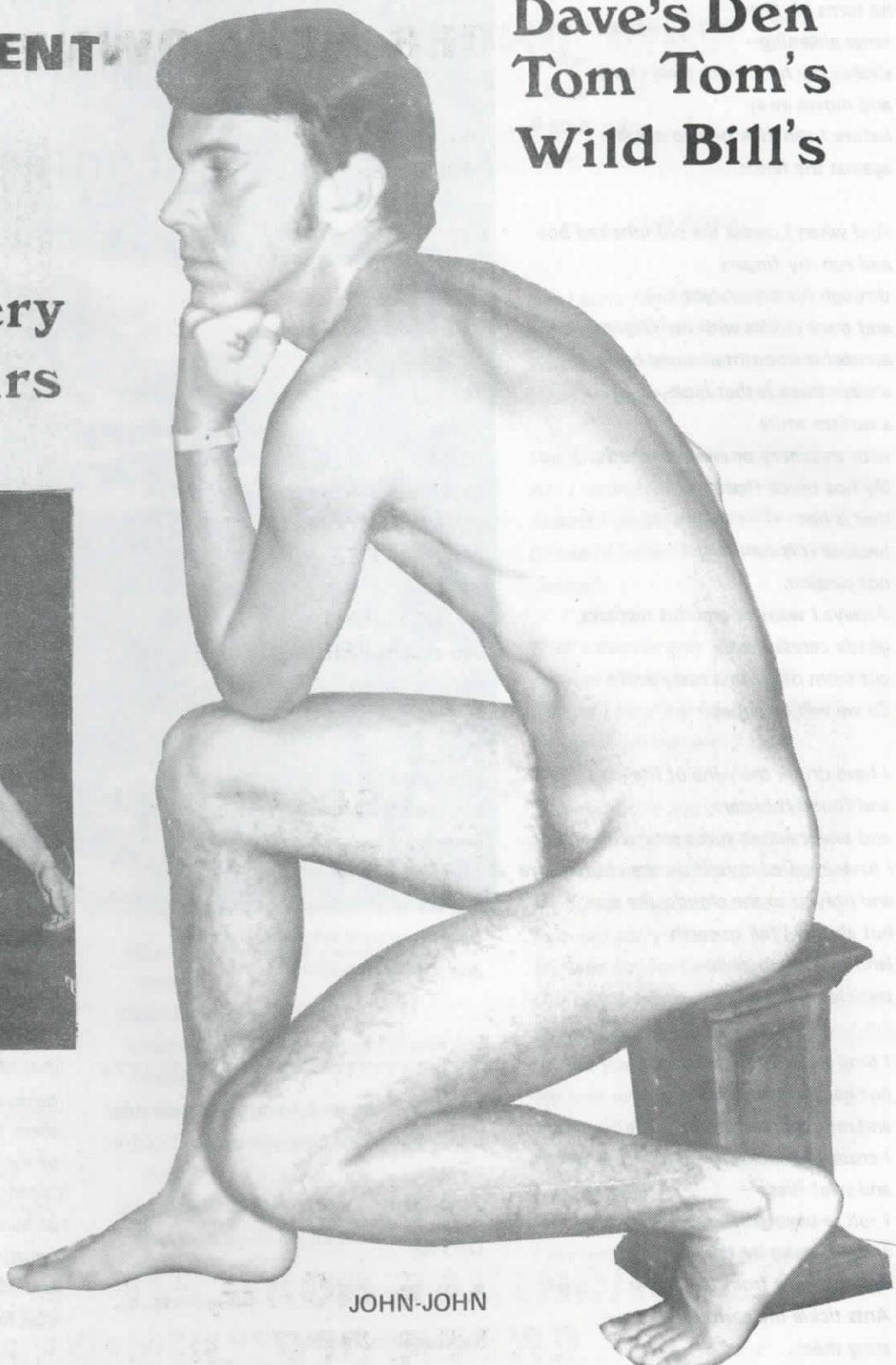
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he turns his head—
fangs gleaming—
slashes my hand with steel claws
and moves away
before I can kick him to death
against the fence.

And when I caress the blondhaired boy
and run my fingers
through his drystraight hair
and trace circles with my fingernails
across his smoothtalcumed body,
always there is that look—
a surface smile
with treachery or ennui beneath.
My lips touch flesh
that is hot
because it is summer,
not passion.
Always I want to grab his testicles,
gently caress them—
cut them off with a rusty knife.
So we will be equal.

I have drunk the wine of life—
and found it bitter,
and sweet semen turns sour with age.
I have impaled myself on the churchspire
and prayed to the clouds, the sun,
but always I fall to earth—
land in a mudpuddle—
testicles in hand.

I limp back to the black cat
but he snarls and slashes
and my wounds run red with blood.
I crush the cockroach under my heel
and swat flies.
I roll in sweetgreen grass
and am stung by the bee
sucking juice from the clover.
Ants tickle my earlobes—
sting them.
My brother mistakes me for a cockroach,

crushes me under his heel.
I scream and cry.
My words are hurled to the mossdraped
oaks
that are split by the whirlwind.
And the sun shines bright and it rains
I WADE IN FECES
and the surf pounds on the shore
AND DROWN IN THE URINE OF MAN-
KIND
and the churchsteeple topples
and the flaxhaired boy caresses me
and I die.

Pineneedles assassinate me—
sap anoints my body
with the pine scent.
I breathe moonlight
and suffocate on cloudy nights...
play hopscotch on sunken graves
and topple headstones.

--Juan Abril

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Yet warmth is extremely felt.
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The coldness of the wind warms you
as it wraps around you—as if it were
the lover lying with you in the sand.
You and your most tender wonderful
love are now as one within itself.
You're happy!
The surroundings are filled with the
love so mutually shared and entrusted
within each.
But then, suddenly it seems, the morning sun rises as if to say, "Rise, as I
am, for it is day and love has gone
for the night."
Unfortunately, the sun forgets that
LOVE never ceases--only the making.
Why?
Should people stop making love merely
because the sun rises to shine down on
them to show the wonderful beauty
of their love?
Continue your most precious moment
of love-making for it will be continuously beautiful!

And forever the memories will last of
that fleeting moment of love.

Cindy Murphy

POETRY

from our
readers . . .



*A summer leaf in autumn
Mother Nature turns to red and gold
A time in life to realize
The tide has turned and started out
Our youth is swiftly spent
And many loves along the way grown
cold
One glance upon the mirror's face
No longer can we cling to any doubt
'Tis true our youth is spent
And now we're growing old.*

There was a time in life

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*When one love never seemed to be
enough
There was a time in life
When we because of age could pick and
choose
But now that time has passed
And we dare not the slightest smile
rebuff
But gamble if you must
The odds are in his favor can you stand
it
If you lose.*

--Dutchess

*For so long the water was
dammed
Only a trickle passed
freely.
But the crack grew
from this passing through.*

*& now the dam is down
broken
I flood I rush
& go to join
a sea*

--Lee Rivera

*Am I sorry for what I've done?
Am I sorry that we are one?
Would it be better had I not known,
What love can do for a person alone?*

*Was it wrong the love we knew?
Am I wrong for wanting you?
Should I forget and lose the pain?
Or shall I remember and speak your
name?*

*Shall I live for only you?
Or shall I find someone new?
Should I hold my head up high?
Or live in shame until I die?*

*Should I hope and dream and wait?
Will you return before too late?
Do you know what you are to me?
If you do, then you can see,
I am not sorry I belong to you.
My love forever will be true.
Our love is not shame in my eyes
Sometimes I want to scream to the skies
"I love you more than you know"
My love will follow wherever you go.
My heart, my soul, is no longer mine,
They are yours, my dear, until the
end of time.
My life is yours at your command
I live and die with the touch of your
hand.*

Linda Duffany

DISCUSSES (Cont'd from pg. 23)

problem and she suddenly realizes that something is wrong.

DAVID: How is gonorrhea detected? Is there any method other than the culture?

EAVES: The only accurate test we have is the culture. Unfortunately, there is no blood test for gonorrhea. The smear is almost a bygone test, due to research that has been done in the past couple of years. The culture is a difficult test to perform because you have to take a swab of material from the infected area and grow it for 48 hours. Obviously, this is not the kind of testing that is conducive to massive testing.

DAVID: Then there's the time element too. What's to prevent this person from going out and having sexual contacts while he's waiting for the results of the tests?

EAVES: This is quite true. Gonorrhea spreads so fast. With syphilis the time from exposure to the time that the person actually contracts the disease can be anywhere from ten days to three months. The average is about three weeks. You

have a good bit of time to work with there, but with gonorrhea the infection is almost immediate which makes it difficult to catch up with.

DAVID: Most of the material you read on venereal disease is aimed at the affluent youth of today rather than the lower classes. Is this true?

EAVES: You're right. I think that this is a mistake, to be honest with you. We are appealing to the middle-class audience, when in fact, most of our cases are among lower class groups. I think, however, that we could point to homosexuality as one of the exceptions to this general rule. Most of the early syphilis cases that we have that involve homosexual contact are among people who are certainly middle-class and often upper-class.

DAVID: Is venereal disease more prevalent in homosexuality?

EAVES: Generally speaking, yes.

DAVID: But aren't homosexuals more aware of it simply because of their promiscuity and consequently tend to do something about it when a symptom shows up?

EAVES: It's quite true, yes.

DAVID: Is everything that happens here in the clinic totally confidential and is this typical of clinics everywhere?

EAVES: Yes, everything here is confidential. Although we use names in the records and such, these records are not available to anyone. Even here in the clinic we go to the point of calling people by numbers given at the beginning of the clinic so that we don't have to call people's names. Everything that we talk to a person about here, is confidential whether it is about contacts or diseases. No employers or relatives are ever notified.

DAVID: What age groups are most often affected by venereal disease?

EAVES: As far as the age groups are concerned, the age group of 20 to 24 is the most common age group having infections involving VD. In some cases there are more than 1% of the population within this age group affected with VD. 15 to 19 is the next most frequently reported age group. So, essentially we are talking about a problem of young people. As a matter of fact, the 15 to 24 age group accounted for about 70 percent of the gonorrhea that was reported in the state (of Florida) last year and about 50% of all the syphilis reported. So you can see that the younger age groups are really the ones contributing to this problem.

DAVID: Would you say that the age group is probably the same among homosexuals?

EAVES: I think you'd find a major difference in the later years because of the continued promiscuity.

DAVID: Is there anything that is unique that homosexuals, both male and female, should watch out for as far as VD is concerned?

EAVES: The possibility of an oral infection is the main thing that I would think of. A person who frequently has homosexual contact and/or oral contact should be very suspicious of any sore which may appear in the mouth. I would also suggest being very cautious as far as the rectum is



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concerned and to be aware of any minor discomfort because this could be a symptom of VD. It's better to be a little oversuspicious and to find out that everything's O.K. than to have either syphilis or gonorrhea and let it go undetected.

DAVID: Is it true that blood tests or cultures are free in most areas?

EAVES: Yes, very true. We offer free examination and treatment here in our clinic.

DAVID: There is nothing that is peculiar in VD in homosexuals? Is it the same for them as for everyone else?

EAVES: That's true. There's nothing that you can rule out that only happens to homosexuals.

DAVID: As far as the interview with the exam is concerned, are people pressured—that is, could a homosexual come in and not identify himself as a homosexual and still be treated?

EAVES: Certainly.

DAVID: If he didn't want to identify himself, and agree to identify the people he had sexual contact with?

EAVES: I'm glad you asked that question. This would certainly be acceptable especially in gonorrhea. With syphilis, you realize, there is a different problem in that it's a more serious disease. We are more happy to have anyone who has VD to contact their own doctor and have their contacts seek medical help. In gonorrhea, we can say, sure, contact your own doctor and have the tests for it, although with syphilis we would like to be able to document the fact that the contacts have been examined although we would not ever have to see the person or notify him, but we would like to call the doctor and confirm his findings. Every case is individual. In Ft. Lauderdale, if you have contracted VD, you can call one of the gay bars who now run a referral service to the clinic. These people then go to the clinic and identify themselves as homosexuals and are told that their cases will be kept confidential. No pressure is given to name contacts. If people are keeping away because they don't want to

tell where they got the disease, well, we are more concerned with treating and curing the disease than finding out where he got it. Yet, we would, of course, like to find out where he got it, if possible.

DAVID: What is your legal stand, or do you have one as far as sexual preference goes. I mean, is it a matter of treating the disease and curing it, no matter who it is or who he has gone to bed with? Your job is to eradicate the disease, right?

EAVES: Right.

DAVID: There is no pressure from within or without as far as a homosexual coming in here and saying, I'm a homosexual and I think I have VD?

EAVES: Right. It's 100% confidential and there is no legal involvement. We don't communicate with any other agency and we don't use threats or report anything to anyone else.

DAVID: Is there anything else that you might want to say concerning VD among homosexuals or in anyone in general?

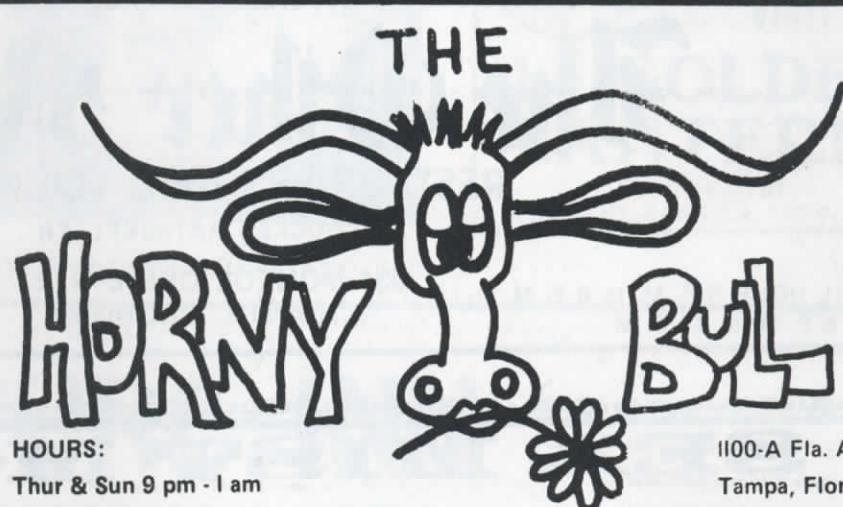
EAVES: I think we've covered all the important areas. I would like to say that we are completely disinterested in a person's sexual preference. A guy could come in here, and even if he was a homosexual, he could still give us a list of girls' names and we would never know the difference.

DAVID: Is there any particular program or some kind of pressure thing, that the gay bars or gay publications could do that you might suggest?

EAVES: I think it would be a very good idea to set up a local version of the program in Ft. Lauderdale. I think it would be good to do this through the gay community rather than us approaching the gay community. If this were requested and we could get together and set up a referral service, like where if a gay person caught VD, he could call this number and speak to another gay person.

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1½ cups of white sugar
1 scant cup of butter or ½ cup of butter and ½ cup of Crisco or other shortening
3 eggs, beaten with a mixer
3 cups of all-purpose flour
1 box of seedless dark raisins
1 teaspoon of baking soda

1 tablespoon of cinnamon
1 teaspoon of vanilla or ½ teaspoon of almond extract and ½ teaspoon vanilla
1 cup of nuts (optional)

Cook the raisins for 10 to 15 minutes in enough water to cover them, until they puff. If you like to eat the raisins while you are cooking, be sure not to eat too many! You'll regret it later! Drain off the liquid, but save it! Cool both the liquid and the raisins. Cream the butter (in the conventional way, please) and add the sugar. Mixing by hand, (gets messy, so use a spoon) add half of the cooled raisin liquid.

Throw in the well-beaten eggs and flavoring. Sift the flour and cinnamon together and pour that in, with the raisins.

Finally, add the remaining raisin juice with the baking soda dissolved in it.

Bake in a heart shaped pan which is lined with waxed paper on the bottom. Grease the sides and bottom with butter and flour—or KY if you prefer. Put it in a 350 degree oven for an hour. This hour may be well-spent "educating" the paper-boy. Test with a toothpick; if it comes out clean, either the paper-boy was well-washed, or the cake is done. It doesn't need icing or refrigeration, but then, how many paper-boys do?

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After the drug wears off, the hangups are still there but he is more aware of them and more able to cope with them. The story rises to a rapid near-tragic climax as Thorne heads for his long-alienated brother in San Francisco to straighten out what he considers to be one of his key hang-ups. His brother turns out to be gay and becomes another important teacher and friend and further aids him in freeing himself from guilt.

Admittedly, few people go through as much hell as Thorne does in coming out, but this does not make the book any less believable. It is, on the contrary, frighteningly believable and should be required reading on any gay booklist. Read it. You might learn something about yourself and gay life in general.

K.C.

AT THE BARS

"A little late, but well worth the wait," was the general opinion of the crowd—and what a crowd—at the first annual "Miss Gay Tampa" pageant, held at THE HORNY BULL, on New Year's Eve.

Chic and Jeff, owners of the bar, hosted one of the most memorable evenings in Tampa's gay history. The eleven contestants treated the crowd to a variety of entertainment ranging from love ballads to a fabulous comedy number ("Boobs")

performed by Miss Tracy.

The field was then narrowed down to five finalists and after a second show of talent, Miss Katrina Lenore, pictured here, was crowned the winner. Katrina also took the title of Miss Congeniality. First runner up was Miss Pauline who brought cheers from the crowd with an unusual rendering of "Coco". Second runner-up was Tampa's Miss Eve.

The show was beautifully emceed by Lars "Jacob" Ridderstadt, with Tex handling the sound room.

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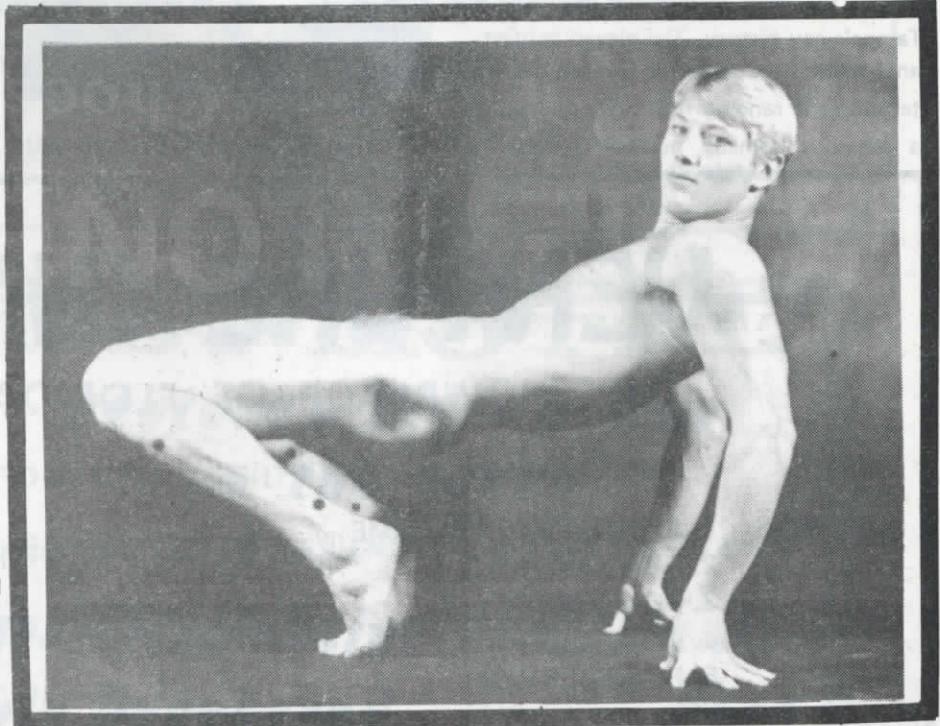
WE GOOFED !!

Zoltz, pictured on pg. 44 of last month's DAVID, is not a popular bartender at the WAREHOUSE VIII. Zoltz has been happily working at THE NOOK in Coral Gables for quite some time.



There are only a few seats left on the KNIGHT OUT'S annual Gayhound Tour to Mardi Gras this year. The bus is to leave the Knight Out Saturday night, February 12 and will return Wednesday

morning, February 16th. Fare of \$75.00 includes rooms at the Sheraton Delta on Canal at Claiborne, transportation and all you can drink on the bus. The first 36 with the fare paid will go. For information call Hank or Mark at 904-725-9968.



Our Cover Boy this month is Mike. Be sure not to miss the pictorial essay on

this gorgeous blond in the next issue of DAVID.

FAIRY TALE (from pg. 13)
mirror did something about it.

And when Queen Claudia sat down, fluffed her hair and asked her usual boring question:

"Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who's the most beautiful, fabulous,
exciting Queen of all?"

The mirror retorted, rudely,

"Not you bitch,
From what I've seen,
Your stepson's,
A more beautiful Queen."

And Claudia fainted.

Unfortunately, she regained consciousness and all hell broke loose. The first thing Claudia did was get a hold of King Fred and demand an explanation. Did the King have a son? Well, Fred couldn't remember; he was knee deep in 'The Well of Loneliness' (an old classic) and he was very upset because somebody had just shot the horse- or was it a dog? Anyway, he was frightfully upset and there was no time to worry about trivialities.

However, Queen Claudia's mind worked like a computer. She did recall the King was married once before. In fact, there was a stink about the former Queen's death. It seems Claudia wasn't exactly in line for the throne or anything like that. She'd become Queen through the extraordinary coincidence of being in the right spot at the right time.

The time was when the Queen was dying with a knife in her throat and Claudia was on the spot: she was also holding the knife. Of course, there was a reasonable explanation. The Queen was peeling a peach and accidentally stabbed herself in the throat: Claudia insisted she was pulling the knife out, not pushing it in. Now, none of this would have mattered if the Queen's scream hadn't brought so much attention to a trite situation: Queen's have been stabbed before. But it did cause a bit of a tit when the King stepped over the body of his dead wife and proposed to the woman with the knife in her hand. People talked.

Strangely enough a lot of these same people disappeared when Claudia took over. She hated gossip, almost as much as she hated the dead but former Queen. Among those disposed of, and shoved aside was an infant. It was a terrible infant; all red and toothless and bald. And very noisy. Well, what's the most beautiful Queen in the world going to do with an infant? Naturally, she gave it to the servants and forgot about it.....

Remembering this really enraged the Queen. That she, who sacrificed herself on the cross of Motherhood, should be so shabbily treated was a stab in the back. And what did the mirror imply by smirking this creature was 'a more beautiful Queen'? She would find out, with vengeance

Far below the palace, beyond the torture chamber, the servants quarters, the gold vaults, a long, dark, treacherous hall winded its way to a stifling suite of cramped rooms, the nursery. To this grey forbidding place the little creature infant was dumped, a prisoner, for twenty years.

In the beginning, no one knew exactly what to do with the little creature infant. The instructions were vague, open to interpretation. Did 'Take the bastard away' mean take the bastard away and kill it? or take the bastard away and raise it until it's fit for decent society? This posed quite a dilemma among the servants. A wrong move in either direction meant certain disaster. Heads rolled faster than bowling balls in the Kingdom.

So the little creature infant was given to a wrinkled old crone, Rica, whose first job, in the oldest profession, lasted twenty-five years, until she fell in love with a contortionist and ruined her back. However, because of this terrible tragedy, Rica became a more humble and finer person. But she drank, and her bowel movements were apt to be messy and ill timed. None the less, having had several abortions herself, the old crone had a special talent with children. Especially

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little boys.

Still, a good nurse wasn't everything. There were problems. How should the little creature be raised? As a member of the royal household? As a peasant? This last thought was dangerous. If the little creature infant was raised as a peasant, but suddenly came into power, heads would roll! On the other hand, the Queen was in power and she was known to roll anything that walked.

This dilemma was neatly side-stepped by a remarkable decision: the little creature infant was raised completely neuter. In fact, in a state of constant stupification, which wasn't hard with Rica's boozing.

At last the little creature infant grew up and the servants were very pleased (particularly since everyone had kept his head). The child, who was called Sunny for his cheerful disposition, had blossomed into a clear skinned, honey colored blond beauty (popular in the World War II pin-up posters).

Now, the servants adored Sunny and all that, but the kid had acquired some odd habits over the years. First, they were pretty sure he was a boy, although, in the beginning, no one bothered to look with all that confusion. But finally somebody did: a seventeen year old scullery boy. He looked about three hours and decided Sunny must be a boy. Which really confused almost everybody, since Sunny never wore anything but silver lame gowns, fox furs, and black suede pumps. The servants were in a quandary. Was Prince Sunny really Princess Sunny? Or what? Besides that, Sunny always combed his long blond hair at night letting it hang out the window like a rope. And how did all those footprints get on the side of the wall? Very strange.

Well, there wasn't time to worry about that stuff now. The Queen was bitching up a storm, raising the roof, and shaking the foundations. Worse, everyone suspected Prince/Princess Sunny's life was in mortal danger.

This was true. Queen Claudia, who

practiced, among other things, Black Magic, has devised a terrible plot to kill Prince/Princess Sunny. By the light of the midnight moon, she lit two black candles before her old Magic Mirror and spat a hideous cant:

"Put my beauty in a bag,

Turn me into an old hag!"

And just like that, snap, the second most beautiful Queen in the world shriveled up into a grotesque old witch.

Thus disguised, the former second most beautiful Queen in the world, grabbed up a basket of apples, among which lay the poisoned ploy: a can of Cram-pills vegetarian soup.

In no time at all, the cruel former second most beautiful Queen in the world found young (and more beautiful) Prince/Princess Sunny in a park picking pansies (he/she had this thing about pansies). Well, Prince/Princess Sunny wasn't the least shook up at being approached like that in the park (he'd been approached so many times it was old hat), but she

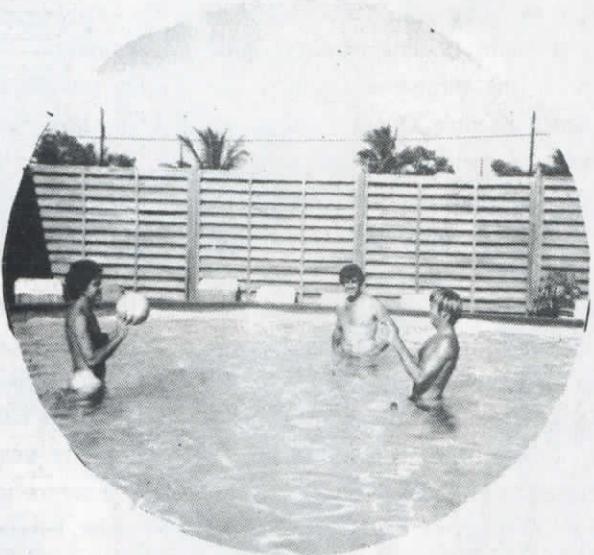
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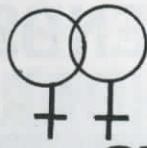
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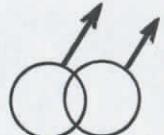


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LOOKING (Continued from Page 38)

Palm Beach County is now TURF Country - MY APARTMENT was sold and is now called the TURF WEST, in West Palm Beach. A Sweetheart Ball will be held on February 12th at midnight, when a King of Hearts will be selected and at the TURF WEST, on Friday, February 11th, the Queen of Hearts will be named.

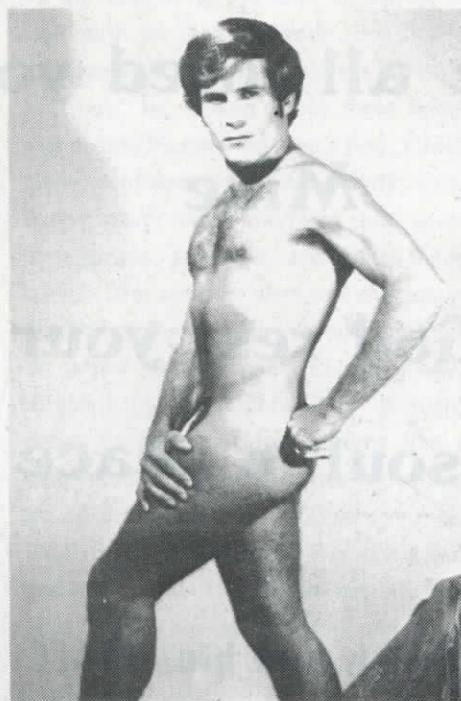
The GALLERY in Fort Lauderdale is having a Valentine's Day Ball with a free buffet, a Champagne Toast to your Love at midnight and other very pleasant surprises.

Their showroom has been remodeled to a French Cafe type motif for cruising with a continental touch.

The first of May is the date that has been set for the Miss Southeast Pageant. The contest is to be held at the SWEET GUM HEAD in Atlanta. For details check next month's DAVID.

Danny Windsor and the Funtastiks have been held over at the Sweet Gum Head

for the third time. Danny's shows seem to constantly be improving on an already great show.



Pictured here is little David (featured in

DAVID's April, 1971 issue). We hope to bring you more up-to-date photos of this popular go-go boy from KEITH'S in the near future.

The GARDEN GRATE restaurant seems to be doing a thriving business. The location is ideal, the food is good and the atmosphere is pleasant without being stuffy.

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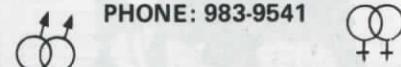
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Conversation at the bar had turned to sex and the techniques thereof.

"But should I talk to my lover while having sex?" asked naive Fred.

"Certainly," counseled an old friend, "if you happen to be near a phone!"



His first day in the army, the recruit was issued a comb and then the company shaved his head; the second day they issued him a toothbrush and then the dentist pulled all his teeth; the third day he was issued an athletic supporter, and he went A.W.O.L.



DAVID defines *func* as a noon-time quickie.



The best years of a queen's life are usually counted in man-hours!



A friend of ours claims to be the World's Champ with tricks and we quite agree. He showed us his alphabetical little black book, and the 45th entry was a hunk named Allen Aarons.



Many a queen is looking for an older man with a strong will—made out to him!



My sex life has improved immeasurably since my lover and I got twin beds, the exec confided to a friend.

"How can that be?" the friend asked.

"Well," replied the exec, "his is in Connecticut and mine is in Manhattan!"

We know a young stud who, while sitting and having coffee with a friend's lover, announced:

"I think I better warn you—my lover will be home in an hour!"

"But I haven't done anything wrong," responded the friend.

"I know that, but I thought you'd want to know how much time you have—in case you decide to."



A queen we know claims to have 20-40 vision. He can spot any stud between 20 and 40!!



A queen who can read her tricks like a book usually likes to read in bed.



Friends were surprised, indeed, when Roger and Marc broke off the relationship, but Roger had a ready explanation:

"Would you stay married to someone who was habitually unfaithful, who lied at every turn, who was selfish and lazy and sarcastic?"

"Of course not!" replied a sympathetic friend.

"Well," retorted Roger, "neither would Marc!"



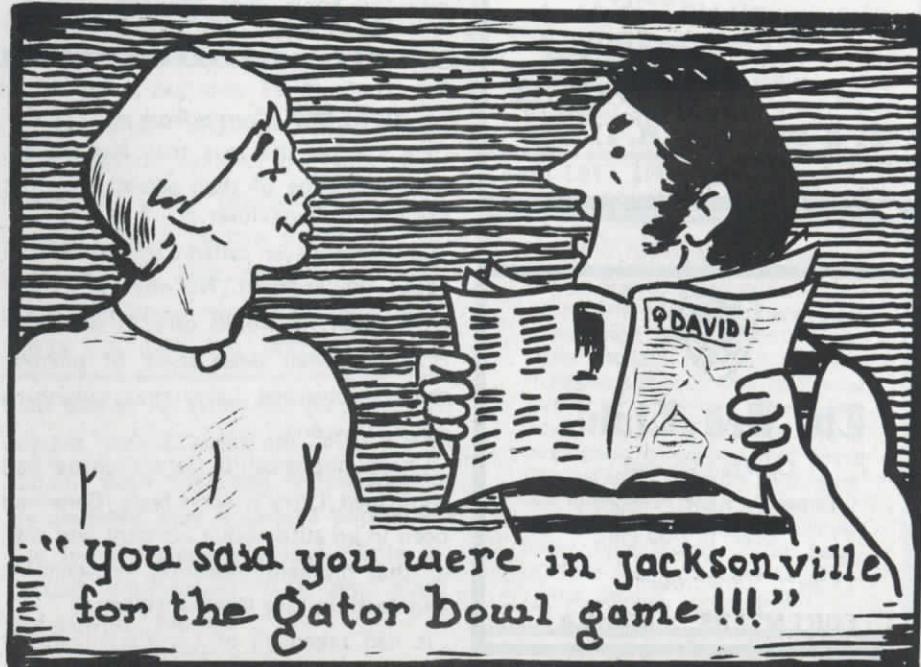
Dennis was a neatly dressed executive who was the head of a big firm and a model of dignity at home. As he boarded a train to Washington, he was shocked to find two rather effeminate young boys in his compartment.

"My dear boys, you've made a mistake."

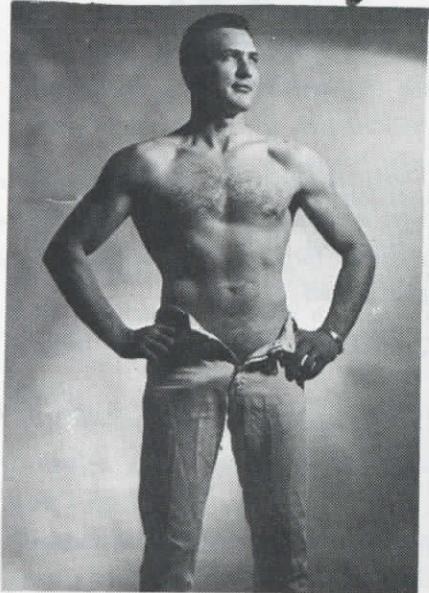
But they just smiled and gave him a sexy wink.

He became angry. "I'll have you know that I'm a married man. I'm president of the local Chamber of Commerce. I'm" The boys got up to leave.

"Wait," he said, "one of you can stay."



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FAIRY TALE (Cont'd from pg. 40)

was awfully disappointed. Still it was early and it always paid to be courteous. So then, the former second most beautiful Queen in the world said, in a creaking voice:

"Want an apple sweetie?"

Sunny didn't hesitate. He was no dope, she'd been around. What's more he had brains and she knew it. Unlike Goldilocks, who'd banged up with the bears, Sunny knew there was a lot easier way to get a fur coat. And since apples were a dime a dozen, Sunny took the soup.

Well, that was that.

Sunny ate the poisoned soup and the Queen buried him/her right there in the park.

Everything else is anti-climatic.

King Fred went on to greater brilliance when he wrote his very own book, 'Sex and the Saliva Glands', which was banned by the American Medical Association, and later made into a Paramount movie.

Queen Claudia, who instantly became the most beautiful Queen in the world, ran straight back to the army barracks and lived happily ever after.

And the moral?

If you're ever approached in the park, bite the apple. Not the can.



PERFECT (Cont'd from pg. 22)

Gene's arms, the joys they had shared, the knowledge of their secret lives that had drawn them closer.

No one had even called Larry to tell him about the accident. No one even knew how much he would care. It was their closeness, their deep sense of oneness that had warned Larry that something was very wrong.

A hasty phone call to Gene's mother had confirmed Larry's worst fears. Gene had been in an automobile accident and was, at that moment, hovering between life and death in City General Hospital.

It had taken all of Larry's will power

to inquire about Gene's condition at the desk, and to keep from breaking down when the nurse, in her crisp business voice, had told him Gene was dying. His reserve had even held up while he offered solace to Gene's mother, then he had slipped into the chapel to allow his true emotions to take over.

But, once inside, Larry still didn't cry. He hurt; he ached all over, he wanted to cry, he wanted to scream, he wanted to pound his fist against the pain in his heart to make it go away. But most of all, he wanted to die, too.

Larry gradually became aware of cramps crawling up his legs from kneeling so long. His knuckles were turning white from clenching his fists, and his neck was stiff from the prayerful arch. Suddenly, the walls of the chapel seemed to close in on him, and he felt stifled. He had to walk, to get out and feel the fresh air in his lungs.

As he entered the hospital corridor, the hush, the emptiness surrounded him, and with a sinking feeling in the pit of his stomach, a dreaded void in his heart, he knew Gene was dead.

It had started a cold drizzle outside, and as Larry put his feet on the path, he lifted his face and the tears came at last. Tears rolled down his face, mingling with the drops of rain, so no one could see his hurt.

His footsteps beat a hollow echo on the sidewalk - as hollow as his life had just become.

He walked on, straight onward into nothingness, once again to take up the search, knowing deep in his heart that it would never be again.

DISCUSSES (Cont'd from pg. 35)

about VD. This would be great to set up something like this. Certainly if DAVID can generate any interest along that line, I think it would be great. I understand your circulation covers many states. I think it would be a good idea to contact other groups in other areas to tell them to contact their health departments to help them set up similar programs.

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Dear VENUS,

First, let me thank you for the opportunity to voice my problem. I'm sure if you weren't there, I'd go bananas.

My problem deals with my companion, who I'll call Carol. Carol is not gay, per se, nor for that matter, could she be considered straight or bi-sexual. So I guess Carol is asexual. We have been roommates (and companions, as Carol calls it) for two years now.

All that time, Carol has never talked to a man. She teaches at an all-female school with an all-female faculty. Her father died when she was four and she has no brothers and hardly any other male contact. She's bitter with all males, in other words and has absolutely nothing to do with them, if at all possible.

A few months ago, I suggested to Carol that she go for counselling to help her understand her problem. She did and with vast success. Recently, I noticed that she stops to talk to the milkman and smiles back at men when we go shopping.

But, she has also started telling me she loves me. We still, I might add, have separate bedrooms and have never touched each other, physically.

Thus, I'm confused. If she is getting over her problem with men, why is she getting closer to me? Why does she say we have a perfect relationship, knowing I must trick with others to release my sexual drive? What do I do now? I've considered going for counselling myself, but should I?

Please help—DAVID and VENUS have never let me down before; please don't this time! Thank you.

B.D.

Birmingham, Alabama

Dear B.D.

From reading your letter, I can tell that you are very much in love with Carol. What you neglected to say was, have you ever actually approached Carol with the thoughts of physical contact in mind? It may really break the ice that has been a block in your relationship for so long. It may be that Carol has wanted to have sex with you but is afraid that it may alter the relationship.

Since you have been such close friends for so long, maybe an intimate, frank conversation might clear the air. Sit down with Carol and get everything off your chest. Tell her all your feelings - open up to her. Hopefully, she'll open up to you also, and this may begin the start of the type of relationship that you have always wanted.

As far as counselling goes, it never hurts to get a better understanding of yourself. It is also helpful to talk to a party that can be totally objective. So, consider yourself counselled by VENUS!!

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1 small package of Long Grain rice
1 stick of butter
½ cup of flour
1 quart of milk
1 teaspoon of salt
½ teaspoon of red pepper
½ teaspoon of black pepper
Dash of salt

First, boil the shrimp and lobster tails until tender (it should take about 5 minutes after it begins boiling). Peel and clean and cut into small pieces. Melt the butter and add the flour. While constantly stirring, pour in the milk gradually and stir until thick. Then add the salt, pepper and garlic powder. Mix in the shrimp and lobster tails with the sauce.

Pour this mixture into deep casserole dish and bake. Cook the rice according to the directions on the box. After baking the casserole for 30 minutes in a 300 degree oven, serve the casserole over the rice. Serves 6.

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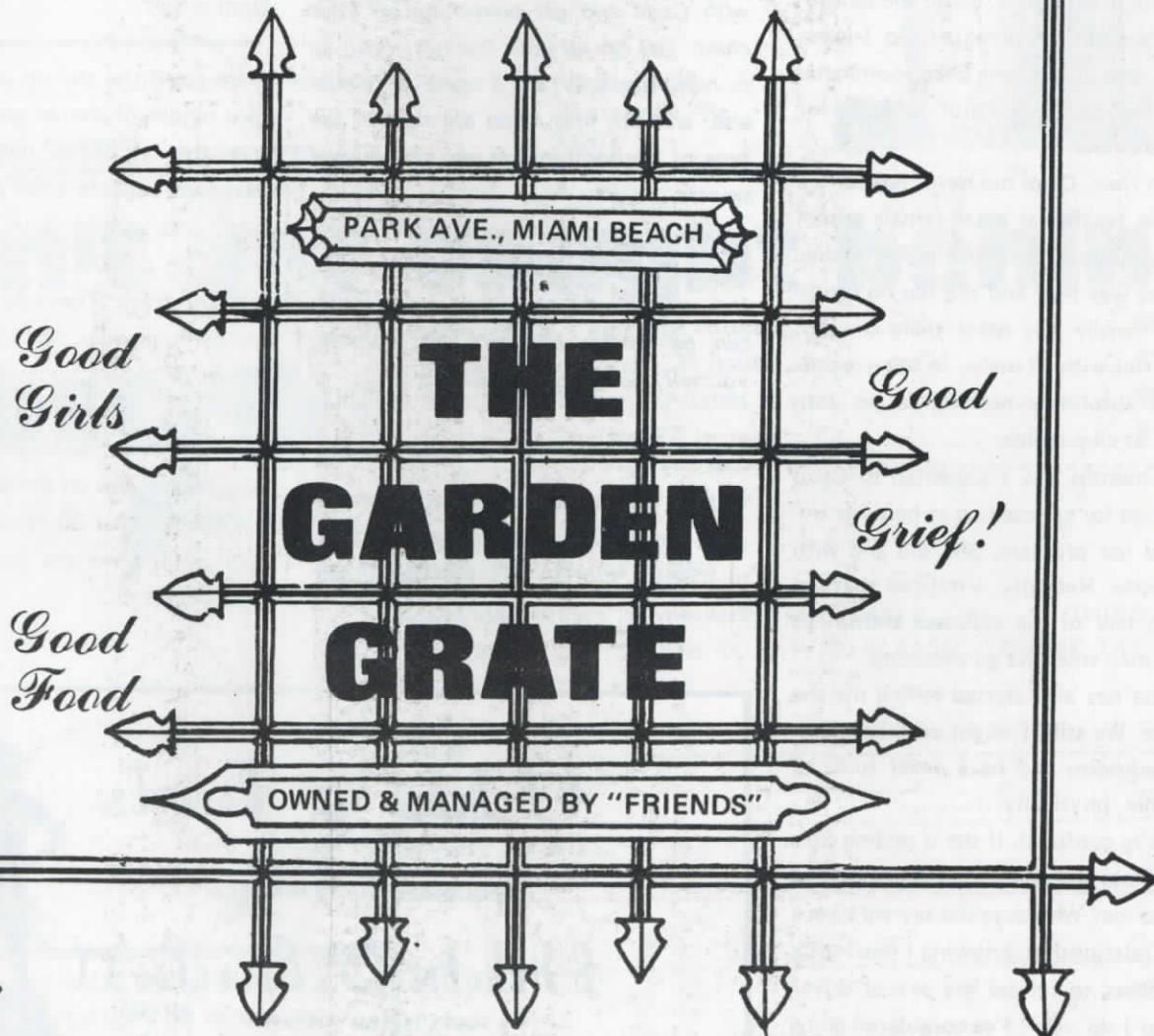
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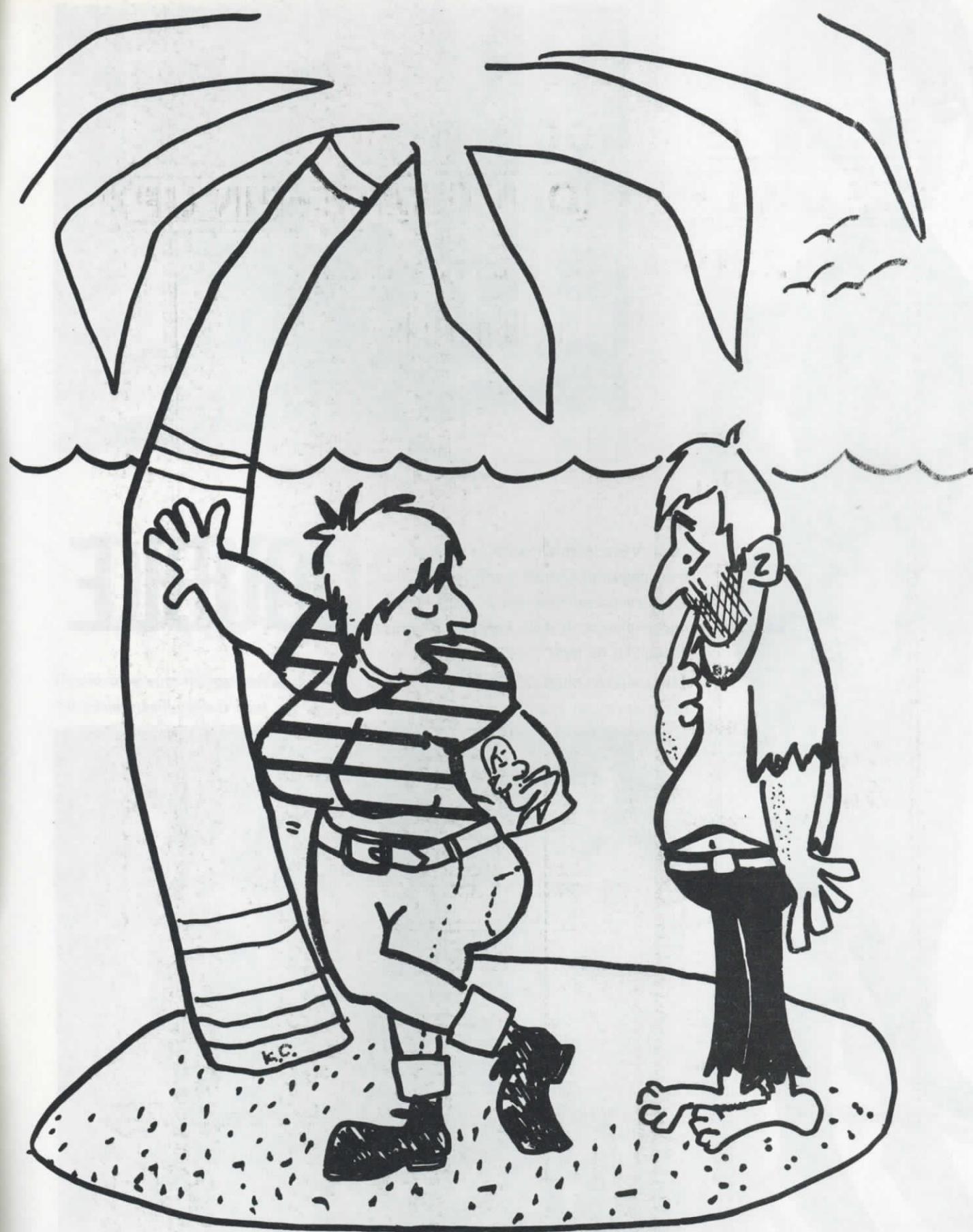
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