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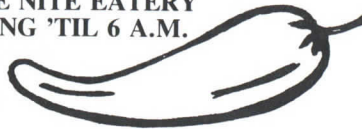
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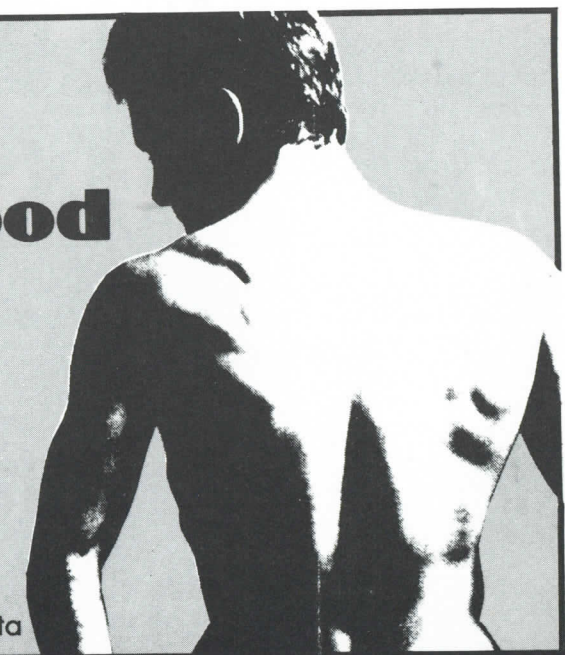
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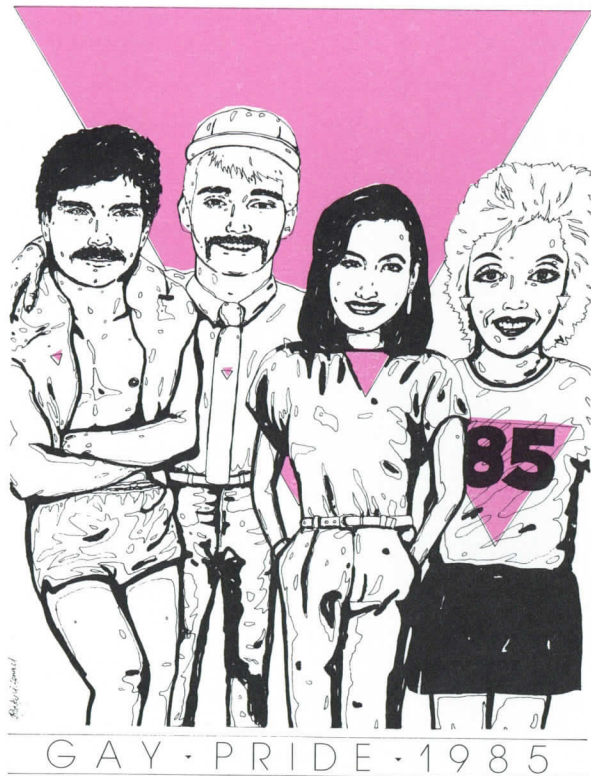
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Around the Clock commissioned Ricky Lenart, whose work you've seen on our pages in the past, to create an image to express the pride we feel in our community, an image that will grace any wall.

Around the Clock is publishing this first poster to demonstrate our pride in the community — and our commitment to helping to make things better.

All net proceeds from the sale of this poster will be placed in an account that we are calling "UNITED GAY."

Within the next three months *Around the Clock* will be calling for grant proposals from any non-profit organization within our distribution area. A committee will be selected to review these proposals and award grants for specific purposes and/or projects. The organizations receiving funds will be required to make full financial disclosures for publication in *Around the Clock*.

We believe that each of us must try to do

just a little more to help the many organizations which are working so hard to improve the quality of life of lesbians and gay men. Our 1985 GAY PRIDE poster is a first step.

Our poster, which measures 17" x 22", is being offered in two editions. The general edition, which will be printed on heavy glossy poster paper, is being offered at a pre-publication price of \$12.00 (plus tax and shipping charges). On Friday, June 21, 1985 (the beginning of Gay Pride Weekend) the price will increase to \$15.00. A signed and numbered limited edition of 500 posters will be printed on a fine quality lithographic print paper. It is being offered at a pre-publication price of \$25.00 (plus tax and shipping charges). Its price will increase to \$35.00 on June 21, 1985.

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AIDS SYMPOSIUM IN NEW ORLEANS

A symposium bringing together many nationally famous and locally prominent researchers and medical professionals who are working on fighting AIDS will be held May 10, 1985, at the New Orleans Hilton.

Representatives of the local gay and lesbian community, as well as New Orleans health professionals and national researchers will talk on treating AIDS patients and the latest on finding a cure for the killer.

Directed by Tulane Medical Center researcher D. A. Authur Gottlieb and New Orleans Health Director Dr. B. Lutz, the all day conferences will possibly include a cocktail party staged by the New Orleans AIDS Task Force.

Local gay civil rights attorney R. James Kellogg, and Crescent City Coalition President John Ognibene will be on the conference faculty, as well as Dr. Mervyn Silverman who recently resigned as Director of the San Francisco Health Department.

Other conference faculty members will include D'Juan Alexander, RN, Head Nurse at Charity Hospital, Louise McFarland of the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources and John Wutter of the National Institute Of Health.

For more information on the conference contact the New Orleans Health Department, Room 8E13, 1300 Perdido, New Orleans, LA 70112 or call (504) 586-4668. ♦

NORCO/LAGPAC ENDORSEMENTS

The membership of the New Orleans Regional Chapter of the Louisiana Gay Political Action Causus (NORCO/LAGPAC) continues to endorse the following candidates for the May 4th general election: #1 Ken Carter Assessor 1st Municipal District (wards 1, 2, & 3) #13 Erroll Williams Assessor 3rd Municipal District (wards 7, 8, & 9)

These candidates were interviewed along with other candidates for the March

30th primary and won the endorsement by the necessary 2/3 majority of those members voting in the general membership endorsement meeting. This endorsement continues into the general election.

In the 3rd District, Erroll Williams won more votes in the primary election than any other candidates in the race but now faces one final opponent, Dan Kelly, in the general election. Ken Carter also won the most votes in his race in the 1st District but was very closely contested by Connie Comiskey. your vote will make a difference in the upcoming general election. Both Williams and Carter need our votes and continued support.

NORCO/LAGPAC has not taken an official stand on the issue on the ballot of whether or not to return the rate setting power for NOPSI back to the City Council from the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

However we urge everyone to become informed on this issue and get out on May 4th and let your voice be heard, every vote does count. Polls will be open Saturday, May 4th from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. ♦

FABULOUS FASHIONS FOR GAYFEST FUNDRAISER

A fashion show of intriguing and practical designs will be staged May 21 to benefit Gayfest and AIDS support groups, at the Country Club, 624 Louisa.

Organizer Ginger Snapp promises several surprises, both from models on the floor and the clothing they will be wearing, at the fashion show and buffet.

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Tickets will be \$3.00 in advance and \$4.00 at the door for the 8:00 p.m. show.

For more info, contact Ginger Snapp, or Rick Johnson at The Fatted Calf (504) 522-9993 or Robin and Brenda at (504)949-NEST.

GAYFEST and the entire staff wished to thank Cura Masson (Ms. Southeastern) for the wonderful Easter Show held at Hits. This successful show donated its proceeds to the same two causes. GAYFEST and AIDS assistance, and featured the talents of Terri Lavelle, Tasha Richard, Lady T, Kristie Lynn Meadows and the beautiful Cura, with a special cameo appearance by the handsome, masculine designer, Quinton D'Alexander and Christopher Hamilton.

It will be your chance to see some of these people at the Fashion Show on May 21 and express your gratitude for their hard work! ♦

THEATRE MARIGNY HOST ORIGINAL PLAYS TO BENEFIT AIDS

Theatre Marigny of New Orleans will host an AIDS benefit performance of three one act plays by award winning poet and playwright, Perry Brass, currently living in New Orleans.

These three one-acts, *Another Temporary Assignment*, *After the Cafe Antoine*, and *Chrome Morning* are set in Provincetown, and New Orleans, and were given a public reading earlier this year by "First Reading" a New Orleans based group which sponsors concert readings of original dramas.

These performances will benefit the Foundation for Health Education in New Orleans (FHENO), one of the local groups actively involved in providing assistance to PWAs (Persons with AIDS) and AIDS research and educational projects. Currently FHENO has a 24 hour phone (504) 522-9823 or (504) 948-2770, according to president of the Board of Directors, Jim West.

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FHENO needs and deserves your help for this function. Enjoy an evening of good theatre for a good cause!

Call (504) 948-2770 for information and reservations. ♦

GAY/LESBIAN ORGANIZATION ATTACKED AT UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

A gay and lesbian student organization at the University of Arkansas has become the subject of controversy and harassment, according to a report in the Boston *Gay Community News*.

The Gay & Lesbian Student Association (GLSA) at the Fayetteville, Arkansas school has been the subject of hate mail and action.

Organized in late 1982, the organization has been the subject of some controversy since it first asked the school's Association of Student Government for \$136 to fund the group's activities.

When the request was denied and word of the existence of the group reached the state capital at Little Rock, a State Senator introduced a resolution in the Arkansas legislature to "stem the tide of homosexuality" on the campus.

The resolution failed, and after the GLSA filed suit to demand that they be given part of the student activity fee money that had asked for, the school agreed to help the group by providing t-shirts to sell. But the t-shirts were never ordered, though the school did give the group \$500 to pay a guest speaker invited to the campus.

In 1983, after the group started fundraising on its own, notices appeared in the student newspaper from a group calling itself "Angels for War" Task Force, threatening to stop gays and lesbians.

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Crowd at Cloud 9, Athens, GA (left) Aunt Bee and Emcee Blaine at Aunt B's Crazy Daze (right).



Lanny and Jeff, Owners of The Framing Market on St. Philip, New Orleans (left); Dera - one of the male dancers at 551 Downstairs, Atlanta (right).



Performers at Skeeter's in Montgomery, AL (right); Greg, Mad Hatter at The Cove, Atlanta, GA (left).

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had "lost a friend, a woman, to the gay cultists."

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This was after a letter appeared charging school officials with "leading a homosexual takeover of the University of Arkansas," and attempting to make Fayetteville "the San Francisco of Arkansas" appeared on campus. ♦

GAY CINCINNATI HEALTH WORKERS PROTECTED FROM FIRINGS

The Cincinnati City Council panel on human resources has turned thumbs down a proposal which could have led to the firing of gay and lesbians as city health workers, over concern of the possible spread of disease by them.

Councilman J. Kenneth Blackwell has sought a change in the city's policy to prohibit "active homosexuals and gay rights advocates" from working in the health departments' AIDS screening program.

Blackwell made his recommendation because he felt that gay males would lack the objectivity of counsel gays and care for them.

But representatives of several groups spoke out against what one spokesman terms a "politically inspired witchhunt," according to a report in the *Boston Gay Community News*. ♦

GAY COMPUTER SERVICE OPENS

A gay computer community bulletin board offering news of the gay and lesbian community and even compupornography has been started in New York City, reports the *Gay Paper* of Baltimore.

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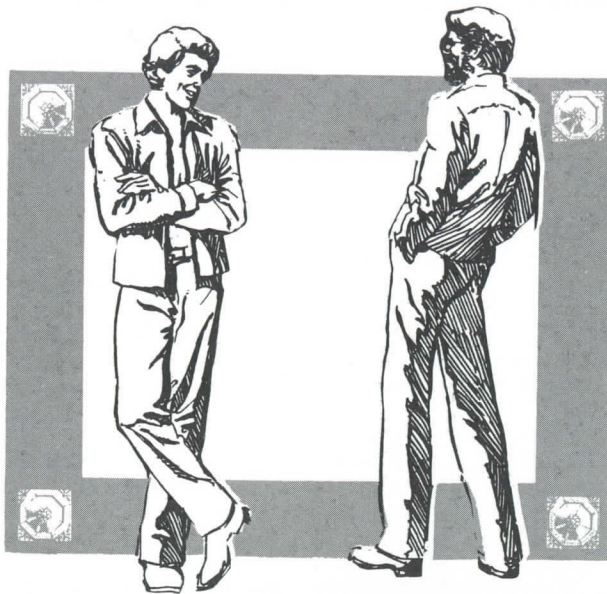
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LABELS

By Richard Kavanaugh

There was a time in my life, shortly after I came out to myself - but long before I discovered gay bars or any gay social group - when I spent a great deal of time trying to determine just what characteristics defined a homosexual.

Would anyone who had experienced a homosexual act qualify? Or was it limited to those of us who were aggressively searching for same-sex partners? Were hustlers and others who did not go beyond being the passive partner in felatio straight, and if so were they turning gay when they reciprocated by kissing or taking the active role in love making?

A few of the young men I trusted with in those days were married. I remember one - always a favorite - who on one occasion took me to his home, ordered his wife to take the car and the baby and go spent the night at her mother's, then proceeded to feed me the meal she had prepared before taking me into their bed for several

hours of serious love making.

And yet, over the years that we tricked, he never contacted me. Our assignments were always at my urging and I might still be seeing him if I hadn't moved to another city. At that time I always thought of him as straight and myself as gay because, irregardless of our actions, that was the way we saw ourselves.

Today many men think of themselves as gay just because society tells them they must be either gay or straight, while conversely many others, who see themselves as straight, become confused and frightened when they experience a homosexual urge.

This labeling of people as gay or straight is fundamentally wrong. Not only does it encourage feelings of guilt but it limits us in our choices of sexual partners and of lifestyles.

But then there is the matter of gay rights and Gay Pride. We cannot take pride in being gay until we have acknowledged that we have a preference for sex with

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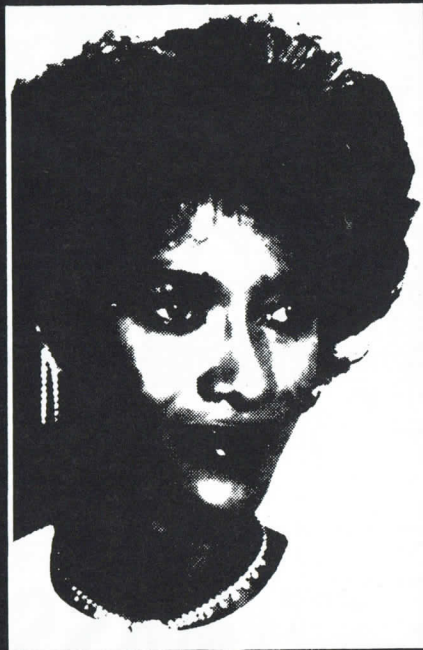
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people of the same gender. And without Gay Pride we have little chance of convincing the straight majority that we are okay, not perverts to be treated as pariahs and second class citizens.

Gay leaders are often puzzled by the apathy of the gay masses, by the fact that hundreds may flock to the gay bars on a given night while only a handful will show up for an AIDS benefit. I think this phenomenon can be explained by the ambiguous feelings so many have about their sexuality.

Gay leaders and the news media are frequently wont to say that 10% of the population is gay. They base this on the findings of Professor Kinsey in his 1948 report, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*. The apathy mentioned above has always caused me to have some doubts about this figure, and so recently I went to the library to spend several hours reading and digesting the Kinsey report.

It contains a mountain of information. Extracting a single conclusion such as the one that 10% of all men are homosexual is like scooping a tablespoon of dirt from that mountain. Kinsey and his assistants, Pomeroy and Martin, interviewed some 12,000 men in great detail before using their answers to compile the hundreds of tables and graphs which summarize their findings.

Approximately a third of the book is devoted to telling how they did it and why they think their results are accurate reflections of the sexual practices of American

men during that era.

Among their conclusions in the chapter on homosexuality is the following: "Males do not represent two discrete populations, heterosexual and homosexual. The world is not divided into sheep and goats . . . Only the human mind invents categories and tries to force facts into separated pigeon-holes. The living world is a continuum in each and every one of its aspects. The sooner we learn this concerning human sexual behavior the sooner we shall reach a sound understanding of the realities of sex."

On one hand Kinsey says, "There are males who have never been involved in any sexual contact with another male, and who have never been conscious of any erotic arousal by another male."

He found that: (1) 37% of the total male population has at least some overt homosexual experience to the point of orgasm between adolescence and old age; (2) another 13% of males react erotically to other males without having overt homosexual contacts after the onset of adolescence; and (3) 50% of all males have neither overt nor psychic experience in the homosexual after the onset of adolescence.

On the other hand, while half the male population is extremely heterosexual, Kinsey found that only 4% were exclusively homosexual throughout their lives. His oft-quoted figure of 10% applied to males who are "more or less exclusively homosexual" for at least three years be-

tween the ages of 16 and 55.

What all these figures tell us is that while half the men in this country may never have any interest in practicing homosexuality, the other half have the capability of doing so.

And while Kinsey did not go into detail about society's attitude and its effect on homosexuality, he points out that "Even a single homosexual experience, if exposed to public scrutiny, may wreck a person's life given society's attitude today."

While society's attitude has improved tremendously since 1948 and a single homosexual experience may no longer be enough to wreck anyone's life, gays are still discriminated against in many ways and in many places. The sexual revolution has provided a more tolerant climate for homosexuality but it is not solely responsible for the decrease in homophobia.


It was a group of drag queens, a minority within a gay minority, who first discovered Gay Pride and launched the struggle for gay rights at Stonewall in

1969.

The fact is that some of us are gayer than others. And in working to improve our lot we must accept this and use it to our advantage. The world truly cannot be divided into sheep and goats and we must not let labels get in our way when we attempt to define and motivate the gay masses.

A look at some of Kinsey's other figures on the incidence of homosexuality is instructive. He found that during a period of at least three years between the ages of 16 and 55: (1) 30% of all males have at least incidental homosexual experience; (2) 25% have more than incidental homosexual experience; (3) 18% have at least as much of the homosexual as the heterosexual in their histories; (4) 13% have more of the homosexual than the heterosexual; (5) 10% are more or less exclusively homosexual; and (6) 8% are exclusively homosexual.

While I doubt the 50-50 split between men who are capable of homosexual be-



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havior and those who are not has changed much, I'm certain the percentages in all the sub-categories just listed have grown.

It is my theory that the biggest change since these figures were compiled in 1948 is that the qualifying phrase "during a period of at least three years: could be broadened or dropped for many of these groups.

The 10% whom Kinsey found to be more or less exclusively homosexual are the ones who are now opting for a gay lifestyle, something that hardly existed in 1948.

And many of that 30% who have at least incidental homosexual experience come to gay bars and mix socially without feeling any need for or commitment to gay rights or Gay Pride.

Even among those of us who accept the fact that we prefer sex with men, there are many who can and sometime do still enjoy sex with women.

The range of human sexuality is so wide and so varied (Kinsey found that 77% of the male population had between 1 and 6.5 arousals that culminated in orgasm

during a week, but that the 23% which did not fall into this group varied from one man who had ejaculated only once in 30 years to another who did it an average of 30 times a week) that it defies labels or even norms.

But on us, the 10% or so who recognize who we are, must fall the burden of educating the public - the 50% who will never have a homosexual urge, and the other 40% who are somewhere in between - to the fact that homosexuality is not abnormal sexual behavior and not harmful in and of itself.


We are the ones who must push for laws guaranteeing civil rights and equal treatment under the law for anyone who engages in homosexual acts or a homosexual lifestyle.

And while, for the sake of our own Gay Pride and our identification as a group, we must continue to think of ourselves as homosexuals, we must work toward that day when labels can be discarded, when one's taste in sex will be viewed with no more curiosity than one's tastes in food or clothing.

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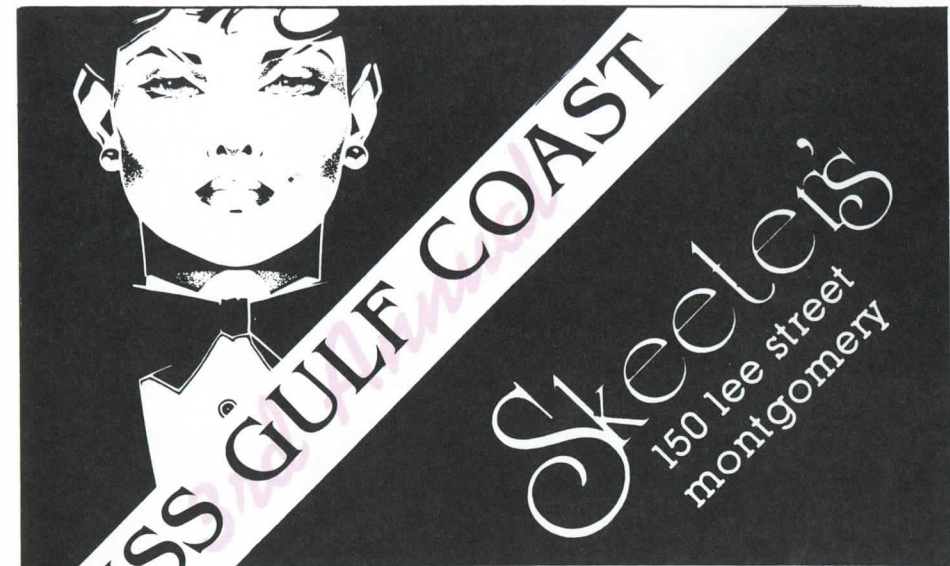
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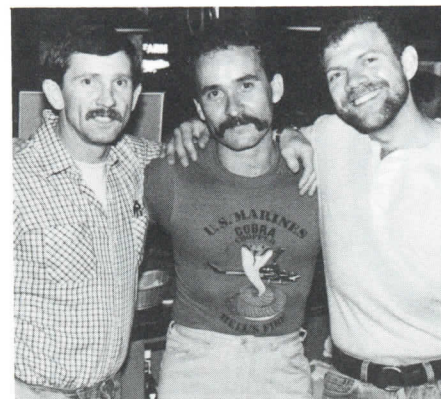
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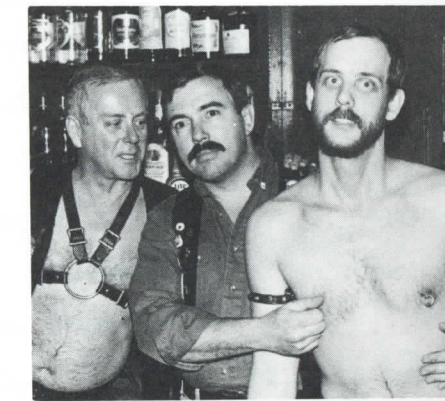
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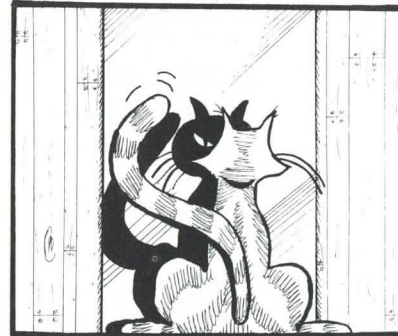
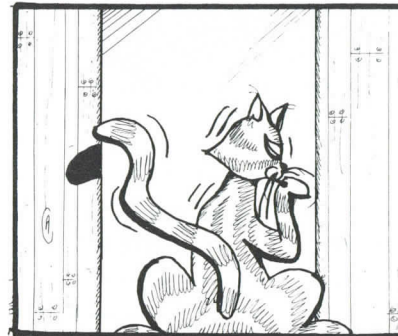
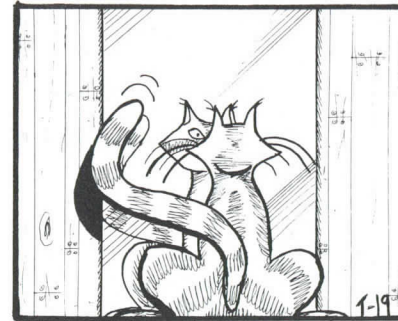
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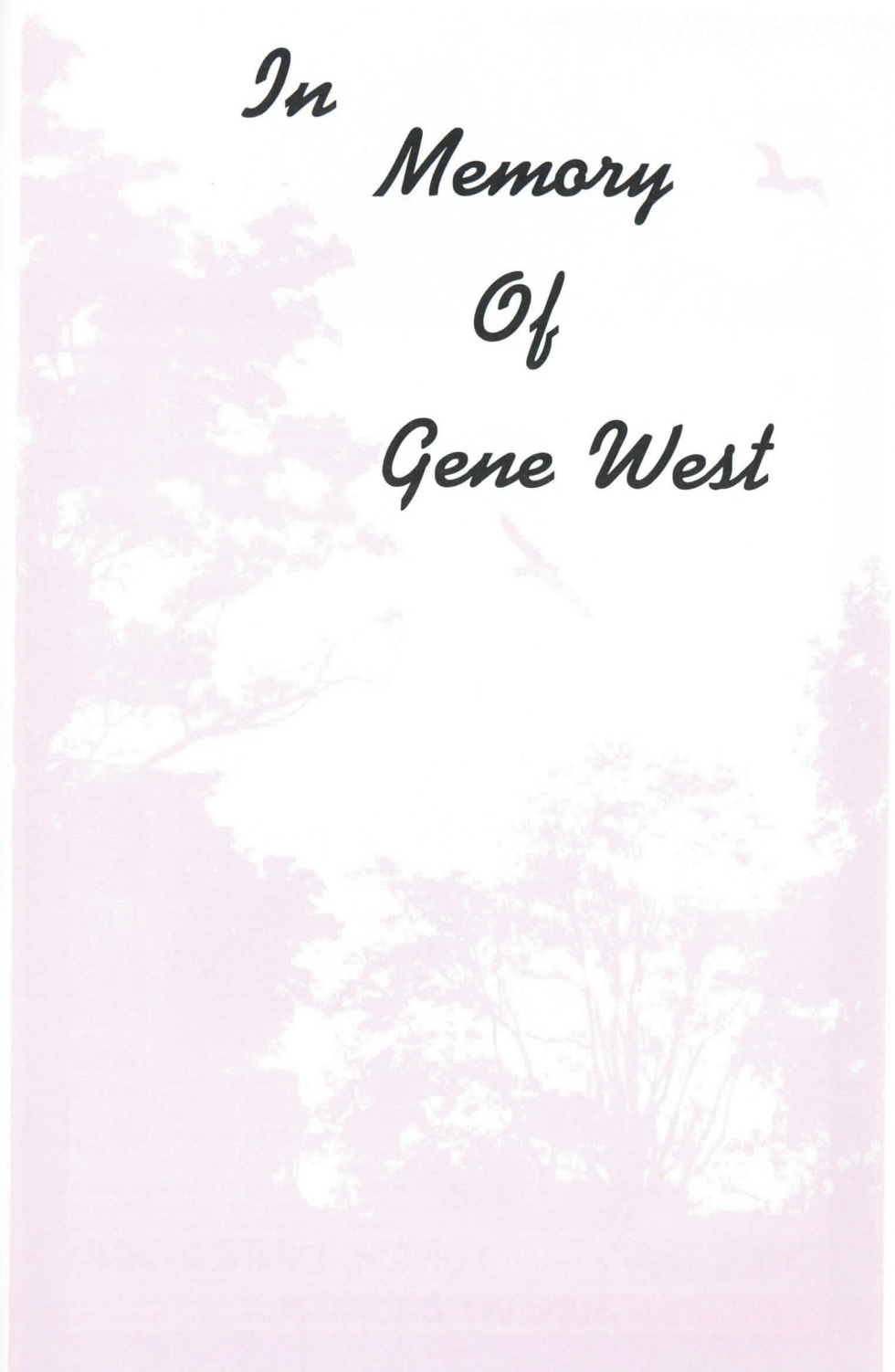
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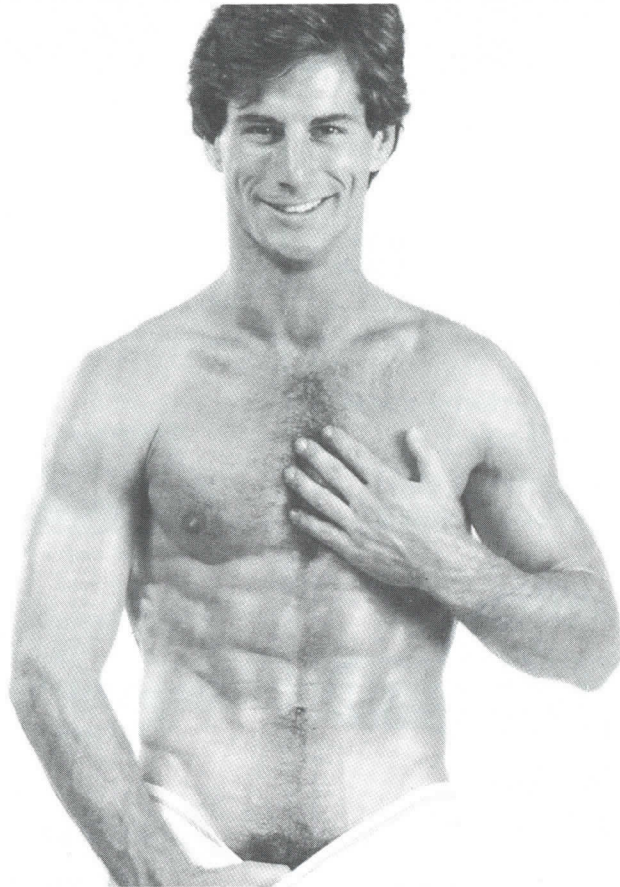
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TAURUS: If your other half acts too big for their britches, just go along for the ride, and don't push luck at work. Your budget gets a big boost this month, and so does spending! If your birthday is this week, the above lasts one year.)



GEMINI: Mars now in your sign, you'll have plenty of *oomph* until Summer. Work and vacation plans may undergo a need for close re-examination. Don't stretch health to the limit.



CANCER: You'll have lots of reserve energy the next few weeks, and your mating instincts are strong. Lovers can be kept on a medium-length string, but don't let romantic or sexual hopes fly too high.



LEO: Your social life will be active all month. You could be torn between affairs at work and home, but a close friend can help you out in both places. Your head will be in the clouds. Keep your feet on the ground.



VIRGO: Do your work with gusto, (Who's he?) The next few weeks, and you'll have plenty of clout with the boss. After work, share wild ideas with far-out friends. you're a healthy *Dynamo* this month.



LIBRA: You have ants in your pants most of next month, and won't like staying in one place physically or mentally. You'll feel like hanging up balloons, but the bubble can burst when the partys over



SCORPIO: You're very into yourself this weekend, and sex can spice up your life a lot for a few weeks. If you watch out who you take home, (or aim to please someone there,) you can entertain in style!



SAGITTARIUS: A partner may do something impulsive before summer and take the initiative. Let them do so, as long as they're not too aggressive or over dominating. Get some rest and quiet now.



CAPRICORN: Mars peeps up your health the next five weeks, and gives you added work energy. Diet, build muscle now. Friends may be generous, but *you* could spend too much on recreation.



AQUARIUS: You're full of vim and vinegar in the mak-out department. Enjoy yourself the next few weeks, but don't show off too much, you get attention at work. Make improvements at home.



PISCES: Things look lively at home until Summer. Folks pop in and out, and some could give you a hassle. Talk travel with friends, but make sure you can afford it.



ARIES: Watch mutual deals with friends, both financial and sexual the next few weeks. They could be gainful or costly. Your mind will be working overtime all this Spring.

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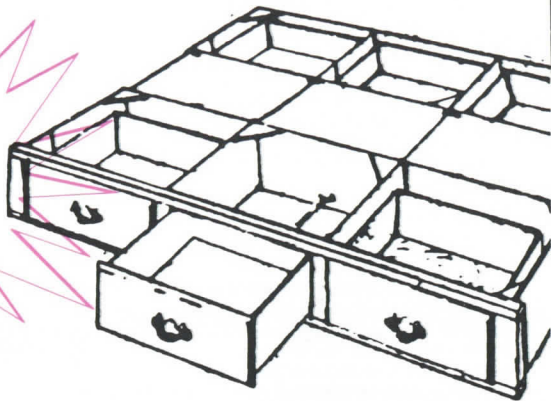
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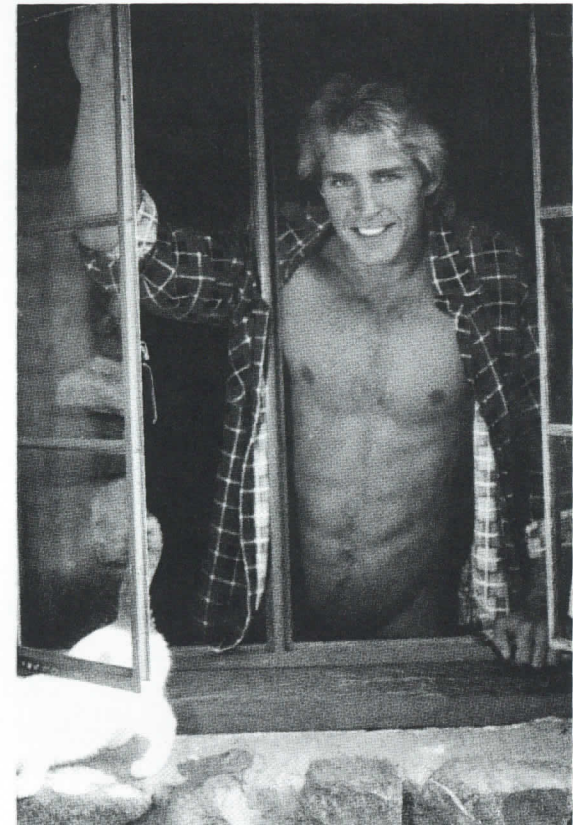
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