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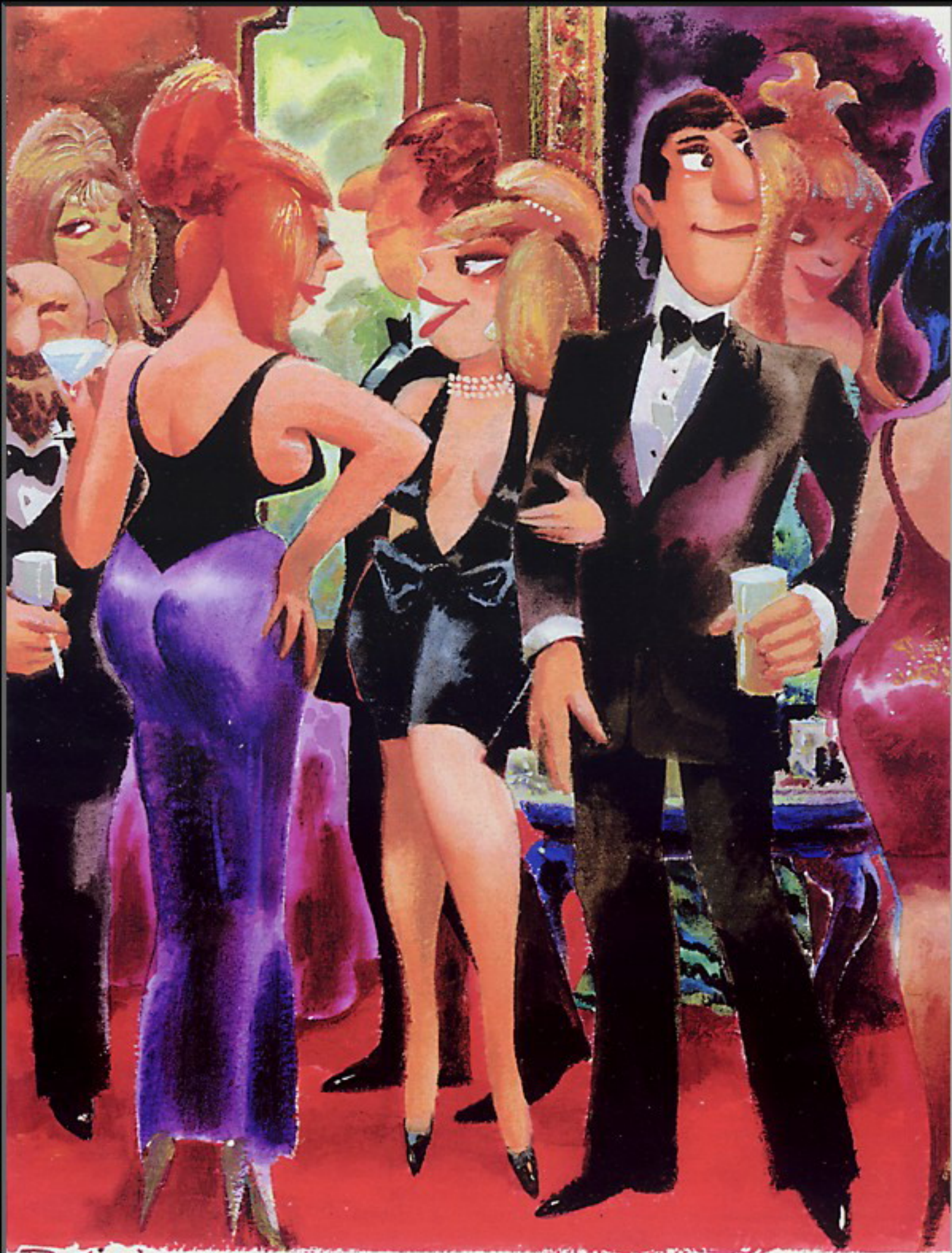
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SHARRY KONOPSKI







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*"He speaks softly and . . . you know the rest."*





## PLAYMATE REVISITED: SHARRY KONOPSKI

miss august 1987 blends glamour with guts

In 1987, when she was shooting her centerfold at Playboy Studio West, Sharry Konopski met a young woman named Ellen Stohl, who was also posing for the magazine. Sharry was overwhelmed by Ellen, a spunky paraplegic who had been injured in an auto accident. "I was really shy," she recalls, "and Ellen's personality was so forceful that she kind of scared me." After their pictorials appeared, the two young women went their separate ways. Sharry returned to rural Washington State, where she married and

"I'd never worn false eyelashes before, and doing this shoot, I felt like Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*: 'I'm ready for my close-up, Mr. DeMille.' But I wanted to be a temptress. Couldn't they put me in a leather outfit with a bullwhip? Pam Anderson gets to do all the good stuff."



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Trainer Steve Mansfield helps Sharry build strength. "I tell people my jeans are by Armani but my body is by Steve," she says. Recent spinal-injury research on rats shows promise, and Sharry was asked if she'd like to participate in future human trials. "I said, 'Sign me up. I'll wear a big rat suit and eat however much cheese is required.' I'd make the rat costume, if I got some help with the sewing machine."

had two children (Spencer, now eight, and Siera, six). In 1995, a tragedy similar to Ellen's struck Sharry. On what she describes as "a really bad April Fool's Day," she was driving home from work when three deer suddenly appeared in the road. She swerved, hit loose gravel and rolled her Mustang.

"I lay out in the woods all that night," Sharry recalls, "and God and I had a few choice words. The staff in the trauma unit at the hospital where I was taken told me that if I'd been out there another 20 minutes, or if the temperature had been a few degrees lower, I would have died." She is paralyzed from the spinal cord injuries she suffered and will never walk unassisted again.

"I just picked myself up, dusted myself off and am continuing on," says Sharry today. "I'm giving safety talks to local students, telling them what happened to me, how I survived the trauma and how to prevent injuries." One thing she has learned is that "the only thing that you can really count on is change." One such change: Her marriage is breaking up. "Some people can't deal with adversity," she observes. "My husband is a wonderful father,











but sometimes things just don't work out." Meanwhile, Sharry gets on with her life, with a little help from her fans—and from PLAYBOY, which sponsored a fund-raiser for her in Los Angeles (among the guests: Ellen Stohl). She works

out with trainer Steve Mansfield, building strength in her upper body so she can manipulate a set of braces. After stories about her plight appeared in regional newspapers, Robert Owens, an orthotist in Salem, Oregon, donated his time to build braces for her. With their aid, Sharry took her first steps on October 21, 1996. Things, she says, are definitely looking up.

"What everybody wants to know is, can I have sex? I tell them yes, I can have sex. Yes, I can get pregnant. But it takes a special person to be my partner. He has to be compassionate and understanding, because sex with me has to be a little more choreographed. It's not going to be a baby-oil wrestling match. One time I heard a cartoonist who's disabled say there are advantages to being paralyzed, like getting good parking places. The best part, he said, is that you no longer have to work too hard when you have sex. I just howled."

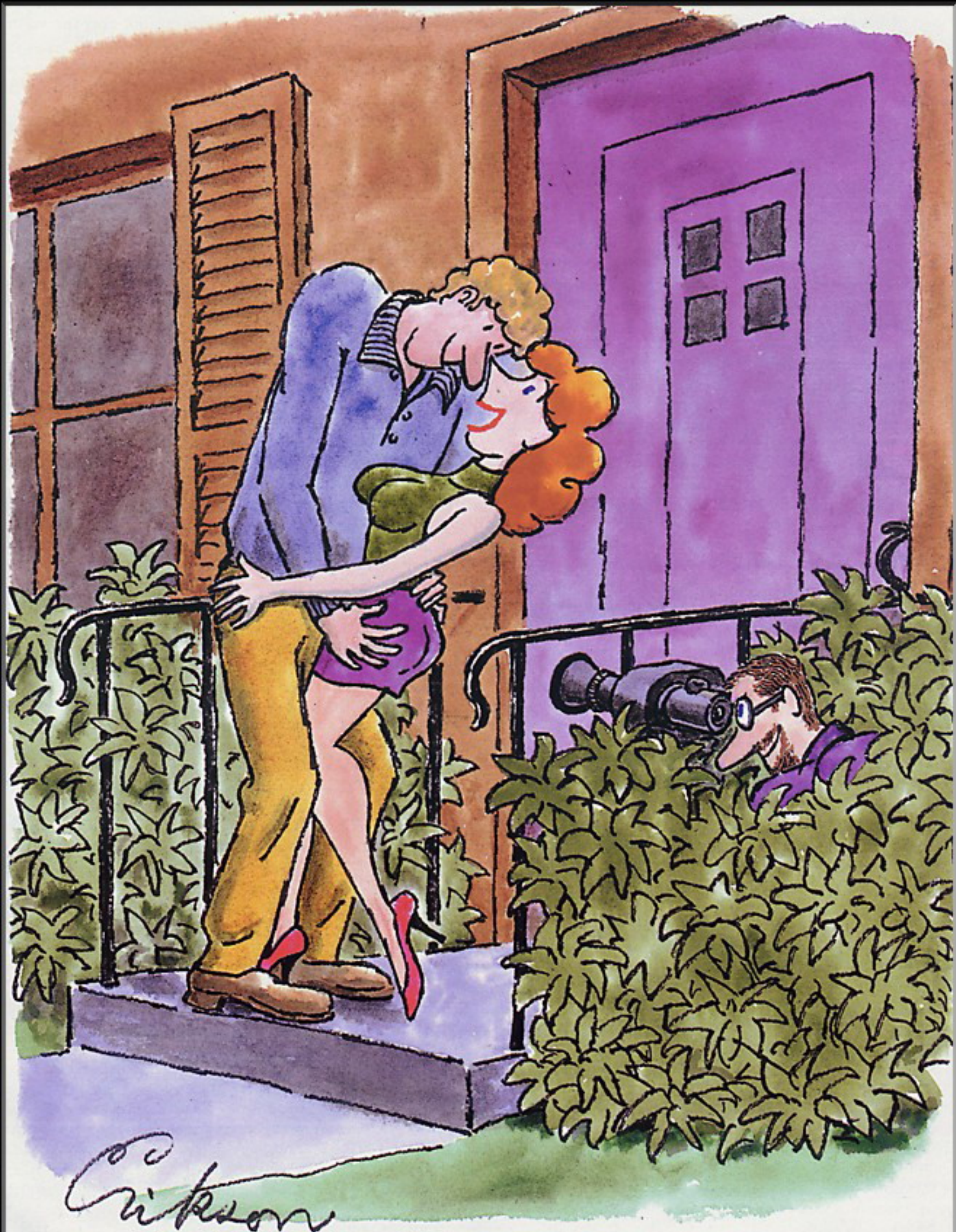






*"My new boyfriend is an insomniac. There's something to be said for a man who's up all night."*





*"Don't worry about my husband. He's somewhere shooting a documentary film."*





In our July 1964 issue, André Maurois paid homage to French actress Brigitte Bardot, who had redefined screen sensuality in Roger Vadim's *And God Created Woman* (1956). Maurois' essay, *BB: The Sex Kitten Grows Up*, described Bar-

dot as "a petite, sulky, tousled beast of the jungle" who "lived in the nude" and embodied "eroticism uncorrupted." Bardot would appear in six PLAYBOY pictorials. This shot, from Maurois' story, was taken on the set of *A Very Private Affair*.





*"You know what I miss most? Lighting up after having sex in the lavatory."*





# MAID MIRIAM

miss march believes  
in good omens

**O**H LOOK, there's a falling star!" says Jennifer Miriam. It's a clear, cold midnight in Austin, Texas and we have goose bumps as we walk along the lake, not because of the temperature but because Jennifer was talking about finding her soul mate at the precise moment the heavenly light caught her eye. She considers it a sign.

This 24-year-old model, actor and hotel concierge (who once served Quentin Tarantino breakfast at five A.M., "when he was coming in from a night on the town after a B-movie film festival in Austin") believes in past lives. She says she was a priestess who met, and lost, her soul mate 2000 years ago—and she's been missing him in all her lives since. But a psychic told her she would meet him again in two years. She can't wait.

The daughter of an oilman, Jennifer grew up in Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado (where she learned to ski) and Texas. Moving frequently taught her how to meet people, she says. She also learned how to be the class clown. "Every time the teacher would leave the room," she remembers, "I would entertain the class. I got sent home a lot. Like the time in first grade when I crawled under my desk and roared like a lion."

Jennifer has always loved lions—and almost every man she's dated, coincidentally, has been a Leo. "Leos are magical," she acknowledges, "but I haven't had very good luck with them." She compares the men she has dated to

"It's hard to build a snowman with fresh powder," says Jennifer, jumping for joy in Park City, Utah (above left), "but I didn't let that stop me!" The daredevil said she hiked two miles to an untouched advanced slope with five feet of fresh powder (left). "I looked down once and then went for it!"

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FREYTAG AND STEPHEN WAYDA







In Jennifer's romantic fantasy, a blizzard is raging outside, so she and her soul mate can't go skiing. They build a fire, throw lots of pillows around and . . . play! "Nobody should forget how to be a kid," she says. "I don't need to spend time trying to alter my mind. I just want to play."



a character in *The Lion King* ("my favorite Disney film," she says)—the king's evil brother, Scar. But her soul mate, once she's reunited with him, will be the mane event: Mufasa, the lion king.

That king of beasts had better be prepared for his independent mate. She demands of any guy she dates: "'Let me be me!' I like people who like to have fun and aren't worried about what other people think. If he says, 'You can't do that,' I say, 'Bye.' I dated an actor once who called me from a golf course on his cellular phone. I said, 'Never mind!' He was into the right cars, the right possessions. I hate that. I would rather have a guy in a beat-up pickup who's nice to me and brings me flowers he picked himself. He has to be independent, too, because I don't want to take care of anybody."

Acting classes and auditions take a lot of her time. "I want to do independent films," she says, "small, meaningful movies like *The Spitfire Grill*." But Jennifer is happiest when she's outdoors. To stay in shape she runs with her dog, Snickers, who is half Australian shepherd and half dingo. She also plays football with her guy friends and loves horseback riding, biking, hiking and camping (she roughs it—no tents allowed). In her quiet moments she practices yoga and meditates, and she loves to read. Forget Jane Austen; this tomboy is into literary lions Ernest Hemingway and Charles Bukowski.

—JULIE J. BAIN































MISS MARCH

PLAYBOY'S PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH



*Jennifer Miriam*



PLAYMATE DATA SHEET



NAME: Jennifer Miriam

BUST: 36c WAIST: 24 HIPS: 34

HEIGHT: 5'5" WEIGHT: 114 (before chicken-fried steak!)

BIRTH DATE: 05-02-72 BIRTHPLACE: Oklahoma City, OK

AMBITIONS: To continue growing as a film actor to the point where I can retire to the serenity of the Rocky Mountains.

TURN-ONS: A guy who will bring me fresh-picked flowers and who will jump into the river with me.

TURNOFFS: Anyone who tries to suppress the free spirit in me!

FAVORITE DISHES: Chicken-fried steak, biscuits, cheesy mashed potatoes, pecan pie - and the man who appreciates a woman with healthy appetites.

I HAVE A PASSION FOR: Lions - getting suspended in 1<sup>st</sup> grade for roaring like one, continuously falling for Leo's  $\cup$ , adoring "The Lion King" and also "Leo" DiCaprio.

MY IDEA OF FUN: Reading Anne Rice novels aloud to each other, then running naked through the cemetery.

I EXPOSE MYSELF TO: New Orleans blues, Charles Bukowski poetry, art-house films, Andy Warhol paintings and the guitar player in the corner of the café.



Outlaw at an early age (6)



Playing cat and mouse (age 8)



"The Princess Dakota" (her 3, me 23)



# PLAYBOY'S PARTY JOKES

The exhausted businessman stopped in a Tokyo bar for a drink. "Speak English?" he asked the bartender.

"Yes, sir."

"Great. I'd like a Stoli with a twist."

The barkeep looked at him for a moment, then leaned over the bar. "OK, once upon a time there were four little pigs. . . ."

**COMPUTER VIRUS OF THE MONTH:** the Hillary Clinton. Files disappear, only to reappear mysteriously a year later in another directory.



**PLAYBOY CLASSIC:** At the motel checkout desk, Harry handed the clerk \$50. "I'm sorry, sir," the man said, "but this won't cover your bill."

"The hell it won't," Harry barked. "The sign outside says rooms are 40 bucks."

"But that doesn't include the food," the clerk explained. "Your total is \$75."

"But I didn't eat any food."

"It was there for you. If you didn't eat any, that's your fault."

Harry glared at the motel employee for a moment. "OK," he finally said, "then you owe me \$100."

"What for?" the confused clerk asked.

"For screwing my wife."

"But I never touched her!"

"That's your fault," Harry shrugged. "She was there for you."

A spectacular-looking blonde took a seat at the bar. "What'll it be?" the bartender asked.

"Oh, nothing," she replied. "I'm just waiting for that guy with the pet frog to come in."

While taking a weekend drive through the country, a New Yorker stopped to speak to a farmer leaning against a fence. Gesturing toward a hillside, the visitor complimented the fellow on his corn crop. "How do you plow that field? It's pretty steep."

"Don't plow it," the farmer replied. "When the spring thaw comes, the rocks rolling down the hill tear it up."

"That so? How do you plant it?"

"Don't plant it. Just stand in my backyard and shoot the seed in with a shotgun."

"That so?"

"Nope," the farmer said with a shrug. "That's conversation."

**THIS MONTH'S MOST FREQUENT SUBMISSION:** Why are educators so concerned about the graduating class of economists? The majority believe Prozac ended the Great Depression.

After dinner and a movie, Carl drove his date to a quiet country road and made his move. When Mary responded enthusiastically to his kissing, he tried sliding his hand up her blouse. Suddenly she jerked away, got out of the car and stomped home. That night she wrote in her diary, "A girl's best friends are her own two legs."

On their next date, Carl returned to the country road. As they were necking, he slid his hand up Mary's skirt. Once again she pulled away, got out of the car and stomped home. That night she wrote in her diary, "I repeat, a girl's best friends are her own two legs."

On the third date, the pair returned to the country road. This time Mary didn't get home until very late. That night she wrote, "Dear diary: There comes a time when even the best of friends must part."

The seven-year-old told her mom that a little boy in her class asked her to play doctor. "Oh, dear," the mother nervously sighed. "What happened, honey?"

"Nothing. He made me wait 45 minutes and then double-billed the insurance company."



We hear Bill Gates was seen with Divine Brown. She charged him the basic rate, plus \$99.95 for the upgrade, manual and customer support.

A snowstorm kept the two gay men cooped up all weekend. To combat the boredom, one suggested a game of hide-and-seek. "I'll go hide. If you find me within five minutes, I'll give you the best blow job of your life."

"Awesome," the other said. "But what if I don't find you?"

"Oh, silly—I'll be behind the couch."

Send your jokes on postcards to Party Jokes Editor, PLAYBOY, 680 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611, or by e-mail to [jokes@playboy.com](mailto:jokes@playboy.com). \$100 will be paid to the contributor whose submission is selected. Sorry, jokes cannot be returned.





*"I said nothing about a quickie, madam—I asked if you would consider a shorty."*



PLAYBOY'S  
GUIDE TO

# Spring Skiing

WANT TO BOARD IN THE  
BUFF OR SKI A SOFA?  
HERE ARE THE WILDEST  
PLACES TO GO  
DOWNHILL FAST

article by CHARLES PLUEDDEMAN

In theory, skiing is a winter activity. Snow is the essential medium, after all. But that doesn't mean you have to endure the icy blasts of January to carve a perfect turn or receive a glorious face-shot of powder. Spring is skiing's second season, a time to celebrate the return of the sun and rejoice in the best snow of the year. In fact, March and April tend to be the snowiest months for many resorts. Add to that lower lift-ticket prices and plenty of wild events, and you have great reasons to keep your skis and snowboards waxed and ready for action. For some, that means swooshing down a slalom course in full business attire in the annual GMC Truck Briefcase Race at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire. For others, it means wearing much less, in bikini races at Telluride, Colorado. Whatever your pleasure, we've covered it in this guide to spring flings on the slopes.

**Big Mountain, Montana:** For rowdy fun and friendly locals, it's tough to beat Big Mountain, near Kalispell in

Pictured from left to right are Playmates Priscilla Taylor, Anna-Marie Goddard and Victoria Fuller. Buckle up: You could meet them on the slopes this spring at resorts such as Crested Butte and Snow Summit.

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northwest Montana. The Hawaiian-themed Beach Party Weekend kicks off March 15 with a pig roast, tropical drinks and a race in which skiers vie for a medal while dressed in flowered shirts and hula skirts. The Waitress Cup competition opens on March 20 with bawdy skits at the Bier Stube bar—followed by a ski race through an obstacle course. And Big Mountain's showcase event is the annual Furniture Race on April 5. Creative participants compete in a variety of categories, speeding down the mountain on all manner of home furnishings. Last year, five daredevil entrants secured a sofa, coffee table and television to a platform on skis. All entries must have brakes, a steering apparatus and a helmet. First prize is a recliner.

**Grand Targhee, Wyoming:** Jackson Hole has the reputation, but Grand Targhee has the snow. Situated on the west side of the Teton Range, with an 8000-foot base that's 1700 feet higher than that of its famous neighbor, this resort usually has great skiing through its scheduled closing date of April 20. Skiers and snowboarders of all abilities can compete for prizes during the annual Anheuser-Busch Spring Snow Carnival (March 14 to 16) or enter the Bud Girl contest, a "drag" race followed by a beauty pageant for "mountain men."

**Crested Butte, Colorado:** Three words say it all: free lift tickets. That's from April 7 through 20, no strings attached. The season draws to a close the weekend of April 19 with the Rocky Mountain Brewers Cup—a microbrew tasting and competition—and Snowfusion events that include a snowshoe and snowboard biathlon, plus mountain bike and kayak slalom races on the mountain. Sample enough beer and you may be ready to join locals who ski the Butte in the buff on closing day (April 22), a tradition that is not sanctioned by the resort. Bring a backpack for your clothes—you must be dressed to ride the lift.

**Park City, Utah:** Golf on skis in the Evian Golf Tournament, one of many popular events offered at the Snow Shine Festival (March 29 to April 13). Golfers tee off at the 9400-foot summit and play a nine-hole downhill course, smacking tennis balls through race gates that act as holes.

**Brian Head, Utah:** An 11,000-foot summit produces good late-season snow at this resort, situated near Cedar City, a three-hour drive from Las Vegas. The Altered Olympics is the signature event of the annual Brian Head Spring Carnival (March 22 to 30), which draws a zany UNLV crowd. Events include keg-rolling, a ski obstacle course and the crash-intensive Dash

for Cash downhill mountain bike race.

**Breckenridge, Colorado:** The month-long Beach Daze at Breckenridge kicks off April 1 with the April Fool's Day parade, which has featured appearances by "Bill and Hillary Clinton" in a hot tub (in hot whitewater). Other events include snow volleyball and the Imperial Challenge—a bike/climb/slide race from town to the summit of Peak Eight and down again.

**Arapahoe Basin, Colorado:** Known as the King of Spring and surely the funkier ski area in Colorado, 13,000-foot A-Basin has one of the longest seasons of any resort in the country (last year it closed on July 4). In April and May, join locals to catch the bikini and barbecue action along "the beach," at the edge of the parking lot. Mountain bikers race down a mogul course in the Bike and Bumps competition in April, while the annual Beach and Bikini Contest in May features live music and celebrity judges.

**Telluride, Colorado:** Pink flamingos and scantily clad skiers dot this mountain during the annual end-of-season Surf the Rockies festival (March 31 to April 13). In the Nike ACG Snowboard Derby on April 4 and 5, in which nearly \$100,000 in prizes is up for grabs, heats of six riders navigate a course littered with banked turns and rollers before sailing off a 30-foot-high jump at the finish line. Last year, 5000 spectators made this the biggest party of the season. Wear a crazy costume to enter the Bikini Slalom (April 12). A recent winner was a woman dressed in 20 years' worth of old season passes.

**Vail, Colorado:** Racers from around the world will be in town the week of March 12 for the Chevy Trucks International Ski Festival. This is the World Cup Finals for the 1996–1997 season, open to the top 25 racers in slalom, giant slalom, Super-G and downhill. Expected to make the cut are U.S. Ski Team members Hilary Lindh and Tommy Moe.

**Snow Summit, California:** Interested in bombing the mountain behind a Playmate? Then head to Snow Summit for the Playboy Winter Ski Fest (March 7 to 9). Nissan sponsors the on-snow events, including Playmate-led tours, races with prizes and a snowboard competition hosted by Haz-Mat snowboards. Smirnoff vodka takes over the après-ski activities, including Playmate appearances, live music, bar games for prizes and a sweepstakes to win a Nissan Pathfinder. You can also catch similar events during the Playboy Winter Ski Fest at Stowe, Vermont from March 14 to 16.

**Snow Valley, California:** Body-bag races return to the midmountain Margarita Beach bar this spring in a reprise

of perhaps the strangest winter sports event ever. Now in its third season, the competition has participants sliding down a slope in body bags supplied by the local coroner's office. Just zip in and go!

**Sierra-at-Tahoe, California:** Races to determine the King and Queen of Corn are the featured events of Sierra Sunsplash (April 5), which also includes live reggae music, food and beer. The season closes on April 19 with the Boarding for Breast Cancer Benefit, a day of half-pipe and freestyle snowboard competitions with top riders and big-name bands. (The Beastie Boys made a surprise appearance last year.)

**Mt. Rose Ski Area, Nevada:** Those desperate for a cheap lift ticket should not miss Bud Light Ladies Day on March 20 at this Lake Tahoe-area resort. The premise is simple: Dress like a woman and get a \$15 lift ticket. Anything goes—tight sweaters, bikinis, even nuns' habits.

**Sugarbush, Vermont:** A highlight of Spring Fling at Sugarbush (March 29 through May 4) is the annual pond-skimming contest on April 5. Contestants attempt to glide on skis or snowboards over an ice-cold, 125-foot-long pond. Last year only 15 of 200 entrants succeeded. Prizes are awarded for complete skims, the best crashes and the craziest costumes.

**Loon Mountain, New Hampshire:** Corporate rivalry is renewed on March 1 during the fifth-annual GMC Truck Briefcase Race, a dual-slalom event for five-person coed teams of executives in full business attire or other costumes, all of which must include a briefcase. Proceeds from the event go to the Faulkner Breast Center Research Fund. Any "loonatic" can enter the cardboard box derby during the Pepsi Spring Fling Weekend (March 15 and 16). Cash prizes are awarded for the fastest, most creative and most original boxes to make it down the mountain. Last year there was a Stealth bomber, a 1957 Chevy, a gigantic banana split (filled with ice cream) and a candy shop (complete with counter and stools)—all made of cardboard.

**Sunday River, Maine:** More pond skimming during the Spring Celebration on March 29 and 30—this time over a slush puddle that last year swallowed all but one of 150 skimmers. There's also Paul Mitchell Budweiser Mogul Mania on April 5 and 6, an amateur event featuring exhibitions by pro freestyle legend Wayne Wong and pro mogul-bashers Stu O'Brien and Eddie Ferguson.

Head for those crazy hills!







*Int'l Land!*

*"I think après-ski on the chairlift is a little gauche!"*







Article By Kevin Cook

# GLAMOURCON

Come to the  
Mecca of Pin-ups—

Where Playmates Reign Supreme



GLAMOURCON is a cosmos of its own. It's easy to find: Enter the Los Angeles Airport Marriott and take the escalator down. The mirrored hall below is a whole other world, terra in flagrante. This is the party the pin-up world throws once a year, the biggest collection of nude photos this side of Charlie Sheen's wallet. This is where a girl doffs her fur coat

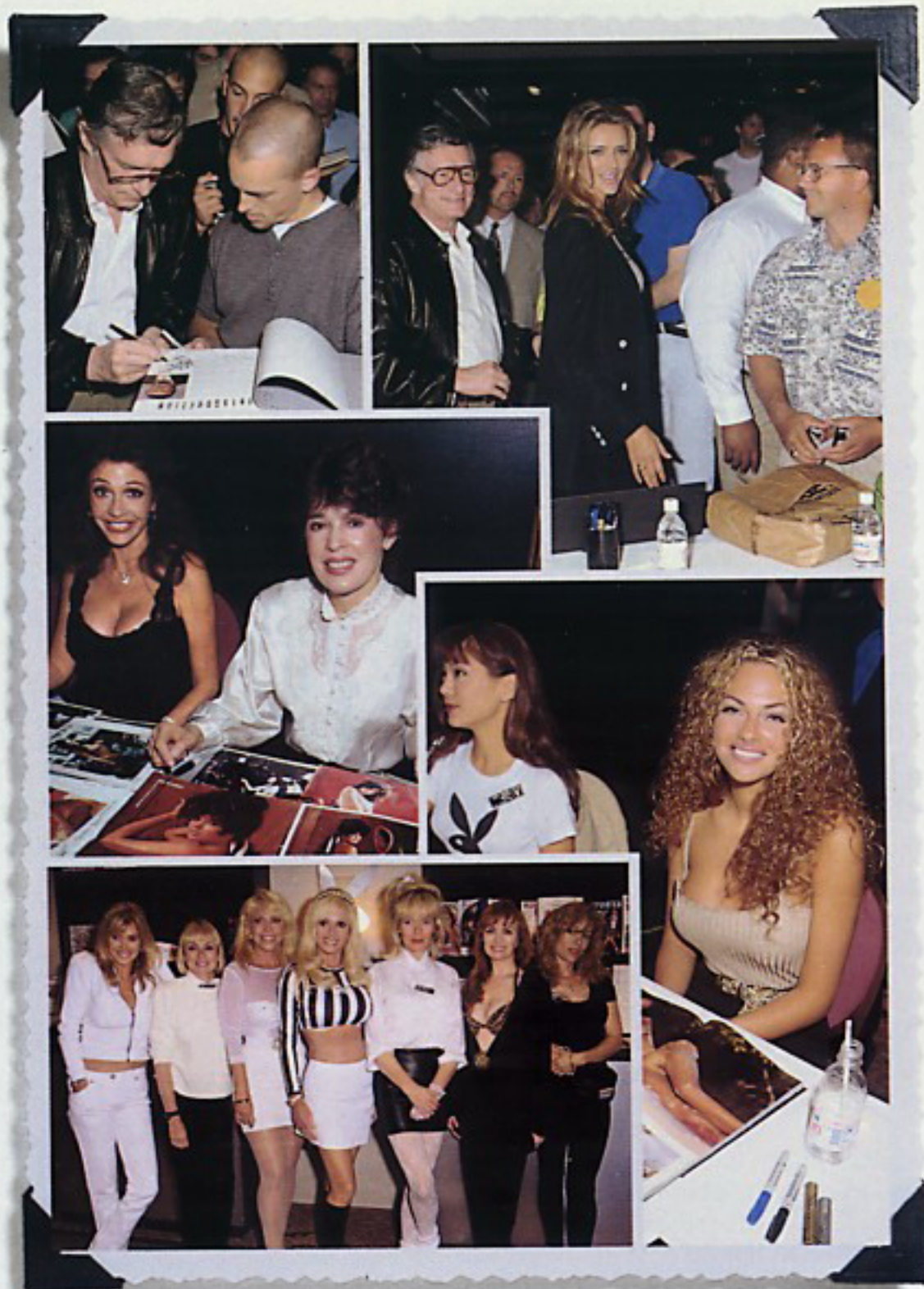
outside the Imperial Ballroom. She wears a few strips of leather underneath. She stretches, poses and asks you to take her picture.

Glamourcon is the world's largest marketplace for "glamour art." On display are vintage pin-ups, magazines, calendars, sexy movie ads, even such once-taboo items as leather gear and bondage catalogs. Like other recent booms in comic books and sports cards, the hobby is driven by rarity: This market's golden fleece is the first PLAYBOY, the 1953 Marilyn Monroe issue. Now worth upwards of \$10,000, it is as valuable as some of the rarest collectibles. "The Honus Wagner baseball card that Wayne Gretzky bought is worth more, but I'd rather look at Marilyn," says one collector.

Glam fans once traded purely on nostalgia. Now the times are catching up. "We're bigger than ever. We're getting more modern," says Bob Schultz, who launched the convention in 1991. In those days the annual weekend was a gathering of a few pin-up enthusiasts. Since then it has grown to a Kama Sutra Bowl.

"Look around you," Schultz said last April. "Where else can you find all this?"

The hall is a whirl of breasts and hips, laughter and commerce. Picture a *Star Trek* convention on Planet Sex. Exhibitors



Among the highlights in Los Angeles were (clockwise from upper left): Hugh M. Hefner making a fan's day; Hef and wife Kimberley causing a commotion; Miss February 1995 Lisa Marie Scott and 1996 PMOY Stacy Sanches signing autographs; seven Seventies Playmates all in a row (from left, Ann Pennington, 1974 PMOY Cyndi Wood, Sharon Johansen, Carol Vitale, 1976 PMOY Lillian Müller, Bonnie Large and Michele Drake); and Sixties Playmates Cynthia Myers (left) and Patti Reynolds attracting new fans.





Collector James Swanson provided the Egyptian sarcophagus lamp that opens to a gilt pin-up on the previous page and the Jayne Mansfield hot-water bottle, at left.

hawk hot videos, suggestive compact discs, Vampirella calendars. Women strut past you in necklines that aren't just plunging, they're in free fall. A girl wears

a TAN NAKED T-shirt. Hobbyists and pro collectors bid \$100 for a Pamela Anderson trading card, \$35 for PLAYBOYS from the year Pamela was born, \$18 for vintage boxer shorts, \$5 for a catalog featuring blindfolds and maid uniforms. Artist David Nestler sells his most noted work, a giant duct-taped girl. Here sits Apollonia, Prince's former girlfriend, all shiny with her purple nails, rock candy earrings and glossy black hair. She sells signatures for ten dollars. Two scary, gangsta-looking guys stride up and demand her attention. Worried, Apo puts up her hands. "Anything you want," she says. Then they perform a perfect duet of her hit song *Sex Shooter*.

Across from Apollonia stands another brunette beauty. She stars in lacy catalogs. "I'm a ham," says Persephone, who never expected Glamourcon to get so big. "I guess we're getting trendy," she says. "A lot of it is them."

Persephone nods to the spotlighted center of the exhibition hall, the cosmic hub. That's where video display terminals, CD-ROMs and security guards surround four rows of PLAYBOY Playmates, this year's special guests. Here's

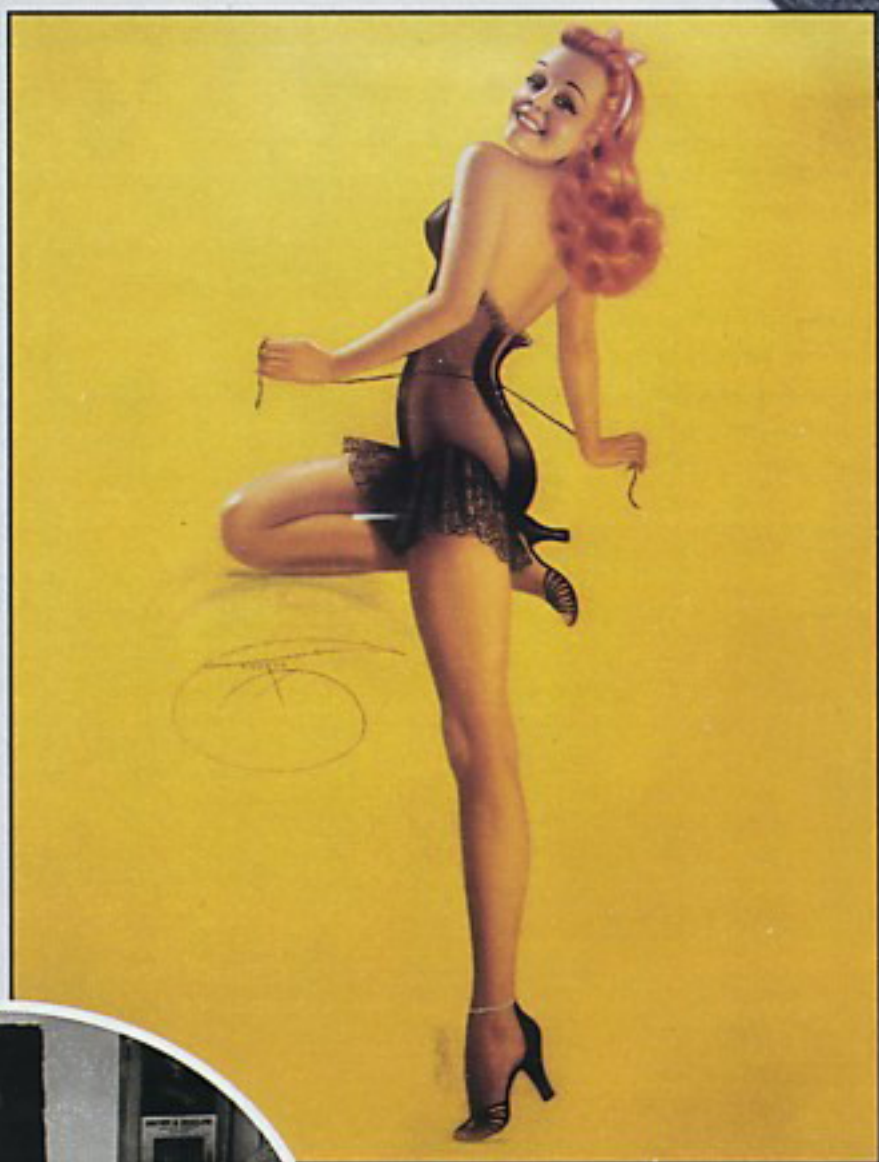


In 1958 London's 43-22-36 June Wilkinson, seen twice at the top of this page, made PLAYBOY readers admire her "frontage." June gained worldwide renown—and recent Glamourcon fans—as The Bosom, the epitome of Fifties femininity. Lili St. Cyr (above), was the most elegant exotic dancer ever. "To millions of men of all nationalities, Lili is the symbol of love," raved a fan magazine. Lili's stripping reportedly earned her \$200,000 a year 40 years ago. She beat a lewd-and-lascivious-performance charge after offering to take a bubble bath for the jury, wowed the world in the film *The Naked and the Dead* and penned her autobiography, *And Men My Fuel*.





The work of Gil Elvgren, whose bold strokes are clear in the print above left (and on the revolving pin-up lamp on page 119), now joins that of Billy De Vorsk (top right) and Earl Moran (below right)



on dealers' shelves and gallery walls. Enoch Bolles enlivened *Film Fun* (below left) in 1936. Zöe Mozart is seen at left painting Jane Russell for a poster for Howard Hughes' movie *The Outlaw*.

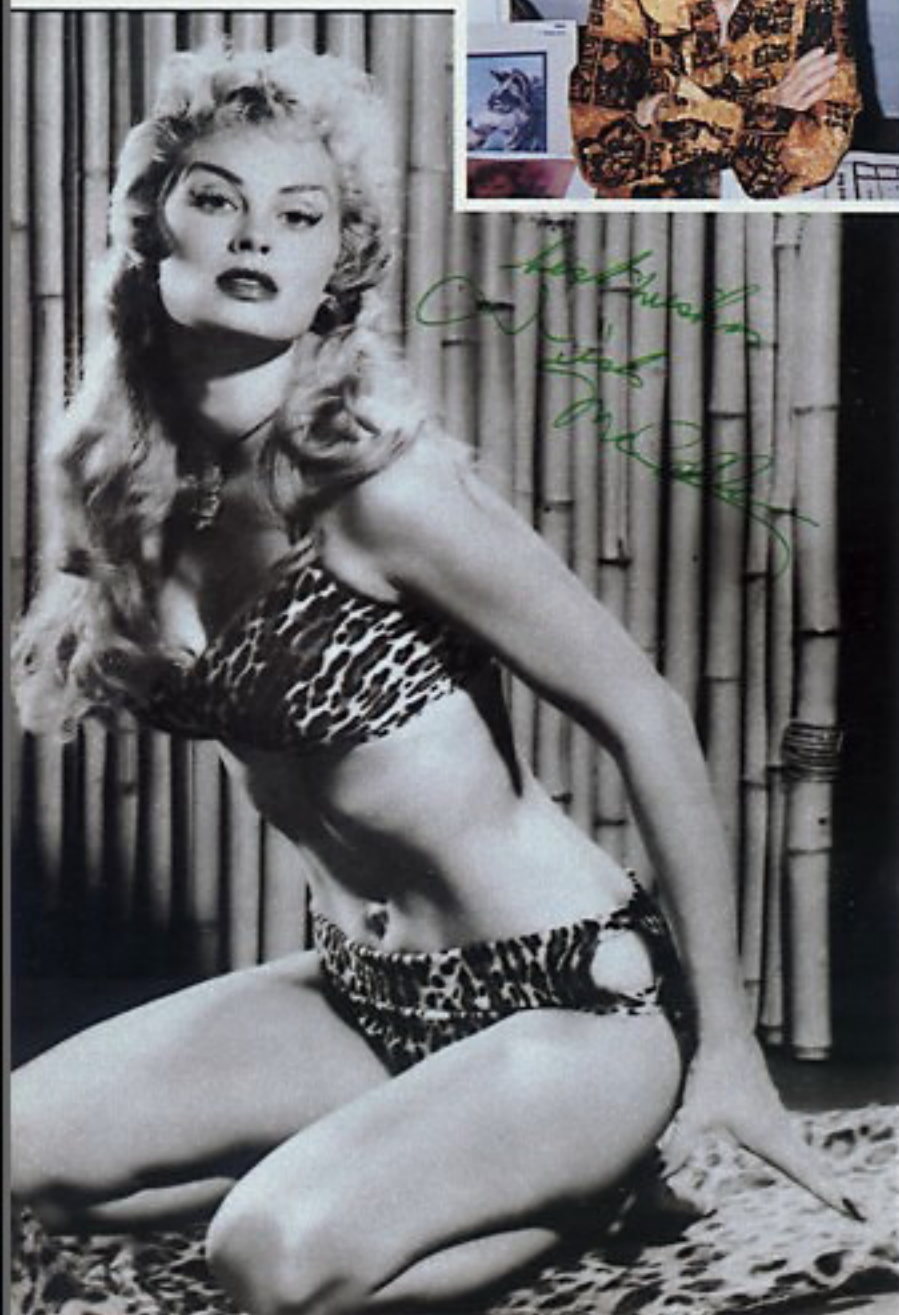




Fans often find their old flames looking great at Glamourcon. PMOY 1978 Debra Jo Fondren (below at Glamourcon and at right two decades earlier) now has shorter hair but is still long on beauty. Also on hand in Los Angeles was one of the great names of vin-

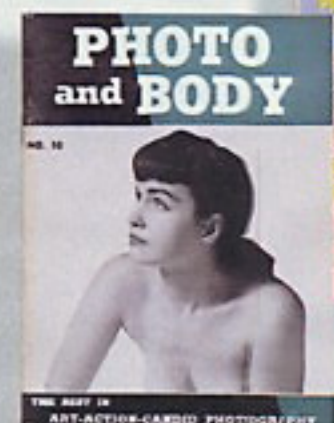


tage celebrity, Irish McCalla. The exotic, athletic Irish (in a classic pose below and at Glamourcon near right), a onetime Vargas model, was one of America's postwar pin-up queens. In 1956 she was TV's Sheena, Queen of the Jungle.



Miss August 1956 Jonnie Nicely, 1996 Playmate of the Year Stacy Sanches and more than 50 others, all signing photos, magazines and business cards for thousands of hungry collectors. Here's Playmate Cynthia Myers, who went from the centerfold to a lead role in *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls* and calls the latter an anticlimax. "Being Miss December 1968, that was my highlight," says Cynthia, whose soldier fans made her an instrument of psychological warfare in Vietnam. They left her centerfold in Viet Cong territory, during the enemy to compare their women to ours. The battleship-sized PLAYBOY exhibit eclipses the rest of the room. Persephone remembers when this was a smaller event where a girl who looked good in chains could be a star. "But I don't mind. They're pretty," she says.

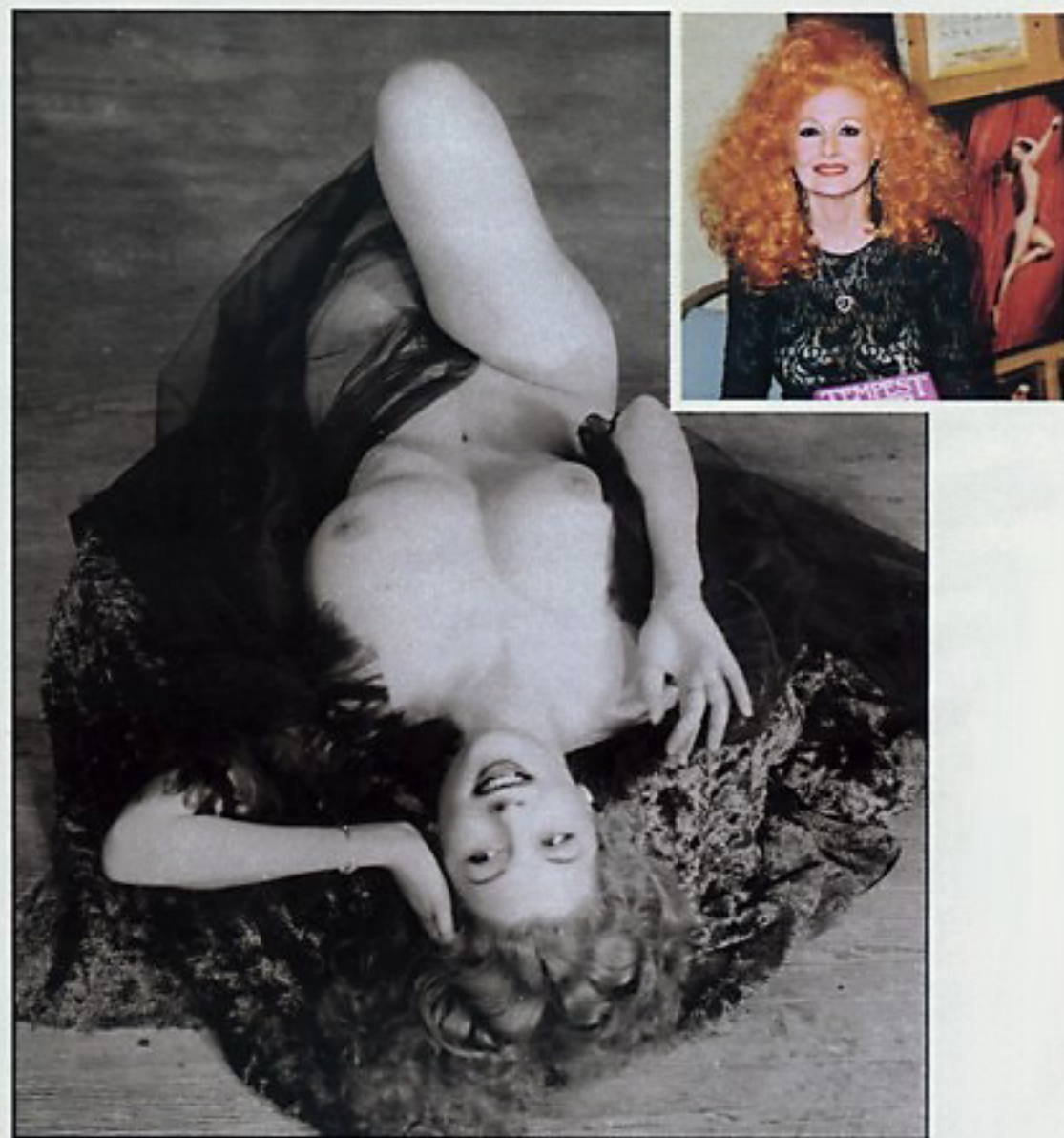
These days the Playmates rule the ballroom—rows of famous names, measurements and turn-ons. They sign centerfolds in gold ink, turning glossy paper into prizes collectors can fight over. They smile. They shake fans' hands. They cloud men's vision.



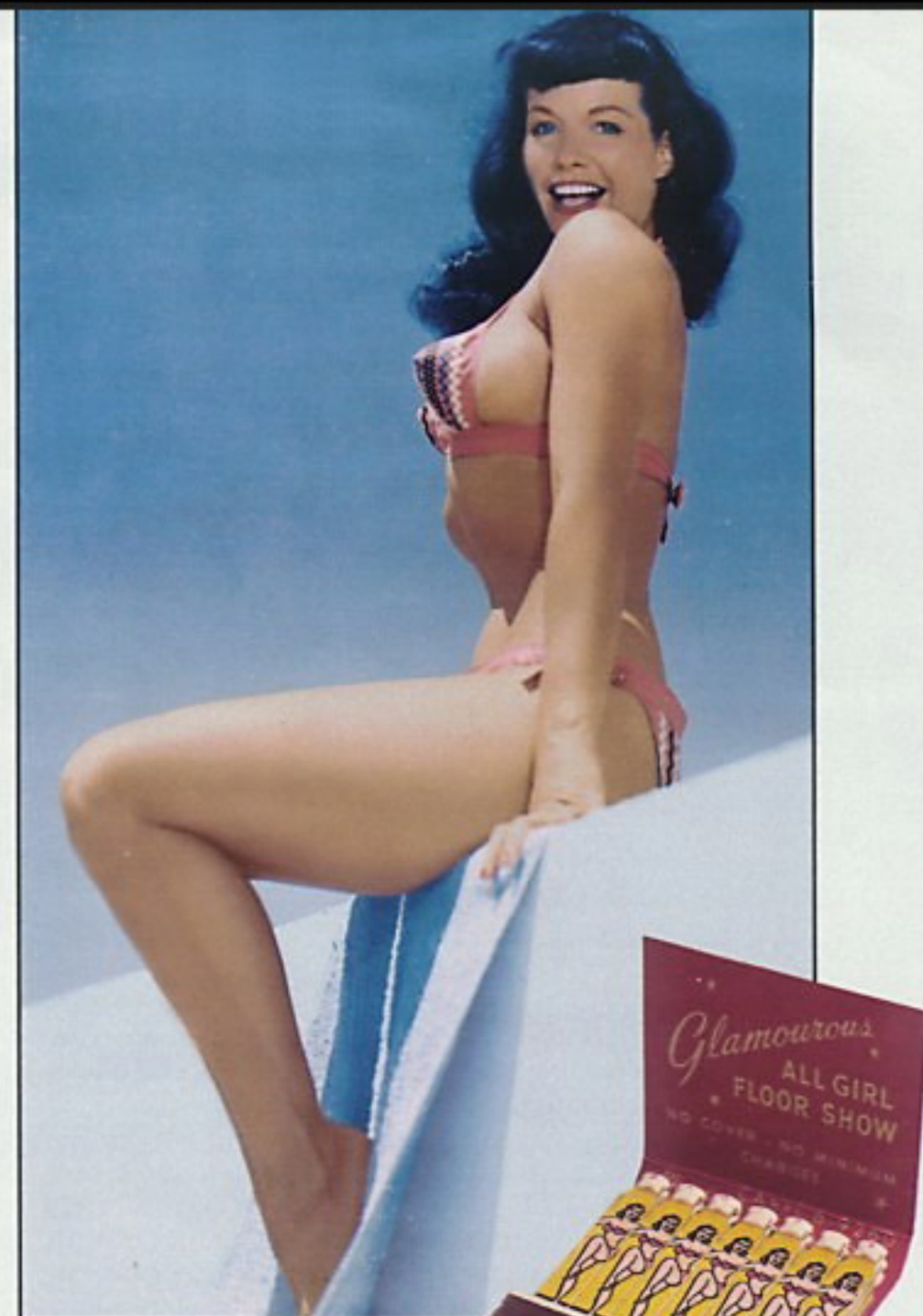
A cowboy-hatted dude leaving the ballroom shakes his head. "My eyes are worn out," he says.

You can blame much of the eyestrain on Bettie Page. A brunette cover girl, Bettie wore bikinis and a Doris Day smile on the covers of *Police Gazette* and *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine* in the Fifties. She also appeared in such early girlie magazines as *Stare*, *Leg Show* and—wink-wink—*Modern Sunbathing*. She was an uncommon sex object. Even when she appeared nude in the racier magazines, including posing as PLAYBOY's Miss January in 1955,

"I thought I would be forgotten," says the immortal Bettie Page (above). Instead Bettie helped inspire a new phenomenon. Will Bettie visit Glamourcon 1997? If not, Hef has a few other immortals for you (right). See how many Playmates you can name, then check the roster on page 160.



Flame-haired Tempest Storm (above) once ruled exotica's realm. Her breasts were insured for \$25,000 apiece. Her Las Vegas-based striptease was a national scandal, as were Tempest's affairs with Elvis Presley, Nat King Cole and then-Senator John F. Kennedy. "I'd like to live it all over again!" says Tempest, 69 (inset, at Glamourcon) and still quite blazy.







*"Dadgummit, Tex. I thought I was yer sidekick!"*







# FAYE

ms. resnick believes  
in full disclosure



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HEN I WAS asked by PLAYBOY to do this pictorial," says Faye Resnick, "I did a lot of soul-searching. Ultimately, I decided it would be a liberating experience. Because of what I've been through in the past two and a half years I had lost my sense of joy. I'd become isolated and disconnected spiritually. The experience proved to be even more incredible than I expected—it was my first taste of freedom," she adds, referring to her unsolicited transition from anonymity.

"It was actually part of my reawakening. And I've never had a problem with nudity. I'm comfortable with my body. From my Mediterranean background I'm very European in my thinking, and Europeans aren't judgmental. To them, nudity is considered natural. I strongly believe the human body should be celebrated."

Faye had another reason for choosing to do this pictorial. "I am an unconventional woman," she continues, "and I realize I will always be controversial because I speak my mind without

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editing what's politically correct. I say what's in my heart." Faye doesn't want to place restrictions or limits on herself. "Through my recovery I've learned that I don't need to, nor do I ever wish to."

The author of two books—*Nicole Brown Simpson: The Private Diary of a Life Interrupted* and *Shattered: In the Eye of the Storm*—Faye is currently at work on her third, *The Reinvention of a Woman*. It's a self-help book that, she says, "will enable women to understand that their past has nothing to do with their future. That we can all change ourselves and our lives."

"It has been my experience that women must find their own voices and speak with conviction without becoming abrasive or alienating men. So many women feel powerless and not in control of their own destiny. The solution is for us to embrace our femininity as well as our power."

Faye is a leading voice in the fight against domestic violence. She founded Domestic Violence Anonymous, a program that now exists in various cities across the country. She created a











14-step program for women who believe it's impossible to turn their lives around. As an advocate for abused women, Faye has appeared on national talk shows and has made numerous personal appearances. She has spent hours counseling women. To strengthen herself, she has been practicing meditation and tai chi every day for the past year and a half. As a proud liberal, she is determined to help women through difficult transitions in their lives.

Faye's greatest joy, she says, "is sharing my life with my daughter." Her greatest pain: "Losing my best friend." Her wishes for the future: "Healing and understanding between the sexes and races."

When Faye is not taking care of her daughter, or writing or speaking, she enjoys reading and watching the classics on AMC and TNT. "Those were gentler days," she says. "I can't take all the violence of modern films. There's a great quote from one of my favorite films: 'Once you find the way, you'll be bound. It'll obsess you. But believe me, it'll be a magnificent obsession.'"

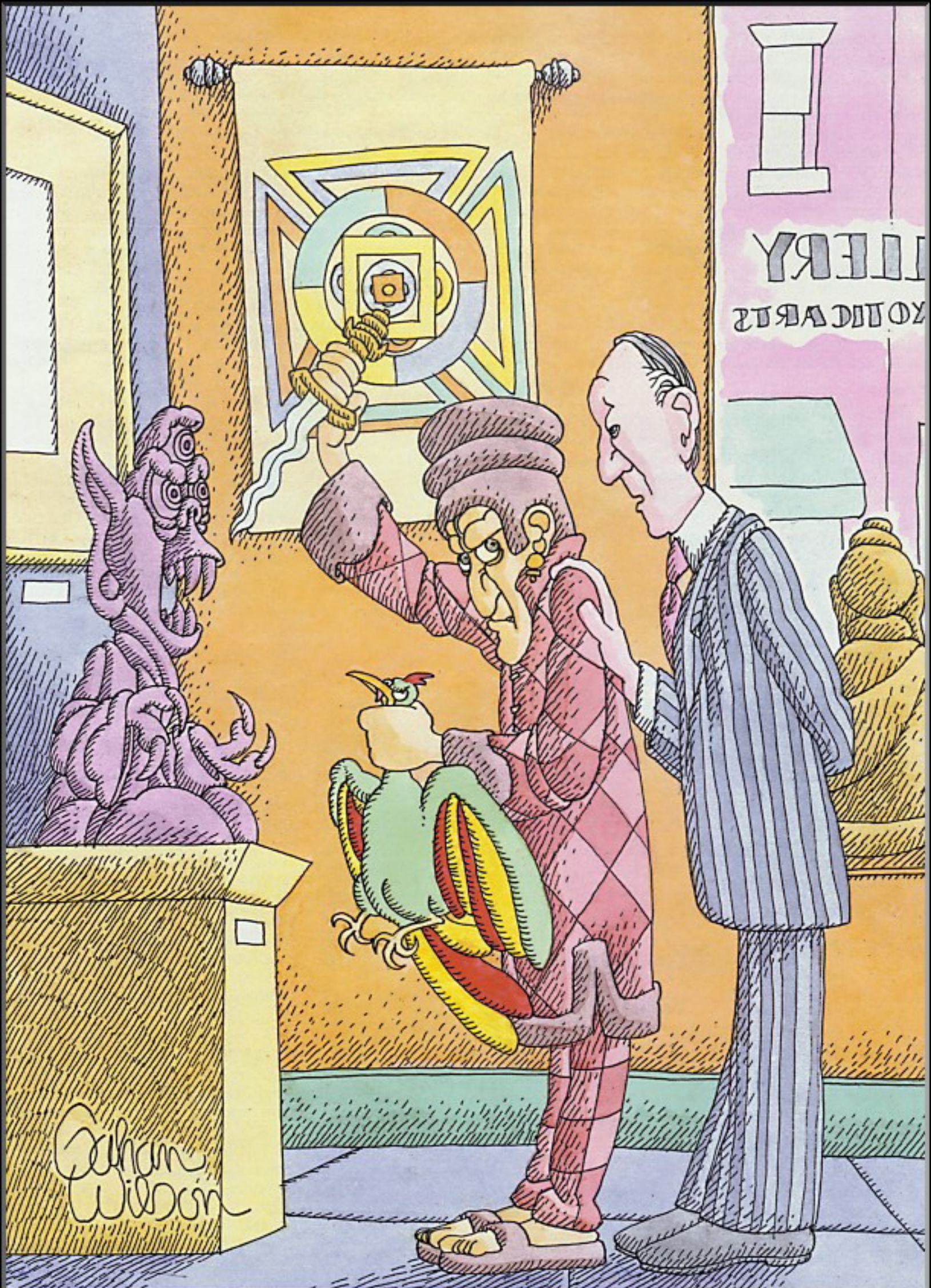
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TERESA OLSEN, PRIVATE TRAINER, LOS ANGELES











*"No sacrifices until you buy the idol, sir."*





LEB  
GAREL

*"What makes you think I'm—keep your hands where  
I can see them—a cop?"*





## OPERATION PLAYMATE

In November, at the Motown Café in New York City, more than a dozen Playmates celebrated Operation Playmate. The fund-raiser was held to support the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Veterans Leadership Program. Call it a 13-goddess salute.



Former New York mayor Ed Koch is flanked by Playmates (left to right) Donna Edmondson, Karin Taylor, Stacy Sanches, DeDe Lind and Helena Antonaccio at our gala. That's Jo Collins, inset.

An enthusiastic crowd of vets and up-town executives saved their biggest cheers for, among others, Helena Antonaccio, Cindy Fuller-Martino, DeDe Lind, Danelle Folta, Stacy Sanches, Bebe Buell and Jo Collins.

In 1966 Collins piloted the first Operation Playmate in Vietnam. Her visit to combat areas and field hospitals (later immortalized in the film *Apocalypse Now*) was initiated when troops of the 173rd Airborne Brigade ordered a lifetime subscription to PLAYBOY. At the time, a lifetime subscription included delivery by a Playmate. Collins recalled that the welcome she received "touched my heart and everyone else's on the trip." Captain Jack Price of the 173rd told her that while many Nam vets came home with heavy baggage, for his guys "the baggage was lighter." Paul Bucha, head of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, applauded PLAYBOY

## JUNE COCHRAN:

"When I posed I was petrified. To relax me, Pompeo Posar told me to think of myself as a shoe while he took my picture."

for leading the way on social issues. Former mayor Ed Koch called for greater action on Gulf war syndrome.

It was a rousing beginning to nationwide goodwill appearances by Operation Playmate, a program of support for servicemen that General H. Norman Schwarzkopf praised during Desert Storm as "a major morale boost." The Playmates will visit various veterans' hospitals. If you would like to

experience the power of Operation Playmate firsthand, log on to [www.playboy.com/announcements/play/index.html](http://www.playboy.com/announcements/play/index.html). Soon you'll also be able to visit the Photo Library at [cyber.playboy.com/members/library](http://cyber.playboy.com/members/library).

## PLAYMATE BOOK UPDATE

At the press party for *The Playmate Book* in November, 16 Playmates spanning five decades reunited with Hef for a book signing at the Playboy Mansion and at a Super Crown in Santa Monica. Stacy Sanches, Jo Collins, DeDe Lind, Candy Loving and a surprise visit by 1956 Playmate Betty Blue helped make it a truly special event. Crowds of people—many of whom bought six books at a time—lined up around the block for autographs. "This book is much more personal to

Bill Maher poses with Playmates (top, left to right) Julie Cialini, Tina Bockrath, Anna-Marie Goddard and Stacy Sanches. Hef and Kimberley autograph *The Playmate Book*.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:  
FIRST PLAYMATES

First woman called a Playmate:

Margie Harrison (January 1954)

First triple-page centerfold:

Marian Stafford (March 1956)

First to sign her centerfold:

Jill De Vries (October 1975)

First Canadian Playmate:

Pamela Anne Gordon (March 1962)

First Asian Playmate:

China Lee (August 1964)

First black Playmate:

Jennifer Jackson (March 1965)

First published Data Sheet:

Sondra Theodore (July 1977)

First Playmate younger than PLAYBOY:

Monica Tidwell (November 1973)

First Phi Beta Kappa Playmate:

Alice Denham (July 1956)



Jill De Vries

me than *The Playboy Book*," Hef said. The first edition—125,000 copies—has sold out. General Publishing Group went into a second edition in December.



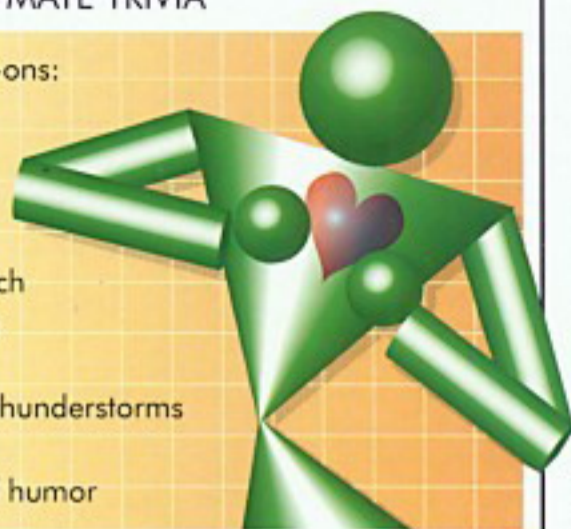


"Here's my idea of a perfect day: My morning mail contained a personal letter from a Playmate. The Decem-

## PLAYMATE TRIVIA

## Top Ten Turn-ons:

- 1 Music
- 2 Animals
- 3 Eating
- 4 Clothes
- 5 The beach
- 6 Dancing
- 7 Speed
- 8 Rain or thunderstorms
- 9 Flowers
- 10 Sense of humor



ber issue arrived, *The Playmate Book* just came in at the local bookstore and the *Cheerleaders* video is on sale down the block. This may be old news for some of you, but those of us who live in Edmonton, Canada—an hour's flight from the Arctic Circle—know that good things are worth the wait. Then life improved even more. I visited southern California, where I had the good fortune of attending the taping of *Wings* on which Jenny McCarthy guest-starred. Her comic timing was right on. However, several takes were required for the breadstick scene. Something you may not see in the blooper reels is Jenny putting one of the breadsticks up her nostril before the last take. She seems to know a lot about having fun."—David Reeves, REEVESD@enr.gov.ab.ca

## — Gail Stanton 1954–1996 —

Gail Stanton, Miss June 1978, was only 42 when she died last November of kidney failure and abdominal complications. Contributing Photographer David Chan remembers Gail. "I was

looking for candidates for a pictorial called *The Girls of the New South* when I met Gail. I shot some photographs of her to take back to Chicago. The editors liked

her. She was both beautiful and very professional." Stanton was from Memphis and, naturally, was a fan of Elvis. In fact, she went out with him. Gail said, "Elvis made Memphis proud." So did she. We'll miss her.



## PLAYMATE NEWS

"When I was just a kid, one of the things I was taught was that the president outranks one's mother when making a formal introduction. So the proper form would be 'Mr. President, I would like you to meet my mother.' But how do you introduce a Playmate to your mom? Do you say, 'Miss Myers, this is my mom,' or do you say, 'Mom, this is Cynthia Myers?'"—William Arvola, arvola@sol.acs.unt.edu

*Playmate Cynthia Myers responded to this weighty question thusly: "William, I think most will agree that moms outrank everyone except the president."*

## PEGGY MCINTAGGART:

"I like going to signing events. I get together with the girls. It's like a reunion. *PLAYBOY* is the only magazine I've done, because it's classy. It's given me good exposure."

## QUOTE UNQUOTE

"I really admire the Playmates from the Sixties. They were pioneers.

*PLAYBOY* made a big difference in my life. My one great desire was to be photographed and published in a national magazine. I wanted to be a model and I was. I worked for *PLAYBOY*, did lingerie catalogs and a cover. I'd still like to be in a James Bond movie."

—BONNIE MARINO, Miss June 1990



"My association with *PLAYBOY* has really been fun. From the day I went to the Mansion for the first time to the day my issue came out, I had a blast. I'd do it again in a second.

I have a daughter now, and people ask me how I would feel if she wanted to appear in the magazine. It wouldn't bother me a bit. My friends at *PLAYBOY* are very grounded. They are nice girls. I'll always be proud of that time in my life."

—CARRIE YAZEL, Miss May 1991



## PLAYMATE GOSSIP

DATE WITH AN ANGEL: July 1996 Playmate Angel Boris has finished a few independent



movies, including *Hot Times at the Oasis* and *Suicide Blonde*. Between her *PLAYBOY* promotions and her movie work, Angel has dyed her hair from blonde to red and back four times. . . . Priscilla Taylor, Pauly Shore's main squeeze, made a guest appearance on CBS's *The Nanny*. . . . Vicki McCarty Iovine is writing a follow-up to *The Girlfriends' Guide to Pregnancy*. It's another chatty primer. . . . The latest feature spin-off from the HBO horror-comedy series *Tales From the Crypt*, *Bordello of Blood*, stars Erika Eleniak. . . . Carol Vitale has a cable access show in New York, California and Florida, with more states slated for later in 1997. . . . Judy Tyler has her own festival and party production company, Sweet & Spicy Entertainment, that specializes

in African and reggae music. . . . Call Candy Lop Calendars (800-404-1397) for a copy of the 1997 Texas Swimsuit Calendar starring Miss March 1997, Jennifer Miriam. . . . Karin Taylor, who made a memorable splash here in June 1996, made her *Baywatch* debut last month in an episode about a homeless shelter for children. . . . We hear that Bebe Buell may publish her autobiography. *PLAYBOY*'s most famous rock babe knows where all the bodies are buried. . . . Cyndi Wood has an album out called *Sacrifice* (e-mail: atuworld@deltanet.com). . . . Heidi Mark became engaged to Motley Crue's Vince Neil. What's with the women of *PLAYBOY* and that band, anyway? Watch for Heidi in a recurring role on *Married With Children*.



Jennifer Miriam



**Naomi's Walk on the Wild Side**

Now British model NAOMI CAMPBELL has branched out. She is part owner of the Fashion Café, appeared in *Girl 6* and is working on a CD. Here's to sheer.

**The Tush Push**

JAMIE WILSON isn't line-dancing here, just practicing for her *Hot Body* video and a modeling stint. Tails, she wins.



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**What's New, Pussycats?**

Next time you're in Los Angeles, check the local listings for the informal weekly "girlie" revue at the Viper Room. A cast of up-and-coming stars—THE PUSSYCAT DOLLS and MTV's *Singled Out* co-host CARMEN ELECTRA (center)—salutes vaudeville.



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### All Clear

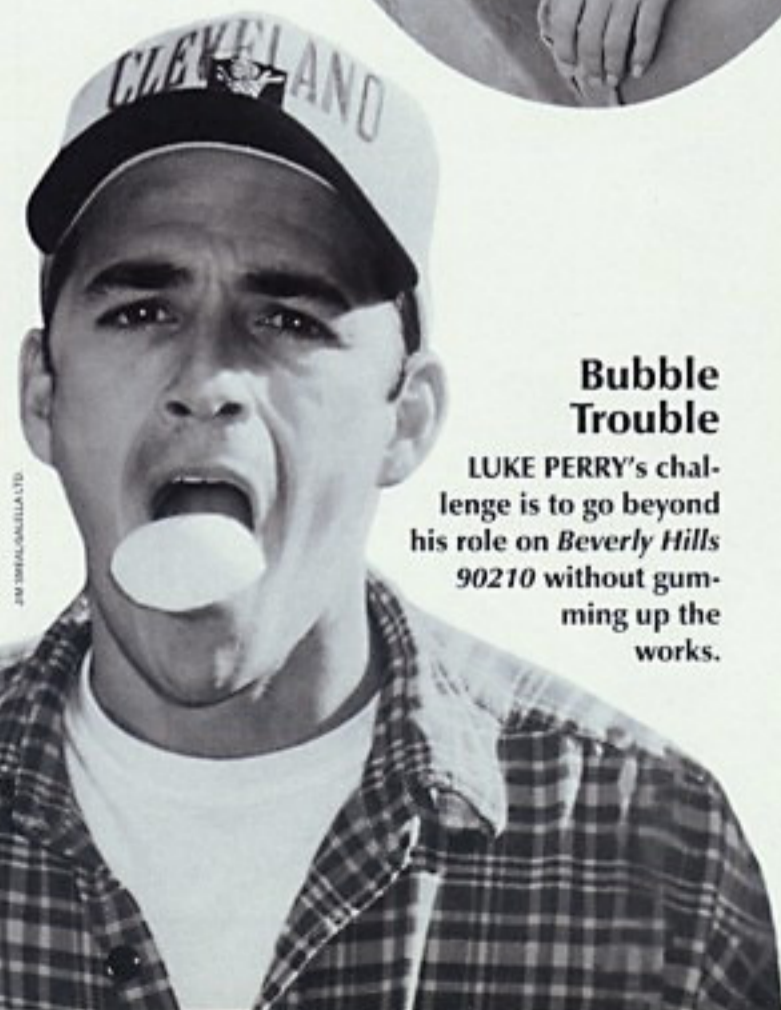
EVERCLEAR's major label debut caused a buzz. While you wait for *Pure White Evil*, the follow-up to *Sparkle and Fade*, check them out on the soundtrack to *Romeo and Juliet*. Nothing is murky about Everclear.

### Erika Is Topped Off

ERIKA OLSON was Miss March in *Revenge of the Calendar Girls*. How appropriate. You may have glimpsed her on *Baywatch*, *Silk Stalkings* and *Renegade*. Get a better look here.



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### Bubble Trouble

LUKE PERRY's challenge is to go beyond his role on *Beverly Hills 90210* without gumming up the works.

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### How to Stuff a Wet Bikini

CARMELA PANICO is a calendar model who appeared in the premiere issue of *Sportsplay* magazine, in a swimsuit pictorial. Less is definitely more.





# NEXT MONTH



PAL JOEY



WILD TWENTIES



HERE'S HOWARD



SAY AHH

**JOEY HEATHERTON**—THE RAT PACK'S TOP DOLL AND SINGER-DANCER EXTRAORDINAIRE STAGES HER HOTTEST ACT JUST FOR PLAYBOY

**SPECIAL SPRING PREVIEW**—WE HAVE IT ALL, FROM FETISH BALLS AND CYBERCAFÉS TO THE COOLEST DUDS AND LATEST GADGETS. DID WE MENTION SIX AWESOME ALES AND THE HOT NEW COLLEGE DRINK, HARD CIDER? PARTY HARDY

**JAMES BOND** BLASTS INTO HONG KONG. BUT CAN HE SURVIVE THE SINISTER SECRET TRIADS AND THE COLONY'S FIENDISH INCENSE MASTER? THE LATEST 007 THRILLER BY **RAYMOND BENSON**

**HOWARD STERN**—HE'S CONQUERED RADIO, TV AND BOOKS WITH HIS OUTRAGEOUS SPEWING. WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE SELF-PROCLAIMED KING OF ALL MEDIA? PRIVATE PARTS STILL INTACT, HE'S ABOUT TO BECOME A MOVIE STAR—A PLAYBOY PROFILE BY **JAMIE MALANOWSKI**

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**VINCENT BUGLIOSI**—HE PUT AWAY CHARLES MANSON, WROTE THE TOP-SELLING TRUE CRIME BOOK OF ALL TIME (*HELTER SKELTER*) AND IS STILL ENRAGED ABOUT THE O.J. SIMPSON VERDICT. MEET LOS ANGELES' OUTSPOKEN LEGAL BULLDOG IN A COMPELLING PLAYBOY INTERVIEW BY **LAWRENCE GROBEL**

**DENTAL ASSISTANTS**—OPEN UP AND SAY AHH, BECAUSE MEMBERS OF THE HOTTEST DRILL TEAM IN THE COUNTRY ARE SHOWING OFF MORE THAN THEIR PEARLY WHITES IN THIS JAW-DROPPING PICTORIAL

**I SPY AT THE FBI**—A FORMER AGENT LEVELS SOME SHOCKING CHARGES AT THE FBI'S VAUNTED CRIME LAB—ARTICLE BY **JEFF STEIN**

**VANESSA WILLIAMS**—SHE CAN ACT, SHE CAN SING, SHE'S GORGEOUS AND SHE SMOKES CIGARS. BUT AS **RICHARD LALICH** FINDS OUT IN AN INTRIGUING 20 QUESTIONS, THERE'S MORE TO THIS FORMER MISS AMERICA THAN MEETS THE EYE

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