

RELATIONSHIPOP

THE WORKSHOP ON LOVE, SEX, AND RELATIONSHIPS

Dear Graduate,

We invite you to participate in experiencing that you are RELATIONSHIPOP.

We are excited about the continual expansion of our RELATIONSHIPOP Family and offer you opportunities to include the people your life touches in the RELATIONSHIPOP experience.

It is truly an honor for us that you, as graduates, through your commitment and participation, have created a new dimension to the Guest Event Program, and have inspired the transformation of Guest Event to RELATIONSHIPOP PROSPECTIVE. We recognize this shift as an acknowledgment of your unique contribution.

RELATIONSHIPOP PROSPECTIVE is an opportunity for you to be and share with other graduates in an environment provided for extending the experience of RELATIONSHIPOP to others. As an expression of the RELATIONSHIPOP context, this environment serves as an opening for graduates and guests to discover on a new level their relatedness.

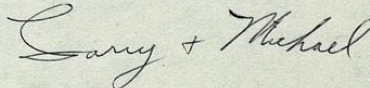
We warmly welcome you and invite you to share RELATIONSHIPOP and to participate in RELATIONSHIPOP PROSPECTIVES.

The next opportunities to participate in the RELATIONSHIPOP experience are:

New York June 6,7,8
RETROSPECTIVE, June 11

Los Angeles May 30,31, June 1
RETROSPECTIVE, June 4

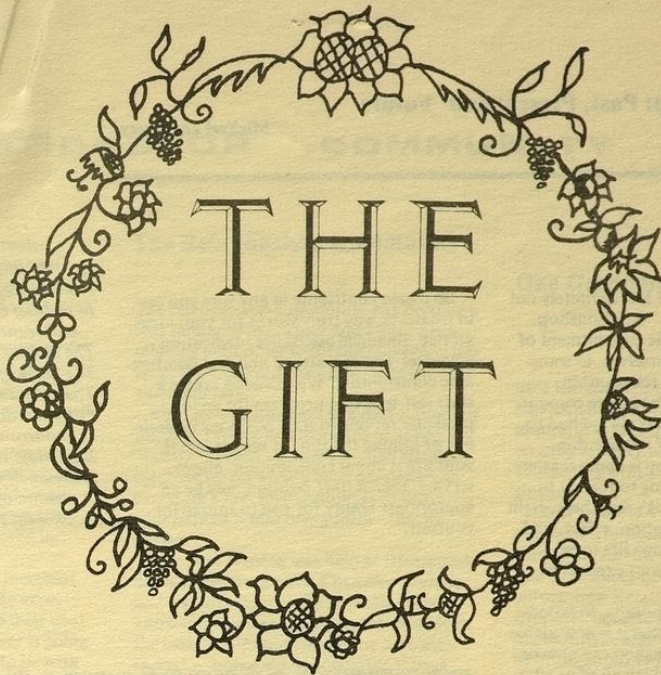
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Each of us is unique, special and remarkable.

When we express who we are and share ourselves with each other, we give the most cherished gift we have—our love. This newsletter has been designed to provide a way of expressing that love.

The purpose of the Gift will be to serve as a vehicle for self-expression. It has been created for us to share those things which make us who we are; feelings, thoughts, ideas, hopes, joys, frustrations, miracles, anything we choose to communicate to each other. It is a space for us to share those events, experiences, discoveries that have made our lives more meaningful and worthwhile. The Gift will also serve as a channel for information to be transmitted - information about what is happening in the Relationship organization, as well as what is going on in each of our lives that we want to ask support for.

This is your Gift. We invite you to share yourselves through it. It will empower you to keep your relationship with Relationship and each other alive and ever-expanding.

It is this editor's intention to have each issue rekindle that spark of joy and love experienced in the Relationship weekend. You are invited and welcomed to participate. Let us have your gift!



*In all ranks of life the human heart yearns
for the beautiful, and the beautiful things
that God makes are His gift to all alike.*

Harriet Beecher Stowe

Relationship: Past, Present and Future

Michael and Larry

What is Relationship? It is definitely not just "another workshop." Relationship came into being out of the commitment of many people, not just ourselves, to transformation at the level of relationship. Actually it came out of the innate commitment that who-you-are has always had to the magic of the space of relationship.

In a word, Relationship is about mastery. Most people live life trying to force it to look different than it looks right here, right now. The result is frustration, effort, and need. Mastery of life allows life to be fulfilling in the spontaneous experience of right here, right now.

During the past nine months, Relationship has demonstrated that it is now viable in the world. So Relationship can now be birthed as a reality, of which all of us who have worked so hard can be justifiably proud. What is directly ahead for Relationship is growth to maturity. The coming months will be critical, for unless nurtured with zeal and dedication, Relationship could easily devolve into being just another workshop. That would not be bad; it would, however, be a regrettable failure to realize its true potential. For Relationship was conceived as the vehicle which would take us beyond our wildest dreams to the actualization of transformation at a level that could make real even those things most people would agree are wanted indeed but not readily attainable: brilliantly alive relationships, peace the world over, love in abundance on all sides, effortless living, mastery of life producing games that are nurturing, and in all things the experience of satisfaction.

To grow, Relationship needs your love and support. We need persons of the highest caliber to serve on local graduate councils in New York, New Jersey and Los Angeles and to serve on our national board. We need dedicated persons who want to create new centers and to staff already existing ones. We need dynamic loving individuals who can create and administer programs to serve graduates in a number of different ways so that graduates have the opportunity to re-create the Relationship experience in friendly environments. We need advice; we need goods and services, legal and financial. But above all, we need to enlarge our enrollments so that the organization can get out of the red without having to increase tuition costs.

So please contribute in any way you can in whatever way truly works for you: ideas, service, financial assistance, dedication - whatever you can afford and feel comfortable contributing. We will soon create a staff self-selection program for anyone presently serving in staff positions or desirous of joining the staff in the future. If your life is about contribution, about serving, then a staff position may be an appropriate reality for you to source for yourself.

*Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the verities
and realities of your existence:
The bliss of growth;
The glory of action;
The splendor of beauty;
For yesterday is already a dream, and
tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well lived, makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness, and every tomorrow
a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day!*

from the Sanskrit



...Until one is committed there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner

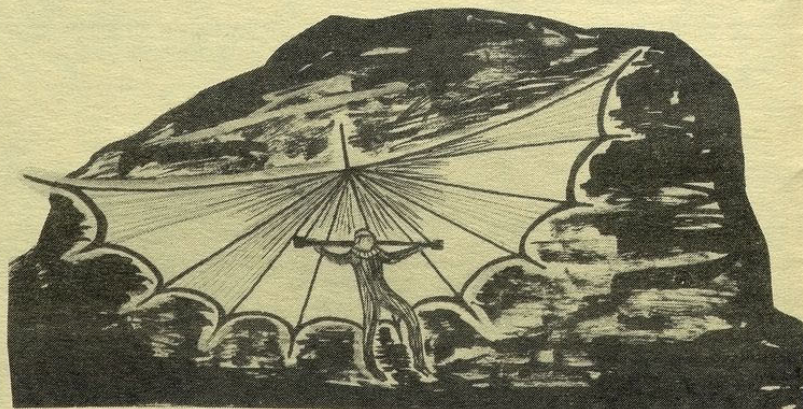
of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamt would have come his way.

I have learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets:

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it.

Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.

W.H. Murray



RELATIONSHIP COMMUNITY

The Relationship weekend created a "safe" environment which gave us the opportunity to experience genuine love, fulfillment in relationships, and wholeness in sexual activity.

In everyday life there is little support for open, honest and effective communication. We get stuck, lose our sense of mastery, and get out of touch with our own magnificence.

In the Somerville/Princeton area we have formed a community of Relationship graduates. This community provides an opportunity to expand and support the discoveries and movement achieved in Relationship.

When the community meets, members have the opportunity to share the experiences of their lives, to celebrate their own magnificence, to express whatever is going on with them. To just be—and to be with others—in a truly loving community.

Although the setting of the get-togethers is social, there is an unspoken agreement among the members to be a supportive and loving family—to be friends in the highest sense of the word—to create a critical mass that makes the process spontaneous and self-sustaining. As one graduate put it "it is a place to go and get your batteries re-charged!"

Excerpted from an article by
Richmond Shreve



This is the true joy in life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one;

Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no "brief candle" to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

George Bernard Shaw
from *Man and Superman*

The Relationship Community -

The relationship community has become a real family to me. Vince and I have been meeting with other Relationship graduates from the Central Jersey area once a month since January.

Our get-togethers are wonderful times of sharing. I really look forward to seeing my "family" at each of these monthly reunions, catching up on what's been happening in everyone's life, giving support to those who request it and being there - just listening.

The first evening was held at Richmond Shreve and Marguerite Chandler's house and was an opportunity to really get to know one another. Each person was given the time to communicate some personal facts; i.e. home town, educational background, family size and heritage, etc. Everyone brought something to share which took many different forms.

Richmond and Marguerite shared their wedding announcement done by Richmond in his beautiful calligraphy while Donna Gilbert performed a dance she had choreographed herself. Others shared their favorite poems. Vince read an inspiring quotation by George Bernard Shaw.

Community meetings have taken many forms; pot luck suppers at Donna Gilbert's; an evening devoted to playing games. An unusual event took place at Natalie Mazer's where we were all introduced to Mahan Rishi Singh Khalsa, a member of the 3HO Foundation in Princeton Junction. We spent a very enjoyable and enlightening

One Graduate's View

Roni Burak

time learning about polarity therapy and participating in various breathing techniques, and relaxation exercises. The ensuing serenity was enhanced by our concluding with some quiet chanting and singing.

Most recently Vince and I had a picnic at our "new" 100-year old house in East Millstone. Again, our "family" attended, as well as many people we had never met before, new Relationship graduates.

Everyone became immediate friends around the barbeque and volleyball court. Many of us brought our children along adding another dimension to our Relationship family. Midway through the day a phantom motorcyclist arrived. After removing his helmet, we discovered it was our own illustrious leader, Larry Lewis.

Vince and I loved sharing our house with everyone, and especially enjoyed expanding our Relationship family to include the new people we met. All of these events have served to strengthen the bonds of our "family."

Everyone is invited to come and join us at our monthly reunions. If there is no community in your area at the present time and you would like to explore the possibility of starting one, please contact Richmond Shreve at 201-725-7659 for further information and support.



Coast to Coast

Since the very first workshop last September in New Jersey, Relationship has expanded to New York and Los Angeles. In the near future we plan to have the first Relationship take place in San Francisco. We wanted to give the Center Managers of both New York and Los Angeles an opportunity to share their experiences with you.

Greetings from LA-Land

Wendy Leight

Just when I thought I had the whole game in New York City down pat—even started feeling like a master at love, I moved to "LA-Land."

My first weekend in California and I was destined to be on logistics for this workshop on Love, Sex and Relationships. My team was quickly divided—the Big Apples vs. the "Lalas". It was neck and neck until Sunday evening, when we called the game on account of LOVE. And there I was again—in Love Again. I went home that night and thought to myself, "Wendell, this can't be another accident—after all, you know that Loving Larry says: "There are no accidents in this world." I went to sleep and the next morning as the sun poured in through the window, I heard the voice of Bette Midler singing the Rose:

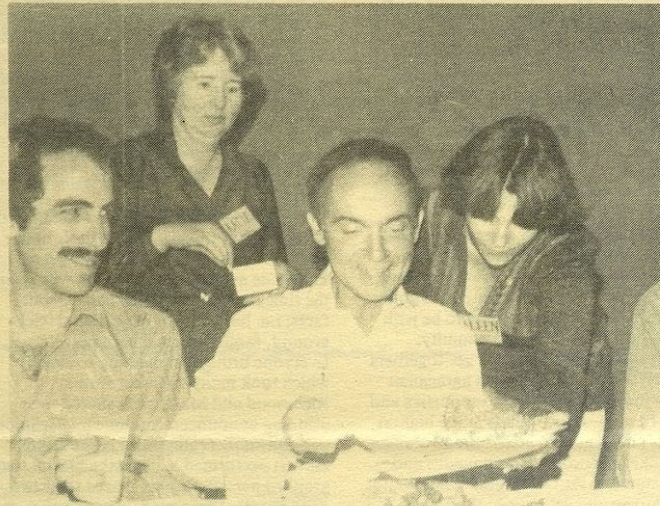
... "It's the dream afraid of waking that never takes the chance."

... Just remember in the winter far beneath the bitter snow lies the seed that with the sun's love in the spring becomes the rose."

... "I say love it is a flower—and you, it's only seed."

Moments later it became clear that I hadn't planted myself in "LA-land" accidentally—for L.A. truly stands for Love Again. I ran into the rose garden and planted my little seed which is budding as relationships that are brilliantly alive, sex that is truly nurturing and the experience of love, fully satisfying and abundant.

To all my Big Apples—I love you and to all my Lalas - you can count on me to serve proudly as your Area Center Manager in Love Again and to provide you with exactly what you want and need. And to Michael and Larry—no mush, just my love and dedication to our purpose.



Onward and Upward

Roy Johnston

Hi!

Relationship is up to a new level. What is occurring is the expansion of the genuine love and communication that we all experienced in the workshop, into the realm of organization.

Relationship is being catapulted out into the world as it has never been before.

I personally have taken responsibility for creating procedures that serve us, and now is the time for action. Relationship is on the cusp, ready to bound forward with new energy and organization. I'm calling all players to come out and be counted.

I want us all to have fun and play together as Relationship surges on. Make Relationship the vehicle by which our friends and loved ones experience satisfaction in their lives. This is our family and this is our game. Come out and play!

With a knick-knack paddywhack, give a dog a bone, this old man came rolling home....



Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington



My Relationship Experience (July, N.Y.)

Terry Ann Pena

Getting off trying to write this, brings me here to its inevitable writing. To write of some intellectual hodge-podge would be such an easy task right about now. It demands only my mind; I could write for hours and say all the correct words. And be right about it all too.

Something as simple as, "write me of your experience" has become the most demanding, most complex, most frustrating, annoying and hardest task I have ever undertaken. Until right now...

Owning up to my fears about this (it'll be awful, I want to be a poet and a writer... garble...garble...) and wants (tell me it's great, c'mon please), I came to my bottom line.

"Oh shit, I'm not my mind. It's time to grow and come from the truth. No, there's nowhere to hide. Be yourself, come from yourself, write of yourself."

So here I am. My self is exhausted yet I feel so wonderfully alive that sleep is an interruption. For me, it wasn't a 2½ day weekend; I lived in its space for no less than the entire week before; by Friday I had had enough and was ready to hang it up.

And then I was overwhelmed by a series of messages from within. There was value to be gotten; there was something way beyond me to get. And that I owed myself the weekend after all I'd been through!!

There was also a hint (a big one) of "Well he's gonna be there and so I best show up!" He, being the man I share lots of space and love with and with whom that very same week began to lose sight and touch with. Lonely, scared, excited, scared, nervous and more scared, I entered the physical space of the workshop.

Within 2½ days and 4 walls I experienced an eon of time and a space of forever. It was higher than my wildest fantasies and lower than my darkest nightmares.

I cried - as I hurt all over and cried as I felt despair and loss.

Recreations of pains and hurts I caused and effected from.

Cried as I got and gave incredible love I have and am - no matter what.

Cried as I got that everything is simple; coming from the truth - it just is.

That I was a terrible liar and through the lies my life was one problem after another.

And the tears weren't a little girl being coy or anything. They were real; they came from the truth; they came from me and

were a part of me. And so was the pain, and the anger, and the boredom, and the sleepiness and the hurt and the fear and the desires and the wants. It was all me - about me, from me, mine...created by me, felt by me, experienced by me...all mine.

And so they were mine to play with, and inevitably choose to let go of or keep (hadn't I already chosen?).

Letting go was surrounded by so much...

"What would be left of me without problems, without coming from little girl, without masks and fears and inhibitions? Would they love me? Would he love me? What would/could I do?"

So through wobbly knees and absolute terror I stood up and shared - beginning anew the process of expansion. And the support instead of rejection overwhelmed me.

Continuing to feel all those feelings, I gradually hacked away at my shell, my barriers.

Actually taking back and owning my real name, ridding my nametag of the junk I carried around from my previous marriage (manifested in my married name) was like removing a steel cape from my body and face. "Here I am". I was saying. "me, a woman; yeah - no shit - I really am." It was such a surprise to find her hiding out under all that. And the surprise was mine and mine alone.

I feel such love for those who supported me - who were there. Your names are insignificant as I hold you close to my heart and pour out love for you.

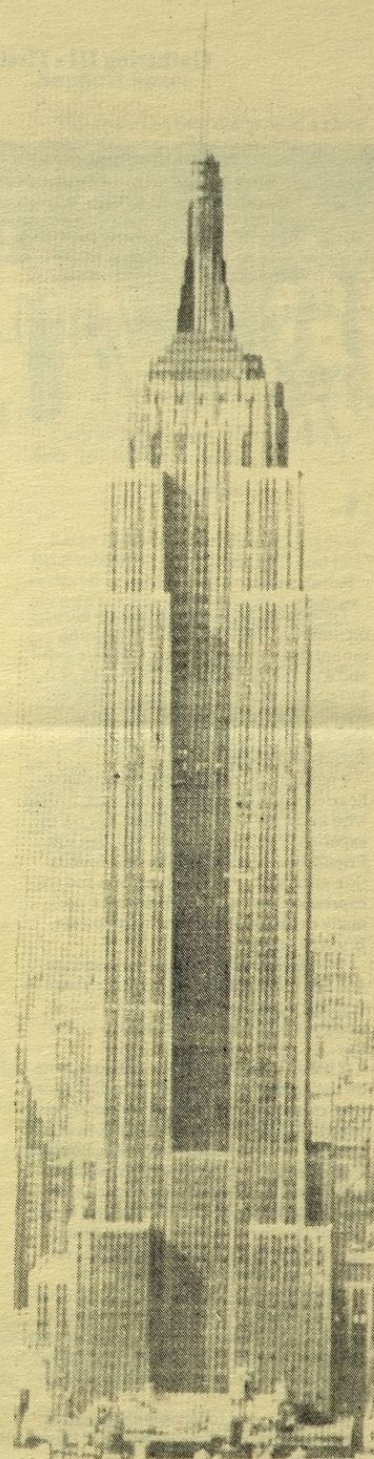
-And for all those I lied to? now face the truth - there is only abounding love.

-And love for the team. I know the great care that was taken to create safety. And I know that I was a tough one to crack and only through absolute but so very absolute safety, could I let go.

-And love for Michael & Larry; that they come from truth and love - for me; that the weekend was for me and only me - that I make a difference and could play with them...

All of that has given me what I went into the workshop with - nothing learned, nothing to do or follow, nothing taught, nothing to abide by, nothing I didn't already know, nothing beyond self, outside of self or anywhere else.

Everything I got was everything I began with - me.



Gathering III - First Relationship Reunion

Donna Gilbert



Gathering III, the Relationship picnic on Sunday, August 3, in the Watchung mountains was our first big graduate event and a delightful success by the looks of the 120 people who gathered there. I saw old friends from my workshop and got to know other graduates as well as their friends and guests.

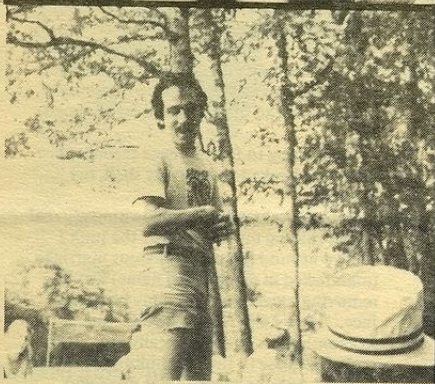
I particularly enjoyed sharing the light-hearted side of myself with the same people who know my deepest feelings. For me the experience of the workshop was rich soil. Friendships that began with that foundation grow with a level of openness and self-expression that goes beyond what I normally experience in other environments. It's very refreshing.

We played volleyball and sang and ate and had the chance to talk privately with friends or play in a group. Thank you to everyone who came and made it a lovely day.

I want to take this opportunity to invite all the graduates who came as well as those who could not be there to our next big get-together. This will be a continuation of creating new friendships and being yourself. Look for more information in the mail about our "Special Friends" Dance and Party most likely to be held the first weekend of October. We invite you to bring special friends with whom you'd like to share your Relationship experience.

Also, if you would like to offer your talents as a band or disc jockey, or want to work on this dance/party in any other way, call me at 201-874-4906 or leave a message for me at the Relationship office, 212-938-0188.

I look forward to being with you all again soon at our "Special Friends" Dance and Party.



The Great Invocation

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men—
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out.
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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To be emotionally committed to somebody is very difficult, but to be alone is impossible. To commit is to live, and not to commit is to be dead...

Stephen Sondheim

The Growth and Communication Program

Larry and Michael

We are pleased and excited to announce the next opportunity for graduates to participate in our Growth and Communication Program. The GCP is an advanced level program focusing on accelerated personal growth and enhanced communicative ability for those who wish to share Relationship in a very special way—as a Relationship Prospective Leader.

Being in the program requires a high degree of commitment. This adventure takes place over a period of about three months, entailing five weekends: one spent reviewing the workshop, one spent assisting at it, and three specialized training weekends, along with three single-weekend training days held on Saturdays. Participants are also responsible for creating and supporting Prospectives in a teamwork fashion throughout the program.

Most of the GCP will be personally led by Larry and/or Michael as their schedules permit. The tuition for the program is still \$250.00 and the program will begin on the weekend of August 23/24 in the Los Angeles area and on September 27/28 in the New York area. A letter with more specific information about how to apply for the GCP will be mailed shortly. In the meantime you may call your center for additional information.

If you have a desire to be involved with Relationship at this high level and to share the workshop as a Prospective Leader, then we heartily invite you to be part of these upcoming programs.

Your Gift

We welcome the gift of your talents. Relationship opens up a channel for us to express our own innate creativity. We invite you to share that gift with us.

We want people who can write, draw, design and type. Typesetting and printing cost Relationship money that would be better spent on expanding the organization, so practical help in these areas would be particularly appreciated.

We are looking for articles, poems, quotes suggestions, plans, ideas, etc. We especially want your **unique** contribution.

This is your vehicle for communication. It will become what you want it to be.

Please send your contributions (typed if possible) to:

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Harriet Beecher Stowe

Calendar Of Upcoming Relationships

New York

September 5, 6, 7
October 24, 25, 26
December 5, 6, 7

Los Angeles

September 12, 13, 14
November 21, 22, 23 (tentative)

Support Space

This space has been designed as a place for you to communicate about any new ventures, happenings, etc. that you want to be supported in.

Sally Kane and Jeff Wallace who participated in the January New York Relationship are getting married on September 21—the anniversary of the very first Relationship!

Sally reviewed Relationship in March and looks forward to participating again in the near future.

Let's all send love and well-wishing to Sally and Jeff on September 21.

Kathy Elia who participated in the first Relationship in September, 1979 and just reviewed in July in New York has started her own company called Dayton Business Service, Supplemental Business & Marketing Services.

Kathy's company provides business and marketing services to small, growing, businesses that need creative, hard-working self-actualizing people on a free-lance basis.

Kathy wants to support people to have as she puts it "enoughness of money" so that people no longer have to be concerned about money supply problems. Kathy has also pledged 2% of all business profits to the elimination of hunger in the world.

A friend is a present you give yourself.

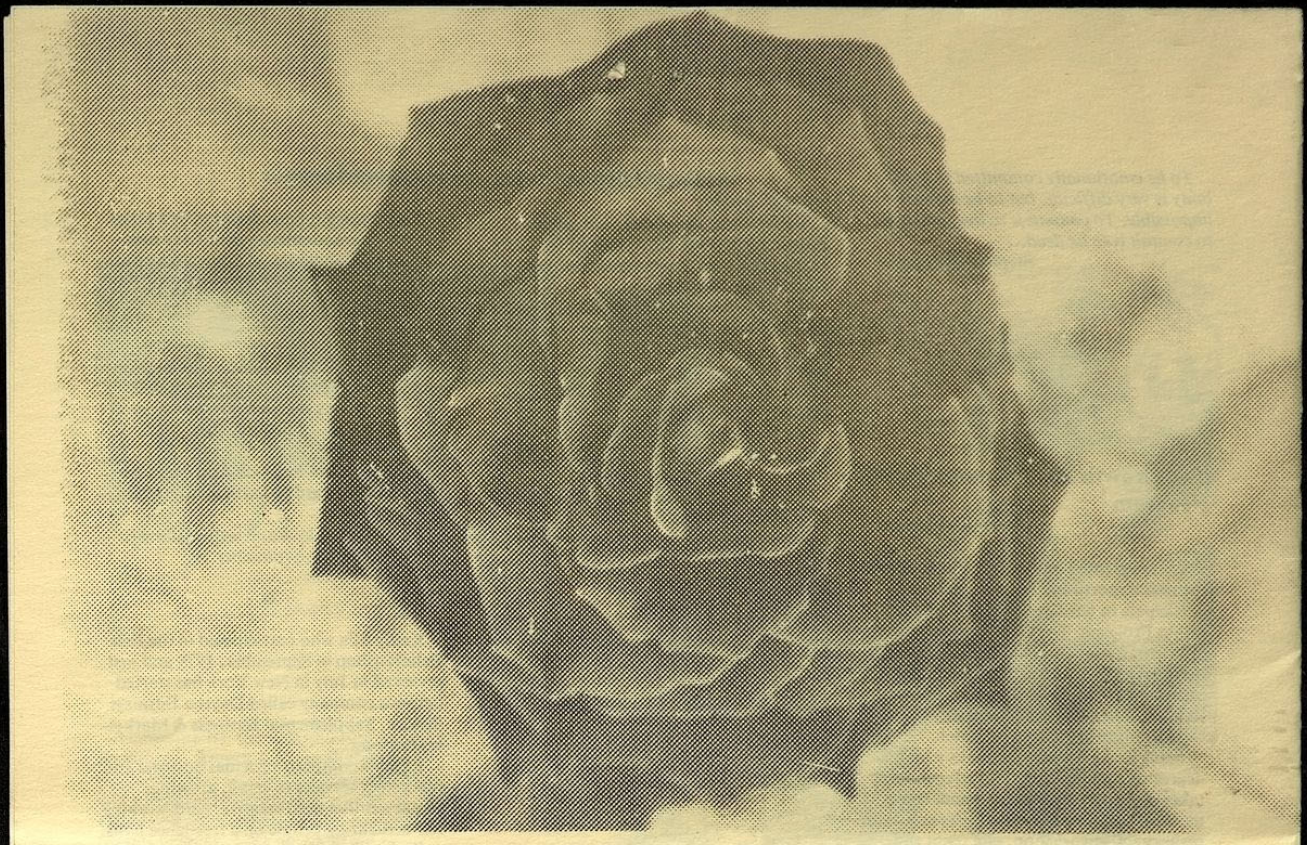
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Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not, nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not, unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not, the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

Calvin Coolidge



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