

COMEDY

PICK OF THE WEEK



Gross National Product

One of the benefits of juicy national scandals is that they give us the opportunity to laugh at those who previously laughed up their sleeves at us. For instance, over at *The Late Edition*, a half dozen young standups are exercising their sarcasm option. Bill Bronner says of Oliver North, "I think he's a nice guy, but maybe too nice. He wanted to spare Congress the trouble of voting money for the contras, spare the voters the trouble of debating the issue, and save democracy in Central America by avoiding our own democratic process." And Dylan Brody postulates that "If there's a place for prayer in our schools, then there should be room for algebra in our churches." Meanwhile, *Gross National Product* diverts their skit revue to us direct from Washington, D.C., home of the Constitution-busters. In *Man Without a Contra*, Ollie North plays *Let's Make a Rug Deal*; Lee Iacocca takes on Toshiba in *Cashamusha*, a Kurosawa-parody trade war; and the surgeon general is tried on a condom conspiracy charge in *The Papal's Court*.

—Judy Brown

The Late Edition at Theater Group III, every Fri.

Gross National Product in *Man Without a Contra* at the Cast Theater, every Fri.-Sat.

Other comedy dates we recommend:

Graham Chapman at the Comedy & Magic Club, Sun.-Tues., July 26-28.

Robert Wuhl at the Ice House, Fri.-Sat., July 24-25.

Ritch Shydner at Igby's, Wed.-Sat., July 29-31.

Bill Frenzer at Vine St. Bar & Grill, every Mon. thru Aug.