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# "Jane Roe" Comes Out

Roe v. Wade Heroine Forced to Flee Texas Home

Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Roe v. Wade case that legalized abortion in 1973, returned to Texas for the holidays more than a year after gunshots forced her to flee her Dallas home.

But she says she's happier living in California.

Ms. McCorvey moved to California after three shotgun blasts were fired into the windows and front door of the Dallas home where she had lived for at least 10 years on April 4, 1989. She said at the time that anti-abortion demonstrators had harassed her for

She says she misses Texas, but prefers life in California because she can live openly as a lesbian.

"I came out publicly as a lesbian in Sonoma County," she told a Dallas television news station. "Tve always felt, in general, Texas is very homophobic and they don't really accept gays and lesbians as we should really be accepted."

Ms. McCorvey said she currently is raising money to launch the Jane Roe Women's Center, a refuge for battered women and their children.

She said she also believes the Supreme Court decision she played a role in nearly 20 years ago will stand

role in nearly 20 years ago will stand. "I don't think that any person on the Supreme Court that has any conscience at all would even try to overturn *Roe v. Wade.* Not at this crucial point," she said.

Ms. McCorvey's unwanted pregnancy went full-term long before the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Her baby was given up for adoption.

Texas lawyers Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee took Ms. McCorvey's case after she had sought an illegal abortion but was revolted by conditions at a visit to a back-alley abortionist.

#### University to Draft Anti-Discrimination Rules

LARAMIE, WY—University of Wyoming officials plan to draft rules barring students, staff and faculty from discriminating against or harassing minority groups.

University President Terry Roark said administrators this semester will go beyond an anti-discrimination statement and develop a set of rules to penalize people who engage in discriminatory conduct.

"Every effort within the context and protection of First Amendment rights will be expended to eliminate such conduct from the campus community,"

He acknowledged, however, that the university may have trouble doing so.

"It's going to be a tough one to write because of the First Amendment," Roark said. "A lot of schools have tried and not done well because of that. We may not succeed either. But we're certainly going to try."

Administrators plan to begin drafting the rules as spring semester begins

Roark said an anti-discrimination policy is needed to "promote civil discourse."

"Words or actions that reflect prejudice, stereotypes and discrimination are antithetical to the mission of the university and cannot be countenanced," Roark said is a recently-issued statement.

"Specifically, racist and other discriminatory or harassing conduct based on gender, color, disability, sexual orientation, religious preference, national origin, ancestry or age impair and disrupt legitimate university functions," he said.

Devising such a policy was prompted by several recent incidents of minority harassment, he said.

Last month several students were involved in a bar fight allegedly started after a heated exchange of racial insults. After the brawl, Roark said he felt compelled to make the university's position on racism clear.

In addition, he had received several letters from people concerned about T-shirts worn by students reading "AIDS: Kills fags dead."

An anti-discrimination policy is "an essential ingredient in trying to have the right kind of climate on campus," he said. "There needs to be a strong statement made saying that the university will do whatever it can, legally, to promote civil discourse."

# Human Rights Chair Says "No Gay Bias" in Dartmouth Paper

MANCHESTER, NH—The head of New Hampshire's Human Rights Commission is wondering "what all the fuss was about" regarding criticism of an off-campus Dartmouth College newspaper published by conservative students.

Barry Palmer of Nashua, a copy editor for *The Union Leader* of Manchester, said he read two years of issues of the *Dartmouth Review* and found no evidence of discrimination against blacks, women, homosexuals or Jews.

Palmer, the commission chairman, said he conducted the study as an individual, not on behalf of the commission, after continued criticism of the paper by Dartmouth College President James Freedman. Freedman said the paper consistently attacks those groups.

Palmer said the five-member commission acts as a body on policy only, that investigations and reviews are conducted by one of the three commission investigators or the commissioners individually.

Criticizing blacks, women, homosexuals or Jews is not prejudice as long as the criticism is aimed at performance, and not sexual or racial status, Palmer said.

Kevin Pritchett, editor of the Dartmouth Review, said that "from the very start, the Review has criticized people, not because of their race or sex (but) because of the way they performed."

Freedman was away and not available to respond to Palmer's findings

But Roland Adams, a spokesman for the college, disagreed with Palmer's assessment.

"Just this particular summer, the Dartmouth Review equated the lives of 1,400 Muslims with 7,000 penguins," he said. "It said the deaths of each were equally tragic. They apologized for that, but then, the Review seems to be apologizing all the time."

The college's administrators, Adams said, "have never said on this campus that we are against the presentation of a responsible conservative point of view.

"In fact we are very much in favor of that. We have always upheld freedom of speech," Adams said. "We certainly don't propose to block the *Dartmouth Review*'s freedom of speech. All we did this past fall was use our freedom of speech to make points we felt needed to be made."

Palmer said the commission "is very sensitive to anything which takes away from a human being's self-worth and is always seeking evidence of such bias, whether in print or verbal form."

"I read every single thing they wrote about teachers. I reviewed editorials and editorial cartoons. And I didn't find any hint of bigotry or prejudice," Palmer said.

"After reviewing two years of the publication, I began wondering what all the fuss was about," he said.

Palmer said he sees no conflict of interest between his position as a copy editor and commission chairman.

"I have never edited any of the stories and I don't write editorials or news reports," Palmer said. He undertook the review, Palmer

He undertook the review, Palmer said, after Freedman raised questions of discrimination.

Earlier this year, a quote from Adolf Hitler infuriated people on and off campus but trustees and staffers said the quote appeared unintentionally and was the work of a saboteur. They apologized and claimed Freedman and others have created "a lynch-mob" mentality on campus.

On Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement and Judaism's most solemn day, a quotation, from Hitler's "Mein Kampf," was inserted unattributed into the statement of principles on *The Review's* masthead:

"Therefore, I believe today that I am acting in the sense of the Almighty Creator: By warding off the Jews, I am fighting for the Lord's work."

Backlash from the quote caused The Review's president and two staffers to quit.

Freedman called the quote an "egregious expression of anti-Semitism" and "appalling bigotry."

The Review, published since 1980, has been vilified through the years for its views on women, homosexuals, blacks and Indians.

William Cole, a black music professor, resigned in August after *The Review* attacked him for seven years, belittling him as a mediocre teacher. Cole said his effectiveness was compromised by the attacks.

Review staffers also were involved in a 1986 sledgehammer attack on shanties erected on the campus green as part of a protest against segregation in South Africa. Several staffers were suspended.

The anti-Semitic quote was not the first time the paper has angered Jews. In 1988, *The Review* ran a column likening Freedman—who is Jewish—to Hitler and the effects of his campus policies to the Holocaust.

The newspaper said the 1988 column was "sophomoric and in bad taste" and the trustees apologized.

#### Governor Signs Bill to Track Hate Crimes

BOSTON, MA—Gov. Michael S. Dukakis signed a bill late last month that establishes a reporting system to track statistics on hate crimes in the state.

"Regrettably in this world of ours, there are always some people who don't understand that people are precious no matter who they are or where they come from," Dukakis said.

The hate crimes measure defines hate crimes as criminal actions motivated by bigotry or bias, requires special training for police in handling such crimes and makes the state Department of Public Safety

responsible for collecting data about such crimes statewide. Dukakis said the new reporting system should not require additional funds.

The measure was supported by a broad coalition of minorities and gay and civil rights activists.

Leonard Zakim, president of the Massachusetts Anti-Defamation League, said the bill gives communities a chance to watch for patterns in crimes linked to ethnic or racial bias. The ADL keeps its own statistics on hate crimes, culled from informal reports.

"We know many incidents are not

reported," Zakim said.

Dukakis said he planned to sign a document authorizing the new law to go into effect immediately, so that reporting figures would be kept for a full year beginning in 1991. Without such authorization, the law would become effective in 90 days, Rep. Augusto Grace, (D-Burlington),

Rep. Augusto Grace, (D-Burlington), a sponsor of the bill, said that people in his district have tended in the past to consider hate crimes as single incidents in the community. A reporting system will help people spot trends.

"We have to recognize there is a

pattern of these crimes occurring," Grace said.

Dianne Wilkerson, of the Greater Boston Civil Rights Coalition, said a handful of other states have adopted similar laws.

"There was no opposition (to the bill)," she said. "That is rare."

The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay
Civil Rights also applauded the

governor's signing of the bill.

"This act will lead to a new public recognition that anti-gay attacks and harassment are equivalent to attacks or harassment based on racial or religious differences," the group said.

# AIDS Drug Mired in Corruption and Controversy

NAIROBI, Kenya—A low-cost drug Kenya trumpeted as a breakthrough AIDS treatment has become mired in licensing squabbles and corruption charges, delaying its availability and casting doubt on promising initial findings.

Patients and doctors who have used the drug, known as Kemron, say it does seem to alleviate symptoms. And people are coming from Europe, the United States and elsewhere to try it.

The optimistic reports await confirmation in clinical trials underway in several countries. Doubtful claims of proprietorship by Kenyan researchers and suggestions they may have overstated their findings have cast doubt on the reports.

There also are accusations that one Kenyan doctor has sold test samples of Kemron, including worthless placebos, for exorbitant prices.

"Somebody's been corrupted if they're selling placebos to dying AIDS patients," said Joseph Cummins, an American veterinarian who supplied the interferon that comprises the treatment.

Interferons, which long have been studied for antiviral properties, occur naturally in the body and help shield the immune system. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of interferons in treating Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer common among people with AIDS.

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Cummins devised a method of administering low doses of interferon that is being used by doctors at the Kenya Medical Research Institute, which is known as Kemri.

The drug generally has not been tested in pill form because of the belief it would be destroyed by stomach acid. In Cummins' use, a tablet containing the drug is dissolved on the tongue, allowing small doses to be absorbed through the mouth.

Kenyan researchers who used Cummins' method announced startling findings in February. They said that after two to four weeks of treatment with Kemron, AIDS symptoms were alleviated in most of 101 patients tested. They claimed the virus that causes AIDS could no longer be detected in the blood of about 10 percent of the patients. The researchers reported no negative side effects.

No other scientists have duplicated Kenya's findings, which resulted from uncontrolled trials; no group received placebos for comparison.

But the World Health Organization, largely due to the Kenyan results, has recommended worldwide trials while cautioning that patients sometimes respond well to new treatments simply because of the greater attention they

In announcing the unverified results, Kemri's director, Dr. Davey Koech, claimed to have been largely responsible for developing the treatment—a contention dismissed by Cummins.

Koech said in February that Kemri produced "a form of interferon not so far described in medical literature."

As collaborators he cited Cummins, whose Amarillo Cell Culture Institute has four patents on the low-dose use of oral interferon, and Hayashibara Biochemical Laboratories of Akayama, Japan. Hayashibara is one of the few companies in the world that manufactures interferons and produces the drug used in Kenya's program under a licensing agreement with Cummins' company.

Soon after the February presentation, Cummins wrote Koech, accusing him of lies and misrepresentations and threatening to sue over Koech's attempts to patent the technique in Kenya.

From Texas, Cummins said he developed the treatment after years of experimenting with interferon on animal diseases, including cat leukemia. Cat leukemia, like AIDS, suppresses the immune system. He described one early experiment in a 1987 article in the British medical journal *Lancet*.

Despite their disagreement, Cummins described Koech as "quite bold and courageous." He said Koech's main contribution was to put the treatment "into people we never could have tested" due to restrictive U.S. laws.

However, Cummins said the legacy of the Kenyan tests was "an awful lot of drama and not much data."

Koech declined repeated requests for an interview.

Neither Cummins nor Koech claims Kemron is a cure for AIDS. However, critics say false hopes were raised among many in Kenya by Koech's claims that almost 10 percent of those he tested "seroconverted," meaning traces of the disease were erased from their blood, as well as by Kenya's announcement in July that the drug would be widely available by mid-

"Saying seroconversion is just another way of saying they have got a cure," said Joe Muriuki, who has been on Kemron since December.

He said that within two weeks of taking Kemron, he felt better and began gaining weight. His mouth sores, swollen glands, diarrhea, fevers, itchy skin and sweating disappeared.

#### Former Scout Says Gays Can Be Leaders

LOS ANGELES, CA—Sexual orientation has no bearing on a person's ability to inspire youths to be friendly, courteous and kind, an attorney said during a trial to reinstate a gay Eagle Scout as a Scout leader.

Jon Davidson of the American Civil Liberties Union said that California law protects people from "the harm to an individual's dignity in being told, 'We don't take your kind.' "

George Davidson, an attorney for the Boy Scouts of America, said the group doesn't approve of homosexuals as Scouts and certainly not as leaders.

"The Scouts are defending this case because they want to continue teaching young boys that homosexuality is immoral," George Davidson said in opening statements in the civil suit.

The two attorneys are not related.
The lawsuit was filed by Timothy
Curran, who was asked to leave the
Scouts in 1980 after superiors learned
he took a male date to the prom. He
had been serving as an assistant
Scoutmaster of Berkeley Troop 37.

The first phase ended in November, with Superior Court Judge Sally Discoruling that the scouts are a business entity, subject to civil rights laws.

That ruling made it possible for Curran to continue his suit against the San Francisco Bay area Mount Diablo Council.

Curran, a freelance television videotape editor, brought suit under the Unruh Civil Rights Act, which bars arbitrary discrimination. In some cases, that has been interpreted to include sexual orientation.

He is suing for reinstatement only and is asking for no monetary damages.

The Scouts contend that as a non-profit group it is free to promote its own moral philosophy.

George Davidson said the Scouts have interpreted the words "morally straight" and "clean" in Scouting codes to mean that homosexuality is not allowed.

Curran insists the 10-year fight demonstrates his personal wish to be a Scout leader.

"I would go back to being a Scoutmaster tomorrow if I had the chance," he said

He said his troop knew that he was gay, and still wanted him to remain as leader.

"I think the Scouting program is a terrific program," Curran said. "I think there are a few bureaucrats in Texas and Contra Costa County who don't understand ... and don't know what it means to be gay."

#### Inmates With AIDS Upset Over Death Chamber

CANON CITY, CO—A group of twenty prisoners at a state penitentiary who have the AIDS virus say the decision to locate a temporary death chamber above their cell block was cruel and insensitive.

The death chamber at the Territorial Correctional Facility, where condemned prisoners were gassed to death, has been used as a place for religious worship and exercise since executions were halted 23 years ago.

But the state is preparing to resume executions. And when renovations are completed this month, the room will be ready to dole out liquid death through an intravenous tube.

"The Cell Block was chosen because it was the area that could be modified to accommodate lethal injections in the most-efficient and least-expensive way," said DOC spokeswoman Liz McDonough. "It will enable us to carry out any execution sentences we may have to carry out between now and when it's ready."

Colorado prison officials say the room is just a temporary stopgap until a permanent death chamber is completed in 1992 at the East Canon Complex, where Death Row is housed.

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**Organization Rises Anew** 

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by Bj Bud

ince its incorporation in December 1987, Arizona's gay-operated Community AIDS Council has raised an estimated \$150,000

toward direct financial assistance for people with AIDS. But the state of the AIDS crisis has changed dramatically since the organization's inception, according to CAC director

Robert Aronin.

"For a lot of years, HIV was all about dying. We established and set up services that were designed to help comfort the dying. The truth is that the state of health care has improved enough that we can

just when you thought it was safe to donate a dollar...

> actually fight for life, rather than plan for death. Overall, things have changed for the better."

But when the organization hosted a recent "Town Hall" meeting designed to introduce its new "Fight For Life" campaign to Phoenix's lesbian and gay community, Aronin and CAC's few remaining board

members discovered that community perception of CAC has changed as well. The December 22 gathering, attended by some two dozen local activists, became a forum for accusations and old grievances.

#### **New Game Plan**

According to Aronin, "Fight for Life" will target four main goals: publishing a monthly health care newsletter; funding medical research of experimental drugs; sponsoring seminars led by "outside experts," and continued financial assistance to people who require medical care.

To date, CAC has raised the bulk of its funds via "Sharing Weekend," an ongoing project which finds volunteers collecting funds at the doors of local gay bars. While most all Sharing Weekend donations went previously to direct financial assistance, revenues will now go to "Fight for Life," Aronin says. In addition, a "fee for services" will be requested of supporters who can afford the additional expense.

CAC also plans to re-launch its "1,000 Club," a fundraising scheme which flopped in 1988. "We are looking for 1,000 people who will agree to pledge \$10 or more a month to help keep this thing

going," Aronin says.

"This thing" is a three-year-old organization prone to financial collapse and failure, according to CAC's growing number of detractors. Although the group's educational arm, the Gay Men's Sex Project, is funded by a \$25,000 grant from Maricopa County, it "needs to raise a lot more if its going to work," Aronin admits. "So we are about to launch a 'Superman' pageant to seek out men in the valley who best represent hot and healthy sex. And, in the process, we hope to raise a lot of money for the GMSP."

This kind of sexy, impactful education is the key to stopping AIDS, Aronin believes. "Eighty percent of all HIV transmissions are among gay men," he says. Thus, the new CAC program will focus on educating that population. "If we stop transmitting the virus among ourselves," he insists, "we can stop AIDS in Maricopa County."

"That's simply not true," according to a board member from Arizona's Health Resources and Services Administration. "Has he considered the other 20% of the AIDS population? What about the bisexuals, intravenous drug users, women? Even if all gay men here stopped spreading the virus, it's already in other populations in Maricopa County.

"Aronin is mistaken. And all this talk about drug testing is scary. The small sums that he's talking about will not make an impact in medical research. Experimental drugs are expensive and the follow-up is labor intensive. CAC will not be able to make any kind of impact in that

Alvin Harper, former AIDS specialist with the Arizona Department of Health Services, agrees. "Over the last ten years, hundreds of millions of dollars from governmental and private sources have been poured into AIDS research. To get the most from private funding, helping individuals with direct financial aid is the way to go.

"For example, although there are no hard figures, it's estimated that AZT costs over \$35 million to develop. On the other hand, a couple thousand dollars donated to individuals can and does make a difference."

Harper also questions CAC's desire to publish "another AIDS newsletter." Aronin contends that the new publication "will be different. (It) will report on medical alternatives available to people who are seropositive." Although it will be available at no charge to those who cannot afford to purchase it, Aronin plans to market the newsletter to others via paid subscription.

Harper says that there are "already about a dozen underground AIDS newsletters," and he is concerned about CAC publishing medical treatment information.

There have been several deaths in the United States that are a direct result of people with AIDS following advice printed in underground newsletters. When hydrogen peroxide was first written about in those newsletters, many people with AIDS attempted self-injection of over-the-counter peroxide. Many of them died."

Yet Aronin insists that the proposed CAC newsletter is a must-especially for uninformed local physicians. He believes that doctors here aren't treating seropositive patients aggressively because they are unfamiliar with new, experimental medications. "The truth is, most physicians lack knowledge of the most aggressive treatments available for HIV-positive patients," Aronin says.

"Bullshit," Harper retorts. "Any treatment which provides even a glimmer of hope is written about in reputable medical journals like the New England Medical Journal. No one is sitting on information. When hyperthermia was tried on just one patient, the medical journals published that information immediately."

#### CAC As Drug Lab?

Although there are several local clinics currently conducting experimental drug treatments, CAC's new campaign includes plans for similar

"We are going to begin funding medical research right here in the Valley," Aronin has announced. "We are trying to establish an organization comprised of physicians who will conduct experimental AIDS drug programs."

Such programs are legal under

the Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA) which, according to Aronin, "provides us with government approval to operate programs using experimental medications." The National Institutes of Health created the program, which allows medical research to be done without customary FDA red tape. Despite an announcement that the project is underway, Aronin refuses to name the physicians involved.

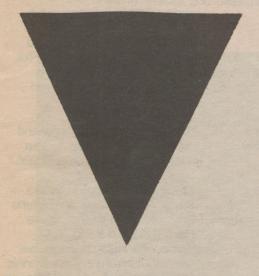
According to Phoenix Shanti Group president Randy Gorbette, Shanti is already federally funded to perform similar research. Gorbette says that research of the drugs ddI and ddC is scheduled to begin shortly. "We are all ready to initiate testing," he says.

"Conducting research under CPCRA is a lot more complicated than Aronin indicated," Gorbette says. "There is a lot of red tape involved in being selected as a research site." Phoenix Shanti is one of only 18 such sites in the United States.

"CAC has no chance of being approved as a site for AIDS drug experiments," Harper asserts. "Absolutely none." He points out that the government "approves a physical location, as with Shanti. There are certain requirements; CAC just doesn't fulfill them. Besides, the AIDS doctors in Phoenix are already aligned with the project at Shanti. One such facility in Arizona is sufficient."

Harper contends that CAC and Aronin have "demonstrated talent at fundraising and should continue to do that. But CAC is not a medical research lab. They should stay out of that business altogether."

Aronin disagrees. "AIDS changes, the world changes, and dynamics change," Aronin says. "Our dynamics have changed. If, in fact, we say we're going to do something and it appears that someone else is going to do it better, we will change our mind."



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# a neglected history

by ellen m. young

n November 6 of this past year, the gay and lesbian community lost Vito Russo. It is unfortunate and unfair that some may not recognize the name; Russo provided a valuable service to his people. Not only did he work to improve life in the present through various political organizations, he also helped to bring a sometimes fragmented community in touch with its history.

In 1981, Russo wrote *The Celluloid Closet*, in which he chronicled the history of gay and lesbian characters in film. It was later updated to include films from the 1980s.

Russo's Closet was not the first observation of gays in cinema. Still earlier, in 1977, the British Film Institute published Gays and Film by Richard Dyer. These important works serve to remind us how the gay and lesbian community has been viewed and depicted by society as a whole and, more importantly, we are shown how those views have changed over time. Other works, such as Gay American History by Jonathan Katz, describe the real lives of gay and lesbian people in different times and cultures.

There are numerous books written about the gay men who lived and died in concentration camps during the Holocaust. Yet despite this wealth of information, there are many young people today who have no idea why the pink triangle is a gay symbol. In his autobiographical work *The Naked Civil Servant*, Quentin Crisp related the experience of a gay man in the England of the 1930s. The young people of today, if they know him at all, see Crisp as a man who writes an occasional witty book or comes to town for a random



Vito Russo

In 1989, the theme for Gay Pride Week in Phoenix was "Stonewall Remembered." The gay pride committee was surprised to discover how many people required an explanation: What was Stonewall? You might as well ask who was Harvey Milk? In a few years, even this question could be commonplace.

The start of a new year prompts us to look ahead. But it can also remind us

Young gay people today seem to think Quentin Crisp is an amusing old queen who occasionally authors a witty book or comes to town for a random lecture.

lecture. What a tragedy that they may never learn what Crisp went through to get here.

A man in his mid-twenties recently asked me who Oscar Wilde was. In fact, having seen Wilde's name in print, he was unsure how to pronounce it. I exchanged glances with my companion, an older gay man who returned my look with one of amused resignation. I wondered to myself, is this the exception or the rule?

to glance backward every now and again. We have all heard the cliches sprung from this philosophy: We learn from our mistakes. We cannot know where we're going until we know where we've been.

But in this case, the cliches are true. We learn more from the past than strategies for the future. In realizing how far we've come, we maintain the optimistic faith in ourselves which allows us to implement those strategies.

# big

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Awakenings: Robert DeNiro and Robin Williams star in a film directed by Penny Marshall, based on the true story of the work of Dr. Oliver Sacks, a British neurologist, with a group of patients in a New York mental hospital. Insiders are tipping this one as the year's top Academy winner. Opens Jan. 11.

Green Card: Peter Weir (Dead Poet's Society, Witness) wrote and directed this romantic comedy about a marriage of convenience that turns into a major inconvenience when the folks at Immigration get suspicious. Starts Jan. 11.



Robert DeNiro and Robin Williams in Awakenings, opening January 11.

Flight of the Intruders: Another Viet Nam soldier movie, from the producers of The Hunt For Red October. Starring Danny Glover and Brad Johnson. Opens Jan. 18.

Mozart's Italy: Armchair travelers, pack your bags. This

film by Robin Williams (!) will be screened at Gammage Auditorium at 7:30pm Monday, Jan. 14. Mozart supplies the music as well as the adventure in this peek into the young composer's travels with his father to the royal courts of Italy. Tickets are \$6, on sale at the Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-3434.

Men of Respect: A contemporary Macbeth set in the Manhattan underworld. Rod Steiger, Peter Boyle and Dennis Farina star. Jan. 18.

Kingdom of the Netherlands: Visit with photographer Kathleen Dusek and producer Sherilyn Mentes at 8pm Tues., Jan. 8 at the Sundome. Dusek's film displays the essence of Holland—windmills, wooden shoes, tulips, cheese. Tickets are \$5, on sale at the Sundome, Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900.

# culture 3

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Art For Life '91: On Saturday evening, Jan. 12, the Phoenix Shanti group will sponsor its second benefit art auction at the Ritz-Carlton in Phoenix. The fundraiser will offer over 175 paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and sculptures by the most established and exciting contemporary and southwestern artists in the United States including Fritz Scholder, Ed Mell, Andy Warhol, Lowell Nesbitt, Robert Mapplethorpe, Keith Haring, Denise Wallace and Beth Ames Swartz. Proceeds will benefit Phoenix Shanti, a non-profit organization providing health care, support services, and research to persons living with AIDS. Art may be previewed Jan. 9-11, from noon to 4pm, and during Art Walk, Thurs. evening Jan. 10, 7-9pm at 4142 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale, in

the space between Wilde-Meyer and Lisa Sette Galleries. Tickets for the benefit are \$100 each, and include a hosted cocktail bar, formal dinner with wine, Christie's live auction, silent auction and entertainment. For more information, contact Robert Minor at 271-0008.

Mars Artspace: "Constructed Intentions... Representing the Photograph," featuring art which combines photography and mixed media by Linda Ingraham and Bruce Racine. Through Feb. 8. 130 N. Central Ave. 253-3541

Terra Firma in Focus: The Art and Science of Digital Satellite Imagery: Sixty-three mounted satellite images of the Earth! More fun and surprises. Arizona Museum of Science and Technology, 80 N. 2nd St. 256-9388

Phoenix Art Museum: "An American Master in Taos," featuring paintings by Victor Higgins, through Feb. 10; "Paintings: 1935-1955," by Philip C. Curtis, featuring recently discovered works from the Arizona artist's early years; "Japanese Prints from the Frank Lloyd Wright Archives," featuring examples of Surimono, the privately commissioned and colorful prints from late 18th and 19th century Japan, through Jan. 27; "Japanese Textiles from the Frank Lloyd Wright Archives," through Jan. 13; "Face 2 Face," portraits from the museum's collection, in the Art Attack youth gallery, through May 19. 1625 N. Central Ave.

With Hammer and Chisel: The Berlin Wall continues through Jan. 13. The timely multi-media installation incorporates large-

scale photo/text collages by ASU School of Art faculty member Tamarra Kaida and Pulitzer Prize-winner poet Rita Dove, with videotapes by German novelist/ artist Fred Viebahn.

Elsa B. Gallery: Paintings and coordinating bola ties by Ilza Hahlo. 7100 Main St. 947-9807

Leslie Levy Fine Art: "Works on Paper" includes art by Evelyne Brigeois, Jean Crane, Steve Hanks, John Bayalis, Julia Jordan, Michael Beck, James Guewa, Barbara Edidin, Dennis Culver and Lee Farley. Through Jan. 29.

# culture buzz

Paul Simon: Sat. Jan. 19, 5:30pm at Desert Sky Pavilion. Tickets through Ticketmaster, 230-9112.

The Judds: Sun. Mar 3, 7pm at the Sundome. Tickets through Dillard's. 975-1900

Mel Tormé and the McGuire Sisters will take the Sundome stage at 2pm Sun. Jan. 6. The velvet-voiced Tormé joins those swinging siblings for an elegant evening of musical entertainment. Tickets are \$20, \$15, and \$10, on sale at the Sundome, Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900

Bernadette Peters: The Tony award-winning singer/ actress will appear at the Sundome at 8pm Sat., Jan. 12. Tickets are \$22, \$19 and \$16, on sale at the Sundome, Gammage, ASU Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900

Danny Williams with Slique Callahan: The San Francisco comic gabs about being queer in North America. Williams and local fave Slique Callahan will be laughing all the way to the Kerr Cultural Center Sat., Jan. 26. 6610 N. Scottsdale Rd. Tickets are available at Kerr and Dillard's box offices. 965-5377

Tammy Wynette: The First Lady of country music is on her way back to the top, stopping off at the Sundome en route. She'll perform at 8pm Tues, Jan. 22. Tickets are \$19, \$16 and \$13 on sale at the Sundome, Gammage, ASU Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900

Manhattan Transfer: 8pm Wed. Jan. 23 at the Sundome. This group's signature four-part harmony gives jazz-pop a feel it never had before, Tickets are \$24, \$22, and \$19 on sale at the Sundome, Gammage, ASU Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900

Kodo Drummers of Japan will perform at 8pm Sun. Jan. 27, at Gammage Auditorium. The drummers use their physical prowess, intricate rhythms and theatrical flair to expose the wonder, feeling and shock that constitute the very heartbeat of life. Once experienced, this athletic and intimate duet between man and drum is never forgotten. Tickets are \$16, \$13, and \$10 on sale at the Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-3434

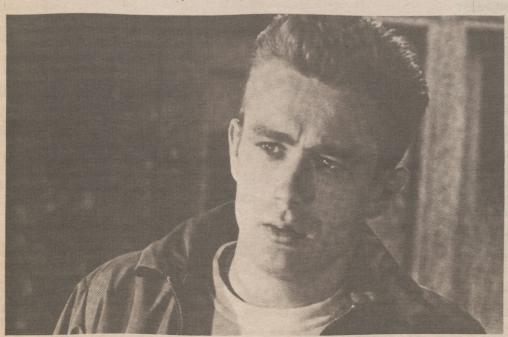
Carol Channing: The Legend of the Great White Way will entertain at the Sundome at 8pm Thurs. Jan. 31 along with Monte Procopio. Tickets are \$22, \$19 and \$16, on sale at the Sundome, Gammage, ASU Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900

The Temptations with the Four Tops: Thurs. Jan 24, 8pm at the Celebrity Theatre. Ticket info at 230-9112 or 244-0404.

## video

Without You I'm Nothing:
Sandra Bernhard co-wrote and stars in the film that expresses her thoughts about fans, fame and sex. "My father's a proctologist, my mother's an abstract artist—that's how I view the world," explains Sandra. This film was never released here in Sandra's own hometown.

The James Dean 35th Anniversary Collection: Warner Laserdisc brings us the home video restoration event of the year with this collection of vintage greats. Giant, East of Eden, and Rebel Without a Cause have been reworked to provide brilliant resolution and extraordinary sound—an ultimate home-viewing experience.



Warner Laserdisc will reissue James Dean's biggies this month

# in/out

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Breast augmentation for men

Peace

The Simpsons

turtlenecks

freckles

Breast augmentation for women

The Draft

The Cosby Show

bow ties

cheap manicures

# toe shoes

Dance-a-rama: Winner of New Times' "Best Dance Club 1990" award continues as the most unique alternative to the Valley's dance scene. Groove to post-industrial new beat dance music, underground videos and visual arts too. \$4 at the door.

# center stage

Oliver: Musical Theatre of Arizona presents Charles Dickens' classic tale of an orphan boy's struggle in 19th century London's underworld. Memorable score includes "Consider Yourself" and "As Long as He Needs Me." Performances at 8pm Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 10 and 11; 2 and 8pm Sat. Jan. 12; and 2pm and 7pm Sun. Jan. 13. Tickets are \$24 and \$22 for adults, \$21 and \$19 for children, on sale at the Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-3434

Loot: Joe Orton's outrageous comedy fills Arizona Theatre Company's second slot of the season. A brilliant parody of detective stories, Loot targets several of society's holiest grails: religion, police authority and its abuses, death and dying; and will play through Jan. 19th at the Herberger Theatre Center. 252-8497

Otello will be performed by the Arizona Opera Company at Phoenix Symphony Hall on January 17 and 19, 1991 at 7:30pm and on January 20, 1991 at 2pm. Tickets are on sale now by calling the Civic Plaza box office at 262-7272 or Dillard's box office at 829-5555. Otello will be sung in Italian with English surtitles. Arizona Opera's production will feature heldentenor John Frederic West in the title role along with Metropolitan Opera star and Tucson native Richard Clark as lago.

Nunsense: Extended through Jan. 31. Wed. through Fri. 8pm; 6pm and 9pm Sat.; 2pm Sun. Tickets are \$15 for Wed., Thurs. and Sun. shows; \$17 Fri. and Sat. Actors Lab, 7223 E. 2nd St. 990-1731

A.M.U.S.E.: The Adobe Oven Coffeehouse offers original improv performances via the Improvisational Theatre Society. 8pm, 9:30pm and 11pm every Sat. 5520 N. 7th Ave. \$5. 242-2808

#### SEVEN THINGS THAT CHARLES HIX SAYS ARE SEXY ON MEN

- 1. THE COLOR RED
- 2. DRAWSTRING PANTS
- 3. PLAIN WHITE JOCKEY SHORTS
- 4. VISIBLE ZIPPERS
- 5. A TURNED-DOWN WAISTBAND ON GYM SHORTS
- 6. PANTS THAT CONTOUR THE BUTTOCKS
- 7. SPONTANEITY (as opposed to "a heavy-handed attempt to look sexy")

#### TEN TOP CONDOMS, AS RATED BY CONSUMER REPORTS

- 1. Gold Circle Coin
- 2. LifeStyles Extra Strength Lubricated
- 3. Saxon Wet Lubricated
- 4. Ramses Non-Lubricated Reservoir End
- 5. Sheik Non-Lubricated Reservoir End
- 6. Excita Extra
- 7. Kimono
- 8. Sheik Elite
- 9. Koromex with Nonoxynol-9
- 10. Excita Fiesta



#### EIGHT-AND-A-HALF PEOPLE WHO CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN "CURED" OF THEIR HOMOSEXUALITY

#### 1. GLADYS BENTLEY

Notorious for her marriage to another woman, the black singer was miraculously cured of her lesbianism (and of "infantile" genitals) by hormone injections. She claimed falsely to be married to newspaper columnist J.T. Gibson, but later did marry a cook, Charles Robe.

#### 2. DAVID CALIGIURI

This former gay man directs Free Indeed, a Phoenix organization that offers "a way out of the homosexual death-style" through prayer.

#### 3. GILES LAROCHE

Claiming to have been cured of his homosexuality by God, Laroche traveled across Vermont in 1986 carrying a fifty-pound cross in an effort to defeat the ERA in that state. Laroche was a member of Straight and Narrow, an organization that tries to convert gays to heterosexuality.

#### 4. JAY WESLEY NEILL

Neill was convicted of killing four people during a 1984 holdup. Afterward, he declared in an interview on *The 700 Club*, a fundamentalist Christian television program, that he had been "born again" as a Christian and "relieved" of his homosexuality. His death sentence has been stayed pending the outcome of automatic appeals.

#### 5. ROBERT JACKSON

Jackson was the first firefighter in the country to be named liaison to a city's gay community. No longer: Jackson announced in 1988 that he had been born again and is no longer gay.

#### 6. JONATHAN HUNTER

A former model and actor as well as a former homosexual, as of 1987 Hunter headed the AIDS Resource Ministry, a Los Angeles County organization that attempts, sometimes aggressively, to persuade homosexual PWAs to repent before they die and burn in hellfire.

#### 7. ANDY COMISKEY

A self-described "former gay," Comiskey founded Desert Stream Ministries, one of the largest "ex-gay" Christian ministries in the U.S., and has served as president of Exodus International, a coalition of some fifty such ministries across the country. He also co-founded Homosexuals Anonymous, a fourteen-step program in which "the homosexual identity is replaced by the goal of realizing our new identity in Christ."

#### 8. JOANNE HIGHLEY

Highley hid her lesbianism for ten years, even while performing as a gospel singer in evangelical churches. Now she and her husband, Ron Highley, head a New York ministry called LIFE (Living in Freedom Eternally), trying to help people break the addiction of homosexuality.

#### ...and 1/2. COLIN COOK

Cook, a founder of Homosexuals Anonymous and the founder and director of the Quest Learning Center in Pennsylvania, which attempts to counsel gay people into becoming heterosexual, resigned in 1987 after fourteen men and boys seeking counseling at the center claimed he tried to have sex with them.

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At the tail end of a gay publishing trend which produced such mini-epics as The Gay Fireside
Companion and
Lesbian Lists, it's a wonder there's much material left to collect on fags and dykes.

Yet in their new
book, Lavender Lists
(Alyson, \$8.95),
Lynne Yamaguchi
Fletcher and Adrien
Saks have unearthed
—with the help of
some notable gay
and lesbian comrades
—still more critical
data and fun stuff
about queers and

being queer.

#### 2 LOCALES THAT CHANGED THEIR NAMES...

1. GAY COURT in LaVerne, California
A year after the Stonewall Riots,
residents of the quiet California street
complained that the name had taken on
a new meaning. The city council
granted their request that the name be
changed to Bayberry Court.

2. GAY MOUNTAIN of North Carolina Ten years later, landowners on this mountain had the same compliant. It was renamed Misty Mountain.

#### KENNEDY SMITH'S TEN BEST LESBIAN ALBUMS

In the Washington Blade, writer and critic Kennedy Smith surveyed the state of lesbian music. Her favorites, starting with the best:

- 1. I KNOW YOU KNOW, by Meg Christian (Olivia Records, 1974)
- 2. ANNIVERSARY: Meg and Cris at Carnegie Hall, by Meg Christian and Cris Williamson (Olivia Records, 1977)
- 3. THE WAYS A WOMAN CAN BE, by Teresa Trull (Olivia Records, 1977)
- 4. TURNING IT OVER, by Meg Christian (Olivia Records, 1981)
- 5. JADE AND SARSAPARILLA, by Janet Hood and Linda Langford (Submaureen Records, 1976)
- 6. LAVENDER JANE LOVES WOMEN, by Alix Dobkin, Kay Gardner, and Patches Attom (Women's Wax Work, 1974)
- 7. LET IT BE KNOWN, by Teresa Trull (Olivia Records, 1980)
- 8. IMAGINE MY SURPRISE, by Holly Near (Redwood Records, 1978)
- 9. THE CHANGER AND THE CHANGED, by Cris Williamson (Olivia Records, 1975)
- 10. SONGWRITER, by Margie Adam (Pleiades Records, 1976)



Visible Zippers, Charles Hix says

#### EIGHT PROPOSED CAUSES OF HOMOSEXUALITY

#### 1. THE PLANETS

Babylonian astrologers thought that Scorpio governed "love of a man for a man." Ptolemy, on the other hand, explained that, "joined with Mercury, in honorable position, Venus restrains some men in their affairs of love with women, but makes them more passionate for boys, and jealous."

#### 2. PARENTAL ERROR

In the Hippocratic school of physicians, both parents were thought to secrete male or female "bodies." If the father's secretions were female, rather than male, and the mother's were male, the child would be either an effeminate man or a "mannish" female,

#### 3. FAULTY PLUMBING

Aristotle thought that in "passive" homosexuals, the channels carrying sperm within the body were connected to the rectum instead of to the penis; in homosexuals who took both active and passive roles, the sperm flowed to both.

#### 4. ITCHINESS

An Arab quoted in the West as late as the thirteenth century hypothesized that homosexual desires were caused by "excessive itchiness in the buttock region," and could be relieved by applying a salve to the area.

#### 5. A SLUGGISH SPIRIT

In India, the doctrine of reincarnation has led some authorities to suggest that homosexuality results when a person changes gender from one life to the next: Though the physical body is easily changed during reincarnation, deeply ingrained "habits" such as sexual orientation may be slower to change.

#### 6. NEGLECTED COLONS

In his book Colon Health: The Key to a Vibrant Life, Dr. Norman W. Walker writes:

"As a matter of fact, when a woman is in as nearly a perfect health condition as is possible for her to be in this day and generation, she finds her intuitive faculties quite keen and alert. On the other hand, when the colon has been neglected for a lifetime, better instincts are dimmed and the mind leans toward self-pity, which often leads to such perversions as lesbianism. This is particularly the case when the tonsils have been removed.

#### 7. THOUGHTFUL GENES

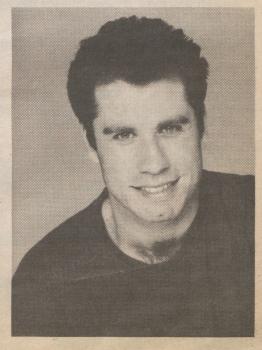
The relatively new science of sociobiology tries to explain homosexuality in terms of its contribution to the survival of the species. One hypothesis, based on the concept of kin selection, posits that homosexuality advances a species by freeing individuals from the reproductive cycle, so they can care for siblings, nieces, and nephews.

#### 8. PORK CHOPS

According to Tasleed Amhed, a contemporary Islamic eye surgeon in Ireland, "It has been proven that the pig is the only homosexual animal. As this perversion (homosexuality) is most prevalent in pork-eating nations, it is obvious that it gets into your genes through your mouth."

#### NINE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN OUTED\*

- 1. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, actor
- 2. TAYLOR DAYNE, singer
- 3. MALCOLM FORBES, multimillionaire publisher
- 4. MARK HATFIELD, Oregon senator



John Travolta: Out Where?

- 5. WHITNEY HOUSTON, singer
- 6. KRISTY McNICHOL, actress
- 7. EVELYN MURPHY, Massachusetts lieutenant governor
- 8. JIM THOMPSON, Illinois governor
- 9. JOHN TRAVOLTA, actor

\*Out of respect for individual privacy, this list includes only those people whose outing has been widely reported. This does not in any way prove that they are gay.

# FOUR HINTS FROM THE LESBIAN CONNECTION ABOUT HOW STRAIGHT WOMEN SHOULD ACT WHEN THEY MEET A LESBIAN

- 1. DO NOT RUN SCREAMING FROM THE ROOM
- 2. DO NOT EXPECT HER TO BE AS EXCITED ABOUT MEETING A HETEROSEXUAL AS YOU MAY BE ABOUT MEETING A LESBIAN
- 3. DO NOT ASSUME SHE IS ATTRACTED TO YOU
- 4. DO NOT ASSUME YOU ARE NOT ATTRACTED TO HER

#### Genetically Engineered Protein Allows Safe Hemophilia Treatment

BOSTON, MA—The development of genetically engineered blood clotting proteins, described as "a tremendous advance" by one doctor, should free hemophiliacs of the fear of catching diseases such as AIDS through their medical treatment.

About 60 percent of hemophiliacs in the United States were unknowingly infected with HIV during the early 1980s. The virus contaminated clotting proteins derived from human blood.

Hemophiliacs have an inherited disorder that prevents them from making enough factor VIII, a protein essential for producing clots. As a result they must take factor VIII injections to stop bleeding after accidents and operations and to prevent damaging bleeding in the joints.

Now, two companies are testing recombinant factor VIII, made through gene splicing techniques, that should provide this essential treatment without contamination with microbes or impurities.

"We are all tremendously excited about this. It represents a tremendous advance," said Dr. Jeanne M. Lusher of Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit

Lusher participated in the first large-scale testing of recombinant factor VIII. The work, published in today's New England Journal of Medicine, showed that it works just as well as the natural variety of factor VIII derived from human blood plasma.

New purification techniques have made factor VIII free of HIV, but some experts worry that some new microbe might silently infiltrate this treatment again if blood remains the sole source.

"There is an inherent risk with using any human plasma-derived blood product," said Lusher. "The main advantage is that since these products are not derived in any way from human blood, there is no risk of transmitting human blood-borne

Alan Brownstein, executive director of the National Hemophilia Foundation, said that absolutely safe factor VIII could allow hemophiliacs to take regular preventive doses of factor VIII, just as diabetics take insulin.

"It offers the potential for people with hemophilia to have an interim cure," said Brownstein. "The reason why people with hemophilia do not treat themselves preventively as diabetics do is because we are still talking about a human-source product. If we find a product around which there is zero question, then people could basically be rid of the potential of bleeding episodes."

Last year, Baxter Healthcare reported on preliminary use of its variety of recombinant factor VIII on two patients. In the latest report, Cutter Biological described results of testing its competing product on 107 hemophiliacs. Both forms of factor VIII are being considered for approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"The results were excellent," said Cutter's Dr. Richard S. Schwartz. "We could demonstrate that biologically, recombinant factor VIII behaves similarly to plasma-derived factor VIII."

Most of the patients in the study have been using the genetically engineered factor VIII for nearly two years. The treatment effectively controlled their bleeding and caused no unwanted side effects.

Besides being safe, the recombinant products should also help assure a steady supply. Two years ago, hemophiliacs experienced a shortage of factor VIII after a mix up in HIV screening at the American Red Cross, a primary producer, forced it to withhold about seven percent of the nation's total production.

# Some Funeral Homes Discriminate in AIDS Cases, Foundation Says

SAN ANTONIO, TX—The San Antonio AIDS Foundation claims some funeral homes discriminate by charging more to embalm AIDS patients, but morticians contend the extra cost covers necessary protective gear.

"There is no reason for these additional 'AIDS' charges but simple discrimination," said a statement issued by the foundation, which complained to state officials.

The AIDS Foundation telephoned 30 local mortuaries and found four charged extra to embalm those who die from complications of AIDS.

The foundation then complained to the Texas Division of Consumer Affairs about Southside Funeral Home, Carter-Taylor-Williams Mortuary Inc., Collins Mortuary and M.E. Rodriguez Funeral Home.

But morticians denied discrimination and defended the extra charges as necessary to pay for a \$45 kit of disposable clothing worn by embalmers in such cases. Morticians said the precautions are taken with all bodies carrying infectious diseases.

"We charge \$75 for what we call an infectious body, not just AIDS, but meningitis, viral hepatitis and anything that's tagged infectious disease," said Richard Chavez, assistant manager of Southside Funeral Home.

Chavez said the extra \$30 of the additional cost is profit.

Joyce Price, funeral director for Collins Mortuary, said, "AIDS is not singled out, and it never should be singled out."

Collins charges \$100 extra to embalm the bodies of those who die of infectious disease, Ms. Price said.

Elida Maldonado, spokeswoman for M.E. Rodriguez Funeral Home, said the mortuary doesn't make anything extra. Bodies of people who died of communicable diseases are taken to a commercial embalming service, which charges more for the process. That cost is passed on to customers, she said.

Officials at some funeral homes not named in the complaint agreed it costs more to embalm bodies carrying infectious diseases.

Porter Loring Jr., president of Porter Loring Mortuary, said his firm absorbs the \$45 fee for protective wear.

"It's just a matter of philosophy," Loring said. "Those poor folks have enough problems as it is."

But Loring said he believes funeral homes are justified in charging extra for protective wear needed by embalmers.

#### Safe Sex Activist Wins Award

COLUMBIA, S.C.—A local hairdresser who doubles as a safe-sex guru has again gained national recognition for her work fighting AIDS.

Mother Jones magazine says DiAna DiAna is one of the country's 10 "Heroes & Heroines." The winning grass-roots activists were nominated by readers of the San Francisco-based liberal magazine.

In addition to operating DiAna's Hair Ego in northeast Columbia, Ms. DiAna is executive director of the South Carolina AIDS Education Network.

"I was shocked. I didn't think anybody noticed," the 42-year-old Massachusetts native said at her northeast Columbia shop last week as she shampooed a client.

At her shop, Ms. DiAna gives out free, gift-wrapped condoms. She also sells safe-sex kits and condom fashion jewelry. A television set at the shop plays videos about how to avoid AIDS.

Her unconventional approach also includes lectures and "safe-sex parties," where there is no sex, but talk about ways to practice safe sex. The network, which Ms. DiAna operates with public health educator Dr. Bambi Sumpter, offers six-hour

AIDS prevention training courses. It also makes and distributes videos and produces plays Ms. DiAna writes.

She began her campaign five years ago, when she learned many of her clients had lost family members to AIDS.

Clients tell her everything, she said. "I'm like a priest," Ms. DiAna told Mother Jones. Out of concern for her mostly black clientele and the disproportionate number of blacks affected by the AIDS virus, she started the network.

"I went out and bought 5,000 condoms and just gave them away," said Ms. DiAna, who has an education degree and taught emotionally handicapped students in Massachusetts.

"There are those in this state who don't like the things I say and do even though they have never been to one of my presentations," Ms. DiAna said.

"The idea is to meet the needs of the people," she said. "I teach abstinence, but obviously that's not working. So we go on to step two. I tell people, 'If you're going to do whatever you're going to do anyway, here's how to do it safely.""

#### Commission Recommends AIDS Education For Dentists

TALLAHASSEE, FL—Methods now used to prevent the spread of AIDS and Hepatitis viruses are effective, a state panel has concluded. But it says they can still be improved.

A Florida Board of Dentistry panel studying the methods met late last month and will make recommendations to the board, probably in January, said Allan Grossman, a panel member and attorney for the Board of Dentistry.

The panel's medical experts agreed that rules requiring the use of gloves, masks, gowns and protective eyewear will—if followed—prevent the spread of the highly contagious Hepatitis B virus as well as HIV, Grossman said.

However, the panel will recommend the Board of Dentistry require greater use of masks and eye protection during dental procedures like drilling or where there could be splashing, he said.

The panel will also recommend that the board require dentists and dental technicians to undergo continuing AIDS education every two years as part of license renewal, Grossman said.

Kimberly Bergalis of Fort Pierce has claimed that she contracted the AIDS virus from her dentist while having two wisdom teeth pulled in December 1987. The dentist, who later died of an AIDS-related disease, wore gloves and a mask during the procedure.

Laurie Cain, a spokeswoman for the Department of Professional Regulation, said the panel was formed in response to increased concerns about AIDS transmission in professional settings but was not a direct response to the Bergalis case.

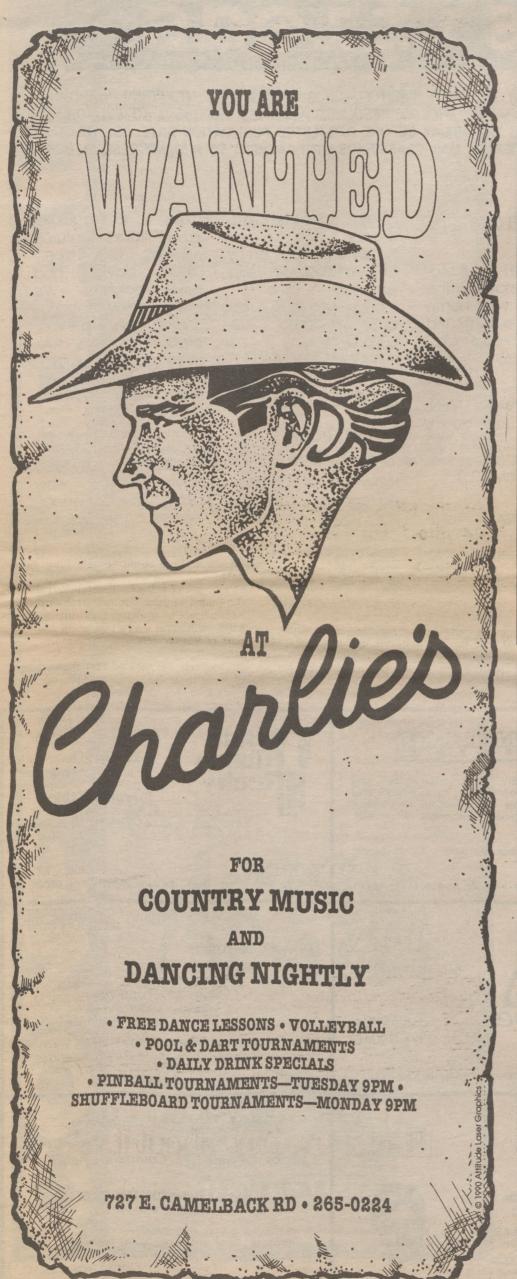


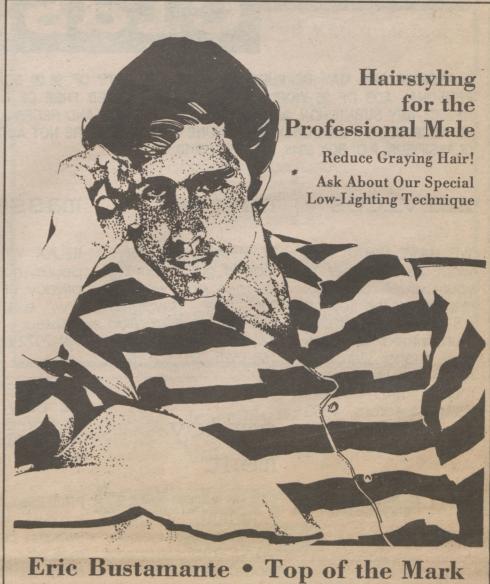
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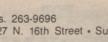
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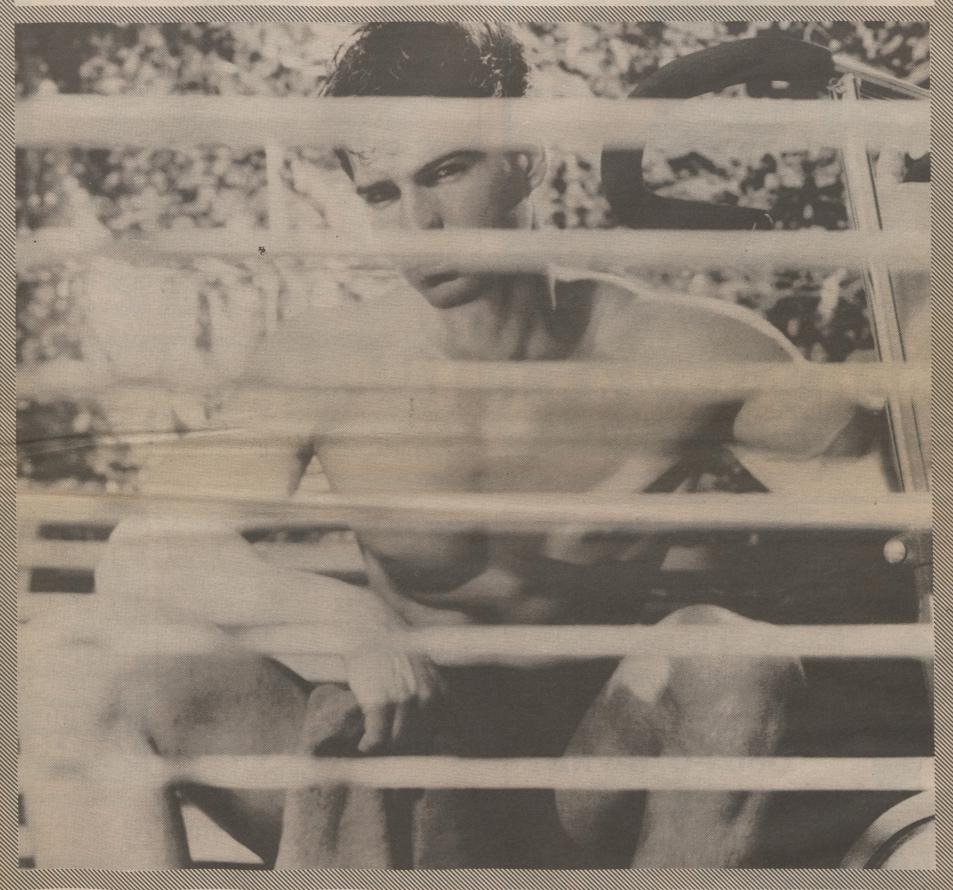
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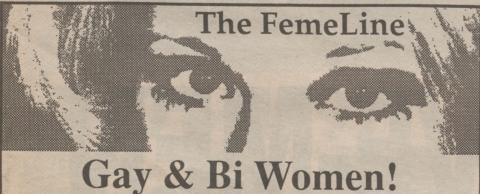
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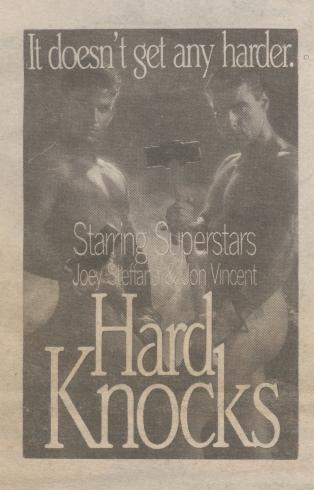
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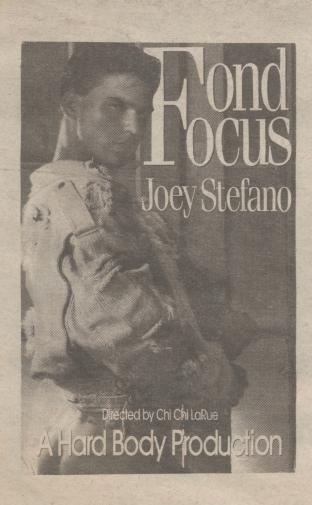
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