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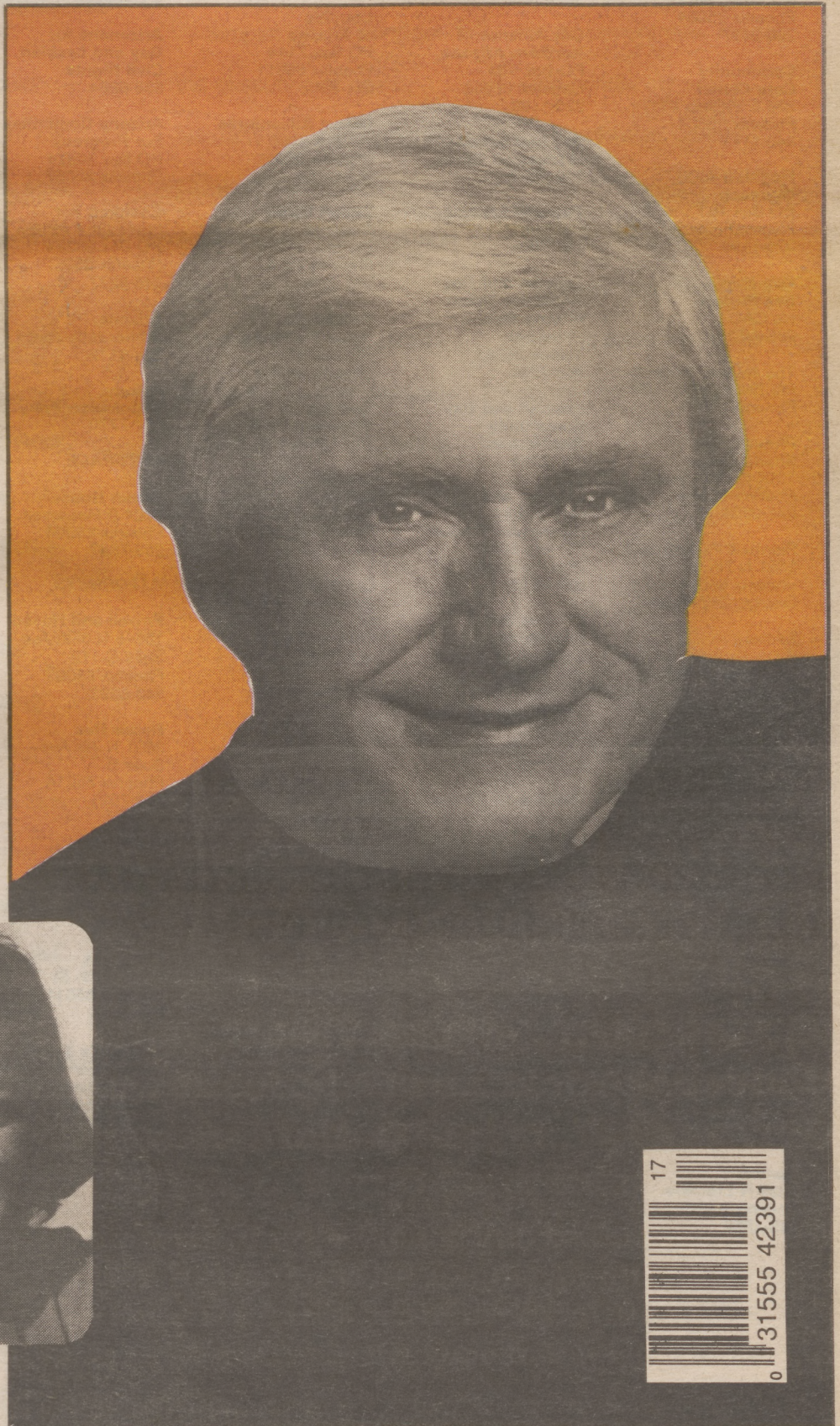
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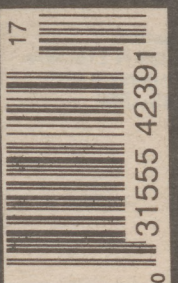
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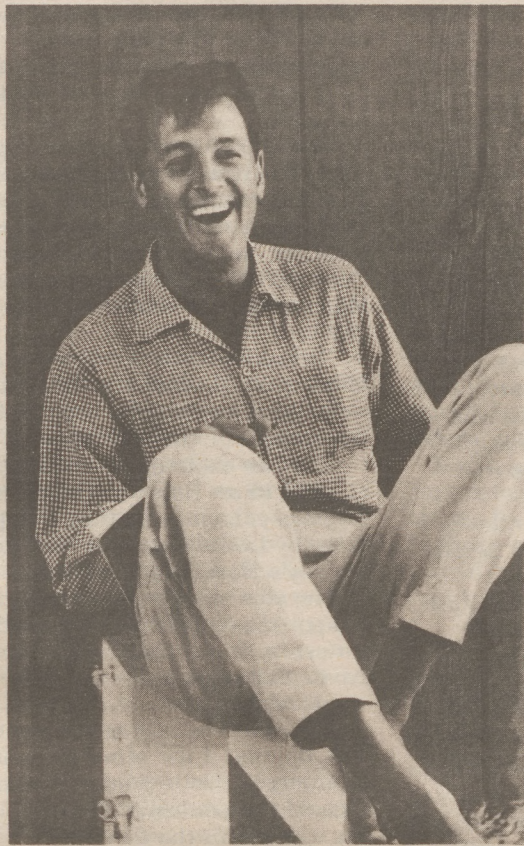
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Used to be you could ponder whether your pet actor, author or talk show host was *really that way*. In the good old days, everybody had heard that Rock Hudson was gay, but no one believed it. Rock was too masculine, too much a *man*. He was a *bachelor*.

Nowadays, in the shadow of the "outing" craze, folks are lining up to tell the world which famous person is their former same-sex sweetheart. Tinseltown queers, one imagines, are quaking.

Personally, I like it when celebs are outed. I'm still at

issue with the invasion-of-privacy thing, but my better judgment has yet to supersede my glee when closeted luminaries are unmasked as *fancy*.

My chums are appalled at my pitiless joy. How, they want to know, can I titter over so grave an issue as breach of trust?

Simple: I don't consider the obscuring of one's sexuality particularly noble. Cloaked identity is a symptom of cowardice, and fear rarely goes unpunished. These celebs are facing seemly penalties.

And anyway, I'm tired of gay people buying into the

heterosexist perception of queers as sex offenders who should hide themselves away. Non-gay people rebuke us, while wearing clothes we design, eating food we prepare, admiring art we create. Without homos, the world would be awash in plaid, glutted with polyester, fed on frozen entrees. *Kinder and gentler* my ass.

In a kinder, gentler world, Richard Chamberlain, Rock Hudson, Kristy McNichol and Liberace would just be guests on the Merv Griffin Show.

—Pela

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Hartford Gays Get Rights Bill

"A Wonderful Victory," Activists Say

Connecticut gay activists celebrated a "wonderful victory" when the state Senate gave final passage to a gay rights bill that had been defeated again and again over nearly two decades.

"I never felt secure until it happened," said Karlyn Sturmer, a lesbian activist, after watching the Senate vote. "We've worked years for this. The impact will go far beyond the legislation. It's a statement."

The vote in the Senate was 21-14. The bill now goes to Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. He plans to sign the bill "enthusiastically," according to his press secretary.

Connecticut becomes the fourth state to protect gay men and lesbians from discrimination, following Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Hawaii.

"I feel like my life has new protection," said Meg Bachtel, a lesbian activist from Stratford who watched the Senate debate from the gallery. "We have worked so hard for this, there is such a sense of relief."

When the Senate vote was announced, gay activists in the Senate gallery erupted in shouts of applause. Many of the same activists had protested bitterly in 1989 when a similar gay rights bill measure was narrowly defeated.

"This is a wonderful victory, a historic day," said Betty Gallo, a lobbyist for the Connecticut Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights. "It's not very often we do something that gives civil rights to so many people."

The bill prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and credit availability. It carves out exemptions for religious groups and owner-occupants of multiple-family houses.

Sponsors of the measure said the bill does not authorize adoption by homosexuals or affirmative action that favors homosexuals, nor does it "mandate that homosexuality be taught in schools."

The bill drew opposition from some religious groups, but the state's largest and most powerful churches, notably the Roman Catholic Church, did not oppose it.

Gay Parade Nixed in New York

HUNTINGTON, NY—A request for a parade permit by Long Island gay activists has been rejected by Huntington's Highway Superintendent James Naughton, who said his community can't bear the cost of hosting another parade.

In vetoing the request, Naughton said Huntington has parades for Columbus Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Memorial Day, and the town can't afford the overtime to monitor and clean up after another parade.

Naughton said a group wanting to have a parade should contact the organizers of the existing parades to get permission to march in their events.

However, gay advocate John Raiser

In what many at the state Capitol perceived as a tacit endorsement of the bill, Hartford Archbishop John F. Whealon wrote in a recent newspaper column that, despite the church's teachings against homosexuality, discrimination against gay men and lesbians is "always morally wrong."

"Gay men and lesbians face real problems and they need real protections," Sen. Charles H. Allen (D-New Haven) said during the Senate debate. "This bill gives them that."

"The people we're talking about are not children of a lesser God," said Senate President Pro Tem John Larson (D-East Hartford).

Opponents argued on the floor of the House and the Senate that there has been no evidence of widespread discrimination against gays.

"We're not passing legislation to stop discrimination," said Sen. Louis Deluca (R-Woodbury). "We're passing legislation to approve a lifestyle. There is no need for it."

Under the bill, discrimination complaints would be brought as civil complaints before the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, which now hears cases of racial and sexual discrimination. The commission is empowered to order remedies such as back pay in employment disputes.

Legislative analysts have predicted the bill would result in about 30 discrimination complaints each year.

Among those celebrating in the Senate gallery were the mother and brother of Rep. Joseph Grabarz (D-Bridgeport), Connecticut's first openly gay lawmaker. On the Senate floor, Grabarz thanked senators who supported the bill.

"I think I gave the people who work in this building the opportunity to realize that they have worked side by side with somebody who is gay," Grabarz said.

The Legislature first considered a gay rights bill in 1973, and consistently defeated the bill in various forms through the 1970s and 1980s. With the Roman Catholic Church leading the opposition, versions of the bill died in the House on close votes in 1987 and 1989.

said Huntington nixed the gay parade because the city doesn't want gay men and lesbians parading through town.

Huntington is the third Long Island community to reject the parade request by the Long Island Lesbian and Gay Pride and Freedom Committee, which wants a local version of the New York City Gay Pride Parade.

Earlier, Northport and Port Jefferson refused to issue parade permits to the group, saying it was not local.

Raiser said the group has not given up and will continue to look for a Long Island community to host its parade.

Employer Treats Lesbian Couple as Spouses

ANN ARBOR, MI—Chris McCown and Jayne Miller say their lesbian relationship is finally being recognized by their employer, but society is still far behind.

The city of Ann Arbor has agreed to consider them as spouses when applying certain personnel policies. McCown is the manager of recreation facilities and services for the city's Department of Parks and Recreation; Miller is bicycle coordinator for the city.

"It was difficult at work at first," Miller said. "I think it's the fact that we're good employees, that we have the respect of our colleagues."

The two exchanged wedding rings in 1987 in an Episcopal partnership ceremony. Last year, they bought a three-bedroom house in Washtenaw County's Hamburg Township.

The city has agreed to treat them as spouses in policies on nepotism, maternity leave, funeral leave, sick leave, child care leave and life insurance.

For example, one of the women can take time off if the other becomes seriously ill. Both women would be allowed to take funeral leave if one has a death in the family.

"The fact that they consider us to be spouses is what's important to us, even if we don't get anything else out of the agreement," McCown said. "What we want is to have our

relationship validated by society."

They're not allowed to share medical insurance, however.

"It's not a full package, but it's a big step," Miller said.

The restrictions don't stop there. They still can't file joint income tax returns and they cannot be legally married.

Miller said she hasn't felt any direct discrimination against her lifestyle, "but I know people talk about it. We hear stories about what people say about us. But we've also had people we don't know call us and thank us for talking about this."

Donald Mason, acting city administrator, said no other city employees have asked to be treated as spouses, as Miller and McCown have.

"The policy was developed with these two specific people in mind," Mason said. "But I imagine we would have the same policy for two other employees with the same type of relationship. It would be unfair not to."

Miller and McCown said the move is just one more step in the pursuit of civil rights.

"A lot more people are demanding their rights and that's going to make some difference," McCown said. "But in my lifetime, I don't expect to see all the rights and privileges we deserve in society."

Lesbian Pastor Maintains Post

BROWN DEER, WI—A lesbian pastor at Brown Deer United Church of Christ, a temple in rural Wisconsin, survived a close vote on her leadership, but the outcome could lead some members of the congregation to worship elsewhere, officials said.

The vote of 46-37 backed keeping Janis Doleschal as pastor despite the revelation about four months ago of her sexual relationship with another woman.

Prior to the vote, an emotional worship service brought tears to the eyes of backers and opponents of Ms. Doleschal, who also serves as commissioner of interscholastic athletics for the Milwaukee Public Schools.

Her sermon never mentioned the controversy but said the Christian faith "requires us to change" and that "change can create turmoil."

Afterwards, in a meeting that was closed to the public, "people had an opportunity to vote their conscience, and that's what they did," said Maggie Pyykonen, church counsel president.

She said some members had voted against Ms. Doleschal for reasons other than her sexual orientation.

"I have some real concerns for the survival of the church," Ms. Pyykonen said.

She added that she hoped people

who care about the church will "stick around and work to keep the church going."

But some members, who did not want to be identified, said they did not intend to return with Ms. Doleschal as pastor.

The congregation, with 114 members, can't afford to lose many people, Ms. Pyykonen said.

"We're not going to fold because a few people leave the church," said longtime member Bill Ferguson.

"We couldn't be happier (about the vote)," he added. "She's been an integral part of our life through sickness, health and death."

Ms. Doleschal told an interviewer she was not too bothered by the close vote.

"The important thing is to try and restore some stability to the church, and my up and leaving would not do that," she said.

"I did nothing wrong, and that is why I did not resign," she said. "I would be remiss in the ministry not to take a stand."

Her relationship of about two years with another woman was blessed by a local UCC minister last summer in a ceremony recognizing their fidelity to each other. "Open and affirming" congregations within the denomination accept gay and lesbian members and pastors.

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Pro-Gay Presbyterian Report Causing Concern

NASHVILLE, TN—A church-sponsored report on same-sex couples is raising concerns by Presbyterians who say it supports non-traditional values.

"The report does not support those of us who are trying so hard to raise our children to respect themselves and their values," said Dick Knight, a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

"It doesn't endorse traditional upbringing and doesn't start with the building blocks of traditional sexual morality."

However, the 200-page report, "Keeping Body and Soul Together: Sexuality, Spirituality and Social Justice," has sold more than 30,000 copies, said a spokesman for the 2.9 million-member Presbyterian Church.

Critics say the report urges Presbyterians to embrace "justice-love" or responsibility in the sexual relationship rather than heterosexual marriage as the standard of mature sexual conduct.

So a 71-page minority report is now being included with the original report.

A 17-member task force worked three years to produce the human sexuality report. The committee recommends that the report be accepted for two years of study when the denomination's General Assembly

meets in Baltimore in June.

Ten task force members voted for the report while six voted for the minority report, which supports traditional sexual values.

Meanwhile, six former moderators of the church have sent out a joint letter asking the denomination's General Assembly to receive the report but take no action on it.

The moderators say a fatal flaw in the report is the acknowledgement by the chairman of the committee that the group's work was guided by the belief that "biblical ethics and Christian ethics for the church today are not the same thing."

Scripture is not regarded as "a witness without parallel," as the Presbyterian Confessionals declare, but rather is treated on the same level as "tradition, reason or experience," the moderators said in their letter.

The moderators said by making "justice-love" the primary consideration, "the report makes all sexual conduct subjective and free from all external guidance or restraint."

Many churches have one copy of each report for their members to read and study. Others have scheduled study sessions on the report. Some speculate the report could split some congregations, if passed.

Maine Loses Gay Rights Bill

AUGUSTA, ME—The sponsor of a gay rights bill vowed to reintroduce the measure after the Maine Legislature rejected the proposal to bar discrimination against homosexuals for the eighth time in 14 years.

"It just was not to be this year. I guess that sums it up," Sen. Gerard P. Conley (D-Portland) said after the House voted 76-56 against the bill early this month.

The House refused a last-ditch plea to revive the bill, voting down a move to send the bill to a House-Senate panel to work toward a compromise. The Senate already voted twice in favor of the bill.

Ed Shannon of the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance said in a prepared statement that the fight for "basic civil rights" for Maine's 120,000 gay and lesbian men and women will persist.

"It will continue until we prevail in our quest to be treated as equals under the law," he said.

Shannon said Gov. John R. McKernan's threat to veto the bill unless it provided for a statewide referendum hurt its chances of passage.

The leading opponent, the Christian Civic League of Maine, considered the vote "a stunning

triumph for Maine values and Maine families" that represented "the collective conscience of Maine people," said the group's executive director, Jasper Wyman.

The Senate voted twice in favor of the bill, which would amend the Maine Human Rights Act to bar discrimination in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation.

Separate House votes against the bill ended its changes of passage this session.

With virtually no discussion, representatives voted 80-58 against a request by Rep. Patrick E. Paradis (D-Augusta) to send the measure to a bipartisan panel of senators and representatives to work out a compromise.

During a debate on the bill, several speakers asked lawmakers to reconsider their past votes against the bill.

Rep. Susan Farnsworth (D-Hallowell) warned that the Legislature would be sending the message that it is legal to discriminate against homosexuals. "Don't be surprised when people act on these beliefs," she said. "Vote your hopes and not your fears."

Queer Nation Strikes Again

FRESNO, CA—Six gay activists disrupted a speech by a conservative congressman at a Fresno church by blowing whistles and shouting, "We're here. We're queer. Get used to it."

Some people attending a women's conference at Peoples Church covered their ears to protect themselves from the screeching whistles.

Police escorted the six protesters outside and ordered a dozen other picketers in front of the church to

leave but made no arrests.

The five men and one woman who caused the commotion inside shouted that Rep. William Dannemeyer is "racist, sexist, anti-gay." The Orange County Republican is running for the U.S. Senate.

The crowd of about 100 attending a Concerned Women for America conference stood and began singing the hymn "Amazing Grace."

Madonna Shoots Wad in "Advocate" Interview

LOS ANGELES—Warren Beatty can breathe a sigh of relief. At the last minute, his phone conversations were edited out of Madonna's new movie, *Truth or Dare*.

In an interview with *The Advocate*, Madonna expressed herself on gay men, Michael Jackson, the music industry and why she cut some of her phone calls with Beatty out of the upcoming documentary about her.

"There were phone conversations I thought were really moving and touching and revealing, but Warren didn't know we were recording. It wasn't fair," she said. "Plus, it's a federal offense," she added.

Madonna said she'd "like to completely redo" Michael Jackson's image, "and I also want to get him out of those buckly boots and stuff. What I want him to do is go to New York and hang out for a week with the

House of Extravaganza (a group of voguers). They could give him a new style."

Much of the interview is taken up with talk—in at-times salty language—about sex, gay and straight. And Madonna speaks at length about her affinity for gay men, including her brother. She said she felt like an outcast as a teenager until she discovered gay dance clubs.

"I just felt at home. I had a whole new sense of myself...I started spending a lot of time with dancers and almost every male dancer that I knew was gay. Then I went through another kind of feeling inadequate because I was constantly falling in love with gay men."

"I think everybody has a bisexual nature. That's my theory," she said at another point.

Davison Defends "Longtime Companion"

LOS ANGELES—Actor Bruce Davison, nominated for an Oscar for his role as the lover of a dying AIDS patient in *Longtime Companion*, defends the film against Madonna's depiction of it as an artsy movie nobody saw.

"Not a very true description of a film that had the courage of its own convictions as well as the convictions and concern of many others," Davison said in *Los Angeles Times*' "Counterpunch" column last week.

Davison said he was heartened to hear Madonna, in her much-publicized *Advocate* interview, wish for more mainstream films about gay lifestyles and the specter of AIDS.

Madonna also said *Longtime Companion* was "an art house movie that nobody saw."

Davison conceded the box office numbers were modest compared to most studio releases, but he insisted that "somebody saw it."

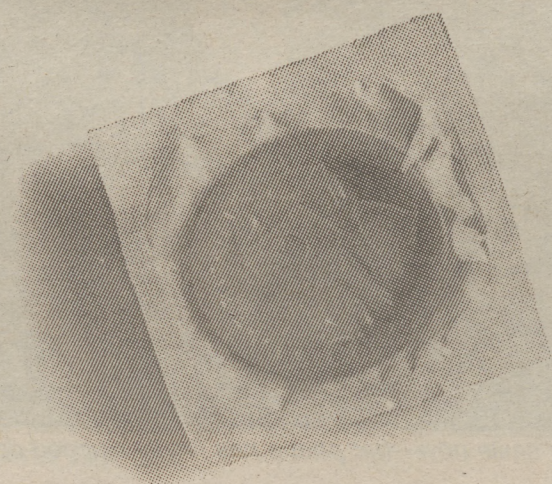
"Somebody's mind was enlarged,"

Davison wrote. "Somebody's response was activated. Some rigid perceptions changed. Small independent films can have a reach far wider than can be measured by first release statistics—so a film of this nature is not without impact." Davison described the difficulty of getting a Hollywood studio to distribute the film.

"I hope that there will be other films that take a chance. There are so many stories to be told here," the actor said. "In fact, if Madonna wishes to have a big-budget mainstream film made, there's Randy Shilts' *And the Band Played On*, which has been waiting for the world to make it for years."

"If you're ready to produce, star or direct one, Madonna, I applaud you. And if you can persuade some of the Hollywood powers, whose heads are still in the sand, to come along with you, more power to you. But wishing won't do it."

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Following an intense lobbying effort, the hate crimes bill finally finds a home in Hull's House

See Jane sit.

arizona's hate crimes bill came close to being shelved. The measure, which could represent a milestone for the state's lesbian/gay community if enacted, passed the Democrat-controlled state Senate by a 20-10 margin earlier this month. But the leader of the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, Speaker Jane Hull, initially balked at giving Senate Bill 1183 a hearing in her chamber. Her last ploy, according to sympathetic sources in the House Republican caucus, was to sit on the bill until the Legislature passed a budget.

Finally, this past Wednesday (April 24), Hull assigned the bill to the House Judiciary Committee—the first step to a vote by the full House.

The idea that Hull originally wanted to wait for the budget to be approved was a ominous portent for lesbian/gay activists and others who have been

pushing for the hate crimes bill. The budgeting process usually drains the last ounce of energy out of the Legislature, and is typically the last thing that body does before adjourning. Jane Hull, of course, knows this better than anyone.

Now that the bill is on its way, its chances for success look more promising. The Attorney General's office, which authored the legislation and which thoughtfully included sexual orientation among the protected categories, believes that enough moderate Republicans will join the Democratic minority to ensure passage.

The bill had an easier time being heard in the state Senate, of course. Ironically, officials in the AG's office were less sanguine about its chances there—despite Democratic control. They underestimated the solidity of the majority, however. In voting for passage, the entire Democratic caucus (17 members) was joined by three moderate Republicans: Sen. Ed Phillips (the weatherman), of Scottsdale; Sen. Ann Day, of Tucson; and Sen. John Greene, of north Phoenix. (Greene's aye vote was a pleasant surprise; as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he originally voted against recommendation of the bill.)

Most observers assume that if the bill is also passed by the state House, Gov. Fife Symington, a Republican, would have no qualms about signing it. This assumption is based on the fact that the measure originated in the office of a fellow Republican, Attorney General Grant Woods, who has said that hate crimes is one of his legislative priorities. Observers believe that Symington is not likely to jeopardize his relationship with the AG's office over this issue.

Because the Governor's office, then, theoretically poses no obstacle, Hull's early obstinacy was all the more maddening.

It is probably safe to assume that Hull personally does not favor passage of a hate crimes measure. S.B. 1183, which seeks to protect minorities and other targets of prejudice-based violence, is too radical for most conservatives. They believe the hate crimes concept affords a special status to certain groups at the expense of others. Proponents of hate crimes legislation say that special scrutiny must be paid to violence the effect of which is an attack not just on individuals, but on the psychological well-being of entire communities. In this sense, hate crimes are a form of terrorism, requiring an extraordinary response by law enforcement officials.

But the legal ramifications of creating a new category of crime are less troublesome to many conservatives (and some others) than the inclusion of "sexual orientation" with more-familiar targets of discrimination. In a characteristic role as the voice of reaction, the *Arizona Republic* editorialized against the legislation—first by attacking its legal underpinnings, then, not surprisingly, by exposing the sexual orientation clause. Other, "traditional" minority groups often resent being lumped with homosexuals, the April 21 editorial noted. Specifically, the *Republic* cited the objections of three rabbinical groups to the recently enacted federal hate crimes Statistics Act. According to the editorial, leaders of these groups, which purport to represent around half a million American Jews, believed the inclusion of homosexuals in the measure threatened "our traditional moral and family values." Furthermore, they said, having Jews lumped together with homosexuals was "insulting and offensive to us and harmful to the American people." The *Republic* added, "Many Arizonans, Jew and non-Jew, probably would agree."

Of course, this is exactly the sort of institutionalized homophobia that is contributing to the upsurge in anti-gay violence across the country. However, it matters little to victims of hate-based assault whether they belong to a "traditional" minority group—or whether other minority members particularly approve of them. The citation of targeted categories in both the state and federal versions of the legislation aims to address a perceived problem, not necessarily codify someone's affirmative-action laundry list.

Still, the homophobes do have a point. S.B. 1183 has been this session's legislative holy grail for Arizona's lesbian/gay community. And yes, it's not just because the measure would focus law enforcement's overdue attention on gay-bashing, but also because it would, for the first time in Arizona, statutorily equate "sexual orientation" with race, national origin, religion, and other commonly protected categories. It may not be the primary aim of the bill, but codifying that laundry list is all-important for our community.

In recent weeks, an intense lobbying effort led by Tucson's Lambda Democratic Caucus and the Phoenix chapter of ACT UP resulted in a barrage of phone calls to Speaker Hull's office. ACT UP, an activist group targeting



Jane Hull can smile now—her phone has finally stopped ringing.

A Lovely Bunch of Coconuts

Vanna Didn't Turn His Letters

AIDS issues, tacitly favors gay rights-oriented measures, but has primarily based its support of Arizona's hate crimes measure on the bill's inclusion of people with disabilities among the protected groups. According to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, the definition of "disabled" includes HIV positives and people living with AIDS. (Credit for the inclusion of the disabled in Arizona's hate crimes bill belongs mainly to ACT UP's former chairman, Bruce Kurtz.)

In addition to its telephone barrage, ACT UP leafleted Phoenix nightclubs with a terrific flyer that effectively and cleverly summarized the issues at stake, and listed all of the Phoenix-area House members. The group later produced a Tucson version.

Members of Tucson's Lambda group, which is more-directly interested in pro-gay legislation, also managed to keep Hull's phone ringing.

It's likely that this pressure was partly if not totally responsible for Hull's eventual decision to release the bill. While her own personal resistance to the hate crimes concept may be partially to blame for the delay, it is far more likely that she was trying to hold S.B. 1183 for ransom, hoping to cut a deal with Democratic House members on the budget vote. A second theory advanced by one of Hull's caucus members holds that Hull didn't wish to unleash a potentially divisive debate on hate crimes—resulting in a vote that undoubtedly would split her caucus down the middle—until after the shaky Republican coalition had approved the budget.

Now that Hull is apparently willing to risk the debate, we must turn our attention to our individual representatives. Despite the confidence expressed by the Attorney General's office, the bill could founder or be drastically modified in the state House.

The same pressure that eventually unstuck Jane Hull should now be applied to the other 59 representatives.

To express yourself on this issue, contact your two state representatives and ask them to support S.B. 1183 without amendments. For more information about the progress of the bill and the name of your representatives, call the capitol switchboard at 542-4900.

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In an interview with *The San Francisco Sentinel* last year, gay novelist Armistead Maupin spoke his mind about the then-popular "outing" craze. Maupin told a story about how, when he stays at hotels "owned by a certain former talk-show host," he likes to fill out the comment card left in his room.

"I always write a note at the bottom, saying that the service was great but the owner of this establishment is a closet case," Maupin told the *Sentinel*.

Perhaps Maupin was alluding to hotel and casino maven Merv Griffin, who was "outed" earlier this month in a palimony suit brought by a former aide and bodyguard. The suit against Griffin seeks more than \$400,000 from the entertainer's enterprises—including the TV show *Wheel of Fortune*—in addition to punitive damages of more than \$50,000.

Brent Plott says that he suffered emotional distress and illness when his alleged relationship with Griffin ended. Plott filed a breach of contract lawsuit contending that the entertainer promised to support him for life.

Griffin became a well-known face to the American public when he hosted his own TV talk show, *The Merv Griffin Show*, from 1962 to 1974; he also owns Resorts International, a chain of hotels. The entertainer is calling the lawsuit "a shameless attempt to extort money from me."

"I am outraged that a financially troubled former employee would resort to such an action," Griffin said in a statement.

Plott maintains he was Griffin's companion, confidant, secretary, driver and

personal adviser. He claims to have managed many of Griffin's business deals, including development of his popular television game shows.

Griffin describes Plott as a former bodyguard and horse trainer who was paid \$250 a week and lived in one of two apartments at Griffin's former Los Angeles house. He says Plott left his payroll six or seven years ago.

"Now he claims to have given me financial advice concerning the 1986 sale of *Jeopardy* and *Wheel of Fortune*," Griffin says. "His charges are ridiculous and untrue."

Plott told NBC News that he and Griffin were lovers for four years until he moved out of Griffin's house in 1986. "We lived together, we shared the same bed, the same house, the same TV set," Plott said, adding that Griffin once proposed marrying him.

He insists that Griffin's public romance with actress Eva Gabor is a cover.

"Wherever we were, Eva was," he says.

Plott also told NBC he chose Vanna White to turn the letters on *Wheel of Fortune*.

The lawsuit alleged that Griffin began a campaign in 1979 to have Plott give up his career, move in with him "and enter into a cohabitation arrangement...on a full-time basis."

In exchange, it said, "Griffin promised that he would provide for all of the plaintiff's financial support and maintenance for the rest of the plaintiff's life." In December 1981, according to the lawsuit, Plott took Griffin up on the offer and moved in with him.

"This is ridiculous," Gabor told the *National Enquirer*. "I have known Merv for years. We are engaged, you know."



Lady and the Tramp: Merv and the former First Lady.

new survey results suggest that the military's anti-gay bias is not okay with civilians

The percentage of Americans who favor allowing gay men and lesbians to serve in the armed forces has grown steadily since 1977, according to a poll conducted by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national organization based in Washington, DC. The survey found that 81 percent of Americans believe homosexuals should not be discharged from military service solely because of their sexual orientation.

Eighty percent of those polled said homosexuals should not be discriminated against in the workplace, according to the poll, which was conducted for HRCF by Penn and Schoen Associates Inc.

"The poll indicates conclusively that Americans oppose discrimination against lesbian and gay Americans, and that the public overwhelmingly supports the retention of lesbian and gay service personnel in the United States armed forces," says Timothy McFeeley, executive director of the campaign fund, the largest national gay lobby.

McFeeley compared the latest data to earlier national polls which found that increasing numbers of Americans believe

the same poll found that 65 percent believe the armed forces should be open to homosexuals.

McFeeley says he plans to send copies of the poll to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, President Bush and key members of Congress. "We want to try to do something this year to try to change (the Pentagon's) policy," he says.

Defense Department policy states that "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service." The official reasoning is that the presence of homosexuals "seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission." However, gay and civil rights leaders have for years been agitating to overturn the policy, arguing that it is discriminatory and that the Defense Department's own research refutes it.

"DOD has no plans to change that policy," says Maj. Doug Hart, a Pentagon spokesman.

During the Persian Gulf conflict, the military discharged a number of active duty troops and reservists for admitting they were gay. While several of these discharges were covered by the media, Hart claims

The campaign fund estimates that 50,000 lesbians and gay men served in the Persian Gulf, based on the assumption that 10 percent of the population is homosexual; 500,000 troops were sent to the gulf. Of those polled, only 14 percent said they would favor discharging Persian Gulf veterans solely because of their sexual orientation.

The telephone poll, which was conducted on April 6 and 7, found support for equal rights for homosexuals increased as the level of education increased, "perhaps because of concerns of competition in the workplace among poorer Americans," McFeeley speculates. Eighty-six percent of college graduates polled supported equal rights, as compared with 60 percent of those with less than a high school education. Ninety-one percent of those identifying themselves as liberals supported equal job rights for gay people, compared with 69 percent of the respondents who called themselves conservative.

The poll was based on a random sample of 800 U.S. residents. It had a margin of

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that gay men and lesbians should be admitted to the armed forces. In 1977, the Gallup polling organization found 51 percent of the public felt homosexuals should be allowed to serve. By 1989, that number had risen to 60 percent. This year,

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that the Pentagon as yet has no official data on them. The latest figures available cover the period from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1990; during that time, the Army dismissed 52 soldiers and the Navy discharged 181 sailors upon discovery of their homosexuality, Hart says. He had no comparable numbers for the Air Force or Marines.

error of plus or minus 3.46 percentage points.

"The significance of the poll is that the American public is accepting the fact that gays and lesbians are in the military, and that they don't find anything wrong with it," McFeeley says. "I think this is a general sign that prejudices are breaking down."



University of Rhode Island officials, continuing a nationwide trend, are considering phasing out their Reserve Officers' Training Corps program in protest of the Defense Department's policy banning homosexuals from service.

Officials must choose between the right of students for early commission in the armed services and a university policy prohibiting discrimination on campus. Also at issue is the contention that homosexuality is "incompatible with military service because of the close quarters in which people of the same sex must live," and because of the "security risk posed by the possibility of a homosexual officer being blackmailed." The Defense Department further states that "homosexuality diminishes the military's ability to maintain discipline and morale."

The URI Faculty Senate has scheduled a debate for May on a plan to phase out the ROTC programs unless the Pentagon changes its policy on homosexuality by May 1992. But the policy contradicts universities' policies prohibiting discrimination, administrators say. Military officials say banning ROTC would itself constitute discrimination by taking away a college student's right to a military commission. It also would lock students out of federal ROTC scholarships which pay for tuition, books and fees.

"This is a university. People are supposed to have choices," insists Lt. Col. James Fitzharris, head of URI's ROTC program.

"I don't think (phasing out) ROTC is a good idea," says Kevin Ferguson, who won an ROTC scholarship at URI. "For myself, I thank God it was here. Because of ROTC I was able to go to college." Others aren't so firm in their beliefs. "I don't know whether this is anti-military or pro-gay," ROTC student Drake Jackson says.

University officials say they don't accept the military's reasoning behind the gay ban and that the time has come to change the policy. "I personally don't find persuasive any of the reasons," URI Provost David Giplitz says. "There's a good deal of common sentiment at other universities."

Indeed. Last year,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Provost John M. Deutch warned the Pentagon that the policy barring gay men and lesbians from service was generating pressure to oust ROTC from college campuses. "The contradiction between the university's principle of non-discrimination against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, and the presence of an ROTC that does discriminate, cannot exist on the campuses indefinitely," Deutch wrote in a letter to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney. "Many universities will withdraw from the ROTC program," he wrote.

In October, faculty at MIT endorsed a resolution directing the college to develop and implement a cooperative effort with other colleges to reverse the policy. If progress were not made within five years, MIT would make ROTC unavailable to students beginning with the class entering in 1998.

Elsewhere, campus politicians are making anti-military statements. Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have urged the college to stop giving credits for ROTC classes and to abolish faculty status of ROTC instructors by 1993 unless the military began accepting gays. University of Michigan demonstrators took over a Board of Regents meeting and demanded the removal of ROTC programs because of the policy. And a teachers' group at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Mich., has proposed forcing the ROTC to move its offices off campus.

About 86,000 students are enrolled in ROTC on 529 campuses, and more than 21,000 cadets receive ROTC scholarships. The program trains the bulk of officers commissioned in the U.S. military, Fitzharris says. Most of the rest are trained at the Military Academy at West Point, with a small percentage, such as doctors, receiving direct commissions.

"West Point is fine, but I don't think that a military corps composed of graduates of one school is a good idea," Fitzsimmons insists. "It's good to get people with different backgrounds, different perspectives on life."

—Clemente

art smart

Phoenix Art Museum: "Keith Haring, Andy Warhol, and Walt Disney," through May 12; "4,000 Years of Chinese Ceramics," through December 31; "Swords of the Samurai," through July 7; "Face to Face," through May 19. Open Tuesdays through Sundays, admission charge waived on Wednesdays. 1625 N. Central. 257-1880

Roberts Gallery: "In the Garden," Watercolors, oil paintings, pastels, monoprints and textiles by Rosemarie Bohler. Through April 30. 34505 N. Scottsdale Rd. El Pedregal, Carefree. 488-1088

Lovena Ohi Gallery: Kachina carvings by John Fredericks, stained glass by Ramson Lomatewama and sterling silver jewelry by Richard Tsosie, a Navajo. Through April 30. 4251 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale. 945-8212

Udinotti Gallery: "Post-Modernism Re-examined," through mid-May. Art by Maurice Grossman, Anne Davis Mulford, Mo Kamel, John Toki, Agnese Udinotti and Evelyn Remmele West. 4215 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale. 946-7056

Alwun House: Arizona Visionary Alternative Surrealist Art Exhibit, through April 28. 1204 E. Roosevelt. 253-7887

Leslie Levy Fine Art Gallery: Limited Edition serigraphs by young Chinese artist Chase Chenoff. 7135 Main St., Scottsdale. 947-2925

Arizona Museum of Science and Technology: Through May 27, robotic ice-age models of brilliantly crafted beasts have not been seen in the state before and will be displayed with fun, interactive exhibits about the ice age. 80 N. 2nd St. 256-9388

The Heard Museum: Through July 28, "Shared Visions: Native American Painters and Sculptors in the Twentieth Century," a large traveling exhibit. Through Jan. 5, "Generations of Traditions," exploring artistry in weavings, jewelry, pottery and saddle-making by four American Indian families in the Southwest. Through 1995, "Old Ways, New Ways," a hands-on exhibit that explores American Indian cultures through a variety of interactive activities, including making split-twig animal figures and creating masks with computer technology. Through Sept. 2, "Exotic Illusions: Art, Romance and the Marketplace," featuring tourist art from around the world. Permanent display, "Native Peoples of the Southwest," chronicling 15,000 years of the history and culture of the American Southwest. 22 E. Monte Vista. 10am to 5pm Monday through Saturday; 1pm to 5pm Sunday. Admission: \$3 adults, \$2.50 senior citizens, \$1 children. 252-8840

Scottsdale Center For The Arts: April 26-Aug. 4, "A Museum in the Marking: The Stephane Janssen Collection of Contemporary European and American Art." April 26-July 28, "L'Imperatore Nella Luna:

Recent Work by Art Vincent," images of oversized toys, animals and circus figures that have deeper meanings. 7383 Scottsdale Mall. 10am to 5pm Sunday through Wednesday, 10am to 8pm Thursday through Saturday. Admission is \$4. 994-ARTS or 994-2301

tunes

Licia Albanese: Teaching a Master Class, presented by the Arizona Opera Company. 10am to 4:30pm April 27. Scottsdale Conference Center Resort, 7700 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale. The public may



Pubescent stud cookies like George Perez (center) aren't enough to save Toy Soldiers, a whiffy rehashing of Taps now playing at valley theaters.

attend for a \$100 donation. 266-7464

Hank Williams, Jr.: May 4, 7:30pm. Compadre Stadium, Chandler. Dillard's, \$15 advance, \$18 day of show. 678-2222

Lou Rawls, Dave Brubeck, The Rippingtons, Clark Terry, Etta James, and more: \$15 advance, \$17 at the gate. Performances are on the Jazz meadow next to the Registry Resort, 7171 N. Scottsdale Road. Dillard's box offices have information, 829-5151; the festival office number is 631-0471.

Pop Will Eat Itself: May 5, 8:30pm. After the Gold Rush, 1216 E. Apache Blvd., Tempe. \$10. 968-2446

Joan Baez: Opening act: Rick Cyge and Cindy Barber. May 10, 7:30pm. Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7383 Scottsdale Mall. 994-ARTS

Steve Winwood, with Roger McGuinn: May 8, 7:30pm. Desert Sky Pavilion, 2121 N. 83rd Ave. 230-9112

Beach Boys: May 14, 7pm. Desert Sky Pavilion, 2121 N. 83rd Ave. \$16.50 and \$21.50. 230-9112

Whitney Houston: May 19, 7:30pm. Desert Sky Pavilion, 2121 N. 83rd Ave. \$18, \$25 and \$35. 230-9112

Yanni: Linda Evans' boyfriend, a renowned contemporary instrumental composer/performer, brings his first major American tour to Phoenix April 27 at the Gammage Auditorium at ASU. This is the performer's first stop in a 30-city national tour featuring his dynamic ten-piece band. Tickets are \$19.50 and \$17.50 and are available at Gammage, ASU Activity Center and all Dillard's outlets. 935-3434

Centersounds Spring Concerts: 2pm to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays, The Shops at Arizona Center Grand Staircase, 455 N. Third St.



Fountain Hills Concerts: 2:30 to 4pm each Sunday through May 5. Fountain Park. 837-9660.

toe shoes

Yellow Bird Indian Dancers: Plains Indian Dances, April 27, 11am and 1pm. Heard Museum, 22 E. Monte Vista Road. Free with museum admission, \$1-\$4. 252 8840

Rites of Spring Costume Ball: Festivities and performances include introductory music by Garden; a pagan performance rite by Leslie Webster, and the crowning of the King and Queen of Bacchus. Best Costume contest: Dress in mythological, astrological, or biblical character. Buffet dinner and house music by DJs Tommy and Calvin Martin. March 29, 8pm. \$4 (\$3 in costume). Alwun House, 1204 E. Roosevelt.

center stage

Guv, The Musical: Tyler-Miles Productions present a squeaky-clean toss-off of our political misfortunes. Who will play Sue Laybe? Shows are at 8pm Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 7pm Sundays through May 5. Mill Avenue Theatre, 520 S. Mill, Tempe. Tickets \$12, \$14 weekends. 921-7777 after noon daily.

Les Miserables: Phoenix premiere! Tickets are on sale now for the world's most popular musical, scheduled to run through June 1. Tickets from Gammage and Dillard's and ASU Activity Center. 965-3434.

Skimpies: Final Days! Terry Earp's wacky musical comedy leaves the boards on April 28. Final performances are Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets are \$9; \$8 for students and seniors on Friday and Saturday, \$7 on Sunday. Playwright's Workshop Theatre is located at 21432 N. Central Ave., one block south of Deer Valley Rd. in North Phoenix. 582-4054 for reservations.

Nonsense: Acclaimed "Best Musical"! Winner of five Zony Awards! Held over through June 2. Wednesday through Friday 8pm; 6pm and 9pm Saturday; 2pm Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday shows; \$17 Friday and Saturday. Actors Lab, 7223 E. 2nd St. 990-1731

big screen

Stepping Out: Life is a tap dance, old chum. Ladies of all ages (and a gent) sign up for dancing lessons and learn more than just the shuffle step. Liza Minnelli stars as the tap teacher, and among her students are Julie Walters, Ellen Greene, Broadway original Bill Irwin, and Shelley Winters (yes, Shelley Winters). Directed by Lewis Gilbert.

A Rage In Harlem: Schwarzenegger co-star Bill Duke directed this gangster story set in 1950s Harlem. The cast is a smash: Forest Whitaker, Robin Givens, Gregory Hines, Danny Glover, and South African sensation Zakes Mokae.

The Marrying Man: It's the perfect marriage of love and laughter as legendary funnyman Neil Simon serves up an original and wildly romantic comedy featuring Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin as a volatile couple who like to keep tying the knot—around each other's necks. Their undeniable need to be together and their similarly stubborn streaks of independence lead to a series of marriages and divorces—all

to each other—and some truly outrageous comedy. Directed by Jerry Rees.

Queens Logic: A charismatic ensemble cast stars in this unusual drama about five friends from Queens, New York who are about to share an emotionally explosive weekend that will teach them something about themselves, life and love. Stars Kevin Bacon, John Malkovich, Joseph Mantegna, Chloe Webb and Jamie Lee Curtis.

Life Stinks: Funnyman Mel Brooks produced, directed and stars here as a billionaire who goes slumming in East LA and discovers the meaning of life. (Can you guess? It stinks.)

Toy Soldiers: Colombian terrorists take over a prep school full of rich bad boys. The students, we hope, saw *Taps* and will know exactly what to do. Louis Gossett Jr. and Denholm Elliott co-star with a number of hot young screen dreams (like Sean Astin).

Mortal Thoughts: Would-be clothing designer Demi Moore can't seem to shake the dead-husband scenario. This time



Oh say, can she see: Whitney Houston will wail at Desert Sky Pavilion May 19.

around it's her best friend (Glenn Headly) whose husband gets murdered. Imagine what Bruce Willis got paid to play the corpse. Alan Rudolph directed.

New Jack City: First-time director Mario (son of Melvin) Van Peebles puts his own spin on the gangster movie. Wesley Snipes is a drug lord brought down by an undercover cop (rapper Ice-T) in the very best good-guy-versus-bad-guy tradition.

F/X 2: A special effects sequel with beefcake (Bryan Brown and Brian Dennehy) and red herrings galore. Directed by Richard Franklin.

The Price of Our Blood: Hard-to-kill (at least at the box office) Steven Seagal co-wrote and stars in this new cops-and-killers action thriller.

video

Presumed Innocent (Warner Home Video): Harrison Ford sports his *Blade Runner* hairdo once more in this suspenseful thriller, which goes far to prove the premise that some people would kill for love. Murder, sex, and surprises all in one.

Pump Up The Volume (RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video): The ever-radical Christian Slater churns out great alternative music, and creates musical chaos on a college campus. I wonder if he takes requests?

Memphis Belle (Warner Home Video): Heart stopping action that flies in this true story of the Top Guns of the propeller era. Featuring the music of—and a performance by—Harry Connick, Jr.

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

some people

- Marc Christian
- Alexander W. Bass
- Rosanne Cash
- Bill King
- Jo March
- Mistress Catrina
- Jan Brady
- Kelly Reidhead
- Aileen Pringle
- Ziggy Stardust
- Michele Eycleshymer
- Nico
- Peter Lion
- Dianne Silvey
- Kitty Kelly
- Artie Michaelis
- Alice Ghostley
- Tony Orlando
- Sara Powell
- E. Van Landingham
- Dauna Slater
- Randy Mackey
- Paul Di Donato
- JFK
- Ed Sunderland
- MC Hammer
- Patricia Quinn
- Zippy the Pinhead
- Gerrie Mayer-Gibbons
- Ruth Buzzi
- Boyce and Hart
- Chris May
- Fu Manchu
- David Carpenter
- Bernice Bud
- Tinker Bell

some places

- Larry's Lawnmowers
- The back of my hand
- F. Dorian
- Czechoslovakia
- The dungeon
- Legend City
- Under the covers
- Woolco
- The back of your hand
- ASU West
- Disney World
- backstage
- Balboa Park
- Exit 151-A
- Town Hall
- The upper berth
- 502 Irving Street
- Bedrock



Fairy Tails: "Keith Haring, Andy Warhol, and Walt Disney" through May 12 at Phoenix Art Museum.

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Bush Criticizes ACT UP AIDS Activists Won't Face Retrial For Needle Exchange

"Cautious" About Condoms

President Bush has called the tactics used by the radical AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power "offensive" and "an excess of free speech."

"I think ACT UP resorts to tactics that are totally counterproductive," Bush told a group of religion reporters. "I condemn the kinds of tactics that are offensive to mainstream Catholics, Protestants and Jews, and anybody else."

Bush also said he thinks parents should have a say in whether schools distribute condoms to youngsters, as is planned in New York and Washington.

"My own view is we want the parents involved," the president said. "We want to strengthen the family, not weaken it...And one way you do it is through consulting, helping your children when they have problems of this nature—of sexual liberty or whatever you want to call it."

The White House refused to release a transcript of Bush's remarks, which came at a March 28 roundtable with selected religion reporters. A substantial portion of the session was published in the *National Catholic Reporter* newspaper. Washington Bureau Chief Joseph Feuerhard said he was excluded from the meeting but another NCR reporter obtained a transcript from one of the participants.

Bush had especially harsh words for ACT UP, a loosely organized activist group that has become known for using civil disobedience to gain attention. ACT UP has disrupted Bush's speeches and a mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. The

group has frequently been at odds with Cardinal John O'Connor of New York.

"It is an excess of free speech to use, to resort to some of the tactics these people use," Bush said. "...I find it offensive, the attacks against Cardinal O'Connor."

Bush also said he has tried "to be very sensitive to the question of babies suffering from AIDS, innocent people that are hurt by this disease."

That remark in particular upset gay activists, such as Robert Bray, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"When will the White House learn that all people with AIDS are innocent and that to designate only some as innocent implies that some are guilty?" Bray asked.

Bush also said he was uncomfortable with his own public display of religion, given his office.

"I don't want to act like I'm holier than thou, or that I want to wear my religion on my sleeve, or that I'm the guy in the temple beating his breast and praying the loudest," he said. "And yet I want to do what many that have gone before me have done, and that is to try to amplify as best as one can that we are one nation under God. And let others determine what God is and how that God operates."

The group he addressed included Catholics, Jews, and mainstream and evangelical Protestants. Bush, an Episcopalian, said no president "ought to involve himself in any way in indicating a preference for denomination."

PWAs Prefer "Shorter, Less Painful Life," Study Shows

PROVIDENCE, RI—A Brown University researcher says a survey of AIDS clinic patients has found that people infected with the virus are willing to give up aggressive therapy in favor of treatments that relieve pain, even if the less painful treatments mean their lives will be shorter.

But Vincent Mor and his colleagues found that, in many cases, patients are not getting the type of treatments they want because they are not discussing their choices with their doctors and because doctors are not asking about them.

Mor's study found that 54 percent of 1,031 patients said they preferred palliative treatments, which stress pain relief or therapies to control symptoms. Only 29 percent said they favored an approach in which doctors would work aggressively to extend their lives through the use of respirators and other means. Nine percent selected a combination of the two.

The study also found that 34 percent said they would be willing to live in a nursing home in order to live longer; 10 percent said they would be willing to be put on a respirator in order to live longer; and 11 percent said they would be willing to endure constant severe pain to live longer.

The study found that 87 percent said they would rather die at home and nearly 60 percent said they wanted to be cared for at home, even in an emergency.

Mor said the attitudes seen in the survey did not seem to depend on the severity of the patients' illness. Patients who were dead one year after the questionnaire was answered expressed the same range of opinions as those who were still alive.

"The results are not affected by symptoms," he said.

Mor pointed out that the study was not necessarily representative of the attitudes of all people infected with AIDS. He said the people in the study had volunteered to be in the study.

Mor, John Fleishman of Brown and Dr. Joan M. Teno of George Washington University Medical Center, in a letter to the *New England Journal of Medicine* also reported that they found a "striking lack of agreement" between the type of care patients wanted and the care they said they were receiving.

Mor and his colleagues said the "results suggest that we should not lose sight of the need for open discussion between physicians and patients about life-sustaining therapy."

SAN JOSE, CA—Two AIDS activists who ran an illegal needle exchange for drug addicts won't be retried thanks to a jury that nearly acquitted them the first time, according to a prosecutor on the case.

"We are not going to devote the resources of our office to a case that was hung by such a margin," said San Mateo District Attorney Jim Fox, referring to the jury's 11-1 vote for acquittal.

J. Tony Serra, who represented the activists, said the case was a victory for needle exchanges, which he said save lives by preventing the spread of the AIDS virus among drug users.

"A jury represents the collective conscience of a community. The people have chosen to de facto decriminalize needle exchange," Serra said.

But Fox said his office may prosecute similar cases and he warned the two activists about continuing to violate the law by

exchanging clean needles for dirty ones to help prevent the spread of AIDS.

"The law has not changed," Fox said. "We encourage people to write their legislators if they want the law to change, but for now it's here."

Joey Tranchina and Camille Anacabe were arrested while openly exchanging needles in front of a Redwood City methadone clinic last year. They faced a misdemeanor charge of possession of a syringe without a prescription, a crime in at least 10 states and the District of Columbia.

They argued it was necessary to break the law to save the lives of addicts too poor or drug-sick to avoid sharing dirty needles.

After a one-week trial, the case ended in mistrial earlier this month when the jury deadlocked after about 10 hours of deliberations. All but one juror accepted the rare "necessity defense" presented by the activists.

Most Hemophiliacs Infected by 1982, Testimony Says

TAMPA, FL—Nearly 60 percent of moderate and severe hemophiliacs using blood plasma products were infected with AIDS by 1982, a specialist testified in a suit filed on behalf of three ailing brothers.

That's the year the Ray family say drug companies should have begun warning of a link between AIDS and drugs made from human blood plasma.

Clifford and Louise Ray claim in lawsuit that the drugs infected their three hemophiliac boys with HIV.

And they say the companies that made the drugs had enough evidence about the link between blood and AIDS by 1982 to warrant issuing the warnings, which didn't begin until two years later.

But Dr. Peter Levine, testifying on behalf of one of the drug companies named in the suit, indicated that even if the warnings had come earlier, they might have been too late.

He said a study of frozen plasma samples from 43 hemophiliacs showed that by 1982, 53 percent tested positive for the virus and that by 1983, 87 percent had the virus.

Using information from several other studies, Levine estimated that an even larger percentage had the disease.

"About 60 percent had already been infected by 1982," he said.

His testimony came on the fifth day of a civil trial in U.S. District Court.

The Rays' attorneys charge the companies should have begun warnings in December 1982, when the federal Centers for Disease Control first found evidence of the disease in hemophiliacs.

Two of the Rays' sons—Ricky, 14, and Robert, 13—have developed AIDS after years of injecting a product that replaces a clotting agent found in normal blood. The third son, Randy, 11, has tested positive for HIV.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit are Cutter Laboratories of San Francisco and Armour Pharmaceutical of Blue Bell, Pa.

Levine, who has treated more than 1,000 hemophiliacs, served as a

medical adviser to the National Hemophilia Foundation for nearly a decade in the 1980s. He now heads the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts, which has received research grants from both Cutter and Armour.

When evidence surfaced that indicated a possible link between AIDS and hemophiliacs, the medical board advising the foundation felt it had a responsibility to inform patients, not the drug manufacturers, he said.

When the foundation recommended in late 1982 that hemophiliacs continue using the clotting agent, only seven out of 20,000 hemophiliacs nationwide showed AIDS symptoms, which can take several years to develop.

"We were trying to balance the risk between the need for (the product)," Levine said. "We didn't want to regress to people dying from hemorrhages."

Before a freeze-dried clotting agent was introduced in the 1970s, hemophiliacs had to rely on plasma taken from one or several donors in order to obtain the needed clotting agents. The treatment took several hours and doctors were unable to control how much of the clotting agent patients received, Levine said.

With Factor VIII, the freeze-dried agent, patients could inject a concentrated form of the clotting agent themselves and the product would begin working in minutes.

In 1972, he said, the average age of hemophiliacs was 11.2 years. By 1982, the average age had risen to 21.

"The deaths from bleeding had stopped," Levine said.

The product is made by pooling plasma from thousands of donors into one tank, where the clotting factor is removed.

Michael Rodell, a former Armour employee who now works as a consultant to the company, acknowledged that blood from one donor with AIDS who gave plasma weekly for one year could end up in as many as 20,000 doses of the product.

Some Would Work, Few Would Play With PWAs, Poll Shows

KNOXVILLE, TN—It's one thing to work with someone infected with AIDS, but it's another to date them or let your children play with them, Tennesseans said in a statewide survey.

The poll, commissioned by *The Knoxville News-Sentinel* and *The Commercial Appeal of Memphis*, was published in Tennessee earlier this month.

"It looks as though we've done a lot better with AIDS-in-the-workplace education than some of the others," AIDS activist Charles "Corky" Rees said of the poll results.

The poll asked Tennesseans whether they "would be willing or unwilling" to work in the same office with a person with AIDS.

Seventy-eight percent of the respondents said they would work in the same office with an AIDS-infected co-worker; 15 percent said they were "unwilling" to work in such an office; and 7 percent had no answer.

Respondents were less receptive to contact in other situations, however:

- 55 percent said they would be willing to take care of a family member with AIDS; 30 percent wouldn't.

- 36 percent said they would be willing to volunteer to work in a nursing home for people with AIDS; 57 percent wouldn't.

- 23 percent said they would be willing to date a person with AIDS; 75 percent wouldn't.

- 10 percent said they would be willing to let their children play with a person with AIDS; 86 percent wouldn't.

The poll was a random survey of

804 people across the state between March 23 and 28. The results carried a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

The results confounded Rees and others at the AIDS Response Knoxville organization, which offers public education programs about AIDS and supports people who test positive to HIV.

"We have to go back to the basics and not assume that people have gotten that basic information about how AIDS is and is not transmitted," said Laurie Forsythe, ARK's education coordinator.

Rees, ARK's executive director, said he thinks AIDS activists "assumed people knew better."

Nearly all respondents knew the HIV virus could be transmitted by sexual intercourse or by mothers to their unborn infants. Respondents weren't asked about a third method—sharing intravenous needles.

But large numbers incorrectly believed the virus could be spread by eating restaurant food prepared by an infected cook (45 percent), sharing plates, forks or glasses (46 percent), using public toilets (23 percent), and being coughed or sneezed on (36 percent).

Interestingly, 23 percent of the poll respondents—nearly one out of every four—said they personally know someone with AIDS or the AIDS virus.

Tennessee is home to nearly 4.9 million people. But the state Department of Health and Environment has recorded only 1,457 cases of AIDS since 1982—of which 857 people have died. The state doesn't keep track of the number of people testing positive for HIV, however.

AIDS Disclosure Bill Attacked

SALEM, OR—A bill to mandate that doctors and other health professionals who have AIDS tell their patients has come under stiff fire from the medical community.

Some foes of the measure told lawmakers it might cause less detection and disclosure of AIDS among health workers.

"Actions that are punitive tend to drive people underground," Dr. Larry Foster, acting state health officer, told the House Human Resources Committee.

Foster said six Oregon doctors and one dentist with AIDS have sought advice from the Health Division under a voluntary program.

Under the measure considered by the panel, health care providers who know they have AIDS or who have been exposed to the HIV virus must inform patients of that before beginning "invasive procedures."

Such procedures could range from dental work to drawing blood to major surgery.

The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Bill Dwyer (D-Springfield), said its aim is to give patients the right to choose after getting complete information.

"This isn't a question of civil liberties," said Dwyer. "This is a question of the right to know."

The American Medical Association and American Dental Association advise doctors and dentists not to perform invasive procedures if they have AIDS, Dwyer said.

Foster said he fears passage of the

bill, HB 3280, would decrease voluntary AIDS testing among doctors, nurses and other health workers.

"As long as they remain ignorant of HIV status, they can avoid the responsibility," he said.

He said there is just one established case of a health care provider giving AIDS to patients out of 170,000 reported AIDS cases nationwide.

Dr. Harold Osterud, a professor emeritus at Oregon Health Sciences University, said voluntary testing should be continued and doctors with AIDS should be urged to stop performing invasive procedures. Such an approach is better than passing a punitive law, he said. Under the bill, violations could result in loss of a state license.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon opposes the bill and believes it could be counterproductive, executive director Stevie Remington said.

Physicians with AIDS "could face financial ruin" if their conditions became widely known, she said.

Portland lawyer Ted Falk said the bill is riddled with legal problems. He said flaws range from constitutional issues to problems in implementing the measure.

The bill might unconstitutionally discriminate against "disfavored groups such as homosexuals and drug addicts," he said.

Court Reverses Decision in AIDS-Marijuana Case

TALLAHASSEE, FL—An AIDS-infected Panhandle couple charged with growing and using marijuana despite using the drug to ease their life-threatening nausea were acquitted by an appeals court.

Washington groups working toward the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes hailed the 2-1 ruling by the First District Court of Appeal as a precedent.

The DCA upheld the defense raised by Kenny and Barbra Jenks that it was medically necessary for them to take marijuana.

The couple learned of the decision earlier this month at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, where Mrs. Jenks is recovering from a bout with pneumonia.

"I had the biggest smile you could imagine," Jenks said. He said his wife is recuperating and that they might go out to dinner to celebrate. They'll owe their appetite to marijuana, which they started taking when their AIDS medication made them so nauseous they would have died if it had continued.

The marijuana, unlike any of the drugs prescribed by their physician, stopped the vomiting and weight loss suffered by Jenks, a hemophiliac who has had AIDS since 1985, and his wife. Mrs. Jenks contracted AIDS from her husband.

The Panama City Beach couple finally began receiving federal-supplied marijuana, after being approved for medicinal use by the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration in February.

"It's just like another pill bottle," Jenks said. They are only the third and fourth people in the nation with AIDS to receive federal permission to smoke marijuana. A week after they started receiving federal shipments of marijuana, the Tallahassee appeals court heard oral arguments in the couple's appeal of their criminal trial.

In March 1990, the Jenks were charged with two felony and one misdemeanor violations of Florida's main drug law for growing and using marijuana. Four months later, a trial court found them guilty of all three counts but the judge withheld legal adjudication of guilt.

If actually convicted, they could have been sentenced to five years

imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine for each of the two felonies. The misdemeanor carried a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Instead, they were given a year's unsupervised probation and 500 hours of community service, to consist of caring for each other.

But the couple wanted to clear their record.

"I believe I'm one of the happiest people in the world," Mrs. Jenks said in a press release issued by the Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics. "This ends our long struggle. Now we know our efforts will help other seriously ill people."

Jenks said the decision reaffirmed his faith in the law. "You cannot criminalize people for using a drug they medically need," he said in the press release.

The Washington organization said the decision was the first legal ruling that marijuana can be a drug of "medical necessity" to AIDS patients. Courts elsewhere have already ruled that the drug can be a "medical necessity" in the treatment of glaucoma and multiple sclerosis.

The decision was also hailed by another Washington group, the Drug Policy Foundation. "Today's decision is a major milestone in the growing movement to legalize marijuana for medical purposes," Kevin Zeese, an attorney for the group, said.

In the Jenks ruling, Justice Richard W. Ervin III said criminal defendants have a centuries-old right to defend themselves against criminal charges by arguing that they had to break the law in order to avoid a greater harm. The "medical necessity" defense grows out of that broader "necessity" defense, he said.

"Although there is no specific legislative acceptance of the necessity defense in Florida, we conclude that the defense was recognized at common law and that there has been no clearly expressed legislative rejection of such defense," Ervin wrote.

Justice Edward Zehmer agreed with Ervin. Justice Ralph W. Nimmons Jr. dissented.

The first district, where the opinion has the force of law, stretches across the Panhandle and North Florida, covering 32 counties.

Disclosure of AIDS Test Results OK, Iowa Senate Says

DES MOINES, IA—Ambulance workers, police and firefighters should be notified if they are exposed to someone with the AIDS virus, the Iowa Senate agreed.

The Senate voted 43-7 this month for a House-passed bill supported by ambulance workers. It would require that if a hospital patient is found to have the AIDS virus, the hospital would have to warn ambulance workers, police and firefighters of possible exposure to the virus during their work.

The name of the patient would not be disclosed unless the patient consented. The bill would not require AIDS testing of patients without their consent.

Sen. Al Sturgeon (D-Sioux City) said those provisions are needed to

protect the rights of homosexuals and others who might have AIDS. "We cannot draft public policy in Iowa based on hysteria and ignorance," Sturgeon told the Senate.

Sturgeon said he understood the fears of ambulance workers and others who daily risk exposure to AIDS.

"I think it is rational and logical and fair to know if they may have the disease," he said.

Sen. Ralph Rosenberg (D-Ames) said the bill's effects will be limited because medical tests do not always reveal the AIDS virus.

"It may lull people into a false sense of security," Rosenberg said.

The bill now goes to the governor to be signed into law.

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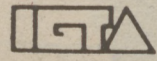


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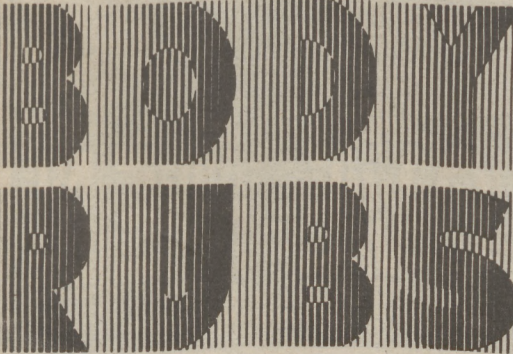
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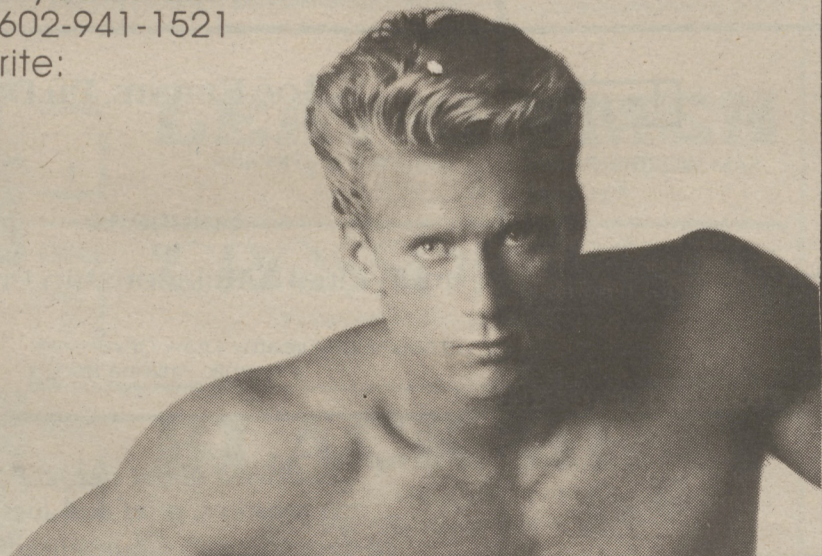
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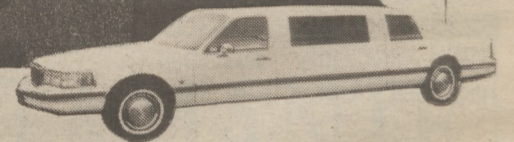
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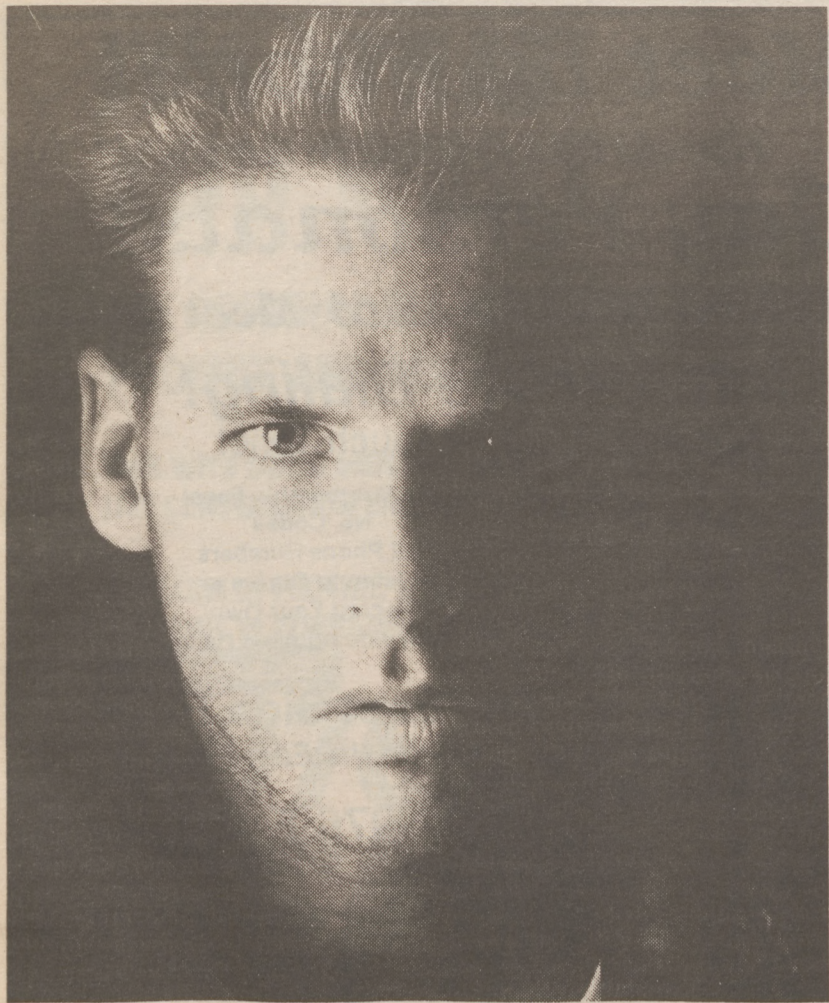
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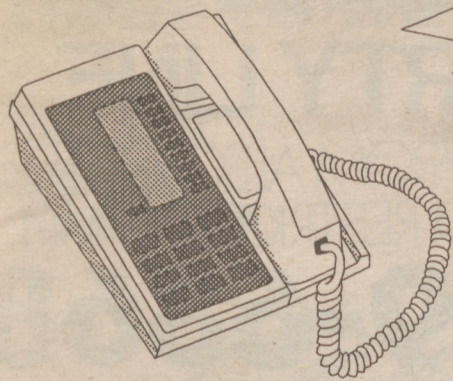
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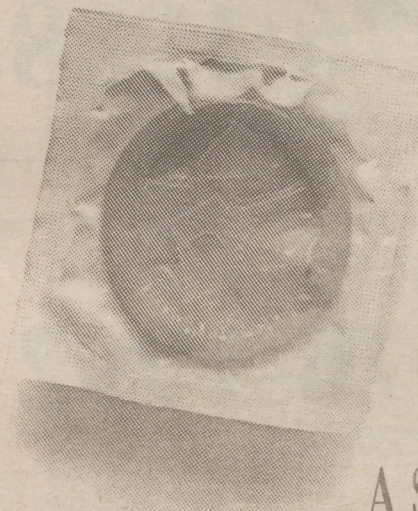
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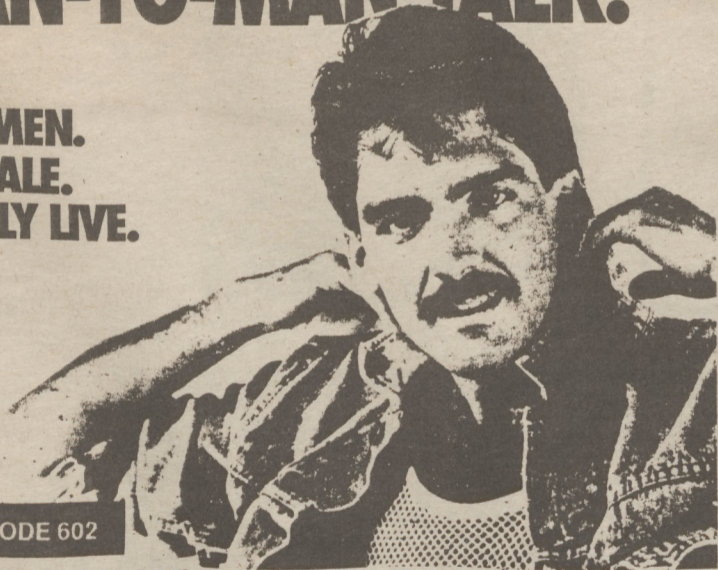
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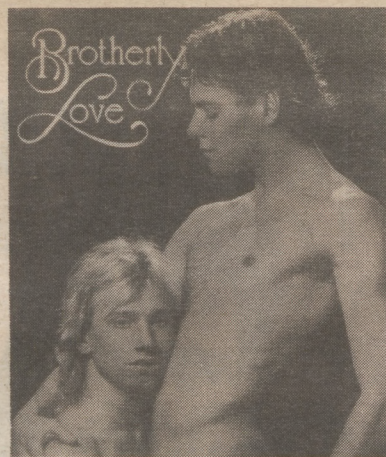
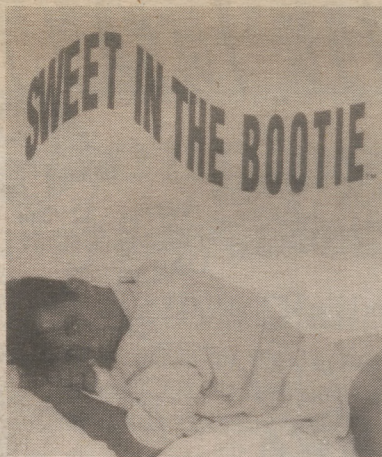
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