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Gay Skate Knight

He's out, proud, & thoroughly original: Champion skater — and now author — Rudy Galindo breaks new ground in the world of pro athletes

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

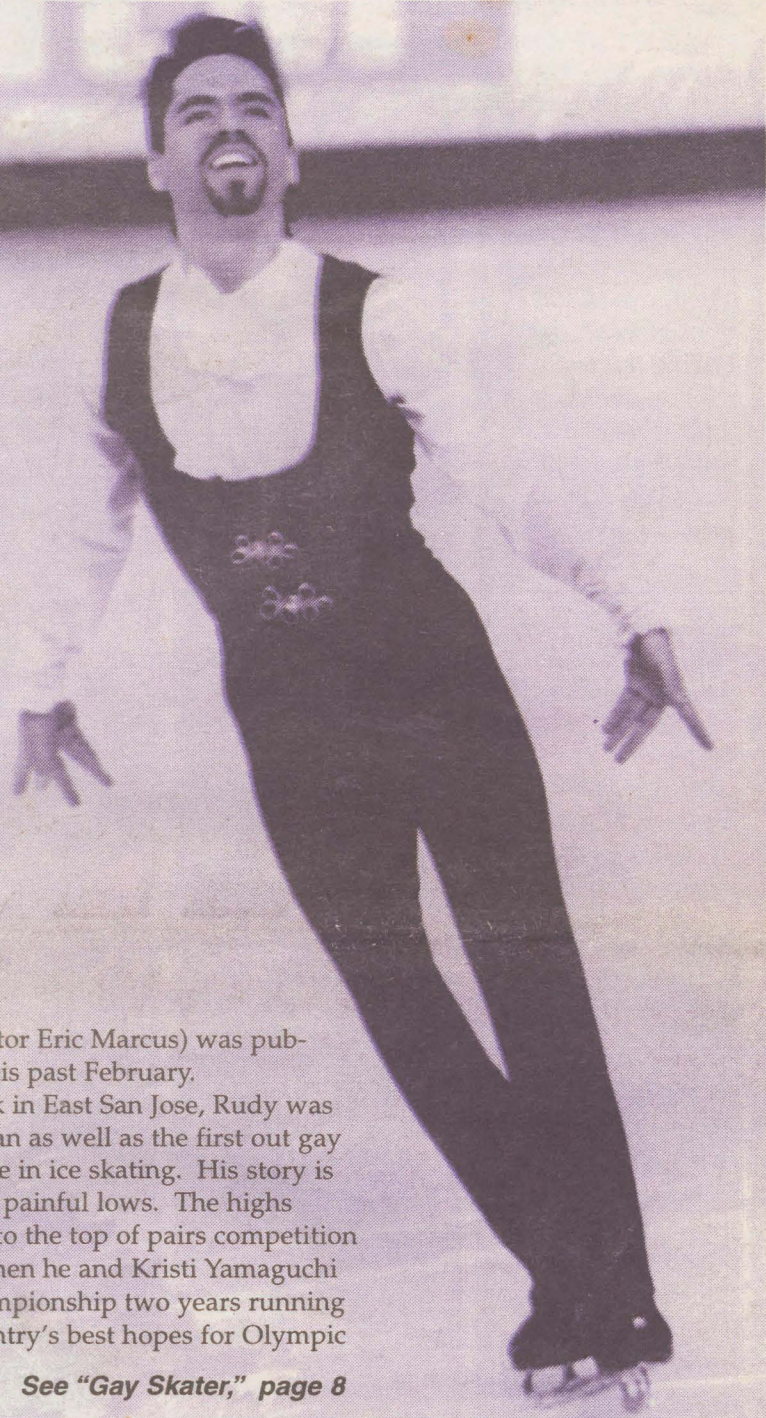
"I've become starstruck," says professional ice skater Rudy Galindo from his hotel room on the road. "Sandra Bullock is in the same hotel we're staying at in Austin, so I got to meet her last night. She is very cool."

He may not be in any blockbuster summer movies, but Galindo himself made both headlines and history when he clinched the men's individual US national figure skating championship in January of 1996, after several dramatic years of near-misses in the amateur ranks. His autobiography, *Icebreaker*, (coauthored with

Greg Louganis' collaborator Eric Marcus) was published by Pocket books this past February.

Raised in a trailer park in East San Jose, Rudy was the first Mexican-American as well as the first out gay man to win a national title in ice skating. His story is one of exciting highs and painful lows. The highs include his meteoric rise to the top of pairs competition while still in his teens, when he and Kristi Yamaguchi won the US national championship two years running and were among the country's best hopes for Olympic gold.

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Phoenix gay doctor under investigation by BOMEX

By Kelly J. Reidhead, Managing Editor

The state agency that regulates Arizona's medical doctors is currently investigating Dr. Kenneth M. Fisher, a long-time physician to the Phoenix gay community, for allegedly violating the agency's order that resulted from a complaint that he had sex with a patient.

Dr. Fisher, 46, graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1979 with a specialty in family practice. He was first licensed to practice medicine in Arizona in July, 1981.

He established a reputation in the 1980's both as an openly gay physician, and as one of the first doctors in Phoenix to specialize in the treatment of people suffering from AIDS and HIV-related diseases. He currently practices in North-Central Phoenix.

Dr. Fisher signed an agreement last year with the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners

(BOMEX) to restrict his practice and to submit to continuing therapy. This agreement — formally called a Stipulation and Order — resulted from the regulatory agency's investigation of a complaint claiming Dr. Fisher had sex with a male patient.

BOMEX is currently investigating a separate complaint that was filed on February 20, 1997, alleging Dr. Fisher violated last year's Stipulation and Order.

Because of confidentiality requirements imposed by Arizona law, very little information is available to the public: neither the complaints against Dr. Fisher, nor the investigatory records prepared by BOMEX, could be disclosed.

The basic allegations of the sex complaint are outlined, however, in the transcript an April 18, 1996 BOMEX meeting.

In the transcript, Mark Speicher, Executive Director of BOMEX, explains the nature of the

complaint against Fisher to the Board members. According to Mr. Speicher, Dr. Fisher performed a transillumination procedure of patient J.F.'s scrotum, with the lights out in the examination room. During that procedure, Mr. Speicher states, "patient J.F. had an erection and subsequently ejaculated."

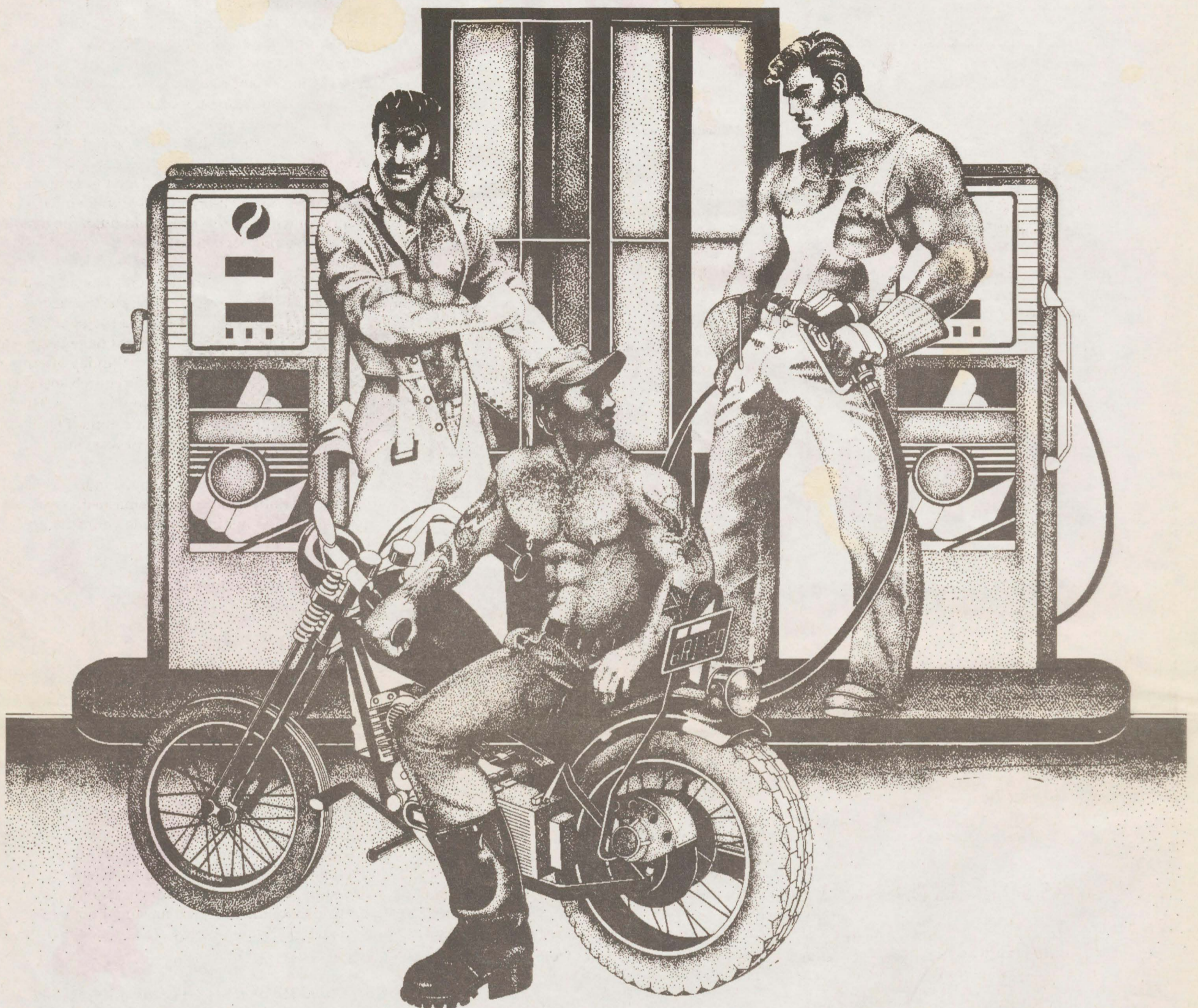
Mr. Speicher goes on to describe the conflict between the claims of the patient and of Dr. Fisher: "The [patient] alleges that Dr. Fisher manipulated him in such a way to cause the erection and the ejaculation. Dr. Fisher denies this. There was no way that we could find to determine whose motives, which attribution of motives was correct."

According to BOMEX literature, a Stipulation is defined as "an agreement with the physician to restrict or limit the physician's practice in order to rehabilitate, protect the public and/or to

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Horowitz: No Big Deal

Just did the Gay Pride thing this weekend, and I found the festival quite unexciting. I remember planning for months to make myself available for the festivities.

When I first came out, I marveled at the sheer volume of people who attended. You know the story—I thought I was the only one. Having a place to really fit in thrilled me. I even traveled to gay pride events in other cities— Washington, DC, Los Angeles, Tucson, New York, San Francisco— each has a remarkably different flavor, yet at each event, I felt very much at home.

At those events, I found myself shaking my head a lot. Outrageousness didn't prevail at most Gay Prides, but it certainly had a significant presence. Particularly in San Francisco, the so-called "fringe elements" of our community were everywhere.

I'm talking about men dressed in full leather acting out s/m scenes; women with nothing on above the waist except strategically placed Band-Aids; people with piercings and tattoos in places I never imagined; clothing that would make even the least fashion-conscious among us heave; etc.

Even though most of the people participating and attending in the festivals and parades were "straight acting and appearing" (I hate that phrase), the media, when present, focused on and reported the outrageous. Pride festivities often become fodder for anti-gay, right wing propaganda. The religious fundamentalists use our community's diversity to scare their flocks into donating large sums of money to defeat the "gay agenda".

In *Coming Out, An Act of Love* (Penguin, 1990), Rob Eichberg discusses the dilemma involved: "While taking a stand [gay pride parades] often backfire. Sometimes they are a way of venting anger or breaking out of the closet, though they don't always create a positive image of lesbians and gays. Many gay men and lesbians attempt to disassociate themselves from these groups and use these activities as an excuse not to participate in the gay community."

Regardless of whether we like the approach of the outrageous, they deserve our respect— even

our admiration. The drag queens at The Stonewall Inn effectively started the movement that we celebrate at gay pride events. Today, they are most often relegated to the entertainment stage.

Rather than idling quietly at the side of the road, the outrageous people get in the race and further our cause. Though I can think of more effective means of aligning our civil rights, I recognize the important roles these folks play in the advancement of our community.

At the same time, this year's pride festival at Tempe Diablo Stadium was decidedly boring compared to many I've attended. Don't get me wrong, the festival was well-organized and attended. The entertainment was top-notch, although the sound could have been better.

But the mood steered well away from the outrageous.

Had I not known better, I might have been at a Sunday afternoon church social or a town picnic. The

most common fashion statement was "summer comfortable". Beer was sold, but it was enjoyed more for cool-

ing off rather than getting smashed. ACP chair Beth Verity and her indefatigable volunteers created an atmosphere where everyone could feel at home— whether newly out of the closet, or a seasoned veteran of similar events.

The theme, Equality Through Visibility, is perfectly suited to the state of our community today. When we focus on coming out forthrightly and without apology, we give the world a glimpse of who we are without leaving a bad taste in anyone's mouth.

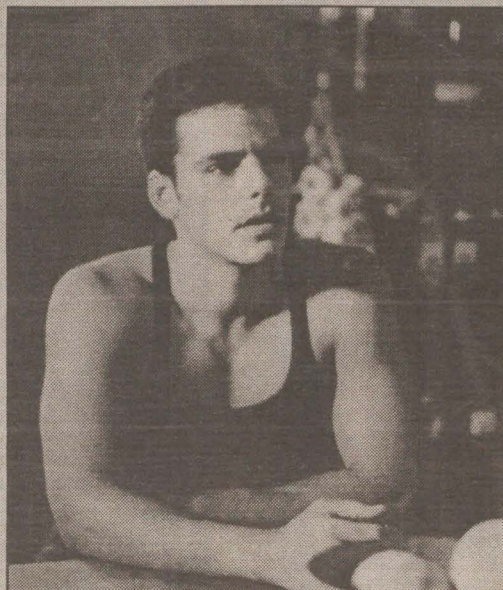
Gay Pride gives us the chance to acknowledge our diversity, celebrate the successes we have achieved, voice our concerns about continuing inequality, spend time with our brothers and sisters and have fun. I was thrilled that everyone came out to participate in the hot Arizona sun. I hope that more people show up next year. Sometimes, boring is good.

David Horowitz is a Phoenix attorney and Vice President of the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project.

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Bomex investigates Dr. Ken Fisher

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ensure that the physician can safely practice. A physician may also stipulate to other orders deemed appropriate by the Board (e.g. continuing medical education, counseling, practice management consultant)."

In the May 21, 1996 Stipulation and Order, BOMEX sets out a number of mandates for Dr. Fisher:

- BOMEX orders Dr. Fisher to "obtain a chaperone for all patient physical examinations he performs in his office." It also requires the chaperone sign the patient's chart after each exam.

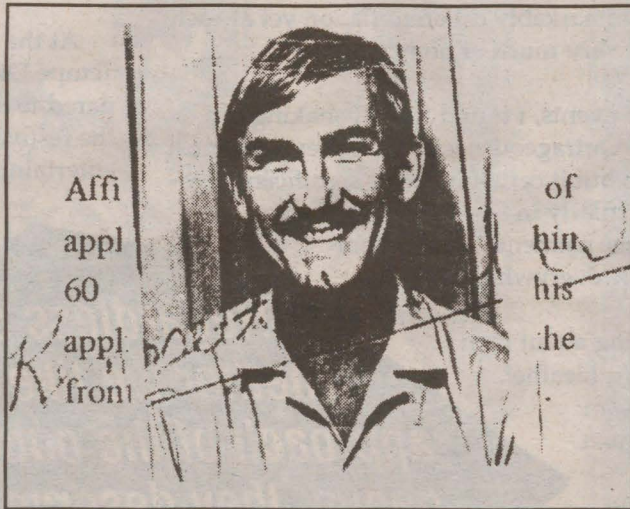
- BOMEX orders Dr. Fisher to acquire a "sole treating therapist" — approved by BOMEX staff — to address "boundary issues," and requires that the therapist submit quarterly reports to BOMEX regarding the progress of the therapy. The Stipulation and Order specifies that Dr. Fisher must "remain in therapy until this Order is terminated by the Board [of Medical Examiners]."

- BOMEX orders Dr. Fisher to "submit to mental, physical, or medical competency examinations, or any combination thereof . . . to assist the Board in monitoring his ability to safely engage in the practice of medicine, or his compliance with this Order."

- BOMEX orders Dr. Fisher to "appear in person before the Board for interviews upon request," and to "immediately advise the Board of any change in his office or home address."

No further information is available to the public regarding Dr. Fisher's compliance with the BOMEX Order. Another complaint filed February 20, 1997, however, indicates that Dr. Fisher may have violated the 1996 Order.

Because this complaint is currently being investigated by BOMEX staff, all information is confidential except



Dr. Ken Fisher — from his 1981 application to practice medicine in Arizona.

for the complaint number, the date the complaint was filed, and the complaint "category."

The category of complaint is the most important of the three bits of public information about an open investigation because it describes the "general nature of the complaint," according to BOMEX literature.

BOMEX did not assign a category to the February complaint against Dr. Fisher for over three months after it was filed. On May 27, 1997, after repeated requests by *HeatStroke*, BOMEX categorized the February complaint as a "Violation of Board Order."

Donna Nemer, Nurse/Ombudsman for BOMEX,

attributes the delay in assigning the complaint category to a clerical error, but couldn't provide any additional details.

"Other than the fact that an investigation is pending, and the general category of the investigation, I can't tell you much beyond that," Ms. Nemer says. "You have a copy of the Board Order, and there has been an allegation that the doctor has violated that Board Order.

That's being investigated, and the findings will be presented to the Board at a future meeting."

Ms. Nemer confirmed that because the Stipulation and Order that Dr. Fisher has been accused of violating consists of several separate directives, the alleged violation could be related to any — or all — of the BOMEX requirements.

BOMEX, in its guidelines, classifies the violation of a Stipulation and Order as a priority one complaint, which has "the strong possibility of harm or potential harm to the patient or the public, based on the conduct of the physician." The guidelines also state that the average time for investigation of a priority one complaint "should be as soon as possible but no longer than three months duration."

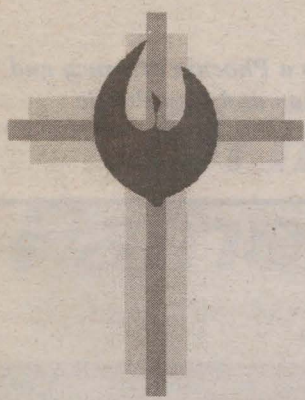
On July 24-26, BOMEX will conduct its next regularly scheduled meeting; at that time, the agency will have had five months to investigate the February complaint against Dr. Fisher. According to Ms. Nemer, "It's very possible that this investigation will be completed, and will be on the Board agenda for the July meeting."

Ms. Nemer cautions people, however, not to jump to conclusions about the complaint: "Our function as a regulatory agency is to make information available to consumers so they can make informed choices. Part of that process is disclosure of certain information. There is currently an open investigation, and allegations are not fact. Just because a doctor is accused of something, that doesn't necessarily mean he did it."

HeatStroke attempted to contact Dr. Fisher for comment. Ross Dixon, Fisher's Office Manager, said that he was out of town, and declined to comment further except to provide the name of Dr. Fisher's attorney.

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Dr. Fisher's complaint history at BOMEX

A review of Dr. Kenneth Fisher's file at the offices of the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners (BOMEX) shows that 19 complaints have been filed against Dr. Fisher since August, 1986.

14 of those complaints have been dismissed. BOMEX dismisses a complaint when "there is insufficient evidence to substantiate the [complaint's] allegations," according to Donna Nemer, Nurse/Ombudsman for BOMEX.

Of the remaining five complaints that have not been dismissed, BOMEX has resolved all but one: an alleged Violation of Board Order, filed February 20, 1997, is still under investigation.

The May, 1996, Stipulation and Order resolved a complaint that alleged Dr. Fisher had sex with a patient. (See main story for details).

The agency's investigation of complaints filed against Dr. Fisher in 1990, 1993, and 1995, each resulted in non-disciplinary "Letters of Concern."

In its August 23, 1995, Letter of Concern to Dr. Fisher, BOMEX states, "a Letter of Concern is an advisory letter that notifies you that, while there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the Board believes that you should modify or eliminate certain practices and that a continuation of these activities may result in disciplinary action."

All of BOMEX's Letters of Concern to Dr. Fisher raise issues about his handling of prescription drugs:

- The August, 1995 Letter of Concern was issued to Dr. Fisher because "the Board was concerned with [his] inappropriate prescribing [of] the schedule drug Hydrocodone and the synthetic narcotic Nubain to patient C.W., a known alcohol abuser with a history of drug addiction."

- BOMEX sent a Letter of Concern on June 14, 1993 to Dr. Fisher for his "failure to meet with the Board at the October, 1992 meeting as requested, and for [his] inappropriate comments on a prescription." Additionally, the Letter of Concern states that the Board "forward[ed] this complaint to the Pharmacy Board for a evaluation of the pharmacist's behavior in this matter."

- The April 10, 1990 Letter of Concern also addresses drug-related issues: "the Board was concerned with the inappropriate manner in which [Dr. Fisher] obtained a Schedule II narcotic as well as [his] failure to safely store and account for controlled substances." The Board also expressed concerns about Dr. Fisher's "failure to properly ascertain and document the quality of prior storage conditions for a variety of pharmaceutical substances that were later dispensed." As a result of its investigation, the Board ordered its staff to conduct "a follow-up audit of [Dr. Fisher's] drug handling procedures." No information is publicly available that discloses the results of the follow-up audit.

Georgia gay rights supporters denounce Federal Circuit Court ruling

ATLANTA (AP)

By siding with the Georgia attorney general in a homosexual rights case, a federal appeals court has said in effect that it is all right for employers to discriminate, supporters of gay and lesbian rights said.

About 40 onlookers cheered and shouted Sunday during a news conference outside an Atlanta bookstore as homosexual rights groups denounced the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that former Attorney General Michael Bowers didn't break the law when he withdrew a job offer to a lesbian who planned to marry another woman.

Cindy L. Abel, executive director of the Georgia Equality Project, said the ruling set "a standard that says it's OK to judge gays and lesbians based on their private expressions

instead of the quality of their work, a standard that is not applied to other employees."

On June 27, the 11th Circuit upheld Bowers' decision to withdraw a 1991 job offer to Robin Shahar after learning of her wedding plans.

The court said Bowers, known for his strong defense of the state's anti-sodomy law, was entitled to believe the public might be confused about his stands if he hired someone who was participating in a same-sex marriage. As attorney general, he also had the right to restrict his employees to those in whom he had trust, the court said.

The court said it specifically was not ruling on Ms. Shahar's right of association, but instead was deciding whether Bowers had a right to withdraw the job offer.

The American Civil Liberties Union will soon decide whether to appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, said Teresa Nelson, head of the Georgia ACLU.

"It is very clear that this court bought into a double standard that says it can single out individuals within our community," Ms. Nelson said. "The court bought into the

notion, the religious notion, that homosexuality is something that is evil and that should be swept under the carpet."

Lawrie Demorest, a board member with the Human Rights Campaign, said the decision "highlights the need for federal legislation to protect lesbian and gay Americans from job discrimination."

SF Gays protest United Airlines over benefits

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

Gay activists are protesting the airline's refusal to comply with a law requiring domestic partner benefits for companies doing business with the city.

Several companies — from Bank of America to the San Francisco 49ers — have complied with the city law, which applies to benefits for gay or heterosexual couples who are registered as domestic partners.

United and a coalition of 24 other airlines, through the Washington-based Air Transport Association, have filed a lawsuit to protest the law.


Members of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club are calling for a boycott of United. They say airline officials privately told members of San

Francisco's gay community they would offer the benefits.

United officials say they promised to review the city ordinance. In a statement, Chicago-based United officials said they are deciding whether to offer the benefits, separate from the San Francisco law.

"The decision to offer domestic partner benefits, or any benefit, is based on what is right for our employees, customers and shareholders — not on a local ordinance," the statement said.

Jeff Sheehy, spokesman for the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club, said the group did not target airlines such as American Airlines — which markets specifically to gay customers — because American did not promise to offer the benefits.



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CA AIDS ride begins despite questions over fundraising

**Producers of event
investigated in Eastern States for low
return to AIDS charities**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

As thousands of bicyclists set out Sunday for Los Angeles for the annual California AIDS Ride, questions about fundraising — and the amount organizers have given to AIDS charities — remain.

The questions surround previous AIDS Rides organized by the event producers, the Los Angeles fundraising firm Pallotta TeamWorks.

On June 1, about 2,600 bicyclists began the seven-day, 525-mile trip to Los Angeles that started from Fort Mason.

The firm originated the AIDS ride concept in California three years ago and since then has produced nearly a dozen similar events around the country — some of which have been highly scrutinized, especially on the East Coast.

In Pennsylvania, for example, the state attorney general's office investigated last year's AIDS ride between Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., after complaints from some activists that the percentage of funds paid out to the AIDS organizations fell well below Pallotta's target of 60 percent of funds raised.

There are varying reports about the rate of returns from that ride. The *Philadelphia Gay News* and this week's *Bay Area Reporter*, a San Francisco gay newspaper, reported that the figure was less than 20 percent.

But Kevin Honeycutt, Pallotta's national director of logistics, said that those figures were wrong and that ultimately \$420,000 out of the \$1.5 million raised went to the beneficiaries, a return of 28 percent.

Nevertheless, the firm reached an agreement last month with the state of Pennsylvania to pay \$110,000 to settle charges that it violated state laws regarding the solicitation of funds and the registration of fundraising organizations.

The settlement did not require the firm to admit wrongdoing, and a Pallotta spokesman said the violations were unintentional and technical in nature. Most of the settlement money will be distributed to AIDS-related organizations.

By comparison, Honeycutt said the Washington, D.C., beneficiaries of the same ride netted a 53 percent return because they registered far more participants.

Honeycutt added that, although an AIDS ride in Florida also had a low return — 26 percent — the aver-

age for AIDS rides organized by the firm over the past three years is a little less than 60 percent.

In California, the return has been slightly higher, he said.

Last year, according to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the ride grossed \$8.1 million, \$4.1 million of which was earmarked for the foundation.

After administrative, fund-raising, rider support and other costs, the foundation netted \$2.5 million for its various programs — a 61 percent rate of return.

The AIDS Foundation had nothing but praise for AIDS Ride organizers.

"The ride has proven to be very successful in bringing new donors into the fight against AIDS at a time when private support and fundraising for AIDS is diminishing," said Pat Christen, executive director of the AIDS Foundation.

"The personal commitment that people make is so extraordinary that when they ask family and friends to contribute it's hard to refuse."

Christen said she felt confident that the Philadelphia and Florida situations would not be repeated here, based on the ride's past success in California and the cost controls built into the contract with Pallotta.

To participate, each one had to raise a minimum of \$2,500 and indicate whether they wanted their proceeds after expenses to go to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation or the HIV-related programs at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center.

Pallotta TeamWorks also is receiving \$180,000 from the AIDS Foundation and a similar amount from the Los Angeles Center to produce the event.

Riders — including Cathy Demmerle, a special education teacher in San Francisco — are maintaining their commitment to the cause.

She decided to participate after a friend who rode last year raved about the experience.

"I wanted to make a commitment to something I believe in and also challenge myself physically and emotionally," said Demmerle, 38, who had not ridden much since childhood and has been training intensively for months.

Milwaukee group opposes Presbyterian ban on ordaining gays

MILWAUKEE (AP)

The Milwaukee Presbytery was the first regional body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to oppose the national group's recent ban on ordaining gays, but one official said what the move means is anybody's guess.

The Presbyterian Church voted in March to make its ban on the ordination of homosexuals part of church law.

The ban got the majority it needed with approvals from regional bodies in Miami and Charlotte, N.C. The Book of Order — the church's constitution — will be changed to require chastity of single ministers.

"It says to the country that Presbyterians are committed to reaffirming their biblical center for faith and practice," the Rev. Jack Haberer said at the time. He was a moderator of The Presbyterian Coalition, a group favoring the amendment.

But the Milwaukee Presbytery, a regional group of 51 congregations with more than 15,000 members, approved a "covenant of dissent" by a 2-1 margin on the matter May 27.

The Rev. Carl Simon, parliamentarian for the Milwaukee Presbytery, said he does not know what the covenant of dissent will lead to. Although the covenant clearly went against the constitution of the church, "simply to advocate civil disobedience is not wrong."

CA Sheriff's Chaplain quits in flap over lesbian minister

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)

A Novato minister who quit a ministers group after learning that a member is a lesbian has resigned his post as a Marin County sheriff's chaplain.

The Rev. W. Lee Grady's resignation has been attributed to comments he made about homosexuality.

"My appeal to the ministers is, 'Don't let this split us up.' Satan is certainly an ace at doing that," Grady told the Marin Independent Journal last week in regard to the Novato Ministerial Association. "This lady, if she were living a clean life, my goodness, she would be welcome like all of us."

Sheriff Robert Doyle said that, if Grady had not resigned, he would have been removed from the program.

"The bottom line is, he made some public comments which were contrary to our program," Doyle said. "He will be out."

Grady made the comments after he and at least two other ministers quit their group when they learned that the Rev. Marilyn Hedges-Hiller, a Novato pastor, is a lesbian.

The ministers left after a the majority decided that Hedges-Hiller could stay.

Fred Jenkins, of the national church's office in Louisville, Ky., said the Milwaukee Presbytery is the first regional group of congregations to inform the denomination it had adopted such a dissenting covenant.

The change to the Presbyterian Book of Order, adopted in March, said, in part: "Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders or ministers of the Word and Sacrament."

The Rev. John Gregg, a retired minister who is a member of the Milwaukee Presbytery's Advocacy Committee, was among those opposing the change.

"We think that the amendment itself is out of order," he said.

"There are so many things in the historical confessions that are described as sinful, including having a picture of Jesus in your home, that the amendment opens any number of doors to challenge ordination."

But Jenkins said the national church body had warned dissenting congregations in a letter that the covenant might subject them to legal action in church courts.

The Rev. Phil Brown, Milwaukee's executive presbyter, said he had voted against the covenant and had asked that his opposition be recorded. But he declined to comment further.

"Our action is not an action not of love. It is an action of hoping that individuals who walk in this way will see their sin and turn around," Grady said at the time.

The sheriff said the incident is unfortunate because he thinks Grady is a nice person and has been a dedicated member of the chaplain program.

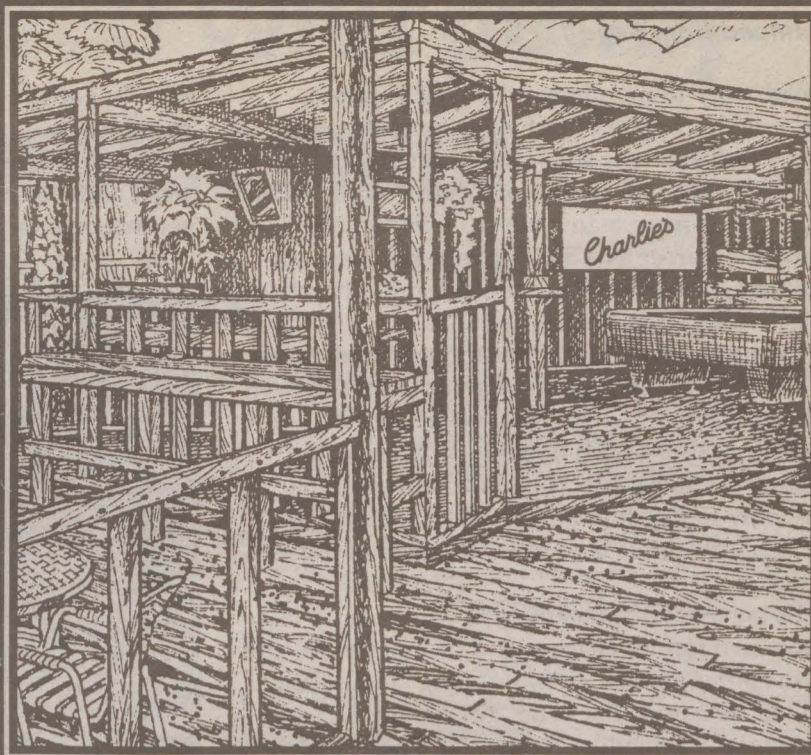
"He had a lot to offer," Doyle said. "I don't have control over what people think, but unfortunately he made comments that are contrary to our organization's philosophy."

That philosophy prevents discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Pat Tibbs, executive director of Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns of Marin, said Grady's resignation is "good news."

"It is fortunate that he made this move," Tibbs said. "It was not appropriate to have any clergy with the views he holds trying to minister to people in the gay and lesbian community."

Grady also serves as a chaplain for the Novato Police Department. Officials there said they have had no complaints and had not decided if they would ask Grady to resign.



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Gay Skater in town June 16, 17

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With only 18 months until the 1992 games, Yamaguchi dropped out of pairs competition in order to advance her solo career. Rudy was left with no partner, no singles program and no chance at the US Olympic team. He struggled to carve out a new, solo career as a 5'6", openly gay Mexican-American in a sport where the judging is fiercely subjective and image is everything.

Always praised for his artistry and innovation, Galindo developed a reputation for wildly uneven performances. An audience favorite, he often drew standing ovations with flawless programs that included the most difficult jumps and combinations, only to lose his concentration and "choke" over a simple move in another segment of the competition.

His personal life, meanwhile, was no fairy tale. He lost two former coaches and his brother to AIDS and his father passed away not long before Rudy won his 1996 title. For years, his mother suffered untreated for a debilitating mental illness, and with each medal lost he grew more bitter and depressed. He even became addicted to speed in the early 90's as national titles continued to elude him and his amateur career floundered.

Through every ordeal, Galindo's older sister, Laura, was the rock that kept his life together. A lifelong skater and professional instructor, Laura Galindo put all of her energy and limited finances into Rudy's career, counseled him through his roughest moments, and eventually served as his coach, helping him achieve the US gold in 1996 and a bronze medal at the world competition in Edmonton later that year.

Recently retired from amateur competition, Galindo says the greatest thing about his life right now is traveling, staying in the finest hotels, meeting new people and seeing the world. One place Galindo will be seeing soon is Phoenix, when he swings through the Valley on June 16 for one performance at America West Arena with the rest of the stars of Campbell's Soups 1997 Tour of World Figure Skating Champions.

HS: What do your fellow skaters think of your book?

RG: Tara Lipinski read it and said she loved it. But a lot of them haven't gotten it yet, they're planning to read it later.

HS: How do you think the men will react to it?

RG: I'm really good friends with all of them. We all have a great time [on the tour], so I don't think the reaction will be shocking or anything. They practically know my history already.

HS: Part of your story in the book is coming back around to remembering that you could have fun skating, that it wasn't just a job. Has your decision to turn pro soon after winning the national title influenced that even more?

RG: I love skating professionally so much. See, I knew I didn't want to be an amateur anymore, and to have to put up with those judges. I could have taken a gamble and maybe come in second at nationals, or gotten another bronze medal (as he did at the worlds in '96). But, the contract for being the national champion is like, ten pages long. And the amateur judges are [jerks].

HS: Still, to watch the nationals on TV this year, instead of coming back as defending champion. You must have...

RG: No regrets!

HS: None?

RG: Not at all. I was laughing. I feel that— when you turn pro— you have all these opportunities to compete against the best. And I've made it already. To sit and watch those people competing so hard to get that one, Olympic spot is a crack-up. And I am



loved me for who I was. Now all my friends are straight, and it's like they love me because I'm gay.

HS: You claim not to want to be political. But for one of your last competitions as an amateur, in your exhibition program at worlds in Edmonton, you skated to the Ave Maria with an 18", red AIDS ribbon draped around your neck... Isn't that somewhat political?

RG: It was something I did for my brother (Galindo's older brother, George, was also gay. He died from complications related to AIDS in 1995).

HS: You didn't see yourself as making a political statement at the time?

RG: I was kind of nervous to see what the reaction would be, if people would even get it. Of course, they did figure it out, and it got a really good response.

HS: You were able to come to terms with your sexuality at a very young age, but you never had a boyfriend, never even really dated. You're how old now?

RG: You don't have to rub it in, do you? I'm 27.

HS: Please say that you are not still single. You're cute, funny, successful...

RG: I get a lot of people who want to date me, but right now is not a good time. Because I don't know if they want me just because of who I am. That's really hard, plus all the traveling. I don't date at all.

so happy right now. When you turn pro, it's like you are suddenly up on a pedestal.

HS: Does being on the pro tour mean you are freer—in terms of your program, music and costumes?

RG: Oh yeah, definitely. You can go even further in your artistry. And that's exactly what I wanted. It's the part I love about skating.

HS: Your older sister, Laura, is an incredible person. She made many sacrifices to make things happen in your life.

RG: Yeah, she's great. She might come over to meet me when we get to Phoenix. I wish she was with me. She was on the tour with us for three weeks, but then she had to go home. I mean, she is married now...

HS: How did you tell Laura, the person you have always been closest to, that you are gay?

RG: I remember driving in a car with her somewhere, and I said, "Oh, that guy is very good-looking." She just kind of looked at me and laughed, and that's all it was. No big deal. I was probably about 15. One thing about me is that I've always had no problem coming out to people.

HS: Why do you think that is?

RG: I don't know. It's just my thinking— that it's no big deal. All my friends know, and always

HS: Are you ready for a relationship if it comes along?

Actually, now I don't care because I'm having such a good time. And I love skating so much right now, that I really don't even think about it.

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Big Easy residents miffed with policy that grants domestic partnership benefits to gays & lesbians

NEW ORLEANS (AP)

Some New Orleans residents say a new policy that provides health insurance to the domestic partners of homosexual city employees is a brazen slap in the face.

Without a single public meeting, Mayor Marc Morial announced the city would provide health insurance for the domestic partners of its homosexual employees.

The announcement came at a gay-rights fundraiser where it was greeted as a much appreciated party gift. "To the extent that we can provide health coverage to more and more people, in the long run it will have a positive impact on the whole community," Morial said.

But now, many disagree and have said Morial has gone too far in a city that's still 37 percent Catholic.

"It undermines everything," said Grant E. Storms, a pastor at Good New Revival Center in suburban Metairie. "It is not a message that we want to send our children. You can't separate it from endorsing the lifestyle itself."

Councilwoman Peggy Wilson said she doesn't know if it's right to demand residents to pay for something they morally oppose. In a few

days, her office received more than 30 complaints about the policy that was approved earlier this month.

"Judging by the telephone calls, I would say many people don't want it."

Mrs. Wilson also said many residents, herself included, were upset because there were no public meetings to express opinions.

She voted against a similar measure in 1983, when the city council approved providing health insurance for gay partners. The measure was vetoed by then-mayor Sidney Barthelemy, who said it was too expensive.

The Catholic church hasn't taken an outright stand against the policy. When questioned, a spokesman for the Archdiocese of New Orleans reiterated the church's long-held stand opposing homosexuality, saying it considers marriage to be a "sacred contract between a man and a woman."

"The topic has heated up callers on the Crescent City's AM-radio talk shows. Men and women alike trip over their words trying to express their disdain for the policy. Some worry about costs, other have said it will be too easy to cheat the system.

Many complain that their tax dollars will support a lifestyle they oppose.

It's something that frustrates L. David Wagner, a psychotherapist and volunteer coordinator for the Lesbian and Gay Community Center. "It's really kind of sad that there is this much hatred in the world. To hide behind Jesus Christ is a much bigger sin."

Administration officials said they expect about 1 percent of the city's 6,400-member work force to use the coverage. If so, it would cost the city an estimated \$115,000 a year, based on the experience of other employers, including municipal governments, that offer health benefits to domestic partners.

Same-sex domestic partners of city employees may receive health benefits if they register under a program established by City Hall in 1993.

To do so, a couple must submit a notarized affidavit to the clerk of the city council stating that the partners live together, have agreed to share living expenses and "have chosen to share one another's lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring."

About 20 other cities in the United States offer similar benefits. West

Hollywood, Calif., was the first to offer the benefits, beginning in 1985, according to the Lambda Legal Defense Fund. Madison, Wis. followed three years later.

Outside of New Orleans, few other cities in Louisiana plan to follow suit. Some even considered the suggestion a joke.

"It would create a firestorm with the churches," said Lou G. Barnett, executive assistant to Shreveport Mayor Robert W. Williams.

Baton Rouge officials said the city providing insurance for homosexual partners was extremely improbable. Richard Raether, assistant administrator for human resources, said he believes the city would only adopt such a policy if the state took such action first. That's highly unlikely. This legislative session, House representatives declined to include homosexuals among a class of minorities in a law that would set stiffer penalties for those convicted of hate crimes. The Christian Right criticized the Senate for including homosexuals in its bill.

Meanwhile, Storms believes Morial is shortening his own political life. "He literally slapped the church in the face."



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Locally, D/I is a joint chapter of two national organizations, Dignity/USA and Integrity, Inc. Dignity is comprised of Roman Catholics while Integrity is an Episcopalian-based organization. Integrity meets on Sundays at Trinity Cathedral's 10am worship service, on the first weekend of the month. Trinity Cathedral is located near Roosevelt and Central, at 100 West Roosevelt. Trinity Cathedral's Summer schedule begins on Father's Day and runs through Labor Day. During that time period, Integrity will meet at Trinity's 9am service.

Beginning June 14, Dignity will hold its worship services at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2604 North 14th Street. The Eucharist is celebrated on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month at 6:30pm. In celebration of the move to

Augustana, Dignity will hold a potluck dinner following the June 14 service.

Upcoming events for D/I include a Fourth of July party and the annual Christmas in July party, featuring a White Elephant gift exchange. On July 6, following the 9am service at Trinity Cathedral, a discussion group is scheduled.

For information on Dignity/Integrity-Phoenix, visit their web page at <<http://www.netzone.com/~diginphx>> or send E-mail to DigInPhx@netzone.com. Or, call the information line at 222-8664.

LRP plans June events at the Center

The Lesbian Resource Project has a number of meetings and events planned for the local women's community throughout the month of June. All programs of the LRP are held at the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 3136 N. 3rd Ave. in Phoenix, unless noted otherwise.

The Coming Out group will meet on Fridays, June 6 and 20 at 6:30pm. The TLC chorus meets on Thursdays at 7pm. The Lesbian Moms group meets every other Monday at 6:30pm, while the Library Committee meets one Sunday a month and the Book Discussion Group meets two Fridays a month, call LRP for times.

The Cafe Oasis Coffeehouse operates at the Center Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6-8pm. The *Xena, Warrior Princess* common interest group will meet once a month to watch episodes of the *Xena* show and share the latest *Xena* news on Sunday afternoons. The meeting this month will be held June 8 at 1pm.

For information on these meetings or events, or to volunteer at the LRP, call 266-5542.

You are wanted in the woods

Central Arizona residents are invited to head for the cool breezes of Flagstaff on July 11 and 12 for the second annual Pride in the Pines festival, sponsored by Mountain Rainbow, the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Alliance at Northern Arizona, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The festival will begin with a dance at Little America at 8pm on Friday night, July 11. The party will continue with entertainment, food, drink and friendship all day Saturday, from 11am-7pm. This event will be held at the Fort Tuthill County Fair Grounds, 4 miles south of Flagstaff off I-17.

Festival goers are encouraged to camp Friday night at Fort Tuthill County Camp Grounds, within walking distance of the festival. For reservations at the campground, call (520)774-3464. Planners of the pride festival point out that the average temperature in Flagstaff in July is 81 degrees during the day, with nighttime temperatures around 50 degrees.

On Sunday morning, July 13, the Flagstaff Metropolitan Community Church is holding a celebration service at 11am. For information on the MCC service, call Rob at (520)526-5419. For more information on the 1997 Pride in the Pines festival, call Mountain Rainbow at (520)774-0853.

Golf Tourney to benefit APaz & Malta

KTAR Radio's Ned Foster is the honorary chair of the fourth annual Drive Against AIDS Golf Tournament, to be held at the Camelback Indian Bend Golf Course on Saturday, June 14. All proceeds from the celebrity fundraiser will benefit AIDS Project Arizona and The Malta Center.

Participants in the tournament will include Garth Jax and Ron Wolfley of the Arizona Cardinals and KMVP, and Tom Dillon of KTAR, voice of the ASU Sun Devils and Arizona Cardinals. Jeff Munn, voice of the Phoenix Suns and Bruce Kirk of KTAR will also be there. Other celebrities from the Phoenix Suns, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Coyotes and Arizona State Sun Devils have been invited. Channel 5 reporter Donna Rossi is the 1997 tournament chair.

The tournament will begin at 7am. The entry fee is \$135 per player and includes green fee, cart, gift bag, door prize eligibility and awards luncheon. Many prizes and auction items have been donated for the event, including vacation packages to San Francisco courtesy of Southwest Airlines and a

Sebring convertible for a hole-in-one, sponsored by Bill Luke Chrysler.

There will also be a special raffle for a golf experience in Scotland featuring tee time on the Old Course, St. Andrews and including airfare and hotel accommodations for two. The package is offered courtesy of The Scottish Golf Experience.

For an entry form or for more information, contact Aids Project Arizona at 265-2437.

DA plans Burro Creek campout, hike in Walnut Canyon

Desert Adventures, a gay and lesbian outdoor social group based in Phoenix, is planning a weekend camping trip in the high desert near Burro Creek on June 20-22. Burro Creek is just off highway 93, about 60 miles northwest of Wickenburg.

Burro Creek is an area rich in history and scenery, with a year-round running stream that provides a backdrop for hiking, birdwatching, swimming, four-wheeling and rockhounding. Two of many activities planned include visits to an abandoned gold mine and a warm springs. The area supports a broad variety of wildlife.

The group section of the campground has been reserved for DA members and guests, including a ramada, running water and flush toilets. DA will provide margaritas and munchies at the cocktail hour on Sunday afternoon. Trip fees are \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

On June 14, you can join Desert Adventures for a day hike in Walnut canyon, east of Flagstaff. The hike to Fisher Point is 6 miles round trip. DA hikers should meet at 8:30am at the Rock Springs Cafe in Black Canyon City for breakfast. To find it, take I-17 north to the Rock Springs exit and turn left. The fee for the hike is \$2 for members and \$4 for guests.

To find out more about these or other upcoming trips, or to join Desert Adventures, dial 266-CAMP. You can also find DA on the web, at <http://www.netzone.com/~gordo>

Malta makes a move

The Campa Malta Center, a Phoenix-area AIDS and HIV service and assistance organization, has moved its offices. The new address is: 3033A N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, 85013. The phone number is 212-0222 and the FAX is 212-1630.

Father Joseph O'Brien, executive director of the Malta Center, reports that the move was made for two basic reasons. "One," he reports, "the rent is a lot cheaper here, which allows us to use more of our funds to assist our clients. And two, it will put us all in one building, where we were spread out into two buildings at our former location. This is more efficient for us"

Father O'Brien explained that the new location brings Campa Malta back onto the campus of St. Joseph's Hospital, which is where the organization first began in 1988. "We were in a one-room office right here at St. Joe's before we outgrew the space, and here we are, back again," he says.



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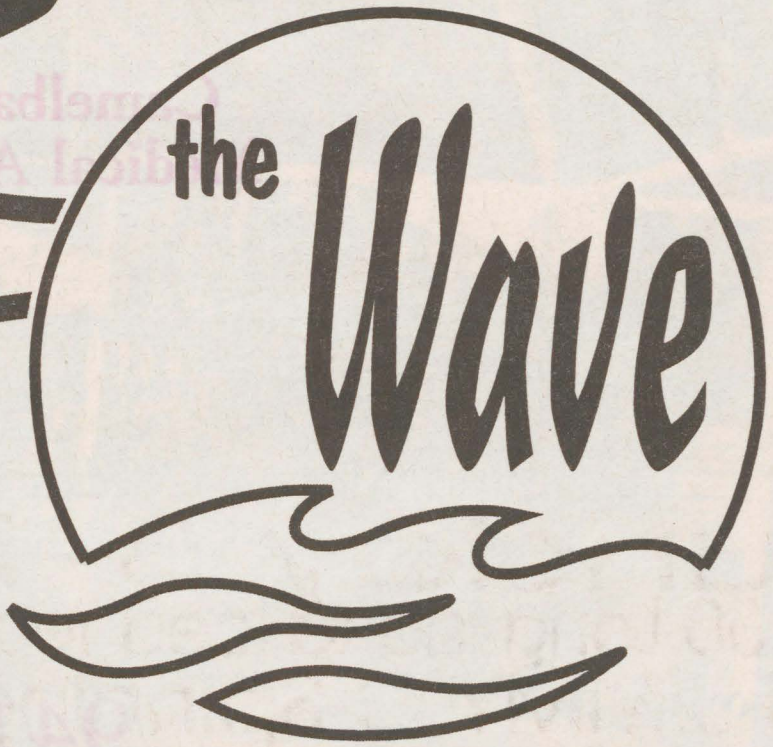
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ACP pulls off another successful festival

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Despite temperatures that reached 107, and smaller-than-expected crowds on Sunday afternoon, early reports show the 1997 Phoenix gay pride festival on the weekend of May 30- June 1 was a success, according to festival organizers. Mary Wooten, treasurer of Arizona Central Pride (ACP), the all-volunteer committee that produced the event, estimated on Sunday evening that overall attendance figures would be close to the numbers tracked in 1996.

"Saturday night was up, so I thought maybe we'd be ahead of last year," Wooten said. "But when we looked at the figures Sunday afternoon, it looked like we were right about even with last year, maybe even down a little." Wooten said she thought traffic on the grounds on Sunday afternoon and into the evening seemed slightly slower than Sunday afternoon a year ago.

The festival was held for the seventh time at the Tempe Diablo Stadium Soccer Fields, on 48th Street south of Broadway Road in Tempe. Next year, the pride committee may be in search of a new venue for the festival. ACP may also be considering other major changes in the event, including the possibility of including a parade on the same weekend of the festival.

This year, a pride parade and rally were held in Central Phoenix in late March. The high turnout for the March parade—the first held here in

years— may influence the committee to move the festival to an earlier date for the Spring of 1998, and to hold the parade in conjunction with the popular festival rather than weeks ahead of it, said ACP board member Linda Hoffman. "But we can't move anywhere unless we have some money, and we have to see what kind of

Featured entertainment included the return engagement of Kenny Kerr, a veteran female impersonator from Las Vegas who was brought in to close the weekend's series of events.

Kerr performed on Sunday night on one of three stages that hosted a continuous lineup of singers, dance groups, impersonators and comedi-

Kerr performed as Barbra Streisand and included other bits from his long-running Las Vegas revue. He told a full house that he loved Phoenix, but couldn't help making several joking references to the Arizona heat during his hour-long set. "I don't know how you bitches do it," Kerr said of the Phoenix drag queens who had been wearing makeup and wigs since early in the day. "When it's this hot, I don't put any makeup on until after five. My mother raised a fairy, not a fool."

Whether browsing vendor stalls or waiting in line for beer or soda, the stifling heat was far and away the favored topic of discussion among pride-goers while on the festival grounds. "It was definitely hot," said Hoffman. "It is always hot, everyone knows it's hot that weekend, and, yes, maybe we would get more people to show up if we could move the date to another weekend when it isn't so hot. We are looking into it."

As in years past, ACP planned the 1997 festival hours to take advantage of cooler nighttime temperatures when scheduling the events. The festival was open on Friday evening from 6pm until midnight, and from 4pm until midnight on Saturday. A number of people who attended the festival on Saturday night reported it to be very pleasant. Phoenix attorney Roger Rea was there Saturday, and said that after the sun went down, it was, "downright balmy."



Ride on: ACP board member, Linda Hoffman, center.

funding we have, and if that's feasible." Hoffman said that such a move would require months of advance planning and she stressed that the committee is not going to rush into any major changes.

ans throughout the weekend. "I think all the headliners were happy," said Hoffman. "From everything I heard, it sounded like it went very well as far as the entertainment."



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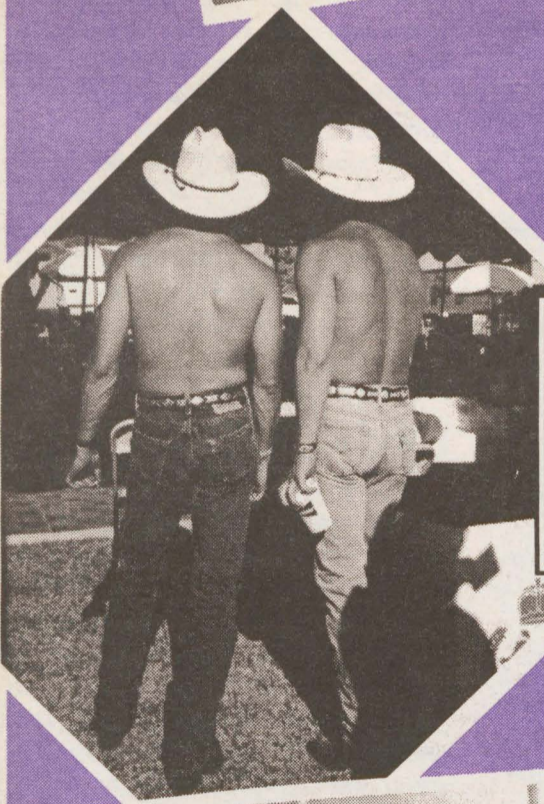
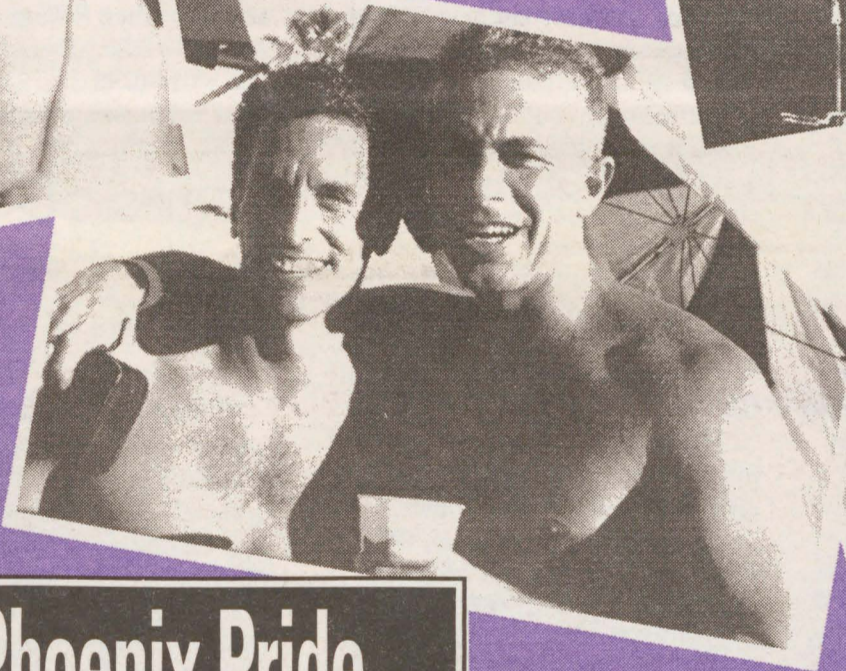
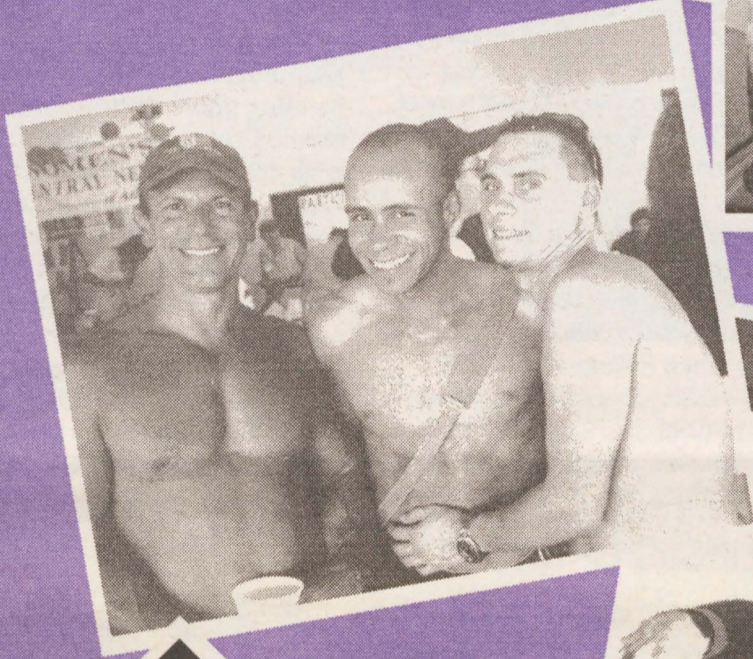
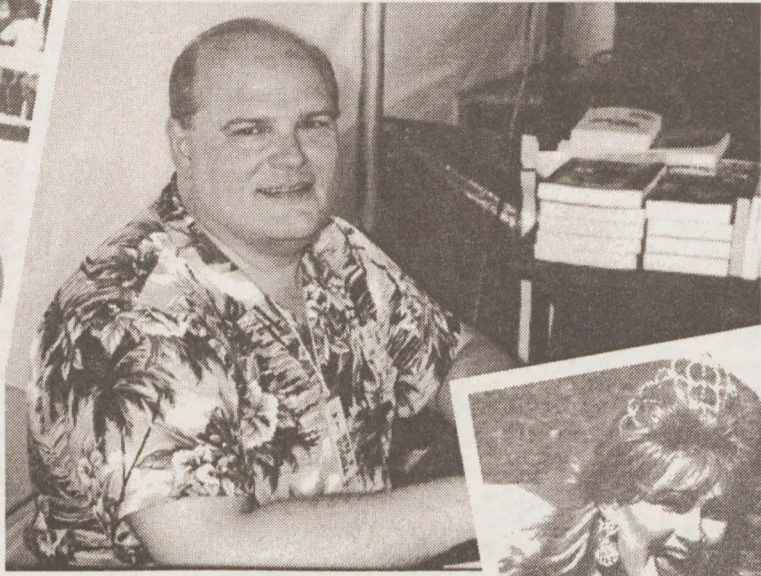
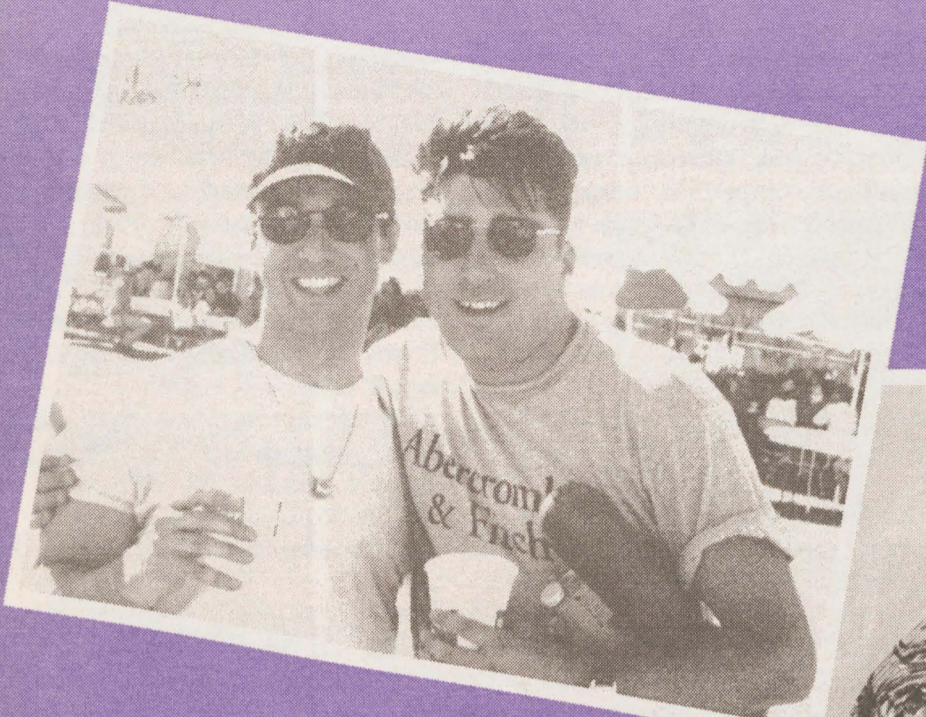
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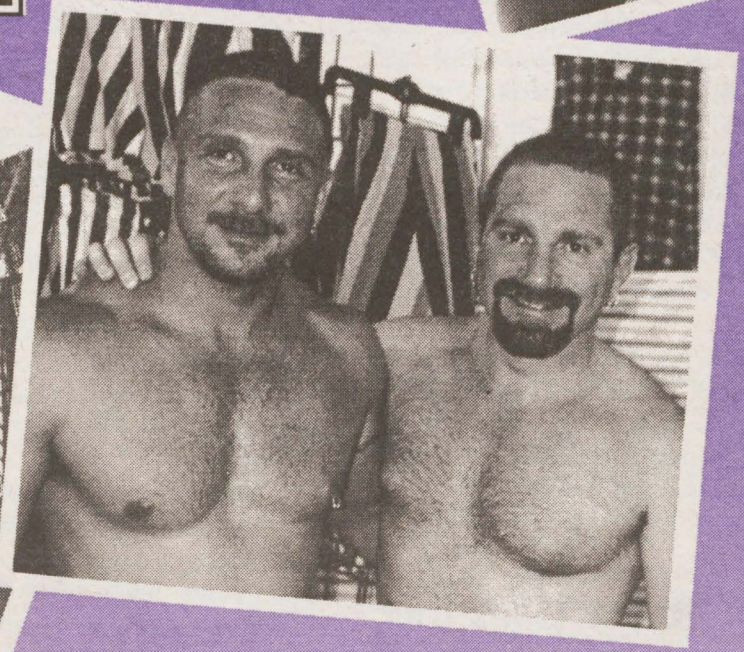
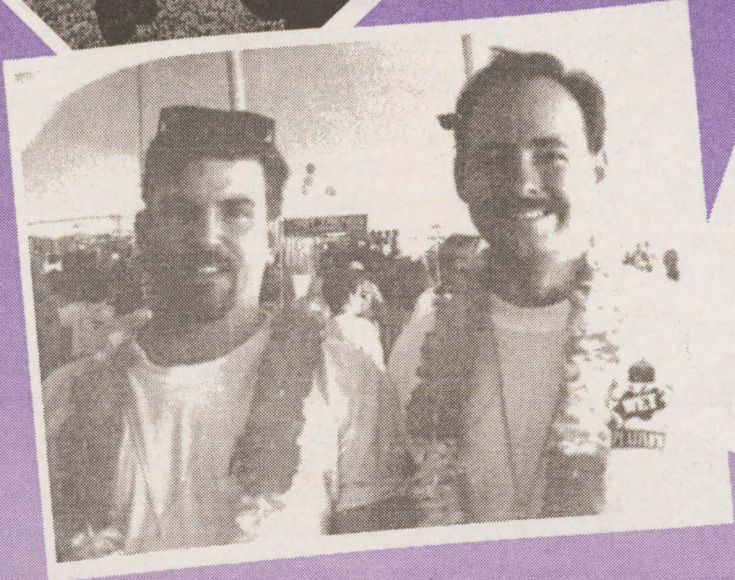
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Anti-gay Dr. Laura goes on homophobic warpath

In a May 25 column appearing in newspapers all over the country, Dr. Laura Schlessinger calls gay men and lesbians "afflicted," calls being gay a "biological faux pas," and denounces lesbian and gay parented families as inferior to cogendered, heterosexual parented ones.

"With respect to gender identity," she writes, "heterosexuality is the functional norm," while she sees homosexuality as "an error in proper brain development. Acceptance of [homosexuality] as a state of being comparable to heterosexuality is not appropriate."

She then tries to paint herself as tolerant: "A significant bulk of the critical letters I get at my radio program have to do with my apparent 'tolerance' of homosexuals—that I talk to gays and lesbians about the same moral, ethical and life issues as I do with heterosexuals when I should be condemning them. Even for me, it is too great, bizarre and regrettable a leap to go from compassion and tolerance for an individual who is 'afflicted with homosexuality' to declaring that nuclear, heterosexual families have no importance or advantage over any other form of family. To even suggest that this state of being is equivalent morally or practically to heterosexuality is taking an advocacy to the degree of being destructive to children's development—as well as to the very existence and continuity of a coherent society."

Either Schlessinger is ignorant to the increasingly large volume of psychological and sociological studies that have proven that children with same-sex parents are as well-adjusted and healthy as those of cogendered parents, or she chooses to stick her head in the sand to protect her own prejudices and bigotry.

Her assertion that being gay is an "error in brain development" as opposed to just a difference, like skin color or personality is completely groundless in scientific fact. Finally, how same-sex parenting could possibly be seen as "destructive" to the existence and continuity of society is just plain irrational. Her bigotry is a slap in the face to serious psychological professionals, same-sex parents, their children and all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Write to Dr. Laura and expose her prejudice for what it is—irrational and ill-informed—and provide her with a "bulk of critical letters" explaining that her thinking isn't tolerance—it's bigotry.

Contact: Dr. Laura Schlessinger, New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, NY 10168, phone: 1.800.375.2872, e-mail: wisdom@cprinc.com, WWW: <http://www.drlaura.com/forum>.

Lesbians-where the boys are?

In June's *Vanity Fair*, writer James Wolcott explores "lesbian chic" in the

media in an interesting and thought-provoking article entitled "Lover Girls." Wolcott states that "once the mere malicious mention of lesbianism could be life-ruining, now the word has acquired designer-label panache."

He claims that straight white men have thrusted, exploited, even helped create this new, media friendly image of "lesbianism." The article quotes *Washington Post* writer Kara Swisher as stating, "even with the welcome warmth of the spotlight, lesbians shouldn't allow anyone to exploit them for their trendiness...if they do, they will inevitably be left behind in the fringes of cultural acceptance with new and damaging stereotypes to counter."

With the television milestone of *Ellen's* coming out, the media and America are more attuned to the concept of lesbians than ever before. Wolcott's article serves to raise a cautionary red flag: When pop culture deems marginalized groups as more acceptable, often the result in larger society is, in fact, a warped perception of that group's collective identity which erases diversity.

Unfortunately, Wolcott fails to recognize the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people who paved the way for "straight white men" to feel safe in backing projects with lesbian characters and themes. In addition, the so-called "designer-label panache" is something of a misnomer. After all, if it were really so "trendy" to be openly lesbian in Hollywood, it would seem like more than a handful of performers would be out.

As it is, Wolcott's observation and warnings serve as a reminder that our community must always be questioning who is producing images of us and for what purpose, but we still have a long way to go before being lesbian can be seen as a sought-after "fashion statement" by popular culture.

Please thank *Vanity Fair* for this interesting, thought-provoking article on a very timely, "chic" topic.

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Rolling Stone remembers Allen

Since gay poet, revolutionary and controversial American cultural icon Allen Ginsberg died April 5, many newspapers and magazines have done tributes to him, but few with the depth of feeling and breadth that *Rolling Stone* printed in its May 29 issue. In an eight-page article, writer Mikal Gilmore puts into historical, political and personal perspective both Ginsberg's life and work, without shying away from his homosexuality or some of his more controversial acts.

"Not since the 1977 death of Elvis Presley and the 1980 murder of John Lennon has a certain segment of popular culture had to come to terms with the realization of such an epochal ending. Allen Ginsberg not only made history but also lived through and embodied some of the most remarkable cultural mutations

of the last half-century...Perhaps only Martin Luther King, Jr.'s brave and costly quest has a more genuinely liberating impact upon the realities of modern history, upon the freeing up people and voices that much of established society wanted kept in the margins," Gilmore writes.

Still, he notes, "Ginsberg was also, of course, simply a man-at turns generous and competitive, self-aware yet self-aggrandizing, old in his wisdom, juvenile in his tastes and affections, and relentlessly promiscuous though deeply faithful." He writes of the poet's friendships and sexual affairs with the core of the Beat Generation, including Neal Cassidy, Jack Kerouac, William S. Burroughs and his long-term partner Peter Orlovsky.

Finally, unlike so many other figures of that era, until his death, "Ginsberg would remain an important artist and active force." In addition, *Rolling Stone* compiled tributes from a number of literary, Beat and musical luminaries. With numerous photographs of Ginsberg from through his life, as well as images of many who were close to him, the entire tribute is powerful and honest, fully embracing Ginsberg's open and explicit sexual orientation and sexuality.

Please commend *Rolling Stone* for doing justice in the memory of a gay American cultural luminary.

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Domestic partnership and business: a good marriage

With the June 1 deadline for businesses who work with the City of San Francisco to comply with the new domestic partnership ordinance, the May 28 edition of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the May 29 edition of MSNBC Online both looked at how the law is good for businesses and equal rights.

The *Chronicle* story, headlined, "Big Help for Small Firms: Large Insurers to Office Domestic Partner Coverage," noted that "thanks in large part to the domestic partner law due to take effect on Sunday," all five of the largest healthcare insurers in California now offer domestic partnership coverage to small businesses. Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Health Net, PacificCare and Kaiser Foundation, "hold more than 75 percent of the market," it said, "and observers predicted that other insurers will follow suit." The article quotes Bill Corba, a vice president at Blue Shield of Northern California, saying, "I see this will become the industry standard in a very short time."

The MSNBC piece, entitled "Domestic-Partner Benefits: Good Business," notes that the San Francisco law "has become a model for the state." In it, West Hollywood City Council member Steve Martin says, "I think it's going to be common 10 years from now." Addressing the concern that it will be excessively

expensive for small businesses, the report says, "With 170 unmarried people on the payroll, only a handful of the city employees of West Hollywood took the offer of a domestic partner benefit package. The low percentage is similar among small and large businesses."

Please let the *San Francisco Chronicle* and MSNBC know that their clear-headed, objective reporting on this hot-button issue of workplace equality is appreciated.

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GQ and RuPaul see double

The June issue of *GQ* (*Gentlemen's Quarterly*) features a fun and gender-bending photo spread and interview, entitled Dude Looks Like A Lady, with the supermodel drag performer RuPaul. With the help of computer technology, RuPaul is featured frolicking around Manhattan with none other than himself, out of drag and in a men's suit.

The accompanying interview by Sallie Motsch finds RuPaul discussing his life as a drag performer, answering such questions as where he hides his "candy." RuPaul tells *GQ* that he is "the queen you can take home to meet Mom and Dad."

Please thank *GQ*, a magazine targeted at straight men, but read by many gay ones, for this fun, gender bending photo spread and interview with Ru. Encourage them to include more articles about the lesbian, gay, bisexuals and transgender community.

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Open Sesame Street

The May 19 re-run episode of *Sesame Street* featured a guest spot by Ellen DeGeneres, who had made other appearances on the children's show throughout the past season. In upcoming months, Children's Television Workshop (CTW), the show's producers, plans to re-run five more of the episodes in which she is featured.

When the repeat broadcast was aired on May 19, following DeGeneres' highly-publicized coming out, a number of people contacted CTW, criticizing them for including an openly lesbian celebrity as a role model in a children's show.

CTW responded in a statement, saying that "although we respect the rights of parents who differ with us, Children's Television Workshop believes that all the celebrities we have on *Sesame Street* are appropriate role models. Their function is to both

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Out on film

Love! Valour! Compassion!

(Opens in Phoenix June 6!)

The most anticipated gay film of the summer comes to Phoenix this month, when *Love! Valour! Compassion!* opens in the Valley on Friday, June 6. With Jason Alexander of *Seinfeld* in the role of Buzz, the film is based a Tony Award-winning Broadway play. It also stars the original members of the Broadway cast.

Directed by Joe Mantello and with a screenplay by original playwright Terrance McNally, *Love! Valour! Compassion!* has been called one of the most important gay films of our time. For an inside report on the recent world premiere of the film in New York City, see *HeatStroke* issue #14.



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educate and give children a positive self-image. For 29 years, Children's Television Workshop has believed in the inclusion of all different people on our show. We continue to believe in and support that."

By continuing to air DeGeneres' skits and publicly support her as a role model for youngsters everywhere, Children's Television Workshop is telling parents and children that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are part of the fabric of our diverse society and that we are as deserving of respect and admiration as our heterosexual counterparts.

Please thank Children's Television Workshop and PBS for their support of Ellen DeGeneres and of our community, and for their continued inclusion of a diverse array of people in their programming. Contact: Kathy Quattrone, Programming Vice President, PBS, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314-1698, fax: 703.739.5295, WWW: www.pbs.org; David Britt, President, Children's Television Workshop, 1 Lincoln Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10023, fax: 212.875.6104, e-mail: ctw-comments@ctw.org.

LA Times shows Poppy knows worst

In the May 13 edition of the *Los Angeles Times*, columnist Robert Scheer wrote about the difficulties

that Brian O'Leary Bennett, former aide to the virulently anti-gay ex-Congressman Bob Dornan, faced when he decided to come out, emphasizing Bennett's strength and integrity.

The article, entitled "Coming Out to 'Poppy': Heart, Soul, Reality," imagines the moment when Bennett told Dornan: "Dornan, the nation's premier gay-basher, was about to have his belief system shattered by the simple truth that the gay enemy was an intimate associate who called him Poppy like his own kids did."

The congressman who had made a career by deriding homosexuality as the perverse choice of those marked by a decadent culture was suddenly to discover that he himself had been the role model for a gay man. Scheer says, "What Dornan cannot accept is that homosexuality is neither an indulgence nor the product of perverse and subversive cultural influences led by that army of 'lesbian spear-chuckers' whom he once derided. As the example of Brian Bennett illustrates, being homosexual is as American as apple pie."

Scheer writes that the former aide struggled for years with his sexual orientation, and quotes Bennett, who says that now that he has come out, he "hopes that Dornan will end his vicious stereotyping of gays." Scheer says he doubts that this will happen because "unfortunately, hate has a purpose and life of its own. I respect Bennett's courage in coming out and his loyalty to an old friend and mentor. But the pink triangle is only one reminder that hate is a killer not easi-

ly contained. Poppy, I'm gay. Adolf, I'm Jewish."

Scheer captures both the personal pain and the political reality of the struggle that Bennett went through in attempting to accept that the man he knew as a role model and friend was also among the most vicious of anti-gay bigots.

Without passing judgment on Bennett himself, Scheer identifies the fact Dornan embodies hatred; that he employs it as his main political weapon—his bread and butter. Unfortunately, as Scheer articulates so clearly, people like Dornan, whose hatred runs so deep, may not be able to let their hatred go—even if they want to. That is part of the tragedy of bigotry.

Please thank the *Los Angeles Times* for such a frank and insightful article. Contact: Shelby Coffey, Editor-in-Chief, *Los Angeles Times*, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053, fax: 213.237.4712, e-mail: letters@latimes.com.

Sundance Channel holds gay film festival on cable

In honor of Pride month, the Sundance Channel will air a different lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender-related piece each day in June. Among the films being shown are: *Ballot Measure 9* (Heather MacDonald), *Carrington* (Christopher

Hampton), *Coming Out Under Fire* (Arthur Dong), *The Hours and Times* (Christopher Munch), *Silverlake Life: The View From Here* (Tom Joslin and Mark Massi) and *Totally F***ed Up* (Gregg Araki).

To support the Day of Compassion on June 20, an event being jointly sponsored by GLAAD and Hollywood Supports in order to encourage compassion for people living with the HIV virus, Sundance will also hold the television premiere of Jean Stewart's *Nervous Energy*, starring Alfred Molina and Cal Macaninch, and will show Marlon Riggs' final film, *Black Is...Black Ain't*.

Please commend the Sundance Channel for recognizing June as a very special month for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Contact: Susan Levovsky, Executive Producer, Sundance Channel, 1633 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10019, e-mail: talkback@sundancechannel.com, WWW: www.sundancechannel.com.

Editor's note: Although the Sundance Channel is not currently available in the Phoenix metropolitan area, we believe their inclusive programming throughout the month of June is newsworthy. If you are a cable television customer in the Valley, we urge you to petition your service provider and ask for local access to this forward-thinking, independent channel.

Queer Softball News

Sponsored by Roscoe's on 7th

The Cactus Cities Softball League, the Valley's gay and lesbian softball organization, finished its 1997 regular season play on Sunday, June 1. The season winner in the Open Competitive division was decided on that date, while champions in the Women's and Open Recreational divisions were already set.

The Open Competitive Division came right down to the last day of play to determine the regular season champion, which would mean an automatic invitation to the gay World Series of softball in San Diego this August. In the final result, Roscoe's proved supreme with a 20-1 victory over the last-place team from Pookie's.

Obelisk also won their June 1 game against Wink's, but had to settle for second place for the season. Obelisk's team will set its sights on winning a championship in the playoffs to grab the second available berth in to the World Series in the Open Competitive division.

The Women's Division saw a tight race for second place, though Unique on Central/FirsTravel is the regular season champion and has earned an automatic trip to San Diego. Behind that top Women's squad, All About Destinations and Desert Reproductions tied with identical records of 9 wins, 3 losses when play was finished on June 1. Both teams finished their season campaign with convincing wins against the last-place teams.

Desert Reproductions bested Movies on Central/Out West Publications MisFitz 14-1 and All About Destinations topped 2girlgraphics 18-0 (capping a six-game winning streak) on June 1. The league then had to apply all three predetermined tie-breakers to place Desert Reproductions in second and All About Destinations in third for the playoff seeding.

Roscoe's Scorpions, in fourth place going into the playoffs, is another team in contention for an invitation to the World Series. The team crowned champion in the playoffs will earn a second trip to San Diego and join the Unique/FirsT team there in the Women's division.

In Open Recreational, the season ended with Roscoe's Expansion soundly defeating Wink's Juniors for second place in the regular season, 16-4. Wink's Toddlers, in last place all season, surprised regular-season champs First Family Medical with a 1-run victory, winning 15-14.

First Family was able to field only 8 players in a game that was foregone to have no effect on the season's final standings. Since First Family has declined the single automatic berth in the World Series for Recreational

teams, the playoff champion in the Recreational division will be able to represent Phoenix in San Diego.

In other news, three CCSL teams traveled to Los Angeles over the Memorial Day weekend to play in the annual Tournament of the Stars. Roscoe's was the most successful Phoenix team, claiming fifth place in the B division. Roscoe's played in several close games with 3-run differentials or less. Obelisk also played in the B division.

Roscoe's Expansion represented Phoenix in the C division in LA.

Although Roscoe's Expansion was strong enough to be seeded in the more competitive bracket within C, they were unable to capitalize on their early showing and made an early exit from tournament play.

The playoffs will be held on Sunday, June 8 at Eldorado Park in Scottsdale. The champions of the playoffs in all divisions will go to the Gay Softball World Series in San Diego this August. Over 90 gay softball teams from across the US and Canada will represent their leagues at the World Series.

The single elimination games will begin at 8am, with the championship games in Women's and Open

Recreational at 11am and the championship game in Open Competitive at Noon. Eldorado Park is located at Miller Road and Oak Street in Scottsdale.

Eldorado Park's unique configuration allows fans to enjoy multiple games at one time and fans are encouraged to come see the teams play in Phoenix for the last time before the gay World Series. After the championship games, the league members, sponsors and guests will enjoy a barbecue and awards ceremony in Eldorado Park.

Roscoe's proved supreme with a victory over Pookies

Scores for 6/1/97:

Unique/FirsTravel 7	Babe's Cabaret 0
All About Dest 18	2girlgraphics 0
Obelisk 14	Wink's 7
Desert Repr 14	Movies /Out West 1
Roscoe's 20	Pookie's 1
Roscoe's Scorpions 13	Rainbow Renegades 7
Wink's Toddlers 15	First Family 14
Roscoe's Expansion 16	Wink's Juniors 4

Final Standings for Spring, 1997

Open Competitive	W	L
Roscoe's	9	3
Obelisk	8	4
Wink's	6	6
Pookie's	1	11
Women's	W	L
Unique/FirsT	11	1
All About Dest.	9	3
Desert Repr.	9	3
Roscoe's Scorpions	7	5
Babe's Cabaret	5	7
Rainbow Renegades	3	9
Movies/OutWest	2	10
2girlgraphics	2	10
Open Recreational	W	L
First Family Medical	9	3
Roscoe's Expansion	8	4
Wink's Juniors	6	6
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Wink's Toddlers	2	10

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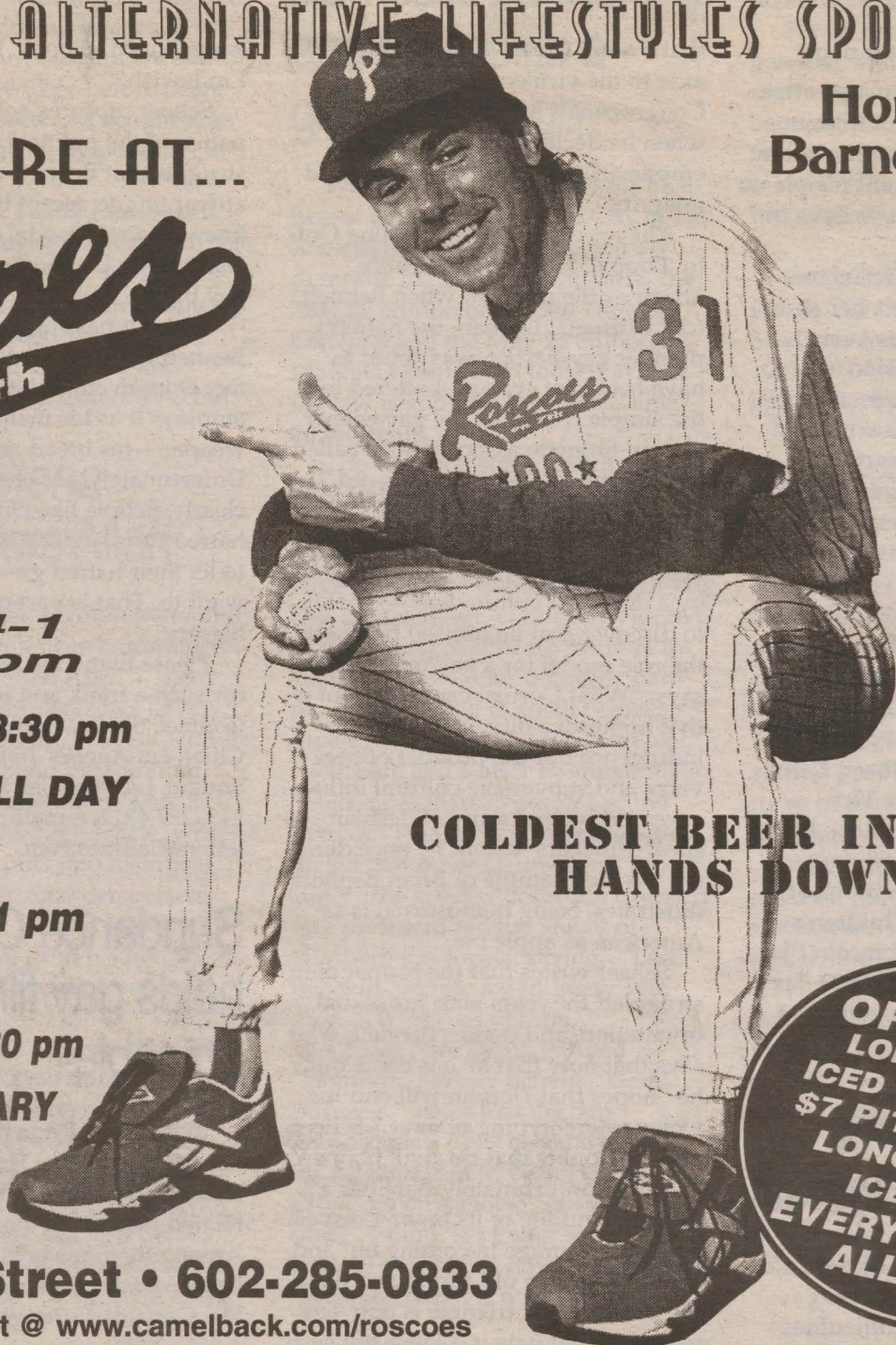
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Best experimental AIDS vaccine is too risky to test on people

SOUTHBORO, Massachusetts (AP)

Locked inside the Level 3 biohazard lab at Harvard's New England Regional Primate Center are a pair of 20-pound (9-kilogram) macaque monkeys code-named 71-88 and 255-88.

They should be dead by now.

In November 1991, scientists gave each a big injection of simian immunodeficiency virus, or SIV, the monkey version of the AIDS virus.

The shot had 1,000 times more SIV than it usually takes to cause an infection. Ordinarily, this starts an insidious disease process that eventually destroys the monkeys' immune systems and kills them — just like its cousin, HIV, does to people — only faster, usually within two years.

Yet nothing happened. By every measure, these animals, and two others that got lower doses, are entirely healthy. There is no sign of SIV in their blood or anywhere else. They simply did not catch the virus.

What saved the monkeys was an experimental vaccine. Two years earlier, scientists had given them a weakened, or attenuated, form of SIV. The virus was normal in every way except that one of its nine genes was clipped out.

Losing this gene, called nef, throttles back the virus's ability to make new copies of itself. Crippled, it

caused a low-grade infection but did not seem to hurt the monkeys at all. And somehow it primed their immune defenses to ward off real SIV.

"After seeing this protection in monkeys, I became an advocate," said Dr. Ronald Desrosiers, a microbiologist at the primate center.

Virtually everyone agrees that Desrosiers' experiment is a landmark in AIDS research. It is the first — and still the best — proof that a vaccine to protect people from catching HIV is even possible.

This alone is a crucial discovery, since a vaccine is the only sure way to stop the AIDS epidemic. It is the same strategy that has erased smallpox from the planet and tamed many other big killers.

Since SIV and HIV are so similar, an AIDS vaccine can be made with exactly the same genes missing. Many believe this should work as well for humans as it does for monkeys. Moreover, nothing else in development seems anywhere close to being this effective.

But that's where agreement ends.

Desrosiers and some colleagues would like to begin testing this kind of vaccine in people. Many others are adamantly opposed.

The reason: This vaccine may well protect against AIDS, but no one

knows what else it might do. And there's no easy way to find out.

Just like ordinary HIV, the genetically truncated form used in the vaccine would cause a lifelong infection in otherwise healthy people. Could the virus somehow regain its lost genes and turn nasty, causing the very disease it was meant to stop? Could it trigger some other unforeseen disease 10, 20 or maybe even 30 years after vaccination? Could it harm newborns or people with weakened immune systems — even if it is safe for everyone else?

"Safety is the first, second and third issue with this," said Dr. Norman Letvin of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, one of those opposed to trying the vaccine on humans.

Yet in a way, nature already has conducted human experiments.

At the University of Massachusetts, Dr. John Sullivan has been following 183 hemophiliacs who caught HIV from contaminated clotting proteins in the early 1980s. Among them were five who still showed no signs of disease. Could weak viruses explain their good fortune?

Desrosiers analyzed their viruses and found that one's HIV was indeed missing part of its nef gene — just

like the virus he crafted for the monkey experiment.

In essence, this man had been vaccinated. Here was the first tentative evidence that it was safe.

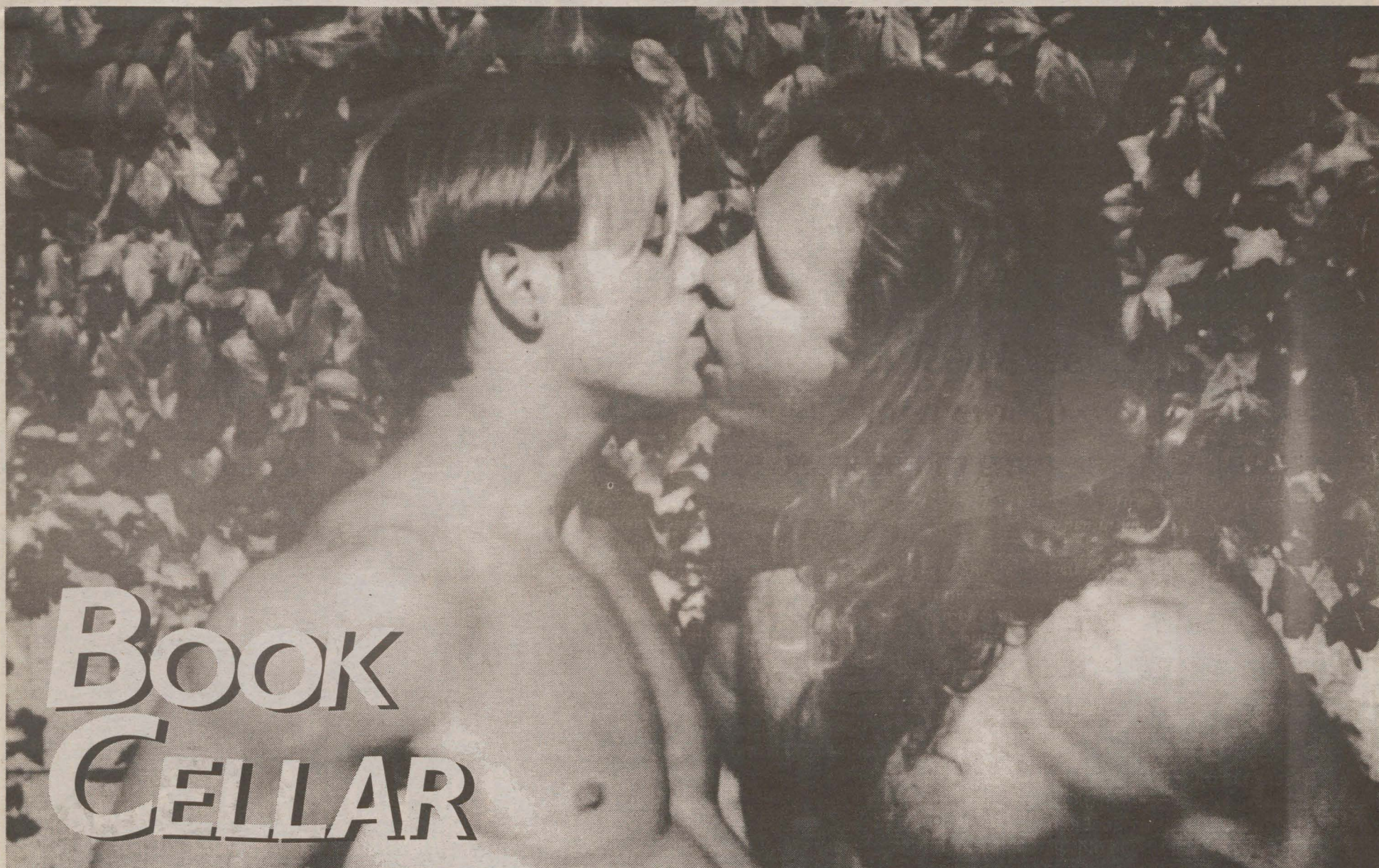
In Australia, meanwhile, doctors were puzzled by an especially odd cluster. Seven people had caught HIV from blood donations given by one infected man in the early 1980s. Yet neither the original donor nor any of those who got his blood showed any signs of AIDS. After hearing of Desrosiers' discovery, the doctors found they all carried a strain of HIV that was missing part of nef.

While these serendipitous discoveries suggest HIV without a nef gene does not trigger AIDS, intentionally infecting people to prove the point is another matter entirely.

In fact, the idea of using this as a human vaccine seemed all but dead two years ago, when Dr. Ruth Ruprecht of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston found the SIV version caused simian AIDS when given to newborn monkeys.

Desrosiers countered that no one would vaccinate a newborn with this. His later studies also suggested that only extremely high doses of the vaccine were harmful to the newborn monkeys, and that passing the virus

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Promising AIDS vaccine needs human testing

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from mother to child does not seem to be a hazard.

Still, talk of putting a live, mutant form of HIV into uninfected people was dismissed by the scientific establishment as simply too dangerous.

But that may be changing. No absolutely safe alternative is close. And as David Gold of the American Foundation for AIDS Research notes, "The need for a vaccine is more desperate than ever."

Around the world, about 29 million people have been infected with HIV. In some African cities, more than 10 percent of pregnant women already have it. And 80 percent of the world's infected people live in Africa, India and Southeast Asia — places where new AIDS treatments are simply too expensive ever to be much help.

History is on the side of live, attenuated vaccines; it is a classic approach. Examples include the Sabin oral polio vaccine and shots to prevent smallpox, mumps, rubella, measles and yellow fever.

Vaccines offer a kind of biological mugshot for the body's defenses. Alerted by the harmless lookalike of what it should be on guard against, the immune system kicks into high gear as soon as it spots the real thing and immediately attacks it. Even if the virus worms its way into some cells, the quick response enables the body to thwart a devastating full-blown infection.

HIV, though, is different from other invaders. Once it gets a toehold, there probably is no way to get rid of it. So an AIDS vaccine has to prevent even that first tentative infection — something the body's own immune defense system cannot seem to do by itself.

"If we say we have to prevent infection, that is a new criteria that has never been met in the history of vaccines," said Dr. Robert Gallo of the University of Maryland, the co-discoverer of the AIDS virus.

Vaccine researchers have tried to do this by injecting synthetic copies of fragments of the virus. They are safe. But unfortunately none seems to work very well.

This failure makes an attenuated vaccine worth studying, say federal health officials, if only for the clues it may offer for creating other, safer vaccines. But they show little interest in giving a crippled form of HIV to people.

"That will be a very hard sell," said Dr. Carole Heilman, associate director of the Division of AIDS at the National Institute of Allergy Infectious Diseases.

Those who believe in this approach — and Desrosiers says the numbers are growing — acknowledge the need to be extremely cau-

tious, but they are frustrated that safety worries have blocked its development almost entirely.

They agree that even a small chance of an adverse reaction may make this vaccine too hazardous for the general U.S. population, which is at little risk of AIDS. But for those at high risk — young gay men and drug addicts in the United States and millions of adults in other parts of the world — the benefit of evading AIDS may well outweigh any hazards.

"Our concern is five years down the road, what if none of the current vaccine candidates work, but we continue to have a raging epidemic?" said Dr. Margaret Johnston, head of the Rockefeller Foundation's international AIDS vaccine initiative. "We need to be able to make a decision about whether this will go into humans based on data."

To help get this information, her organization plans to finance a \$1 million-a-year study, involving perhaps 200 monkeys, to look at the long-term health effects.

Others would like to start giving the human version of the vaccine to small groups of volunteers right away.

Sullivan proposes trying it out first on terminally ill cancer patients. While this would not prove it prevents AIDS, the experiment would at least offer some initial information about how the body responds to it.

Dr. Charles Farthing, medical director of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles, is talking about recruiting a group of doctors who would take it themselves, without bothering with regulatory agencies or hospital committees.

"We've got to be courageous," Farthing said. "If 20 or 100 doctors are willing to give this to each other, certainly we can do a trial with young gay men at risk in this country."

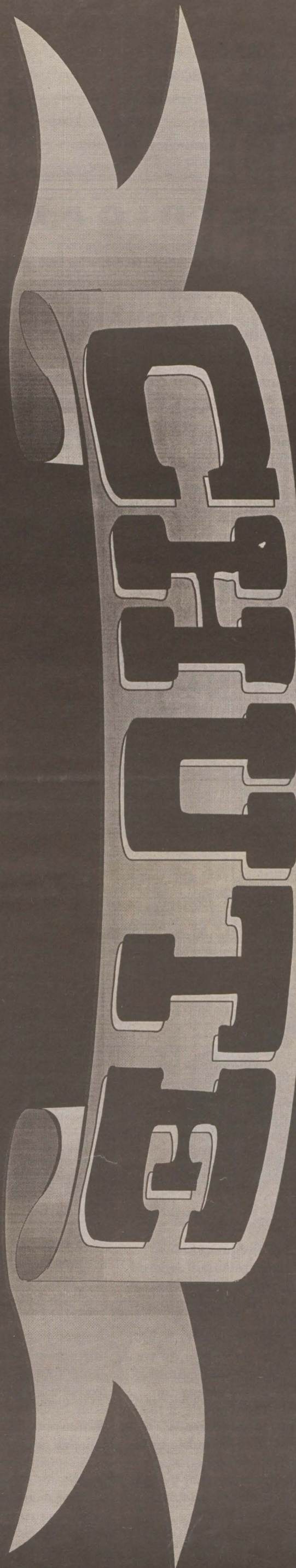
Another idea is to convince a country in Africa or Asia, where the need is clearly much greater, to manufacture the vaccine and carry out large-scale testing with outside help. Desrosiers and others plan to go to Africa this spring to talk it over with scientists and government officials.

Supporters concede this, too, may be a hard sell. Africans will naturally wonder why they should inject themselves with a vaccine that is deemed too dangerous for Americans to take.

Once human experiments start, Desrosiers estimates it will take another decade to prove the vaccine safe and effective.

"Even the most vocal opponent would argue this is the best vaccine you could make," he said. "The big issue is safety, safety, safety."

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Back when Arizona was still a territory and cattle ranged all over the high desert, the big ranches were worked by real cowboys. In those days, a man out on the plains had a lot of time to himself. He'd use that time to sing, write poetry and reflect on nature and life. And he'd study his place in the society he was so far removed from. When he finally returned to the ranch, his cohorts found him to be calmer and wiser. If they ran into trouble, they'd seek out the lone cowboy's advice. Thus started a fine western tradition.

We continue that tradition here with our regular advice column. We've rounded up a real cowboy who's tough as rawhide but gentle as a poet. Ask him anything. Calmer and wiser than most of us, he's full of strong coffee and good advice. And he never squints into the sun.

Send your questions to "Dear Cowboy," c/o HeatStroke, P.O. Box 33430, Phoenix, AZ, or e-mail to alkalphx@aol.com — we'll pass them along to the wise one for you.

Dear Tess,

Coming out is never easy. But if you are ready, it's time to Cowboy Up and get on with it. Parents always want to know that you are healthy and happy. When you get there, use words and actions that will let them know right out of the gate that you are one happy camper. After a few days, gather them around a private campfire and say you need to talk to them about something important.

Then, get it out. Be very honest, speak from your heart and you can't go wrong. Be prepared for them to kick up some dust as they process what you're telling them. Understand that they are only human, and that like a lot of folks these days, they may have preconceived notions and worries. Keep on talking, keep on telling, while you

Dear Cowboy,

My lover and I regularly have dinner at a casual restaurant where a good-looking, young college student works. We have really gotten to know him over the past year or so. He is always eager to wait on us and visit—we assume he knows we are a gay couple. Now, I am beginning to wonder if he might be gay, too. He likes to talk about sports or his girlfriend, but I think he really might be trying to reach out to us for coming out-advice or something. My lover says I'm crazy, that the guy just enjoys our company and our tips. What would you do?

Signed, Burger Man

Dear Burger,

Sometimes, trying to make assumptions about how a ride will go gets you bucked off before you can say, "Yee-ha". Try riding jump-for-jump, and you stand a chance of keeping this pal no matter what his orientation. Be honest and open about your life and let him take the lead in asking questions and discovering himself. He wants to talk about sports and girls? Let him, while you talk about sports and boys.

So what if he is of another stripe? If he needs older buddies, if you have fun and enjoy each other's company, then don't rush into trying to help this young fella "out." Good-looking, young college students generally know how irresistible their charm is to us seasoned cowhands. Make a

wrong move, and your young dude will figure his mentors are actually trying to coax him outa his wranglers. Once you give him that idea, you'll end up being The Bad Guys for sure. And it aint gonna matter how well you tip.

Dear Cowboy,

What is the best way to come out to your parents? I am planning a three-week vacation in my hometown this summer. I will be staying with my parents. This will be first time in about four years we will see this much of each other, and I want to get everything out in the open. But I don't know how to bring it up. Any advice?

Signed, Traveling Tess

Understand that your parents are only human, and that they may have preconceived notions and worries.

give them time to adjust. Let them know they can ask you anything, and mean it.

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Phoenix, AZ 85067

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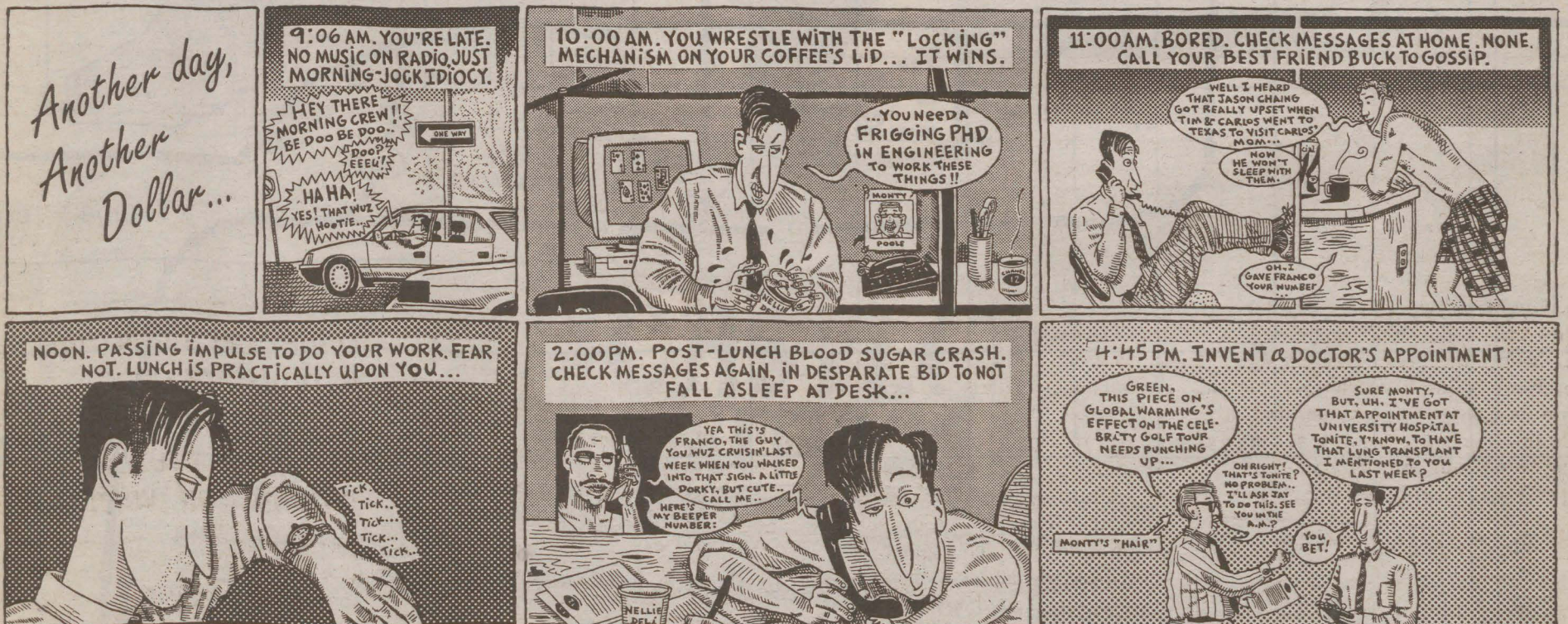
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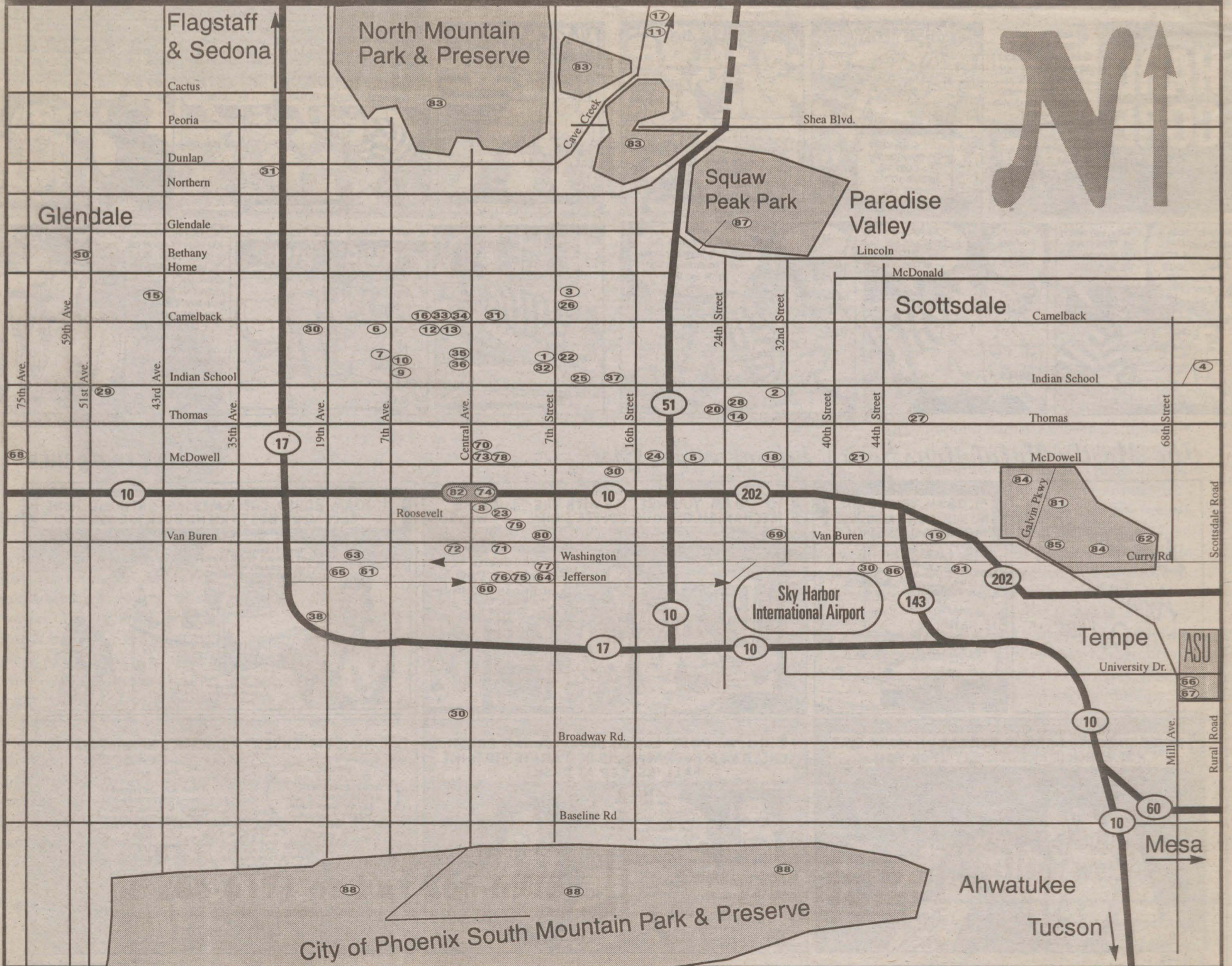
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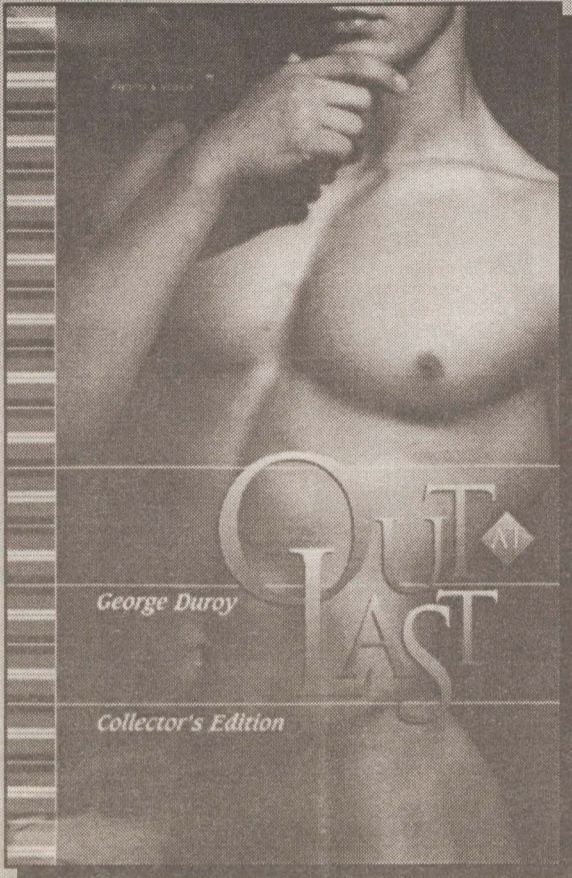
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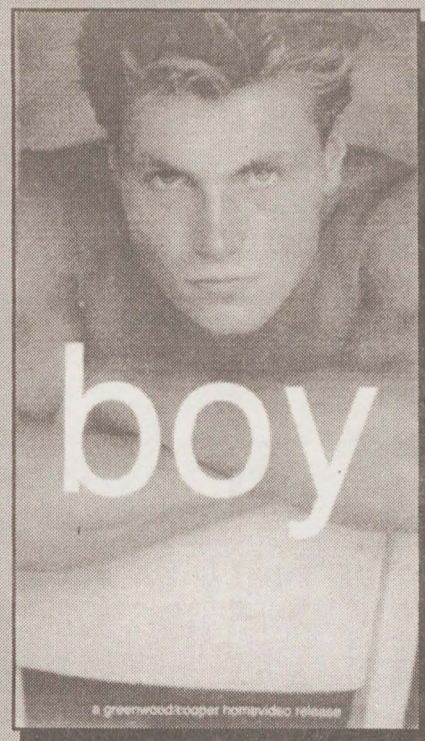
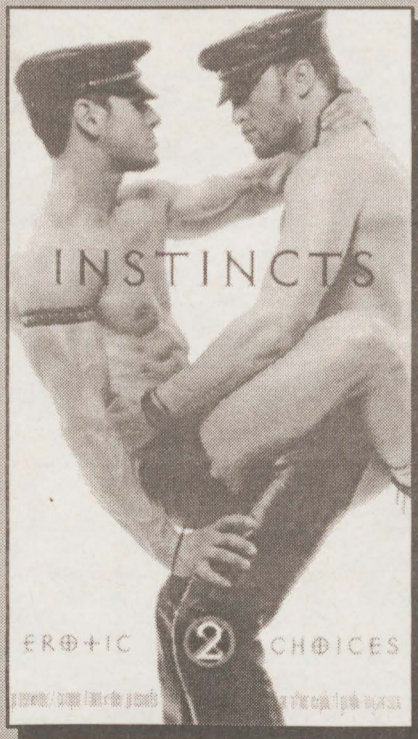
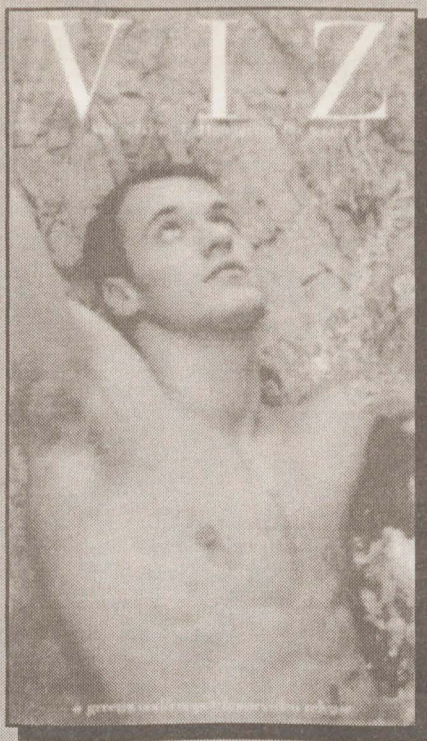
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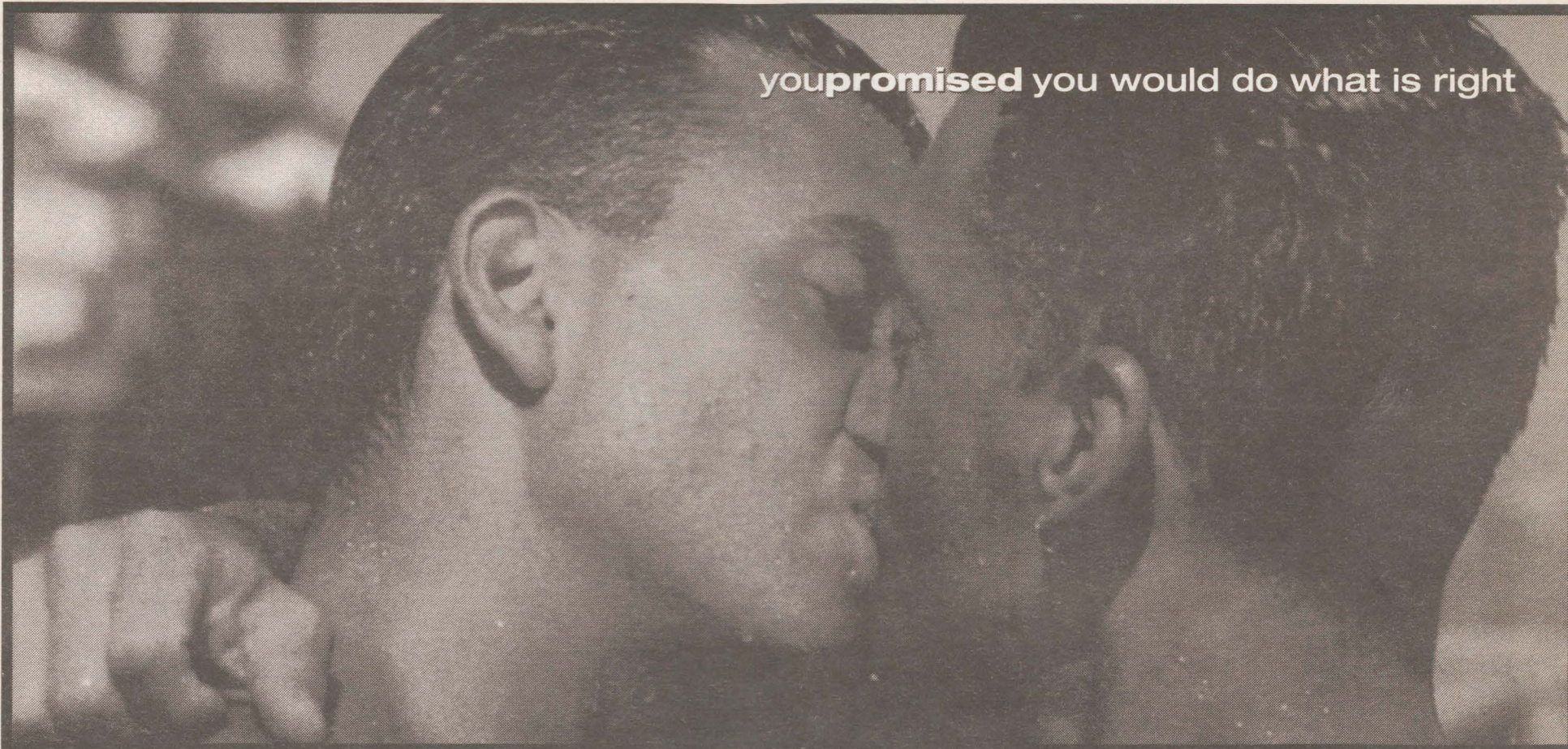
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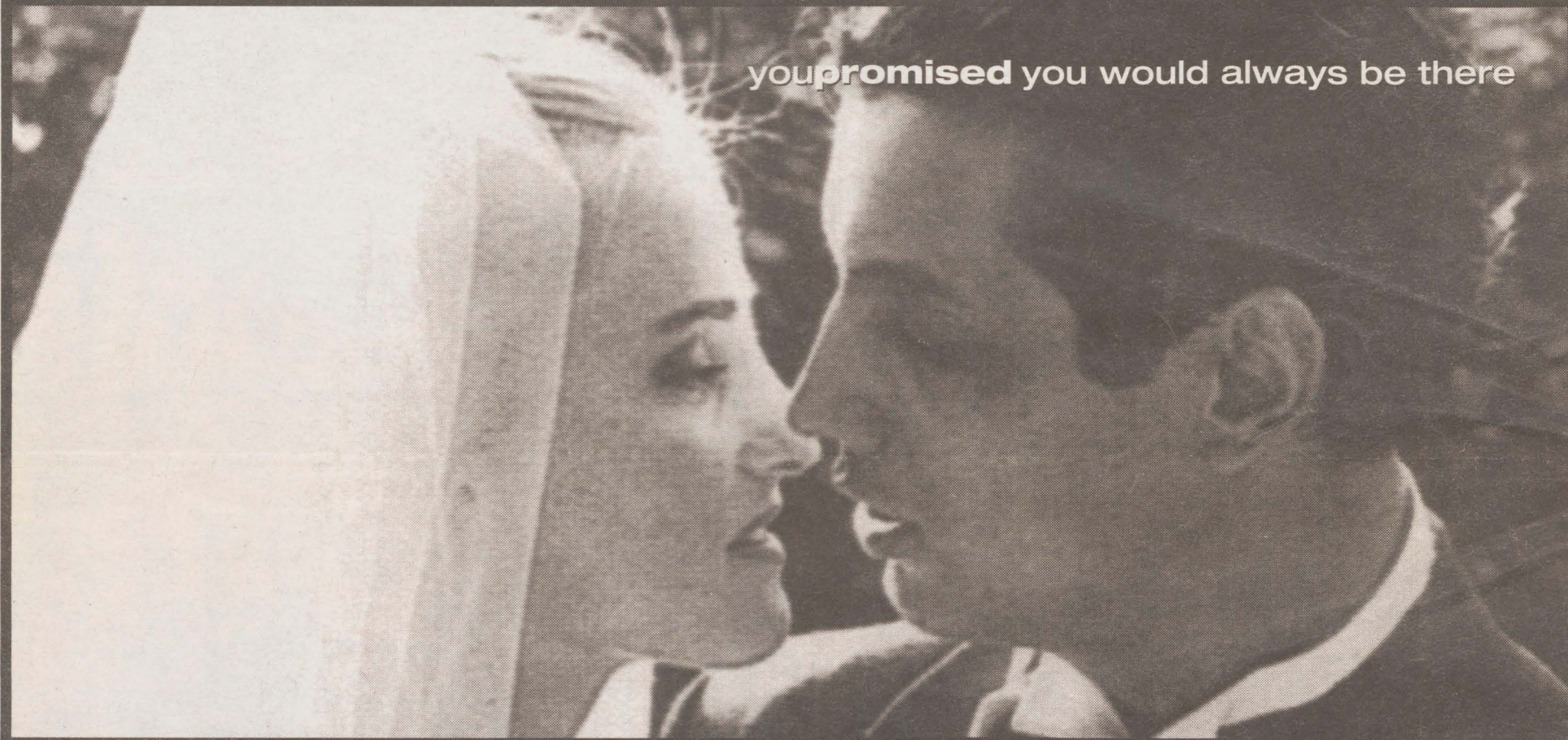
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