

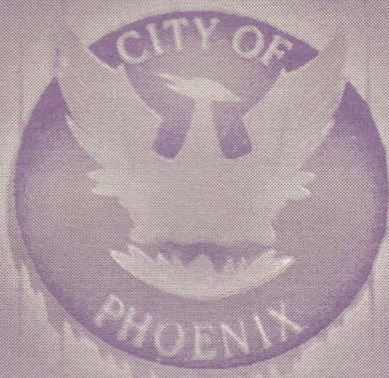
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A Force on Our Side?



Phoenix Police Dept. confronts anti-gay crimes—

Is the community ready to do the same?

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By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Picture a chilly, late evening in the Valley—it's the first Friday in March, and things are really hopping in central Phoenix. Two men stand on a sidewalk, heading from a coffee hangout toward a popular gay dance bar.

They are waiting to cross the street when a small pickup races by. People in the truck yell anti-gay slurs and pelt the clubgoing pair with eggs. The assailants laugh and the vehicle speeds off. A second vehicle zips past and a bottle is thrown, just missing the pedestrians.

The gay men are scared, surprised and angry. They don't know what to do. Drenched in raw egg, they hurry back to their car and leave the scene. They head home to shower and change, then try to put the incident behind them as quickly as possible.

Relay the above story to a heterosexual audience, and the reaction you'll get will likely be one of outrage.

"Why the hell didn't they call the police?" is the first thing most non-gays will probably ask.

But describe the same scenario to a group of gays and lesbians, and many will say they understand why the men didn't report the assault. "What would the police do, anyway?" they might ask. "In Phoenix? Are you kidding? Would the cops even care?"

That negative attitude is one many in the Valley's gay and lesbian com-

munity share when it comes to calling the cops. It's an attitude Sergeant Jerry Hill and others within the Phoenix police department would like to see changed.

Hill heads the department's new hate crimes unit, which celebrated its first anniversary in early March. He understands the societal history behind the distrust many gays have for the police, but insists that things are different now. He told *HeatStroke* that the establishment of the hate crimes unit is one good example of how much change is taking place.

Now the country's sixth-largest city, Phoenix is one of only three cities nationwide with a hate crimes unit, according to Hill. Similar units have been established in Boston and San Diego.

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"We have five detectives and myself as sergeant in our division," Hill explained. He said the unit was implemented here in March, 1997 without special funding, and that it operates out of the department's general budget.

"More than 40 experienced detectives applied for five positions when we started, so that tells you something about the real commitment to solving hate crimes, and the interest

that we have among the officers who were chosen," Hill said.

The goal of Hill's unit is to investigate and solve crimes that are motivated by bias. Crimes motivated by bias against gay men and lesbians were the second-highest classification in the total number of hate crimes reported in Phoenix last year, and Hill wants *HeatStroke's* readers to know that the department takes such crimes very seriously.

Crimes motivated by bias against African Americans ranked first in the city in 1997, and hate crimes committed against whites were the third most-reported. Hispanics were the fourth most-targeted group, while other groups, including religious minorities, make up the rest of the list.

Hill said the department classified 220 incidents as hate crimes in 1997, after investigating more than 300 cases. Not every case the unit looks into fits the hate crimes category. Hatred or bias toward a group must be shown to have been a motivating factor—at least in part—when the perpetrator committed the crime.

In 1997 Arizona's state legislature recognized the existence of hate crimes by passing a new statute that allows judges to consider bias motivations when sentencing criminals. The law applies only to felonies, Hill said, but the fact that it was signed into law with "sexual orientation" included in its language may encourage more gays and lesbians who have been attacked or harassed to file reports.

"If something happens, we need to

know about it. It may be a case of harassment that isn't actually a crime—maybe there is no injury or property damage, or it may turn out not to have been motivated by bias. But we need to know about it anyway so we can look into it and decide," Hill said. "We are a full-time investigative unit. That's what we do."

Detective Janet Kelleher is one of the five officers in Hill's unit. She explained that some actions are clearly motivated by bias but are not necessarily criminal. For example, on February 28, an openly gay assistant professor at Arizona State's Tempe campus returned to his car in the student/faculty health club's parking lot to find "fag" written by someone who'd swiped a finger through rain spots on his rear window.

"That's something that should be reported to the manager of the gym where it happened," Kelleher suggested. "As a detective, I'd look at that and say, okay, this individual has not committed a crime yet. But that just might be the kind of person who takes it a step further next time—maybe with a few beers in him, he'll throw a rock at that car, or even throw a punch at the driver."

By reporting even minor incidents every time, Kelleher said a record can be established and more people can be made aware that a bias incident has occurred, encouraging people to watch out for each other and notice more signs of trouble.

Most of the criminal activities the hate crimes unit investigates involve

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Horowitz:

Heroes come in all sizes

This past weekend, I spoke with Steven Cozza, a 13-year-old from Petaluma, California who is fighting to change the anti-gay policies of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Steven is a Life Scout; one designation below Eagle Scout—scouting's highest rank. He's been involved in scouting for more than 6 years.

I read a blurb about Steven and decided to contact him. I first spoke with Steven's father, Scott—an HIV counselor at San Francisco General Hospital. Scott explained that while the response to Steven's message has been overwhelmingly positive, the few negative responses were so vicious that his parents felt the need to screen all contacts.

Scott told me about his efforts to support Steven's work, and the two have set up an organization called Scouting For All. Steven's mother, Jeanette, a kindergarten teacher, also strongly supports Steven's quest to change the BSA policy.

Steven became inspired to change the policy to fulfill the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout. As Steven describes it, "You have to get like 17 merit badges and you have to do a project. Like bring your community together and to help other people out—The Eagle Project."

When Steven heard about the policy he felt was wrong, his dad asked him if he wanted to help change it. Steven and Scott marched in the Gay Freedom Parade, held up signs and handed out fliers. Steven wrote to the BSA director at BSA headquarters in Irving, TX. He also contacted his local and state legislators garnering widespread support for his actions. He's received commendations, plaques and awards. A 60 Minutes interview is in the works.

The response to Steven's efforts has been mixed. "A lot of the parents in the troop just don't say anything because they're so upset," he says. "So when you walk in and say Hi, they don't say Hi back, and stuff like that. It doesn't really bother me, but I wish they would just come out and say what their feelings are so it wouldn't be so uptight. But it's mostly the parents, not the kids. Three kids have come up to me and said I'm doing a good job."

The parents had a meeting over the upset caused by this issue with many people defending the BSA policy and bemoaning Steven's efforts.

Yet Steven remains undaunted. He collected over 400 signatures at his junior high school alone and has several thousand toward his ultimate goal of one million names on his petition.

Steven says, "There's three ways people can help us. They can sign our petition and make copies of it

and get other people to sign it. And they can write letters to Irvine, Texas where the headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America is to protest. And also, people can write to the United Way and say that they're going to stop donating money to you because you give to the Boy Scouts of America."

I promised Steven that we would circulate his petitions here in Phoenix and that I would ask people who read my column to participate in the above activities. You can contact Scouting For All at 73 Mission Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952 or (707) 778-0564 for additional information. There's also a website: <http://members.aol.com/cozzahived/>

Steven cites a common complaint that he is going against family values. I asked him what he thought those were. He responded: "Like loving each other. When you sit at the table with your family. Discuss stuff that happened at school. Help each other; don't steal. Just to help out other people that you don't even know. Yeah. And also about the morally straight thing, that's just like following your own family values—following what you believe in."

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He's certainly got the right idea—his statements are a testament to Scott and Jeanette's parenting skills and to Steven's glorious spirit.

I told Steven that he was a hero, and I asked what the word hero meant to him. "Well, someone who saves someone, I guess. But also someone who makes a change in the world. Yeah—just to make the Earth better."

I asked if he expected to become a hero for the work he's doing, and he said, "I didn't do it for this. I did it to change the policy. I didn't do it to get awards and stuff. No, I didn't expect that. The message is more important than the messenger."

Now that's a real hero.

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Openly liberal WI candidate stumps in Phoenix

Wisconsin state legislator Tammy Baldwin is running for Congress in her home state's 2nd Congressional District. She hopes to become the first woman to represent Wisconsin following the general election this November and the first out lesbian ever elected to Congress.

The charismatic and articulate politician visited the Valley on March 4 to speak before about 50 gay and lesbian community leaders at the central Phoenix home of Mary Berkheiser and Becky Hansen.



Rep. Ken Chevront with Wisconsin Congressional Candidate Tammy Baldwin, at the March 4 fundraiser

The Phoenix fund-raiser was initiated by Arizona's own openly gay Democratic State Rep., Ken Chevront. Chevront introduced Baldwin, explaining that the two met and became friends several years ago when both attended a convention for openly gay elected officials.

Chevront promised Baldwin then that when she one day announced her

candidacy for Congress, he would do his best to garner support in Phoenix. He made good on the promise with the well-attended event which netted approximately \$5,000 for Baldwin's campaign, according to organizers.

Now 36, Baldwin said she has been in public life as an out lesbian since the age of 24, when she ran for a county seat while still in law school. Characterizing herself as a "very progressive Democrat" Baldwin faces a three-way race in a Democratic primary in September.

Hundreds attend Anti-Hate Rally at ASU West

Several hundred people gathered at noon in the central courtyard of Arizona State University's West Phoenix campus for a Rally Against Hate Crimes on March 10.

The rally was initiated by campus groups as an organized response to a series of hate crimes committed against a Jewish lesbian professor who is employed at the school.

Vandals painted "kyke dyke" on the car of human services instructor Batya Hyman while the vehicle was parked at the campus on January 28.

The event was promoted and organized by the Campus Environment Team and Spectrum. Speakers included Rabbi Robert Kravitz, Rev. Oscar Tillman of the NAACP, and gay community activist/journalist Jeff Ofstedahl.




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AZ gay community upset over cartoon in ASU newspaper

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)

Members of the gay community are upset over an editorial cartoon in Arizona State University's student newspaper depicting a Boy Scout leader carrying a purse and asking scouts if they wanted to "earn their 'FIRST-AIDS' merit badge."

"All the group members that I've talked to are extremely frustrated and disappointed that the *State Press* would use the gay community to increase participation in the paper," said Matthew Heil, co-chair of the Lambda League—a coalition of stu-

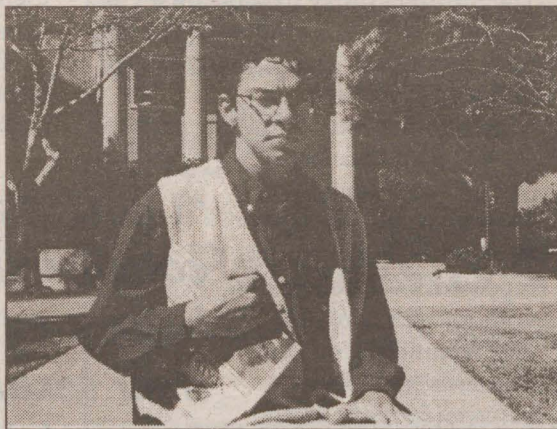
dent groups for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community.

"Something that cruel is incomprehensible to me. There is no place to accommodate hate in society."

The cartoon appeared in Friday's paper and was drawn by *State Press* staff cartoonist Brian Farrington.

"It's just a cartoon and not to be taken seriously," he said. "I'm sorry if people took it the wrong way."

The cartoon comes on the



Lambda League's Matthew Heil said a *State Press* cartoon promotes hate

heels of apparent hate crimes aimed at homosexuals, including two deaths in Phoenix and the vandalizing of an ASU West faculty member's car.

"I'm not making light of the situation," Farrington said. "I oppose gay bashing and I'm not anti-gay. Gays in the Boy Scouts is just one of those issues that needs to be commented on."

Jodi Bafundo, managing editor of the *State Press*, declined comment on the cartoon.

Maine Governor denounces violence, reaffirms support for gay rights

FALMOUTH, Maine (AP)

Gov. Angus King denounced violence and reaffirmed his support of gay rights at a rally prompted by concern about the recent beating of a gay doctor.

"Violence under any guise is wrong," said King, who urged leaders of the successful effort to repeal Maine's gay rights law to send their supporters the message that the referendum outcome does not pave the way for harassment of homosexuals.

The governor pointed to the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin two years ago as an extreme example of the violence that can take place when impressionable followers act on what they interpret as the beliefs of their leaders.

"You cannot unleash these dark

forces and then disclaim responsibility," said King, noting that there has been a rash of reports of incidents targeted at gay people since the referendum.

A standing-room crowd of about 200 packed the Falmouth Congregational Church for what organizers billed as a community speakout against fear and violence.

The March 5 meeting was near the spot where Dr. Charles Mitchell was attacked while jogging. Although police have found no evidence that the daylight attack was motivated by Mitchell's sexual orientation, the van he was driving was decorated with gay symbols and investigators have not ruled out the possibility that he was the target of a hate crime.

The Portland psychiatrist, who

suffered a concussion, facial injuries and a broken jaw, didn't talk about the beating. Instead, he focused on the importance of rearing children so that they grow up to be kind and tolerant, not filled with hatred.

King said his commitment to a gay rights law in Maine remains unchanged, although he believes such legislation can only be passed with a referendum held during a general election.

The governor noted that 31 percent of Maine's eligible voters turned out for last month's vote and 51 percent of those voted in favor of repeal. "Sixteen percent of the eligible voters of Maine voted yes. My friends, that is not a mandate," he said.

Urging that gay rights supporters step up their efforts to educate people

on the issue, King cautioned against overreacting to last month's repeal.

"We can't hate back," he said. "The people who voted 'yes' are not bad people."

Jonathan Lee, executive director of the Maine Speakout Project that helped organize the meeting, said the attack on Mitchell — whatever its motivation — has stirred deep fears in the gay community.

"Many of us remember another Charlie, Charlie Howard, who in 1984 in Bangor was thrown over a bridge into the Kenduskeag River and drowned by a group of teen-age boys, simply because he was gay," Lee said.

Other speakers included former Bath Iron Works President Buzz Fitzgerald and members of the clergy.

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Phoenix Police Hate Crimes Unit in its second year

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either assault or property damage. The unit works with the FBI and other agencies, and detectives from Hill's squad are also involved in training new officers and educating the community. Bias-motivated murders are, for the most part, handled by the department's homicide division.

The aggressiveness with which Phoenix police are handling anti-gay hate crimes is welcome news to many gays and lesbians, particularly in view of some recent, well-publicized anti-gay cases that are far more serious than slurs written in dust or drive-by eggings.

Consider:

- The body of 72-year-old Thomas Maffott was found inside his parked car in north Phoenix on January 10. Maffott had not been robbed but was beaten to death—beaten so badly that police initially thought he had been shot. Police are treating the retired bachelor's homicide as an anti-gay crime, believing he may have been followed from an adult bookstore he visited earlier that evening. So far, police have arrested no one and announced no suspects in connection with the murder.

- 36-year-old Robert Hernandez was shot to death in the parking lot of his north Phoenix apartment complex February 28. Police arrested 15-year-old Armen Harutiunian, who is being held as an adult.

Detective Mike McCullough said Hernandez was targeted by Harutiunian and a group of other teenagers because they thought he was gay. He told *HeatStroke* that the homicide is being treated as an anti-gay murder based on the statements of witnesses.

McCullough said witnesses told police that Hernandez had been harassed for being gay by the same teens on at least one occasion prior to the fatal shooting. Only Harutiunian has been arrested.

Although the two murders are not connected, the publicity surrounding them has served to remind gays and lesbians of something we would probably rather not think about: that anti-gay hate can lead all the way to murder.

Lyle Miller, Executive Director of the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center, which operates the Valley's Anti-Violence Project, suggested in the wake of the incidents that individuals remember to stay alert when out in public, to be aware of their surroundings and to use common sense.

"These crimes should not be a cause for panic, but should serve as a wake-up call to everyone that hate, bigotry and homophobia are alive and thriving in the Valley of the Sun," Miller said.

He also urged victims of bias-motivated crimes—no matter how minor—to report every incident to the police and/or the Anti-Violence Project.

The two north Phoenix killings have also raised awareness on the police force, among those working in all forms of local media, and throughout the Valley's community-at-large.

The murders prove to concerned citizens who are not gay themselves how truly dangerous bias against sexual minorities can be.

In another recent anti-gay crime:

- The home and car of ASU-West human services assistant professor Batya Hyman have been repeatedly vandalized with anti-lesbian and anti-Semitic slurs. The incidents took place between January 28 and February 13 (see *HeatStroke*, #34, February 26-March 11) and are currently under investigation by the Hate Crimes Unit.

Detective Kelleher is handling Hyman's case. She said it is important to report such incidents to the

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— Roger Rea

women coming in to my office and complaining about the way they are being treated by the police based on their sexual orientation," he says. "And that is certainly good."

The attorney said he worries that there may now be some degree of backsliding on gay issues, since

"The police department, the city and basically the entire State of Arizona are committed to the idea that hate crimes will not be tolerated," he added. Hill also said Phoenix Mayor Skip Rimza was instrumental in establishing the new unit and that the mayor supports its efforts wholeheartedly.

Rea acknowledged that the recent passage of hate crimes legislation probably does play a role in encouraging more gay and lesbian victims to file charges. But he said one thing he really thinks will change attitudes even more will be the eventual passage of domestic-partners

benefits and sexual orientation protections at the city level, and he would like to see more gay activists working on that.

"The major companies in our state are the ones who are taking the lead on that, on saying discrimination against sexual orientation will not be tolerated." When the city takes that step, Rea said, the message will be clear to all those in the police department and everywhere else. And when gay and lesbian people know they are fully protected, they'll finally stop hiding.

"I understand that individuals in the gay community assume they are going to have problems with the police," Detective Kelleher said. And she understands why. She explained that police mistrust is sometimes due to experiences the victim had in the past with homophobic cops, or even because of something they heard happened to someone else.

"If an individual officer is mistreating people, or not taking a report seriously, because a victim is gay—well, that isn't supposed to happen and I personally have never seen it. It's wrong," Kelleher said.

Maybe fifteen years ago, maybe ten years ago, that was the case, said Sergeant Hill. "But not today. This is a different department—at least it is in Phoenix."

"All I can say," said Kelleher, "is don't keep quiet just because of something that happened a long time ago. This is 1998 and people need to come forward so we can do our job and do something about it. Just give us a chance."



To report a hate crime, call the Phoenix police at (602) 534-BIAS/2427. The number for The Center's Anti-Violence Project is (602) 265-7283.

Phoenix Chief of Police Dennis Garrett has stepped down and the department's top post is currently unfilled. Rea said it's his opinion that the way the city's police department responds to gay issues has more to do with the views of the chief of police than anything else.

"Things were much worse under [former police chief Ruben] Ortega and then things improved considerably under Garrett"

Rea explained. He said that although Chief Ortega often claimed he was not homophobic or anti-gay, many people within the community felt otherwise about the conservative head cop, who held the influential office during the '80s.

Chief Garrett, on the other hand, took several steps to improve gay community/police relations during his tenure, according to Rea. Rea served as an openly gay voice on the selection committee that interviewed and eventually hired Garrett to replace Ortega in 1991.

One significant move on Garrett's part was the appointment of the city's first Gay and Lesbian Community Liaison, who works in the department's Community Relations division. The Phoenix department, like with many nationwide, has implemented more diversity training for officers with more attention to gay and lesbian issues included. The formation of the hate crimes unit is yet another good move, Rea said.

Sergeant Hill sees the establishment of his office as a very positive step toward earning the trust of the gay community. He said the unit reports on a monthly basis to a Hate Crimes Advisory Council, a statewide council with more than one hundred members, several of whom are openly gay.

Hernandez update: Murder One

A Grand Jury indictment was handed down on Tuesday, March 10 charging Armen Harutiunian, the 15-yr-old accused killer of Robert Hernandez, with first-degree murder.

Police say Hernandez, a 36-yr-old north Phoenix resident who was shot to death on February 28, was targeted by the teen for his perceived homosexuality.

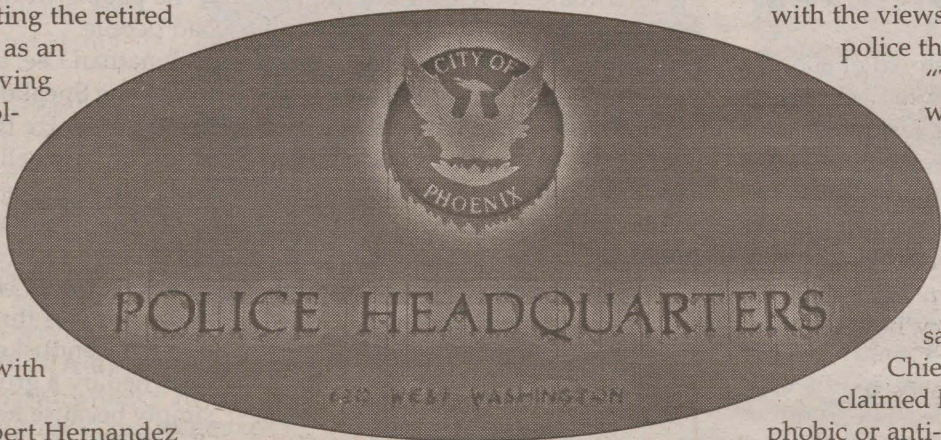
Harutiunian is awaiting trial as an adult in Maricopa County's Madison Street Jail. A police spokesman said that witnesses' reports show Harutiunian was part of a group of teens that had harassed Hernandez for being gay prior to the shooting.

After the murder made headlines and was covered by local TV stations on and

after March 2, members of Hernandez' family spoke out in public, saying that the divorced man, who had two young children, was not gay.

A department spokesman made clear that questioning whether Hernandez was gay is irrelevant to the fact that the case against Harutiunian will proceed as an anti-gay hate crime. Police say Harutiunian targeted the man because he thought the victim was gay, and that is what matters.

If Harutiunian is convicted and anti-gay bias is proven to have motivated the accused killer, the Judge will be allowed to extend his sentence in accordance with Arizona's new hate crimes statute.



police right away, and she commended Hyman for coming forward.

"Batya told me she is mad that this happened, and that's good," Kelleher said. She said anger can help people get past feelings of fear, worry and victimization and get on with their lives, as Hyman is doing.

Hyman is out on her job and is clearly protected from discrimination against sexual orientation by her contract with the university. Both factors played a part in her decision to go public with news of the vandalism to her property, she said.

Hyman also wants the perpetrator(s) to know that she is not taking the action personally, but as an offense against the communities to which she belongs—communities that are capable of fighting back.

But not everyone has Hyman's sense of justice and responsibility toward community.

One unfortunate aspect unique to hate crimes committed against gays and lesbians versus other minority groups is the effect the ever-present closet has on our society. All too often a crime victim does not wish to be identified on record as homosexual, or wants no one to know he or she visited a predominately gay establishment. When a crime victim purposefully chooses silence over action, there is nothing the police can do.

"Fear of one's family finding out, worries about being outed at work—I think we have to realize that those things can play a big part in keeping gay people from filing reports," said attorney Roger Rea. Rea has long been active in the Valley's gay community and has operated a private legal practice in Phoenix—one that serves a large gay and lesbian clientele—for nearly two decades.

Rea characterized the city's police department as "consistently improving", to the best of his knowledge, as far as the way officers respond to gay issues. "I don't have gay men and

Festival of new plays opens at PlayWright's Theatre

PlayWright's Theatre (formerly Playwright's Workshop Theatre) begins its annual Edge New Play Festival with *Lovers and Other Tales of Woe*, a humorous evening of short plays in which Edge Project playwright Joni Browne-Walders reflects on love—both lost and found—and how people survive the rigors of life and love in the '90s.

Lovers and Other Tales of Woe opens Saturday, March 14 and runs through March 28. Performances are at 8 pm Thursdays-Saturdays. There will be one matinee on Sunday, March 22 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students or seniors.

There will be a sneak preview benefit performance and a gourmet reception with the cast and crew on

Friday, March 13. This preview evening will begin with a silent auction at 7:30 pm and Feature live jazz music during the event. Proceeds will benefit the acquisition and remodeling of PWT's new theater and gallery in downtown Phoenix. Tickets are \$20.

The '98 Edge New Play Festival will include new plays and staged readings of work by PWT's Edge Project playwrights. Staged readings will also include new work from ASU's playwriting students, under the direction of playwright-in-residence Guillermo Reyes.

PlayWright's Theatre is now located at 1121 North 1st Street in Phoenix. Call the theater's new number, (602) 253-5151 for reservations and more information.

New LifeGuard on patrol

Christian Quarm has been named Volunteer/Outreach Specialist for Project LifeGuard, a division of AIDS Project Arizona in Phoenix.

Quarm will be responsible for organizing special events, such as the organization's participation in Gay Pride.

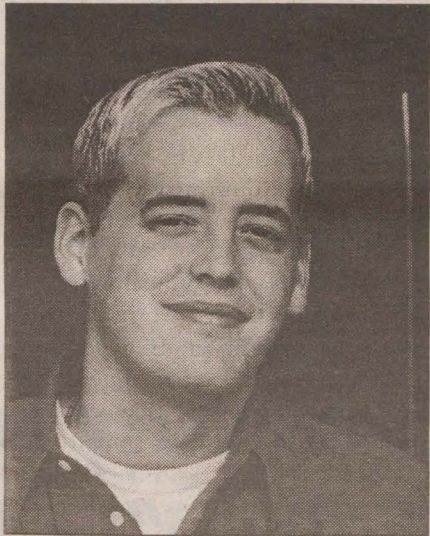
"I'm really excited to be working for an organization that I know to be doing such important work," he said.

For the past year, Quarm has been a volunteer and active participant with Project Q, Project LifeGuard's prevention program for younger gay and bisexual men.

Quarm currently is a student at Arizona State University studying English and sociology. While at Scottsdale Community College, he produced and directed two independent films, one of which won the Best Comedy award at that school's film festival.

He replaces Jack Addington who

accepted a position in computer information systems for Wells Fargo. Addington worked for LifeGuard since August 1995. He plans to stay involved with the agency, helping coordinate the monthly Undie Mondays contest at Charlie's.



Christian Quarm: Project LifeGuard's new Volunteer/Outreach Specialist

Local wrestlers get a hold on another fun year

The Phoenix Spartans Wrestling Club celebrated its third anniversary with a party at The Park on March 1. Plenty of awards—both serious and funny—were given out as the athletic club's members and friends celebrated with cake and refreshments.

The Spartans will hold a car wash fund-raiser on Saturday, March 14,

from 1-4 pm at Nu Towne Saloon, 5002 East Van Buren in Phoenix. The club is open to anyone interested in the sport of wrestling, no matter the experience or skill level. The group currently meets on Sunday evenings at the Community Church of Hope in Phoenix. Call (602) 340-8070 for information.



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NY hospital-based clinic leads way for extending lesbian health care

NEW YORK (AP)

For 20 years, Nayla Rolle lived with a paralyzing pain that doctors dismissed as stress-related.

It wasn't until the Brooklyn social worker started seeing Joan Waitkevicz—a specialist in lesbian health issues—that her ailments were diagnosed correctly, as lupus and asthma.

"Other doctors saw me as a young woman of color, a lesbian and they couldn't get beyond what I was saying," says the 41-year-old Rolle.

Waitkevicz, who began seeing Rolle nine years ago while she was in private practice, is now director of Beth Israel Medical Center's Gay Women's Focus. Health-care workers say it is the first hospital-based health-care provider in the country for lesbians.

The connection to the hospital, proponents say, could give lesbian patients better access to specialists and more comprehensive insurance than they would otherwise have.

"We want women to come in here and feel uninhibited about their lifestyle," says Waitkevicz.

Gay Women's Focus is a primary care provider and gives referrals. Since opening in 1996, it has treated more than 3,000 patients—30 percent of them lesbians.

There have been similar hospital-based clinics—often AIDS-related—that focus on gay men's health.

Experts say gay women have spe-

cial medical concerns: They may be at higher risk of developing coronary disease, breast and colon cancer, and some vaginal infections, research shows.

And sexual practices can have an effect. Teresa Cuadra, the center's gynecologist, says many lesbians may go years without visiting a gynecologist, for example, because they think they are not at risk for sexually transmitted diseases.

"Perhaps more than any other group of women, lesbian women particularly suffer from invisibility in terms of health care issues," says Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, a lobbying group.

Advocates have made gains in recent years in getting the medical community to take notice.

At Gay Women's Focus, helping women who have been afraid to see a doctor or acknowledge their sexuality is the priority. Robert G. Newman, president of the Greater Metropolitan Health Systems Inc., who proposed the clinic in 1994, says lesbians have had "special difficulty accessing sensitive, compassionate care."

A small sign reading "GWF" is the only marker outside the office at Beth Israel where Waitkevicz treats

patients.

"We don't want to label people coming in if that would be a barrier to getting treatment," says Waitkevicz, who was a founding member of New York's St. Mark's Clinic, one of the first community-based clinics for lesbians. "We have

"Perhaps more than any other group of women, lesbian women particularly suffer from invisibility in terms of health care issues."

to be non-judgmental," she says.

Pat Troy and her partner began seeing Waitkevicz more than 16 years ago, after Troy's previous gynecologist molested her. "I was afraid to go to a male doctor after that," she says.

Experts say such stories are common. In addition, lesbians may avoid doctors for fear they will be denied insurance coverage or be forced to reveal their sexual orientation at work.

"For some women it is still not completely safe to come out," says Marj Plumb, director of public policy for San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.

According to a 1994 survey of members of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, 67 percent of doctors and medical students said they knew of a lesbian, gay or bisexual patient who had received substandard care or been denied care because of sexual orientation.

In the 1970s, independent lesbian

health clinics began popping up in cities. But in the '80s, with the AIDS epidemic, activists' focus shifted to AIDS advocacy, and interest in lesbian health care waned.

The bonds created in the fight against AIDS have helped, however.

"One thing the AIDS movement did was to expand from the self-help experience to an interaction with the health establishment," Plumb said. "We said we are going to fight you to treat us better, and learned the language and held our own."

In addition to Beth Israel's program, other recent developments are:

- The Women's Health Initiative, a long-term study by the National Institutes of Health, will include a question about sexual orientation on its questionnaire. The study of about 164,000 women is aimed at determining the effects of diet and hormone replacement therapy on heart disease, breast and colorectal cancer, and bone disease.

- The National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine is preparing a report addressing the need for research on lesbians' health, and will review methods for studying the lesbian population.

- The American Medical Association has written policy papers outlining the need for physicians to pay attention to lesbians' health issues.

Such moves, says Waitkevicz, gives "those of us who want to teach professionals on the importance of lesbian health the encouragement we need to keep doing our jobs."

Controversy builds over use of "Dyke" in CO University newsletter

GREELEY, Colo. (AP)

A controversy is brewing over a university newsletter editor's decision to delete the word "dyke" from the name of a column that advertises a monthly luncheon for lesbians.

University of Northern Colorado spokesman Ken McConnellogue said March 5 that editor Lori Rapp eliminated the word from the column title, "Dining With Dykes," but printed information about the monthly luncheon in *The UNC Report*.

The internal newsletter circulates to university faculty and staff, and is produced by University News and Publications.

"We made an editorial decision that that language wasn't appropriate for readers," McConnellogue said. "I think it's important to keep in mind it's not so much the intent of a term as the impact."

But Melanie Wilson, director of the Women's Resource Center, which sponsors the luncheon, said lesbians use the word in an effort to take away its negative connotation.

"Clearly, the people on the right side of the political spectrum have used words like this for negative purposes, and now we want to use it in a positive way," Ms. Wilson said.

She said the word is used widely in academic fields, such as women's and gay studies, and pointed out that the column title has been published in *The Mirror*, the UNC student newspaper; and the *Museletter*, which is published by the center.

McConnellogue said no official complaints had been filed at the university's affirmative action and equal

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opportunity office, but more than 40 people have complained about the center's use of the word.

Ms. Wilson said the callers contend the term violates UNC's discrimination and sex harassment policy.

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More On *Nothing Sacred's* Suppressed Episode

As reported in the January 16, 1998 GLAAD Alert ABC has refused to air a *Nothing Sacred* episode about a gay priest with AIDS.

In the March 1 *New York Times*, Rev. Andrew M. Greeley says viewers should see the episode, entitled "HIV Priest: Film at 11."

According to Greeley, ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses has kept it off the air due to the objections of "the ultraconservative Catholic League," but she said it was, "likely [the episode] will turn up at some point."

Calling the episode "the best story about the Roman Catholic priesthood since Graham Greene's classic 1940 novel *The Power and the Glory*," Greeley says, "The decision to suppress the episode is based on a curious kind of anti-Catholicism, the conviction that Catholics are really unsophisticated and would react in shocked horror to the suggestion that a priest might have AIDS....[But] the emphasis of the story is not on AIDS or homosexuality. [It] is about forgiveness and new beginnings [and] the loyalty to one another that is part of the priestly tradition....It is the story of the power and the glory of the priesthood radiating through the fragility of the humans who exercise the priestly function."

He adds that "Catholics have realized all along that priests can be drunkards, loafers, tyrants, liars, thieves, and worst of all, rotten preachers....The Catholic laity have realized that priests can also violate their vows of celibacy and even be sexual predators."

Many lay people know of a priest who has died of AIDS. [The laity] are not mindless cement-heads who see a political attack on Catholicism in a series that in fact celebrates the priesthood.

Most Catholics would be proud of Ray as he persuades Jesse to remain as loyal as he can to his vocation....There is not a hint of anti-Catholicism in *Nothing Sacred* and especially in 'HIV Priest.' The series is almost embarrassingly pro-Catholic. ABC should let everyone judge for themselves."

GLAAD had an opportunity to see the un-aired episode, and is shocked that ABC would refuse to air it and questions the network's motivations.

"This episode, like the program in general, is compelling and honest and addresses real issues in the Catholic church today," said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry. "ABC should allow its viewers to make their own decisions."

Urge ABC to air this program and stop kow-towing to the tyranny of a vocal radical religious minority seeking force their own skewed view of reality on the free-thinking American television audience.

Also, thank the *New York Times* for giving Greeley a forum for his perspective. Contact:

• Jamie Tarses, Entertainment President, ABC, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90037, fax: 310.557.7679, e-mail:

netaudr@abc.com, or call ABC at: 310.557.7777 and ask to be connected to their audience response line

• Howell Raines, Editorial/Opinion Page Editor, *New York Times*, 229 West 43rd St., New York, NY 10036-3959, fax: 212.556.3690, e-mail: letters@nytimes.com (include phone number when sending e-mails)

No Time For Gay People or AIDS

The much-publicized 75th Anniversary special issue of *Time* (March 9), tells the story of the last three-quarters of a century of history, and according to its telling, neither the struggle for lesbian and gay people's equal rights nor AIDS ever happened.

It is understandable that *Time* would not include the 1969 Stonewall Riots (the symbolic kick-off the modern movement for gay civil rights) because the magazine's early coverage of gay issues was scant at best.

But during the 1980-1989 section, entitled "Comeback," neither gay issues nor, shockingly, AIDS, is ever mentioned in any of the sections, from "Nation" to "World."

Even in "Milestones," instead of mentioning the death of Rock Hudson, the significant historical marker is "Divorced. Elizabeth Taylor Hilton Wilding Todd Fisher Burton Burton Warner."

"1989-1998: Transformation," ignores the global pandemic of AIDS which has left millions dead and many others living with HIV, and the critical discovery of protease inhibitors is also ignored. Yet the Heaven's Gate cult suicide of 39 gets space.

While "Seinfeld Calls It Quits" gets a deserved mention, Ellen DeGeneres and her historic "Yep, I'm Gay" cover gets nary a mention, neither is it included on the cover of the issue, despite the fact that 92 covers from the last 75 years are featured.

In fact, of the 92 covers, just one includes anything about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or AIDS-related subjects: a 1950s cover with James Baldwin which does not mention his sexual orientation.

Under "Miscellany," the *Ellen* cover is finally cited in brief, listed as the tenth "heaviest reader mail" generated in *Time's* history, and mentioned in a footnote as one of nine "female cover subjects in 1997."

"GLAAD, and many Americans, are dismayed by *Time's* skewed perspective on history that excludes the lesbian and gay civil rights movement, which has had a profound effect on the political, legal and cultural landscape of America," said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry.

"Even more startling is the magazine's silence on AIDS. This disease has transformed the world in countless ways during the 1980s and 1990s. We urge *Time* to publicly account for these glaring omissions. We expect more from one of the most important news magazines of the century."

Let *Time* know how disappointing their lack of historical vision regarding gay people and AIDS is.

Contact: Walter Isaacson, Managing Editor, *Time Magazine*, Time-Life Building, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, fax: 212/522-8949, e-mail: Letters@time.com (include phone and address with all correspondence).

60 Minutes Wrestles With Issue of "Ex-Gays"

On March 1, a *60 Minutes* segment with Leslie Stahl began with the question, "What happens when your son tells you he's gay and doesn't want to be?"

Stahl then introduces an anti-gay radical religious group called Exodus "which claims to change the sexual orientation of gay people, with a course of Bible study, behavioral modification and peer counseling."

They present a "PFOX" (Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays) meeting where several parents ask what they did to "make" their children gay.

The main PFOX mom interviewed is so ashamed that she remains in shadow with her voice disguised. Her son has been in Exodus for two years and she claims he is happier now.

She states her stereotypical view on being gay: "It's the end of life as far as I'm concerned.... you've no family, no children, no life....God didn't make anybody gay."

Then the show features John Polk, a current spokesman for Exodus (the two founders of the organization have long since condemned the organization and become comfortable with their real sexual orientation). Polk has been married for four years

to a "former" lesbian and they have one child.

Stahl asks for Exodus' success rate, but not surprisingly, they refuse to provide it.

Then Stahl interviews Cathy Tuerk, whose son came to her when he was eight years old and said, "I hate myself—I think I'm a fag."

Tuerk tells a deeply moved Stahl about trying to toughen him up, concluding, "I abused my son."

Next, Doug, an openly gay man, relates his own experience with two exorcisms and five years of religious-based "conversion therapy" without success. He tells Stahl that, "Being an ex-gay is like being an ex-black."

Stahl then refocuses on Tuerk, who eventually went to PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays), found herself among other parents who care deeply about their children, and is now president of a PFLAG chapter.

The closing shot is of her at last year's Youth Pride Day telling the crowd "I am a proud mom of a gay son, and I am here to tell you, you are not alone."

Write CBS and *60 Minutes* and thank them for their balanced portrayal, while mentioning that it should be more strongly emphasized that the American Psychological Association does not consider homosexuality to be an illness and therefore it cannot be "cured" by these so-called conversion therapies. Contact:

• Andrew Heyward, President, CBS Television Network, 524 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019-2902, fax: 212.975.9387

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Goings On

"Naked Civil Servant" to appear in Phoenix

A series of literature workshops to be held at the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center in March and April will conclude with a special appearance by Quentin Crisp.

"Writes of Passage: The Role of Literature in Gay and Lesbian Community" will be conducted in four evening sessions. The series will be held at The Center 7-9 pm on March 24, 26, 31 and April 2.

The series will be moderated by *Advocate* book critic Robrt L. Pela. "Writes of Passage" is offered through the BJ Bud Memorial Library with funds granted by the Arizona Humanities Council.

Seating is limited for the workshops and participants must respond by March 16 to reserve a spot. Quentin Crisp's lecture is scheduled for 7:30 pm on April 3 at the Phoenix Museum of History. Crisp will also appear and sign books at Margaret T. Hance Park on the afternoon of April 4. These events are open to the public.

Leatherlords encourage brotherhood

The Universal Brotherhood of Leatherlords, also known as The Leatherlords, is a leather lifestyle fraternity, more than just a "club". Members are dedicated to a lifestyle developed on the mystique, imagery and activity associated with leather.

The Leatherlords encourage the development of social interaction through game nights, campouts, day trips and a variety of other activities that do not bind the group to the activity schedules of bars.

To join some of The Leatherlords activities and decide whether you might wish to apply for membership, call (602) 254-9651. Leave your name and telephone number, and a member will return your call.

March CBPA events

The next general meeting of the Camelback Business and Professional Association will be held March 19 at 6:30 pm at the Phoenix Airport Hilton, 2435 S. 47th Street. The cost for the meeting is \$16 for members and \$19 for guests, and the topic will be a Home Buying Seminar: Learn How to Purchase and Finance Your Dream Home.

There will be a CBPA Lunch Bunch gathering at Pookie's on March 24. Buy your own lunch and network/socialize with other CBPA members and friends. The twice-monthly Lunch Bunch meets are scheduled for 11:30 am, not 10:30 as erroneously reported in the last issue's Goings On.

And on March 28, CPBA will hold a dinner party at The Park in central Phoenix. This private candlelight dinner will begin at 7 pm on the patio and the cost is just \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. Ms. Gaylia Young will perform at 9:30.

CBPA is the Valley's professional and social organization for gays and

lesbians and their allies who wish to network and mingle with other community professionals. To learn more about these events, to RSVP or to join CBPA, call (602) 225-8444.

Concert at the Casa

Casa de Cristo Church in Phoenix will be hosting a gospel concert on Saturday, March 14 at 7 pm. The church is located at 1029 East Turney Avenue. Featured guests at the free concert will be the gospel singing group Promised Light of St. Louis. Call Casa de Cristo at (602) 265-2831 for more information.

Dignity/Integrity events for March

Dignity/Integrity, a community-wide organization made up of Catholics and Episcopalians who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered will host several events through the Lenten season.

There will be catholic masses celebrated at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2601 North 14th Street in Phoenix on March 14, 21 and 28 at 6:30 pm. There will be a D/I & Desert Valley Squares St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner on March 14 at 7:30 following the mass.

On April 7, D/I will host an open door hospitality night at The Malta Center, 3033A North 7th Avenue in Phoenix, beginning at 4 pm. A Catholic Mass will take place at 5 pm, followed by a dinner with Malta Center clients and friends. For information on Dignity/Integrity or any of the group's activities, call (602) 222-8664.

Gay Nudists plan April event in Palm Springs

Gay Naturists International (GNI), the largest gay naturist organization in the world with over 1500 members, has announced a second yearly event. Palm Springs, CA will be the site of their first ever Spring Gathering over the four-day period of April 22-25, 1998.

The event will be held on the spacious grounds of a private estate that features two pools, two spas, lawns, tennis courts and an outdoor dance floor. Planned activities include a talent show, parties, a crafts fair, workshops in massage, body painting, photography and Naturist Activism.

Registration is \$200, which includes all refreshments, activities and six fully catered on-site meals as well as a one year membership in GNI. Registration for GNI members is \$170, and day passes for those wishing to attend only part of the weekend will be available.

For more information or to register, write GNI, PO Box 7150, Corte Madera, CA 94976, or call (415) 924-1547. The group's website is at: www.gaynaturists.org/gni.html. Reservations for Palm Springs area clothing-optional guest houses are being coordinated by 1-888-GAY INFO/429-4630.

CO opponents assail ordinance that protects gays & lesbians

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP)

The day after the City Council voted to extend anti-discrimination protection to homosexuals, opponents to the new law said they will petition for a vote on the plan.

Council members said two years of study and months of public meetings convinced them that discrimination is a legitimate problem for gays and lesbians.

The new law, adopted March 3, adds sexual orientation, defined as actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality and asexuality, as a prohibited basis of discrimination.

Opponents argued the ordinance gives homosexuals special rights by condoning and protecting their lifestyle. One man accused city leaders of "government tyranny" for

endorsing the measure.

"I'm sure it's going to be challenged," said the Rev. Ken Stephens of Front Range Baptist Church. "We do not need the ordinance for a lifestyle which I believe is a chosen lifestyle."

Opponents said Wednesday they are gearing up for a referendum on the controversial law. To start the process, a notice of protest must be

filed by March 13, said City Clerk Wanda Krajcek.

Petitioners would have until mid-April to collect 1,783 valid signatures from registered voters who live in the city.

The City Council could then repeal the ordinance, submit the measure to voters in a general election, or call for a special election to settle the matter.

A vote could be scheduled as early as this summer, Krajcek said.

Maine tourist towns mull local gay rights ordinances

BAR HARBOR, Maine (AP)

Supporters of gay rights ordinances in two Maine tourist towns say they are motivated by economic considerations as well as by a desire to prevent discrimination.

Chamber of commerce officials in Camden and Bar Harbor expressed fear that some would-be vacationers may boycott all of Maine this summer without realizing that both towns support gay rights.

Camden and Bar Harbor voted about 3-1 in favor of the gay rights legislation that was narrowly defeated in the Feb. 10 referendum.

After two of its members raised the issue March 3, the Bar Harbor Town Council voted to ask the town attorney to draft an

ordinance that would be a focus for debate at a future meeting.

The night before, Camden real estate broker Susan Dorr asked the Board of Selectmen to adopt a gay rights measure.

"It just makes use of the very clear message that Camden voters have said twice on this matter," said Dorr, who pointed to the town's strong anti-discrimination stance in two statewide votes.

"This is an important area to explore, to say unequivocally that Camden won't discriminate," she said.

While expressing support for gay rights, selectmen instructed the town attorney to review the legal ramifications and advised the town manager to seek information on local anti-discrimina-

tion ordinances.

If the proposals pass, the two coastal towns would join Portland and Long Island as the only Maine communities with gay rights ordinances on the books.

A leader in the gay rights campaign, Karen Geraghty of Maine Won't Discriminate, said she could understand the frustration of townspeople that prompted the local efforts but reiterated that a statewide law was the ideal solution.

"Every citizen in Maine ought to have the same basic rights," Geraghty said. "I don't think that if you grow up in Bangor that you ought to have to move to Portland or Camden or any other place in order to have protection against discrimination."

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MAN'S BEST FRIEND



By Michael Thomas Ford, HeatStroke contributor

It's official—I will never have a boyfriend. No, I haven't given up on men and decided that going straight is the answer. Nor have I fallen in love with an obscure alien-loving cult that demands my celibacy as part of their plan to lure the Mother Ship back to Earth. It's just that there's no room in the bed.

The bed is big enough. Queen size, in fact. When I first got it, I looked at the vast expanse of space and imagined hours of sweaty fun rolling around on the freshly washed sheets with whatever man I could lure into my bedroom. Then the dog wandered in, took one look at the new bed, and jumped up on it. He bounced a few times, testing the spring in the mattress, and then plopped himself down for a nap.

He hasn't moved since. In fact, as time goes on, he's taken over more and more of the bed for his own, until now all I get is a thin strip along the right side. At night I lay on my side

in this no-man's land, trying to pull enough of the quilt over me to keep warm and wondering where I went wrong.

I admit that it's probably all my fault. After all, when Roger first started getting on the bed it crossed my mind that perhaps it wasn't such a good idea. But he was a puppy at the time, and he looked so cute curled up in a little black Labrador ball with his nose on his paws. Besides, he didn't take up that much space, and it was sort of cozy to feel him beside me at night.

But now Roger weighs 110 pounds. And while he sometimes sleeps curled up in a ball, more often he stretches out as much as he can. His favorite position is on his back with his head on the pillows and all

four legs straight up in the air. More than once I've been rudely awakened by a paw being forced into my back as Roger decides that he would be a lot more comfortable if I moved over just a little bit.

The sand makes everything worse. You see, Labradors like nothing better than swimming, and Roger swims daily, even in winter. Somehow, along with the water in the pond, he manages to soak up vast quantities of sand, all of which he immediately deposits on the bed when he gets home. Last week I put on new sheets. When I went to bed, I slipped beneath them, thrilled at being surrounded by material

that didn't smell like wet dog.

My joy lasted for approximately twenty seconds. Then Roger came bounding in, leaped up onto the bed, and laid down. The next thing I knew, I felt sand trickling down through the blanket, past the sheet, and onto my legs. Then came the overwhelming smell of the great outdoors. Roger let out a happy groan, rolled onto his back, and started to snore as I thought about the average lifespan of Labradors and wept as I realized that I'll be at least 40 before I get my bed back.

I know what you're thinking: Why don't you just kick him off? I have tried to make him sleep on the floor. He even has his very own cedar-filled bed from L.L. Bean. Every so often, when I'm particularly tired of the sand and the dog smell, I tell him to sleep on it. He dutifully gets down, goes to the bed, and spends twenty minutes pawing at it until he has it all fluffed up the way he wants it. Then he throws himself down on it, and I try to go to sleep.

About three minutes later, the sighing begins. No one is a bigger drama queen than Roger, and he has a way of pushing out air that makes him sound like the world's most abused animal. I can feel him there on the floor, staring at me in the big warm bed while he sleeps on the cold L.L. Bean doggie pillow, and I can't stand it. He hears my resolve shatter and up he comes, settling down with a contented sigh.

I'm not the only one suffering from this dog-in-the-bed relationship syndrome. My friend Diane is, too. Her Dalmatian, Rudy, also sleeps on the bed. And not just *on* the bed. Rudy actually sleeps *in* the bed, right there underneath all the sheets and blankets. More than once, a startled visiting girl has felt her toes being sucked, only to discover that the guilty party isn't Diane but her spotted other half. The relationship seldom proceeds any farther.

Every night, while other people are going out on dates and thinking about all the fun they'll have later on in their dog-free beds, Diane and I walk Roger and Rudy around the pond. As our happy pets romp and play, we wearily trudge along behind them, wondering if maybe somewhere out there are people who might not mind sleeping with big dogs between us and them. But we doubt it.

Besides, we have enough trouble with the dogs in our lives. Adding other people would simply be too exhausting. As it is, I take Roger out five or six times a day. That doesn't include the car rides, the midnight outings to look for skunks, or the trips to the vet to find out why he's throwing up again. I don't have the time to date anyone. What little free time I have I need to wash Roger's blankets and plan his birthday parties.

Last night, after calculating the exact length of time it's been since anyone but Roger and I have shared my bed, I decided enough was enough. Marching into the bedroom, I was determined to toss Roger off the bed once and for all. But when I went in, he was curled up in a ball. His head was on the pillow, and in his paws he was holding his favorite stuffed toy, a polar bear named Bruce. I stood there for a minute, looking down at my sleeping, stinking monster. Then I got in next to him, pulled what little bit of the blanket wasn't around him over me, and turned off the light.

So maybe he's not the man of my dreams. At least I don't have to wonder about who else he's sleeping with.



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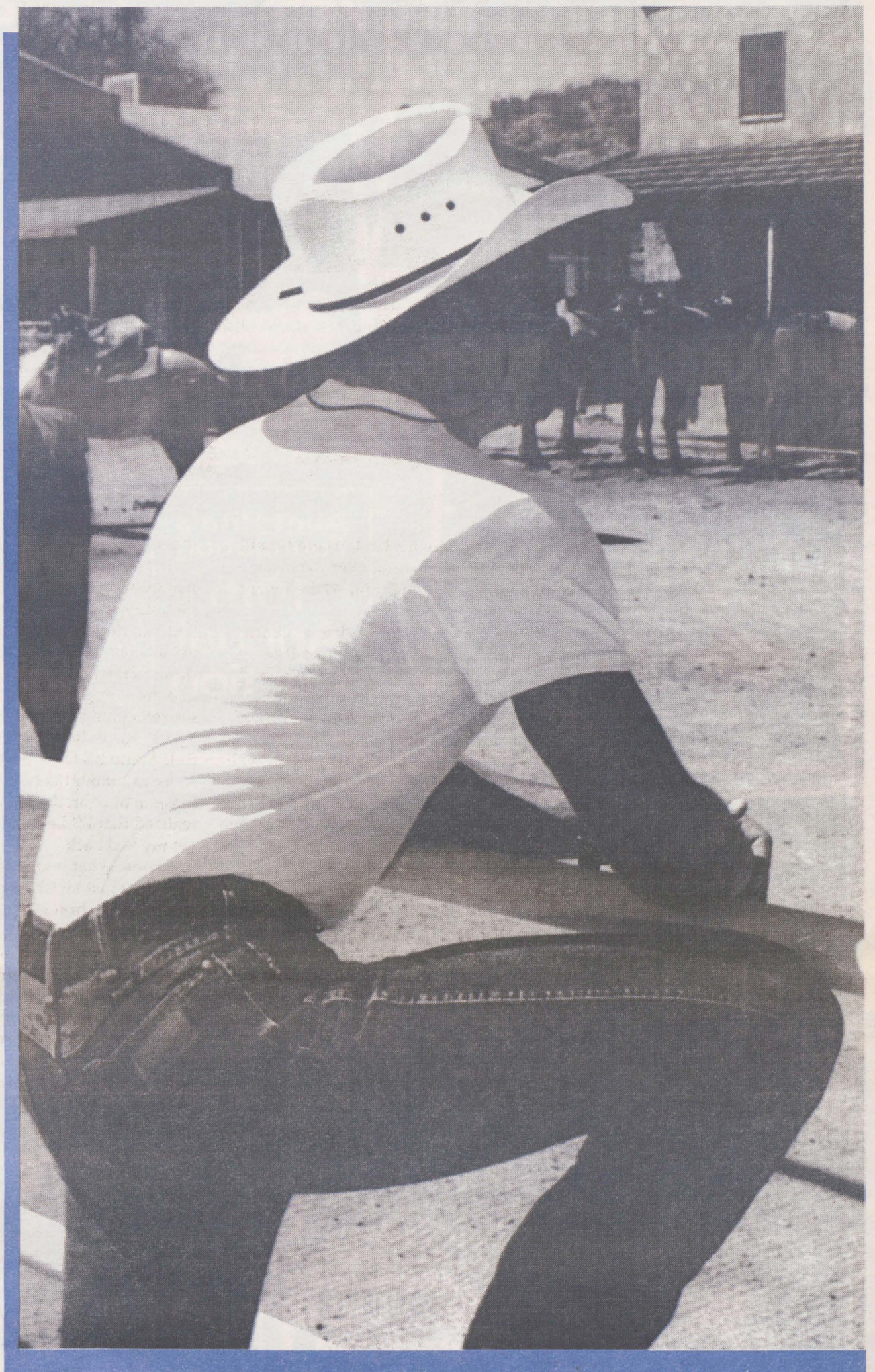
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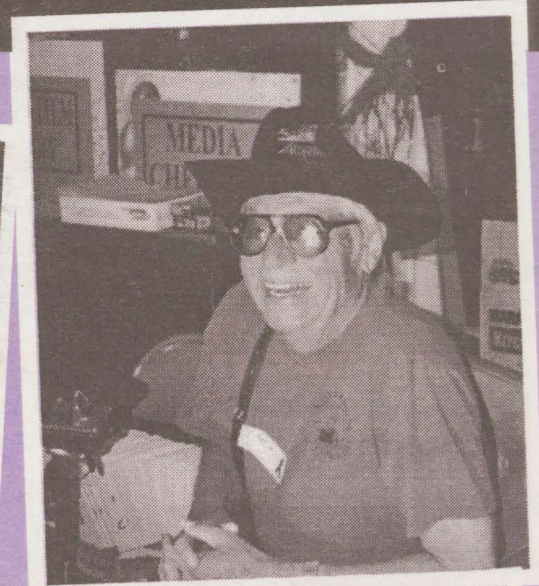
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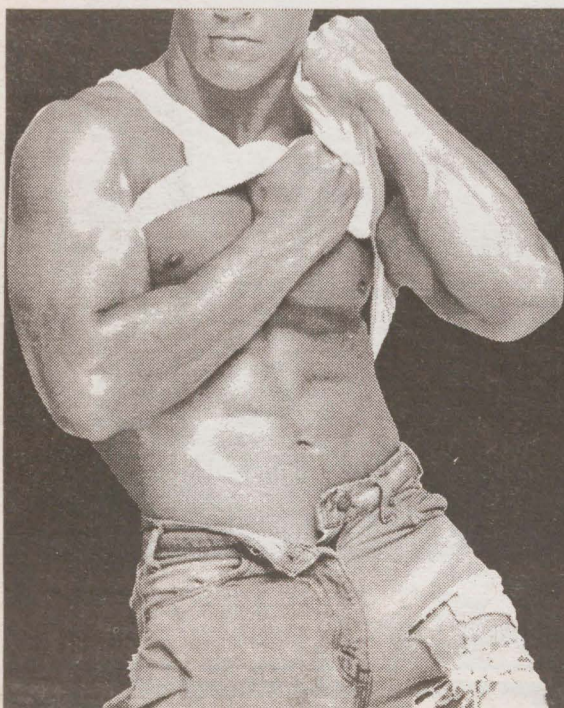
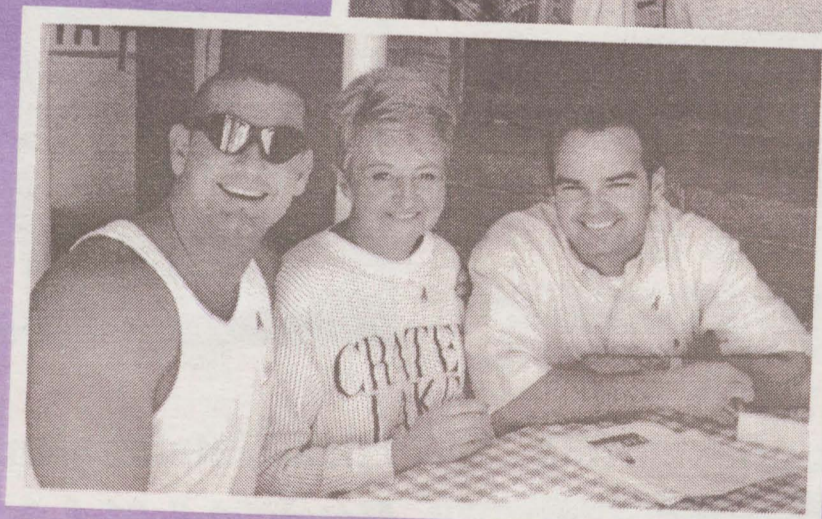
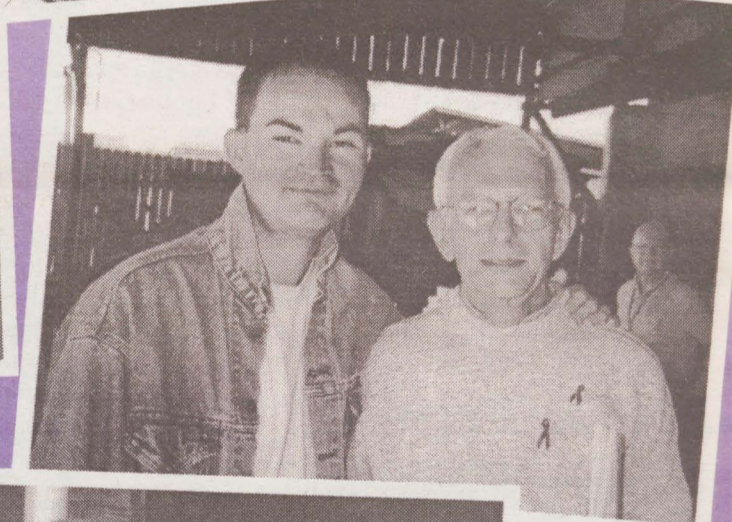
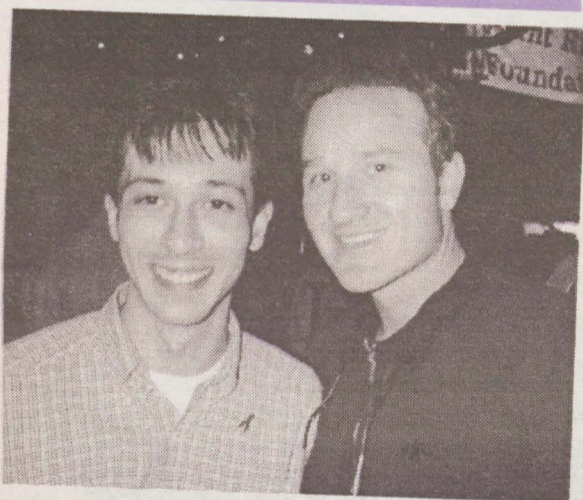
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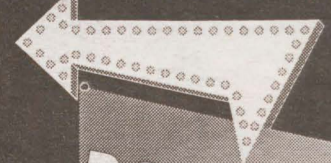
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Androgynous Zones

By Kelly Reidhead, Managing Editor

"Ludovic, who is that boy waving to you?"

"That's Jerome, Granny."

"Are you pals?"

"Yes. We're going to marry when I'm not a boy," the seven-year-old hero of *Ma Vie en Rose* matter-of-factly explains to his astonished grandmother.

For Ludovic, growing up to be a girl just makes good sense: he likes to wear his mother's clothes, lipstick and jewelry, he prefers dolls to sports, and he wants to marry Jerome, the son of his father's



Jean-Claude Lothier

boss. Ludovic is no dummy — he knows that boys don't do these things.

Ma Vie en Rose is a charming film that explores gender stereotypes and homophobia from a child's viewpoint.

Unfortunately, the film probably won't enjoy the success it deserves in this country because many critics don't know what to do with it. One local critic has labeled it a "disturbing" film about a seven-year old "transsexual" that documents the difficulties that homosexuals face in a "hostile society." Whew! All that baggage for such a simple little film.

In reality, *Ma Vie en Rose* is a story about a little boy who knows he is different. Because Ludovic is a child, there is no evidence that he is transsexual, gay or even straight. But this much is clear: he has internalized the societal cues about what it means to be a boy, and he reasonably concludes that he doesn't fit that mold—so he must be a girl. His logic is unassailable.

Ludovic—wonderfully played by Georges Du Fresne in his first screen role—hilariously tries out both ends of the gender spectrum. At his parent's yard party, he regally parades before shocked neighbors in his mother's finest. Later, deciding he needs to "butch it up," he practices grabbing his crotch—and other "masculine" affectations — in front of a mirror.

Despite the abundant humor, writer/director Alain Berliner doesn't shy

Out on film

away from the harsh consequences of unconventional gender behavior. Ludovic loses his friends, is branded a pariah, and is eventually thrown out of school because of complaints brought by the parents of his classmates.

Perhaps most the most painful consequence is the slow disintegration of the close relationship between Ludovic and his parents when he doesn't quickly respond to therapy sessions. His parents clearly love their little "girlboy," as he calls himself, but even they can't withstand the intense social pressure for Ludovic to conform.

Berliner's direction deftly documents Ludovic's devolution from a precocious and happy child to one that is morose and depressed — the joyfulness nearly snuffed out by the bigoted world of adults.

But *Ma Vie en Rose* isn't a tragedy; it's ultimately the story of a hero and survivor. And it's one that shouldn't be missed by gays and lesbians—the bittersweet chord of truth and recognition it strikes will resonate for a long time after leaving the theatre.

The People's Courtesan

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

If Shakespeare had used his command of dialogue and richly drawn characters to plot a startlingly unapologetic tale of female empowerment, he might have produced a drama that looks and feels rather like *Dangerous Beauty*.

This lovely new film from Regency Pictures is set during Shakespeare's time—in 16th-Century Venice—and more than holds its own against the Bard's classics in several key areas. The period flick was directed by Marshall Herskovitz and stars relative newcomer Catherine McCormack as Veronica Franco, an ambitious poet who became the most celebrated high-end call girl of her day.

Young Veronica dives into the fashionable life of a courtesan when the handsome heir she loves (Rufus Sewell) promises his affection but nixes a marriage contract. Realizing her girl is too spirited for the convent and too pretty for the scullery, Veronica's mother (Jacqueline Bisset) offers the dejected lass another option.

Mom opens the door to a world of feminine independence and privilege, hurriedly providing her virgin offspring with a sexual

education that would make a performing donkey blush. It's a priceless dowry and one that our heroine quickly puts to use.

Courtesans are the only women in Venetian society allowed in such traditionally male areas as libraries and offices, and knowledge-hungry Veronica makes the most of her station. She embarks on a one-woman campaign to ease both the (ahem) stresses and pocketbooks of Venice's chief power brokers, demonstrating a boldly unfeminine sense of self-worth outside the bedroom as well.

Herskovitz, best known for his work on the small screen (*thirtysomething*, *My So-Called Life*), moves the action along quickly. Shakespeare would surely have approved of the way Jeanine Dominy's witty script handles even the sexiest scenes entirely without shame. This film makes its own statement about sex and the history of women's inequality from the outset.

There's one scene worth the price of admission on its own: On a park bench, Veronica blatantly

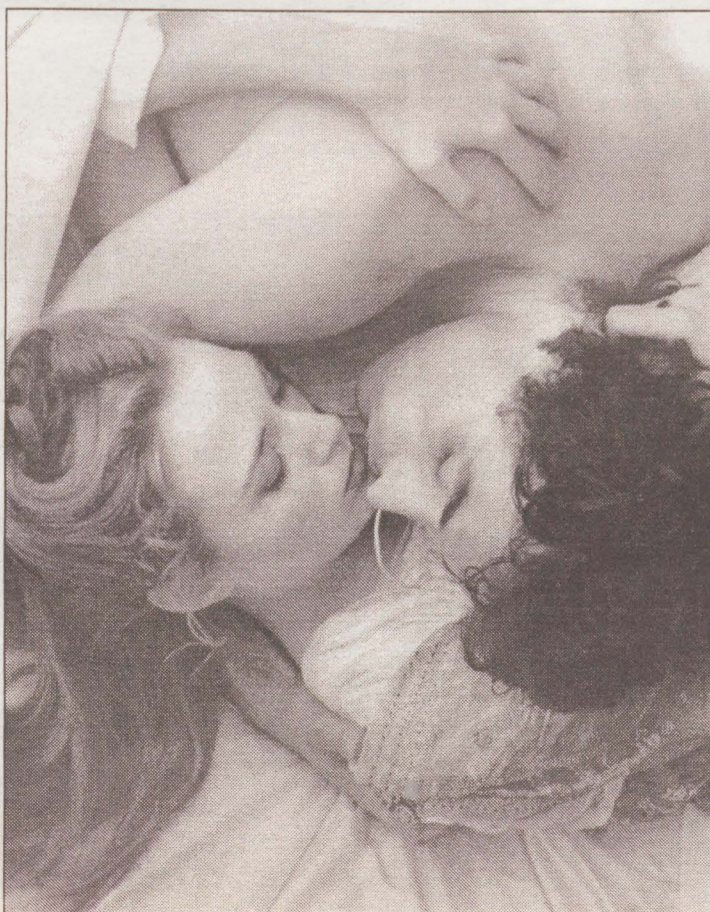
reaches over and grabs her lover's crotch to see whether he's aroused while professing his love for her. He is, indeed—and she walks away. Now that's a sincerity test plenty of us wish we had the nerve to employ. It's a great moment, one that gets a huge laugh and says volumes about Veronica's character.

The supporting cast includes Fred Ward, Moira Kelly and Oliver Platt.

The movie's only big flaw is a

drawn-out courtroom sequence toward the end that reeks of overkill. The case argued by Our Heroine once she's put in serious jeopardy has already been better (and far more subtly) made in earlier scenes.

If you can get around the wishy-washy ending, you'll enjoy *Dangerous Beauty* for its aesthetic detail, its sparkling dialogue and McCormack's amazing performance in a brilliant and complex role.



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Out of Town

Gay Spring Break

Part 2: Fort Lauderdale

By Andrew Collins,
HeatStroke Contributor

It's been more than a decade since Fort Lauderdale said no to rowdy collegiate spring breakers and began courting a diverse and more mature market — the kinds of spring breakers who won't leave the city looking like a battle zone after they leave.

Partly to this end, the city recently instituted a gay-targeted marketing plan, and the visitors bureau now distributes information detailing the region's gay-oriented dining, nightlife, and lodging options.

In recent years, city planners, politicians, and businesspeople have worked together to restore the luster Fort Lauderdale had lost by the mid-1980s. An eye-opening \$26 million was spent to refurbish the formerly dreary oceanfront, and countless more millions went toward new museum and entertainment districts.

The city's turnaround has been so remarkable that *Money* magazine not long ago named it America's best city to live in.

Fort Lauderdale offers an alternative to glittery, fast-paced South Beach (an hour south) and touristy and remote Key West (although many lesbian and gay visitors do combine their visit here with a trip to those destinations). The crowd here also tends to be a little older than in South Beach, reflecting the fact that this is becoming a desirable gay retirement community.

Most visitors concentrate their efforts on the beachfront, which though full of energy, is less a scene these days than when it provided the setting for the fluffy 1960 film *Where the Boys Are*. No section of beachfront is overwhelmingly queer-popular, but you'll see a fair share of gay men and

women along the prime stretch, from Las Olas to Sunrise boulevards.

For a break from the sun, visit the International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum and Aquatic Complex, a massive swimming and diving facility with exhibits honoring such aquatic luminaries as diver and gay activist Greg Louganis.

Several engaging new attractions, most of them along the mile-long Riverwalk, have helped turn downtown into a bonafide cultural hub. Highlights include the New World Aquarium, the esteemed Museum of Art, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and the Museum of Discovery



Fort Lauderdale, often dubbed the "Venice of America," claims some 300 miles of inland waterways and many thousands of registered yachts

Greater Fort Lauderdale Congestion and Visitors Bureau

and Science, the state's most heavily visited museum.

From downtown, Las Olas Boulevard runs for about two miles before crossing the Intracoastal Waterway and connecting with the beach. This has long been Fort Lauderdale's fashionable shopping district. Stroll along this tree-lined, strikingly landscaped boulevard and you'll pass fine examples of Spanish Colonial-inspired architecture, buzzing sidewalk cafes, innovative art galleries and home-furnishings stores, hip clothiers and boutiques — and a popular gay bar, Club Cathode Ray.

The once run-of-the-mill Fort Lauderdale dining scene has also recently come of age. Mark's Place is tops among power brokers and fashion plates, who schmooze here over creative New American fare, such as oak-rotisserie white duck with a mango-honey glaze and sweet potato-vanilla bean puree.

Head to nearby Zan(Z)Bar for America's first restaurant to offer South African cuisine; the menu changes regularly but might feature crispy broiled African snook from Lake Victoria with a garlic-butter dipping sauce.

Of gay-popular restaurants, Hi-Life has the most devoted following among foodies. Cozy, quaint, and simply decorated, the eatery focuses on sensibly priced fresh pastas, seafood and poultry grills, and bountiful salads.

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One of Fort Lauderdale's popular gay piano cabarets, Tropics is a nice option for Continental-influenced cuisine, offering considerably better food than you'll find at most gay restaurants.

Fort Lauderdale has many more gay bars per capita than most U.S. cities, with nearly 30 establishments to choose from. One of the newest (and hottest) cruise bars is Georgie's Alibi, which is close to several other clubs in the city's gayest neighborhood, Wilton Manors.

Across the street, Chardees is a huge hit with the over-40 set. The interior is aglitter with neon, mirrors, and glass brick and handsome, sharply

dressed waiters. In terms of setting, ambiance, and clientele, Club Cathode Ray is one of the most inviting video bars in the state; the delightful shaded canal-side patio is jammed on weekends.

Later in the evening, the crowds typically head for one of a few warehouse discos. Longest-running is the Copa, a club-kiddie mecca that stays open til the wee hours. Flashier and offering both women's and men's nights, the Saint is a sprawling complex with several rooms and an often outrageous decor whose theme changes regularly.

Club Electra has the largest patio of the bunch, as well as a high-tech lighting and sound system; it's close to the beachfront hotels. The newest kid on the block is Club 2509 West, a friendly hangout with an immense dance floor and a mostly lesbian follow-

ing, although guys are also extremely welcome.

In the past decade, several old motels near the beach have been reinvented by entrepreneurs as predominantly gay compounds. Leading the way is the stunning Royal Palms Resort, a lushly landscaped complex with sumptuous rooms complete with climate control, voice mail, and fresh flowers; certain suites have balconies overlooking the pool, VCRs, CD players, and kitchenettes.

Nearby La Casa del Mar, Fort Lauderdale's first B&B, offers the charm of a Cape Cod inn with the tropical feel of a South Florida resort. There's a memorable poolside wine-and-cheese party each night, and a tasty full breakfast each morning.

The city's only lesbian-specific accommodation is The Inn; this attractive compound has simple but clean rooms, but most guests spend little time in them, preferring instead to lie out by the patio near the heated pool.

Of the budget-priced gay male resorts, Edun House is the nicest facility overall. Note that the name of the inn is an anagram for nude — indeed, guests are encouraged to dress (or undress) according to their own level of comfort.

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Hollywood Deep Inside

By Romeo San Vicente, HeatStroke Contributor

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Jason Priestley, who turns THIRTY this year, is spoofing his TV persona, sort of, on the big screen in the just-opened *Love and Death on Long Island*, the debut film of gay director and writer Richard Kwietniowski.

Priestley plays a straight teen heartthrob being pursued by an older man (John Hurt) in this updated twist on *Death in Venice*.

People have long questioned whether Priestley plays straight in real-life, despite a long-time relationship (which recently ended) with a former co-star. Rumors surfaced after he roomed with Luke Perry during their show's early days, and, despite Priestley's assertions he is hetero, they persist.

Perhaps that's due to his being sighted at a West Hollywood nightclub, Love Lounge, which caters to a predominantly gay crowd. George Michael and Dr. Quinn's Chad Allen are among those who frequent the club.

The Token

Did the Oscars pick the wrong gay role to recognize with its acting nominations?

In and Out's Kevin Kline and Rupert Everett of *My Best Friend's Wedding* turned in stronger performances than Greg Kinnear, but purely comedic roles are almost always overlooked.

Kinnear's chances of winning Best Supporting Actor are slim, according to early Oscar forecasts, though Joan Cusack has a better shot of taking home a Best Supporting Actress statuette for her turn as the jilted bride in *In and Out*.



Greg Kinnear (r), won't be kissed by the Oscar Gods for his gay turn in *As Good as it Gets*

Segue to Ellen

Desperate diva Sally Kirkland (*Anna*) is suddenly not so desperate, nabbing two film roles, including one as an aging Marilyn Monroe living out her golden years with JFK in *The Oval Island*.

She's also set to co-star with Matthew McConaughey, Woody Harrelson, Rob Reiner, Elizabeth Hurley (*Austin Powers*), Jenna Elfman (*Dharma and Greg*) and Ellen DeGeneres in the Ron Howard-directed *Ed TV*.

Ellen, who's still awaiting word on her television show's future, plays an executive at a 24-hour cable network who convinces a video store clerk (McConaughey) to allow the channel to shoot his every movement.

Mother Jodie

Rumors abound that Jodie Foster, who was outed by her brother in a controversial biography, is pregnant via an anonymous sperm donor.

Speculation was fueled by Foster's sudden exit from the movie *Double Jeopardy*.

Her publicist denies the rumor, saying Foster, 35, is not pregnant and instead opted out of the film to concentrate on her producing and directing career.

Check back in nine months.

Local Boy Makes Good

Elton John, who calls Atlanta his second home, will be premiering his latest collaboration with Tim Rice in *Coca-Cola City* Oct. 7.

Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida is Disney's stage musical follow-up to the duo's hugely successful *The Lion King*.

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Deep Blue

Though he stars on a show known for its shapely women, one stud's washboard abs draw their fair share of attention.

These days he's spending his off-screen time with a male playmate who's become more than a gym partner. Of course, this Adonis could always combine work and pleasure, as some of his male co-stars past and present have been known to play both ways.

Trashing Babs

Barbra Streisand's prickly sensitivity must have been put to the test with the Feb. 18th episode of *South Park*, which portrayed Streisand as a bitch of monstrous proportions, literally.

Taking on the diva was good for business, as the show received higher ratings than ABC's *Prime Time Live*, the first time a Comedy Central program has out-drawn a major network show.

South Park definitely has a queer sensibility; its characters have included a sexually ambiguous teacher (who dressed like Marilyn Monroe for Halloween), a lesbian substitute named "Ms. Ellen," a gay dog and Brian Boitano.

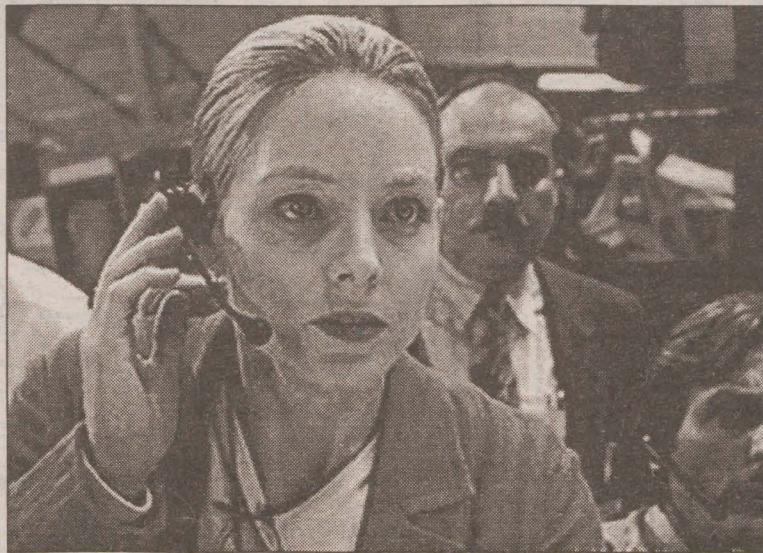
From Chanteuse to Celluloid and Vice-Versa

k.d. lang is serious about this acting thing. After years of juggling her busy musical career with cameos in little-seen films, lang should get plenty of visibility in a new role alongside hot young actors Ewan McGregor and Ashley Judd.

The lesbian torch singer plays co-worker and confidant to McGregor's techie spy in *Eye of the Beholder*, which just began filming.

Harvey Fierstein, meanwhile, will sing a duet with Grammy-nominated folk singer Shawn Colvin on an upcoming episode of the syndicated television series *Fame L.A.* This odd coupling was orchestrated by Colvin's manager, Ronald Fierstein, who happens to be Harvey's brother.

The famous Fierstein plays Colvin's manager on the show and has also appeared in a recent *Ellen* episode.



Has Jodie Foster been the recipient of an anonymous donation? We'll know in three trimesters.

More Tales

One of the signature events of gay television is returning as a sequel. *More Tales of the City* is scheduled to air sometime this summer on Showtime, following a contentious run on public television four years ago.

This time, Armistead Maupin's chronicle of San Francisco life in the late '70s won't be hamstrung by censors, so expect the many plot twists to be even more juicy.

Olympia Dukakis (*Anna Madrigal*), Laura Linney (*Mary Anne Singleton*), Thomas Gibson (*Beauchamp Day*), Barbara Garrick (*Dede Day*) and Bill Campbell (*Jon Fielding*) return to their original roles, though three of the residents of 28 Barbary Lane will be played by new faces: Paul Hopkins as Michael "Mouse" Tolliver, Nina Siemaszko as Mona Ramsey and Whip Hubley as Brian Hawkins.

A preview of what's ahead: Mary Ann finds love; Mouse reunites with Jon and comes out to his parents; and a pregnant Dede begins a relationship with Mona's ex, D'orothea (played this time by Francoise Robertson), after leaving Beauchamp. Mona, meanwhile, discovers Anna's secret while in Nevada.

Look for a number of high-profile guest stars and cameos in *More Tales*, including Ed Asner, Scott Thompson (*Kids in the Hall*), Parker Posey (*The House of Yes*) and *Frasier's* Dan Butler.

More Tales was adapted by British playwright Nicholas Wright from the second novel in Maupin's series on the lives of 28 Barbary Lane's residents.

Romeo San Vicente, who's always up for some sperm donation, is at RSVicente@aol.com.



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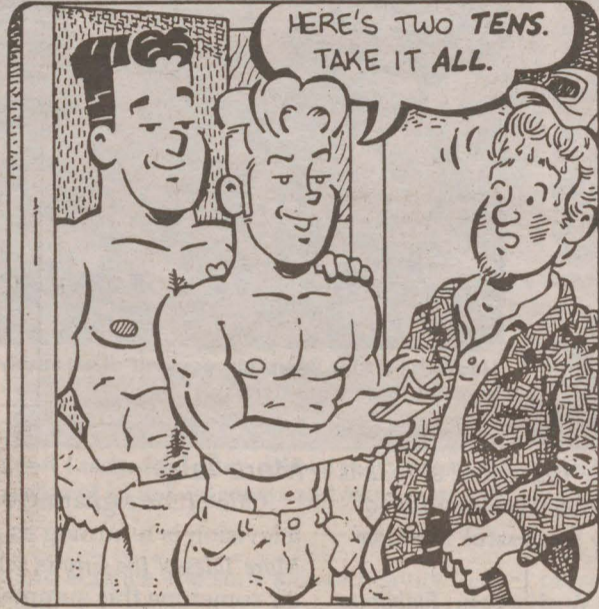
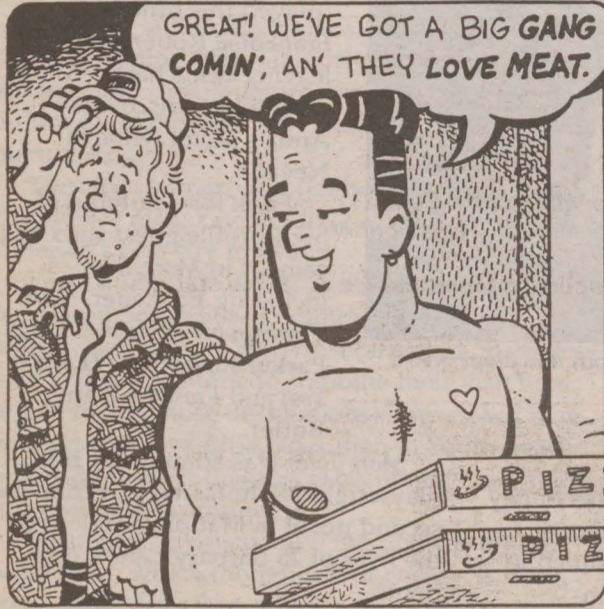
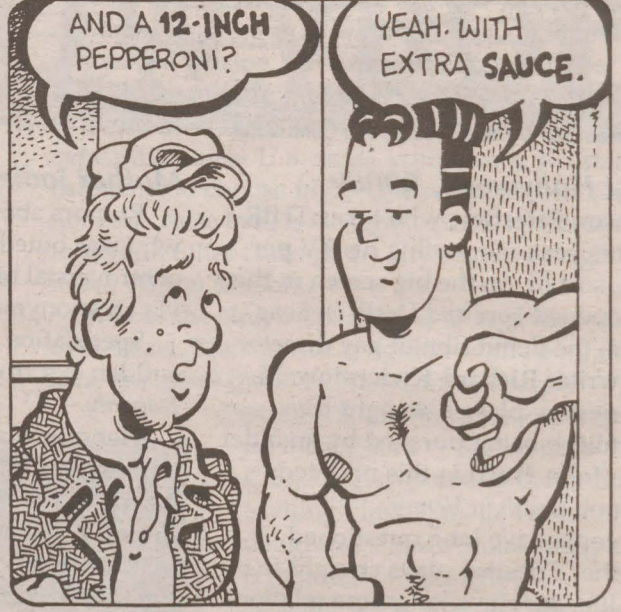
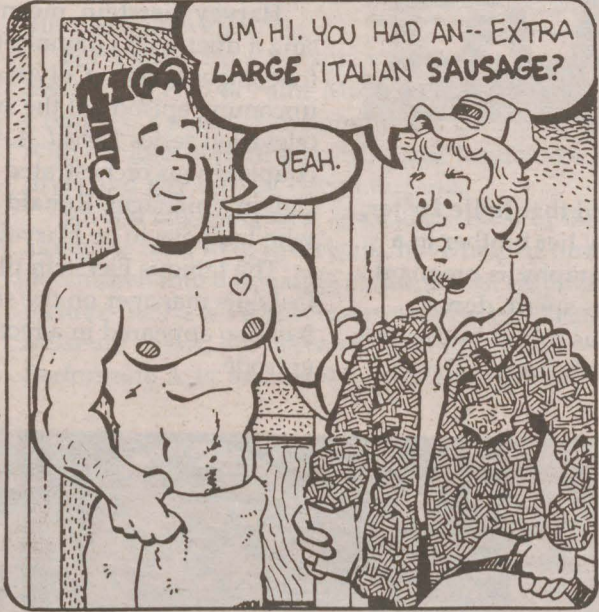
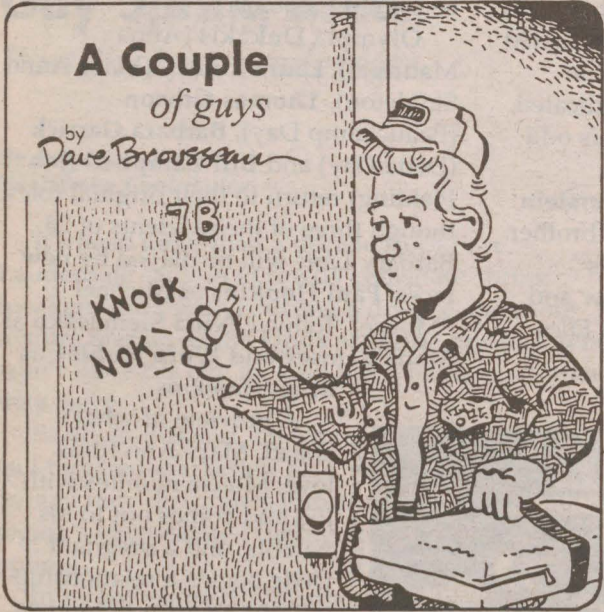
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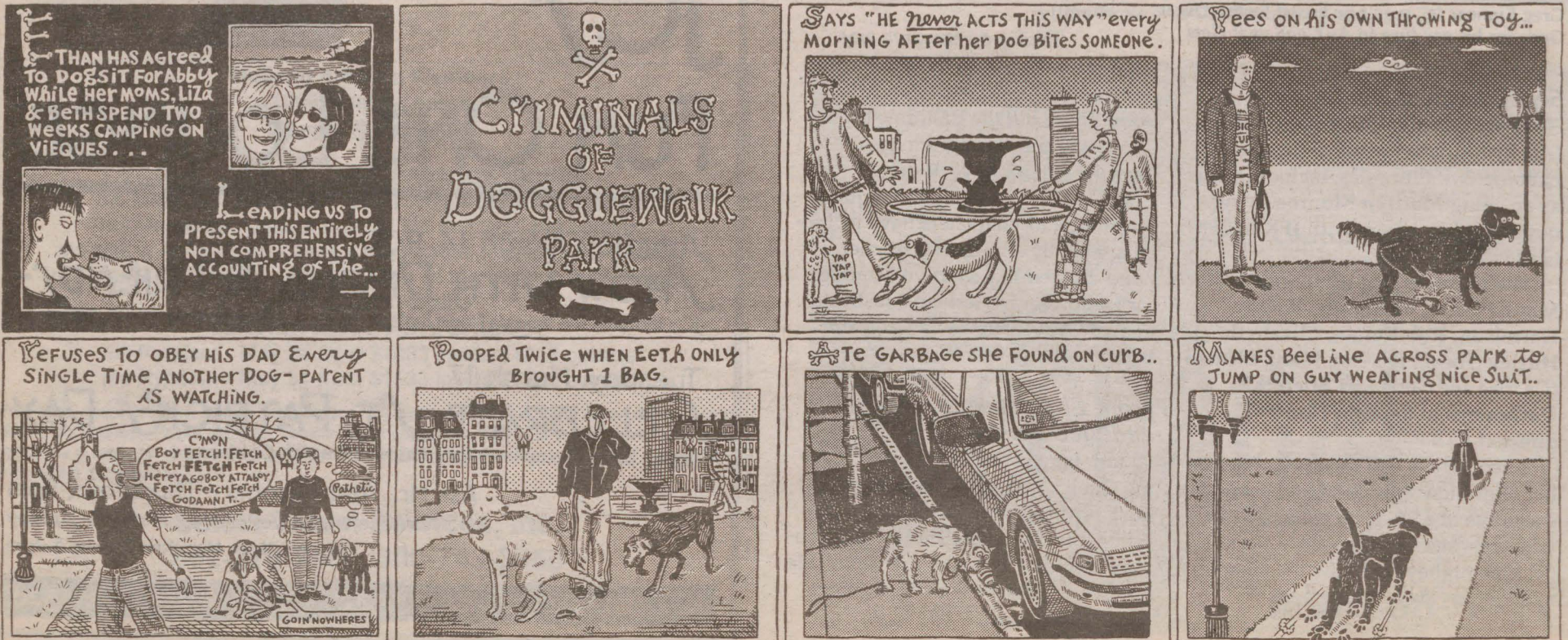


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Dear Cowboy,
When is the right time to talk about commitment? I want a relationship that will last. But when I date a guy for a few weeks and then start making plans to do more together, he'll say he's "not looking for anything long-term" or that he wants to be "free to see other people". I've heard the same story from three different guys in one year. Each time I broke it off because we wanted different things. My friend says talking about it scares guys off; he says if I stick it out, any guy will eventually realize a relationship is better than being single and will make a commitment,

even if he says otherwise at first. Do you think that's true?
Signed, Sleepin' Single in a Double Bunk

Dear Single,
There is no "right time" to talk about committing to the guy you're seeing. When your trail buddy is right you will both know it and won't need to "decide" how or when to act. Make your own commitment a day at a time, show how much you value his companionship, and his actions back at you will either work for you or they won't. Just try not to have some pre-set rule or timeline for what you need

from him in order to keep the ride in the arena.
As for your friend's advice, there's no harm in talking out what you're looking for early on—but keep the discussion general. Don't look a cowpoke square in the eye from across the campfire and tell him, "you're the one for me forever". Heck, pardner—that would scare even a seasoned old fool like me.

Dear Cowboy,
The older I get, the more attracted I am to younger and younger guys.

There is no "right time" to talk about committing to the guy you're seeing.

I am 41 and single. I was married to a woman and then came out in my 30s, when I had two long-lasting gay

relationships—one was slightly older than me and the other was slightly younger.
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Is it normal for gay men to become chicken hawks after they turn 40?
Signed, Pass the Dumplings

Dear Hawk,
Sure it's normal. It's just lonely. In all-male herds, a fine, young bull appeals visually to almost everyone—not just old pros like us. Trouble is, the vast majority of them are looking for other hides as smooth and fresh as their own.
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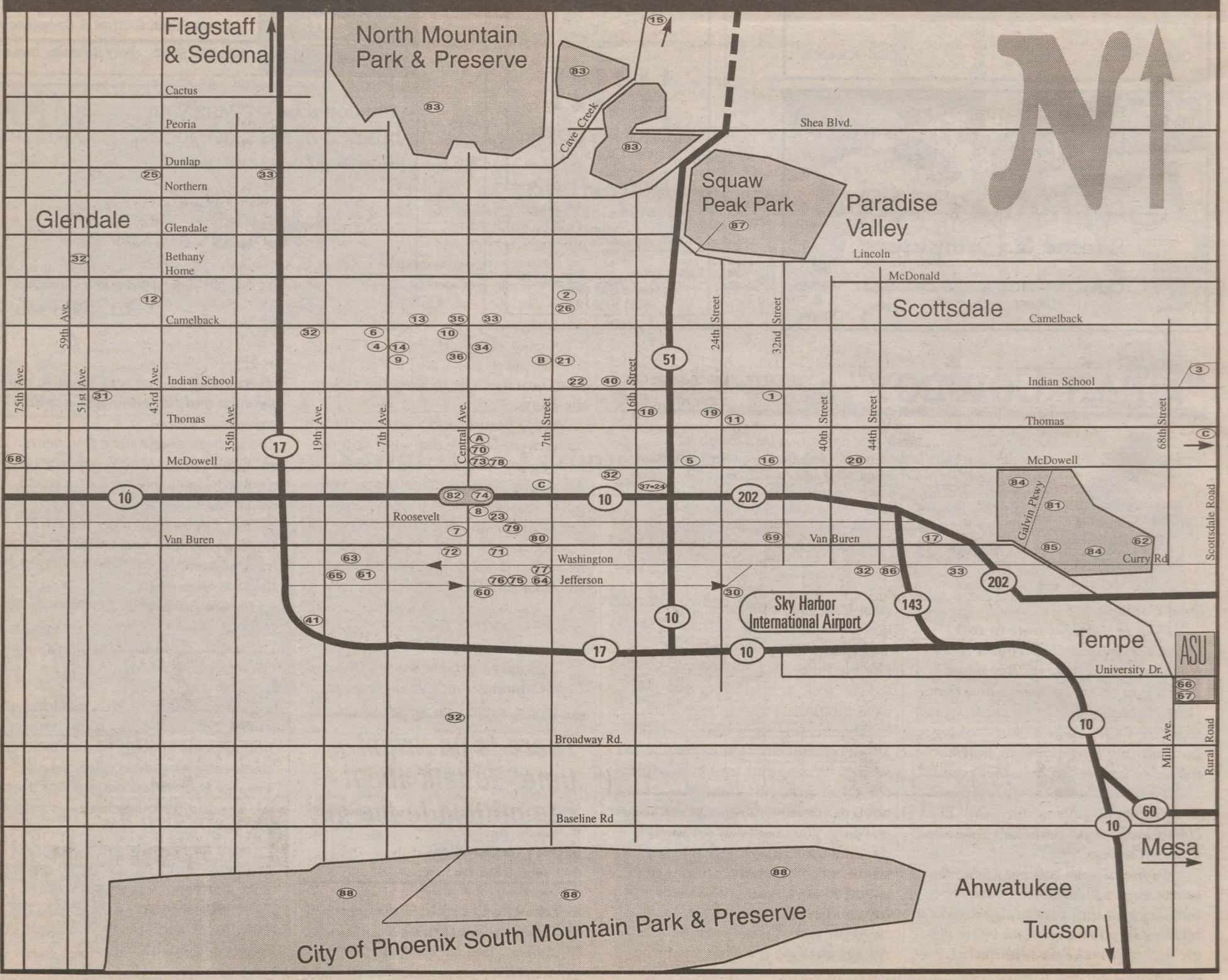
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- College with a history of lesbian/feminist activism
- Timothy Leary dropped it enthusiastically
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- Form a thought
- "Gay Standard Time"
- Thompson of *Caroline in the City*
- Safe-sex necessity

- Lesbian-themed 1976 novel by 54-Across
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- Drag queen's wrap
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- 1992 mystery novel by 54-Across
- Canadian prov.
- B-F linkup
- Scrotum, e.g.
- Writer Rand

- Strong ___ ox
- Memorable period
- Transsexual tennis standout Richards
- Landmark 1973 lesbian-themed novel by 54-Across
- Sappho's Muse
- Chinese Chairman
- They may be electric
- Police-force member, for short
- Provincetown's Cape
- Boxing win, briefly
- British bathroom
- Novelist, mystery writer, poet, and Emmy-nominated screenwriter
- Busy as ___
- Pay dirt
- Original Beatle Sutcliffe
- 1978 novel by 54-Across with lesbian sub-themes
- Brawl
- Weeding tool
- Touched down
- High regard
- Taboo suffix for feminists
- Acquires
- Puts back to 000

DOWN

- Alice star Tayback
- Commotion
- Dianne Feinstein, for one (abbr.)
- 1978 Nobelist Anwar
- Kind of bomb or clock
- Annual ___ (1960s homophile demonstration)
- It may help one get away with murder
- Kayaks' cousins
- Locale of Cornell University
- "Look At Me, I'm Sandra ___"
- And the Band Played On <D> star
- 500 sheets
- Michaelangelo and President Buchanan, according to some 19 Ave. crossers
- Sounded like Simba

- Make certain
- Take a ___ (attempt)
- Pizarro conquered it
- Hosiery shade
- San ___, Texas
- One of six colors of the rainbow flag
- Schindler's List star
- Big Apple newspaper, briefly
- Draw a bead on
- Dir. from San Francisco to Salt Lake City
- Converging points
- Londoner's "later!"
- Paul Lynde, for one
- The Lion in Winter* star
- "Rats!"
- Slow-witted
- ___ Speedwagon
- Gymnastics competitions
- Oxidizes
- Noted AIDS victim of 1993
- Life stories, for short
- Bob Paris and Rod Jackson, now
- Gay-basher's catchword
- Visualize
- Give the go-ahead
- Mommy has three

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Pisces (February 21-March 20)

Neptune is calling, you little mermaid, you. He's saying that the time to fill your sails with new ideas, goals and plans is right now. When things are going well and you're not turning everything inward, you get balmy days like these to remind people how much fun you actually are to be around. Gather up like-minded cronies on or about the 14th and seek fresh adventure. You are normally quite a good listener but occasions may arise near month's end that will require you to do more talking. Don't be shy, especially if your audience includes a dreamy Leo.

Aries (March 21-April 20)

"Grow up," they said. It seems someone forgot (again) that your adolescent spirit is just part of your charm and a big part of what drew them to you in the first place. Pleasing friends is one thing—but don't even think you have to put up with condescending attitudes from your coworkers. Make the most of the next few weekends and you'll soon see that 9 to 5 grind from a much better perspective. But why tell you? You fun-loving Arians wrote the book on making the most of weekends. And ooh-baby: keep your eyes on that Sagittarius playmate after the game.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Alicia Bridges loved the nightlife and loved to boogie. It's a damned good thing she didn't have any whiny Taureans hanging around to complain about the crowded dance floor and smoke at the Disco, ah-haa ah-yeah. You'd rather sit home with the clicker than weave your way through that weekend throng, but when someone new tempts you to enter the cruising fray later this month, you'll have a hard time resisting. If the tempter comes in the shape of a Libra on or around the 21st, resistance will be particularly futile. So join the party and see where it goes from there.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's so hard to know which way to turn when there's an angel on your shoulder and a devil in your pocket. And goodness, that little devil's been making a lot of noise down there lately, hasn't he? Go ahead—indulge. The week of the 22nd looks ripe for some devilish activities, so spend some money and hit the hot spots. You can make it up to Mr. Angel next month. Your stomach is always a good indicator of how a date is going, so pay special attention to someone who wishes to cook for you—apart from Mom, of course. There's more to the meal than meets the eye.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Think about inhaling and exhaling, and you'll lose your breath. Think about taking the next step when you're walking, and you'll lose your stride. Think about how hot & sexy you want to be while you're naked in someone's arms, and you'll lose all the charm of the moment—among other things. Try loosening up and stating what you want ahead of time, then jump in and forget about it. The 16th and 23rd look particularly good for love-connecting. Try an out-of-the-way watering hole for an unusual experience with a bit of mystery—a Virgo native may be part of the clue.

Leo (July 21-August 20)

Plug in the Hoover and get an extension cord. You generally prefer to involve yourself with those who are quite easily swept off their feet by your leonine charms, but someone has caught your eye (or someone soon will) who seems able to resist you. If this one is worth pursuing, you must plan your conquest carefully, using all your skill and determination. One bit of advice: if it's a Scorpio you're after, it might be best to give up now. Otherwise, enjoy the hunt. Things will be very much in your favor after the 16th.

Virgo (August 21-September 20)

"I'm sorry—I only meant that as constructive criticism," you'll find yourself explaining as someone runs from the room in tears. Your true friends understand that you don't set out to be vindictive, you're just being your adorably opinionated self. New acquaintances, however, will have a harder time interpreting your motives. It might be best to hold your tongue before you do more damage, especially at a small gathering on or around the 14th. If it's constructive you're aiming for, try building your dream resort out of Legos and leave people's personalities alone.

Libra (September 21-October 20)

Take a tip from the Pentagon: don't ask what's been bugging the people in your life and honey, they won't tell. Get out and do that social butterfly thing you do so well, and all those worries about how you are being perceived by others will fall by the wayside. If it's stimulation you need, look to a creative Gemini pal for tips and suggestions. Travel is not recommended until after the month ends, but: if those aforementioned suggestions take you as far as the bedroom, that's one trip that could be well worth taking. Keep your eyes open and enjoy.

Scorpio (October 21-November 20)

One man's trash, they say, is another man's treasure. You just couldn't wait to get your hands on that sexy bit of trash someone else recently discarded, could you? As always, whether this particular "find" turns into the treasure you were hoping for remains to be seen, and time will tell. You could be vulnerable to foot problems this month, so don't be too long on your feet. The 17th will offer new opportunities in old situations, so bear whatever comes your way with charm. A Capricorn native may have the misguided idea that you need to be punished—watch out.

Sagittarius (November 21-December 20)

You do love surprises, and someone who is more interested in what's going on in your mind than in getting you into the sack has a big surprise in store. Pay attention to tiny packages, this could be a little something you've wanted for a long time. The week of the 15th looks unhappily turbulent, so if instinct tells you to cancel plans and stay home in front of the tube, you may do well to listen. A Capricorn native may want to share some of that down-time. Be open to new culinary experiences after the 19th—there are surprises in store in the kitchen, as well.

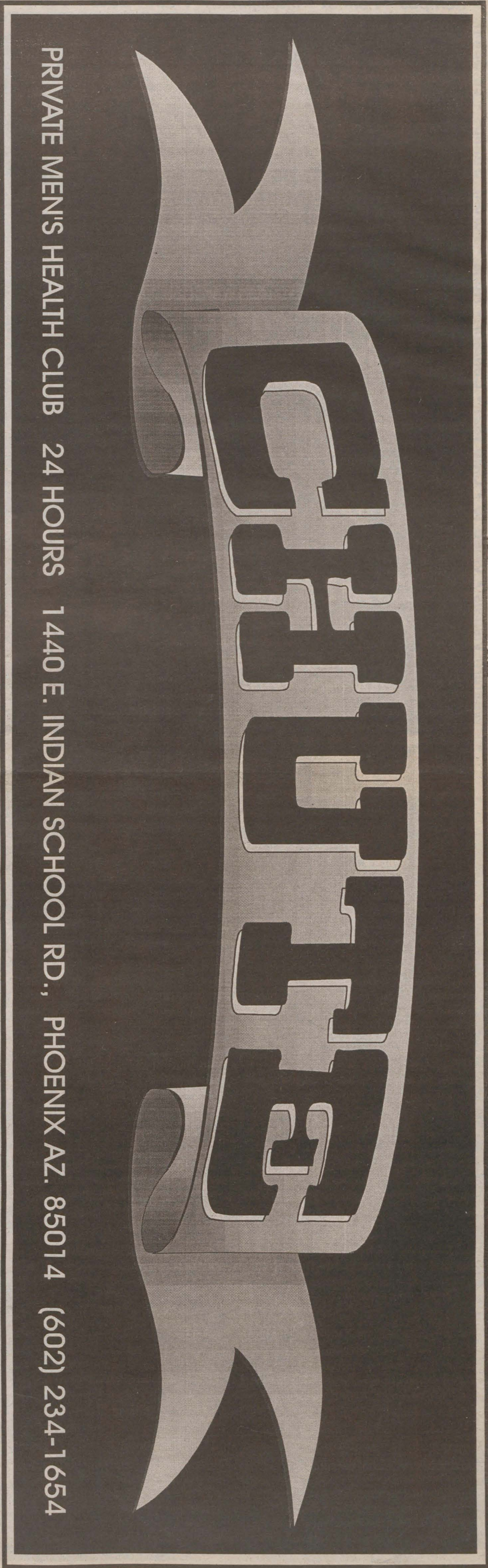
Capricorn (December 21-January 20)

With your eyes aimed so far on the future, there's a tendency to miss the best and biggest events around you right now. Take a chance on someone from a different age group and you'll learn as much as they will from the experience. The week of the 22nd looks like a good time to invest and to formulate travel plans—think "water" when choosing the destination. You may need to be a small fish in a big pond for awhile, and the switch will do you good. Renewing and nurturing important family ties could play a part in your activities as the month closes.

Aquarius (January 21-February 20)

An injustice recently committed against yourself or a friend may still have you hopping mad. Go with it, Aquarius, and channel those strong, fixed-air feelings of yours into something positive. Write a letter, join a protest, air your grievances on Jerry Springer... Get your point across any way you can (but please, with less slapping and hair-pulling this time). The weekend of the 20th looks like a fabulous one for meeting new people and tasting new things together. Try tickling your mouths with Thai, and ask the waiter to heat it up "extra spicy" just for you.

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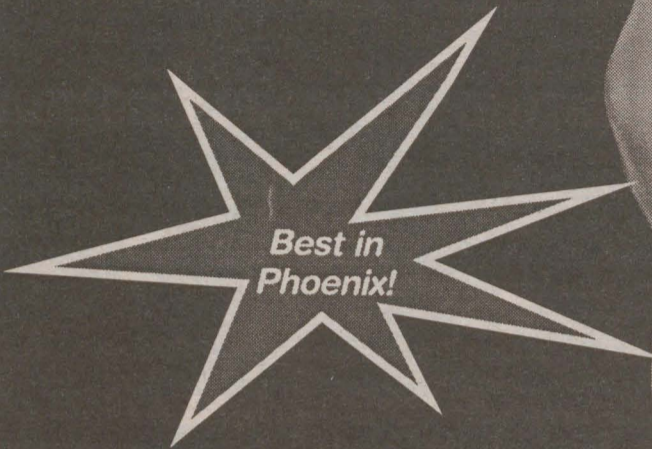
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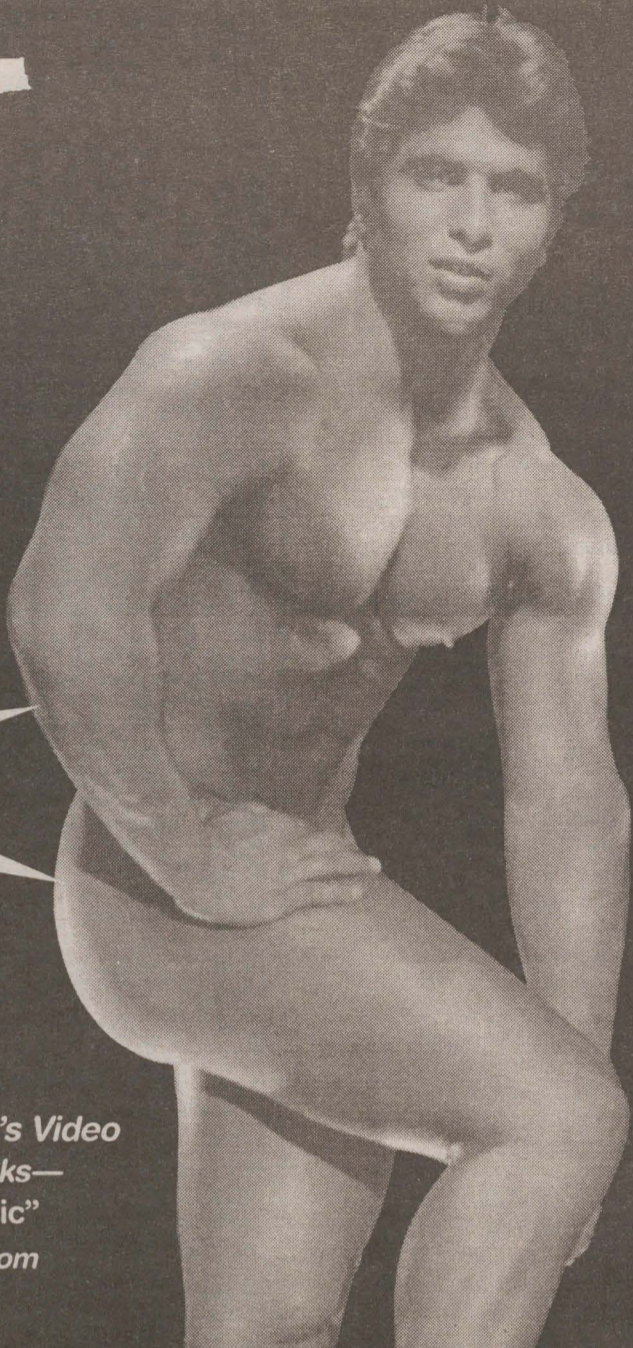


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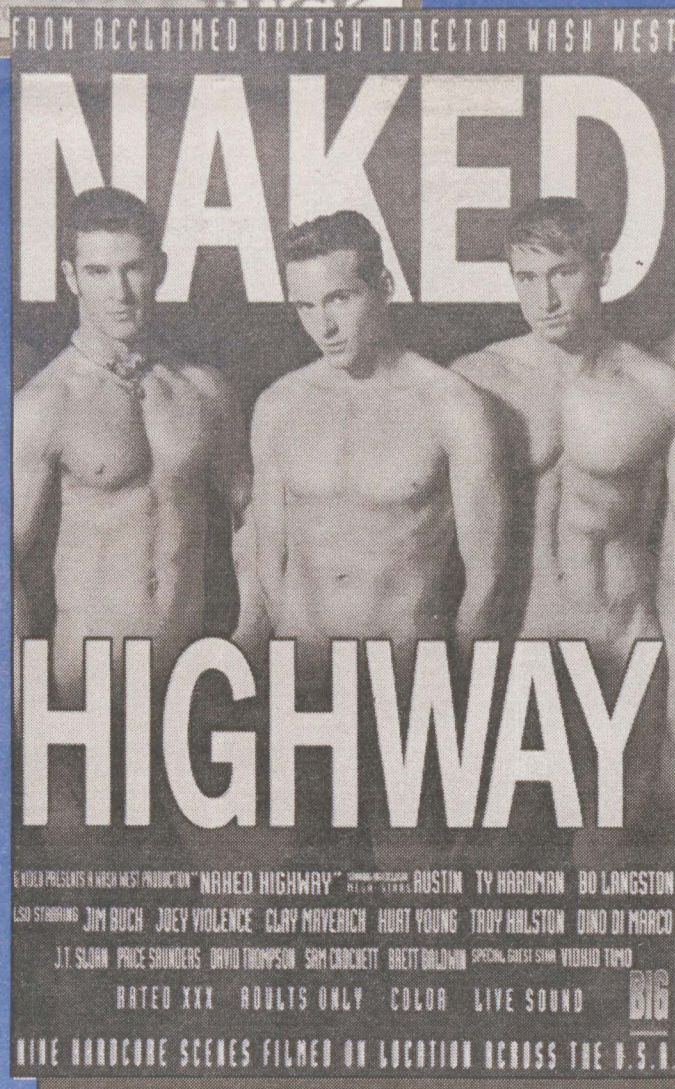
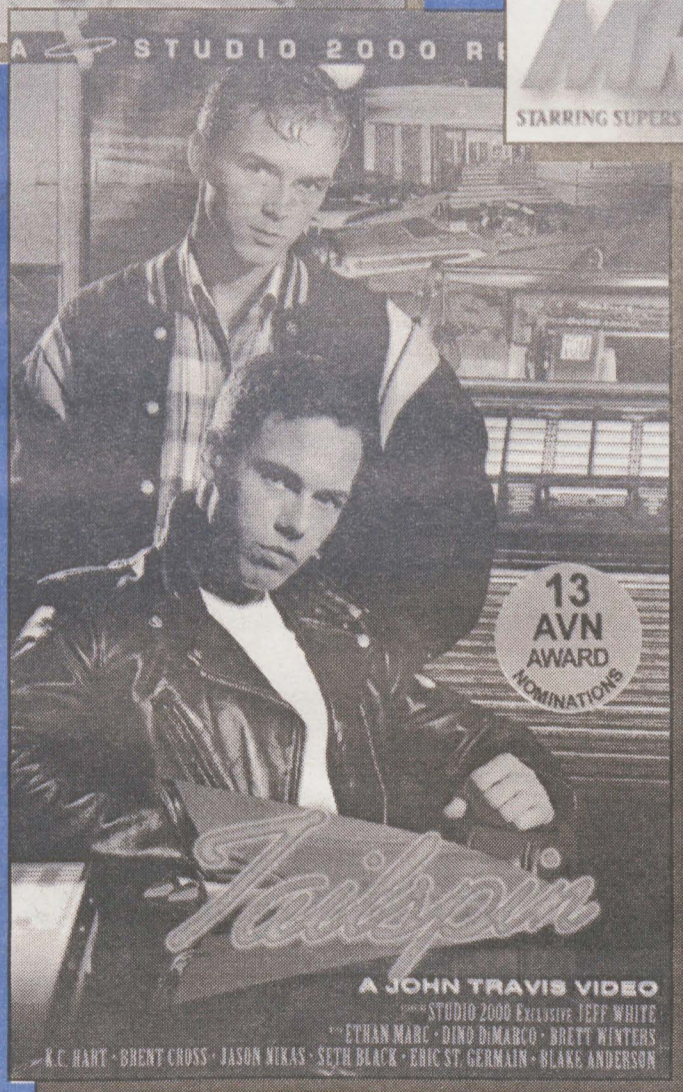
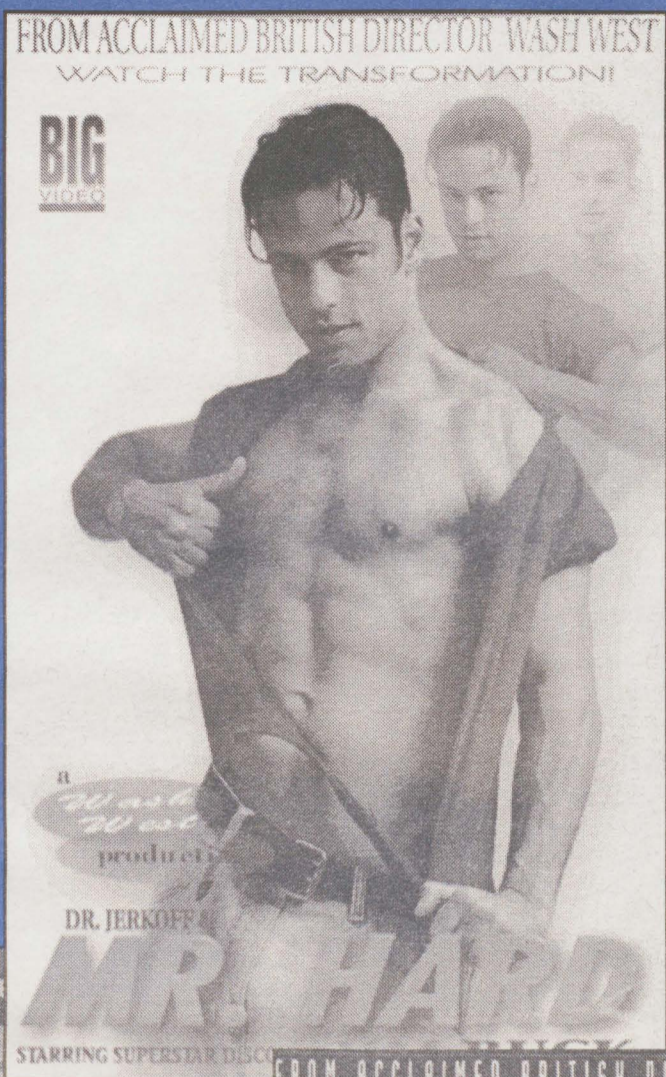
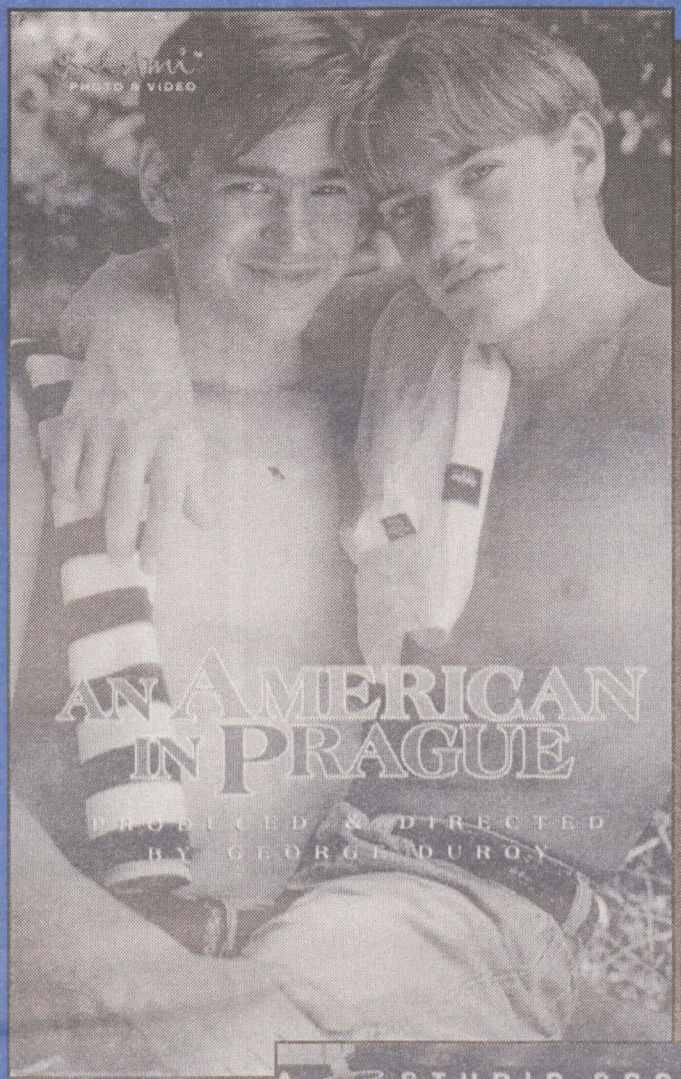
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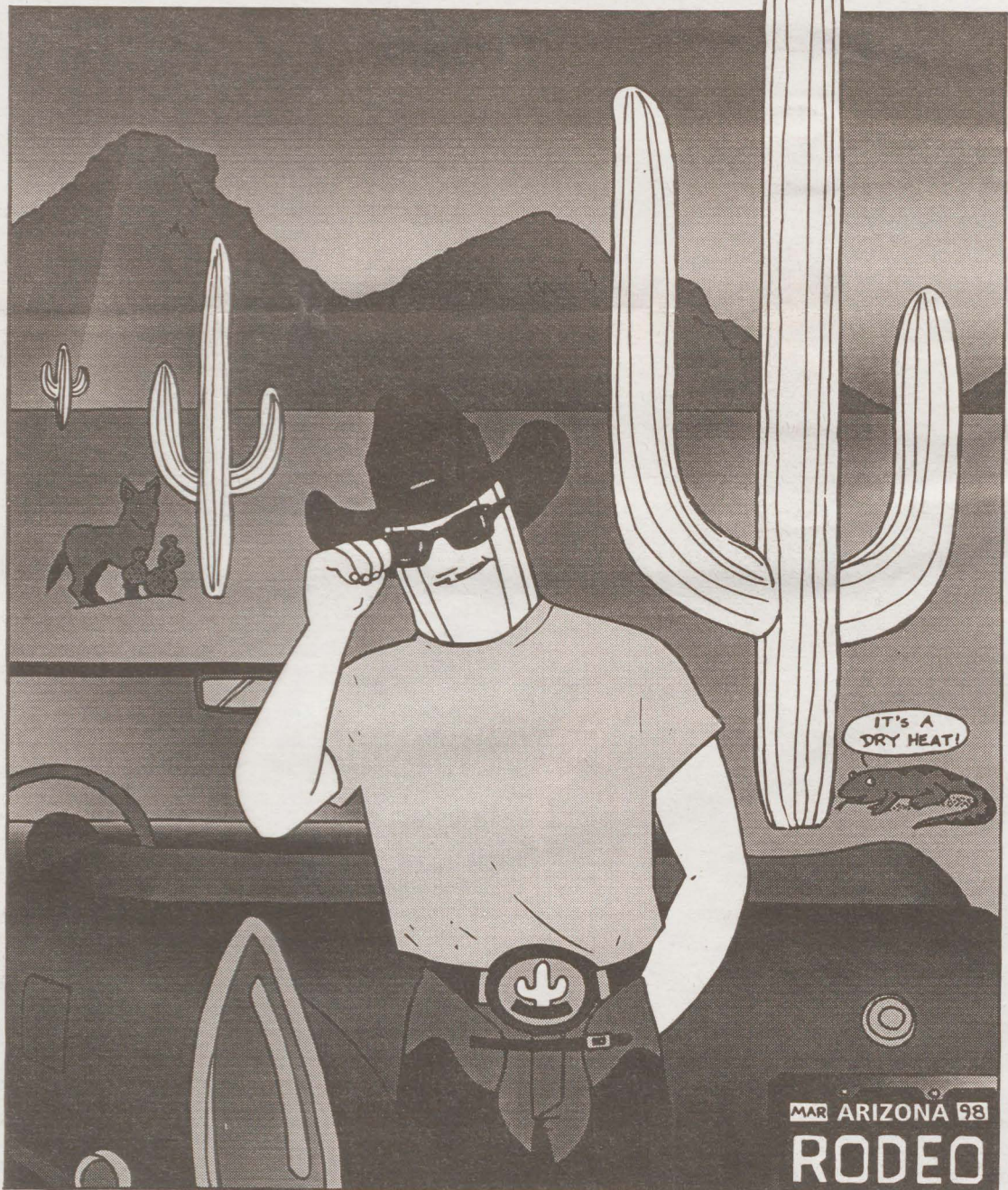
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