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Showing Our Pride

Downtown Phoenix to
host Annual Festival
on April 18



By Allen Kalchik, Editor

No one said it was going to be easy—and making major changes in the Valley's annual pride celebration has been a struggle from the get-go.

But the 1998 Phoenix Pride Parade and Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 18—and easy or no, this is one major gay event that is definitely going to happen.

The planning committee has fought criticism, overcome disorganization and a lack of volunteers and gotten down to business, despite the fact that the 1997 Pride event (held 10 short months ago) lost the group about \$20,000.

People hollered for changes and the committee worked to provide them. Now, just about anywhere you go in the Valley, community enthusiasm grows as the day of the big event draws near.

Only two weeks ago, festival organizers announced they had but two signed applications for the Pride Parade. In the short time since, the number of parade entries has exploded to more than 45.

And a month back, it looked like the '98 parade would be without a Grand Marshal—no surprise to those who remember last year's fiasco (when gay politico Rep. Ken Chevront and Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano said they'd been scheduled as co-Grand Marshals by mistake and made headlines by announcing they would be unavailable. Heterosexual morning radio personality Bruce Kelly volunteered for the job and more or less carried the gay day).

This year, celebrity leatherman Rob Halford was offered the Grand Marshal title. Happily—just three weeks before the parade steps off—the heavy metal vocalist agreed to appear. A Valley resident and former lead singer for Judas Priest, Halford recently came out to the music industry while promoting his new band, Duo.

And more names have since attached them-

selves to the event. A roster of pro entertainers that includes Homegirl Diva CeCe Peniston has fallen into place, goosing the community's collective interest at what feels like the last minute. Even more entries in the parade are arriving steadily and booth rentals for the festival have picked up as well.

There's no question the celebration will be different this year, and most of the people involved in the production believe different means better.

In years past, the Valley's Pride Festival took place over the course of an entire June weekend at Tempe Diablo Stadium's soccer fields. The 3-day festival annually drew an estimated 7,000-10,000 people.

Taking into account the June heat, criticism of the Tempe venue from the gay and lesbian community, and lackluster ticket sales in 1997, Arizona Central Pride, the all-volunteer committee that produces the Valley's Pride events, was persuaded to shorten the 1998 festival to one day.

The group also opted to move the event to a more-visible locale in downtown Phoenix and to hold both the parade and festival earlier in the year. A successful turnout for last year's March 29 parade and rally was a big factor in the decision to move the festival, according to ACP members.

The 1997 parade marked the first time in eight years the Valley had seen a march as part of its gay pride celebration and the crowd of several thousand that turned out that spring morning exceeded all expectations.

When the changes were announced last year, people in the community cheered. Then the board had to buckle down and make it happen while operating on volunteer labor and with a loss of \$20,000 still on the ACP books.

Committee members have had some difficulty keeping their heads above water in the flood of responsibilities that come with producing a festival of this magnitude. But the ACP board is nevertheless determined to see the event succeed.

"I've been out in the bars to promote advance tickets sales, and I constantly have people in the community asking me if this parade is still going to happen," said Linda Hoffman at an April 5 parade entrant's meeting held at the community center in central Phoenix. Hoffman is vice president of ACP and co-Chair of this year's parade.

Better late than never, many gay and lesbian community groups and businesses have finally jumped on board. The '98 parade promises to be every bit as successful as last year's march—probably even bigger.

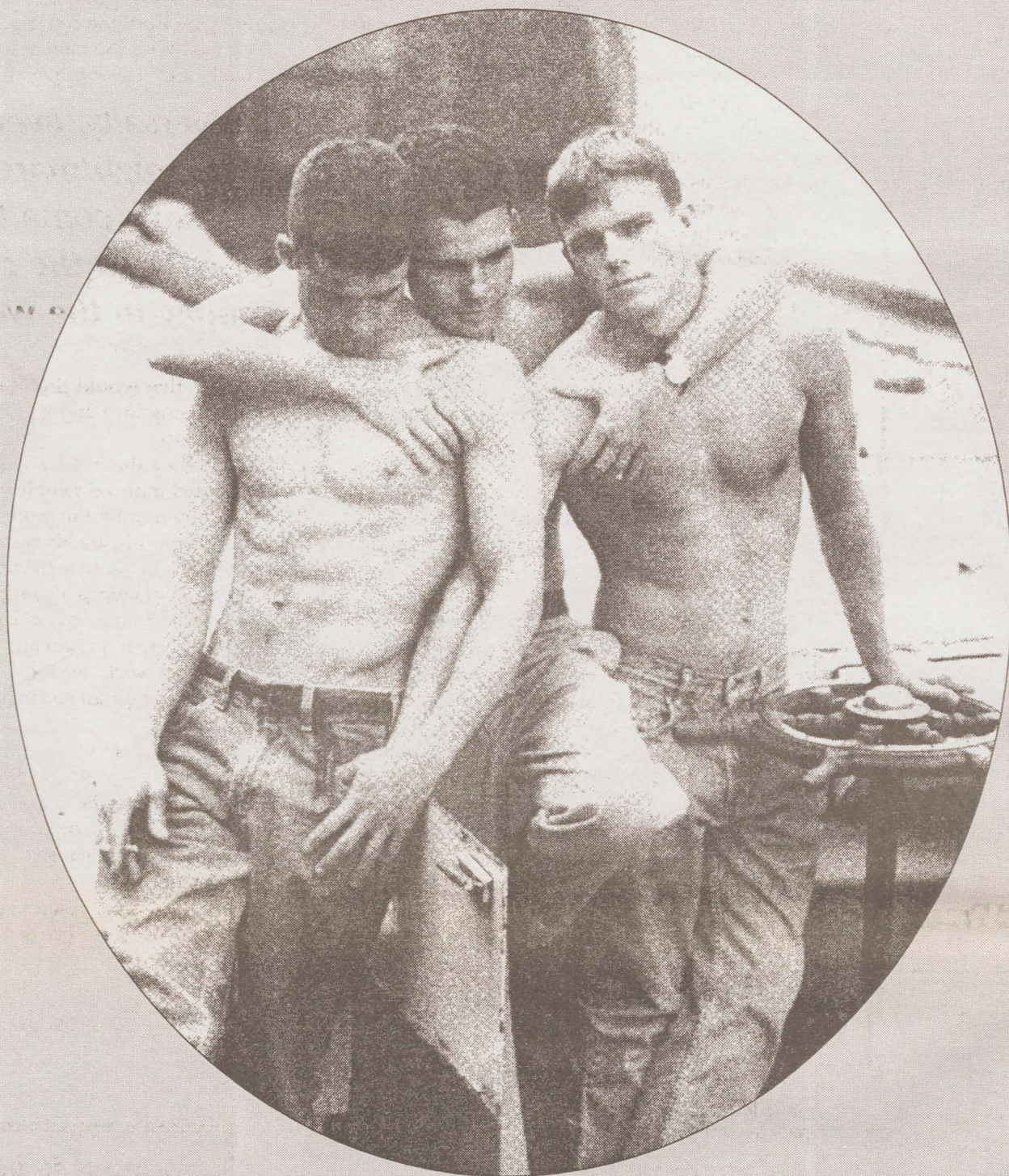
"I tell them, 'You bet it is. The street is going to be closed off and we have our permit. Even if it was just those first two entries and myself marching down Central Avenue, there was still going to be a parade.'"

It's clear that Hoffman need worry no longer about the numbers. Better late than never, many gay and lesbian community groups and businesses have finally jumped on board. The '98 parade promises to be every bit as successful as last year's march, probably even bigger.

Last year's parade was followed by an all-day rally in Margaret T. Hance Park, site of this year's festival. The '97 rally was free and non-alcoholic, so patrons could enter and leave at will and from any direction.

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Horowitz:

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One of the best anti-smoking ads I've seen showed the late Yul Brynner on his deathbed urging people to quit or not start smoking. *The King and I* star died an ugly death from smoking-related diseases.

I'm not asking you to quit smoking, although it is a tumor-causing, teeth-staining, smelly, puking habit. I'm asking you to come out—again.

I've written several pieces for both the *Arizona Republic* and *HeatStroke* regarding the coming-out process, but I've always spoken as a community activist promoting benefits to the gay and lesbian community as a whole.

Not this time. Now I'm asking you to come out for the benefit of yourself. I've been on both sides of the closet door, and the outside is one helluva lot better.

I remember the sheer agony of feeling helpless and hopeless about revealing to anyone else on the planet the things I was feeling inside. I had this deep, dark secret that I could never tell another living soul—because it meant I didn't fit in with everything I had ever known as an example or role model of how to live.

I was sure I could never come out of the closet and keep my high-paying job at a major law firm. At some level, I knew my family would disown me and society would ostracize me. These terrifying thoughts kept me in the closet for years.

I thought I would lose friends. During a tennis game, one law school buddy told me that if he found out his best friend was gay; they wouldn't be friends anymore. I heard tales of gay men getting beaten up, dying from AIDS, losing employment opportunities, getting discharged from the military, and losing their children. These were neither idle threats nor simple, fearful musings. They were and are unfortunate chapters in many coming-out stories.

My first lover was beaten up outside a gay bar in Washington D.C. and hospitalized with a broken nose and broken ribs. Countless qualified people have been thrown out of the military for declaring their love for a person of the same gender. Two of my brothers are afraid to leave me alone in the same room as their children.

While I worked at the attorney general's office—or anywhere else in Arizona, for that matter—I could have legally been fired without recourse simply because I'm gay.

Doesn't sound like I'm making a great case for coming out, does it?

And yet there is a common thread to all of the coming out stories I've heard, even those that include personal tragedies as the result: not one single person who has told me such a tale over the years has said that they would do anything differently.

Universally, even people whose worst nightmares about coming out have come true would not go back in the closet for all the money in the world. Despite

gruesome injustice and horrible personal hardship, no one would go back.

I've heard it said that the difference between a religious person and a spiritual person is that a religious person is trying to stay out of hell, and a spiritual person has already been there.

The truth is that all of the pain we could possibly imagine from the coming out process pales in comparison with the pain associated with hiding who we really are. The families that would disown us and the

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bosses that would fire us don't even know us. We fear losing love and security that we don't have in the first place.

Surfing the Internet, I have come across countless closeted married people whose fear and dishonesty keep them mired in pain and suffering. Gay teens don't commit suicide because they come out; they kill themselves because they feel they can't come out.

Human beings also have a great capacity to turn adversity into personal triumph. Nelson Mandela spent years in prison and has become a great and powerful world leader. Overcoming adversity transforms the human spirit.

Real power, security and love come from within our souls. The absence of truth and love from my li'e would be a far greater tragedy than any bigot could cause by discriminating against me or beating me up.

Don't smoke. Don't continue to live in the closet. Either could produce a slow and painful death.

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Canada's high court backs gay rights in landmark ruling

TORONTO (AP)

In a landmark gay-rights case, Canada's Supreme Court ruled April 2 that Alberta's human rights code must offer specific protection to homosexuals.

The ruling was a triumph for Delwin Vriend, 32, who was fired as a lab instructor by a Christian college in Edmonton in 1991 because he was gay, then told by Alberta's Human Rights Commission that he had no

grounds for a complaint.

Alberta is one of three Canadian provinces that have not included homosexuals in their human rights codes. The others, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, have pledged to make the change.

The Alberta government's lawyers argued before the Supreme Court in November that it should be up to elected officials, not the courts, to decide whether special protection for

homosexuals should be included in the human rights code.

The high court rejected this argument and said Alberta should immediately amend its code to cover sexual orientation.

Excluding homosexuals from the code "sends a message to all Albertans that it is permissible, and perhaps even acceptable, to discriminate against individuals on the basis of their sexual orientation," the high court said.

At a news conference in Edmonton, Vriend said he was delighted by the ruling and criticized officials in the western province.

"It's extremely shameful that the government kicked and screamed and whined for the past seven years, all the way to the Supreme Court," he said.

Alberta has developed a reputation as Canada's most conservative province. Its premier, Ralph Klein, said April 2 the province would obey the high court ruling, at least for now, and he indicated a Cabinet task force would examine whether the decision would lead to demands for the province to recognize same-sex partnerships and marriages.

More than a dozen groups intervened in the case, including some that saw the case as a test of religious

freedom — the right of King's University College to hire according to its beliefs.

The Supreme Court had ruled in a separate 1995 case that Canada's Charter of Rights prohibits discrimination against homosexuals even though it doesn't specifically state it.

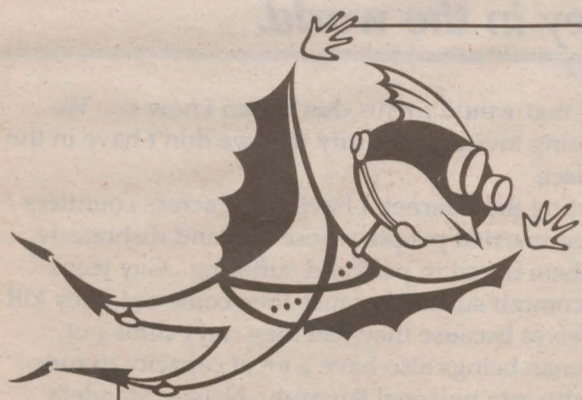
The high court said sexual orientation is a "deeply personal characteristic" that can't be changed and is a ground for discrimination just like religion, race and gender.

Alberta's lawyers argued that provincial human rights codes — which cover such matters as employment and housing — shouldn't have to mirror the Charter of Rights.

When Vriend was fired in 1991, only his parents and closest friends knew he was gay. But he said he had no regrets about launching a legal battle that thrust him into the public spotlight.

"Suddenly, my name and face were being blasted all over. It was like, 'Oh boy, I'm out now,'" Vriend said in February.

He now works in the University of Alberta library system. The high court ruling does not mean he automatically can get his old job back — it does mean the provincial human rights commission would be obligated to consider his complaint.



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Human Rights Campaign disappointed in White's apology

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While Reggie White offers regrets for offending anyone with his remarks about race and homosexuality, a gay-rights advocate calls it sad that the Green Bay Packers star justifies his comments in religious terms.

"I must stress that I in no way intended for my comments to personally hurt anyone, and for that, I apologize," White said in a statement April 2, "but I do not apologize for standing on God's word when it comes to sin ..."

"Mr. White chose not to temper his anti-gay remarks in the same fashion he chose to temper what were perceived to be racist remarks," David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign said April 3.

"It is very sad that Mr. White is justifying his anti-gay bias under the guise of religious beliefs," said Smith, whose organization is the nation's largest gay political organization headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, said White's "apology was appropriate."

"Whatever he wanted to say, the way it came out had a tendency to reinforce some of the very stereotypes he has worked so hard to tear down," Cooper said. "He is a big enough man to admit the mistake and I think he learned an important lesson."

White received the center's "tolerance award" in 1996 for his "commitment to fostering tolerance and pursuing his vision for a better America."

White, 36, an ordained clergyman affiliated with a Baptist church in Knoxville, Tenn., told Wisconsin legislators in a guest appearance March 25 that homosexuality is a sin.

He cited the stereotype characteristics and accomplishments of various ethnic groups and said the nation has strayed from God, in part by allowing homosexuality to "run rampant."

"My attitude is to hate the sin and love the sinner," he said Thursday in his statement to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

He called it a clarification of the "main message" of his state Assembly speech.

"First, I made a point that our society is fortunate to be comprised of

different races and cultures. I must admit that my examples may have been somewhat clumsy and inappropriate on how the races differ, but my intent was not to demean anyone," White wrote.

"If I did, I humbly ask for your forgiveness," he said.

White did not mention homosexuality in the statement, saying "I did address examples of moral indiscretion that threaten to corrupt our society."

Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen feels an apology by White was unnecessary and considers the statement "extraordinarily gracious," Jensen aide Steve Baas said.

Rep. Tim Carpenter, D-Milwaukee, who had called White's Assembly

comments offensive, welcomed the apology.

"All I can say is better late than never," Carpenter said. "I only hope this is what he truly believes and the spin doctors didn't get to him. ... I think much more of Reggie White to apologize if he offended any one."

Chris Ahmuty, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin, said White's published statement was necessary as a clarification.

"There is perhaps too much emphasis put on what he has to say because he is a celebrity and sports hero. I don't know if that is his problem as much as society's problem," Ahmuty said.

Catholic church courting gays in dramatic turnaround of past

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP)

The San Bernardino Catholic Diocese is aggressively courting homosexuals in a dramatic turnaround from years of condemning a gay lifestyle as the surest route to eternal damnation.

"We are telling them they are totally welcome," said the Rev. Howard Lincoln, spokesman for the diocese and a priest at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Rialto. "All forms of prejudice are a fundamental act of disobedience against the Lord who creates us. ... It is profane to assume God values the souls of homosexuals less than heterosexuals."

The diocese, which includes Riverside and San Bernardino counties, set up a special committee in February to examine the needs of homosexuals and now wants to establish a permanent office of gay and lesbian affairs.

"We think there are gay people sitting in our pews suffering in silence who don't feel part of the congregation," said Joan Gonzales, chairwoman of the diocese's newly formed Ad Hoc Committee on Ministry to Gays and Lesbians.

"We want to open the doors to everyone. We want support groups for gays and lesbians. But we are going to go slowly," she said.

A committee member, the Rev. Patrick Kirsch of Our Lady of the Snows in Phelan, said: "If we don't reach out, we are alienating a whole population."

The change came in September when the National Conference of Catholic Bishops released a lengthy statement saying people don't generally choose their sexuality but are given it by God.

"By itself, therefore, a homosexual orientation cannot be considered sinful, for morality presumes a freedom to choose," the statement said. The bishops called for compassion

and love for homosexuals along with an end to stereotyping.

There was skepticism.

Many priests tell homosexuals seeking counseling "you don't belong here," said Charles Cox, executive director of Washington-based Dignity USA, the nation's largest organization for gay, lesbian and transgender Catholics.

For the past eight years, the Rev. Peter Liuzzi has directed the Ministry with Gays and Lesbians for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He frequently counsels parents of homosexuals who ask, "Will my child go to hell?"

"I ask, does he feed the hungry, does he clothe the naked, does he grow in justice and compassion each day?" said Liuzzi, noting most of his work involves education about church teaching and directing homosexuals to parishes that are accepting of them.

"We have hundreds of gays and lesbians attending church every Sunday, but most gay people who are Catholic are alienated," Liuzzi said. "We try to tell them that they can come back."


Lincoln noted that biblical passages dealing with homosexuality talk strictly about the sex act.

"God does have non-negotiable moral codes, and one of them is no sex outside of marriage," Lincoln said. Since the Catholic Church doesn't recognize homosexual marriage, celibacy is demanded for gays.

"Just because we have a sexual proclivity does not mean we are without self-control. Priests are uniquely situated to understand that," Lincoln said.

But homosexuals have trouble with that.

"I don't think we were all created to be priests. Their message is I am a sinner if I practice being a whole person," said Tony Aidukas, 32, of Palm Springs.



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Phoenix Pride Parade & Festival

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This year, the Deck Park party after the parade will be considerably larger. As the official 1998 Pride Festival for the central Arizona, tents, stages, vendors, refreshments and much more will be included. Beer will be sold, professional entertainers will perform and the festival will last until midnight.

For all those reasons admission will be charged, the perimeter of the park will be fenced and foot traffic and parking will be monitored and controlled.

"We want everyone to know they can purchase advance tickets at most of the bars in town," said Hoffman. Buying that ticket in advance will help in two ways: not only by boosting ACP's depleted coffers at this important stage in the game but also by alleviating traffic at the ticket windows, when several thousand people pour onto the festival grounds immediately following the march.

"This is the first time we've held the festival right after the parade so we don't know what kind of crowd we're going to get all at once. We want people to buy tickets ahead, save themselves two bucks and avoid standing in lines," Hoffman said.

Highlights of the '98 parade should include bar entries, like Nu-Towne Saloon's decorated antique trolley and Charlie's - Phoenix's large entry that will include those perennial parade performers, Charlie's Renegades. 307 Lounge will feature "the girls" in open convertibles, and a few more surprises from the bar community could pop up along the route.

Several service organizations are lined up as well. Project LifeGuard has teamed up with EDGE radio and is preparing a float with a "beach" theme (naturally), and Community Church of Hope—winner of last year's top prize—is rumored to have been working on its spectacular new

float for months.

A motorcycle brigade will lead the parade, followed by a gay and lesbian veterans group, Grand Marshal Rob Halford, and then a broad variety of floats, cars and walking entries that will include plenty of kids, parents, friends and pets. The Grand Canyon Men's Chorale will once again bring

up the rear in joyful song.

"This is our chance to show Phoenix that gays and lesbians are a viable—and large—part of the community," Hoffman said. People wanted this to be a visible event and it's going to be. "Let's use the opportunity to our best advantage."



Several enthusiastic ACP board members gathered at The Center on April 3 to share festival updates with parade participants. Pictured (l-r): Bill Wilbur, Ernie Mendoza, Linda Hoffman, Slade Grove and John Tigner.

All Gay/All Day

Pride '98: A Gateway to Change

The following information should be of help to anyone planning to attend this year's event:

First, the Parade:

Where and when—

The parade steps off promptly at 10 am on Saturday, April 18. It begins at Catalina Avenue (just south of Park Central Mall, north of Thomas Road) and will continue south along Central Avenue to Portland—that's south of McDowell and just below the Margaret T. Hance Deck Park.

It's a short route and the best viewing will be from anywhere along Central Avenue between Thomas Road and that funky, modernist bridge over the Deck Park (southbound side). Video taping and photos are not only allowed, but highly encouraged. Running into the street or "falling in" to join the parade is not encouraged (sorry—liability reasons).

Where to leave your car—

There are plenty of places to park within a short walking distance of both the festival site and parade route. Don't expect to park in the Deck Park parking lots, which will be either blocked off or reserved. Special handicapped parking will be available right next to the festival's south entry port, at the Grace Lutheran Church on Third Street.

"We'd hate to think anyone would skip this event just because they are afraid they won't find parking," said ACP board member and parade co-Chair Bill Wilbur. He suggests you might have to walk a bit, but says it will be worth it to avoid congestion.

And downtown merchants insist event parking has been perfectly manageable even with the new pro baseball team in town—despite the recent media blitz to the contrary. Many streets in the festival area are always available (and unmetered on weekends), particularly to the east and west of the parade route.

ACP plans to rent vans or trolleys to run festival patrons between the Deck Park and their cars parked along the route. The free service will run until midnight. The lot at Park Central Mall has been reserved for people attending the Arizona Diamondbacks game scheduled for 1:05 that afternoon, so it will be unavailable to parade-goers.

Then, the Festival:

Where and when—

The 1998 Pride Festival: A Gateway to Change will open its gates at 10 am April 18 at the Margaret T. Hance Deck Park, between 3rd Street and Central Avenue in downtown Phoenix. The festival be open one day only—all day, until midnight.

What it'll cost you—

Tickets can be purchased in advance at locations all over the Valley for \$8, \$10 at the gate. Beer, soda, water and a variety of eats will be available on the grounds—carry your I.D. Clothing, jewelry, books and more will be offered on the grounds.

Who's performing—

The 1998 event will feature several professional entertainers. A number of local dance troupes, chorales

and soloists will perform throughout the day in a variety of styles.

At 7 pm, Holly Heaven & the Issue will take the stage, followed by comic Michele Balan at 8 pm. Holly Heaven is an all-female, all-original band out of LA. Michele Balan is a native New Yorker who has performed in cabarets and clubs all over the US and has appeared on numerous cable programs.

Following the comic, the a cappella quartet Men Out Loud will perform at 9 pm, and CeCe Peniston will perform at 10. Men Out Loud hail from LA and were popular harmonic favorites at the 1997 festival in Tempe. CeCe Peniston grew up in Phoenix and has carved her own niche in the pop and R&B charts. Her biggest hit, "Finally", still packs the dance floor in clubs worldwide.

What else to expect—

New this year will be a Bistro area featuring a day-long Karaoke contest. Pay \$5 per song to enter—the winner receives \$100 and a chance to perform on the main stage at the end of the night. Also new: instead of separate tents for country and disco, there will be one dance tent with Country & Western playing from 3 - 9 pm and Hi NRG from 9 - 12. One hour will be set aside for Latin tunes to satisfy those who know their Polka from their Cumbia.

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Director in town to help launch '98 Pride Festival

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Dori Friend, producer and director of the exciting, new documentary film *Over the Rainbow*, will visit the Valley on Friday, April 17 for a special screening of the movie at the Board of Supervisors Auditorium in downtown Phoenix.

The film chronicles the last 100 years of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Movement in the US. It combines historical footage and new, filmed interviews with gay community leaders, historians and Stonewall participants.

Talking to *HeatStroke* by phone from her home in San Francisco, Friend explained that the film is still, "A work in progress. It's what I consider a rough-cut, though it has been

trimmed from more than two hours down to 98 minutes, and is getting very close to what it will look like when finished."

Friend is working to secure the rights to the background and archival music she is using, so the film is considered a work-in-progress until she can raise the money to buy those rights. The documentary was shown for the first time at the 1998 Santa Fe Gay and Lesbian Film Festival in February.

In Santa Fe, *Over the Rainbow* received rave reviews and was given a standing ovation. "They liked it so well they asked me to show it again the next day," Friend said. "People really enjoyed it that much, which was so exciting for me."

But the film is more than entertaining. "I want to use it as a vehicle to open up dialogue between people," said the director. "I consider this an educational piece, and I'd really like the general public to see it." She hopes the movie promotes understanding and tolerance among many different groups and communities.

Even within in the gay community, Friend said, it is very important for people to know their history. This is Friend's first film. She considers herself not so much a film producer, but "more of an activist who wanted to do something that makes a difference."

The screening of *Over the Rainbow* at this community event is sponsored by the Phoenix-based

Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project, the same group that brought the well-attended 2nd Annual Phoenix Gay & Lesbian Film Festival to the Valley in February.

The movie is being presented free of charge as a special kickoff for the Phoenix 1998 Gay Pride Parade and Festival, which takes place the following day at Margaret T. Hance Park.

Honey Ward, inspirational speaker and facilitator of The Experience, a renowned gay and lesbian empowerment workshop, will also be on hand that evening to present a program on "Pride and Relationships".

The Board of Supervisors Auditorium is located at 205 West Jefferson in Phoenix. To reserve a space, call (602) 460-2583.

Crisp evening draws 100

He missed three planes, his hosts were beginning to fear the worst, but he finally made it.

About 100 people were delighted to see acclaimed author and legendary gay wit Quentin Crisp when he appeared—several minutes late—to speak at the Arizona History Museum in Phoenix on April 3.

The 90-year-old author of *The Naked Civil Servant* sat delicately on a metal stool and sipped a glass of beer while chatting, answering questions and offering many of his astonishing observations of life.

Topics Crisp covered during the hour-long discussion drifted from movie stars and an unusual history of Hollywood (Jewish studio bosses made Aryan Goddesses into stars, based on their own forbidden sexual fantasies) to his life in New York in the last 20 years (the Hell's Angels make wonderful neighbors and everyone in Manhattan looks out for one another).

Crisp also addressed the history of the gay rights movement in Europe and America and touched upon such divergent subjects as sex in long-term relationships, US/foreign relations and the use of nuclear weaponry in the 20th century.

Crisp's Phoenix appearance was offered through the BJ Bud Memorial Library, a program of the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center, with funds granted by the Arizona Humanities Council.



BJ Bud Memorial Library Co-Chair Anne L'Ecuyer and Advocate book critic Robrt Pela introduced Quentin Crisp at his recent Phoenix appearance.

The Center serves up ice cream and info

More than 150 people stopped by the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Sunday, March 29 for free ice cream, to say Hi and to check out The Center's new location during the community organization's grand re-opening celebration.

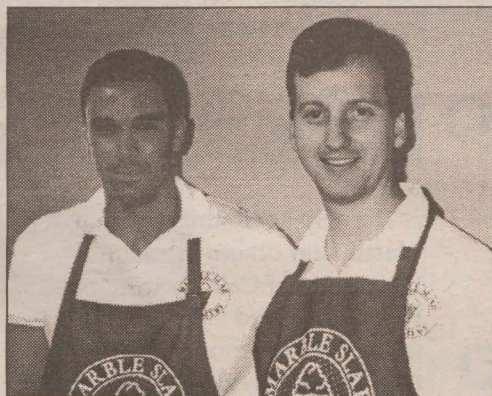
The Center moved to 24 West Camelback, Suites B & C on January 1 and volunteers have been painting, re-carpeting and building at a series of remodeling parties held since then. The new digs look great and most of the new offices have been settled into.

Ice cream was provided by the Marble Slab Creamery. Lyle Miller, Executive Director of The Center, said he was pleased and surprised by the turnout. "We had people who had never visited The Center before come in, and it was great to see that."

Miller said he heard many positive comments with regard to the new offices.

The remodeled portion of the adjacent suites is home to several offices, including Youth Services Program Coordinator Donna McHenry, and the Arizona Human Rights Fund. Collections from the BJ Bud Memorial Library are also on display there.

To help The Center's continued efforts in the community, you can donate to the moving fund. Make checks payable to: VSGLCC Moving Fund, 24 West Camelback Road, Suite B&C, Phoenix, AZ 85013. Call (602) 265-7283 for program information or to volunteer.



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Justices spar over HIV as federal disability

WASHINGTON (AP)

Supreme Court justices who sparred over whether HIV-infected people should be considered disabled because of dangers involved in sex and childbearing expect to rule by July.

The lawyer for Dr. Randon Bragdon, a dentist from Bangor, Maine, argued March 30 that Bragdon did not illegally discriminate against an HIV-infected woman by refusing to treat her at his office.

The patient, Sidney Abbott, suffers no AIDS symptoms and therefore is not protected by the Americans With Disabilities Act, said attorney John McCarthy.

But Ms. Abbott's lawyer said lower courts found that Bragdon violated the law, which bars discrimina-

tion against the disabled in jobs, housing and public accommodations.

The law — responsible for such aids as wheelchair ramps at countless public places — says people are disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that "substantially limits one or more major life activities."

HIV-infected people should always be considered disabled because the contagious and fatal nature of acquired immune deficiency syndrome severely limits their ability to have sex and bear children, said Ms. Abbott's attorney, Bennett H. Klein.

Some justices disputed whether HIV infection really creates such a limit.

Justices David H. Souter and

Antonin Scalia suggested an HIV-infected person faces a "moral choice" rather than an actual physical limit on his ability to have children.

"I'm not sure that's what the statute is talking about," Souter said.

However, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said that if a person with highly infectious tuberculosis stays away from other people, "we don't just call it a moral choice."

Someone with bubonic plague would be considered disabled, added Justice Stephen G. Breyer.

Bragdon's lawyer said the disability law aims to protect people whose disabilities affect their "day-to-day independent living and economic self-sufficiency," not HIV-infected people who suffer no symptoms.

The disability-rights law says disabled people can be treated differently if they pose a "direct threat to the health or safety of others."

"Dr. Bragdon believes that when he provides a service in the face of

the risk of death he should be allowed to take additional precautions" such as insisting on filling Ms. Abbott's cavity at a hospital, McCarthy said.

However, Breyer said that "after 15 years and hundreds of thousands of deaths" from AIDS there appeared to be no documented cases in which a dentist caught the virus from a patient.

"How can we say here that your client exercised reasonable medical judgment?" Breyer asked. McCarthy replied that there were seven possible cases of HIV transmission in dental procedures.

Klein said that unless HIV-infected people have clear protections under the law, many will hide the fact that they carry the virus.

The justices' ruling could provide clues as to whether the law covers other kinds of disabilities, such as cases of epilepsy or diabetes that are controlled by medication.

PBP awards dinner set for April 24

Bob Baily, the Flinn Foundation and Macy's West will be among the honorees at Phoenix Body Positive's third annual *Night for Life* awards banquet on Friday, April 24 at the Camelback Inn. The Bill Holt Pediatric Infectious Diseases clinic at Phoenix Children's Hospital will also be honored.

This annual event is PBP's single largest fund-raising event of the year and more than 500 people are expected to attend. Entertainment will be provided by Gallagher and Zale and Scott Jacobson will emcee. The event's Honorary Chair is Governor Rose Mofford and co-Chairs are Gary Abeyta, Steven Methvin and Brett Tudor.

The evening will begin with cock-

tails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30 pm. A silent auction, live auction and raffle will be included.

PBP board member Bob Baily will receive the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award. The Flinn Foundation will be the recipient of this year's Patron Award for philanthropy and Macy's West will be given the award for Corporate Citizenship. An award for outstanding HIV/AIDS service organization will go to the Bill Holt clinic.

Tickets for the *Night for Life* are \$125 per person. The Camelback Inn is located at 5402 East Lincoln Drive. Call Phoenix Body Positive at (602) 955-HOPE/4673 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Painting houses to make a difference

A Place Called Home recently opened two additional residential houses in the Valley, near 31st Avenue and Cactus. A Place Called Home is a local, nonprofit agency that provides permanent supportive housing for the homeless with HIV/AIDS.

On Saturday, April 25, the exterior of both homes will be painted by

a volunteer group from Honeywell. This effort is part of "Make a Difference Day Arizona 1998". Volunteers from many Valley corporations will be doing projects for non-profit groups and agencies throughout the day.

For more information on A Place called Home, call (602) 942-1572.

Study supports link between herpes virus and AIDS-related cancer

BOSTON (AP)

A new study provides some of the strongest evidence yet that a sexually transmitted form of the herpes virus causes a kind of skin cancer often seen among AIDS patients.

The cancer, called Kaposi's sarcoma, occurs often among gay men with AIDS. But is rare in those who get AIDS through drugs or heterosexually.

Experts suspect that a newly discovered virus, herpes virus 8, is the cause after finding traces of the virus inside the cancer. However, they could not rule out the possibility that herpes virus 8 infection is a result of having Kaposi's sarcoma, rather than a cause.

To help settle this, Dr. Jeffrey N. Martin and others from the University of California at San Francisco tested samples of blood taken in 1984 from 400 homosexual men infected with HIV, 200 homo-

sexuals who were uninfected and 200 heterosexual men who were uninfected.

The results were published April 2 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Among the findings:

- 48 percent of the HIV-infected men had the herpes virus, as did 17 percent of the uninfected homosexuals and none of the uninfected heterosexuals.

- The more sexual encounters the homosexual men had, the more likely they were to catch the herpes virus.

- Men infected with both HIV and herpes virus 8 had a 50 percent chance of developing Kaposi's sarcoma over the next 10 years.

The researchers said they assume that herpes virus 8 is spread through the same sexual practices that transmit HIV.



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'98 Cactus Cup hits grand slam

The Valley of the Sun's annual gay and lesbian softball tournament scored big for local organizers and the nearly 1,000 gay athletes who came to Phoenix from all over the US to play ball here the weekend of April 3-5.

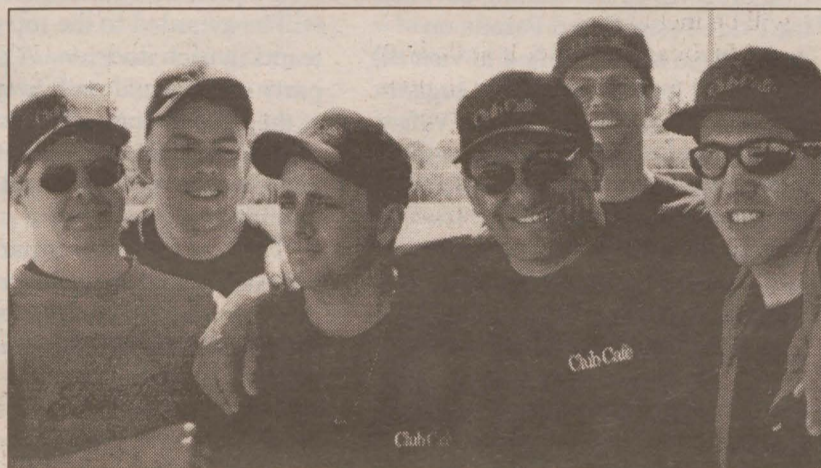
The Cactus Cup is hosted annually by Phoenix's own Cactus Cities Softball League. Already considered one of the largest and best-organized gay tournays in the country, the Cactus Cup gets bigger and better every year. This year, the competition took place at four different parks around town and included play in four divisions. Teams came from as far away as Boston to participate.

Best of all, those El Niño-related

spring rains took a breather for the tournament weekend and the event enjoyed plenty of sunshine and warm breezes for both the seeding on Saturday and the finals on Sunday.

In other softball news, what follows are the CCSL league standings as of March 29—the weekend prior to the big tourney. The league will take a week off for Easter Sunday and

then regular season play will resume April 19. All games are played Sunday mornings at El Dorado Park on Miller and Oak in Scottsdale, and the public is invited.



Softball players from as far as Boston (right) and as near as LA (top) joined local teams like the X-Treme (left) at Phoenix's Papago Park for C Division seeding during the Cactus Cup on April 4.

CCSL LEAGUE STANDINGS - AS OF MARCH 29, 1998

WOMEN'S DIVISION:

- Rank/Team/Record
 1/Bas Bleu Productions/6-0
 2/Roscoe's Scorpions/4-0
 3/Cash Inn/5-1
 4/2GirlGraphics/Page Whitney/5-1
 5/Desert Reproductions/4-2
 6/Movies on Central Renegades/2-2
 7/Castle Boutique Players/2-4
 8/Nasty Habits/1-5
 9/Nobody's Biz/Experience This/1-5
 10/The Mavericks/0-4
 11/All About Destinations/0-6

OPEN DIVISION - COMPETITIVE:

- Rank/Team/Record
 1/Roscoe's/4-1
 2/Wink's/3-1
 3/Pookie's/0-5

OPEN DIVISION - RECREATIONAL:

- Rank/Team/Record
 1/Roscoe's X-Treme/4-0
 2/First Family Medical/5-1
 3/Bunk House Scorchers/2-3
 4/Gay Yellow Pages/2-3
 5/Wink's Warriors/1-4
 6/BS West Express/1-3



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Goings On

News & Events of Interest to the
Metro Phoenix Queer Community

Dining out for APAZ

AIDS Project Arizona's annual Dining Out for Life fund-raiser will be held this year on Wednesday, May 13. More than 50 restaurants from all over the Valley will participate by donating a portion of their profits to the Phoenix-based agency.

Last year's Dining Out for Life raised \$25,000 to help men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS. Look for the list of the 1998 event's participating restaurants in the next issue of *HeatStroke*.

Western Orthodox to consecrate new bishop

The rev. Basil Isaacks will be consecrated as a bishop in the Western Orthodox Catholic Church on Saturday, April 25 at 10 am at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2604 North 14th Street in Phoenix.

Performing the consecration will be the Most Rev. Michael Weber, Archbishop-Primate of the Western Orthodox Catholic Church. He will be assisted by the Most Rev. Bishop Michel Pugin of Canada and other clergy from the Valley of the Sun and elsewhere.

The Western Orthodox catholic Church is an independent and affirm-

ing Western Rite jurisdiction dedicated to those who have been marginalized, ignored or excluded by other churches. The public is invited to the consecration ceremony. For more information, call (602) 433-0153 or e-mail pasisozi2swlink.net.

CBPA April events

The Camelback Business and Professional Association is the Valley of the Sun's Gay, Lesbian and gay-friendly chamber of commerce and this active group has several activities scheduled for the month of April.

The next CBPA Lunch Bunch gathering will be held at Pookie's Cafe in Phoenix on Tuesday, April 21 at 11:30 am. You buy your own lunch for this casual and fun networking/social event.

CBPA will be also taking part in the Pride Festival and Parade on April 18, so all are invited to visit the booth and help celebrate the organization's 18-year history in the Valley.

The General Meeting this month will be held on Thursday, April 23 at the Phoenix Airport Hilton. The scheduled topic is "Internet 101", to be presented by Planet Systems Network. The cost is \$16 for members and \$19 for guests, including dinner. To attend the meeting only, the fee is \$10. RSVP by calling (602) 225-8444.

Church to host volleyball tourney

Gentle Shepherd MCC proudly announces its First Annual Volleyball Tournament to be held Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25 in Phoenix.

Teams will be divided into two flights, Competitive and Social. Players can sign up as part of a team of as individuals, in which case a team will be assigned. Teams will consist of up to ten members, at least three of whom must be women. From four to six players will be allowed to play at one time.

The tournament will take place at three locations: Charlie's - Phoenix at 727 West Camelback, Margaret T. Hance Deck Park at 3rd Avenue and I-10, and the Quality Inn at 2nd Street and Osborn.

Plaques, medals and certificates will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. A player's party will be held on Friday, May 22 at the Quality Inn, which is also providing a special rate for out-of-town participants. Charlie's will sponsor a Sunday brunch.

The cost for this tournament is \$25 per entrant and registration runs through May 13. To request an application call Robert Shegog at (602) 789-0603.

LRP to host salon

The Lesbian Resource Project in Phoenix will host a Women's Salon for local women to read their original works of poetry, fiction, essays or plays.

Join LRP on Sunday, May 3 from 3-5 pm at Cafe Arte, 1335 West Thomas Road. A \$3 donation is suggested. If you would like to read, call Dianne Post at (602) 258-7985.

Spartans will try again

Two attempts by the Phoenix Spartans, the Valley's gay wrestling club, to hold a carwash Fund-raiser at NuTowne have been rained out. Weather permitting, club members will get out the buckets and put on the singlets once again—on Saturday, April 11 from 1-5 pm. Bring your dirty car or truck over to NuTowne, 5002 East Van Buren, and let the wrestlers scrub it squeaky clean.

The wrestlers have also found a new home—after taking a week off for Easter Sunday, they'll be laying down the mats at Charlie's every Sunday night at 6 pm for regular practice. Charlie's has offered the bar's community room to the club and there's room to spare.



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DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

MY QUEER LIFE

By Michael Thomas Ford, HeatStroke Contributor

I just found out I have lesbian ears. You don't know how happy I am about it.

When I read that article a week or so ago announcing that scientists had discovered a difference between the inner ears of lesbians and straight women, suddenly my entire life fell into place.

I know, I'm a man. It doesn't matter. My ears are definitely dykes.

Finally, I have an excuse for why I prefer Indigo Girls to the Pet Shop Boys, and why I can remember the lyrics to all of Melissa Etheridge's songs but run screaming whenever anyone plays a Barbra Streisand tune in my vicinity.

It's my lesbian ears.

Like those of a Labrador, they are apparently tuned in only to certain frequencies. Those that are pleasant—such as the smoky tones of k. d. lang—are received with joy and ushered straight into the brain.

Others are the vocal equivalent of a high-frequency warning whistle that only dogs can hear. When confronted with them, my lesbian ears go into emergency mode and shut down

This is exciting. I've always said that I make a better lesbian than I do a gay man. Now I know why. It's my inner ears.

entirely, preventing me from being exposed to anything that might cause irreparable harm, like Mariah Carey and Celine Dion singles.

This is exciting. I've always said that I make a better lesbian than I do a gay man. Now I know why. It's my inner ears. And I think I can predict with a reasonable amount of certainty that this ear thing is only the beginning.

Surely it's only a matter of time before these same scientists conduct further studies and stumble across the miraculous Flannel Gene, responsible for an otherwise unaccountable desire to purchase vast quantities of L. L. Bean products, and the oh-so-important Gertrude Stein Extender, a heretofore unknown muscle found in the tongue that renders those who possess it capable of amazing feats of oral sex.

Then again, maybe nothing more will come of this. Remember when they decided that the brains of gay men are different from those of straight men? That was a big deal for a while. Everyone was all excited about it. Then—poof—it just disappeared.

I can't say why this happened, exactly, but I have a suspicion that once the scientists did more tests, they discovered that not only were the brains of gay men different from those of their straight brothers, they were also superior.

I wouldn't be at all shocked to learn that the area of the frontal lobe they found so fascinating turned out to hold the secrets to a highly-developed sense of aesthetics, a fine-tuned wit, and the ability to dance.

In straight men, on the other hand, the very same area had evolved into a repository for useless team sports statistics, endless data regarding the proper use of snow tires, and arcane barbecuing skills. Not wanting to let this knowledge fall into the wrong hands, further investigations were shut down immediately and all findings turned over to the CIA.

The same thing could happen with this lesbian ear business.

Think about what a threat it is to the safety of society. After all, if they can figure out what makes dyke ears so unique, how long will it be before some enterprising plastic surgeon develops a procedure for reshaping the ears of straight women to match those of their muff-munching counterparts?

All over the world, women sick of enduring the straight men in their lives will be lining up for the procedure that will rescue them from heterosexual hell and transform them into sisters who embark on thrilling new lives accompanied by Cris Williamson warbling, "filling up and spilling over like an endless waterfall..."

Once the additional Sapphic Fingers procedure is performed, they will also be able to do the accompanying hand motions flawlessly.

It's the Religious Right's worst nightmare, queerness on demand.

Thanks to lesbian chic, women worldwide would be rushing to the nearest clinic for the latest in cosmetic surgery. It would be the newest cool thing to do.

You enter on Friday a bland, middle-class housewife sick of making tuna noddle casserole and pretending that giving your husband a head is your wildest dream, and exit on Monday a free-wheeling, Subaru-driving lesbian with an all-access pass to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival and a sack full of sex toys.

The Crazy Christers' only consolation: at least it will give them something else to blow up when they're not busy at the abortion clinics.

Straight men, of course, would not be so quick to jump on the bandwagon. After all, brain surgery is slightly more complicated than merely realigning the inner ear. But once somebody very high-profile made being gay a mark of the new mas-

culinity, then everyone would be doing it.

After all, look what football players wearing earrings did for that particular fad in the early '80s. And it's a well-known fact that after Dennis Rodman made cross-dressing the latest in macho pastimes, sales of size-12 women's footwear and extra-large Victoria's Secret ensembles went through the roof.

All it would take to make the gay brain transplant procedure a hit with men everywhere is a good spokesman. I suggest Bruce Willis. After all, he's already married to the perfect lesbian equivalent.

The only thing Demi Moore is lacking to make her a full-fledged dyke icon is that inner ear thing, and I'm sure she'd do it if the price were right. She did *Striptease* for only two million, and I know we could raise that much with a country-wide lesbian wheat-free bake sale.

Once she signs on, Bruce is sure to follow, and if the two of them both undergo the change, they can send their careers into the stratosphere by



Michael Thomas Ford is currently touring bookstores for his latest book, *Alec Baldwin Doesn't Love Me & Other Trials From My Queer Life*. He'll be at *Obelisk* in Phoenix on May 21, so keep your eye on HeatStroke for details and then go see him and say hello.



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AZ rodeo contestants grab Nevada silver

Many contestants from the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association made the trip to Las Vegas the weekend of March 6-8 to compete in the annual Bighorn Regional Rodeo held there, and several Arizona cowboys and cowgirls came back winners.

AGRA's Andy Anaya took All-Around Cowboy honors after winning silver buckles (first-place finishes) in Roping on Foot, Breakaway Roping and Steer Decorating. During

the two days of competition, Anaya also earned points in Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Dressing, Team Roping, Wild Drag and the Flag Race.

Candy Bell was First Runner-Up All-Around Cowgirl, taking home buckles in Roping on Foot, Bronc Riding, Steer Riding and Bull Riding. Sandra Anaya, Kathie Carter, Claire Miller and Chris Tucker all earned points by finishing first or second in their events on either Saturday or

Sunday.

Phoenix cowboy Brian Helander took home the buckle in Chute Dogging and also earned points in Goat Dressing and Pole Bending. Timmer Kennell earned points in Steer Decorating and in all the timed Horse Events, and AGRA President Chuck Browning placed in Goat Dressing, Bronc Riding and Steer Riding before retiring from competition Saturday with a broken leg suf-

fered during his third place Bronc Riding effort.

The Bighorn rodeo is one of more than 20 rodeos scheduled this year throughout the US and Canada as part of the International Gay Rodeo Association's 1998 season. Tucson's Saguaro Regional Rodeo took place March 20-22 and the next rodeo on the IGRA circuit is slated for Los Angeles, April 17-19.

Growing number of straight nightclubs courting gays and lesbians

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)

Nightclubs trying to broaden their clientele have added a new theme night to their weekly lineups — "alternative" night, catering to the gay and lesbian community.

David Squillante, owner of Velvet in downtown Hartford, says there was a time when sponsoring an alternative night would have been "the kiss of death." Now, he says, it's a good way to gain revenue.

Velvet turns into "Groove Box" on Wednesdays, offering dancing and entertainment aimed at the gay and lesbian crowd. Two weeks ago, Squillante added a second alternative night on Sundays.

"The gay people we see in here are successful, friendly, open-minded people who spend more and leave bigger tips than a straight crowd,"

Squillante said.

Clubs such as The Bar With No Name and Webster Theater are also offering alternative nights to fill a void in business.

No Name draws a mixed crowd on Sundays with its live show that includes drag karaoke and "The Gay Dating Game."

"Without a doubt, it is a wise, profitable business venture," said Fran Delmastro, who recently purchased the downtown Hartford bar.

Delmastro said bar owners are being forced to look for new customers. "There are less people drinking now, given health, insurance and the law. It forces us to go after every market now to try to keep afloat," he said.

Michael Begun, advertising and marketing manager for Metroline, a

magazine aimed at Connecticut's gay and lesbian community, said he is amazed at the interest in alternative nights.

"Bars that are straight most of the week see an opportunity to make money on slower nights, especially on Wednesdays and Sundays," Begun said.

But some of the bars that have been dedicated to the gay and lesbian community are a bit worried about the new competition.

Dan Brewer, who manages The Sanctuary in Hartford and Avalon in East Windsor, both gay bars, says he has seen a decline in the city crowd as more alternative nights spring up. Brewer is scheduled to close The Sanctuary on April 19.

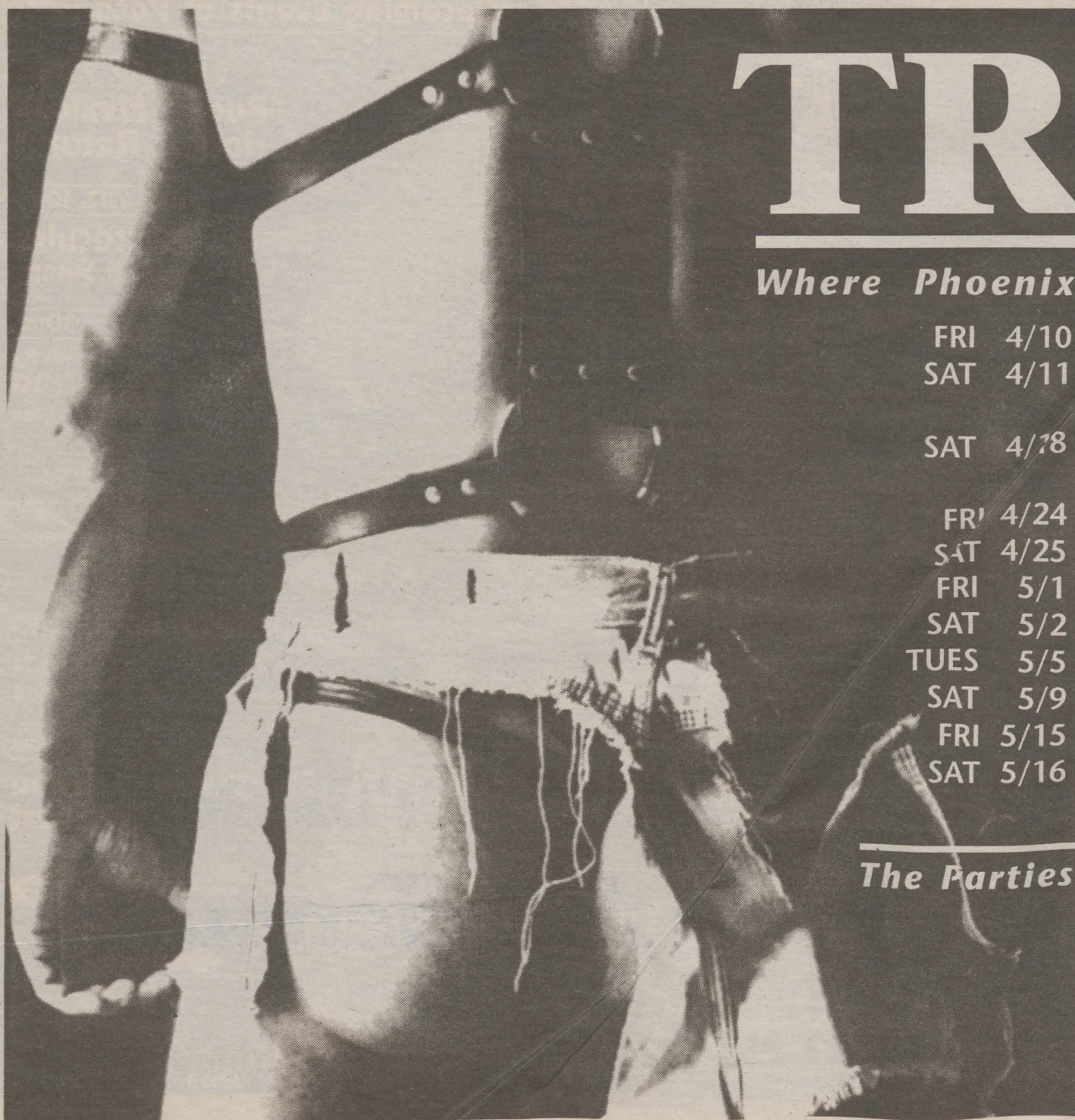
Bruce Lamothe, manager of the 25-year-old gay bar Chez Est, said he,

too, has mixed feelings about the sudden interest in the gay and lesbian market.

"I'm aggravated that they are trying to capitalize on something they used to scorn," Lamothe said. "It siphons off business from those of us who have supported the community all along."

But Michael Bell, a 29-year-old insurance actuary who recently moved from New York, said the downtown bars offer a different atmosphere.

"I know there are a few other gay bars around here, but they attract an older crowd," Bell said. "I'm young and at a different point of my life. I want this kind of ambience; big city kind of stuff."



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SAT	5/2	Toga Party
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SAT	5/9	Bud Night
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Something Fundamental to talk about

Bonnie Raitt, one of popular music's most consistent pioneers, will appear in Phoenix at Symphony Hall for one show only, on Monday, April 20.

Raitt is currently touring to pro-

mote *Fundamental*, her 15th album. Keb Mo' will open the show at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25-\$35 in advance and \$27-\$37 day of show. Call Dillard's or the Civic Plaza Box Office for information.

ASU Staging Theatrical Marathon

Arizona State University's Second Annual New Plays Marathon will open April 14 with a reading of Trista Baldwin's *Electropuss* at 7:30 pm in the Fine Arts Center, Room 131. Baldwin recently became known to Phoenix audiences with her successful cult hit, *Chicks with Dicks* and is a second-year graduate student in the MFA Playwriting program at ASU.

The marathon will include staged readings of new works by graduate playwrights, including *Mourning Rituals* by Alan Berks, *Melvin* by Laurel Haines and *Penguins in Arizona* by Kenneth Kulhaw. They'll run Wednesday, April 15 through Saturday, April 18.

In addition, third-year MFA playwright Gregory Mitchell will have his play, *The Aftergame*, performed as a workshop production at 7:30 pm Thursday - Saturday at the Fine Arts Center. In an unusual twist of events, *The Aftergame* will also be produced at down-

town Phoenix's Playwrights Theatre as part of its Edge New Play Festival a week after closing at ASU, with a different cast and director.

The New Plays marathon is a showcase for the work of graduate MFA playwriting students, seeking to promote and professionalize the students' work through exposure to professional and general audiences.

All staged readings are free and are on a first-come, first-served basis. *The Aftergame* production is priced at \$6. Tickets and exact times and locations for the readings are available by calling (602) 965-6447.



The Aftergame premieres as part of ASU's New Plays Marathon this month

IMCO's Pageant girls get back in the lineup



In Mixed Company will start the 1998-99 season early with a revival of last summer's hit musical, *Pageant* (book and lyrics by Bill Russell and Frank Kelly, music by Albert Evans). This hilarious comedy features six men competing (as women) in a mock beauty contest for the coveted title of "Miss Glamouresse", with a different winner chosen every night.

Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays, July 25 - August 9 at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 and 7 pm at the Herberger Theatre Center's Stage West. Tickets range from

\$15.50 - \$22.50 and will go on sale in April at the Herberger Box Office and all Dillard's outlets.

IMCO's fifth season will continue in 1998-99 with *Someone's Knocking* by Rich Orloff to be staged in October/November of this year; *A Delicate Balance* by Edward Albee in February, 1999; and *The Waiting Room* by Lisa Loomer in May, 1999. Exact dates, times, locations and prices will be announced and discounted season tickets will be available next month. Call IMCO at (602) 834-3032 for more information.

Catch Gary Morris under the stars



What do you get when you combine a fine country singer with the power of a symphony orchestra, a grand gourmet dinner and a noteworthy cause?

The answer is The Sonoran Symphony, and fortunate Valley music lovers will have the opportunity to attend this "Celebration Under the Stars" on the evening of April 26 at Rancho Mañana, 5734 East Rancho Mañana Blvd. in Cave Creek.

The outdoor concert, presented for the third year by the Desert Foothills Land Trust, will feature Gary Morris, country singer and Broadway musical star, appearing

with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra conducted by Grant Gershon in a celebration of the Desert Southwest.

The outdoor event is a benefit for the Land Trust, a 1500-member, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving undeveloped land in the Foothills.

The pre-concert gourmet dinner and drinks, catered by Tonto Bar & Grill, will be served at 6 pm, followed by the concert at 7:15. Individual tickets are \$125 for reserved table seating and \$35 for general admission seating for the concert only. Call (602) 517-6475 for tickets and information.

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Out of Town

Palm Springs: Part 2

By Andrew Collins, HeatStroke Contributor

When it comes to service and in-room amenities, Palm Springs is like no other gay vacation hub in the country.

Resorts don't survive here without at least one pool, a misting machine (indispensable on sun-decks, especially from May through October), new furnishings, large guest rooms, a clothing-optional policy, and in most cases, in-room VCRs with an extensive adult-video library.

But though resorts are consistently plush and clean, the quaintness factor of Key West or Provincetown is absent. If you have an aversion to chrome and mirrors, you may have difficulty with Palm Springs.

Finally, as the most hormonally charged resort scene on the planet, at least in season, it's not the ideal destination for a quiet, one-on-one romantic retreat.

Well over half the gay resorts are in two clusters just south of Palm Springs' commercial district. The more upscale accommodations are in the Warm Sands area, and the older and more affordable properties are just south in San Lorenzo. The remaining properties are scattered among Palm Springs and Cathedral City.

You should be able to get a perfectly nice one-bedroom unit with a kitchenette and a pool view for \$80 to \$100 a weekend night in season and as little as \$60 the rest of the year.

Very few gay resorts have a mix of men and women, and only one is specifically for lesbians. This means that in high season many women choose mainstream hotels, most of which are extremely gay-friendly.

Of larger chain properties, the sensational and thoroughly plush Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage is where monied dykes and queens hold court. Rooms are lavish and exude a European ambience,

but it's the resort's stunning location in the foothills of the Santa Rosa mountains that earns this Ritz its sterling reputation.

A host to many gay gatherings, including April's acclaimed White Party, the less costly but still impressive Wyndham Palm Springs has expansive grounds and is within walking distance of several Palm Springs gay bars. Budget travelers will appreciate that the region is served by virtually every discount chain you can think of.

Although there's only one women-oriented property in town, The Bee Charmer is a first-rate resort run by a friendly and thoughtful staff and laid out with attractive grounds. This sprawling low rise is clean and spacious, with a striking bronze-tile roof, a very private enclosed pool, expanded Continental breakfast, and rooms done with cheerful bright tropical decor.

Men will find more than two dozen guys' resorts. It's tough to distinguish the properties dotting the Warm Sands neighborhood apart from one another, but Inn Exile stands head-and-shoulders above the others.

Although the staff members range from bewitching to bitchy, the luscious grounds, sleek southwestern-inspired guest rooms, complimentary breakfast and lunch, super public areas, and reasonable rates make this a winner.

Of similarly social resorts, the nearby neatly landscaped InnTrigue is tasteful, down-to-earth, and less intensely see-and-be-seen than Inn Exile. It's run by, and seems to attract, a genuinely nice, fairly young bunch of guys.

Directly across the street is the Bacchanal, a small resort that has been completely renovated (and renamed) by its new owners—a gay couple from Nevada. With fewer rooms than the neighboring resorts, Bacchanal is the perfect destination for those who want to enjoy Palm Springs' charms from a more intimate setting.

A short distance south, Santiago is a top choice among San Lorenzo properties. This converted motor hotel has airy rooms (furnished with contemporary light-wood furniture and VCRs) that overlook a long rectangular pool; second-floor rooms have mountain views. The crowd is eclectic and fun-loving, and the staff enthusiastic.

The latest addition to the neighborhood,

Chestnutz, also deserves considerable praise: Although the pool and sunning areas are typically eye-pleasing, the owners have deviated a bit from the standard Palm Springs gay-resort plan by offering full cooked-to-order breakfasts and decorating the rooms with an inspired range of themes, from New England farmhouse-style to art deco.

The Harlow Club resorts company runs two of the most memorable, if expensive, men's getaways in Southern California. A short walk west of downtown shopping, their Abbey West hotel comprises 17 sleek art deco rooms named for celebs (Bogart, Bergman, Garbo, Monroe); they average nearly 500 square feet and have kitchenettes and modem hookups. The landscaped grounds are beautiful, and there's a bar on the premises.

Even more impressive is the Harlow Hotel, where every room is done in high-end contemporary pieces and includes snacks and a

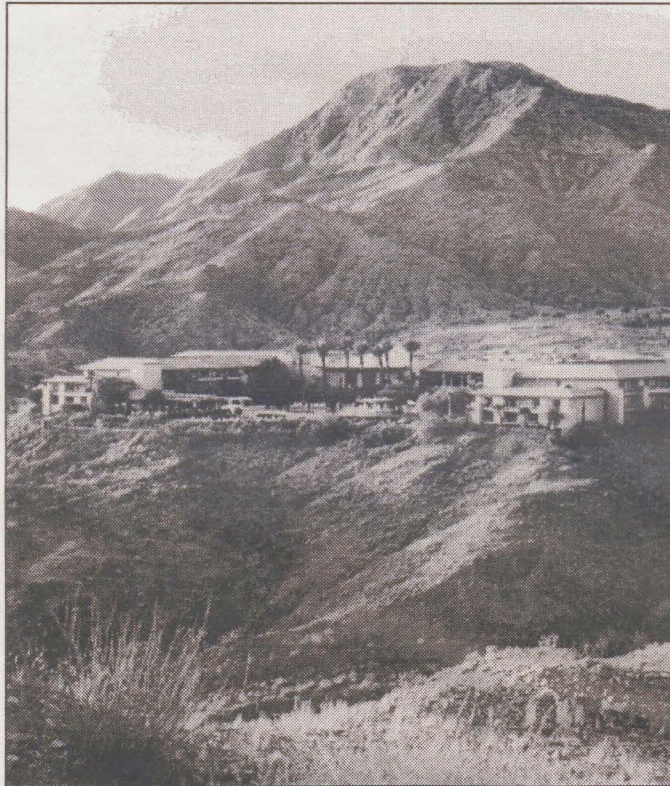
chilled bottle of chardonnay. There's a long palm-shaded pool, and you can take your breakfast or lunch in fragrant gardens of gardenias and jasmine.

There are a few larger resorts in Cathedral City, close to the big discos. These spots are invariably less posh than those in Palm Springs proper, but are also relatively affordable and tend to draw a young social bunch.

Here, the Desert Palms Inn has long had a rambunctious following, among both gay men and lesbians. It had become a bit of a dump until new owners spruced up the still ordinary but now at least clean rooms and added a full-service restaurant and bar. Both guests and nonguests like to spend their afternoons lounging around the huge pool.

As for visitors seeking a steamy atmosphere, the Cathedral City Boy's Club is a virtual shrine to the male libido. The 2-acre grounds are landscaped, and the pool is one of the largest around. Rooms are spacious but unspectacular. The steam room, gym, and bunkhouse, however, are wonderful places to become closely "acquainted" with other guests.

Andrew Collins is the author of *Fodor's Gay Guide to the USA*, as well as six gay guides covering the West Coast, New York City, South Florida, and Amsterdam. He can be reached care of HeatStroke or at OutofTown9@aol.com.



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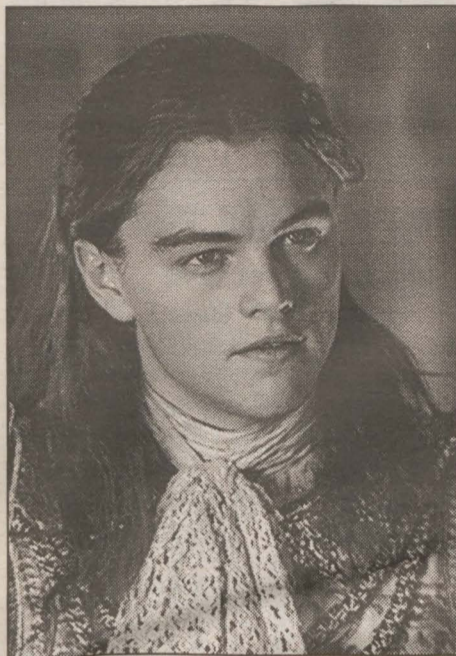
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Hollywood Deep Inside

By Romeo San Vicente, HeatStroke Contributor

Is Playgirl Just a Tease?

If you're among those waiting breathlessly for the July issue of *Playgirl*, which is set to feature nude pictures of Hollywood's god of the moment, Leonardo DiCaprio, you



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And Truman Capote Was Going to Play the Football Coach

With the 20th anniversary re-release of *Grease* now hitting theaters, co-producer Allen Carr recently reflected on a missed opportunity when casting the musical megahit.

Carr says he wanted Andy Warhol to play an art teacher, but studio executives nixed the idea, saying they were in no way interested in adding to the pop icon's 15 minutes



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Their privates are public: *Playgirl* plans to run nude photos of Leonardo DiCaprio; Brad Pitt is suing the magazine for pics published last year

might be able to satisfy your desire sooner than you think.

Speculation has it that the pics are actually stills taken from *Total Eclipse*, which featured DiCaprio as gay poet Arthur Rimbaud.

Will *Playgirl* show more than the rear view seen in the film? They aren't saying, but their editor resigned over the matter, saying she felt publication of the photos were an invasion of Leo's privacy.

For its part, the magazine says former editor-in-chief Ceslie Armstrong was fired over a matter unrelated to the DiCaprio pics.

Romeo's attorneys are sure to be heard from soon, especially with *Playgirl* facing a lawsuit from Brad Pitt over its publication of his famous nude pics taken with then-galpal Gwyneth Paltrow.

Meanwhile, *Playgirl* has settled the lawsuit filed by the butcher-than-butch Colt Studios over its publication—without permission—of a nude Colt model it claimed was Antonio Banderas. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed, but Colt was reportedly happy with the deal.

OUT-er Space

Is the Starship Enterprise due for some redecoration? *Star Trek: Starfleet Academy*, a monthly comic book serializing the Trekkie universe, recently introduced a gay cadet, Yoshi Mishima, who is in something called the Nebula Squadron.

The characterization is a first in the 30-year-plus run of the franchise's comic, TV, book and film life. Yoshi is the roommate of leading man Matthew Decker, who are both in training to fill the captain's shoes.

However, now is your last chance to check out Yoshi's adventures. The comic book has been canceled, though it's possible the gay character may surface in one of the many *Star Trek* spin-offs on TV.

(and counting) of fame.

Behind the Scenes

- Kevin Spacey has been cast as the villain in the *Superman* screen revival that Tim Burton will direct. Nicolas Cage is set to play the Man of Steel.

- Melissa Ethridge is completing the soundtrack for the upcoming Janis Joplin biopic, *Piece of my Heart*, which stars Ethridge and is directed by her partner, Julie Cypher. The film has wrapped and is scheduled for release later this year.

- A feature about the Beat Generation has attracted some big names. The Source has commitments from Brad Pitt, who will play Jack Kerouac, along with Dennis Hopper and John Turturro, who will portray gay writers William S. Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg, respectively.

- Openly gay *Good Will Hunting* director Gus Van Sant is exec-producing hot young writer Nicholas Perry's feature directorial debut, *Speedway Junky*, about a teenage runaway's dreams of becoming a race car driver.

- Gay authors Bret Easton Ellis (*American Psycho*) and Brad Gooch (*City Poet*) are working on a screenplay for Modern Classics about the dark side of Wall Street called *Stockarazzi*.

- And gay director Tommy O'Haver, fresh off his Sundance success *Billy Hollywood's Screen Kiss*, will be telling quite a different story of young love as director of *Archie*, a studio version of the 50s comic strip chronicling Riverdale's rockiest redhead.

Advantage: Ellen

With ratings for *Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place* dropping steadily after a big first week, prospects for a return for *Ellen* are looking up.

Her show's producers are quietly encouraging her to stop the ABC-bashing because they feel there's actually still a decent chance for renewal.

The reason may be more political than anything else, as ABC fears a big fallout from canceling TV's first gay-themed program.

This despite GLAAD Spokeswoman Chastity Bono's recent "disputed" assertion that *Ellen* has become too "gay-specific." Still, ABC doesn't want to incur the wrath of more unyielding queer activists.

Whether or not she returns, *Ellen* goes out with bang this year in an hour-long show timed for the May sweeps. The episode will be a spoof of *Ellen*'s own career, with Ted Danson, Woody Harrelson, Jennifer Aniston and Bea Arthur reminiscing about DeGeneres's fictional vaudeville days. Cindy Crawford, Helen Hunt, Julianna Magulies, Jada Pinkett Smith and Christine Lahti will also appear as themselves auditioning for the role of *Ellen* Morgan.

Another episode timed for sweeps has *Ellen* and her lover pondering a commitment ceremony.

Remember Me?

Although we really haven't missed him much, Michael Jackson is threatening to re-emerge on Broadway, as *Prince Charming* no less.

Jacko, who was spotted shopping in Munich recently in disguise as an Arab woman, is co-producer of *Sisterella*, a pop-rock update of the Cinderella fable featuring an all-black cast. The \$6.5 million production is currently playing to capacity crowds in Australia.

This won't be Jackson's first turn in an African-American update of a

classic musical; he played the scarecrow in the 1979 movie version of *The Wiz*.

Plans are in the works to open *Sisterella* in Los Angeles this fall and then bring it to Broadway next spring, where Jackson would join the cast for a reported two-week stint as the man in search of the glass slipper.

Prodigy in Utero

There's one guarantee about Jodie Foster's baby: he/she will be a smart one. After months of background checks on potential sperm donors, Jodie reportedly settled on a tall, dark and handsome scientist with an IQ of 160.

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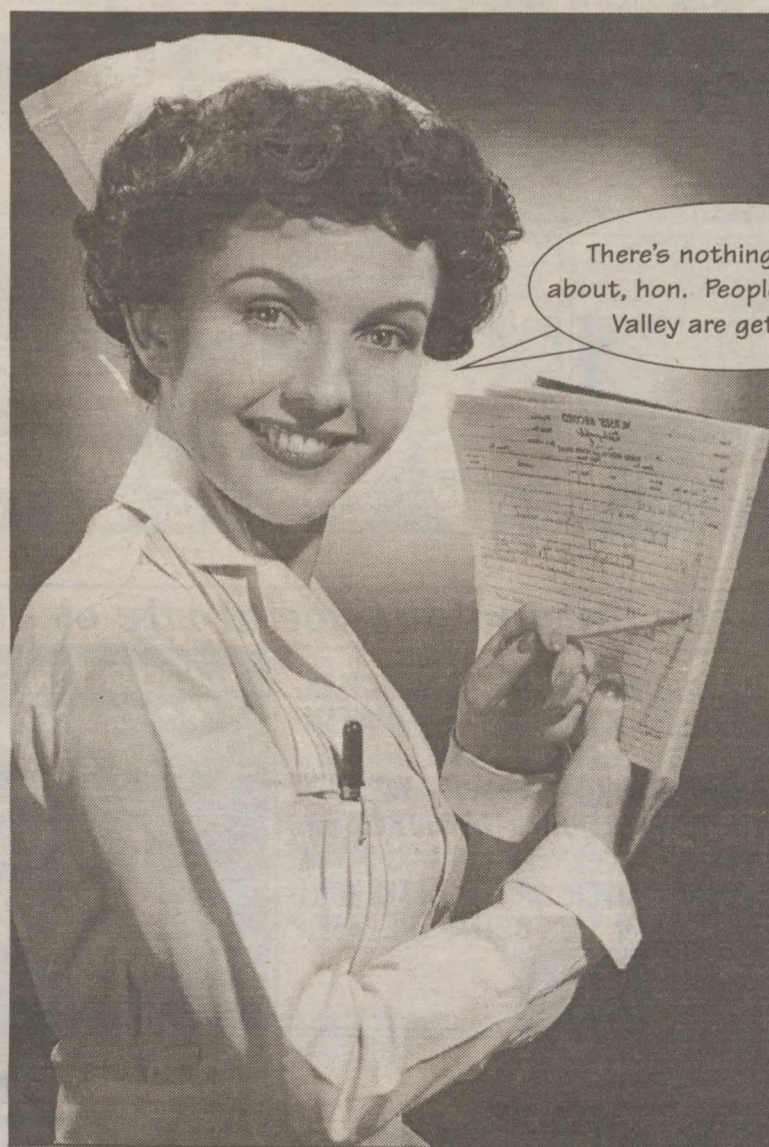
Opening in limited release April 10th is Brian Sloan's (*Boys Life*) feature debut, *I Think I Do*. The film follows a group of old college buddies who reunite in Washington, D.C. for a friend's wedding. Gay actor Alexis Arquette stars.

Rumor Has It...

One overhyped megastar has become a bit more careful about his nocturnal activities now that the tabloids stalk his every move.

His taste for models has been well-chronicled, but in the days before superstardom our poster boy didn't restrict himself to just girls. It seems his taste in men and women is similar: he likes them young and blond, much like himself. And Swedes are a plus.

Romeo San Vicente, whose Oscar-nominated ex-boyfriend had only his mother's shoulders to cry on when he went home empty-handed, can be reached care of HeatStroke or at RSVicente@aol.com.



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I'm a very responsible, good-looking, thirty-plus man with plenty to offer—and yet no one seems willing to take the time to get to know me. What's the secret to finding someone in this stupid city?
Signed, A Quality Person

Dear Person,
There's no secret and there is no gay scene. There's only your choice about where you want to socialize, and how. Stop searching, be yourself, have fun and be willing to kiss a lot of hogs. Get rid of your attitude and your expectations.
Dear Cowboy,
I am very frustrated with a friend of mine who seems to have less and less time for me now that he is in a relationship. It was bad enough when they were just dating, but since he moved in with his boyfriend I never see him at all.
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boyfriend doesn't like me or is somehow jealous. I don't know whether to say anything or not because I don't want to sound jealous myself, but I would like to see them more often. Should I just let it go or should I tell my old friend how I feel?
Signed, Feeling Ignored

How can gay people be expected to find relationships in this town, when every man you meet is just out for a quick fling or to get his ego stroked?

Dear Ignored,
Seems like you're jumping to conclusions about your buddy's new riding partner. There's no reason to think he doesn't like you—folks are very busy these days and when two people are in a committed relationship, their first priority is to match their schedules up with each other. That's just a fact.
Talk to your friend. The last thing he needs is to feel like you are taking this personally. Invite the two of them to a trail ride or barbecue with you.
If your schedules don't match, don't get upset and wait for the phone to ring. Call them back up and invite 'em again. And if it doesn't work out again, think of something else and invite 'em to that.
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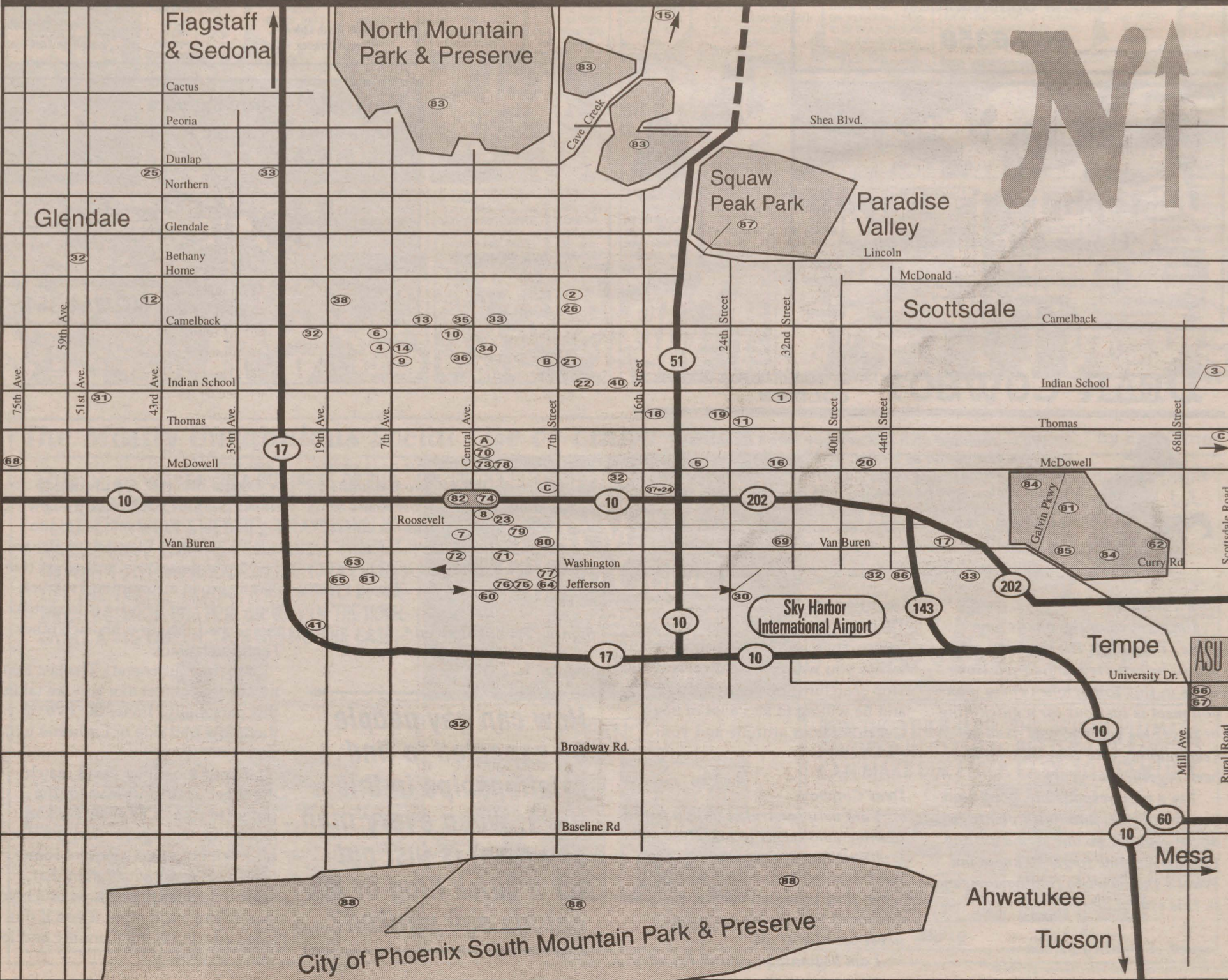
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- 75. Phoenix Civic Plaza
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- 76. Phoenix Symphony Hall
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- 77. Phoenix Museum of History
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- 78. Phoenix Theatre
100 E. McDowell
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- 79. Planet Earth Multi-Cultural
Theatre
909 N. 3rd Street
Phoenix 241-1821
- 80. Union Hall
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- 81. Desert Botanical Garden
1201 N. Galvin Pkwy
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Phoenix 262-6696
- 84. Papago Park
Van Buren & Galvin Pkwy
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- 85. Phoenix Zoo
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- 86. Pueblo Grande Museum
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- 87. Squaw Peak Park
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- 88. South Mountain Park
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Q Puzzle

God Save the Queens

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ACROSS

- 1 Create a cartoon
- 5 Politically-incorrect suffix
- 8 Not quite right
- 13 Territory capital in 14-Down
- 15 "I've ___ You Under My Skin"
- 16 December visitor
- 17 "Candle in the Wind" singer
- 19 Icy downpour
- 20 Suffix for lemon or lime
- 21 Lubricant base
- 23 Questionable
- 24 Staying power
- 28 Espionage org.
- 30 Distant
- 31 Richard III star
- 34 One HIV status
- 35 Pencil holder, perhaps

- 36 Nuclear power agcy.
- 37 Recent Julia Roberts co-star
- 43 Debtor's letters
- 44 Misery
- 45 Sands of ___ Jima
- 47 Former editor of *The New Republic*
- 52 Chang's conjoined brother
- 53 It's of miner concern
- 54 Like 52-Across
- 55 Commitment ceremony exchanges
- 57 *Ellen* network
- 59 *Seinfeld* network
- 60 "Get your rocks off," for one
- 62 Culture Club's front "man"
- 67 Colorful aquarium fish
- 68 World's second-largest bird
- 69 With 49-Down, 52-Down composer
- 70 Pale
- 71 Michael Stipe band
- 72 FDR and JFK, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Ike's monogram
- 2 Family mem.
- 3 Supermodel Carol
- 4 Basic existential question
- 5 A drag queen may have a big one
- 6 Where to lunch in London
- 7 Another name for 16-Across
- 8 Word with hard or lard
- 9 West African country
- 10 Like a condom smeared with 21-Across
- 11 Edberg of tennis
- 12 Male nymph
- 14 Urvashi Vaid's birthplace
- 18 Decathlon gold-medalist Bruce
- 22 "I don't masturbate," probably
- 24 Taxpayer's ID
- 25 Opera house feature
- 26 Being contentious toward
- 27 Word learned in Latin I

- 29 Banned apple spray
- 32 Homophone for "cruise"
- 33 *Malcolm X* director Spike
- 38 Group of whales
- 39 Prefix with Disney or dollars
- 40 The "V" of RSVP
- 41 Trapping morays
- 42 First word in a Christmas poem
- 46 A Chorus Line finale
- 47 Battery terminals
- 48 Cenozoic or Mesozoic
- 49 See 69-Across
- 50 Stereotype
- 51 "Brrr!"
- 52 Madonna's Golden Globe role
- 56 Feeling the effects of an extended sex session
- 58 Climax
- 61 Lesbian-bar absentee
- 63 "He looks good enough to eat!"
- 64 Norma McCorvey's 1973 court name
- 65 Iron-pumping place
- 66 Koch and Asner

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H O R O S C O P E S

By Deane Jaye, *HeatStroke* contributor

Aries (March 21-April 20)

Zippity Doo-dah! It's your favorite time of year, Aries, so happy birthday and the best of luck in your springtime athletic endeavors. Whether playing baseball, volleyball, water polo or the game of love, you chirpy Arians enjoy the spirit of competition and impress others with your ability to take both wins and losses gracefully. The week of the 12th looks good for pursuing new ideas and new sexual concepts—but do be careful about ignoring things inside the home when the great outdoors commands so much of your attention.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Overindulgence seems to be all around you this season and that makes you... nervous. Again, it's an issue of control, and when it comes to "putting up with" other people's ideas of fun, control is something you'll never achieve. So try giving up and joining in. Have another helping, stay a minute longer, alter your schedule a little and see where life leads you. New parties with old friends around the 18th could prove very relaxing. Travel is on the horizon and a visit to an exotic locale could lead to an erotic adventure.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Whew. You are operating on so many levels this month that you're starting to feel like an elevator at Neiman Marcus. "Third floor, designer dresses and ladies' lingerie..." Oops. It's probably not a great idea to drop a department store analogy on you Geminis, given your potential for shopaholism. Forget I said anything and slide that Visa card back into its holder. A Leo pal could play a role in big events later this month, and what looks like a simple and familiar gathering around the 17th could turn into much more before it's all over.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your wild imagination and your commitment to deeply-held principals could swing into overdrive this month. You'll want things done and you'll want them done right, and you won't care whose toes you might step on in the process. You know the difference between assertiveness and aggressiveness, so take charge, make your apologies when necessary and go forward. A change in your diet or exercise routine could prove just the thing the week of the 20th, and workplace relationships may improve as a result.

Leo (July 21-August 20)

Do you think you could keep from peeking into other people's medicine cabinets for a couple of weeks? Remember Leo, curiosity is what killed the kitty. Your nosing around may uncover something you'll wish you hadn't seen at a festive occasion over the weekend of the 10th. So check the hair, rinse, spit & then get back to the party. Travel and romance are headed your way and a sexy Aries may be the one who'll point you toward the fun over the weekend of the 17th. A change in attire or hairstyle could lead you to a surprise encounter.

Virgo (August 21-September 20)

Put down your knitting, your book and your broom. Life may not exactly be a cabaret, but it can be a buncha fun if you're willing to loosen your grip on the cleaning and organizing a little bit over these next two weekends, and get out into the mix and have a good time. The household and everything in it are not going to fall apart just because you take a couple days for yourself. There may be unexpected and welcome changes within the family around the 22nd. A short trip should help you unwind—a journey by car to a higher elevation is a grand idea.

Libra (September 21-October 20)

"Make 'em laugh," sang clownish Donald O'Connor in that old musical war-horse, *Singin' in the Rain*, and you can certainly relate. A sense of humor is more than just an ice-breaker for you Librans—it's a turn on as well, and the lover who knows how to make you laugh is the lover you plan to keep around. Don't try to explain it, just turn down the sheets and giggle your way to satisfaction. You do love your busy social life but it may be wise to stay home a night or two with a good book and a pizza, especially on or around the 15th.

Scorpio (October 21-November 20)

"Ooohh... don't get me started 'cause you don't even want to see me go off." Sound familiar? It's just like you Scorpions to continually threaten anger in order to get your way, but like the fierce-looking critter that symbolizes you, you're more likely to give in and retreat than to actually deliver that painful sting. You could be in for a shake-up when someone special catches on to your trick and tests your threats later this month. A wily Cancer friend or relative may enter the picture after the 12th... listen to what he/she has to say.

Sagittarius (November 21-December 20)

It never fails. You think you've finally found someone who understands your freewheeling, Jupiter-ruled nature, and then he or she turns out to be just as needy as the last one. Okay, the last two. Okay, the last ten. But wait a sec—maybe it's your definition of "needy" that needs revamping, not your choice of partners. A big event on or around the 19th could put some oomph back into the ho-hum nightlife situation that's causing you grief and worry. A new venue might help—try wearing something that emphasizes your best features, even if it does feel tight.

Capricorn (December 21-January 20)

Ka-ching! You Saturn-ruled Capricorns tend to rely on a system of checks and balances, and it looks like the checks could all be made out to you very soon. Things are really in your favor these next few weeks, so take advantage of the good times and enjoy yourself. Treat your friends to a share in the good times, and your generosity will take you far. There are surprises in store on or around the 22nd, and family members could try butting in where they aren't wanted as the month progresses.

Aquarius (January 21-February 20)

You Aquarians tend to be pretty pragmatic when it comes to realizing that you can't have everything. If you've gotten bogged down in too many projects lately, you should stop beating yourself up. Take pride instead in the many things you can do well and recognize that the rest will just have to fall into place somehow. Love could be heading your way later in the month, but it isn't likely to be an instant attraction so be prepared to look beneath the surface and give it time to develop. A Scorpio native may hold the clue.

Pisces (February 21-March 20)

Your maternal instincts will be stretched in all directions as the month progresses and everyone around you seems to need your nursing. You love the role and will rise to the occasion, no matter what. There will be time toward the end of the month to bounce back into shape if exercise and diet routines are thrown off. A visitor who knows you well should be welcomed, despite the craziness of present situations. A Virgo native may help with something that requires careful planning and seems to be too much for you around the 15th.

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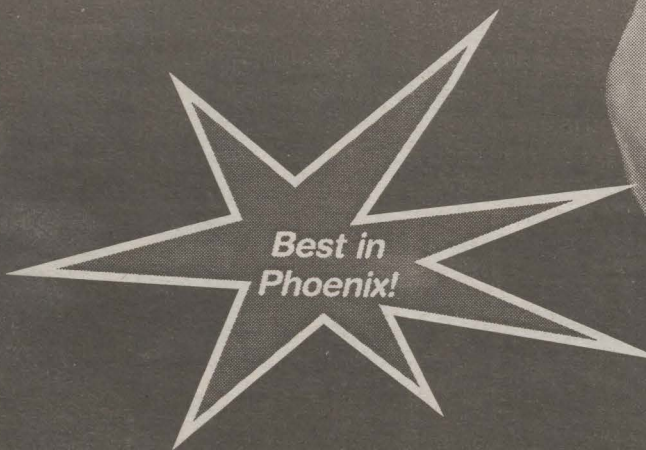
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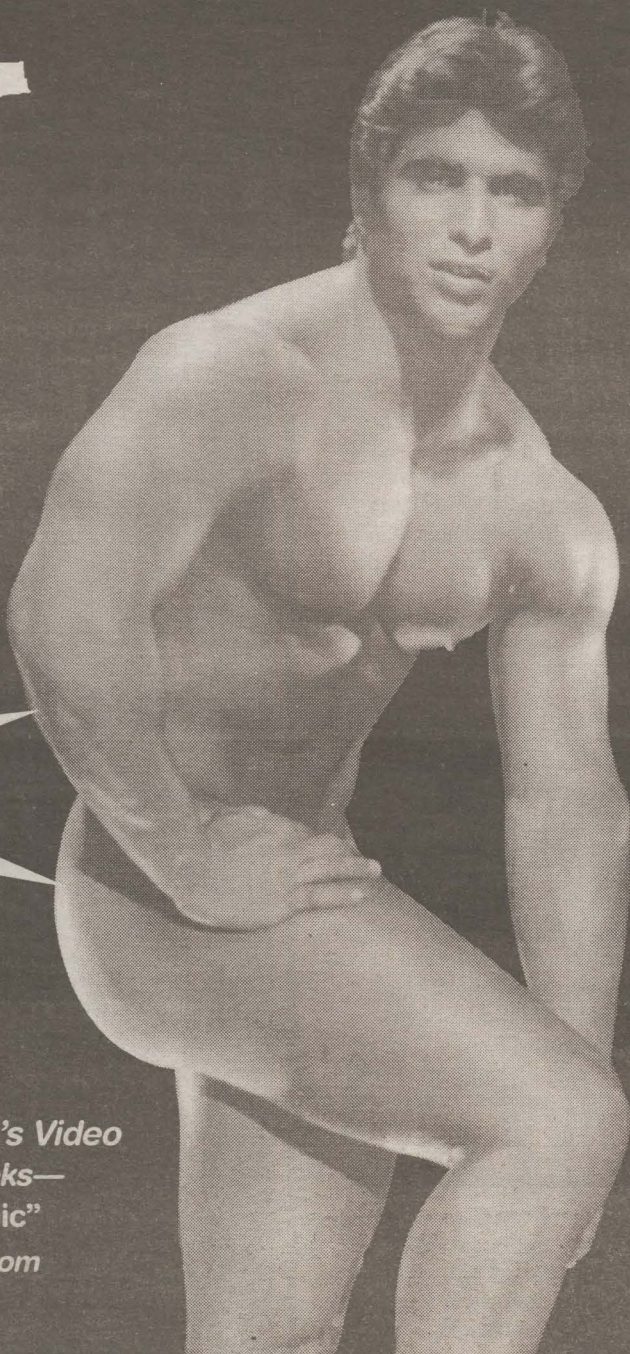
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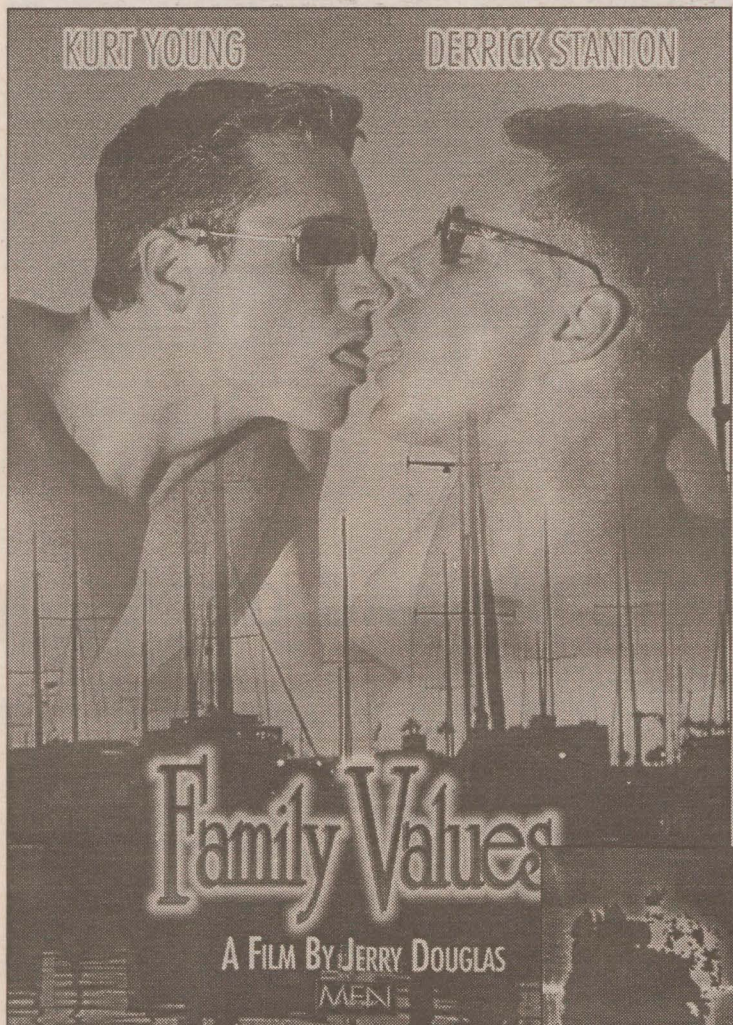
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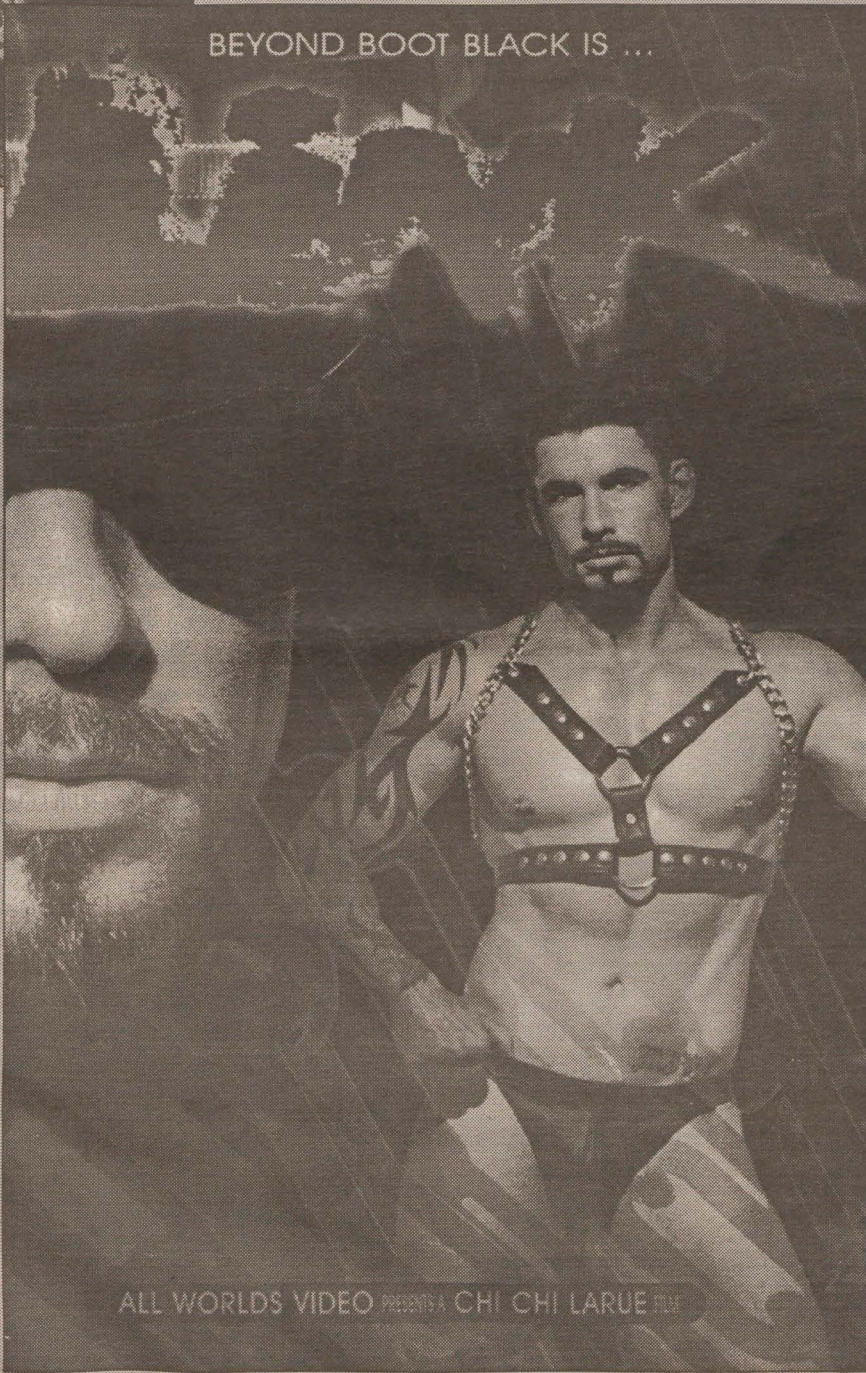
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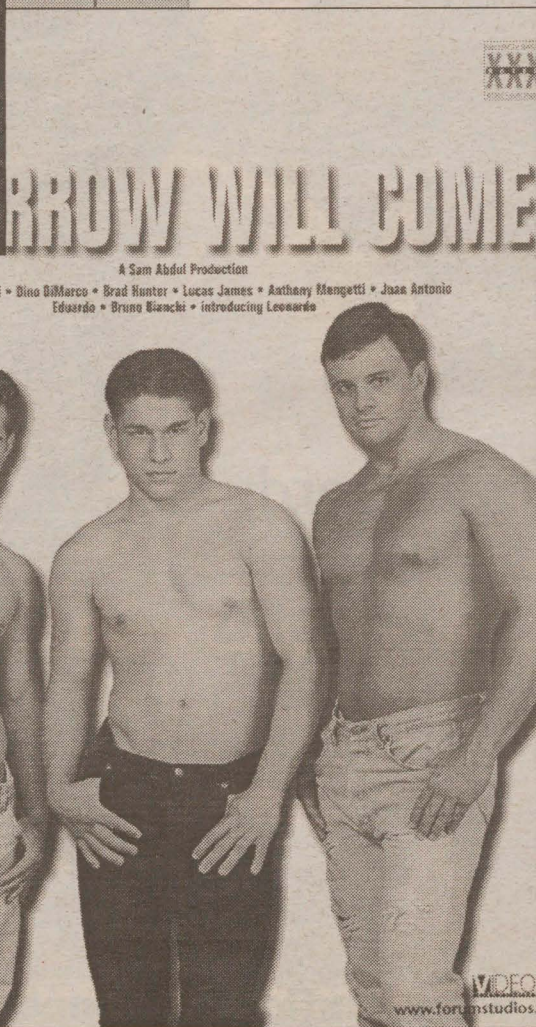


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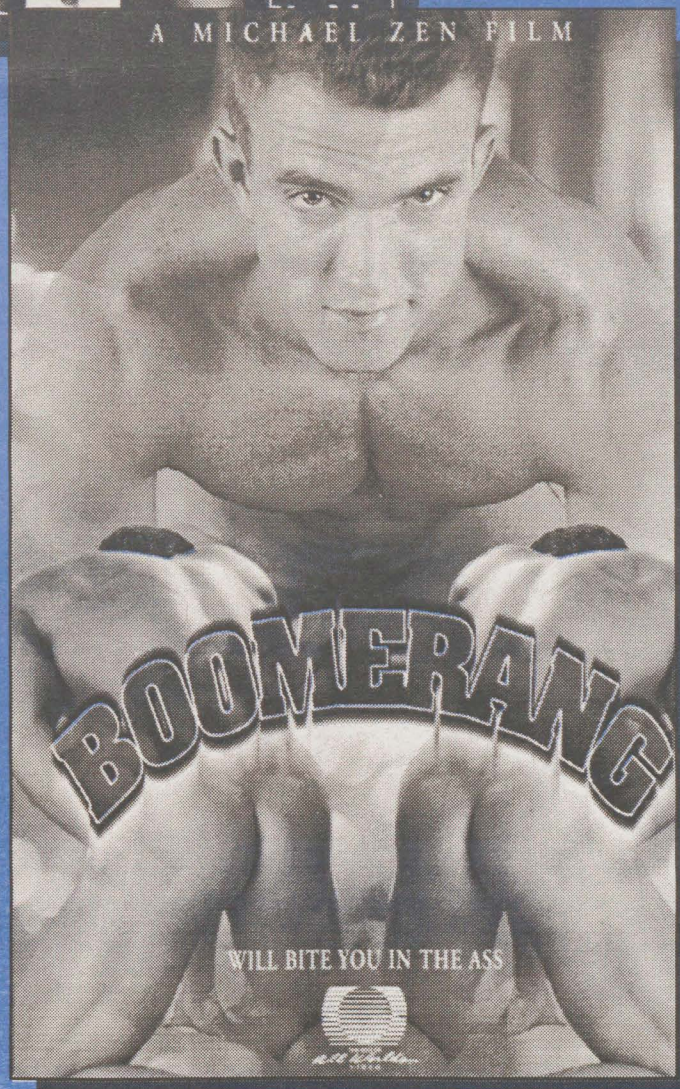
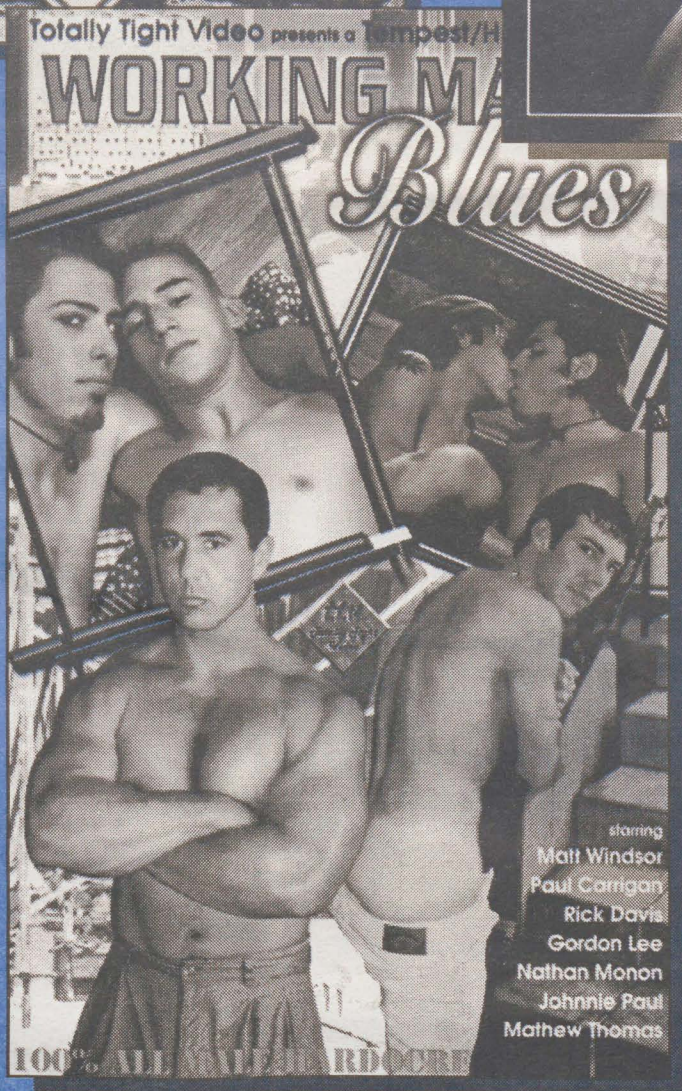
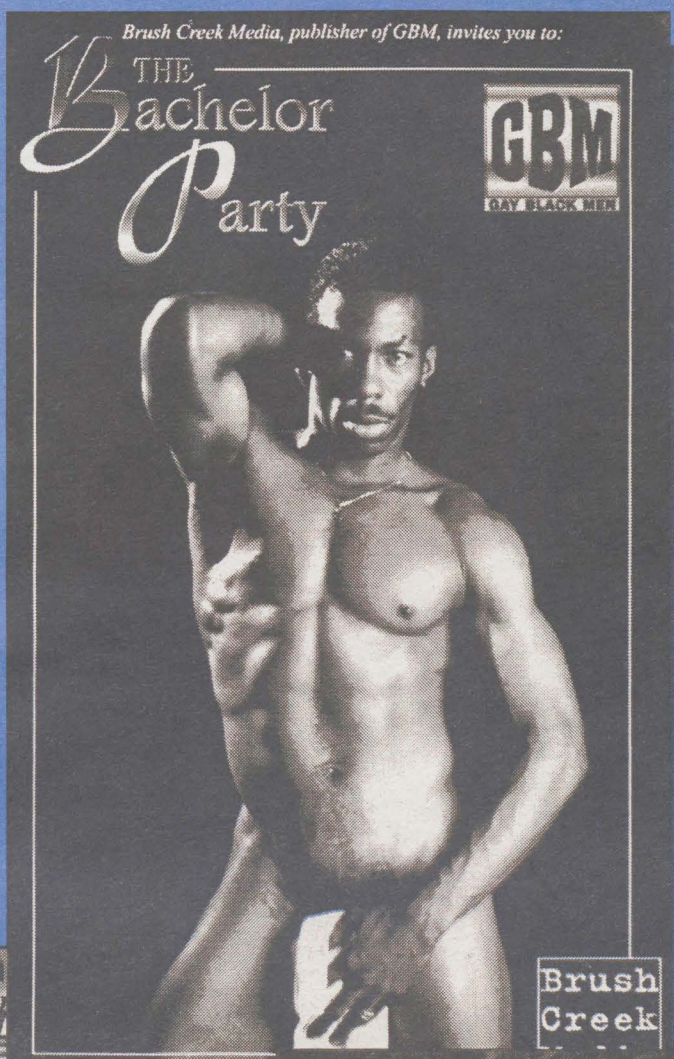
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