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Out and Running

Arizona's GOP: is the tent big enough to include a gay candidate?

This man thinks it is.

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Steve May is a Republican. He's proud of it and he doesn't care who knows it.

The legislative candidate is also in a committed relationship with another man, a relationship that has been accepted by his traditional and loving Mormon family.

Yep, Steve May is openly gay—and he doesn't care who knows that, either. Not anymore.

He is seeking one of the two open house seats in Arizona's District 26 in the fall election, and he's pretty sure he can win. If he loses, he believes it will be because of his stand on the issues and not because there are two pairs of men's shoes under his bed.

No stranger to Arizona politics, May, a native Phoenician, ran for state senate in District 25 two years ago against Democratic incumbent Chris Cummiskey.

May's sexuality became a negative issue for some Republicans when he came out in the midst of his 1996 campaign. Then-county GOP chairwoman Bernice Roberts was among those who spoke out publicly against what she called his "homosexual agenda". Roberts even blocked \$1,300 in contributions from reaching the young hopeful's coffers.

At the same time, May's lifelong Republicanism became a scratchy issue for liberal voters in 25. Many in the heavily gay central Phoenix district asked themselves why they should vote for someone belonging to what has long been considered "the enemy party" just because he's gay.

With members of his own party working against him and many gay voters feeling subverted, May—then just 24—lost his race to Cummiskey, a straight man whose favorable record on gay issues was already well established.

After that rejection, May quickly moved back to the east Phoenix district in which he was

raised, the same district where he first became active in the Republican party as a teenager. He's still a card-carrying member of the GOP and still has a relatively conservative political ideology.

He's still openly gay, and ready once again to make a bid for public office. If anything has changed, it's that May is more sure of himself today and more resilient to the ongoing criticism he gets from both left-leaning gays and right-swinging conservatives.

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"I'm a Republican. I don't think that when I come out as a gay man, I have to change my political registration or philosophy," May said in a recent, hour-long interview with *HeatStroke*.

May exudes preppie polish and a kind of toothy, wholesome professionalism. He seems older than his 26 years. He listens carefully, speaks calmly and laughs easily. He should be in politics, and he knows it.

"In my last campaign I faced considerable opposition from the social, conservative wing of the party—the far-right wing at the local and county levels," he said. "But at the state level, the Republican party supported me financially more than any other legislative candidate in the state."

He said the problem is not with the fact that he's gay and Republican. Rather, that there are

people in the Republican party who have corrupted its basic ideology and that the Republican vs. Democratic dispute has turned into a social/cultural war that never should have been.

He believes that the support his campaign was shown at the state level—much of which came after his sexual orientation was made public—helps illustrate that the Republican party is not an antigay party.

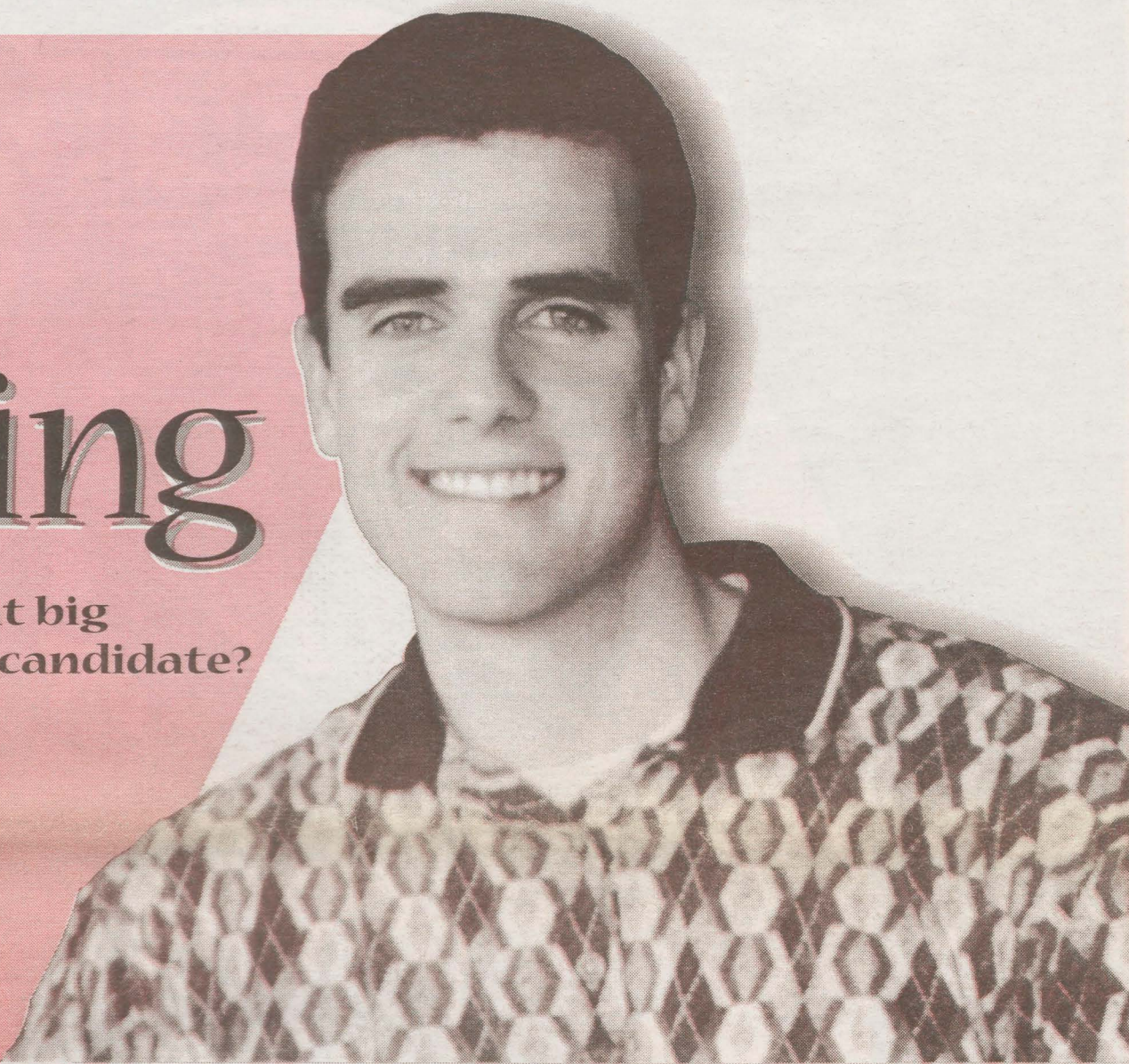
"It's unfair to make the allegation that Republicans aren't supportive of all citizens. I think they are. That's part of the battle that I'm in and I think I'm on the right side of the battle." May is a board member of Log Cabin Republicans, a national gay political organization with an active chapter in the Valley. "I'm the regional director for several states here in the West and this is a battle that we're winning," he said.

"While most Americans have difficulties understanding homosexuality, they believe that homosexuals should be treated fairly under the law. And most Republicans believe they should be treated fairly under the law, too."

May said he is not going to be a banner-carrier for the gay community and that no one should expect him to be if he's elected.

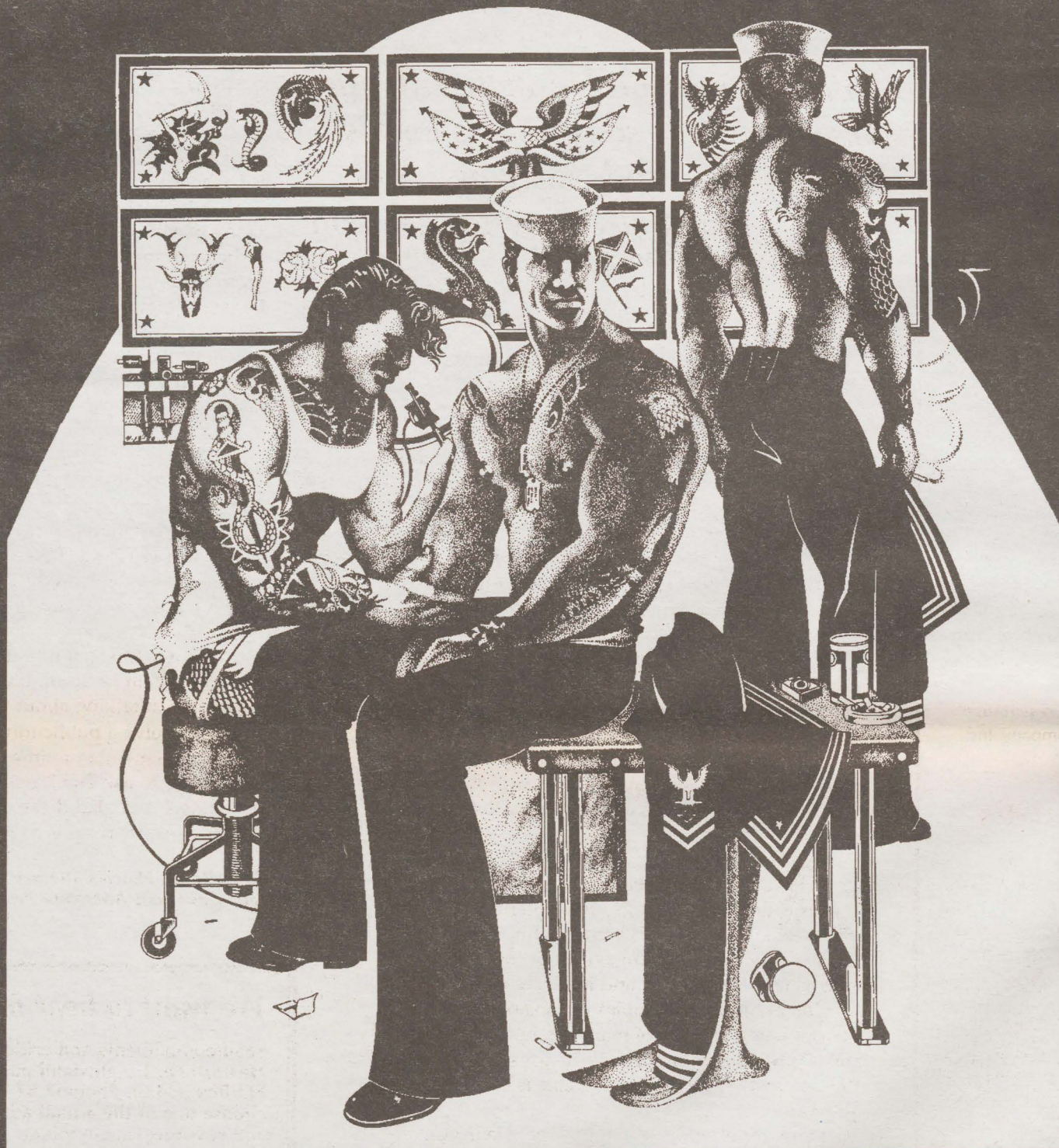
His just-printed campaign literature expresses concern for Arizona schools, for the state's economic environment in a period of amazing growth, taxes and public safety. He outlines a platform that appears safe enough—by any stan-

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Horowitz: Private parts & guilty pleasures

I heard some wonderful news last week: radio host Howard Stern overtook Rush Limbaugh in the radio ratings race. I will finally admit in print that I am a big Howard Stern fan. I have been in the closet for a couple of years over this issue.

For years I avoided listening to Howard Stern because I heard that he was racist, sexist and homophobic. I heard that his humor was childish and toxic.

I heard that his on-air antics had him in constant trouble with the Federal Communications

Stern is incredibly intelligent. His banter, while shocking, is consistently witty and engaging. And he's a strong advocate for gay and lesbian civil liberties.

Commission for shocking language and inappropriate content. Feminist groups vilify Stern for his objectification of women.

In other words, I had every reason to believe that Stern was nothing more than a male chauvinist pig with a successful radio show.

While riding to work one day with my ex-lover (yes, dear readers—I am single again) I got to listen to part of Howard's show. Everything that I heard about Stern seemed true. At best, his comments were irreverent, at worst, childish and demeaning to women.

The topic of the moment involved women who could make audible noises with their genitalia. My standard reaction was "I can't believe people listen to this crap." I would have been quite content to turn off the shock jock and listen to my country/western morning drive show.

But it wasn't my car, and I wasn't driving.

As I listened over time, however, I discovered a few things. First, Stern is incredibly intelligent. His banter, while shocking, is consistently witty and engaging. Second, he is a strong advocate for gay and lesbian civil liberties.

One of his favorite topics is lesbianism—a not-so-surprising favorite of many straight men. While his language is not my style—he uses terms like "lesbo" and "homo"—his message is consistently pro-gay.

More importantly, he engages people in conversations ruled taboo by our society. These are the same societal taboos that attempt to relegate the gay community to lower-class status. Howard gives people permission to talk about sex and sexuality.

While Stern often engages in antics that objectify women, the way he leads his personal and on-air

life shows a profound respect and admiration for women. His right-hand player is Robin Quivers, an African-American woman who goes toe-to-toe with Stern daily. He has been faithfully and lovingly married to Allison since before he even got into radio.

Stern uses satire and outrageousness to titillate and educate his listeners. Last week, Howard ran a segment publicizing Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Week. He had on a guest physician who answered questions that might have been off-putting to many people. Yet the questions and answers were important. While I don't want them in every conversation, I am pleased that discussions including the words "penis" and "vagina" can be spoken in a public forum.

I am delighted that Stern is more popular than Rush. Furthermore, Stern's popularity is in the more profitable young people's markets. Stern's show has also been banned in many markets, making his rise to the top of radio even more extraordinary. I believe that Stern's humor is mostly harmless, and I believe that his education efforts are invaluable.

I also believe that Rush Limbaugh is evil. If I listen to Limbaugh for a few minutes, I feel like I need to go wash.

If you listen to Howard Stern for a short time, I promise that he, or someone on his staff or in his audience, will say something to offend you. If you listen to Howard Stern for a longer period of time, you might still be offended, but you'll have a deeper understanding of his motivation.

Howard is on a personal mission to be as shocking as possible. What he accomplishes, however, is to engage people in talking about things that otherwise wouldn't receive a public forum.

Many people remember a time when homosexuality was referred to as "The Love that Dared Not Speak Its Name." I'm glad those days are over, and I'm glad that Howard Stern is as popular as he is.

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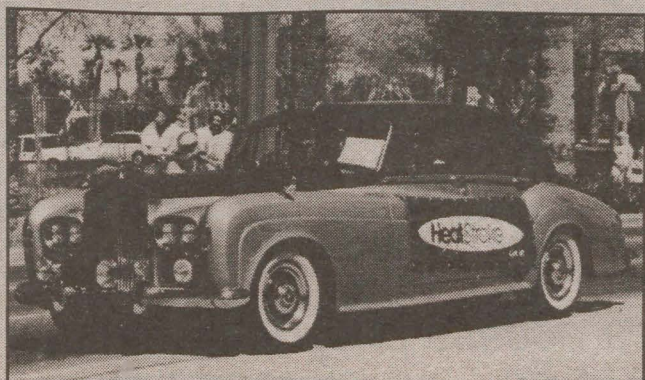
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Search ends for new Phoenix Police Chief

Gay leaders offer approval of city's decision

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Phoenix City Manager Frank Fairbanks announced on April 14 that he has hired Harold Hurtt as the next police chief of the City of Phoenix.

Hurtt, 51, spent the last six years as police chief of Oxnard, California. He will succeed Dennis Garrett, who retires May 1 after a 34-year career



Phoenix's new top cop: Chief Harold Hurtt

with the Phoenix police department.

Most of Hurtt's law enforcement career was spent in Phoenix, where he devoted 24 years working his way

through the ranks from beat patrol officer to executive assistant police chief, the second highest position on the force.

"Phoenix deserves the finest police chief in the country," Fairbanks said. "We have found that person, I believe, in Harold Hurtt, who has compiled an exemplary record in police administration."

"I have a very good feeling about him," said Phoenix activist Mark Colledge. Colledge served as an openly gay voice on a broad-based Civilian Selection Committee that met to offer the city its input during the search to replace Garrett.

"Harold Hurtt seems pretty cutting edge and I think he might go a few places that Garrett didn't as far as expanding community-based policing." Colledge said he was unsure why he thought that but added, "I have this intuition about him and I hope I'm right."

Colledge did say that no issues specifically related to the police department and the gay community came up during the committee's discussion of Hurtt's application for the post.

Following Fairbanks' announcement, Phoenix Mayor Skip Rimza bristled when reporters suggested that Hurtt, who is African American, may have been hired due, in part, to his ethnicity. Rimza insisted that race was definitely not a factor in the selection process.

Colledge, however, expressed his hope that Hurtt's personal experiences as an African-American will favorably impact the chief's work in his new position. "Maybe if he

"Chief Garret opted to have a very open relationship with the gay community and I think we have every reason to believe that Chief Hurtt will do the same."

knows first-hand how horrible people can be to each other based upon their race or skin color, he'll also understand how people can be discriminated against for their sexuality," Colledge said.

Colledge said he liked the outgoing police chief "a lot" and that, although there were times when Garrett was not perfect on gay issues, he did do many things to improve community/police relations. "He implemented things that would not have happened ten years before. Things that were definitely for the better."

"Chief Garrett opted to have a very open relationship with the gay community and I think we have every reason to believe that Chief

Hurtt will do the same," said Detective Pat Boyd of the department's Community Relations Office. Boyd has worked as the department's liaison to the gay and lesbian community throughout Garrett's tenure.

Boyd said it is imperative for people within the gay community not to become complacent and assume that the relationship between gays and the police will continue to improve simply because Hurtt has been hired.

"For me, I think that it's still as important to remain active and involved. We know he's open to a dialogue but that doesn't mean we should just accept that and think it's covered. We need to remain involved and very active in order to make sure that our relationship does continue to improve."

The public information office for the City of Phoenix reported that while chief in Oxnard, Hurtt forged a partnership with the police department and residents, businesses, schools and community-based organizations to produce a 25 percent reduction in crime in the past five years.

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LifeGuard takes stand for visibility

Some Valley drivers may never have imagined it: a billboard campaign along Phoenix city streets that empowers gay and bisexual men to be happy and healthy.

The theme of the campaign is "Imagine" and it is the new billboard and print promotion for Project LifeGuard in Phoenix, an HIV prevention and education program for gay and bisexual men.

"Our vision at Project LifeGuard is to help gay and bisexual men feel good about themselves, so that they will be more likely to take care of themselves and remain HIV negative," said Sam Van Leeuwen, coordinator of Project LifeGuard. "A major component of HIV prevention is to create a sense of community and to help gay men live full, meaningful lives. We think this campaign will help do that."

After focus-group testing of differ-

ent messages, LifeGuard picked four that will be interchanged on billboards and in print ads throughout the course of the year. The first message is, "Imagine... a world where we are raised to love ourselves."

Subsequent messages will be, "Imagine... not being afraid to hold hands in public" and, "Imagine... counting gray hairs, not T-cells." The final message will be, "Imagine... no more new HIV infections."

Van Leeuwen said another purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness and interest in LifeGuard programs. The agency currently offers workshops on such topics as dating, eroticizing safer sex and male intimacy. LifeGuard also offers one-on-one



support and referral, HIV counseling and testing programs, and programs targeting younger gay men and African Americans.

For information about LifeGuard, which is a program of AIDS Project Arizona, call (602) 266-SAFE/7233.

Miss America: sex ed programs "grossly inadequate"

WASHINGTON (AP)

Miss America says she finds many sexual education programs "grossly inadequate" in teaching students about AIDS and how to protect themselves from the HIV virus.

Kate Shindle said restrictions set by local and state school boards sometimes prevent her from speaking freely about the topic. During a recent visit to South Carolina, she said she was given a list of words she was forbidden to say. Among the taboo words: condoms, needles, alternative

lifestyle, heterosexual, homosexual, gay, straight.

"Other than that, I could say anything I wanted about HIV prevention—it's laughable but it's also very scary," Shindle said during a speech Wednesday night at American University.

"There are still many, many communities taking what they affectionately refer to as baby steps toward HIV prevention when they desperately need to be taking giant leaps," she said.

Shindle said she wasn't even allowed to visit schools in North Carolina. She instead ended up speaking at a church, where anyone could attend and where she could talk frankly. Shindle, however, expressed concern about the people she wasn't able to reach during the dialogue.

"Is it a positive thing to just reward the high school aged students who can take the initiative to make the trip to come hear about this program or are the people who are really

at risk the ones that we have to go to and we have to address directly?" she said.

Shindle said most school teachers and principals know what their students need to learn to protect themselves but are prevented from discussing it. She encouraged students, parents and educators to engage in active dialogue with each other, "dialogue which does not pass judgment but rather listens to the actions of our youth and educates them on how to make their behavior safer."

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Gay Republican gears up for Dist. 26 race

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dard—to get him elected by his party's mainstream voters.

The "May '98" brochure also features a prominent picture of the handsome young guy in an Army officer's uniform. Its verbiage makes no mention of human rights or anti-gay job discrimination, nor does it mention the candidate's family or marital status. "Don't ask," May's flawless, military smile seems to be saying, "and I won't tell."

But May said that he is always honest about his committed relationship with a man and that he often mentions it when campaigning.

"I was so outed and so exposed during the last election. [My sexuality] was on the front page of the newspaper, I was on the radio, it received quite a bit of publicity. Very few people involved in the election don't know that I'm gay, and so I don't have to come out to everybody. People know," May said.

"When I speak to groups I bring up—one way or another—the fact that I am gay. And it usually comes up through the course of normal conversation. So I don't have to go to great lengths not to talk about my family. Because my family—my partner—is a part of my life, a part of my work. And so when it's appropriate to discuss him, I do.

"I spoke with the firefighters to get their endorsement—by the way, they endorsed me—and I talked about my partner as it was appropriate. I'm not trying to force the issue down anybody's throat but I'm also not trying to hide it."

Gay voters who took offense at the roundabout way that May first came out publicly (in a September, 1996 *Arizona Republic* article that described a gay senate candidate's tense situation within the GOP while "protecting" his anonymity) may well be encouraged by the more open attitude he professes today.

May's support from the gay community has certainly grown since his last race, if the sponsor list for an upcoming campaign fund-raiser offers any indication. The roster includes several prominent, Democratic gay and lesbian activists—including the former chair of the Democratic Party from District 26—the same district in which May is running.

"A lot of these people are personal friends of mine", May said when asked about financial support for his campaign coming from some pretty hard-core gay Democrats. "I think that friendship crosses party lines."

The event is slated for May 7 at a private home in Phoenix and will be hosted by the Log Cabin Republicans of Central Arizona in conjunction with the Arizona Human Rights Fund, a non-partisan gay and lesbian political organization based in the Valley.

May said early projections indicate that the joint LCR/CAz—AHRF fund-raiser could cough up more than \$12,000 for his campaign, making it the most successful gay-hosted event ever held for a single legislative candidate in state history. He said a successful turnout that evening will give politicians in both parties a good look at the financial power that comes with earning the gay community's endorsement.

Following May's 1996 senate defeat, the *Arizona Republic's* political columnist bemoaned his treatment by

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conservatives in the GOP. Keven Willey reported that May's platform favored limited government, low taxation, minimal government regulation and an expanded free-market system.

He was endorsed by the *Republic* in the district 25 primary but the paper favored Democrat Cumiskey in the general election, as did AHRF.

For the 1998 race in District 26, May is one of ten candidates that have announced their intention to run for two house seats. His chances look good—he's the only candidate who's run for office before, and the new legislators will more than likely be chosen in the primary in this heavily Republican district.

May sees no viable Democratic opponents in view and therefore expects AHRF's endorsement this time, though he continues to stress

that he is a political activist rather than a gay activist.

"The gay community shouldn't be misled into thinking that I'm going to be some kind of full-time gay rights activist in the legislature, because I will not be," he explained. "I'm planning to work on issues of growth, education—specifically the funding of education in public schools—and also public safety. That's the banner that I'm carrying."

May said that on the flip side, "Everybody in the Republican caucus knows that I am gay and they are going to have to deal with that. And when legislation is offered that is antigay there's no way that I'm going to sit idly by and allow that to go through the process."

But he has no "gay agenda" and has gone on record opposing same-sex marriages (he said he believes in protections for longtime same-sex relationships but that the way to establish those protections is not to change the institution of marriage) and also has opposed a ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation (he told the *Republic* in '96 that discrimination should be banned on merit and merit alone).

May has since taken a more proactive stance toward seeing some sort of Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) passed. "I've actually lobbied on that issue both at the federal and local levels. They (many elected officials) mistakenly think that the constitution already allows us protection. Our job is to convince legislators that employment law in America is such that anything that is not specifically written as prohibited is permitted."

May said that until we specifically

list sexual orientation as a class we (gay people) can be fired on that basis. He referred to a landmark case in which a gay man in Arizona was allowed to be fired for his sexuality.

"The precedent is *Blaine v. Golden State Container*. I talked to [Senator] John McCain about that issue and he said, 'What? That can't be true.' And I said, 'It is. That is the truth.' "And so I'm hoping to set up a meeting with McCain and the appellate judge that ruled in this case and some other people from the Human Rights Fund in Tucson next month. We need to work to educate people."

May's membership in a party that currently has the majority in what many consider to be a very conservative state could be of help when such issues arise—if he gets elected and the other Republican legislators can get over the fact that he is gay. And he believes they can.

"Take Brenda Burns for example, President of the Senate. I love her dearly and have tremendous respect and admiration for her. She and I get along terrifically on a personal level. She supported me in my last campaign; I'm looking for her support in this campaign. And she never knew me before she knew that I was gay."

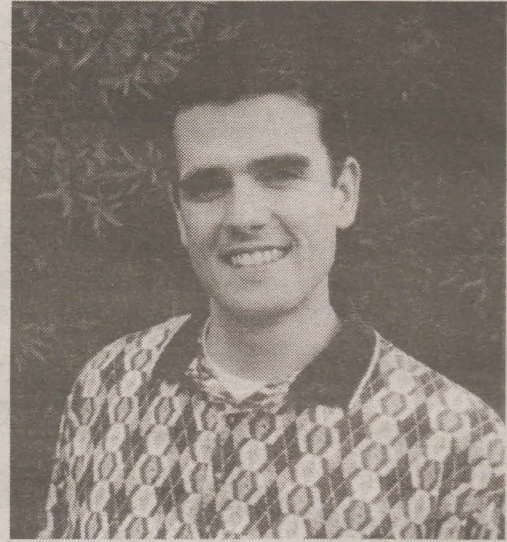
Yet May pointed out that Burns doesn't support ENDA legislation or putting a "homosexual orientation" clause in an anti-discrimination statute. "I think she's uncomfortable with that. But she at least realizes at this point that discrimination against gay people is wrong and that discrimination against gay people exists," he said.

"Her difficulty is that she doesn't quite know how to fix it in a way where she would be comfortable with it." At least, May said, we've gotten her and other people to that point. A couple of years ago, many people (in the party) didn't think gay people were being discriminated against.

"A lot of them probably thought it was okay to discriminate on that basis. And I know that for a fact because they did it to me just two years ago," he added.

There certainly are groups within the Republican party, May said, that

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have "intentionally and maliciously attacked the gay community and attempted to cut the gay community out of dialogue."

He said that's not true for the majority of Republicans and it's also not true for the establishment group within the Arizona Republican party.

"So I think that someone like me being inside of the Republican majority caucus can make a huge impact in the way that gays and lesbians are treated by the law in Arizona and in the way that gays and lesbians are perceived by non-gays and lesbians. And—maybe most importantly—in the way that our gay and lesbian youth perceive themselves."

May knows there are more progressive gay activists in Arizona who would like to see an openly liberal

tor is to represent the district that elected that person, to be concerned with the community that he or she represents and the state of Arizona. It's not the responsibility of Ken Chevront or Steve May or anybody else to worry just about the gay community all by itself.

"You don't get banner carriers like that in office. Not even in San Francisco," he added.

May was raised in what he calls a traditional Mormon household. He's one of five children. He attended Arcadia high school, then majored in Psychology and Politics, Philosophy & Economics at Claremont McKenna College, earning his BA. He then served as a first lieu-

integrity and deny the feelings that I had inside, what I knew to be true, and tell it to my parents and my church. Or go on a mission proselytizing to other people something I didn't believe in." He chose to come out. "My parents had a hard time with it then and they still do."

He said his parents were both surprised and hurt by the backlash against him personally after he came out publicly two years ago, but have dealt with it well and accepted his male partner as part of the family.

May said he doesn't have to worry about whether the campaign against him will get nasty. "It's going to get nasty, you can count on it." He believes

we've gotten to a point in society where there is quite a backlash against negative political campaigning and said that any antigay "hit pieces" targeted at him will only reflect badly on those responsible.

He said there are plenty of people in his own party who will continue to focus once again on his sexuality and will insist that an openly gay man can't win a Republican primary, but they are wrong.

"The way we overcome that is by running a smart campaign and raising a lot of money early... if I can get enough mainstream, registered Republicans who will vote for me based on my three issues of growth, education, and public safety—then I

can win.

"My issue is not gay rights. That's not a part of this campaign. And yet I'm never going to forget that I'm a gay man. I'm never going to forget my life's experiences, and I'm never going to forget our community's experiences. I don't check my gay coat at the door as soon as I walk into

"I had a choice: whether to sacrifice my integrity and deny the feelings that I had inside—what I knew to be true—or go on a (Mormon) mission proselytizing something I didn't believe in."

"Everybody in the Republican caucus knows that I am gay and they are going to have to deal with that. And when antigay legislation is offered, there's no way that I'm going to sit idly by and allow that to go through the process."

gay candidate enter the race, someone willing to carry the banner for gay rights issues without offering apologies, excuses or compromises.

"That person will never get elected," he said. "There are thousands of issues that a legislator has to deal with... the responsibility of a legisla-

tenant in the Army before moving back to Phoenix to help expand his family's herbal import business in the mid-90s.

He came out to his parents when he was 18 and was about to embark on his Mormon mission. "I had a choice—whether to sacrifice my

the legislature.

"Remember that I'm a Republican, I've always been a Republican and I've been active in the party since I was 14. I'm not a gay Democrat pretending to be a Republican so people will vote for me. People are going to vote for me based on the issues."



For information regarding Steve May's cocktail reception fund-raiser on May 7, call LCR/CAZ at (602) 957-2863 or contact the Arizona Human Rights Fund at (602) 650-0900. To learn more about this campaign, to volunteer or to find out where to send a big, fat check, call May '98 at (602) 468-5761.



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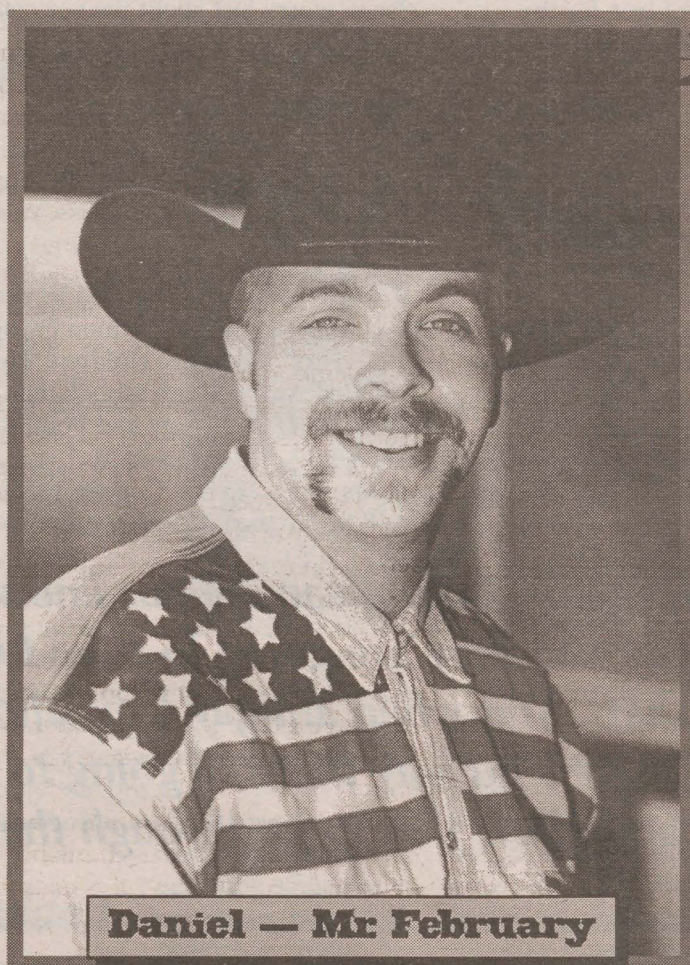
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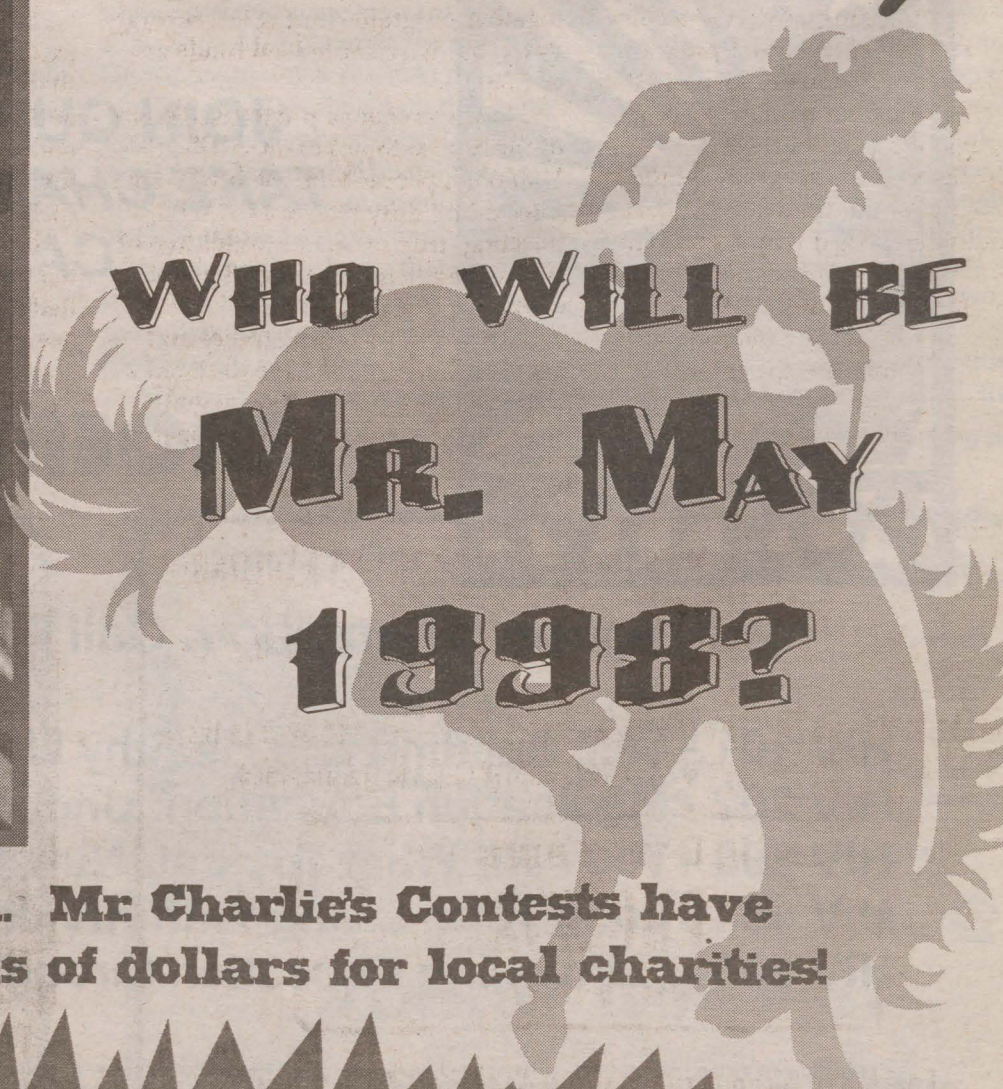
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Senate leaders face decision on gay ambassadorial appointment

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Senate faces a decision soon on whether America will have its first openly gay ambassador.

Supporters of James Hormel are demanding he at least get a vote while conservative opponents insist that Republicans take a stand on a key lifestyle issue.

Hormel, President Clinton's choice to be envoy to Luxembourg, was the only foreign relations nominee not acted upon at the end of last year's session. Three Republican senators, expressing concern that he would use the post to promote a gay agenda, put "holds" on the nomination, effectively freezing it.

Democrats now are demanding action. Before leaving for the Easter recess, 42 Democrats sent Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., a letter supporting the nomination and urging a vote.

Democrats also took to the Senate floor to express concern that confirmation was being held up only because Hormel is homosexual.

"Prejudice based on sexual orientation should have no place in this debate, no place in the Senate and no

place in America," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

Hormel, a 64-year-old San Francisco businessman, philanthropist, Democratic Party contributor and heir to the Hormel Meat Co. fortune, received unanimous Senate confirmation last May for another post, as an alternate to the U.S. delegation to the U.N. General Assembly.

He sailed through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, winning approval on a 16-2 vote last November, after Secretary of State Madeleine Albright assured Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., that Hormel was highly qualified and would not promote his personal interests. Helms voted against Hormel but let the nomination advance to the Senate floor.

In a letter to Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., a committee member, in February, Hormel said: "I will not use, nor do I think it is appropriate to use, the office of the ambassador to advocate any personal views I may hold."

He pledged to resign from most of his board seats, limit his charitable giving and prohibit use of his name

in fund raising.

But that has not satisfied Republican Sens. Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas, Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma and Bob Smith of New Hampshire, who put holds on the nomination. Conservative groups also continue to oppose Hormel as a radical gay activist.

Gary Bauer's Family Research Council cited Hormel's financial support for a documentary aimed at educators that the group said promotes homosexual lifestyles. It also pointed to a gay and lesbian materials wing in the San Francisco public library supported by and named for Hormel that contains controversial literature.

Further, the council said, Hormel presided over a 1996 gay pride parade in San Francisco at which he was heard laughing at male drag queens dressed as nuns. Bauer said Luxembourg is 97 percent Roman Catholic, and "appointing an ambassador who shows nothing but contempt for certain groups of believers should offend every American who believes in the Constitution."

Hormel said he had no role in deciding the contents of either the

library collection or the documentary. "I hardly view myself as a 'radical.' I am a businessman and lawyer with more than 30 years of commitment to public service, social justice and human rights," he wrote Smith.

In considering Hormel's nomination, Republicans must deal both with general gripes by social conservatives that they haven't done enough to advance pro-family programs, and conversely with concerns about being depicted as hostile to gays.

"I don't see how the Republican Party wants to be known as the party that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation," said Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign, a leading gay political organization. Hormel is on the board of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the group's educational arm.

"It's not his sexual orientation," countered Herb Johnson, chief of staff to Inhofe, one of Hormel's leading Senate opponents. "The biggest problem is he has been inclined to use this to push an agenda that doesn't necessarily represent the agenda of the American people."

Clinton Administration won't pay for needle exchanges to fight AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP)

Programs that let drug addicts exchange used needles for clean ones fight AIDS and do not encourage illegal drug use, the Clinton administration declared April 20—but it will not allow federal tax dollars to fund the programs.

The administration hopes that a strong endorsement will encourage communities to start their own needle exchanges. But AIDS activists have said that federal money—so far banned—is key, and they see the decision, announced by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, as a defeat.

"We have concluded that needle exchange programs, as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention program, will decrease the transmission of HIV and will not encourage the use of illegal drugs," Shalala said.

But she said the program should be designed—and funded—by local communities. Asked why a program could not be locally designed but federally funded, she said: "We had to make a choice. It was a decision. It was a decision to leave it to local communities."

An administration official, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity, said the decision to endorse the programs was based on science, but the decision not to fund them came after consultations with the White House.

AIDS activists were stunned by the decision, questioning how federal public health officials could say that needle exchanges work but then decline to fund them.

"It's like saying the world is not flat but not funding Columbus' voyage," said Daniel Zingale of the activist group AIDS Action.

"It's politics rather than public science," added Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign. "Local communities have been scraping together programs for the last several years, but it's clear federal funds are needed."

Needle exchange programs are one of the hottest topics in the AIDS crisis. Half of all people who catch HIV are infected by dirty needles, sex with injecting drug users or are children of infected addicts—totaling 33 people every day, AIDS experts say.

Numerous scientific studies and public health groups have declared that needle exchanges reduce that risk, and 88 needle exchanges operate

around the country with private, state or local funding.

But Congress had banned letting communities use federal tax dollars to pay for needle exchanges until Shalala certified that scientific studies proved they both reduced spread of the HIV virus and did not encourage drug use.

After a months-long review by her top scientific advisers, Shalala this morning decided that needle exchanges are scientifically backed.

The scientific review found that the needle exchanges that work best are part of a larger anti-HIV program that pushes addicts toward drug treatment.

Indeed, one study of a needle exchange in the Bronx, N.Y., found that providing clean needles to heroin addicts in addition to offering them methadone treatment both lowered the risk of HIV infection and lowered their overall drug use.

But whether to allow federal funding was a politically charged question that administration officials debated heavily over the weekend. Ultimately, Shalala decided that whether to fund a needle exchange was up to each community.

The decision came after Republicans in Congress had threatened to ban federal funding of needle exchanges altogether if Shalala did decide to attempt it. And President Clinton's own drug policy chief, Barry McCaffery, has vigorously fought that attempt, saying it would send the wrong message to children.

"Such a program would in reality use tax dollars and the authority of the federal government to push drug paraphernalia into already drug-ravaged inner cities. This is reckless and irresponsible," Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said in a weekend statement.

Public health experts directly dispute that: "Does needle exchange promote drug use? A preponderance of evidence shows either no change or decreased drug use," an NIH consensus conference concluded 14 months ago, saying the ban on funding for these programs will lead to "many thousands of unnecessary deaths."

Shalala last year agreed that science proved that needle exchanges were effective in fighting HIV, but said at that time that she needed to review further data on how they affect drug use.

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Goings On

Docs to address HIV issues May 6

AIDS Project Arizona, Phoenix Body Positive and the Phoenix Shanti Group will present a program titled, "HIV Update '98" on Wednesday, May 6 at 6 pm at Community Hospital's upstairs conference room, 6501 North 19th Avenue in Phoenix.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Thanos Vanig and Dr. Chad Schroer of Spectrum Medical Group and the program will coincide with the opening of Spectrum's central Phoenix location at Community Hospital.

Topics to be discussed include: New and experimental drug therapies; Managing protease inhibitor side effects; Optimizing antiretroviral therapy; and Nutritional abnormalities in HIV.

Space is limited, so RSVP by calling Spectrum Medical Group at (602) 368-0808.

DA planning activities outdoors

Desert Adventures, a social group for men and women in the Phoenix area that plans and promotes a number of outdoor activities and other events, has several fun "things to do" coming up.

DA will tour the Herberger Theatre Center in downtown Phoenix on May 2. Meet at 10 am at the front entrance, 222 East Monroe, and then enjoy an exclusive "behind the

scenes" tour of the complex, from the balcony to the orchestra pit.

There will be a day hike through the Cibecue Creek area on May 3, and then the group's next big campout adventure will take place the week-end of May 15-17 when DA revisits the Chiricahua National Monument in southeastern Arizona. This is tent camping only and the group is limited to 20 people, so make reservations early. The trip fee is \$15 for members and \$25 for guests.

For information on joining the club or on any DA activity, call the event line at (602) 266-CAMP/2267.

Dr. Quinn star to host Phoenix party

What do handsome, young television stars think about safer sex? Is it tough to be openly gay while starring on a "family" TV show? How often does Jane Seymour color her hair? Who the hell knows?

Chad Allen does. And he'll be the guest host for Project LifeGuard's next House Party on Friday, May 8 at a high-rise apartment complex in central Phoenix. The party will run from 7 to 9 pm at the Clubhouse at Camelback Towers, located just north of the LifeGuard offices at 4750 North Central Avenue.

Allen, who stars as Matthew Cooper in the CBS television drama *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*, will speak at the House Party. Allen is no stranger to the Valley, having served as Grand Marshal for the AIDS Walk two years ago. It is through his friendship with AIDS Project Arizona Executive Director Peter Houle that he agreed to help Project LifeGuard

for this event.

"We are very excited to have Chad coming to Phoenix to help promote safer sex among our community," Houle said.

Following the House Party, Allen will go with LifeGuard staff and volunteers on a bar outreach tour. He'll help pass out safer sex kits and encourage men to sign up for safer sex and prevention workshops.

Experience this

The Experience, a workshop about love, truth, integrity and being powerful in life, will return to Phoenix May 15-17, 1998.

The inspirational, two and a half-day weekend event is facilitated by Honey Ward, a nationally known speaker who has been active in the arenas of individual and community growth and activism since the 1970's.

The Experience was designed by gay activists to help gay men and women learn to live truthfully, powerfully, lovingly and with integrity.

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Moody Blues tickets aid PBP

A new ticket service program of Phoenix Body Positive offers a great way for people to enjoy concert and sporting events while helping the Phoenix-based service agency in its fundraising efforts.

The program is called Caring for

Arizona. Through the program, a limited number of prime seats are available for The Moody Blues, coming to the Desert Sky Pavilion on Sunday, May 31. Call PBP at (602) 957-4497 to purchase your tickets to this event.

PBP will continue to purchase ticket blocs for upcoming sporting and cultural events through Caring for Arizona. Net proceeds support the organization's grant-making and direct care HIV and AIDS service programs.

Porn insider coming to Obelisk

Gay porn reviewer, industry-insider and author Mickey Skee will throw an autograph party at Obelisk Bookstore on Sunday, May 3 at 6 pm. The gay-owned and operated central Phoenix store is located at 24 West Camelback Road.

Named one of the industry's "Top 10" by London's *Attitude* magazine, Mickey Skee will sign his two newest books, *The Films of Ken Ryker* and *The Best of Gay Adult Video 1998*. He will share intimate, behind-the-scenes dirt, gossip and facts about the porn stars. Also joining him at Obelisk will be porn star friends and other surprise guests.

For the past decade, Skee has been known as one of the leading authorities on the ins and outs of the gay adult video industry. Living in Hollywood, he is the Gay & Bi Editor of *Adult Video News*, the Editor in Chief of *The Gay Film Guide* and is the founder of *Urge* magazine.

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Magical musical comes to Gammage in May

Big, the Broadway musical based on the 1988 hit movie that starred Tom Hanks, is coming to ASU's Gammage Auditorium in Tempe for one week only, May 5-10, 1998.

Music and lyrics are by David Shire and Richard Maltby with a book by John Weidman. The touring production stars Jim

Newman as Josh Baskin, the 12-year-old boy who makes an impulsive wish to be "big" to a carnival genie and wakes up to find his wish has been granted.

Tickets are \$29.50 to \$43.50 and are available by calling Gammage at (602) 965-3434 or Dillard's at (602) 503-5555.

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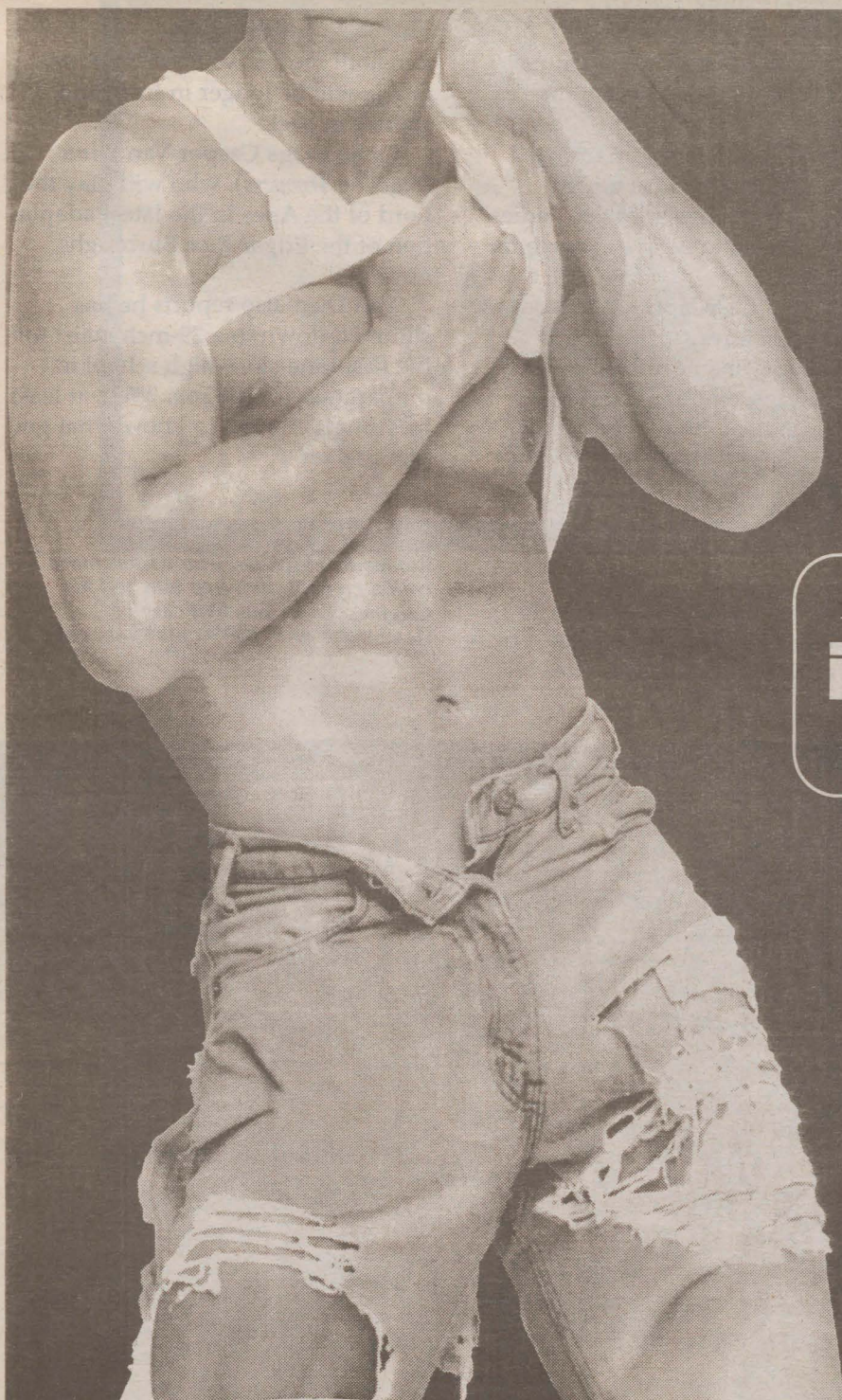
As part of its monthly presentation of Playback Theatre performances, Essential Theatre will present *In Visibility: Gay and Lesbian Stories* on Saturday, May 9 at Phoenix College's John Paul Theatre, 1202 West Thomas Road in Phoenix. Showtime is 8 pm.

Playback Theatre is an international form of improvisational theatre in which audience members tell stories from their lives and, at the conductor's cue, watch them come to life through music, movement and theater.

Each monthly performance is set on a particular theme. Past themes have included: hysterical stories, tales of redemption, stories of struggle, love stories and secrets & lies. This month the ensemble will honor stories from gay and lesbian lives. The

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Tickets are \$12 and are available by calling Essential Theatre at (602) 897-6711.



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Hollywood Deep Inside

By Romeo San Vicente, HeatStroke Contributor

Mickey in Drag

This summer's animated Disney blockbuster features an unlikely heroine: a cross-dressing Chinese woman. *Mulan* chronicles the title character's unlikely trek from girl to warrior.

Using her ailing father's draft notice, Mulan disguises herself as a man and leads her country to victory in a battle against invading Huns.

Ming-Na Wen (*The Single Guy*) voices Mulan, while **Eddie Murphy** tries to top **Robin Williams** as the "guardian" dragon, Mushu. And how much more gay-friendly can you get than **Harvey Fierstein**, also in the cast?

Get ready for the promotional blitz already underway out here—one Sunset Boulevard building has already been repainted as a billboard for the film.

Baby Makes Three

Madonna has reportedly recruited **Carlos Leon** to father another child for the 39-year-old diva, who thinks it's time toddler **Lourdes** had a sibling.

Leon, a struggling actor, was said to be reluctant about repeating his most famous role as Madonna's impregnator, even holding out for marriage. But when Madonna made it clear that wasn't going to happen, Leon acquiesced.

Though she says she has no other firm acting commitments besides the **Nicholas Hytner** (*The Madness of King George*) screen version of *Chicago*, which will co-star **Goldie Hawn**, Madonna is said to be interested in *Under Girls*, about five working-class gals from Brooklyn (are there any other kind?).

Mad About Ellen

With her ABC series in seemingly perpetual limbo, *Mad About You* producers say they would love to have **Ellen DeGeneres** join their cast next season.

DeGeneres guest-stars on the season finale of the NBC show as a

"chatty caterer" who baby-sits little **Mabel Buchman**, and producers say they would be interested in making her character a recurring one.

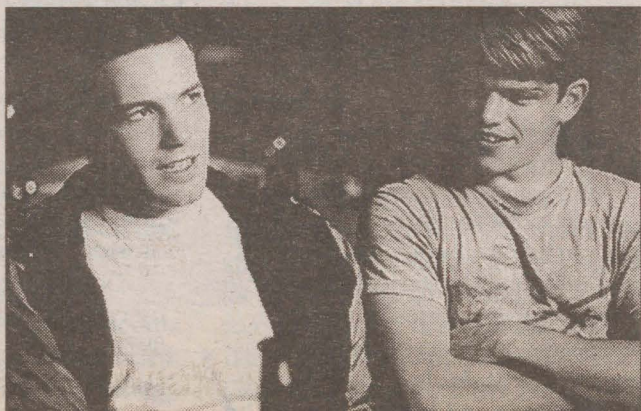
DeGeneres's crossover visit coincides with million-dollar woman **Helen Hunt's** guest appearance on the season finale of *Ellen*.

Meanwhile, *Ellen's* coming-out episode was honored recently with a prestigious Peabody Award, which honors media pioneers.

Fill in the Box(ers)

Alleged screenwriting wunderkind **Matt Damon** of *Good Will Hunting* fame has signed on to replace **Antonio Sabato Jr.** as the next Calvin Klein underwear model.

Damon was said to be very reluctant about taking the gig but was persuaded by a very generous offer from



His brilliant career? Oscar winning actor/writer Matt Damon (r), will be Calvin Klein's next underwear spokesmodel.

CK. As to what comes between Matt and his Calvins, you'll have to ask **Winona Ryder**, the golden boy's latest squeeze

Idol Gossip

Porn icon **Ryon Idol** is recovering after falling recently from a fourth-floor window in Manhattan.

It's not known whether **Marc Donais**, the actor's real name, fell or jumped, but he was alone in the apartment at the time of the incident. Idol was to appear in the play *Born for Porn* at New York's Chelsea Playhouse.

Tube Talk

It hasn't been a good month for gay-friendly TV. Besides *Ellen's* questionable future, it appears that *Cybill*

and possibly *The Nanny* might be history.

Cybill **Shepherd's** eponymous comedy is all but dead, as CBS has already pulled the show from its schedule. And ratings for *The Nanny* have slipped noticeably this season, leading to speculation that it too will be canned.

NBC, meanwhile, was hoping to have *Wonder Woman* ready for its fall schedule, but a well-publicized nationwide search for the next **Lynda Carter** turned up nothing, leaving the show on the shelf for now.

Unable to find an unknown to twirl the golden lariat, producers are said to be considering **Alexandra Paul** (*Baywatch*) and B-movie queen **Julie Strain**, whose 6-foot-3 frame would certainly befit an Amazon princess.

Speaking of Amazons, dyke heroine **Lucy Lawless** of *Xena* fame recently married her show's executive producer, **Robert Tapert**. No word on who wears the leather pants in that family, which includes Lawless' nine-year-old daughter from a previous marriage.

Bette does Bette

Bette Midler is in talks with a British producer to star in a proposed Broadway musical remake of *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane*, the 1962 camp film classic starring **Bette Davis** and **Joan Crawford** as sisters. Midler would fill Davis' role.

Birthday Suit?

As expected, **Leonardo DiCaprio** is suing *Playgirl*, seeking unspecified damages from the magazine for its planned publication of nude photographs of the actor.

The pictures show full frontal nudity, and DiCaprio is miffed, among other things, that the "ladies" magazine won't reveal its source for the glossies.

In his suit, DiCaprio says word of the nude pictures surfacing has caused him "shame, mortification, hurt feelings, emotional distress, embarrassment, humiliation and injury to his privacy and peace of mind."

It can't be that small, can it?

Crazy

That would be the best way to describe Oscar-nominated **Gus Van Sant's** plan to remake the Alfred

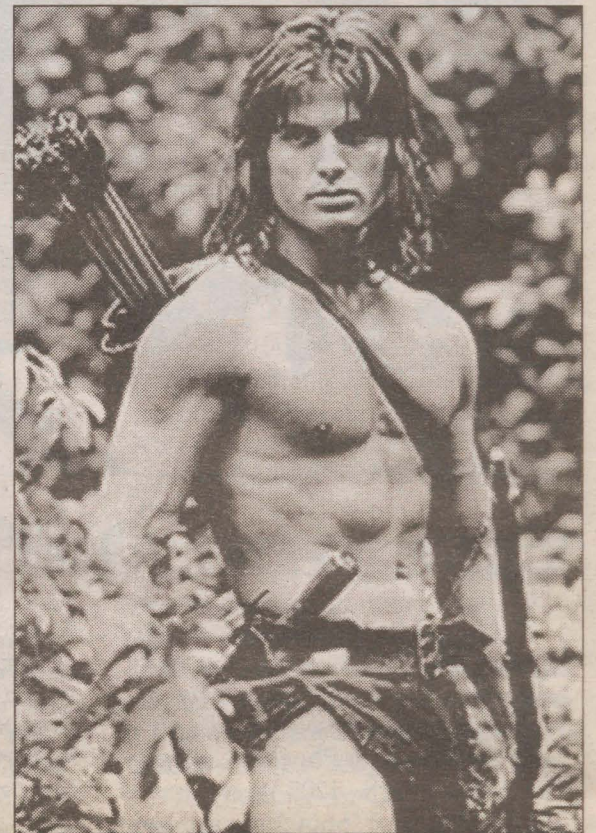
Hitchcock classic, *Psycho*.

The openly gay director will use the master's original script (including the same dialogue and camera angles). Of course there will be a hip new "Gen-X" cast and Van Sant will film in color. How original.

Penis Envy

Though you won't find me complaining, Hollywood has certainly developed a preoccupation with the penis when filming those '90s "costume epics."

First there were the anatomically ridiculous Batsuits in last summer's **Joel Schumacher** laughfest *Batman and Robin*. Now comes word that the



Longer in front than back? Up and comer Casper Van Dien on the set in full Tarzan drag.

loincloth for this summer's *Tarzan* movie will be longer in front and shorter in back.

Or so brags **Casper Van Dien** (*Starship Troopers*), who will play the Lord of the Apes in the latest adaptation of the **Edgar Rice Burroughs** novel.

Van Dien also reports he has slimmed down to a 29-inch waist for the first time since high school in preparation for the role. Well, at least he's smart enough to know what got him this far.

Romeo San Vicente, who wishes more would come in between him and his Calvins, can be reached care of HeatStroke or at RSVicente@aol.com.

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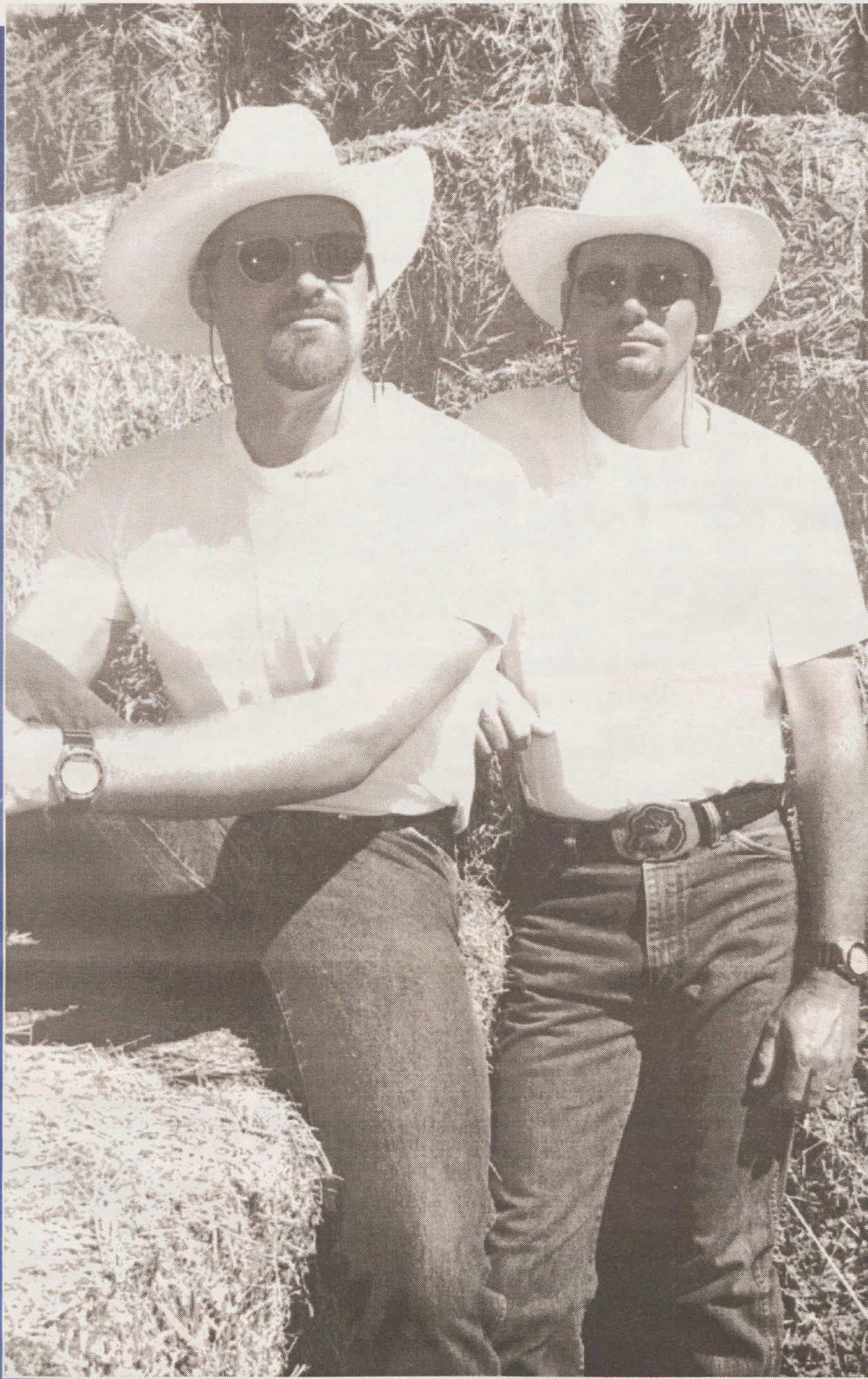
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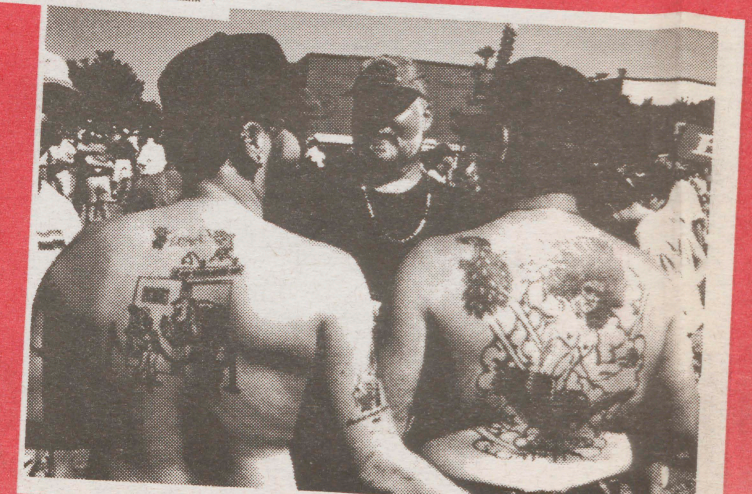
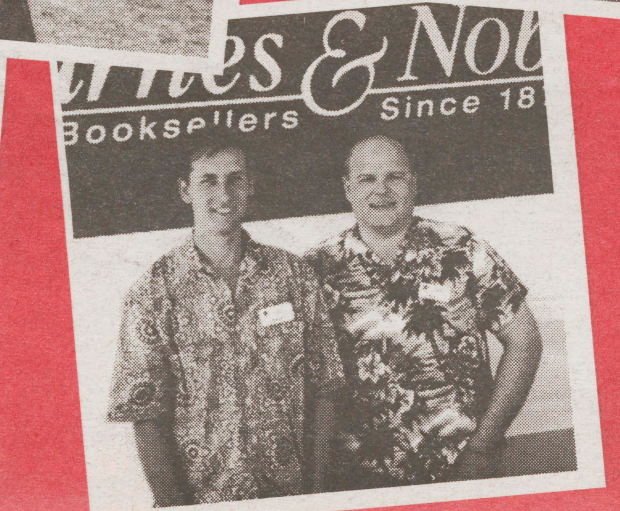
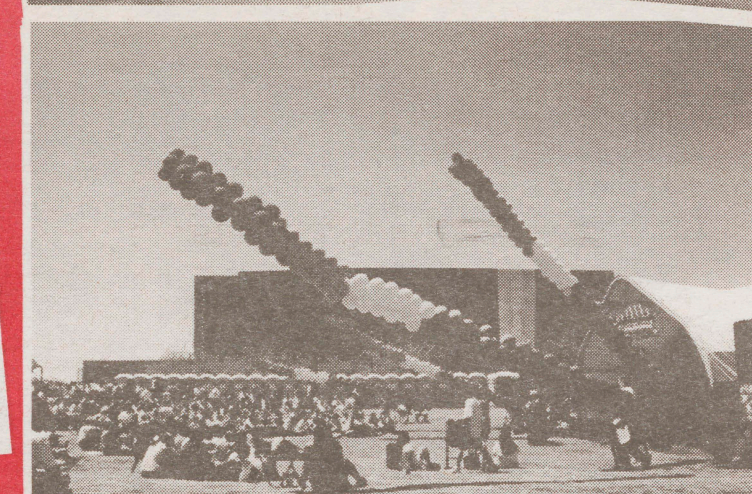
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Out of Town

Washington, DC: *by day*

By Andrew Collins, HeatStroke Contributor

A daytime stroll through the District of Columbia reveals the city's urbane, inclusive personality.

In tourist sectors, gays and lesbians stroll conspicuously and at apparent ease. Whatever cantankerous shows of partisan bickering and backbiting prevail on Capitol Hill, the tone in DC's public spheres—coffeehouses, museums, shopping plazas, parks, and along city sidewalks—is typically civil, if a bit serious, and always politically correct.

Given America's spotty gay rights record, outsiders, particularly visitors from more tolerant countries, are often surprised that the nation's capital is among the world's gayest cities.

The city has dozens of family-friendly restaurants and accommodations plus great queer nightlife. More U.S. gay and lesbian organizations have their headquarters here than anywhere: the AIDS Action Council, the Human Rights Campaign, PFLAG, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association—to name just a few.

As a gay tourist destination, Washington is wonderful on two fronts: The city is not only a font of museums and monuments, but also a vast network of queer-popular parks, sidewalk cafes, and shops.

Ground zero is Dupont Circle, a neighborhood with a palpable gay presence and a wealth of open spaces, parks, statuary, and grand 19th-century architecture. You'll find quirky and engaging shops and eateries on virtually any of the major streets fanning out from the Dupont traffic circle, with especially dense concentrations along P Street, Connecticut Avenue, and 17th Street.

The top cultural attraction is the stunning Phillips Collection, the first permanent museum of modern art in the nation; strongly represented are

Georges Braque, Mark Rothko, Paul Klee, and Henri Matisse, as well as such openly gay artists as David Hockney, Marsden Hartley, Henry Moore, and Roy Diebenkorn.

An artsy but gentrified set began moving in to Adams-Morgan, due north of Dupont Circle, in the early '80s, weaving a pattern of offbeat shops and hip eateries in with the existing rows of West African, Asian, and Latino restaurants and residential enclaves. Plenty of lesbians and gay men hang out here, and the population is highly integrated, a mix of immigrants and young professionals trying

museum's library.

At the eastern end of the Mall is the U.S. Capitol, much of which is open to the public; its 68 acres were landscaped by Frederick Law Olmsted. Near here also are the Library of Congress, which contains more than 100 million items of which 30 million are books; and the Folger Shakespeare Library, which has one of the foremost collections of Shakespeare and Renaissance materials in the world.

The western half of the Mall contains many of America's most important monuments and memorials, including the new

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, a 7.5-acre sculpture garden with waterfalls and a granite monument. Others include the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial, near which the Vietnam Women's Memorial opened recently.

The White House, due north of the Washington Monument, is, despite long lines to see it, definitely worth touring.

There are two outstanding galleries

nearby: The Second Empire Renwick Gallery houses one of the nation's best collections of crafts and furnishings, and the Beaux-Arts Corcoran Gallery of Art contains more than 11,000 works of art. Its emphasis is on late-19th- and early 20th-century European painting, American painting and portraiture, and photography.

Several blocks north of the Mall, in Old Downtown, is the outstanding National Museum of Women in the Arts. The permanent collection includes works by the likes of Georgia O'Keeffe, Mary Cassatt, Frida Kahlo, and Judy Chicago. Also near here are two other worthwhile Smithsonian museums, the National Portrait Gallery and the National Museum of American Art, both housed in the Old Patent Office Building.

Back near Dupont Circle, consider finishing your day with a nap beside Rock Creek, where you'll discover a large plot of grassy slope and dense shrubbery dubbed, affectionately, the P Street Beach. At night, this area is somewhat cruisy; by day, in warm weather, it's nature's gay tanning salon.

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Many of Washington's most important sites are along the gracious Mall, including the U.S. Capitol

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to elude the tight grip of conformity present in Washington's more yuppified neighborhoods.

Straddling the shores of nearby Rock Creek are two picturesque upscale neighborhoods, Georgetown and Foggy Bottom, both an easy walk southwest of Dupont Circle.

Georgetown has the bulk of Washington's oldest homes, including DC's only pre-Revolutionary building, the Old Stone House museum. Here you can walk along the historic Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, or, if nature isn't your thing, you can shop till you drop along M Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

As for the city's most famous attractions, most are found along the Mall and Capitol Hill, which bustle all day with government and commercial activity. To see the best-known sites in these areas, you'll need a full week. But here's a round-up of must-sees.

Consider beginning your explorations along the Mall, the eastern half of which is dominated by the many Smithsonian museums—including the National Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of American History, and the National Galleries of Art.

Be sure to visit the moving U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; the museum distributes a pamphlet, "Homosexuals," that details the plight of gay men and lesbians in Nazi-occupied Europe; there are also gay video testimonies and books in the

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HM.

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AWW.

THEIR HAIR SURE LOOKS NICE, THOUGH.

WHY, THANK YOU.

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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

everything I need to know I learned from my four-year-old

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SORRY WE'RE LATE. OH, GOOD. YOU GOT DINNER.

IT'S COLD BY NOW. I'VE JUST BEEN SITTING HERE READING THIS SICK EX-GAY LITERATURE YOUR MOTHER KEEPS SENDING US. WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO WITH HER?

PIZZA!

ONE THING AT A TIME, BABE. I HAD TO STAY AND TALK TO PAULA AT THE PRESCHOOL BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME TROUBLE TODAY. TELL MEEMA WHAT YOU DID, RAFFI!

HIT SAM IN DA HEAD WIF DA TONKA CEMENT MIXER 'CAUSE HE WOULDN'T SHARE.

YOU HIT HIM WITH A TRUCK? RAFFI, YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT! WHAT GOT INTO YOU?

COULD WE TRY AND REMAIN CALM, PLEASE?

SORRY? I'M NOT FEELING CALM AT THE MOMENT?

SWEETIE, GO WASH YOUR HANDS.

CLARICE, YOU'VE GOT TO CONTROL YOUR ANGER. WHERE DO YOU THINK HE'S LEARNING TO ACT OUT LIKE THAT?

HIS BEHAVIOR UPSET ME, TONI, AND HE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT. I'M NOT GONNA ACT LIKE SOME LOBOTOMIZED MR. ROGERS.

FINE. THEN, GO AHEAD AND YELL. MAKE HIM AFRAID OF YOU. IT WORKED FOR YOUR DAD.

OKAY, I'M SORRY. I'VE HAD A SHORT FUSE LATELY. I'M JUST REALLY STRESSED.

I KNOW. WE ALL ARE SINCE I WENT BACK TO WORK. LOOK AT THIS PLACE!

OUR LIVES ARE SO CRAZY. THE THREE OF US NEVER EVEN SEE EACH OTHER.

OH! THAT REMINDS ME. I HAVE THAT MEETING TONIGHT. ARE YOU OKAY TO STAY WITH HIM?

WHAT MEETING?

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU. THERE'S A LOCAL FREEDOM TO MARRY COALITION STARTING UP TO FIGHT THAT STATE ANTI-GAY MARRIAGE BILL.

ALL CLEAN!

SO NOW YOU WANT TO GET MARRIED? ISN'T OUR LIFE OPPRESSIVE ENOUGH?

GOOD WORK, SPORT.

IT'S JUST NOT FAIR THAT WE DON'T GET ANY OF THE LEGAL PERKS STRAIGHT COUPLES DO. THOSE RIGHT WING LEGISLATORS CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS.

THEY SHOULD SHARE!

YOU SHOULD GO DOWN TO THE STATE CAPITOL AND TELL THEM THAT, SPORT. AND TAKE YOUR TONKA TRUCK.

The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green by Eric Orner

Getting to "oh, yeah..."

Early one morning when the issue of moving in together wasn't on the agenda.

OH... OH... OH... DOUG?

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Yeah... Yeah...

Well, OK honey, if you are sure THAT'S what you really want.

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and the neighborhood! Well it's really "up and coming"

I'll bet the poor folks forced to move out-thought so

OR CHARLOTTE, DON'T BE SUCH A SOURPUSS..

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...BUT... IT'S A... CATHEDRAL...

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Dear Cowboy,

I generally agree with your advice but you were way off base when you told "Sleepin' Single in a Double Bunk" that he should not tell the guy he's dating how he feels about him or that what he wants is a long-term relationship.

Some people are actually looking for commitment and are not scared off by hearing someone else say that they are, too. I don't agree that the writer should hide his feelings and I think it is too bad you encouraged him to do so.

Signed, Concerned Reader

Dear Concerned,

I agree there's nothing wrong with

talking about how strongly you feel—after you've gotten to know someone. Trouble is, too many cowboys and cowgirls are looking for that Big Connection right out of the chute, and buddy, things like that only happen in the movies.

In real life it's easy to confuse lust and love and forget that a commitment takes time to develop. The guy who wrote said he'd been breaking it off with guys who weren't ready to commit after "a few weeks."

I'm stickin' by my advice: telling your date, "I'd sure like to be in a long-term relationship" is a fine idea. That's honesty.

But saying, "I want a long-term relationship with you" after just a few

weeks is a bad idea. That's instability. What should I do? Signed, Is This Bud for Me?

Dear Bud,

You're looking for trouble if you're trying to make a moral decision based on the idea that your "evil" is somehow lesser than hers. This could be an issue of control for you—you need to look at that and see if there isn't some room for adjustment.

But if it's the legal issue that really concerns you, then don't worry about the morality of it and tell Calamity Mary Jane that you can't be involved with a cowgirl who's running against the law. Give her up and find a woman whose values are more like your own.

Dear Cowboy,

I've been seeing a very smart and hot woman for a couple of months and everything is cool except for one thing. She smokes pot and I wish she would stop. I drink socially and will have a glass of wine at home every once in a while, which she says is pretty much the same thing.

I have not touched Marijuana myself in years. I grew up in Western Canada and saw too many people from my home town who got all lazy and directionless. Not to mention it is against the law.

It's like she's still living in the seventies and I just don't get it.

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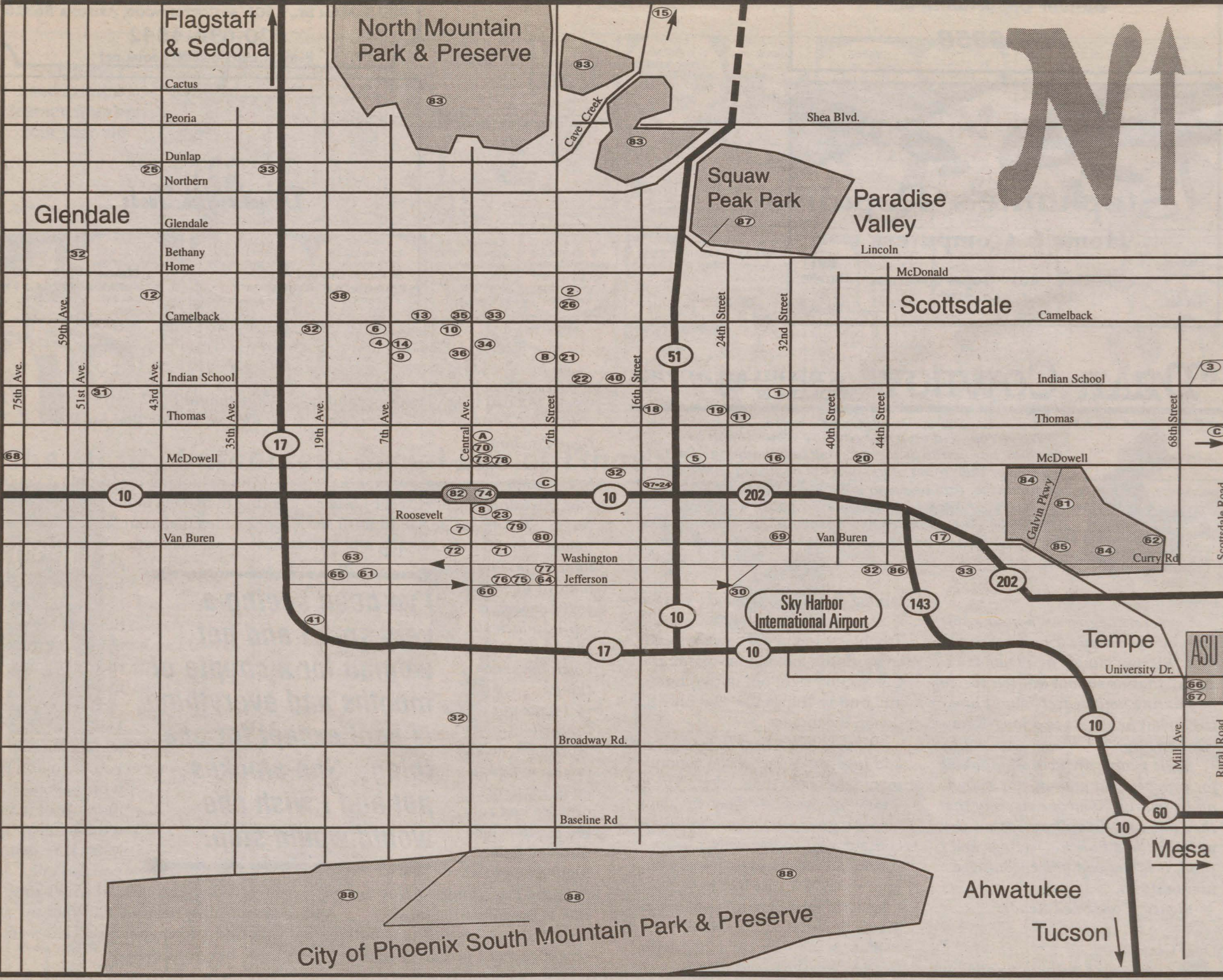
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ACROSS

- 1 Guru's contortions
- 5 La Scala locale
- 10 ER actor La Salle
- 14 Textbook division
- 15 Home
- 16 Bill of fare
- 17 Portrayer of Leon Carp on *Roseanne*
- 19 *The Crimes of Love* author Marquis De
- 20 Cruces
- 21 Suffix for social or sex
- 23 "Size doesn't matter," often
- 24 Portrayer of Carter Heywood on *Spin City*
- 29 Mascara target
- 30 Early 6th-century year
- 31 Gun owner's gp.
- 32 "___ bin ein Berliner"
- 33 O.K. Corral figure

- 34 With 39-Across, portrayer of Jodie Dallas on *Soap*
- 38 Alice worked in his diner
- 39 See 34-Across
- 42 Actor Wallach
- 43 Prepare mentally, with "up"
- 45 "...happy golden days of ___"
- 46 Republicans, familiarly
- 47 Weeding tool
- 49 Henpeck
- 50 Partner of means
- 51 Portrayer of Dr. Brad Phillips on *All My Children*
- 56 "Without further ___"
- 57 *Saturday Night Live's* "The Ambiguously Gay ___"
- 58 Pen name?
- 59 ___ *Las Vegas* (1997 Bette Midler HBO Special)
- 61 Portrayer of Matt Fielding on *Melrose Place*
- 67 Word with thought or throat
- 68 Bert's buddy
- 69 Morales of *Bad Boys*
- 70 Christmas
- 71 Gave a hand to
- 72 It's outstanding
- 25 Jewish month before Nisan
- 26 "Climb ___ Mountain"
- 27 Perform in drag, perhaps
- 28 Mai ___
- 29 Not erect
- 33 Reverberated
- 35 Romer v. Evans, for one
- 36 Father of Beau and Jeff
- 37 Barks
- 40 Warty hopper
- 41 Jason's ship
- 44 When doubled, gay porn director LaRue
- 48 Gave the slip to
- 50 Forgone
- 51 Older partner, in some gay relationships
- 52 "Farewell, Francoise!"
- 53 *Rubyfruit Jungle*, for one
- 54 Lone Ranger portrayer Clayton
- 55 Shaq's org.
- 60 Tarzan's foster mother
- 62 Actress Merkel or O'Connor
- 63 ___ Chesterton (gay food critic on *Frasier*)
- 64 Unit for Navratilova
- 65 Slap the cuffs on
- 66 ___ for tat

DOWN

- 1 "This is tasty!"
- 2 "___ clear day..."
- 3 How many gay boys throw a ball
- 4 Sew on
- 5 Isle of ___ (favorite gay vacation spot?)
- 6 ___-compatible
- 7 Ferrigno of *The Incredible Hulk* improvise
- 9 Charles ___ Reilly
- 10 Letters on an ambulance
- 11 Domain
- 12 Forster's *A Passage to ___*
- 13 Word with opera or closet
- 18 Suffix with fever
- 22 Chinese Checkers component
- 24 Immobilizes an attacker, in a way

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H O R O S C O P E S

By Deane Jaye, HeatStroke contributor

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

You bull-people are used to standing your ground in order to get your way, but it may be difficult to get a firm hoof-hold on this latest situation. Before resorting to that famous mischievous streak to bail yourself out, be sure that the people most affected by your manipulations share your ditzzy sense of humor about the whole thing. Avoid travel and big functions after the 25th—quiet times at home will be less upsetting to your sensitive metabolism as the hemisphere heats up.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Careful up there! You always like to climb to the top of whatever tower you find yourself operating in—among family members, social peers or at the office. Pay attention—it smells like something's burning down below and you Geminis are almost always the first to jump when your lofty status begins to turn into a towering inferno. A happy social event on or around the 5th could turn nasty when someone overhears you saying something you don't really mean.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Lighten up. There's a difference between exercising caution and being so sure that the world is going to end tomorrow that you won't even try today. Push aside that sexy, innate shyness of yours around the 1st or 2nd, and you'll realize how much you crabs can accomplish when you decide to come out of your shells. A Scorpio or other soul-eyed water sign native may be open to following your strong influence—don't betray that trust or you'll wind up paying for it later.

Leo (July 21-August 20)

Exploration is the key for you Leonine warriors in upcoming weeks. Uncover new outdoor vistas and seek out unusual terrain for clues as to what's really going on inside your head. Social interaction is normally deeply entwined with your sunny sense of self worth, but you can learn more beneath the clouds of solitude, particularly after the 3rd. An Aries native may be a willing participant in your wackiest plans when you return from wherever you need to go.

Virgo (August 21-September 20)

Your dominative tendencies will bubble to the steamy surface in the next couple of weeks, so put your considerable communication skills to work now and warn those around you that zippers are about to be unzipped and whips are about to be cracked. Your career drive and initiative are more closely related to your libido than you care to admit and this fact could pay off in a big way on or around the 29th. Test a wary Capricorn's mettle for a hint of the submission you seek.

Libra (September 21-October 20)

"Mirror, mirror on the wall..." Don't answer that. Attention to your physical appearance could take on a new importance this month as social situations and familial duties combine and add to the pressure. Why worry about what anyone else thinks if you know you look good? Indulging your sweet tooth after the 30th could turn out better than okay, so order whatever you like. Your relationship with a sensitive Piscean may be strained—avoid if you must for the time being.

Scorpio (October 21-November 20)

Making your dreams and visions a reality may seem beyond your grasp for now, so wait it out and ignore that nasty tendency to manipulate others into producing the ending you want. Abstruseness in a partner or family member will test the limits of your tolerance around the 2nd, but if you can immerse yourself in a hot body of water before the argument escalates, we'll all be better off. Find a Sagittarian playmate who knows where you're coming from and see where it goes.

Sagittarius (November 21-December 20)

"Putting on the Ritz" is not a reference to snack crackers and Andy Griffith. It means getting all dandied up for a fancy affair (in your case that could simply mean "wearing a shirt that tucks in") and hanging out with high society types, and just such an event could be staring you down in the next week or so. Smile, be yourself and everything will turn out fine—it's a good time to try new paths and you'll come out ahead if you can resist a wicked temptation until the evening ends.

Capricorn (December 21-January 20)

Your serious side could bring you luck at work this month, while setting you up for surprising disappointments at home. Demonstrate a little of that off-tested patience and you'll impress everyone close to you (again) with your ability to pull yourself through these situations. You're likely to find a wonderful new addition for your special collection after the 27th, so be prepared to look under and behind things. A Leo pal has different ideas about the definition of "obnoxious".

Aquarius (January 21-February 20)

The inability to discriminate is generally a big personality plus for you water-bearers, but it can also lead to trouble—particularly when you place your trust with the wrong mentors. Learn from the past and approach new acquaintances more cautiously as the month begins. A small gathering of friends on or around the 3rd could point the way to solving old arguments. The dual approach of a Gemini native will both intrigue and frustrate you before the month is over.

Pisces (February 21-March 20)

The warning light has been blinking and you're still proceeding as though there is absolutely no danger ahead. Perhaps you know something the rest of us don't—you intuitive Picseans often do. Look into the source of your fear and explore your choices with a few close friends gathered around you. You may be thrust into a leadership role after the 24th that is not entirely welcome, but you'll handle it with aplomb. Travel is not recommended until after things settle.

Aries (March 21-April 20)

You are acting almost purely on impulse this month and that's fine, as long as you realize it and are willing to accept the carelessness that goes along with your somewhat reckless behavior. And don't go whining to more stable friends when you repeat past mistakes. On the up side, you're at your most attractive when you get like this, so love (or at least sex) is surely in the air, particularly after the 7th. A quiet Cancer native may be waiting for you to slow down and take notice.

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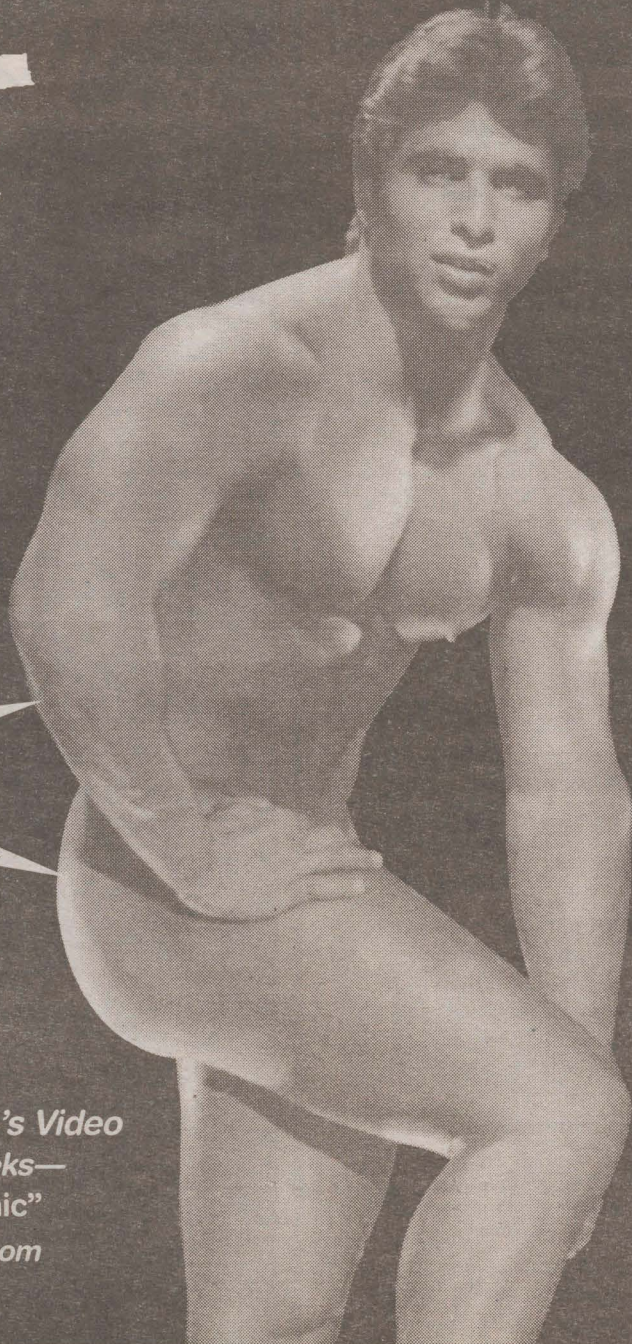
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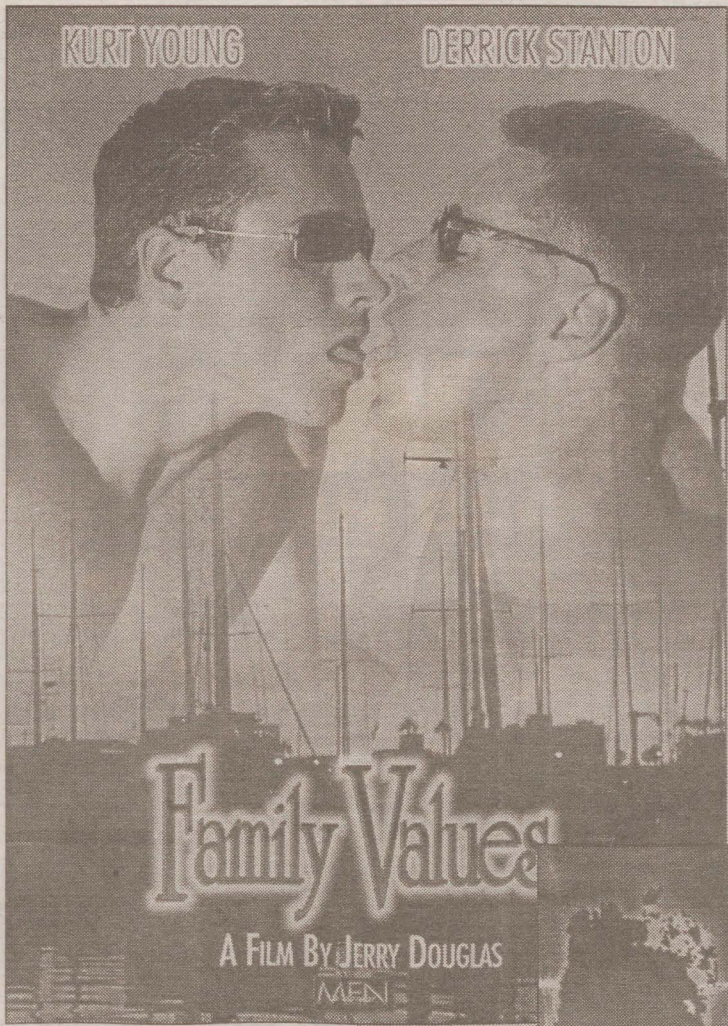
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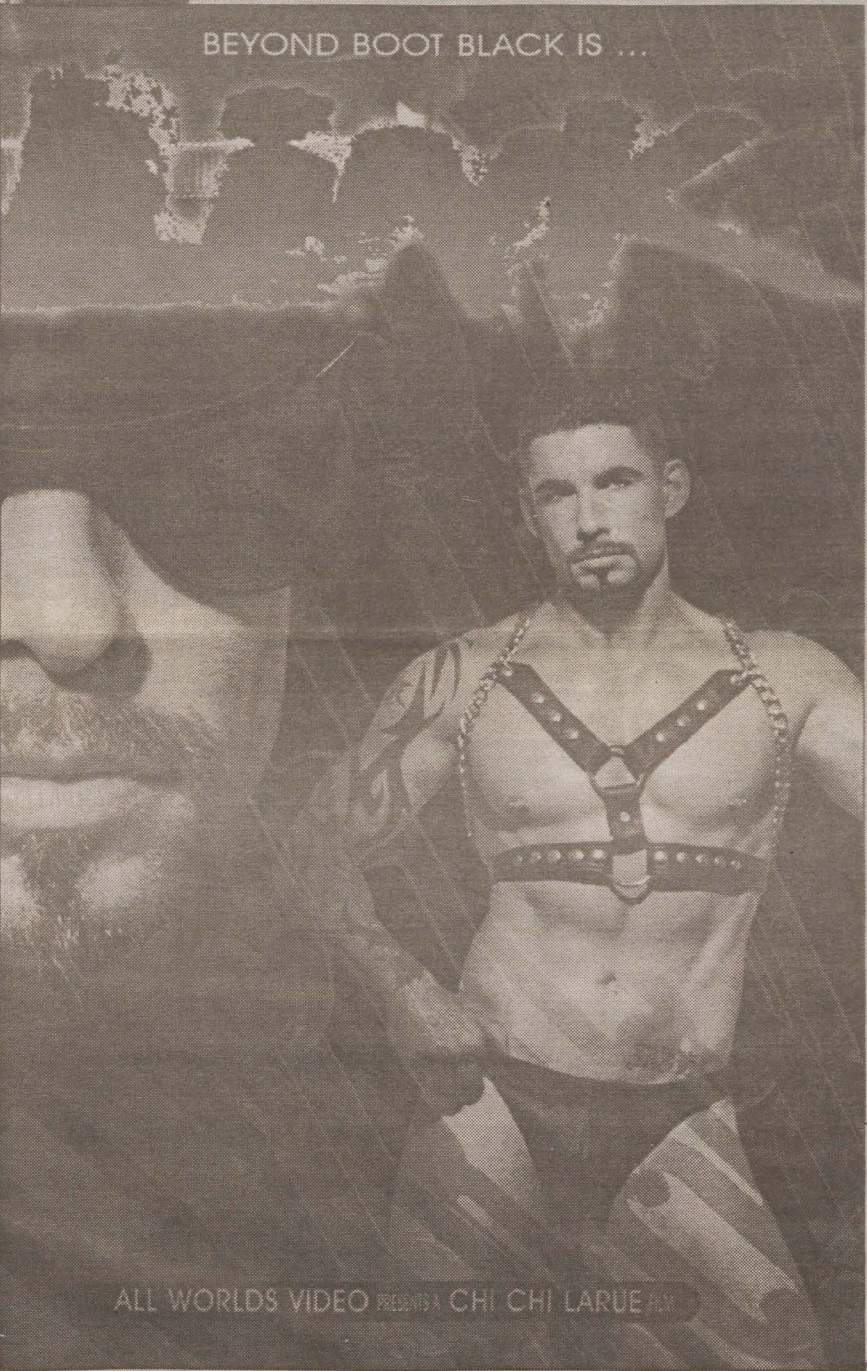
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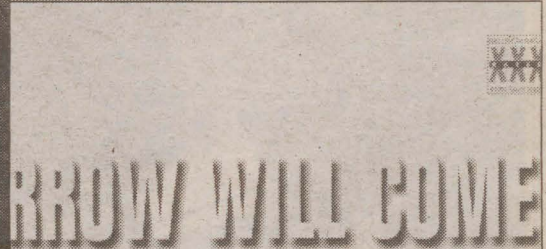
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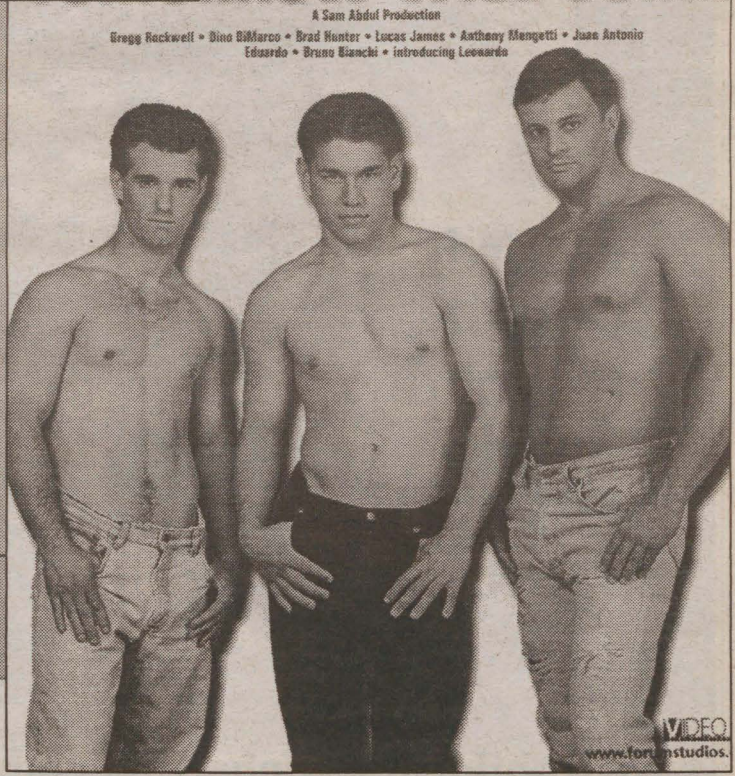
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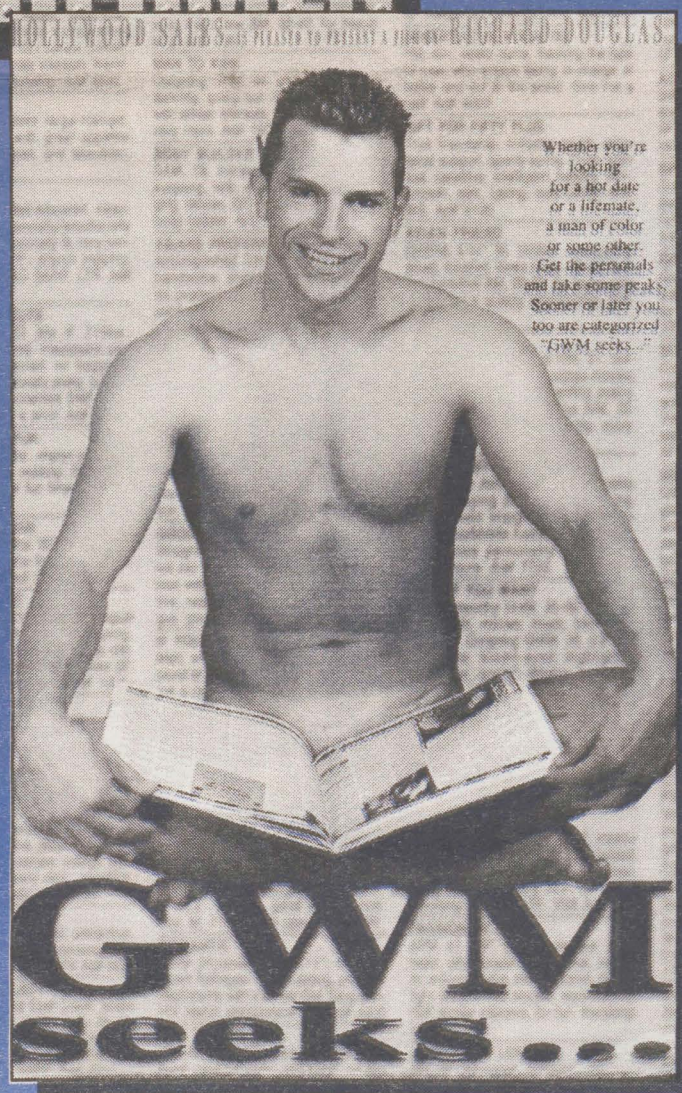
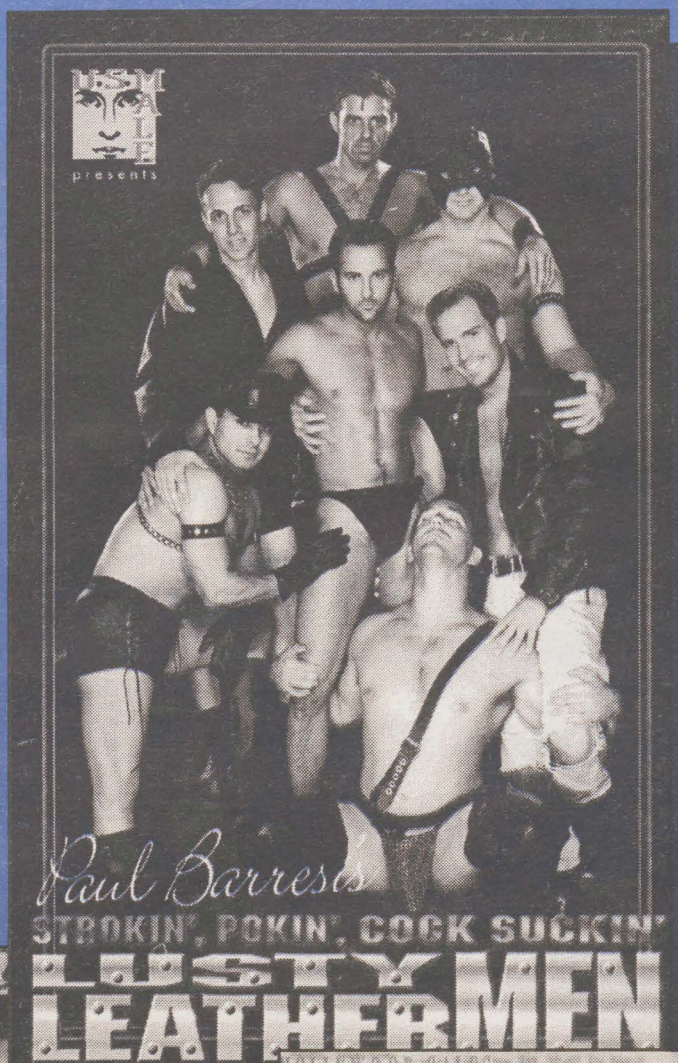
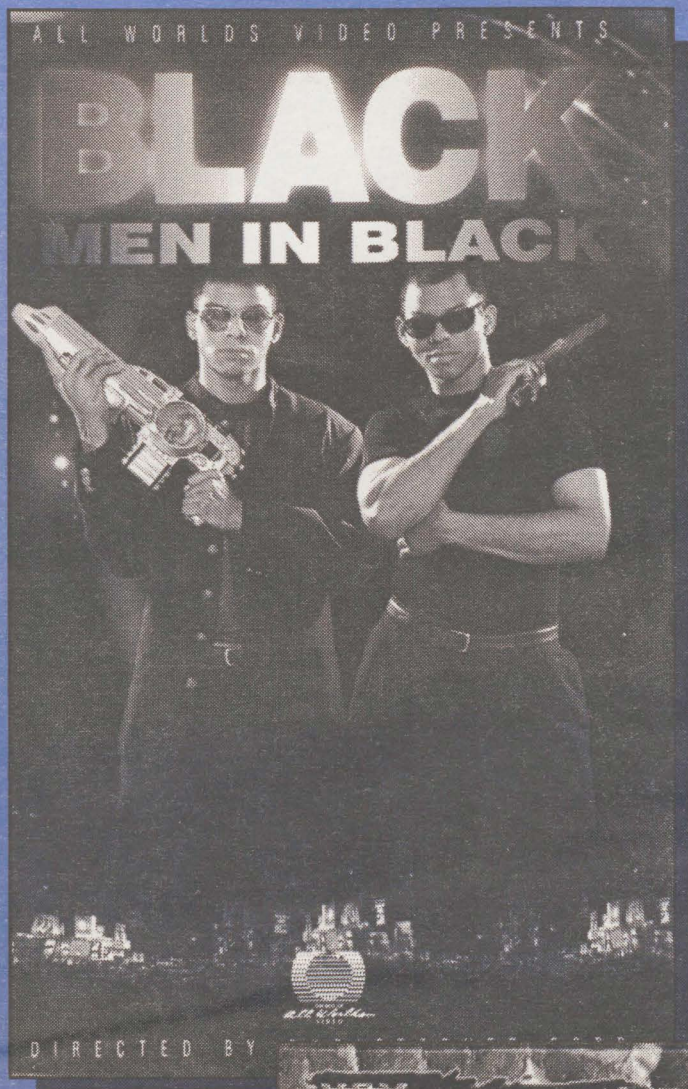
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