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# Horowitz:

Matthew Shepard wasn't anybody

Two young men murdered 22-year old University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard last month.

They lured him out of a nightclub, robbed him, pistol-whipped him, and then left him for dead tied to a fence outside of Laramie, Wyoming, a college town of 27,000 people. Matthew was so mangled that the cyclist who discovered him thought he was a scarecrow. The murderers were 21 and 22 years old.

Without doubt, Matt was murdered because he was gay. Who taught these young men that hatred and ultimately murder are acceptable behaviors?

One candidate is certainly the religious right and their antigay rhetoric.

**Gays and lesbians must accept some of the blame for Matthew Shepard's death. Our own internalized homophobia keeps us from effectively countering attacks on our community.**

This past summer, political groups under the guise of religion began a campaign to glorify the "curing" of homosexuality. Full-page ads in *USA Today* and other newspapers contained testimony from "ex-gays" who claim they have renounced homosexuality through religion and psychological therapy.

Gay rights organizations, gay-friendly churches and the mental health community quickly denounced the campaign as inaccurate and potentially harmful. Television spots soon followed the newspaper campaign.

Many religious leaders take offense at the notion that their moral beliefs and freedom of speech could lead to violence against gays and lesbians and more specifically the death of Matthew Shepard. Yet advocacy for the elimination of homosexuality necessarily includes advocating for the end of gays and lesbians.

If one can argue that ending homosexuality is desirable, and most gays and lesbians (85% according to recent polls) have no desire to change, what other alternative is there? These right wing religious purveyors of a cure for homosexuality are only more covert than Hitler, but they are no better.

When Fred Phelps organized picketers to attend and disrupt Matthew's funeral, he personally argued that Matthew deserved to die. Phelps also claims out loud and in print that AIDS is a cure for homosexuality. Phelps hasn't to my knowledge encouraged anyone to kill gay people outright, but his words are deadly.

A billboard outside of Laramie advertising a history museum weapons exhibit was changed from "Shoot A Day or Two" to "Shoot a Gay or Two". After Matt's death, a homecoming parade float in Colorado carried a scarecrow adorned with the words; "I'm Gay." Hateful speech leads to hateful actions.

So does government complacency.

The cavalier attitude of Congress toward comprehensive hate-crimes legislation furthers the notion that

crimes committed because of a victim's sexual orientation remain acceptable. Many congressmen call hate crimes legislation special rights legislation for gays and lesbians. Some are in favor of the legislation as long as sexual orientation is not included.

Senate majority leader Trent Lott compared homosexuality to kleptomania and alcoholism ignoring years of medical and mental health community wisdom that homosexuality is not a disease. Homosexuals do not need help to change. We need help to live our lives openly, proudly and safely. Until the government recognizes our equal rights, we will be second class citizens in our own country.

Most importantly, gays and lesbians must accept some of the blame for Matthew Shepard's death. Our own internalized homophobia keeps us from effectively countering attacks on our community. Unless and until we refuse to accept the second class status accorded us by our society, we won't change it.

The African-American civil rights movement needed the support, or at least the cooperation, of non-African Americans. Our movement needs the cooperation of non-gay people. But the

founders and leaders of the African-American civil rights movement were African Americans who stood up for their own rights and demanded equality.

They protested big and they marched bigger. They demanded equality and fought for it. They lobbied lawmakers and they got themselves elected to positions of power. Considering the vast resources of our community, both human and financial, our civil rights movement is remarkably under-funded and understaffed.

Organizations that spew anti-gay hatred have membership numbers that dwarf the memberships in organizations that fight for and demand gay and lesbian equality. We have failed to give a face to our fight.

Matthew Shepard wasn't anybody. Matthew Shepard is everybody.

He is every gay person who only wanted to be happy and loved and safe. He is every gay person who died too young and too alone. He is every gay person victimized by discrimination and violence. He is every one of us.

His face is our face.

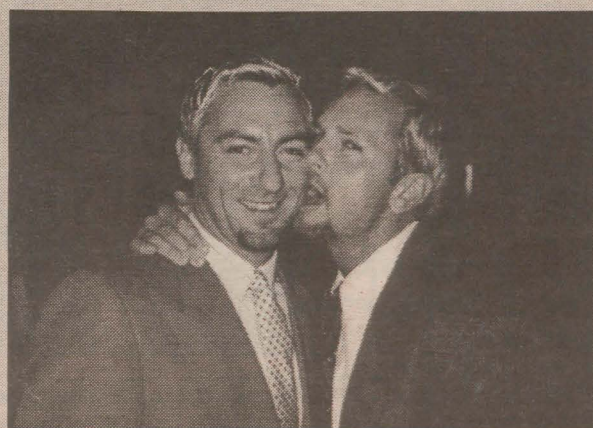
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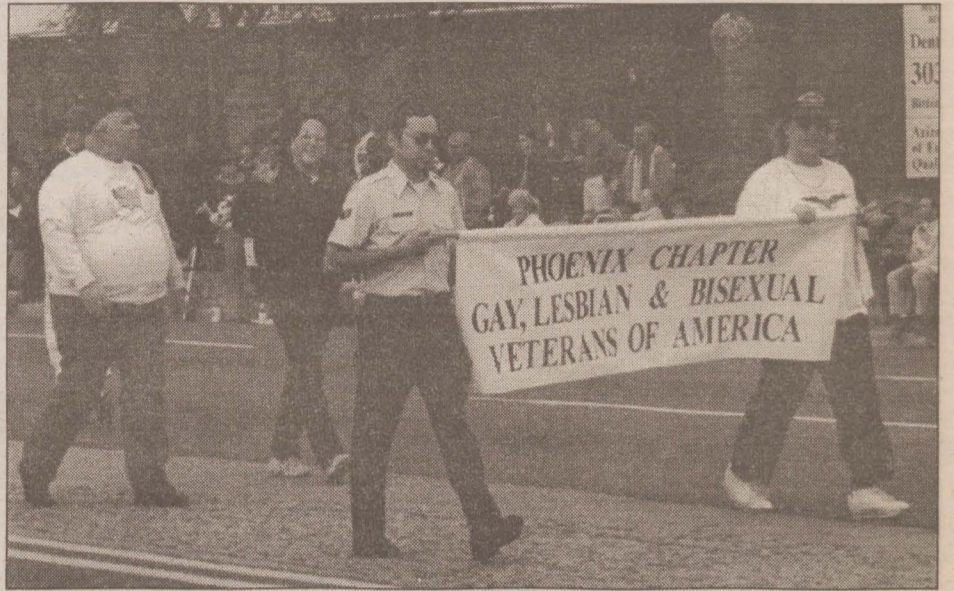
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## Gay, Lesbian, Bi group marches in Veterans Parade

The Phoenix Chapter of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America quietly made a bit of history on Wednesday, Nov. 11 by participating for the first time in the city's annual Veterans Day Parade down Central Avenue.

ures, community groups and Veterans associations representing other minorities such as Jewish and Hispanic vets took part.

The turnout for the event was light. Several viewers along the route appeared surprised to see the gay



Several GLBVA members marched behind a banner proclaiming the organization's name while the group's officers rode in an open car just behind. The parade had more than 110 entries. Political fig-

group in the parade, though many applauded and gave the contingent encouraging, thumbs-up signals from the sidelines after reading the banner.

## Malta honors Humanitarians, raises funds


"A Night of A Thousand Lights", an annual benefit dinner for Phoenix's Malta Center, was held Nov. 6 at the historic Camelback Inn in Scottsdale. The organization presented two community leaders with its Humanitarian Award and also benefited from a silent auction.

Marc Kellenberger was honored

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Father Joseph O'Brien was also honored at the formal event. Fr. Joe served as Malta Center's executive director for several years and now heads a similar AIDS outreach and assistance agency in southern Nevada.

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for his fund raising work with AIDS Walk Arizona. The Valley resident served as co-Chair of this year's Walk, which grossed \$1 million on

agency with ties to the Catholic Church that is dedicated to the care of those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS in the Phoenix area.

# PUHSD diversity language expanded

**School board adjusts policy to include gay students, employees; GLSEN deems new language "beautiful"**

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Voting in unanimity at a regular meeting on Nov. 5, Phoenix Union High School District board members approved a new and groundbreaking Multicultural/Diversity policy that seeks to promote equity of opportunity for students and staff regardless of their sexual orientation.

A spokesperson for a national group that monitors whether schools offer a safe environment for gay and lesbian students and staff members called the new policy a model for other districts nationwide to follow.

"It's beautiful," said Kate Frankfurt of the New York based Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network after reading the PUHSD policy. "It's clear they put a lot of

time and thought into this."

The message of the new policy is very clear and also very embracing of a whole range of experiences that high school students will have, Frankfurt said. She suggested that the new Phoenix policy and the process behind its adoption could be shared with other school boards across the country.

Quite a change from September, when GLSEN issued the district an "F" grade for not specifically including sexual orientation in its written policies regarding discrimination and diversity.

The group rated 42 districts in the U.S. and found that most did little or nothing to protect gay students from discrimination based on their sexual orientation.

The new policy was in development at the time of GLSEN's survey, Phoenix school board officials later reported. The policy was developed with input from members of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and other gay and lesbian anti-discrimination advocates.

The new language was adopted at the 2.5-hour meeting as the last item on the agenda and without dissent.

Prior to the vote, board member Wilbert Hill spoke in favor of the policy, saying he was glad that the Phoenix district will now be seen as a leader in the area of protecting gay and lesbian students from prejudice.

Hill said it was his understanding that other school boards in the Valley have been reluctant to include "sexual orientation" when updating their

diversity policies. "I believe Tempe is still looking into making some changes, and Mesa has failed to act on this."

Hill said he was proud to be a member of the board adopting the language, and that he hoped other districts would follow. "I've always been against discrimination of any kind," he added.

"It is a wonderful policy and very well said," Frankfurt stated the day after the vote. "And not just for gay students, but for all the students. It puts academic excellence first, and that's the bottom line."

Phoenix Union is the state's largest high school district, representing a total of eight schools throughout the Valley.

## GLSEN alarmed by students' increased homophobia

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) expressed alarm Nov. 12 at the results of a survey conducted by Who's Who Among American High School Students. The poll, which surveyed over 3,000 achieving 16-18 year old students, revealed that 48% admit they are prejudiced against gay people. This represents an increase of 19 percentage points from last year's survey.

"This startling increase is a wake up call for administrators and teach-

ers who believe they are doing enough to teach their students the values of diversity and respect," said GLSEN Executive Director Kevin Jennings. "These numbers suggest that homophobia is one of the last socially-accepted prejudices, especially in our schools. Our schools are failing here."

Though alarmed by the findings, Jennings says the increase is not entirely surprising. Political leaders and sports stars, such as Trent Lott and Reggie White, respectively, participated in one of the most public

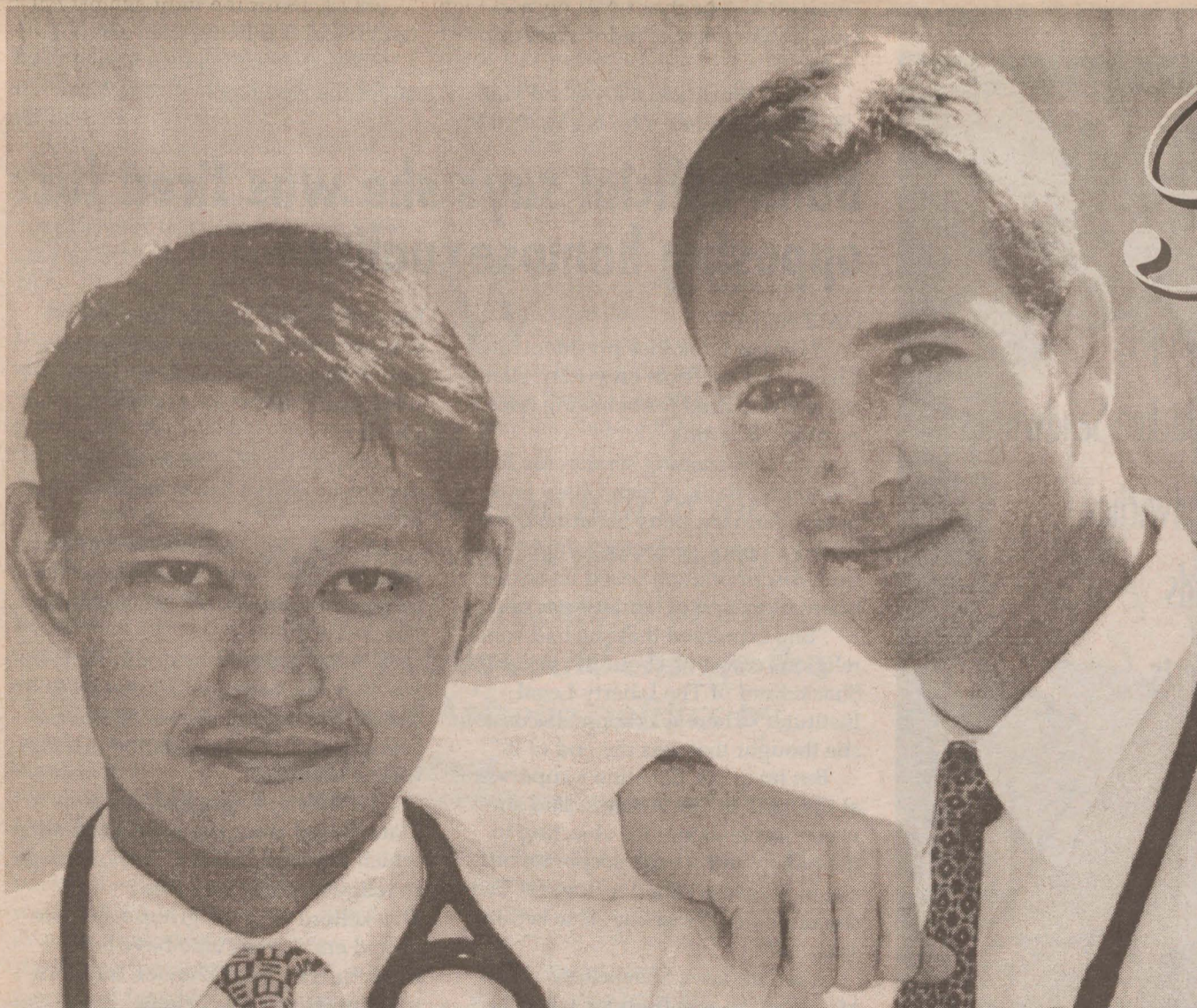
anti-gay crusades ever, last summer. "Students live up to the standards we set for them. When role models say that accepting diversity isn't important, students take the message to heart," he continued.

GLSEN notes that the failure of schools to address these prejudices contributes to:

- 18% of male college students claiming they have used violence against their LGBT peers;
- LGBT youth being four times as likely as others to be threatened with a weapon in school;

• LGBT youth being five times as likely to have skipped school once a month due to feeling unsafe.

"Those who believe that our schools should teach respect for every American student need to be alarmed by these findings," he continued. "Prejudice prevents children from accessing the education our country promises to all. When we tolerate that prejudice, we ensure that divisiveness and hatred will continue to be part of our national fabric."



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## Dutch cabinet approves plan to give gays & lesbians right to adopt

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)

Accelerating a push to expand gay rights ahead of the new millennium, the Dutch Cabinet has approved a plan to let homosexuals—who already may marry here—adopt children.

The legislation, approved Nov. 13 by top ministers of the coalition government led by Prime Minister Wim Kok, would restrict adoptions to Dutch children. It will go before parliament, probably early in 1999, in a drive to have it become law by Jan. 1, 2000.

Under the proposal, gays and lesbians would not be allowed to adopt children from abroad out of respect for other countries' laws, and out of concern that international adoption

agencies would stop approving adoptions to all Dutch couples, heterosexuals included.

The plan would limit the right to adopt to homosexual couples who have lived together for at least three years and together have cared for the child for a full year. It would not require a couple to marry or legally register their partnership.

Prospective gay parents would have to demonstrate in court that the child they wish to adopt would be better off with them, Kok said.

The legislation, said to have broad backing in parliament, revives a push that began several years ago to further expand the rights granted under Dutch law to homosexuals.

A new Dutch law took effect on

Jan. 1 permitting same-sex couples to marry and giving them the same pension, social security and inheritance rights as a married heterosexual couple.

There was no discernible protest over the Nov. 13 Cabinet approval in the liberal Netherlands, which is among the few countries to allow same-sex marriage and which has welcomed homosexuals to serve openly in the military since the 1970s.

Recent public opinion surveys have shown that seven in 10 Dutch people think homosexuals could make good parents.

In the past, however, Dutch bishops have been among those opposed to homosexual adoption on moral and biblical grounds.

Denmark, Norway and Sweden also legally recognize gay partnerships but have not allowed them to adopt. In the United States, matters of marriage and adoption are overseen by states and hashed out in the courts; some U.S. states allow homosexual adoption and a few forbid it.

Germany's new center-left government indicated this week that it intends to grant some sort of legal status to same-sex couples, but not an outright "gay marriage" and not the right to adopt children.

In France, a bill aimed at giving legal status to unmarried couples has triggered fierce debate and street protests amid fears among conservatives that it could legalize homosexual marriage and lead to gay adoption.

## Salt Lake City Council to vote on calling sexual orientation a 'lifestyle'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

The City Council is battling again over its nondiscrimination ordinance. This time, it will decide whether to describe a person's sexual orientation as a "lifestyle."

Councilman Bryce Jolley, who helped draft the latest version of the proposed anti-discrimination law, said it is a compromise. But several gays and lesbians don't like the new wording.

They contend their sexuality is inherent, but that the word "lifestyle" connotes a choice.

"They decided to use a very ambiguous, politically charged word, a word used chiefly by people who are opposed to lesbian-gay rights," said Jon Davidson, supervising attor-

ney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Los Angeles office. "It's politically palatable for them, but very unclear."

Councilwoman Deeda Seed pushed through the city's original anti-discrimination law last December with a lame-duck council. Members voted 5-2 to approve an ordinance that included "sexual orientation" in a list of classes protected from discrimination.

But Jolley and a new council repealed Seed's measure a month later in a 4-3 vote. Jolley then suggested a more generic draft written by city attorneys.

It excluded the class references and prohibited city supervisors from basing employment decisions on any-

thing other than "job-related criteria," including: character, integrity, interpersonal skills, education and training.

The draft, hammered out by Jolley and fellow council members Tom Rogan and Roger Thompson, adds a clause defining characteristics that could not be the basis for employment decisions, such as: "The status of having a lifestyle which is irrelevant to successful job performance."

"This is the beat-around-the-bush ordinance," Seed said of the latest version.

Jolley said: "Adding this additional language is not really giving the gay community any more protection than they would already have, and it may go further than other people would like it to go. But it's a compromise."

Doug Wortham, a Rowland Hall-St. Marks teacher, who is gay, said the

council should just say what it means.

"They've tried so hard not to say the words ('sexual orientation') that they end up making a laughingstock of themselves by producing a ridiculous document," he said.

Davidson worries the new language could make Salt Lake City's nondiscrimination ordinance more difficult to enforce.

"In their attempts to avoid at all lengths the use of the words 'sexual orientation,' they are ending up with a very unclear ordinance," Davidson said. "The problem with vagueness and ambiguity in ordinances is people don't know when they're protected and the people who have to follow the law don't know what to do."

Still, Davidson acknowledges the current draft is better than nothing.

Council members are expected to adopt the new draft on Nov. 17.

## Bank official says she was fired for opposing homosexuality

DALLAS (AP)

A former bank vice president sued Chase Bank of Texas on Friday, claiming she was fired for believing homosexuality is wrong.

At a 1996 training session for Texas Commerce Bank, which Chase took over in January, Betty Sabatino questioned a policy protecting employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation, one of her lawyers said.

"She expressed that she had some religious concerns about it," said Kelly Shackelford of The Liberty Legal Institute. "There was some discussion; she thought that was the end of it."

But later, Ms. Sabatino's supervisor at the bank in San Antonio said she was unprofessional for objecting to the policy, and a bank corporate official in Houston called to suggest that she undergo counseling, Shackelford said.

A month later, Shackelford said, Ms. Sabatino was fired for what the bank called a "lack of confidence in her."

A spokeswoman for Chase Bank of Texas' parent company in New York, Kate Baum, said the bank would not comment because the case is in the courts and involves employee confidentiality.

The lawsuit was filed in state district court in Houston, where Chase Bank of Texas is based. It does not ask for specific damages, but accuses the

bank of costing Ms. Sabatino lost wages, mental anguish and humiliation. It accuses the bank of "malice or reckless indifference" to her religious views.

Lawyers for Ms. Sabatino, 48, declined to make her available for an interview.

Ms. Sabatino has been unemployed since her firing and has relied on the income of her husband, an accountant, Shackelford said.

Shackelford said he doesn't know whether Ms. Sabatino belongs to a church. "She just believes that homosexual conduct is in violation of scriptural mandates."

The Liberty Legal Institute is a Plano-based conservative organization which represents clients free of charge in religious-freedom cases. Shackelford said the group has represented employees who have been fired for religious behavior, but none for expressing their beliefs.

"We're seeing this an increasing problem. A lot of companies bring in policies on homosexuality and those policies run into people's religious beliefs," Shackelford said.

Ms. Sabatino first filed a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Texas Human Rights Commission. When those agencies did not act on her complaint, she filed the lawsuit in Houston, Shackelford said.

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# Politically Speaking



Arizona Human Rights Fund

By Kathie Gummere, HeatStroke Contributor

The election is over and, as usual, there is good news and bad.

Overall, the Arizona Human Rights Fund-endorsed candidates did very well. Statewide, we endorsed 74 candidates, and 55 won. That is a 74% success rate—some-

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thing that we should be proud of—and on behalf of AHRF and the AHRF-endorsed candidates, I would like to thank all of you who participated.

Whether you contributed campaign money, manned phone banks, distributed literature, talked to friends and neighbors, or (most importantly) actually voted, we are all grateful for what you did. You DID make a difference. Your participation helped AHRF-supported candidates win.

Particularly gratifying were the wins of Janet Napolitano for Attorney General, Harry Mitchell as State Senator from Dist. 27 and Steve May as State Representative for Dist. 26.

Both Ken Chevront and Steve May won their races, so Arizona now has two openly gay men in the State Legislature! Something to be proud of is the fact that Arizona is the first state in the nation to have women serving in all of its top elected positions (the top 5 elected positions in the state are now held by women).

There were some disappointments—Stan Furman's race in Dist. 16 being one of them. Mr. Furman is a strong supporter of equal rights and we worked hard in that district, which makes it more disappointing. Adding to the disappointment is the fact that if he had won, the Senate would have been evenly balanced between Democrats and Republicans, and the conservative majority leadership would have been ousted.

Another race where the AHRF-endorsed candidate did not win was Paul Newman's bid

for Corporation Commission. While this was not a contest where AHRF actively participated, the choice between the candidates was clear. The interesting thing about this particular race, however, is the closeness of the actual results. As of Nov. 12, when the *Arizona Republic* reported that the vote was at last final, Newman lost by a mere 2,621 votes in a statewide race.

The implications are strong.

When more than half of the registered voters don't vote, a very small percentage of the voting public could change the course of Arizona politics by simply voting. Whether voting early by mail, or going to a polling place, just a few more voters could swing an election.

This has great significance for the GLBT community. "Our" candidates—both openly gay candidates and those who support our issues—can and do get elected. They particularly get elected in districts with higher voter turnout.

We can make a difference. We make a difference by actively supporting candidates with time and money, (Ken Chevront, Steve May, Harry Mitchell, Janet Napolitano, Chris Cumiskey, Christine Weason, Harry Mitchell, Elaine Richardson, Susan Gerard, being a few examples) but maybe our most important contribution can be in simply getting out the vote.

We have a break from elections for a while. The 2000 elections won't really start to heat up for about a year.

Please think of getting involved in some way before the next election.

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Learn about the candidates, talk to your friends and neighbors about candidates that are supportive of human rights, and more than anything, be sure to vote.

Again, a big Thank You to all of you who support AHRF and its endorsed candidates.



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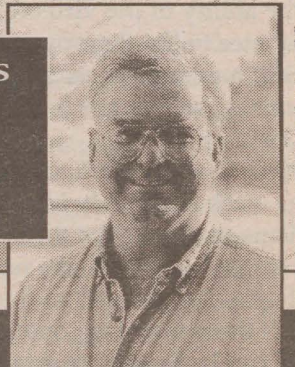
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# Study shows new AIDS treatment flushes virus from a few patients

DENVER (AP)

Federal researchers say they have managed to flush the AIDS virus out from one of its most stubborn hiding places and erase it to undetectable levels in a handful of patients.

Dr. Anthony Fauci and other researchers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases cautioned that their method of rinsing the virus from resting immune cells is highly experimental and unconfirmed.

However, the technique appears to have removed HIV from the blood of three of the 26 patients in the study. In one of the three, there was no trace of the virus in the lymph nodes, either.

Fauci said it would take years of follow-up studies to determine if the treatment works. The process still could be derailed by toxic side effects, or the ability of the virus to develop a resistance to the therapy.

Still, researchers said, it is a promising step in the battle against AIDS.

Now that powerful drug combinations work effectively in many patients to reduce the virus to extremely low levels, the next—and perhaps—final step is to find ways in which the remaining copies of the virus can be flushed from its deepest haunts so antiviral drugs can erase those traces, too.

Data on the patients was discussed Nov. 15 in Denver at the annual meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society

of America.

"It's conceivable that we'll take these people off their drugs and the disease will come roaring back from a reservoir we didn't find," Fauci said Nov. 16 in USA Today.

Another hurdle is whether new cells can be infected by the virus as it is flushed out—in effect, whether the aggressive treatment might inadvertently continue the disease cycle.

"We would like to get to the point of sterilizing immunity," said Dr. Roger Pomerantz of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, who did not work on the study. "But different patients may react differently."

"In some, you might eradicate the virus and in others, the virus may be activated and infect new cells," Pomerantz said. "You might not be able to withdraw therapy."

Fauci and his team originally announced their experimental treatment last February.

The treatment targets CD4T cells, which function as the immune system's memory and are found throughout the body. They appear to hang onto the blueprint of bacteria and viruses for as long as 10 years so the body will recognize the infection and mount a defense if it appears again.

In the case of AIDS, the genetic coding of the virus takes up long-term residence in the genes of the CD4T cells. This protects the virus from drugs when it circulates in the bloodstream.

When the body's immune system is activated to fight an infection or when drug therapy slips — these cells turn on and produce HIV again.

In the study, 26 men were given a combination of three anti-HIV drugs in an AIDS "cocktail treatment." Fourteen also were given the powerful immune system stimulator Interleukin-2.

IL-2 is the synthetic version of a substance naturally produced by the immune system. It alerts several types of disease-fighting cells to begin reproducing and fighting an invading infection.

Researchers believed that the IL-2 would activate dormant, infected CD4T cells. This would expose these reservoirs and the drug cocktail

would eradicate it.

After the treatment, researchers said they could not grow live HIV from more than 300 million immune cells extracted from three men in the study.

Later this year, the researchers said they would take the three men off of the drug cocktail therapy to see if their viral loads increase again.

The other 23 men in the study remained HIV-positive, researchers said. Fauci said repeated treatments with IL-2 might be necessary.

In other studies announced at the meeting, virologists said HIV-infected immune cells were hiding in semen. They may lurk in even more inaccessible sites in the body, including the brain and the retina.

## Gay Men's Health Crisis names new executive director

NEW YORK (AP)

Dr. Joshua Lipsman has been named executive director of Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York.

Lipsman "has a thorough grasp of the AIDS epidemic today, in all its complexity," David Hollander, chairman of the organization's board of directors, said in making the announcement Nov. 10.

Lipsman, who takes over Jan. 4, has been director of the Alexandria Health Department in Virginia for

more than seven years. He previously directed seven health clinics in Houston and was a staff physician at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

He replaces Mark Robinson, who served in the post for seven years.

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## Georgia meeting on AIDS, religion leaves out evangelical Christians

ATLANTA (AP)

When theologians and AIDS activists met here to discuss how America's religious community has responded to the AIDS epidemic, one group was conspicuously absent—conservative Christians.

The AIDS National Interfaith Network, the event's co-sponsor, said several conservative Christian groups were invited but didn't attend the four-day conference Nov. 10-13.

One group, the Washington-based National Association of Evangelicals said they would have attended if they had been invited.

"No big surprise," said Richard Cizik, acting director of the association's office of governmental affairs. He added that he's been the lone

conservative at other AIDS conferences.

"To not get invited exhibits the same mentality that has existed for years. Either we don't care or what we have to say is not acceptable," he said.

More than 200 representatives from religious groups, AIDS organizations and public policy organizations attended the conference at the Carter Center. The event was promoted as the first such meeting in a decade.

The Rev. Kenneth South, executive director of the AIDS National Interfaith Network, admitted that the conference needed a better spectrum.

"Evangelicals are doing great ministry, as long as they don't try to

change people," said South, who is gay.

He said the issue is still so political that the words AIDS and interfaith keep conservative Christians and the religious right from becoming involved.

Evangelicals are not going to change their views on homosexuality to be part of things, Cizik said.

"If that's the criterion for having a voice in this gathering, then I guess we won't have a voice," he said. "You must not ask us to do that."

The Southern Baptist Convention did not return a phone message seeking comment. But the Rev. James Allen, who now pastors a multi-denominational church in Big Canoe, attended one day of the conference and was a featured speaker.

Allen said he thought the crowd needed to hear that "we're not always going to have the same perspective," but we can agree on the cause.

The Rev. Deborah Warren, who was ordained as a Southern Baptist minister in 1982 and runs the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network, said she didn't have to change her beliefs to be involved. However, she said she considers herself a liberal Christian.

"I don't identify with that part (of the Southern Baptists). Regretfully, those are the folks who are now in power," she said.

Religious leaders said churches, synagogues and other religious communities are becoming more accepting of HIV-positive people, although beliefs about homosexuality and drug

use remain barriers in many faiths.

"There is no stigma greater than the one attached to AIDS," said Brahma Das of The River Fund, a nonprofit Florida AIDS organization.

"You've got sex, you've got sexuality, you've got drug use, you've got death," added Rabbi Mark Blumenthal, who is HIV-positive and chairs the board of directors of AIDS National Interfaith Network.

Buddhist theologian Jose Ignacio Cabezon, said he began thinking about the AIDS epidemic after HIV-infected Buddhists appealed to him years ago to help them "figure out what to do in their life" to face the challenges of AIDS.

But he said the only way the faith community—not one church or religion but different religions joined together—can fight against AIDS is to address it as a global problem.

"The faith community needs to change ... realizing that AIDS is a global problem. It is not going to be won only at a local, state or national level," he said.

Black religious leaders said their churches are much more involved in AIDS outreach than a decade ago, although some congregations do not want to be involved.

"They don't want to deal with women, homosexuals, drug abuse and incest. They don't want to deal with anything," said Permessia Seele, who founded a program that educates black churches to become involved in the fight against AIDS. "They use the Bible as a platform for hate and shut people out of the kingdom of God."

## NY AIDS rally seeks same privileges given the Yankees

NEW YORK (AP)

A group planning a somber tribute to those who have died of AIDS should be allowed to travel through the Canyon of Heroes and end at City Hall, just like the Yankees' ticker tape parade, a lawsuit says.

Housing Works Inc. filed a lawsuit Nov. 12 demanding access to the parade route and City Hall steps for an annual demonstration that has usually drawn about 1,000 people.

Charles King, co-executive director at Housing Works, said the group hoped to march solemnly through lower Manhattan before gathering on the City Hall steps for a dignified memorial and a news conference to mark World AIDS Day.

Throughout the day, speakers at up to seven microphones in City Hall Park will read the names of those who have died from AIDS, he said.

"We have intended the reading of the names to be an indictment of government neglect. We're not looking for loud, raucous fights with the police in the streets or anything like that on the steps of City Hall," he said.

He said the group wants the same access to City Hall that the Yankees got on Oct. 23, when they were cheered at a ticker tape parade by a crowd police estimated at 3.5 million.

But the city told the group that the threat of terrorism has forced it to close the City Hall steps to events that are not of extraordinary public interest or major civic importance.

The city also will allow exceptions for inaugurations, events honoring military triumphs, space exploration, extraordinary national or world leaders or local world championship teams, the lawsuit said the group was told.

Giuliani told reporters that the city's rejection of a parade permit was not arbitrary.

"Obviously, you can't grant everyone's request," he said. "If the city were to grant permits for everyone who wants to have a parade, all the city would do is have parades, and we wouldn't have gridlock, we'd be totally frozen."

The group said it wanted to stage its event on the steps of City Hall to target Giuliani for his lack of concern for those with AIDS.

"This year's activities are principally focused on the contrast between Mayor Giuliani's lack of concern for those dying of AIDS and his enthusiastic support for the New York Yankees," the lawsuit said. "Housing Works believes that the mayor cares more about the Yankees than he does about people dying of AIDS."

Christopher Dunn, a lawyer for the New York Civil Liberties Union, which filed the lawsuit on behalf of the group, said the city was acting unconstitutionally.

"They can't pick and choose who gets to speak based on whether they like them or not," he said.



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# IGRA Finals results announced

The International Gay Rodeo Association completed its 12th annual International Rodeo of Champions in Phoenix October 22-25. 120 cowboys and cowgirls from across the United States competed for the title of International Champion in each of 13 events.

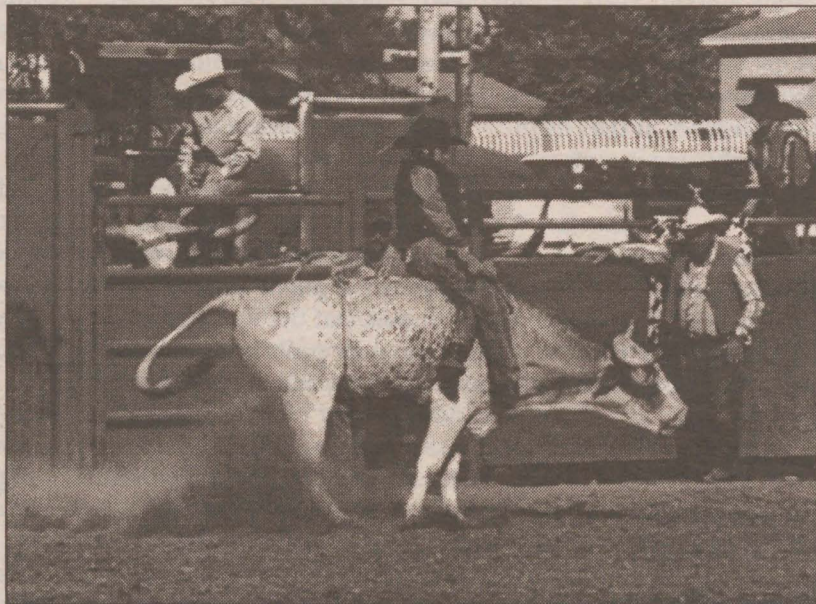
The title of All Around Cowboy went to Dennis Terrell, a member of the Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association (ASGRA) of Canton, TX. The win marks Terrell's fourth title as IGRA's All Around Cowboy.

All Around Cowgirl honors went to Trena Monnahan from the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo Association (OGRA) of Edmond, OK. It's Monnahan's first title as IGRA All Around Cowgirl.

On the local side, Third Runner-Up for the All Around Cowgirl title was AGRA member Angie Darnell of Laveen, AZ. The First Runner-Up for the men was Andy Anaya, an AGRA member living in Wichita Falls, TX. Fourth Runner-Up was Chuck Browning, AGRA president from Phoenix.

Other local cowboys and cowgirls who were first-time winners of the International Champion title in Phoenix included Sandra Anaya, an AGRA member from Tucson in Calf Roping on Foot; Chuck Browning in Steer Riding, Chute Dogging & Goat

Dressing; Brian Helander, AGRA Vice President from Phoenix in Goat



Dressing; and Michael Montoya, a Northstar Gay Rodeo Association (NSGRA) member from Phoenix who won in Steer Decorating.

Other International Champions from the area who have made their way to the Awards podium before and made it back this year include: Andrew Anaya in Calf Roping on Foot & Break Away Roping; and Candy Bell, a GSGRA member from Maricopa, AZ, who won for Bareback Bronc Riding & Steer Riding.

Also honored during the weekend were the Rookies of the Year, a recognition that went to the cowboy and

cowgirl who accumulated the most points throughout their first year of IGRA competition. Honors went to J.C. McDonald of Iowa and Tammy Catron of Nebraska. Both are members of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA).

J.C. McDonald was also honored as the first Rookie Bull Rider of the Year with

the David Pizzuti buckle. David Pizzuti was a bullfighter who worked at many IGRA rodeos until his death

in 1997 and was very respected by the cowboys and cowgirls of IGRA. The buckle is an annual award sponsored by David Pizzuti's family.

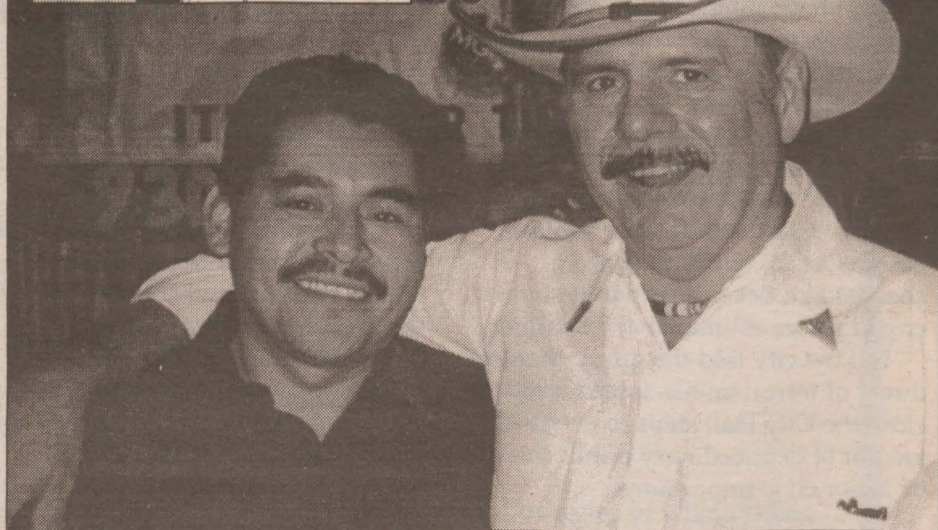
Another important competition during the weekend was the IGRA Royalty Competition. New Miss, Mr. and Ms. IGRA representatives were crowned and will have the responsibility of representing IGRA at rodeos and other events throughout the coming year as well as raising funds for charities.

The new IGRA Royalty for 1999 are: Miss IGRA - DeShannon (aka Mitch Gill) from the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association; Ms. IGRA - Laura Scott, NGRA; and Mr. IGRA - Douglas Graff, GSGRA, from Santa Clara, CA.

The IGRA "Spirit Stick" award was given to the Illinois Gay Rodeo Association (ILGRA) by the 1998 IGRA Royalty Team in recognition for their significant contributions to IGRA royalty programs.

## Phoenix country bar turns 14

Staff and customers alike enjoyed a week-long party at Charlie's - Phoenix that celebrated the bar's 14th year in the Valley. The festive week culminated Nov. 15 with a "14 cent cocktail party", where for two hours anything in the house cost just 14 cents.



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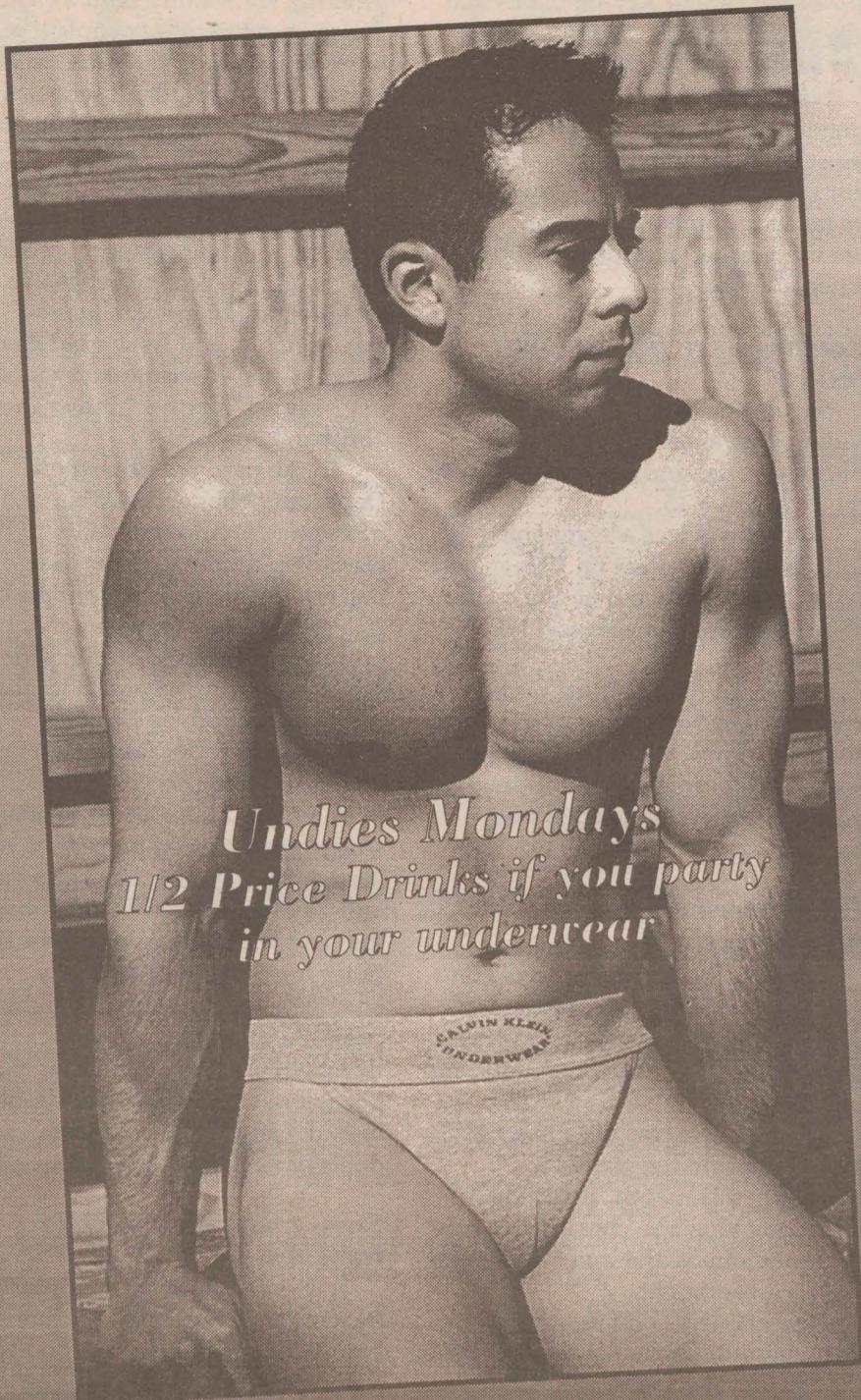
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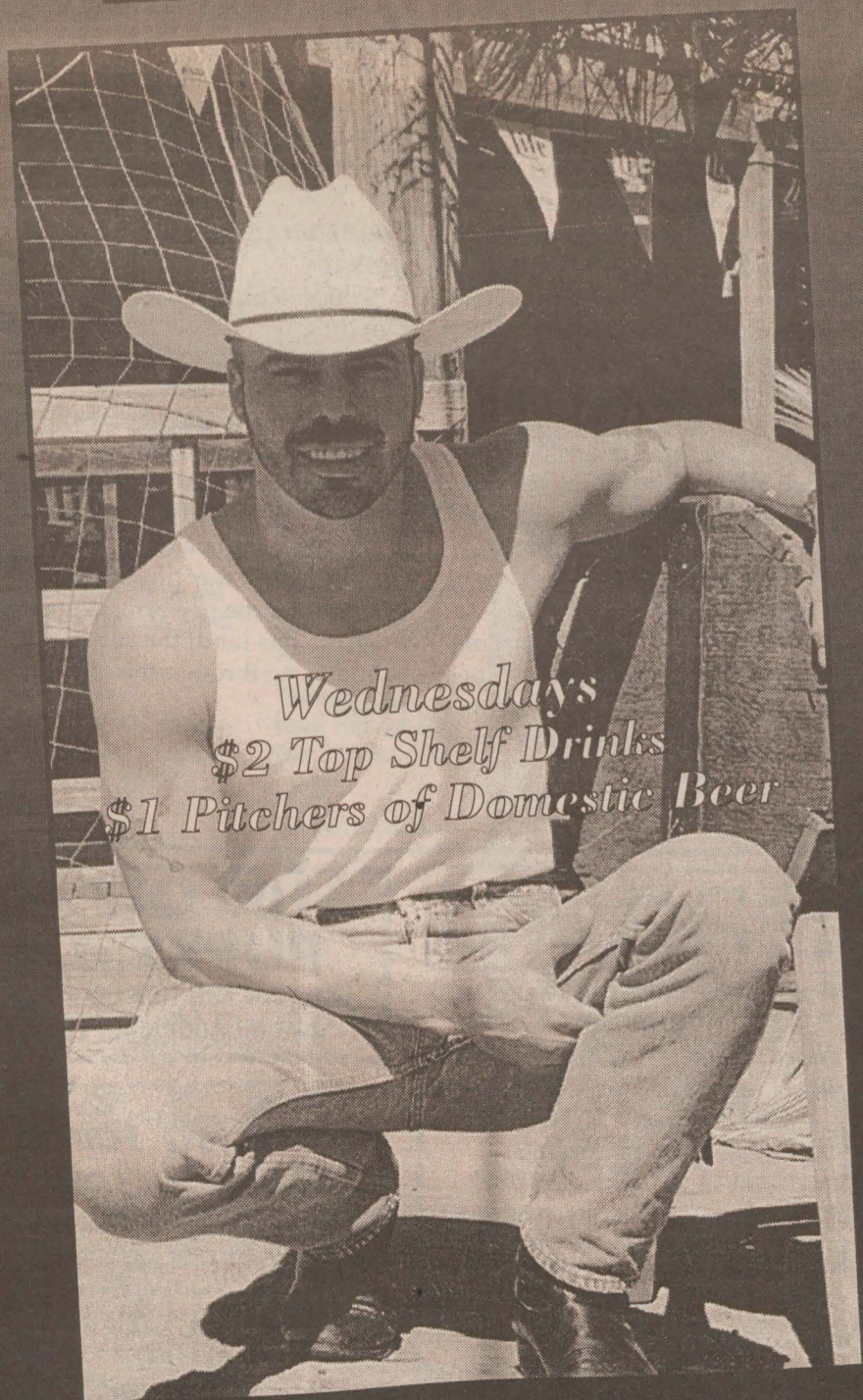
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# International Gay & Lesbian News Briefs

Compiled by Rex Wockner

## Open lesbian elected to Tel Aviv City Council

Lesbian activist Michal Eden was elected to the Tel Aviv, Israel, City Council Nov. 10.

Eden had snagged the second slot on the Meretz party list in the primary election thanks to strong support from the gay community — and the party then won four spots in the general election, giving Eden her seat.

She is the first gay or lesbian ever elected in Israel, local activists said. The City Council has 31 members.

## British Agriculture Minister comes out under duress

British Agriculture Minister Nick Brown, the member of parliament for Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend, came out of the closet Nov. 7 to preempt plans by an ex-boyfriend to tell their story to the media.

Brown said: "This was a relationship based on friendship, not simply sex, which ended well before the general election. I have been aware for some time that, after I broke off the relationship, the man has been in contact with the media both before and since the election, with a view to selling his story about our relationship and making false and unsubstantiated allegations about the nature of that relationship. These include the allegation that I paid him for sex. I deny totally that I paid money for sex. I have never done so.

"I am saddened that he has tried to sell his story in this way. I have always wanted to keep my private life and my sexuality private. That is my choice and I have always believed it is a choice I and any other citizen should be entitled to make. I am sorry that I have had to speak publicly about this part of my life, and that people very dear to me will find out about it in this way. This will be upsetting not just to me but to friends and family. I am deeply embarrassed about this, not least on behalf of my constituents who have shown me great support ever since I became their MP."

A spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair commented, "Nick Brown has given a full account of this relationship to the prime minister and he is satisfied with that account."

Brown is the third British cabinet minister to come out or be outed in a month. Welsh Secretary Ron Davies, 52, resigned after being mugged Oct. 26 while cruising for gay sex on London's Clapham Common. He went to the police after one of his assailants demanded money not to expose him as a closeted homosexual.

Then, during the media orgy that followed Davies' misfortune, *Times of London* columnist Matthew Parris outed Trade Secretary Peter Mandelson on BBC2-TV's "Newsnight" program.

A fourth Cabinet member, Culture Secretary Chris Smith, is openly gay.

## Namibia plans to outlaw gay sex

Namibian Home Affairs Minister Jerry Ekandjo told parliament Nov. 6 that the government will introduce legislation to ban gay sex.

"Gay rights can never qualify as human rights," Ekandjo said. "They are wrongly claimed because it is inimical to true Namibian culture, African culture and religion. They should be classified as human wrongs which must rank as sin against society and God.

"If a male dog knows its right partner as a female dog, how can a human being fail to notice the difference?" Ekandjo asked. "Today it is homosexuality, tomorrow it will be the right to walk naked, the day after tomorrow it will be the right to abuse drugs. ... I earnestly call upon homosexuals in Namibia to repent their wrongs before society. I call upon them to repent their sins before God. This is the only way Namibia can develop as a people which considers certain values as fundamental to the welfare and survival of the nation."

The Namibian gay group Rainbow Project responded, "We question Mr. Ekandjo's morality in attempting to deny others their human rights."

The human-rights organization Legal Assistance Centre stated: "Such a legislation will be tantamount to unfair treatment and inequality of homosexuals before the law. Clause

107 of the Labour Act stipulates that it is not allowed to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation."

Namibian President Sam Nujoma previously has said: "Homosexuals must be condemned and rejected in our society. All necessary steps must be taken to combat all influences that are influencing us and our children in a negative way."

## Koreans stage first gay film festival

Seoul, Korea's first Queer Film & Video Festival brought 87 dramas, documentaries and animated films to the city Nov. 6-15.

The festival was accompanied by forums and symposia on Korean and Asian gay cinema and on the relationship between the media and homosexuality.

Fifteen additional films were banned from the main festival by censors but were screened for film professionals, journalists and critics. Last year, the entire film festival was banned.

## French partners measure delayed again

The French parliament's vote on giving spousal rights to gay and straight unmarried couples has been delayed again — until at least the end of November.

The measure was the subject of fierce debate in the National Assembly this month, attracting unusually long speeches, arcane procedural motions and more than 1,000 hostile amendments.

Conservatives and Roman Catholics ultimately hope to scuttle the bill that will create the "Civil Solidarity Pacts," but the legislation is supported by the ruling Socialists who hold a majority of seats in the Assembly.

The proposed law permits cohabiting couples, regardless of gender or romantic attachment, to access spousal rights in such areas as inheritance, housing, taxation, workplace benefits, social security and social-welfare programs.

## Tasmania embraces gay students

The Education Department of the Australian state of Tasmania has rescinded a ban on school-based discussions or displays related to homosexuality and launched a series of projects designed to make gay students feel welcome.

"There have been some disturbing incidences of harassment and victimization of students based on their sexuality," said Education Minister Paula

Wreidt. "We want to send a clear message out to other people that this is not acceptable at all, that children have the right to attend schools in an environment which is free of harassment."

Among other moves, the department will distribute sexuality reference cards listing support services for gay youth, stock comprehensive material on homosexuality and homophobia, and issue guidelines on usage of non-discriminatory language (e.g., saying "partner" rather than "husband" or "wife").

"In the past, the Education Department has actually banned any discussion of homosexuality in the classroom, but thanks to today's initiatives, Tasmania is now at the cutting edge of creating safe school communities for a range of minorities including young gays and lesbians," commented Rodney Croome, spokesman for the Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group.

A recent University of Tasmania study found that 94 percent of young Tasmanian gay men have experienced anti-gay verbal or physical abuse and that gay youth are two-and-a-half times more likely to seriously consider suicide than are their straight peers. Another study, conducted by Elizabeth College, found that eight percent of students are gay, lesbian or bisexual and that 16 percent of students have harassed homosexuals.

## Swiss man jailed for HIV transmission

A 51-year-old man in Winterthur, Switzerland, was jailed for three years Nov. 9 for causing serious bodily harm by passing HIV to his girlfriend whom he had not told he was HIV positive.

Prosecutors sought to have the man jailed for 10 years but the defense argued successfully that he had not acted with intent to kill.

## Shanghai police arrest drag queens

Police in Shanghai, China, pulled two drag performers off stage and arrested them Nov. 11, after shocked patrons of the Guoling Dance Hall realized the singers were really men and alerted the authorities.

The club, which was celebrating its opening night, was shut down.

The Xinmin Evening News said the dance hall was plunged into chaos when the performers "opened their red lips [and] the rough male sound came through the microphone."

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# 'Be his voice': friend of Shepard urges grass-roots activism

PITTSBURGH (AP)

When college student Matthew Shepard was beaten to death in an apparent hate crime last month, the world was robbed of its image as a civilized society, a friend said.

Jim Osborne, who attended the University of Wyoming with Shepard and carries his picture in his wallet, urged people at a national gay-rights conference to get involved in grass-roots efforts to strengthen hate crimes legislation.

"It's up to us now. Don't give in to the hate; hate is deadly," Osborne said Nov. 13. "A young, incredible voice has been silenced. Be his voice."

He spoke at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's annual conference, "Creating Change," which ended Nov. 15 at the Westin William Penn Hotel.

Borrowing a page from conservatives, the task force is urging gay rights leaders to promote civil rights legislation at the local level. A new campaign, "Equality Begins at Home," aims to strengthen local efforts through town meetings, rallies, prayer breakfasts and the display of portions of the AIDS quilt during the week of March 21-27.

Task force executive director Kerry Lobel said her group would give \$5,000 to the campaign in each state. The idea, she said, is that gay people should not have to flee their hometowns to live well. She cited a popular stereotype that all homosexuals live on the East or West Coast.

"So many of us fled our homes for those places because we wanted a different kind of life," she said. "But people are not fleeing any longer."

Among those in middle America was Shepard, who was found on Oct. 7, beaten and tied to a fence post outside Laramie, Wyo. He later died at a hospital. Two men have been charged with his murder, and authorities believe the crime was motivated at least in part by Shepard's homosexuality.

"Never again will my day get better because I met Matt walking across campus," said Osborne. "We don't get to know what his favorite book was, or his favorite song."

Chris Young, chairman of the Pennsylvania League of Gay and Lesbian Voters, said other victims of brutal hate crimes never surface, often because their parents don't want anyone to know about their sexual orientation.

Young said in Pennsylvania, as

elsewhere, groups will campaign to have the state's hate-crimes statute amended to include sexual orientation.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, an Alabama-based organization that tracks hate crimes, found that Pennsylvania was among the most fertile of the 50 states for growth of hate groups. The state tied for fourth with Louisiana and North Carolina.

"We are outlaws in our own nation because of who we are and who we love," said Rita Adessa, executive director of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force. "We are demonized as 'other.'"

Nadine Smith, an activist from Florida who attended the conference, said small-town change "will go down in history as a major turning point in our movement."

## Germany to grant rights to gay couples, but not adoption

BONN, Germany (AP)

Germany's new center-left government intends to grant some legal status to same-sex couples, but not the right to adopt children, Justice Minister Herta and Pauls said.

"We're not calling it gay marriage," the Social Democrat told journalists Nov. 10.

Expanding on a promise made in the new government's coalition agreement last month, she said gay couples should be able to officially register long-term relationships and receive some of the same rights and responsibilities granted to married heterosexual couples.

But she said traditional marriage would retain its special protection under the constitution, and ruled out allowing same-sex couples to adopt.

The state has no interest in the sexual orientation of its citizens, but does have to promote the efforts of people to support each other, she said.

What's needed is "a conceptual and legal differentiation" from marriage, she said.

A recent proposal by France's leftist government to give legal status to homosexual and other unmarried couples prompted street protests in Paris and a bitter fight by opposition lawmakers to kill the bill.

## The Sun tabloid says it will give up outing gays

LONDON (AP)

The top-selling *Sun* tabloid, which earlier this month ran a front-page headline asking if Britain was being run by "a gay mafia," has changed its policy on homosexuals.

"The *Sun* is no longer in the business of destroying closet gays' lives by 'exposing' them as homosexuals," editor David Yelland said in a statement.

The move followed word that Agriculture Minister Nick Brown was gay. Culture Secretary Chris Smith is openly gay, and Ron Davies resigned as Welsh Secretary last month after being mugged in an area

known for homosexual activity.

The *Sun* is Britain's biggest-selling daily newspaper and the sister paper to *The News of the World*, a sensational Sunday tabloid that forced Brown to reveal his homosexuality.

"From now on, *The Sun* will not out homosexuals unless there is major public interest reason to do so," Yelland's statement said. "We will continue to be in the vanguard of this debate—and all debates—but we will not invade the privacy of gay people by outing them."

There was no announcement of any change in *The News of the World's* policy.

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# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## Homo households included in 14th annual Story Home Tour

By Ty Robins, HeatStroke Contributor

Hang up those aprons, drop those trowels and put away the spackle.

It's time once again to head down to the F.Q. Story Historic District in central Phoenix for their annual home tour.

For the Martha Stewart in all of us, the Story District Tour offers a peek at some of the most charming homes in town—and some of the gayest.

One of the homes on display will be a 1926 Mediterranean Revival belonging to Joe Ray Underdown and Richard Porter. The couple, who will be celebrating their ten year anniversary in December, moved into the area from Tucson about two years ago and began the ongoing task of transforming their home.

"We did all this painting and we're not divorced yet!" Porter laughs.

"It's been close!" adds Underdown.

The couple says that a friend recommended the area to them when they were in process of relocating to Phoenix and it didn't take long to find the home of their dreams. "We saw the house and we knew, without

even going in, that's the house we're looking for," Porter says.

Although the For Sale sign had just gone up that day, the couple wasted no time. "We made a bid that first day," Underdown says, "and somebody was trying to out-bid us that evening."

side to the Story lifestyle, noting that even crime doesn't seem to be a major problem. "Neighborhood watch is very strong," says Porter.

Underdown relates the story of how he thwarted the burglary of a home directly across the street.

"There were these kids over there

Allstate Insurance.

With the exception of the bathtub and wallpaper, they did all of the work themselves and with the help of friends. Neither of the men had prior experience with renovations. Porter says that he may have developed his affinity for historic homes while



They love the area, they say, and have met many of their gay neighbors through organized potlucks that are hosted by a different homo household each month. An average of 50 invitations are sent out for the regular gathering.

The couple has yet to find a down-

and I was home. I saw them go up on the porch, looking around. They disappeared and then I saw them going down the street. I thought, 'They're going for the alley.' So I got on the phone and I was crouching down, watching. And sure as hell they jumped the fence, kicked in the back door and they were in the house when they were caught."

Adding to the neighborly feel of the district is the fact that most of the homes feature a front porch, something that is missing in most modern developments. "We spend a tremendous amount of time on our porch. It's really an extension of the house," Porter says.

Behind an immense wooden door that looks like it could guard a fortress, tour participants will find a home featuring hardwood floors, textured gold walls, dual pedestal sinks and a Jacuzzi tub in one bathroom, a collection of beautiful antiques including two Gramophones, and a window-lined master bedroom with an adjoining sitting room.

Underdown, 36, knows a thing or two about antiques, being employed at an upscale dealer in North Central Phoenix. Porter, 37, is a manager with

growing up in a Tucson home that dates back to 1898.

F.Q. Story Historic District Home Tour President Bruce Brogard says he expects between 1500 - 2000 people to attend the event, now in its fourteenth year.

Brogard reports that in addition to the ten homes on display, the sponsoring organization has, "about twenty-five to thirty vendors lined up. And we're hoping to get antique cars," to display during the tour, adding to the sense of history.

He adds, "Most of the homeowners will have decorated for Christmas, so it will be very pretty for the night tour."

Should viewing the homes on this year's tour inspire the uninitiated remodeler to pick up a paintbrush or crowbar, Porter and Underdown offer this advice: "Don't do your own hardwood floors," they say. "It's not worth it!"



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## Goings On

News & Events of Interest to the  
Phoenix Queer Community

### World AIDS Day— December 1

Local events and activities in observance of World AIDS Day include an AIDS Networking Breakfast from 7-9 am—call the Malta Center for location.

There will be tables and displays at ASU's Hayden Hall from 10 am to 2 pm with Names Project quilt panels on display and artwork from the Life Mask Project.

At 6 pm, the annual AIDS memorial ribbon ceremony and the candle-light hike up Tempe's A Mountain will take place. The 2nd annual Kirk Baxter Lifetime achievement award for work with the AIDS community will be presented at A Mountain.

For information on these or other World AIDS Day events, contact the Malta Center at (602)212-0222.

### DA plans bike ride for November 22

Desert Adventures is a social group for men and women in the Phoenix area that plans and promotes a number of outdoor activities and other events. They've scheduled a fun, easy group bike ride through Indian Bend Wash in Scottsdale for Sunday, Nov. 22.

The pedaling pals will meet up at 10 am in Eldorado Park, at 77th Street and Oak. It's a 20-mile trip and the tour will include a stop at an outdoor cafe for lunch. Costs are \$1 for members and \$3 for guests—bring plenty of water.

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

### Thanksgiving dinner offered to HIV+ in need

The HIV community, as well as their caregivers, families and friends, are invited to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner at Trinity Cathedral, 100 West Roosevelt in downtown Phoenix on Thursday, Nov. 26.

Hungry diners will begin gathering at noon, with a turkey dinner served from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. For transportation arrangements or to volunteer, call the Malta Center at (602)212-0222. Please do not donate food items without calling in advance.

The dinner is sponsored by the Episcopal Committee on HIV, Joshua Tree, AGAPE, and the Malta Center.

### Women's chorale plans holiday concert

On Saturday, Dec. 12 the only all-women choral group in Phoenix, TLC Chorale, will present its annual holiday concert. The show will feature Valley soloist Tracy Cruz and an appearance by the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale.

The concert will be held at the Community Church of Hope, 4400 North Central Avenue in Phoenix. Tickets are \$8 and available from chorale members as well as at the door. For more information call (602)878-5430.

### LifeGuard titles: up for grabs in January

Applications are now available for the 1999 King and Queen of Safer Sex. Project LifeGuard is looking for some fabulous female impersonators and gifted guys to be contestants for their annual pageant.

The king and Queen of Safer Sex Pageant is in its 3rd year. The event will be held in late January 1999. The new King and Queen will replace current royalty Ms. Markus and Jeff Edwards to represent LifeGuard in its endeavors to support the gay and bisexual men's community in its efforts to live healthy, safe and proud.

Deadline for all applications is Friday, Dec. 18 at 5 pm. Applications are available at the Project LifeGuard office at 4700 North Central, Suite #204 or by calling (602) 266-SAFE (7233).

### PFLAG logo contest announced

The Phoenix chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is sponsoring a design contest for a new Phoenix PFLAG logo. The winning design will be used on Phoenix PFLAG brochures, ads, T-shirts and other items.

Submitted designs must include one full color and one gray-scale sample, and should present a unique identity emphasizing Phoenix, the state and/or PFLAG ideals.

Mail submissions to PFLAG, PO Box 37525, Phoenix AZ 85069 or present your design at the Dec. 21 PFLAG meeting. Deadline for entries is 7 pm, Dec. 21. The winning entry will be announced soon after and will receive a \$50 prize. For information call Mike at (602)497-0347.

### ACP logo contest underway

Arizona Central Pride is having its annual Theme Logo Contest. ACP has chosen the theme: "Millions of Lives... One Voice in Pride" for the next Phoenix area gay pride festival and parade, slated for April 17, 1999.

The international theme chosen this year is "Prideful Past, Powerful Future". ACP elected to choose its own theme in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

Deadline for all entries is Dec. 13, 1998. Entries can be dropped off at the Community Center or mailed to ACP at PO Box 16847, Phoenix, AZ 85011. Creator of the winning entry will receive free passes to the 1999 event, all 1999 logo merchandise, and a \$1000 cash prize. Call (602)279-1771 for details.



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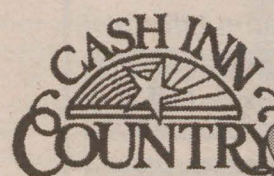


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# We are Family—

The members of Los Amigos del Sol have been caring for each other—and the community—for two decades and counting.

By Kelly J. Reidhead, Managing Editor

"Our organization exists to help others; we try to fill the gaps that people—and the larger community—experience from time to time," says Danny Klevin, President

male social club in 1976, it wasn't long before LADS initiated its first female member. Gerry Baier, who now serves as the group's historian, was the first woman to join, in 1977. "I was the 'token lesbian,'" Baier says with a smile.

After Baier broke the gender barrier,

portion that still exists today.

Klevin and Baier believe that when LADS was in its infancy, gay men and lesbians were much less polarized from each other than they are today. "I can remember when I first joined the club in '77," Klevin says, "it was commonly understood that we were all just gay people; we weren't 'lesbians and gays.'"

Both Klevin and Baier suspect that the bonds forged between the male and female members are a primary reason the group is still around after 22 years. "We have always enjoyed each other's company," Klevin says. "And we all appreciate the balance [the opposite gender] brings into our lives. We are men and women together for the fun of it. That's just what we are."

But the mixed gender membership has occasionally been a double-edged sword—a policy that some in the gay & lesbian community have attempted to thwart.

Baier recalls a particularly poignant demonstration of solidarity between the men and women of LADS. For several years in the early 80s, LADS held its monthly meetings at Farrah's, a long-defunct gay club in East Phoenix. After the early afternoon business meetings adjourned, many members lingered at the bar to socialize over cocktails.

At the beginning of a meeting in 1984, the owner of the bar informed

the group that they were implementing a new dress code: the women members of LADS would be welcome to stay until 8pm; after that time they would be asked to leave and would not be readmitted unless they were wearing a gown.

"It was just harassment," Baier recalls. "We were good enough to spend our money at the club until 8 o'clock, but then they wanted all the women to go out to their cars and change into a gown to be able to stay—simply for the privilege of spending more money."

"That's just what Farrah's did," Klevin agrees, "and we wouldn't put up with it."

"One of the happiest days in my life was that day in 1984," Baier continues. "LADS was 250 strong at that point, and everybody in that meeting—all the guys, all the girls, maybe 200 people in all—got up and walked out. We just moved our meeting to another bar. Now that's what I call camaraderie. And that's what the club has always meant to me. We're about being together."

Los Amigos del Sol is remarkable for another reason: its members include representatives of all age groups—from the early 20s to the late 70s. American culture in general—and gay male culture in particular—is regularly and deservedly criticized for worshiping the fleeting gods of youth and beauty. Older members of



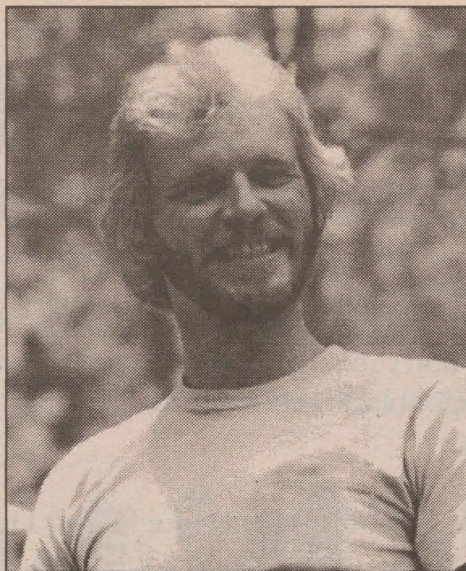
Danny Klevin (l), President of LADS, and Gerry Baier, LADS' historian, have been members of the club since its early years.

of Los Amigos del Sol (LADS), one of the longest running social and support organizations in Phoenix's gay & lesbian community.

Notable not only for its longevity, LADS also boasts a diverse membership: gay men and lesbians belong to the group in roughly equal proportions, and—perhaps more unusual for the gay and lesbian community—the age of its membership ranges from the early 20s to the late 70s.

Founded as an exclusively

er, other women were invited to join by their male friends who were members. Soon the membership ranks swelled to include a roughly equal number of men and women—a pro-



The way they were: (l-r) Valley residents Danny Klevin, Gerry Baier, Crawford Taylor and B.J. Reynolds joined LADS shortly after its 1977 inception.

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the tribe are frequently cast aside or ignored by the younger members, but not so with LADS.

"Age has never mattered with our club," Baier explains. "When we started out we were almost all the same age; now we have a wide spectrum of ages represented by our members." One of the eldest is Evelyn Payne—known to everyone at LADS as "Payne"—at 78-years old. "Payne is one of our hardest workers and staunchest supporters," Klevin says.

**"We have always enjoyed each other's company. And we appreciate the balance [the opposite gender] brings to our lives. We are men and women together for the fun of it. That's just what we are."**

Payne is also one of the members of the S.O.S. fund, the group's only standing committee. The S.O.S. fund was started over a dozen years ago as a way to provide an emergency source of cash to members of the community who demonstrate a financial hardship.

According to Klevin, "We allocate \$100 every month to give to anyone who has an emergency. And if they need more, we just pass the hat at the next meeting and give them more money. Six months ago, one of our member's daughter got burned out of

her house. She didn't even know us, but within a week we had arranged for furniture and clothes to replace those she lost in the fire."

The S.O.S. fund is a prime example of the way in which LADS has evolved from a purely social organization for the benefit of its members, to one that supports the larger community. LADS was also one of the first organizations in the Valley to react to the growing AIDS crisis.

"When AIDS first started impacting Phoenix, some of our club members were getting sick," Baier remembers. "The support organizations we have in place now weren't around yet, but we needed to do something to help." So LADS started a food bank as a way to help those who were immobilized by the virus.

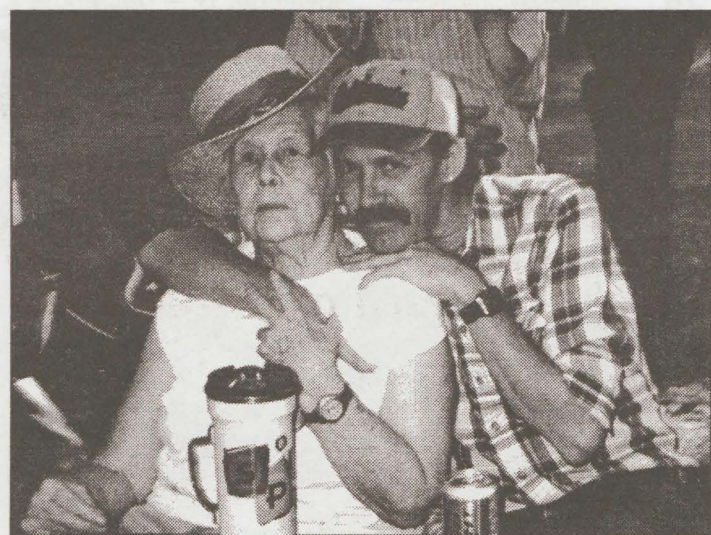
Although the responsibilities of the LADS food bank were eventually assumed by other organizations, the group continues to contribute to local charities. At the end of each year, LADS makes a significant contribution to a charitable group, holding a rotating series of fundraisers—from casino nights at local nightclubs to yard sales—throughout the year to fund their contribution.

The club also recognizes outstanding community service with its annual "Char Award." Endowed by the brother of Charlotte Sheidler, a much-loved LADS member who passed

away in 1986, the Char Award is presented every year at the group's Thanksgiving party. The award is open to anyone—gay or straight. "Any kind of person who does good things is eligible for the Char Award," says Baier. Past recipients of the award include local attorney Dianne Post, for her work with battered women.

Perhaps one of the most important services that LADS has provided for its members is to act as a kind of bridge to the larger gay & lesbian community—an especially crucial function in the early years, when coming out of the closet was a much more terrifying prospect than it is today.

"In 22 years," Baier says, "the gay community has come a long way, and LADS has also brought a lot of people a long way—a lot of shy, scared people who were afraid of what it meant to be gay." But caring for and helping others is what LADS does best. "We are a family," Baier emphasizes, "really, truly family."



Above: at 78, Evelyn Payne is the most senior member of LADS. Here, Payne enjoys a club campout with fellow member Roger Dunn. Below: LADS' Secretary, Pam D., is one of the younger members of the social and support group.



business meetings at 3pm on the second Saturday of each month at the Cash Inn, followed by an informal social activity. Contact LADS President, Danny Klevin, at 631-9962 for more information.

Los Amigos del Sol always welcomes new members. An initiation fee of \$3, plus the first month's dues of \$4 is required of all new members. LADS holds its regular

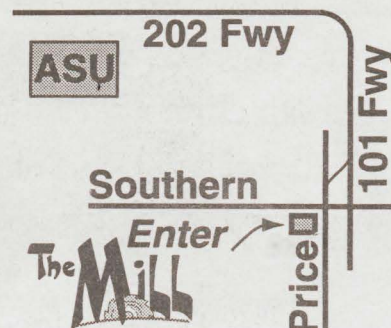
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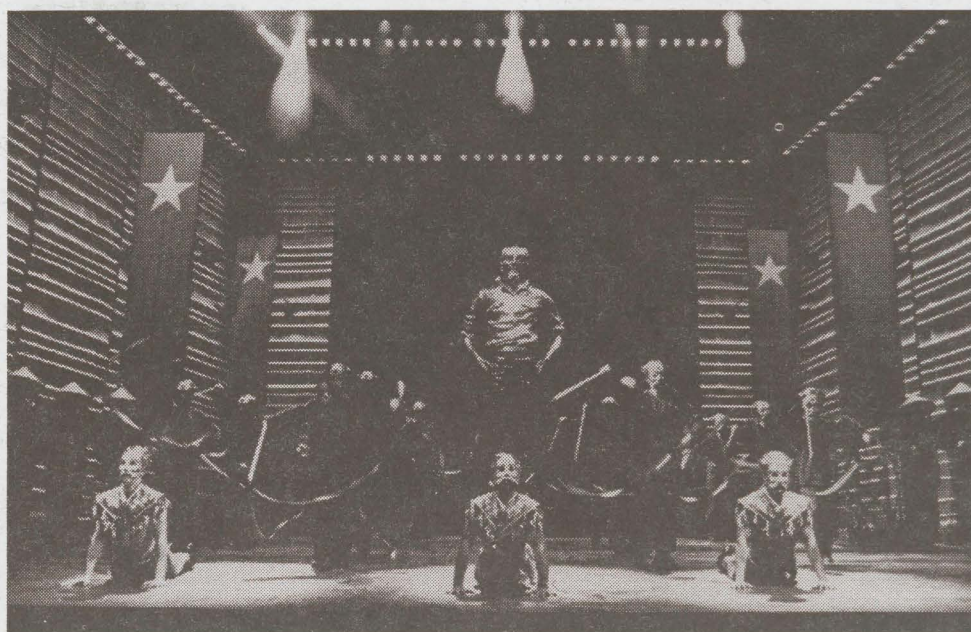
## Our favorite elf lands in Scottsdale Nov. 28

His humor has been called blithely sophisticated, his wit deliberately skewed.

He's David Sedaris, the delightfully homo humorist who first garnered national attention with National Public Radio's *Santaland Diaries*. The former house cleaner is also an Obie-winning playwright and author of the best selling books *Barrel Fever* and

*Naked*.

In a show that mixes original readings with audience question & answer, the Scottsdale Center for the Arts will present *An Evening With David Sedaris* on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$20. call the box office at (602)994-ARTS for information and reservations.



## Miss Saigon tickets on sale

Helicopter landings, building explosions and lush love songs. Where can you find all three?

At the theater, of course. Tickets became available Oct. 12 for the Southwestern U.S. premiere of the international hit musical *Miss Saigon*. The show will open Jan. 6 at ASU's Gammage Auditorium in Tempe.

*Miss Saigon* tells the story of love and self-sacrifice between a young

Vietnamese woman and an American soldier during the fall of Saigon in 1975. The Tony-award winning spectacular features music by Claude-Michel Schonberg, with lyrics by Alain Boublil and Richard Maltby, Jr.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$67.50 and are available by calling Dillard's outlets, or the Gammage Box Office at (602)965-3434.

## Gay Latino snares Phoenix based national playwriting award

For the second year in a row an openly gay writer has won the National Hispanic Playwriting Award presented by Arizona Theatre Company in association with Centro Cultural Mexicano de Phoenix.

Luis Alfaro of Los Angeles won the fourth annual contest with his play, *Straight as a Line*, which will have its word premiere at Chicago's Goodman Theatre. Alfaro will receive a prize of \$1,000.

In 1997, the national award went to gay playwright Guillermo Reyes of Tempe for his play, *A Southern Christmas*. Reyes currently heads Arizona State University's master's program in playwriting.

Alfaro is an acclaimed openly gay writer and performance artist. He is co-director of the Latino Theatre Initiative at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, where he is a resident artist. He's a recent recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Foundation fellowship and is well known throughout the country for his provocative and often gay-themed original works and performances.

*Straight as a Line*, an acerbically funny and deeply moving drama, is a glimpse at an unusual mother/son



relationship between a young, gay Latino and his conservative mother. In addition to winning ATC's Hispanic Playwright competition, the play was awarded the 1997 Midwest PlayLabs Award.



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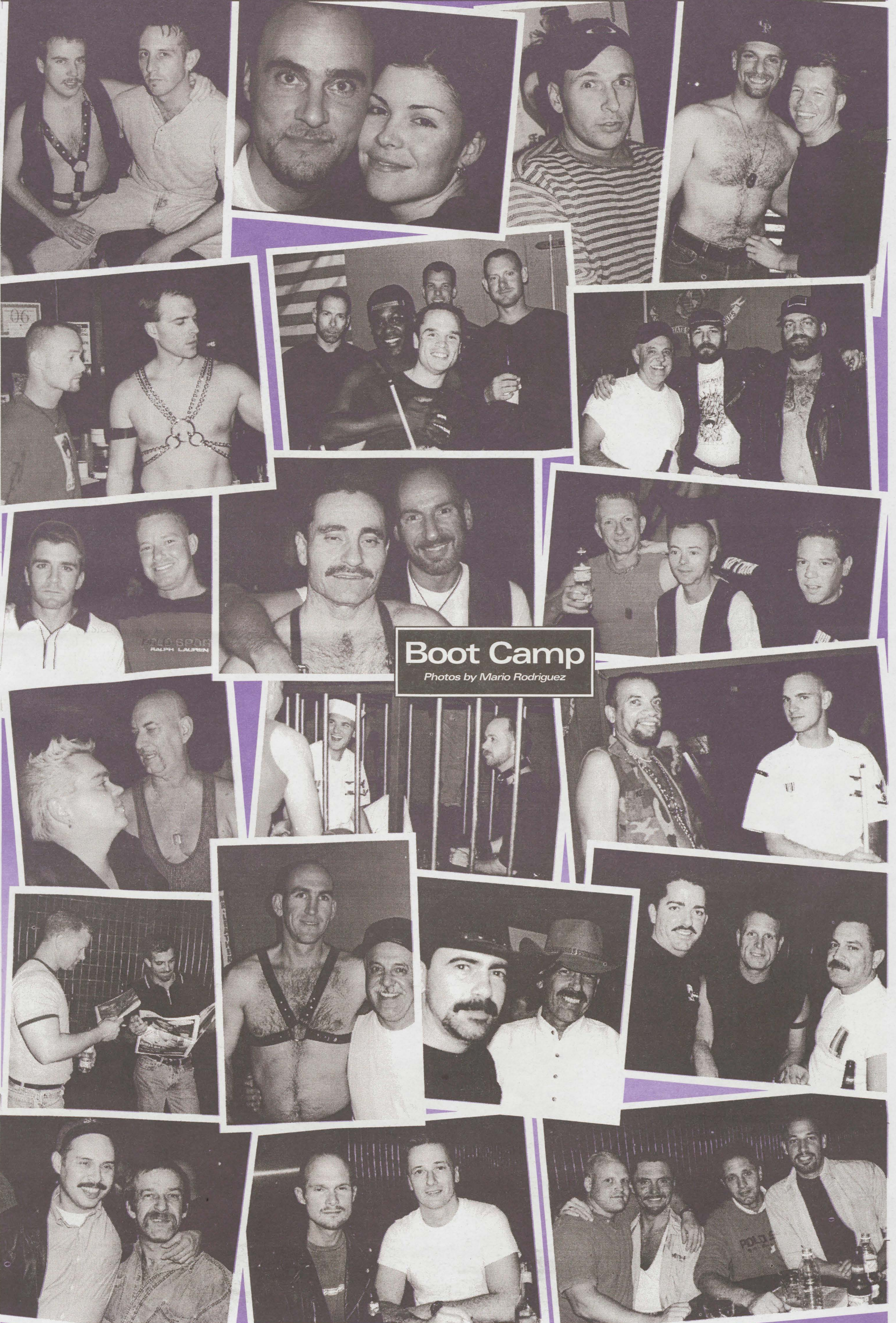
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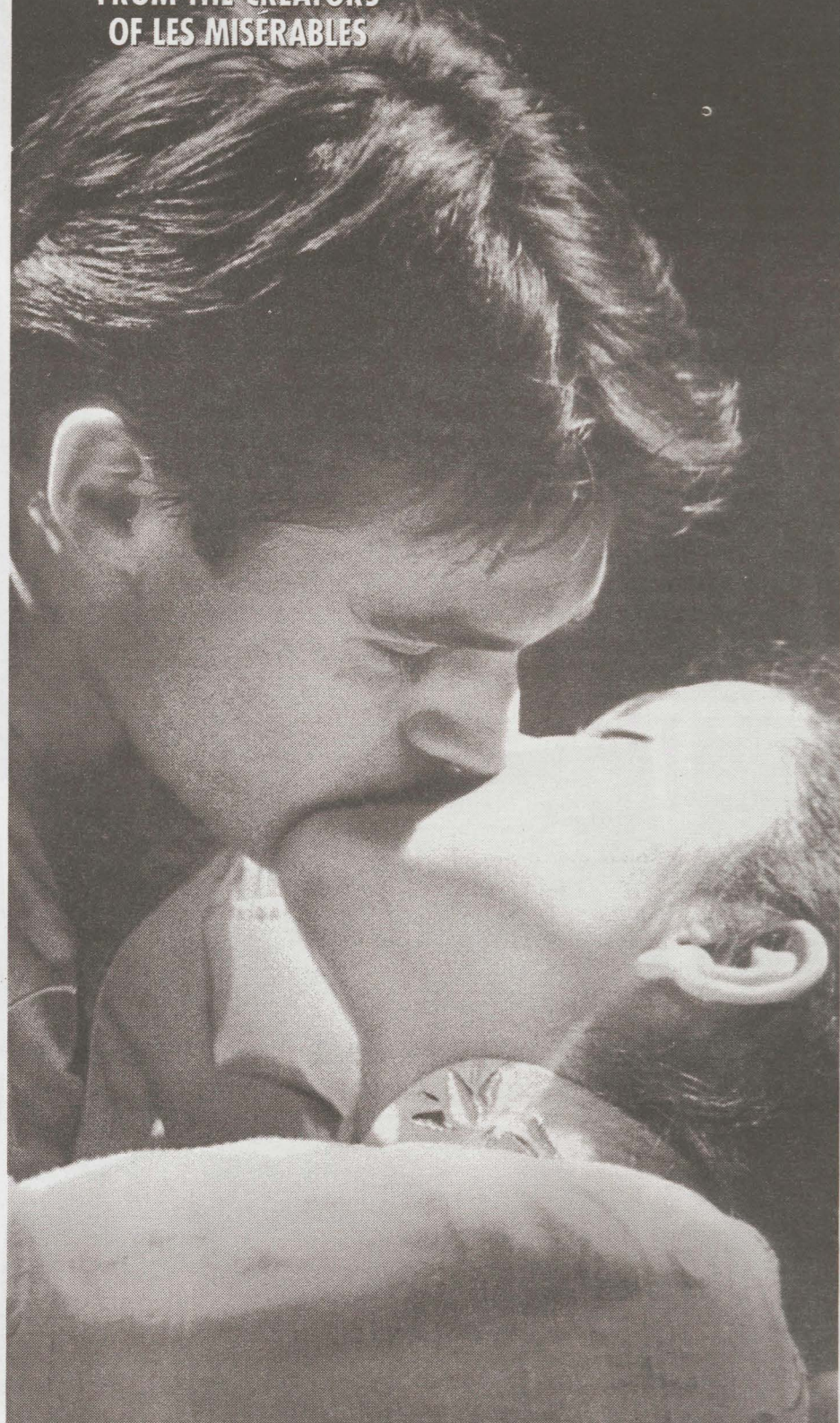
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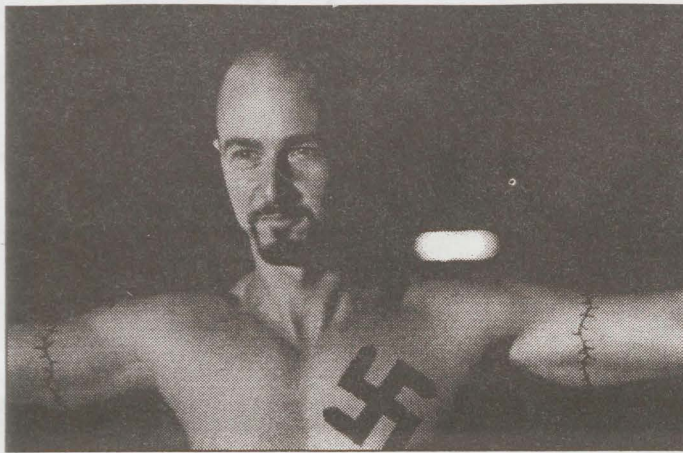
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## HEATSTROKE SHORT TAKES

### American History X

Hatemongers are people too. At least that's the prevailing message of this well intentioned but overwrought film featuring Edwards Norton and Furlong as skinhead brothers who rise to the top of the white trash heap in the post punk wasteland of Venice Beach, California.

*History* takes place over the course of a day as older bro Derek (Norton) is fresh out of the pen and aiming to convince his impressionable sibling (Furlong) to shuck the racist ideals that have torn up their family and that helped put him behind bars three years earlier.



The boys' histories in the movement come through in an artsy series of flashbacks that tend to romanticize Derek's life as a White Power pusher without getting into what makes him tick. Norton is an amazing and charismatic actor but his character's motivation and eventual redemption (which comes after a prison rape) are never satisfactorily explained.

The original script by David McKenna and the slick camera moves employed by freshman director Tony Kaye offer more distractions than challenges. *American History X* has some powerful moments and a pair of winning lead performances, but it loses points for giving a subject as complex as NeoNazism the TV movie-of-the-week treatment. Beverly D'Angelo, Elliot Gould and Stacy Keach also star.

### Celebrity

"I think Andy Warhol was wrong about everyone getting 15 minutes of

fame," one jaded character reveals to another in Woody Allen's newest film, *Celebrity*. "I think most people don't even get one minute."

With this melancholy comedy set in—you guessed it—Manhattan and shot entirely in black and white, Allen builds upon the relationship analyses of his recent films to explore the lives of those on the sadder fringes of the entertainment industry and to poke fun at societal obsessions with fame.

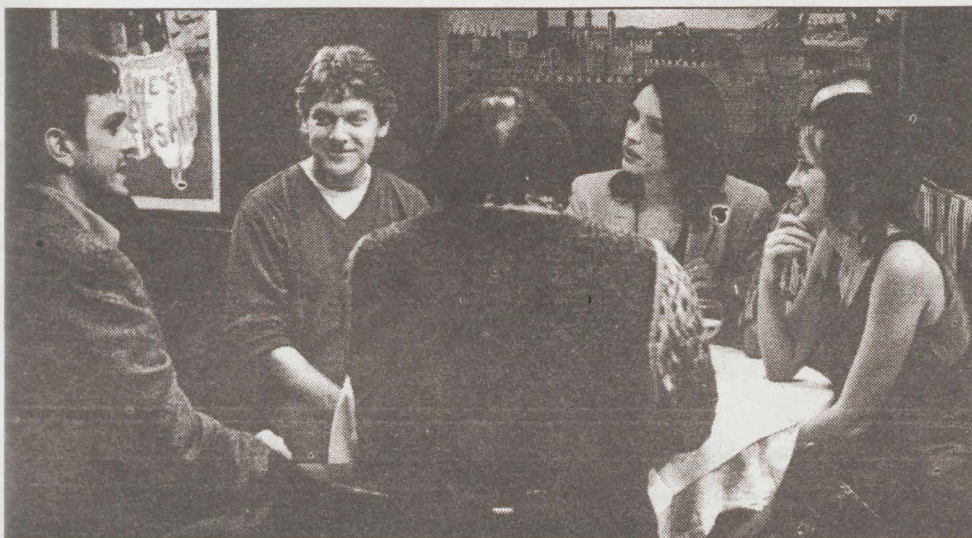
The 60ish Allen wrote and directed *Celebrity* but stayed behind the camera this time. He cast 40ish Kenneth Branagh instead as his neurotic main character and alter ego—an ambitious travel writer who jumps from one woman to another while hoping to get a novel written and a screenplay produced, without actually having to work very hard at either.

Branagh's story is interspersed with that of Judy Davis as his jilted ex. Her hilarious post-divorce quest for happiness runs the gamut from retreating to a Catholic sanitarium to plastic surgery to consulting a fortune teller to studying sex techniques with a celebrity hooker.

Allen has a lot to say on his subject and the main stories do get a bit muddled before he's able to wrap things up. But that's a minor quibble for a film that takes you to the laugh-out-loud zone early on and keeps you there throughout. The casting is deliciously inspired and includes Leonardo DiCaprio as a hotshot movie star and Bebe Neuwirth as the tutoring madam.

The only major quibble is with Branagh's performance. The Shakespeare virtuoso decided to ape Allen's mannerisms, accent and delivery to the point of distraction. It's an unfortunate choice—one that takes a lot of getting used to and that eventually holds back an otherwise pretty swell movie.

Hank Azaria, Joe Mantegna, Melanie Griffith, Winona Ryder, Charlize Theron, Michael Lerner and Famke Jansen also star.



## GLAAD Alert

### Election '98 Coverage Misses the "Gay Vote"

While the 1998 elections held both triumphs (the election of Tammy Baldwin from Wisconsin as the first openly lesbian candidate ever elected to the U.S. House of Representatives) and setbacks (the passage of constitutional hurdles to the freedom to marry in both Alaska and Hawaii), one might have never known about these gains and losses from the scarce mention of our issues in the majority of election coverage.

While the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender press did a tremendous job covering the issues and candidates, most mainstream outlets gave little or passing reference to the landmark results across the country, such as: the aforementioned votes in Hawaii and Alaska and election of openly lesbian Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.); the defeat of openly lesbian candidates Margarethe Cammermeyer (Washington) and Christine Kehoe (California) for the U.S. House of Representatives and the re-election of openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.).

In addition, many outlets neglected to cover the pivotal role that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender voters played in significant races, including the defeat of Matt Fong for California governor, and Rep. Charles Schumer's election to the U.S. Senate.

An off-year election might seem less important than a presidential year, but in fact this year, many local, state and Congressional races, as well as local and state ballot initiatives were closely watched by many.

From major newsweeklies such as *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *U.S. News and World Report* to local newspapers, from the major networks to local television news—ignoring these important contests does not only a disservice to their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender consumers, but their audience as a whole.

In addition, the conspicuous lack of coverage leads the audience at large to believe that our issues are somehow less important than others in contention this year.

A high point was coverage from the Associated Press, which ran a mostly inclusive voter exit poll, asking respondents whether they identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (although they did not include transgender individuals). While the num-

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ber seemed low (only 4% responded "yes"), nonetheless, AP should be commended for their "vote for diversity." In addition, their Wednesday, November 4 story "Voters in Alaska, Hawaii, Colorado deals gay-rights a setback" rounded up the various local and state rights initiatives, in addition to the Alaska and Hawaii freedom to marry referenda.

It would be impossible to list all of the outlets which neglected or gave short shrift to the election issues of most concern to us. Those numerous newspapers and television stations that chose to omit these stories would be too large to reprint here.

If your local media neglected important races or issues that were of concern to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, you should let them know that it was irresponsible and unappreciated. You can find contact information for them online at GLAAD Online at <http://www.glaad.org>. (Many newspapers and television stations have online response forms and e-mail addresses that can be found by searching the web by their call letters or publication names).

In order for us to be sure that coverage is inclusive, it is essential that outlets know that their readers and viewers insist upon the inclusion of pertinent lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues in their reporting.

Just as you make your vote count, you can make your voice heard.

Contact: Ms. Julia Rubin, News Editor, Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10020-1266, fax: 212.621.1679

### The Community Gets in the Rear Window

On Sunday, November 22 (9:00 PM EST/PST) ABC will air a television remake of the 1954 Alfred Hitchcock thriller *Rear Window*, which now includes a gay couple, played by Marc Holzman and David Pittu.

The movie, starring Christopher Reeve and Daryl Hannah, tells the story of man paralyzed after a serious car accident, who spends hours watching his neighbors from his apartment window. Eventually, he believes he has witnessed a brutal murder. Numerous camera-pans across the apartment building reveal several couples, including a gay male couple who are affectionately shown feeding each other, having a dinner

party and playing charades with a lesbian couple.

Reeve's reaction to all the couples seems to signal his own character's feelings of isolation and loneliness after his accident. He perceives the close bond and affection the gay couple has towards one another no differently than any of the other couples he views from his window. Their sexual orientation is simply not an issue.

Tune in to *Rear Window* and acknowledge the producers and ABC for recognizing the reality and visibility of lesbians and gay men as part of our neighborhoods and communities.

Contact:

- Msrs. Christopher Reeve, Steven Haft, Robert Halmi, Jr. and David V. Picker, Executive Producers, *Rear Window*, c/o Haft Entertainment, 130 W. 57th St., 5-E, New York, NY 10019

- Mr. Kevin Brockman, VP of Media Relations, ABC Television Network, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067. e-mail ABC: [netaudr@abc.com](mailto:netaudr@abc.com), or call ABC at 310.557.7777 and ask to be connected to their audience response line

### Smart Women, Foolish Assumptions

In Abigail Van Buren's November 5 *Dear Abby* column, the advice maven hands out a short, smart and sharp response to a woman confronting a common problem shared by many in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Stating she is a lesbian, "D" says she finds that every time a female friend learns that she's gay, they expect her to come on to them. "D" asks "How can I change my personality to maintain friendships without my kindness being mistaken for anything more?"

Abby replies: "I see no reason for you to change your personality. There is a common misconception in the straight world that because people are gay, they must be attracted to ALL people of the same gender. When it happens again, keep your sense of humor and show the friend this column."

Kudos to Abby, and please thank her for her insightful and intelligent reply. Contact: Ms. Abigail Van Buren, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069

### Contemporary Pediatrics Gets Hip To Gay Teens

The November issue of *Contemporary Pediatrics*, a magazine received by over 40,000 doctors and nurses who care for children and adolescents, contains the first article on lesbian and gay youth in the magazine's history.

The article, entitled "Caring for gay and lesbian teens" was written by Caitlin Ryan and Donna Futterman, and excerpted from their book *Lesbian & Gay Youth: Care and Counseling*.

Ryan and Futterman cover vital information on (among other things): the physical and mental health effects of being stigmatized based on sexual orientation, working with families, counseling young people about discrimination and violence, coming out issues and career and parenting options.

Doctors and nurses who treat children and adolescents are on the front lines of those working with young people at some of their most vulnerable moments, and the publication of this article will prove invaluable to pediatric professionals (included with the article is a listing of resources for both youth and professionals.) Please thank *Contemporary Pediatrics* for making a definitive statement that the health of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth matters.

Contact: Editor, *Contemporary Pediatrics*, Medical Economics, 5 Paragon Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645-1742

### Alert to Readers

November is sweeps month, which means television stations all over the country run programming aimed specifically at garnering higher ratings (their advertising rates will be determined by these November numbers.)


A frequent means of getting viewers is to run sensationalistic stories on local news shows, and as evidenced in previous ratings periods, one favorite topic is "public sex." Stations may send undercover reporters with hidden cameras into bathrooms or parks in an attempt to boost their ratings, and GLAAD would ask that you watch your local area news for segments like this.

If you know of one in advance, please attempt to tape it, so that we at GLAAD can review it. You can always report stories to us via our toll-free Alert Line, 1-800-GAY-MEDIA, or via e-mail at [glaad@glaad.org](mailto:glaad@glaad.org). You can also use our web site's Online Alertline by pointing your browser to <http://www.glaad.org>. Thank you for doing your part to help fight defamation in the media.

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# Out of Style

By Michael Thomas Ford, HeatStroke Contributor

I'm just going to have to face it—I have straight hair. And no, I don't mean that it won't hold a perm, not that I've ever tried. I mean that it's hopelessly heterosexual.

I've tried to have gay hair. I've gone to expensive salons in the trendy part of town, where I've paid seventy bucks to have my hair "styled" by pouty young men with French names. But no matter how much they tease it and snip at it, gel it and blow it dry, it always looks the same. After an hour of fussing and trimming, the weary hairdresser looks at my reflection in the mirror and sighs.

"Well, it's nice and short," he says, trying to feign enthusiasm.

While other gay men walk down the streets with their freshly-buzzed flattops and stylish George Clooney-inspired cuts, my hair always looks like I just woke up. Plagued by several inconveniently-placed cowlicks, my head invariably resembles that of a baseball player who has worn his lucky hat for an entire season, even when I've just washed it.

I suppose I shouldn't be surprised by this. The truth is, I'm just not very good at the whole gay style thing.

For example, I do not look fetching in black turtlenecks. They make me feel as if I'm suffocating, and I spend all day picking at the neck, convinced

that my throat is closing up.

Nor do I make any designer clothes look good. They may appear fine on the manikins, or on the models in catalogs, but once I put them on they sag in all the wrong places and instantly take on an air of garage sale out-of-datedness.

I have friends who are experts at style. They go shopping and return with three different articles of clothing and some fun accessories that can be combined into twenty-two different ensembles suitable for any occasion.

When I go shopping, I spend all day wandering around in a daze and come back with some jeans, a flannel shirt, and a pair of wool socks, all of which look exactly like the other jeans, flannel shirts, and wool socks already crowding my drawers. Displaying my finds to my friends, they shake their heads sadly while I cringe in shame.

From time to time I'll go out on a limb and try something that I'm told is all the rage in gay circles. I should know better.

When Marky Mark made those Calvin Klein boxer-brief underwear a fetish for homos everywhere, I dutifully bought some. I thought they would be daring. They weren't. They were scary. While Marky filled

them out beautifully, on me they resembled some weird kind of diaper. Lying on my bed trying to feel sexy, I felt more like the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes.

As for some of my other ill-fated clothing investments, I will say only that the money I spent on those leather shorts would have been better off in my retirement account.

Now that there are all of these catalogs especially for gay men, I feel even

around outside with their golden retriever, whose fur is always as shiny and bouncy as that of his masters. I look down at my old boxer shorts and over at my dog, who generally smells like a pond and whose fur is never bouncy, and wonder where we went wrong.

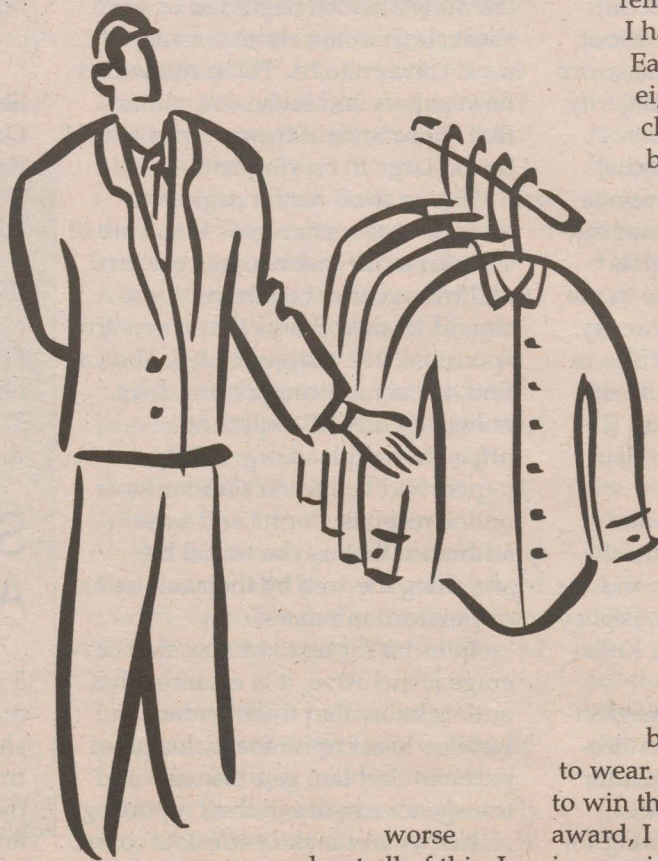
Fashion disaster that I am, it's probably a good thing that I can stay at home and write for a living. If I had to go out into the world, I wouldn't know what to wear. I haven't owned a suit, or even a dinner jacket, in a decade. I can't remember how to tie a tie, since I haven't had to wear one since Easter Sunday the year I was eight. There is nothing in my closet even remotely resembling "dressy" shoes.

While I'm perfectly happy with my basic wardrobe of jeans and T-shirts, I live in fear of the day when I get invited to something that requires knowing how to dress. I have this recurring dream where I've been nominated for an Oscar for some breathtaking screenplay I've written. Everyone loves it, and there's no doubt that I'll win. It's the moment I've dreamed of for years.

Only I can't go, because I don't have anything to wear. As the first openly-gay man to win the Best Original Screenplay award, I want to make an amazing impression on America and the world by giving a rousing acceptance speech and showing everyone that, as a group, we are witty, intelligent people who bring magic into their lives. But none of the current hip designers want me to sport their creations, because they know I'll just make a mess of it.

Left with the contents of my own closet, I just know that when I ascended the stage, what everyone would be staring at would be the scuffed-up work boots and faded L.L. Bean shirt I threw on before rushing out the door.

"He can't be gay," they would whisper to one another as the horrified award presenters dripping with style try to hustle me quickly offstage. "Look at that hair."



worse about all of this. I should just throw these things away when they appear in my mailbox, but of course I don't. Instead, I sit there turning the pages and looking at the men wearing interesting clothing as if it were the easiest thing in the world. On them, nipple-revealing tank tops look natural. On me, they look like halter tops.

The models sport those multicolored Freedom Rings with aplomb, making both a fashion and a political statement. I know that on me they would hang like some decrepit rainbow. The catalog people lean jauntily against their kitchen counters, cheerfully eating cereal while wearing only silk pajama bottoms. If I did that, I'd end up with milk stains down my crotch within seconds.

Still, I can't help looking at people I will never be, wearing clothes I will never wear. I stare at them sitting in bed with their equally-fashionable lovers, pulling playfully on one another's socks, or perhaps running



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### Newsmakers, Celebrities & Others Speak Out

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"I got followed into the restroom and then this cop — I didn't know it was a cop, obviously — he started playing this game, which I think is called, 'I'll show you mine, you show me yours, and then when you show me yours, I'm going to nick you.' ... Actually, what happened was once he got an eyeful, he walked past me, straight past me and out, and I thought, that's kind of odd. I thought, maybe he's just not impressed. And then I went to walk back to my car, and as I got back to the car, I was arrested on the street. ... If someone's waving their genitalia at you, you don't automatically assume that they're an officer of the law. ... I've never been able to turn down a free meal."

—Gay singer George Michael in a live interview on MTV Nov. 4. Michael was arrested by undercover police at a cruisy Beverly Hills toilet last April 6. His new single and video, "Outside," is all about public sex and police repression of its practitioners.

"I'm not saying that I have an open relationship with my boyfriend but he knows who I am. He knows

that I'm generally oversexed, so he's been very, very good. ... We love each other and he understands that it was a stupid mistake and he's forgiven me, I hope."

—Gay singer George Michael in a live interview on MTV Nov. 4.

"I really thought to my fans I outed myself with the last album. ... [M]y ex-partner's death was reported very widely, so when I dedicated the album to him and wrote the album for him, I felt like I was coming out to my fans, and I didn't really care about people who weren't interested in my music. So, I certainly wasn't gonna go to [the journalists in London's] Fleet Street and say, 'Yes, I'm gay.' The main point is that I outed myself in my life about eight or nine years ago and I've been out with everyone in my life — even casual acquaintances, my family, friends — anyone who's met me within that time has known that I'm gay, just not the press. So, really, this doesn't feel like an outing, this is just public outing. But any gay person who comes out realizes that the tough bit is your friends and family and that was a

great thing — it was a great, liberating thing and I did it a long time ago. I don't know if I would have come out to the press. They would have got me, some way or other. This is how it ended up because I wouldn't give it to them."

—Gay singer George Michael in a live interview on MTV Nov. 4.

"Many Americans would probably be shocked to discover how many men have sex with other men in public or semi-public places and how often they have it. Across urban, suburban and rural areas of the United States, some public toilets, parks, wilderness areas, truck stops, rest stops, adult bookstores and other places serve as venues for masturbation, oral and sometimes anal sex."

—New York Post columnist David Morrison, Nov. 6.

"Before you expose yourself or touch the other party say, 'You know, I really love to kiss. Let me just kiss you first before we do anything else.' If it is a cop, he will run like the hills before he lets a gay man's tongue slither down his throat."

—Chicago lawyer Larry Rolla on how to avoid being entrapped by cops while cruising for sex in "public" places, to [www.cruisingforsex.com](http://www.cruisingforsex.com), Nov. 6.

"My favorite trial tactic is to bring to court a cardboard cut-out of a bathroom wall complete with glory-hole. I have the police officer get down on his knees in open court and peer through the hole to demonstrate how he observed the defendants. I then inquire whether the officer's wife is aware of how he spends his

days."

—Chicago attorney Larry Rolla who defends cruisers entrapped for engaging in "public" sex, Nov. 6.

"We've turned the other cheek and held our heads high, but now it's offensive and we are going to sue over it. It gets to a point where you have got to protect your children. Our kids have got to go to school, their parents love each other, and it's as simple as that. Anyone who wants to say otherwise can go to court."

—Nicole Kidman on the rumors that her husband, Tom Cruise, is gay and their marriage is a sham, to *Ladies Home Journal*, November issue. The couple's two children are adopted.

"It is the last recourse against those that published vicious lies about me and my family. I have to protect them."

—Actor Tom Cruise Oct. 29 outside a London courtroom where he won a reported \$584,000 settlement against the Express Newspapers which had said he is gay, impotent and sterile.

"Despite the way things turned out [AIDS], I'm still proud of those days [when I got my start singing at the gay bathhouses in New York City]. I feel like I was at the forefront of the gay liberation movement, and I hope I did my part to help it move forward. So, I kind of wear the label of 'Bathhouse Betty' with pride."

—Singer/actress Bette Midler to the *Houston Voice*, Oct. 23.

"Remember Arthur Bell? He wrote for *The Village Voice*, and he was very influential in that crowd in the '70s. He wrote that I was the first

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# Hollywood Deep Inside

By Romeo San Vicente, HeatStroke Contributor

## Showtime's Got Milk First

Showtime is beating rival HBO to the punch, announcing its own **Harvey Milk** project, which will star and be executive produced by **Wings** alum **Tim Daly**.

Shooting begins this month in Toronto on *Execution of Justice*, which features **Dal** (**who** most recently played **Paul Rudd's** ex in *The Object of My Affection*) as San Francisco supervisor **Dan White**, who murdered fellow supervisor Milk (the city's first openly gay elected official) and San Francisco mayor **George Moscone** in 1978.

No word yet on whether this news jeopardizes a planned HBO movie on Milk from openly gay producers **Neil Meron** and **Craig Zadan**. But the duo isn't hard up for work.

They are exec producing *Double Platinum* for ABC, set to air during the May sweeps. Legendary diva **Diana Ross** and R&B chart-topper **Brandy** (*Moesha*) will play mother and daughter in the movie and will contribute six new songs.

The storyline centers on Ross's character's reconciliation with her daughter, whom she abandoned as a baby for fear that the child would impede her path to stardom. The mother, now a singing legend, makes peace with her now 18-year-old daughter and helps jump-start her budding singing career. Problems arise when their kinship becomes public.

## Cruising the Courthouse

Fresh off a half-million dollar settlement from a London tabloid which claimed her husband was gay and their marriage a farce, **Nicole Kidman** said the first couple of Scientology isn't finished.

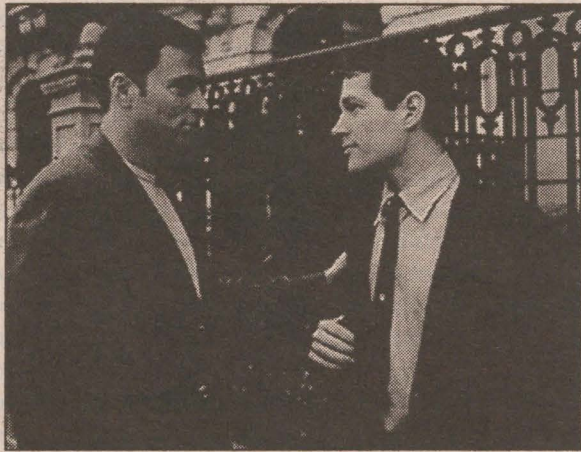
She recently told an interviewer that their successful lawsuit is a harbinger of further legal action, adding they will sue any publication or person who claims **Tom Cruise's** missile goes in anything but a female.

Kidman says their children are now of school age and should be pro-

tected from such speculation, which she reiterates is totally false. I just hope this doesn't give **Jodie Foster** any ideas.

## Fatherhood

Is openly gay actor **Rupert Everett** cruising for chicks? Rumor has it that indeed he is, but the *Best Friend's Wedding* co-star isn't interested in "changing teams." Instead, he's look-



Tim Daly (l) will play Dan White, a former San Francisco Supervisor and the killer of Harvey Milk.

ing for someone to help conceive a child. It seems Everett and his partner are having trouble adopting a baby in England.

Meanwhile, Everett's pal **Madonna** long ago severed her romantic ties with personal trainer (and aspiring actor) **Carlos Leon**, but **Lourdes'** father insists he has an active role in bringing up baby. Leon has surfaced to dismiss rumors that he was paid \$300,000 by Madonna to "disappear" after Lourdes' birth.

## Leo the Bloodsucker

When **Tom Cruise** was cast as the Vampire Lestat in *Interview with a Vampire*, novelist **Anne Rice** loudly voiced her displeasure with the decision, only to amend her criticism after the film was a success, praising the performance by the "heterosexual hunk."

But it seems she's changed her mind. This time, Rice (busy promoting her latest novel, *The Vampire Armand*), is doing her best to influence the casting process up front, lobbying for baby-faced megastar **Leonardo DiCaprio** to fill Lestat's cape if a planned *Interview* sequel comes to fruition.

## ABBA's Back....Again

Reclusive ABBA members **Bjorn Ulvaeus** and **Benny Andersson** are no longer distancing themselves from their successful past, reuniting to bring their band's story to a stage. The musical will trace the band's rise from their "humble beginnings" in Sweden through their multi-platinum success in the '70s.

Up to 25 ABBA songs will be included in the production. No truth to the rumor that **Ace of Base** is planning a similar stage retrospective of their career.

## The Shower Scene that Won't Die

No, I'm not talking about *Psycho*, but instead the controversial scene in *Apt Pupil*, which featured high schoolers in the buff.

Actually, the tame footage that was included in the movie was re-shot using actors above the age of 18 (or at least the ones that showed their derrieres, with the exception of 16-year-old star **Brad Renfro**). But the filmmakers

representative has criticized the filmmakers' lack of responsibility, the union hasn't decided whether they'll hold a hearing.

Singer, meanwhile, is finally going ahead with his planned *X-Men* movie, based on the popular comic book. Shooting begins early next year.

## Tube News

There are lots of TV items to report, including the welcome news that the delightful **Joan Cusack** (*In and Out*) will be starring in her own sitcom for the 1999 fall season. Mega-producers **Carsey-Werner** will produce the show, which is being developed by *Roseanne* scribe **Eric Gilliland**. ABC and NBC are both interested in picking up the series, which will be set in Chicago.

Reports that **Nathan Lane's** sitcom, *Encore, Encore!* is in danger of cancellation have been buttressed by the show's being benched during the highly competitive November sweeps. The sitcom is tentatively scheduled to return in December, but its days are indeed numbered.

**Sean P. Hayes**, who played gay in *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss* and stars as Will's flaming pal in NBC's *Will and Grace*, is dodging questions about his own sexuality (paging **Nathan Lane**). Hayes says the fact that his career is just starting makes it necessary to remain coy about his bedtime preferences, though are appearances ever *this* deceiving?

NBC's top-rated ER is adding a second gay character to its cast, joining **Jorja Fox's** Dr. Maggie Doyle. Resident nurse **Takata Osh**, played by **Gedde Watanabe** (*16 Candles' Long Duc Dong*) reveals in an upcoming episode that he is queer, making him the only gay Asian-American character currently on television.

And finally, talk of a *Three's Company* reunion was squashed when **John Ritter**, who played a straight man posing gay to live in a cramped apartment with two annoying chicks, says he'd rather kill himself than bring **Jack Tripper** back to the small screen. I understand the feeling.

**Romeo San Vicente**, who threatens to sue any media outlet that claims he is gay, can be reached in care of *HeatStroke* or at [RSVicente@aol.com](mailto:RSVicente@aol.com).



Litigation doesn't cure it either, Nicole. Tom Cruise and his wife have taken to the courts to "protect" their children.

(namely director **Bryan Singer**, who is gay) are still under heat for allegedly filming some teen extras in the nude, against their will.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney declined to file charges, but the parents of the underage boys aren't giving up, urging the Screen Actors Guild to hold an Arbitration to settle the controversy. While a SAG

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# Out of Town

By Andrew Collins



## Great Hawaiian Sleeps

Hawaii is rife with gay-friendly accommodations, from luxurious full-service resorts to modest upcountry B&Bs. But distinguishing the duds from the winners can be a tremendous task, so spend a little time perusing both gay and mainstream guidebooks before investing time and money into your accommodations.

Determine how much you're willing to spend, the intimacy and clientele you seek, and the setting you desire. And remember that many Hawaiian hotels and inns require a significant portion of the payment up front, so avoid committing to a place you haven't heard good things about from at least three publications or

reliable sources—the differences between dreamy and nightmarish are particularly extreme among Hawaiian hotels.

There are dozens of fine properties across the archipelago, but here is a handful of the best:

### Colony Surf, Oahu.

One of the stellar new boutique hotels that are popping up throughout Honolulu these days, this subtly sumptuous 50-room tower offers personal attention, sleek Asian-inspired rooms, close proximity to both of Oahu's gay beaches, and one of the top restaurants in Waikiki.

### Four Seasons Hualalai, Big Island.

There are deluxe resort hotels in Hawaii, and then there's the Four Seasons Hualalai. This fairly recent addition to the scene consists of 243 rooms set within secluded three-and-four-unit clusters facing either the ocean or golf courses. Private entrances, expansive lanais, a state-of-the-art health club and spa, and park-like grounds set this compound apart from the competition—if money is no object, drop all other plans and spend a week here.

### Hale Huelo B&B, Maui.

This striking contemporary with three stunning rooms is on the

famous Road to Hana, just a 30-minute drive from excellent restaurants in Makawao and Paia. It's in a tropical rainforest valley, and the property offers breathtaking ocean views, a pool and hot tub, walking paths, and massage therapy by appointment.

### Hale Ohia Cottages, Big Island.

This airy and cheerfully furnished five-room complex is nestled amid pine trees and ferns in the shadows of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park—it's one of the best values on the Big Island. The elegant cottages and suites vary greatly in size and layout, sleeping from two to five persons and in two cases offering limited kitchen facilities.

### Horizon Guest House, Big Island.

Opened in 1998, this super luxurious guest house offers amenities and furnishings on par with any of Hawaii's top resorts but with the intimacy and seclusion of your own private ranch. Each of the four units afford unparalleled ocean views, as does the in-ground pool and sweeping grounds on a 40-acre mountain-side high above the Pacific. Hurry and book a room here before the whole world discovers it.

### Hotel Honolulu, Oahu.

Unfortunately, the gay bars that once sat steps from Waikiki's only gay-specific accommodation were forced to relocate in 1998 (an upscale shopping center will replace them). Remaining unscathed by the development is this quirky three-story hotel, whose 33 rooms range from eccentric and quite memorable (the Safari suite comes immediately to mind) to simple but bargain-priced.

### Hyatt Regency, Kauai.

Built with native Hawaiian materials and designs and furnished with a fascinating collection of native art and antiquities, this 641-room Hyatt Regency is head-and-shoulders above the rest. The setting at Kauai's fancy Poipu Resort incorporates 5 acres of swimming lagoons, a 25,000-square-foot fitness center, and a multitude of fine restaurants.

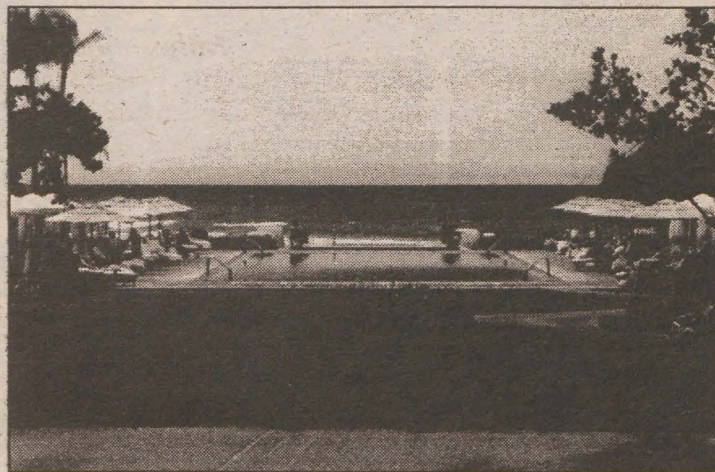
### Kahala Mandarin, Oahu.

Unique among Honolulu's top hotels because of its tranquil beach setting in a quiet neighborhood several miles east of Waikiki, the 400 huge

light-filled rooms are among the comfiest on Oahu. Guests can take advantage of daily educational and interactive programs with the resort's three friendly bottlenose dolphins.

### Kea Lani Hotel, Maui.

Accommodations at this 413-suite Moorish-inspired hotel at the posh Wailea Resort are among the largest and most beautiful in Hawaii, each with about 1,000 square feet of living



Guests relax around the pool at the posh Four Seasons Hualalai.

Hawaii has some of the most gorgeous gay beaches in the world, and if meeting new friends is your goal, a day of play by the sea may be your best bet.

On Oahu, there's a long stretch of homo-frequented beachfront along Waikiki, near the Waikiki Aquarium. It's a touristy area, though, so anybody interested in nude sunbathing should try Diamondhead Beach, which is a short drive (or bike ride) away and extremely secluded—the best section is directly below the lighthouse.

On the Big Island, Honokohau Harbor Beach is the big "family" favorite—it's a 15-minute drive north of Kailua-Kona, not far from the airport.

Kauai's pristine Donkey Beach draws a considerable number of gays (and some straights), both buffed and in the buff; the surf here, however, is something fierce.

Finally, Maui's Makena Beach is a spectacular expanse of smooth golden sand. The southernmost stretch, known as Big Beach, offers the greatest natural beauty; a short hike over a crown of lava rock (wear your flip-flops, or "slippers" as the Hawaiians call them) leads to a crescent of mostly nude and oftentimes gay sunbathing known as Little Beach. Here you can claim for a day your very own patch of paradise and wonder why on earth the place you call "home" is several thousands miles away.



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### Royal Drive Cottages, Kauai.

This verdant compound of three simple tin-roofed cottages is one of several affordable gay-popular accommodations in Kauai's scenic Wailua River Valley, which is famed for its cascading waterfalls and excellent kayaking. A plus here is the seclusion and privacy of staying in your own private unit, each of which has a kitchenette.

### Royal Garden at Waikiki, Oahu.

Quite possibly the best-kept secret in the entire state, this ordinary-looking high-rise four blocks from the beach offers world-class service and 230 richly appointed rooms for a fraction of what many lackluster ocean-front properties charge, and without the crowds and frenetic pace. The staff treats every guest like a visiting dignitary, the grounds include a sleek pool with a cascading fountain, and there are stellar Japanese and Mediterranean restaurants here.

If you're planning to visit all four islands, you might consider staying with Hawaii's gay-friendly Outrigger Hotels chain, which has about 20 hotels and condos in or near Waikiki (the beachfront Reef and Waikiki properties are the best), as well as condo resorts on Kauai, the Big Island, and Maui. With one call to Outrigger's central reservation service, you can book comfortable and moderately priced accommodations across the state of Hawaii.

Andrew Collins can be reached in care of HeatStroke.

# the funnies

THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN

by Eric Orner

**The Ethan Green**

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Return to ancestral Home Sleep in weird Bed.

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UNNERVE your STRAIGHT COUSIN Brendan..

I ALWAYS LIKED YOU, BRENDAN... YOU WERE... SENSITIVE...

LOOK ETHAN, I'M NOT FALLING FOR ANYMORE OF YOUR PETTY ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE MY MASCULINITY. I'M HETEROSEXUAL, AND THAT'S OK. WE DISCUSS THIS SORT OF HETEROSEXUALITY AT MY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP.

CLAIRE: THE BOYS NEED MORE CHOPPED LAYER

NO WE DON'T.

CAST ASPERSIONS ON your Mother's Turkey.

WE'RE TALKING OVEN HERE MOTHER, NOT BLAST FURNACE..

WE'RE MAKING DINNER HERE MOTHER, NOT GLASS.

OK HONEY.. I GET THE PICTURE.

MOM, ANOTHER TEN MINUTES AT THIS TEMP & YOU'LL BE ABLE TO START EXPORTING CHAFER COALS TO HELP CHINA SATISFY HER ENERGY NEEDS..

Assist your GREAT AUNT Florence w/ Beauty Make-over..

MY GAWD OLD GIRL... WHO TAUGHT YOU TO APPLY LIPSTICK? PICASSO?

and THESE BEIGE EARRINGS ARE JUST GASTLY

better lose 'em..

THEY'RE MY "MIRACLE CATS"!

Fail in ATTEMPT to ESCAPE Mom's DIABOLICAL GUILT MAGNET..

HONEY, WHY DON'T YOU STAY, AND DRIVE BACK EARLY MONDAY..

MORE-STUFFING?

HOW SHE'S LIKE THIS BOSS MAMA..

...OR SOME SORTA WEIRD DOCTOR NO-DONNA REED ANYBID

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**A Couple of guys**

by Dave Bravissau

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EAT YOUR BROCCOLI, MIGUEL. AND CHECK YOUR SILVERWARE. THEY DON'T HAVE A DISHWASHER.

I USED TO GO OUT WITH A BOXER. HE WAS HUNG LIKE A...

YOU MALES. ALWAYS THINKIN' WITH YOUR UNDERSIDES.

Matisse

TRUDES

SO, WHEN THE SALESMAN LAYS EYES ON THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER, HAW HAW...

BEER

OOPS. SOMEONE HAD AN ACCIDENT. MARTY, WILL YOU HOLD MY PLATE WHILE I CHANGE HER?

WAAA!

KETCH

HEY, SIS, DID I EVER SHOW YOU THESE HILARIOUS PHOTOS OF JOEY IN THE SIXTH GRADE?

AN' TA THINK, MOM WAS WORRIED 'CAUSE I'M NOT SPENDIN' THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY.

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## Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

**The BIRTH of OUTRAGE**

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MOM'S MATE-FAMILIAS RINGS UP DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

I'M JUST SO UPSET ABOUT THAT BOY IN WYOMING. HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING THE NEWS?

YEAH, MOM.

FATHER FRICK DELIVERED ANOTHER ONE OF HIS FOAMING-AT-THE-MOUTH ANTI-GAY SERMONS SUNDAY. I FEEL LIKE WRITING HIM A LETTER AND SAYING IT'S THANKS TO PEOPLE LIKE HIM THAT THIS MURDER HAPPENED!

GREAT. YOU SHOULD DO THAT.

GOSH, I HAVE TO RUN. THERE'S A VIGIL DOWN-TOWN AND I SAID I'D BRING CANDLES.

UH... SAY HI TO DAD.

PROMISE ME YOU'LL BE CAREFUL! BYE NOW. -CLIK!

BE CAREFUL? THANKS, MOM.

AS IF I DON'T ALREADY LIVE WITH THE CONSTANT AWARENESS THAT AT ANY MOMENT SOME CAPE BUFFALO IN A REDSKIN CAP COULD DECIDE TO VENT HIS HOMOSEXUAL PANIC ON ME!

ANOTHER TENDER MOTHER-DAUGHTER CHAT?

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THE MATTHEW SHEPARD MURDER? QUEERS HAVE BEEN GETTING BASHED AND KILLED FOR DEONS AND NOBODY BLINKED!

NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE LAPEL RIBBON OF THE WEEK? EVERYONE'S APPALLED!

UH... DON'T WORRY, NOT QUITE EVERYONE.

WAIT, YOU'RE, LIKE, ANGRY BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE REACTING THE WAY THEY SHOULD?

NO! I'M THRILLED THEY GET IT. IT JUST PISSES ME OFF FOR ALL THE TIMES THEY DIDN'T. I MEAN, WHY NOW?

IS IT BECAUSE THE ATTACK WAS SO VICIOUS? BECAUSE YEARS OF ACTIVISM ARE FINALLY PAYING OFF? BECAUSE HE WAS A CLEAN-CUT COLLEGE KID AND NOT A DRAG QUEEN?


GOD! YOU'RE ANALYZING IT LIKE IT'S A CHESS GAME! WHERE'S YOUR RAGE AT THE KILLERS? WHERE'S YOUR RAGE AT THE PARENTS AND POLITICIANS AND PREACHERS WHO TAUGHT THEM TO HATE?

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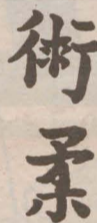
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Dear Cowboy,

How do we deal with obnoxious neighbors without being rude? My girlfriend and I moved into a cute house in a historic district a year ago and at first we thought it was great having another lesbian couple right next door.

Now they drop by every night after work, carrying their cocktails. It was fun for a while but they drink a lot more than we do and they also argue when they get drunk.

They really like us and go on and on about it, so we don't want to hurt

their feelings. But we want to see less of them—a lot less. What should we do?

Signed, Good Neighbors

Dear Neighbors,

You just have to get to the point. The next time your gal pals wander onto your acreage, tell them you'd love to talk but you can't right now. If you've been fairly casual about letting them stay on and chat in the past, it'll take some doing—but stand firm and eventually your point will stick.

If you hurt their feelings or lose their friendship, tough. That's the way the bull jumps sometimes and it sounds like your geography is about all you have in common. There's no law that says we all have to be best pals just because we share the same sexual orientation.

Dear Cowboy,

How do you get people in bars to say hello, and how do you know if they are interested in you?

I'm 19 and I just started partying in gay bars and clubs. I know I'm cute and I keep hearing that most gay men like young guys like me, but no one ever comes over to me. And when I do see a guy that I like, I don't know what to do. Maybe I should just stick with girls. Any advice?

Signed, Lonely Newbie

Dear New,

I suggest you stay out of the bar arena altogether, for a while at least.

You're not having a good time, and there's no point riding the same bronc over and over the same way when you aren't making the ride.

For another thing, you are putting some well-intentioned people in the position of breaking the law. I guess you don't realize how much trouble those clubs you are frequenting can get into just for serving you.

Call the local Community Center and find out when their youth groups meet—there are people there with advice to share, and some tips on other places to hang out and explore your attraction to men without sneaking into bars.

Look for some gay friends instead of love interests. Make it a goal to find other boys (or gals) like yourself to hang with. As a pair or group, you'll all be more relaxed and have a better time when you do feel like hitting the bars again, if ever—and I sincerely hope that isn't until after you turn 21.

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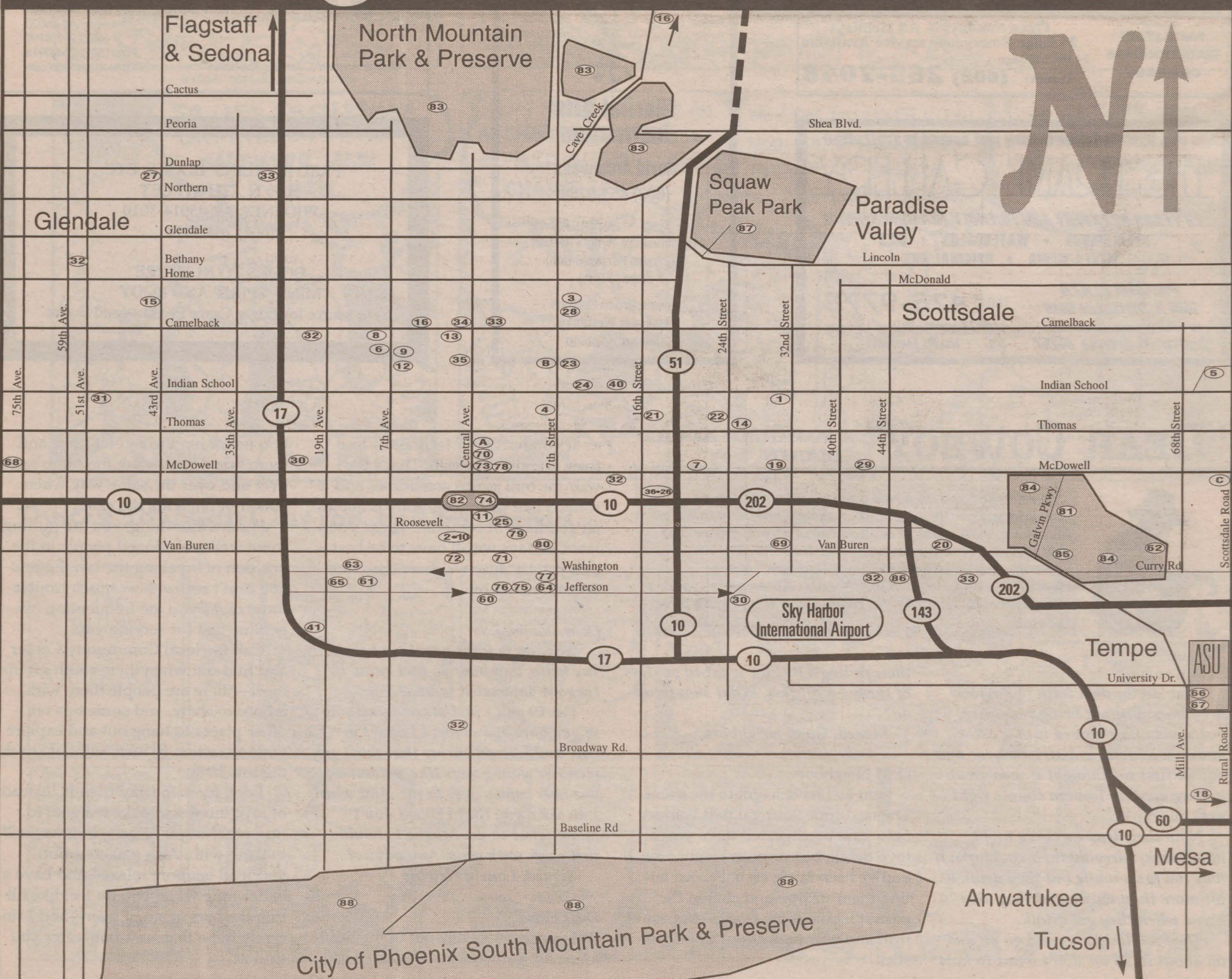
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## "Night at the Disco"

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- 42 Whisper sweet nothings
- 43 69 minus 13, to Caesar
- 45 Abba's gay anthem
- 50 Derek and Diddley
- 53 Amor ending
- 54 Miltie of drag
- 55 Like Sodom and Gomorrah
- 58 Result in
- 60 Sister Sledge's gay anthem
- 62 \_\_\_ out (decide to withdraw)
- 64 Syllables preceding "I can't hear you!"
- 65 Kind of lube
- 66 \_\_\_ Speedwagon
- 67 Foxy to the max
- 68 Gayness determiner, probably
- 69 Queen's fast transport

- 34 Picky people?
- 35 They get stuffed and licked
- 37 It gets laid on the front lawn
- 38 Genetic stuff
- 39 You'll get a charge out of it
- 40 Christmas party concoction
- 44 Hero follower
- 46 Without all the cream, perhaps
- 47 \_\_\_ rug (dance)
- 48 Marilyn, for one
- 49 Siegfried's link with Roy?
- 50 Responds to *Longtime Companion*
- 51 *Partners* star Ryan
- 52 Like lizards
- 56 Dies \_\_\_ (Requiem Mass hymn)
- 57 They're long and slippery
- 58 "I'll call you," e.g.
- 59 Panache
- 61 *Out* or *Genre*, for short
- 63 He's a babe

### DOWN

- 1 Princess perturber
- 2 Engage in heavy S&M, maybe
- 3 Make really sore
- 4 He had a nude scene in *The Piano*
- 5 "Ma, He's Making Eyes \_\_\_"
- 6 Tic \_\_\_ (preludes to a kiss?)
- 7 "Do Ya" band
- 8 Drink under an umbrella?
- 9 Em, to Dorothy
- 10 \_\_\_ to merge (libido)
- 11 Hangs over one's head
- 12 Ejaculate
- 13 Down-at-the-heels
- 19 Sometime cross-dresser Albert
- 21 Not in the pink
- 23 One without a Woody?
- 24 Essayist Bacon
- 27 Where buoy meets buoy
- 28 Spoon-bender Geller
- 29 Cuke, e.g.
- 30 It's big, hard, and nice to lie under

### ACROSS

- 1 Fraternity letter
- 4 Comedian Clinton
- 8 Heavy petter, and then some
- 14 A long time between dates?
- 15 List-shortening abbr.
- 16 Shirley's *Terms of Endearment* role
- 17 Bitch's comment
- 18 Diana Ross's gay anthem
- 20 Some Tchaikovsky works
- 22 Take a whack at
- 23 "Bar Room Buddies" singer Haggard
- 24 Celibate brother
- 25 Where pigs play
- 26 Gloria Gaynor's gay anthem
- 31 What you shout after getting it
- 32 The Gay '90s, for one
- 33 "So what \_\_\_ is new?"
- 36 The Weather Girls' gay anthem
- 41 Slave, to a watersports enthusiast?

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# H O R O S C O P E S

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## **Sagittarius (November 21 - December 20)**

Looking for deals and digging for gold are on your agenda in coming weeks, but beware where you poke your nose in search of the treasure you seek. Use your powers of persuasion (that means, "have a nice conversation with your clothes on") and throw in a little of that seductive charm in order to back yourself out of a hole. Back out slowly enough, and you might make a new friend along the way.

## **Capricorn (December 21 - January 20)**

Good golly, Miss Molly. Aren't we being just a tad critical these days? Who died and made you the Empress of Good Taste, anyway? Let's slow down a bit, shall we, and take a nice long look in the mirror before we start dis'ing those poor unfortunates who are still wearing last season's popular labels. Don't be influenced by a Virgo pal or lover—that will only make matters worse. Be prepared to fight for your space around the 30th.

## **Aquarius (January 21 - February 20)**

You're up, you're grooving, you're together, you're happy. So why isn't that certain someone on the upswing right along with you? It's a part of your water-bearing dynamic to be out of balance with your lifemate's rhythms. Don't think of it as a load to carry—think of it as something that makes the partnership interesting. Turn your enthusiasm down a notch or two when he/she is around and desirous of your comfort.

## **Pisces (February 21 - March 20)**

Plans, diagrams, blueprints and instructions. They're all important elements in any project, there's no arguing with that. Yet sometimes it's more instructive to go with whatever feels right as one goes along. This is one of those times, Pisces. Before you get bogged down in the planning stages, take a look at what you want to achieve and then go for it. A gathering after the 1st of the month may point you in the right direction.

## **Aries (March 21 - April 20)**

Shut off the lights and take a good, long peek through the blinds, Mrs. Kravitz. Your curiosity will be aroused and so will your libido at a large gathering on or around the 23rd. Learn to let others do most of the talking and your continued education in these titillating new areas will progress more quickly. Sensitivity to criticism won't get you anywhere with new acquaintances, so take a chill pill and laugh it off.

## **Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**

Congratulations, Taurus. You've just won the first round of Star Search and have been named spokesmodel of the month. Now all eyes are on you as you polish your act, peddle your wares and present your ideas to a cynical audience. Convince yourself that you know the best way of doing things and you'll soon be convincing others of the same. Smile pretty—a little flattery will go along way toward making your point.

## **Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

Like a cheap refrigerator magnet, you have no control as to who or what you're attracting these days. Go easy on your victims during the rejection process—they can't help themselves, after all, and being vindictive will only hurt you in the long run. A family outing could provide reminders of past events you'd previously dismissed as insignificant. Take the time to understand and explore these developments for an important lesson.

## **Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**

Get out the rolodex, make yourself comfortable and start dialing that phone. It's a great time to renew old attachments and catch up with old friends you haven't contacted in forever. Perhaps an old love interest (or even a first date that didn't quite work out) will earn a second chance. Creativity could come into play after the 22nd, so dig your nails into some clay or get out your paint-by-numbers sets and dabble with abandon.

## **Leo (July 21 - August 20)**

There's an uncomfortable negative energy blowing your way toward the end of the month but it's all based on a big misunderstanding. Speak up on your own behalf and stop relying on others to make your points for you, and things should straighten out and simmer down by the 2nd. Building up your self esteem and blowing your bank account often go hand in hand when you're feeling blue, so watch the bottom line.

## **Virgo (August 21 - September 20)**

Like a black sheep in a field of Dolly clones, you're having a hard time fitting in wherever you go these days. Standing apart from the flock could pay off in the long run, so don't stress when people notice you instead of the friends you were planning to hide behind. Travel is advised at this time, especially if you're planning to visit familiar ground and renew old ties. Use visibility to your advantage and enjoy yourself.

## **Libra (September 21 - October 20)**

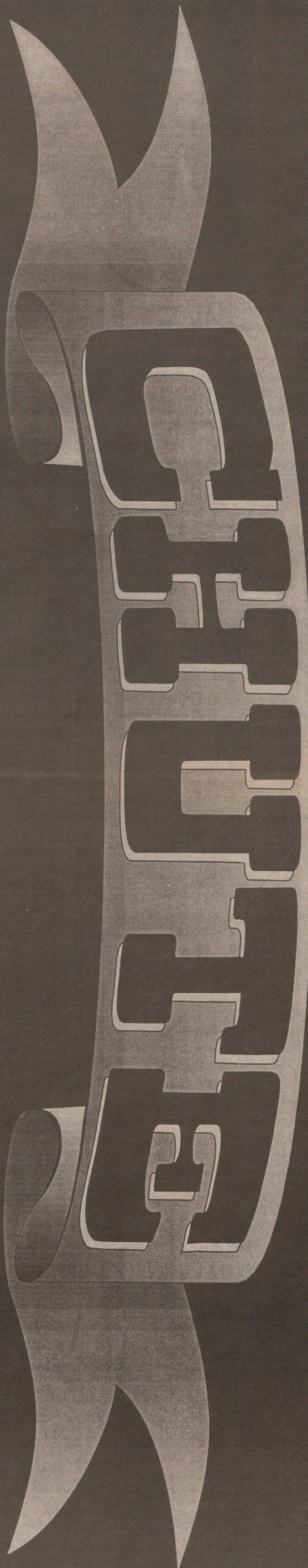
You could be crying, "Help, Mr. Wizard" in the next couple of weeks when a situation you thought you were controlling seems instead to be controlling you, especially during the week of the 30th. Take a day off from everything and assess the situation from a calmer perspective. Trust could be a problem later this month. Don't dig those heels in too deeply over something that was once—and should remain—trivial.

## **Scorpio (October 21 - November 20)**

"Come On-a My House," sang George Clooney's old auntie when she was looking for some exciting company, and that's your theme song these days as well. Now that you've settled back into a routine following recent mood swings and/or moves, you are ready to entertain. Get into the kitchen and cook up something special for your guests. A well-planned and intimate evening around the 25th may lead to a tasty dessert treat for the host.

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Notable Quotes, continued from page 23

female drag queen. He said I was a woman imitating a gay man imitating a woman. I was highly insulted until I realized he was right."

—Bette Midler to *The Advocate*, Nov. 10.

"I think gay people have been very proud of me, unless I'm missing something. They're proud I was there at the beginning of the gay rights movement. You know, when I talked about doing a gay liberation benefit, which is what it was called in those days—on national television, on the Johnny Carson show!—it gave them a real jolt. I didn't realize it at the time because I was in the middle of it."

—Bette Midler to *The Advocate*, Midler performed at the first gay-lib

rally, in New York's Washington Square Park in 1971.

"The ugly formulation 'womyn' (a punitive extraction of 'man' from the noun 'woman' by etymology-challenged ideologues) has thankfully not survived except among drearily isolated, lesbo holdouts of ultra-PC paleofeminism."

—Writer Camille Paglia in her Oct. 28 *Salon* magazine column.

"'Queer' got bandied about for a while by nerdy Foucault followers in academe and by screeching pseudo-skinheads in ACT UP, but that old slang term has too many twisted implications of insanity and eccentricity to do gays much good."

—Writer Camille Paglia in her Oct. 28 *Salon* magazine column.

"The whole story is tragically infantile. She comes across as a lovesick teenager, flappin' her panties at him from the first day they met. And him, a grown-up man, making up stupid rules about not going all the way. I thought to myself, this is not how grown-ups behave."

—*Tales of the City* author Armistead Maupin on the Monicagate scandal, to Michigan's *Between The Lines*, Oct. 15.

"I'm proud of having been open about my sexuality, but I hate the fact that the label 'gay writer'

can imply I write only for gay people. My audience is much broader. Remember, *Tales of the City* started in a mainstream newspaper. I think my message about gay sensibility plays better because it is aimed at everyone. The message seduces the reader before they realize it may call upon them to change their attitudes."

—Author Armistead Maupin to Michigan's *Between The Lines*, Oct. 15.

"Where we have had a fair day in court, most notably in the historic Hawaii trial of 1996, it is clear that the government does not have a good reason for denying the freedom to marry to same-sex couples. So fearful are our opponents of having to show—and being unable to show—a reason, that they have proven themselves willing to tear holes in the constitution in order to avoid having to defend their discrimination. But the record is clear: when forced to show a reason, they do not have one that can stand up in the cool, clear, dispassionate light of a court of law."

—E-mail from Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund lawyer Evan Wolfson Nov. 3 after Hawaii voters amended the state constitution to allow the legislature to define 'marriage' as between one man and one woman.

"It's a black mark on our Bill of Rights, and I think the Legislature that proposed this will not be remembered well, as George Wallace was not remembered well standing in the schoolhouse door. And I think the general public will ultimately come to realize this is a mistake, and it will be

corrected."

—Dan Foley, attorney for the three gay couples who sued Hawaii for the right to get married, speaking Nov. 3 after Hawaii voters amended the state constitution to allow the legislature to define 'marriage' as between one man and one woman.

"They're not family-oriented. What do they have to produce? They're noncontributors to society. They might contribute as far as business goes, but not family. It's about sexual gratification."

—Alaskan William Brown, 78, explaining to the *Anchorage Daily News* why he cast his vote to amend the state constitution to ban gay marriage. The measure passed.

"It's a false profession ... a complete deception. It's not as if there's any subject matter to what they're talking about. It is a series of obfuscating gestures ... a kind of ballet of non sequiturs."

—Author Daniel Harris (*The Rise and Fall of Gay Culture*) on the academic field of queer studies, to *Salon* magazine, Nov. 9.

"What's 'gay enough?' Will's certainly gay enough for my parents at the moment, but he's probably not gay enough for a lot of the gay community."

—Eric McCormack, Will on NBC-TV's *Will & Grace*, to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Nov. 9.

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the bodies of women with cervical cancer, elderly gays and lesbians, people with hepatitis, as if there were only one disease in the world. It's instructive that all of the hate mail I get [about my position on this] is from fags."

—Syndicated sex-advice columnist Dan Savage in an Oct. 13 interview with New York City's *Village Voice*.

"For all the dick I suck I don't feel that gay anymore. Identity is an act of will, not a fact. You can't take a scraping of someone's DNA for their identity. I think we tend to overanalyze each other. This need to know the reason why something makes your dick hard or your pussy wet can really take the erotic substance out of life."

—Syndicated sex-advice columnist Dan Savage in an Oct. 13 interview with New York City's *Village Voice*.

"The most powerful and wide-spread communications tool in the world is beaming neutered gay people into Americans' homes several times a week, making us less of a threat and more a part of the collective story that the nation entertains and comforts itself with each night. The significance of this penetration into the lives of straight America is huge. In becoming a regular part of the TV schedule, we seep into the nation's consciousness. Assimilation is about being a regularly featured character in the eternal autobiography of the United States, most of which is told and received via television. Gay people, minus the sex, are becoming as common as cable; we're now just another channel in the TV Guide of humanity."

—John Fall, columnist at [www.cruisingforsex.com](http://www.cruisingforsex.com), Oct. 20.

"I wouldn't want to be called that [a gay actor], because if I categorized myself that way, or as 'a queer artist,' a term that's sometimes used, I would be cutting myself off from plenty of parts. There are a lot of roles I enjoy playing—from Dussander to Uncle Vanya to Macbeth—that have nothing to do with being gay."

—British actor Sir Ian McKellen to the *Boston Globe*, Oct. 11.

"When you think a little about it, it comes down to the idea of keeping a needless secret. You're just hurting yourself. Coming out publicly turned out to be the best thing I ever did, from a personal and a professional standpoint. I feel that there's nothing I can't do now."

—British actor Sir Ian McKellen to the *Boston Globe*, Oct. 11.

"If your ears ever told you that I ever said anything complimentary about that nitty twit [James Collard] who edits your repulsively banal and useless magazine than you are even more out of touch with the realities of today's gay world than even its last three issues has led our world to witness. Have a nice life and if you ever regain your intelligence please inject some of it into *Out*."

—Letter from author-activist Larry Kramer to Henry Scott, president of *Out* magazine, Oct. 13.

"[T]he opportunity to be threatened, humiliated and to live in fear of being beaten to death is the only 'special right' our culture bestows on homosexuals."

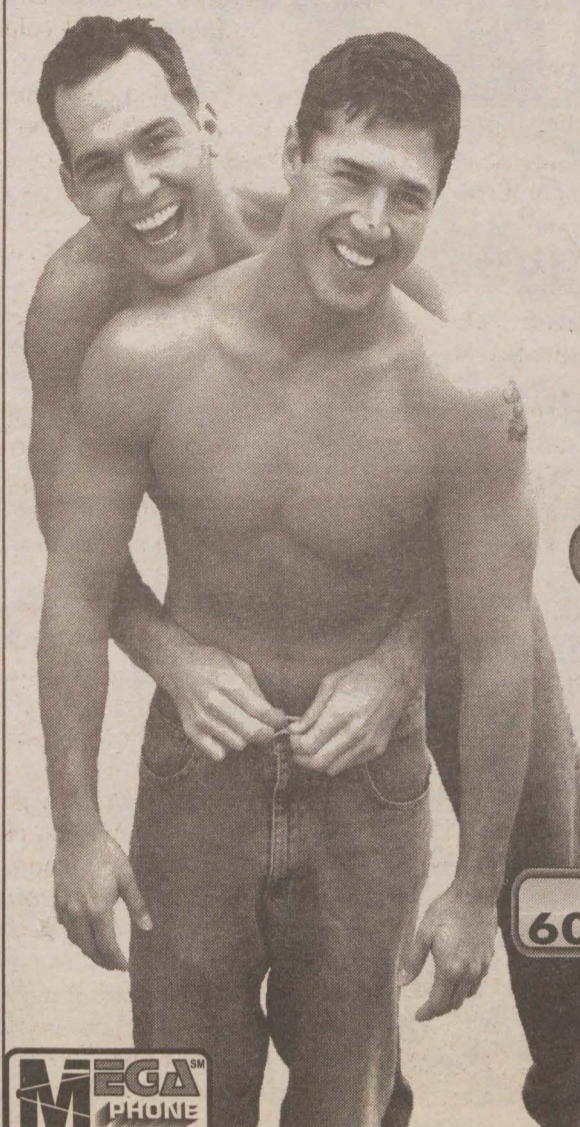
—Denver Post columnist Diane Carman, Oct. 10.

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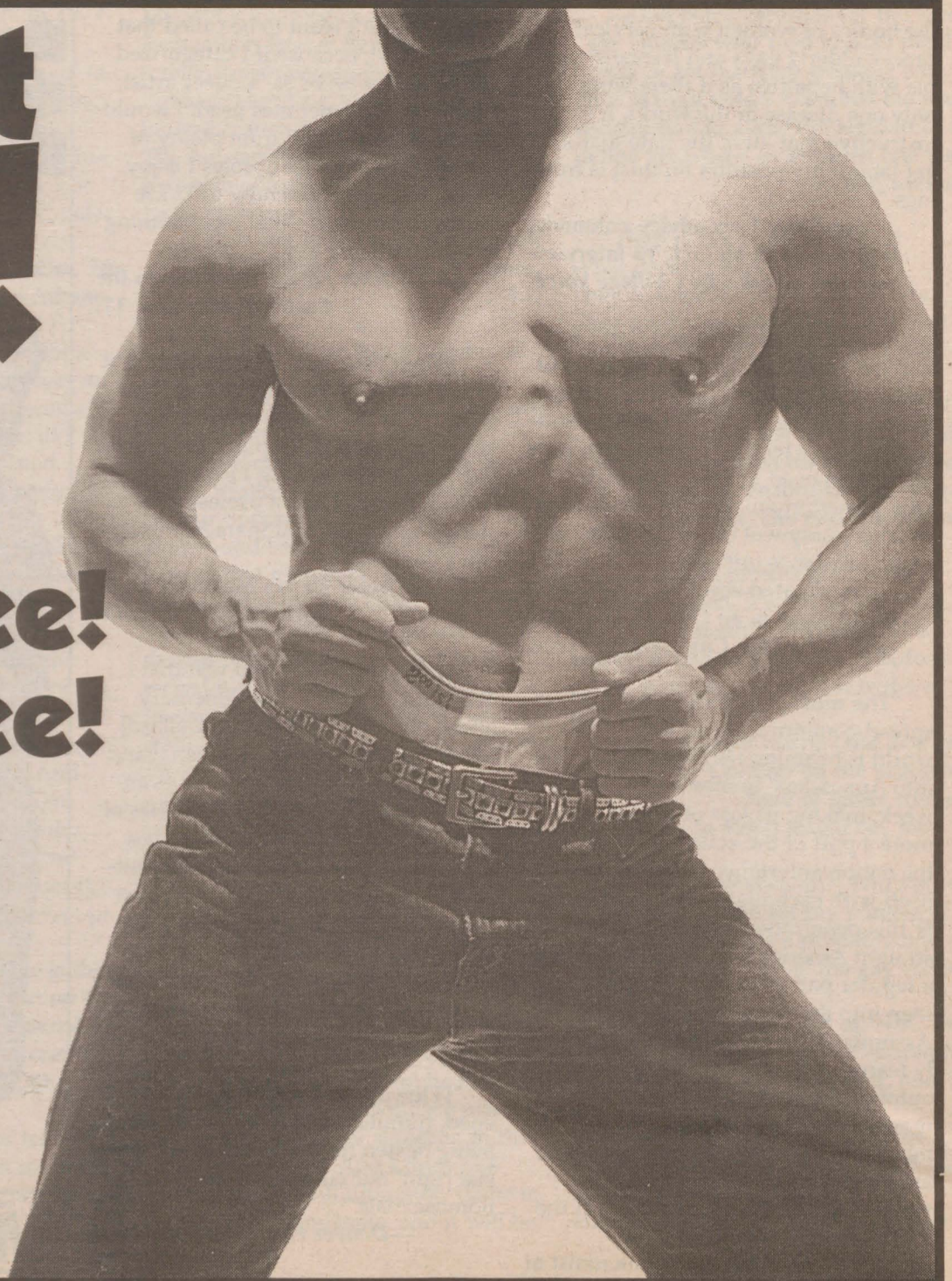
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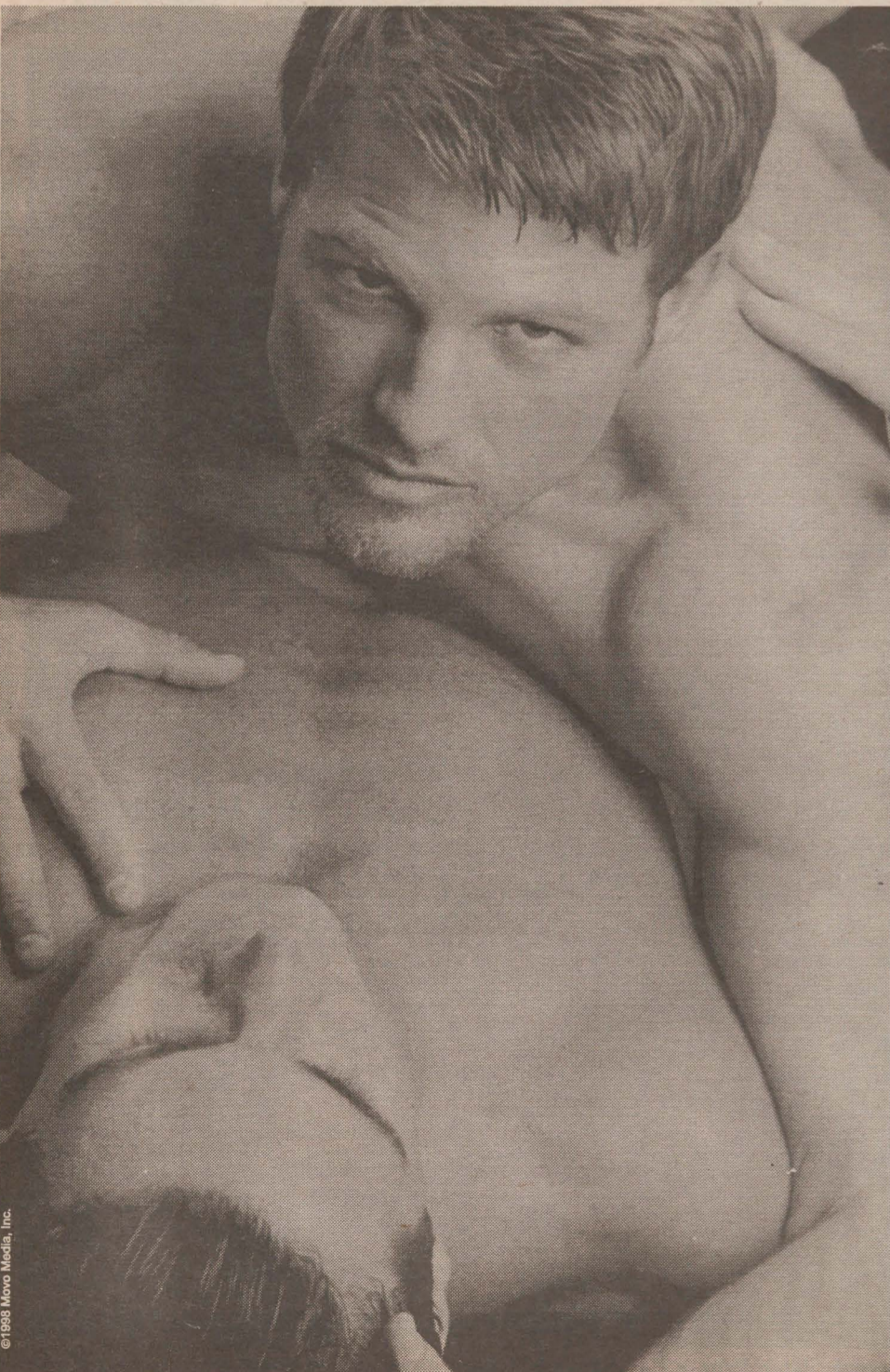
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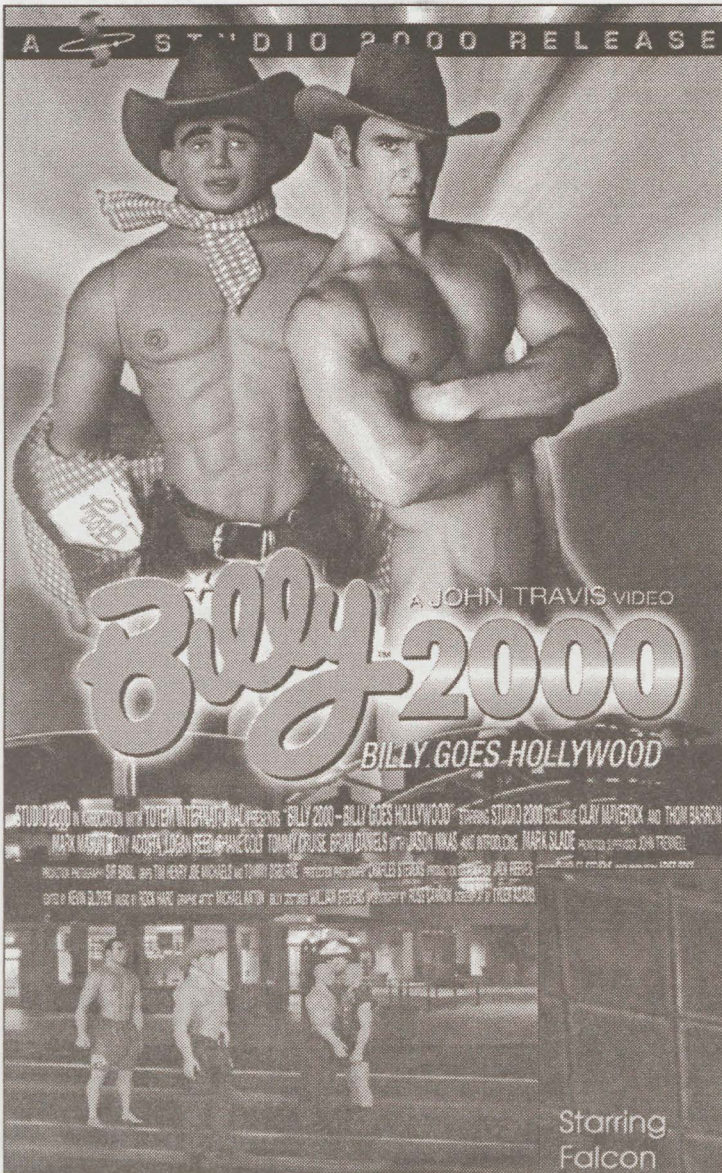
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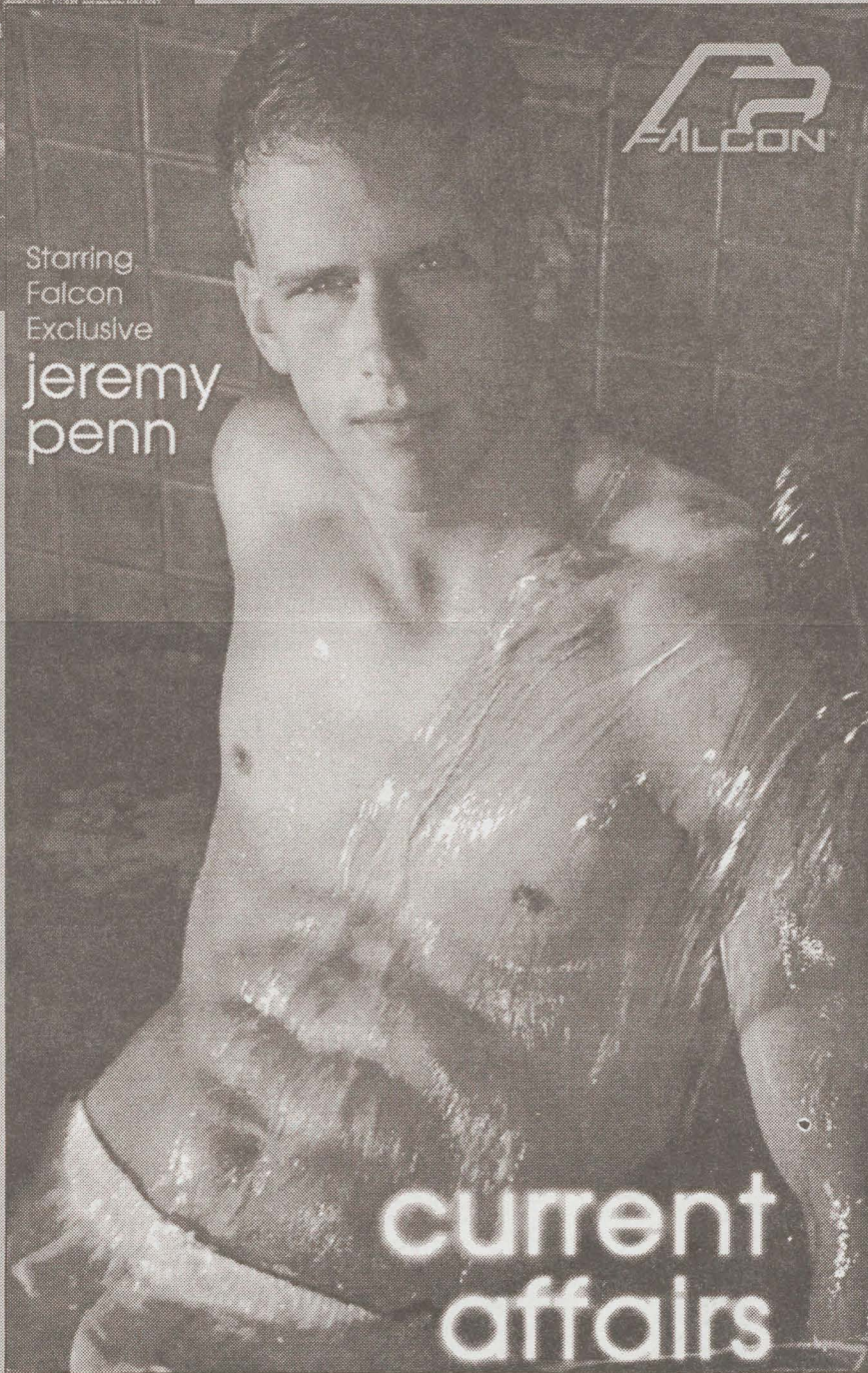


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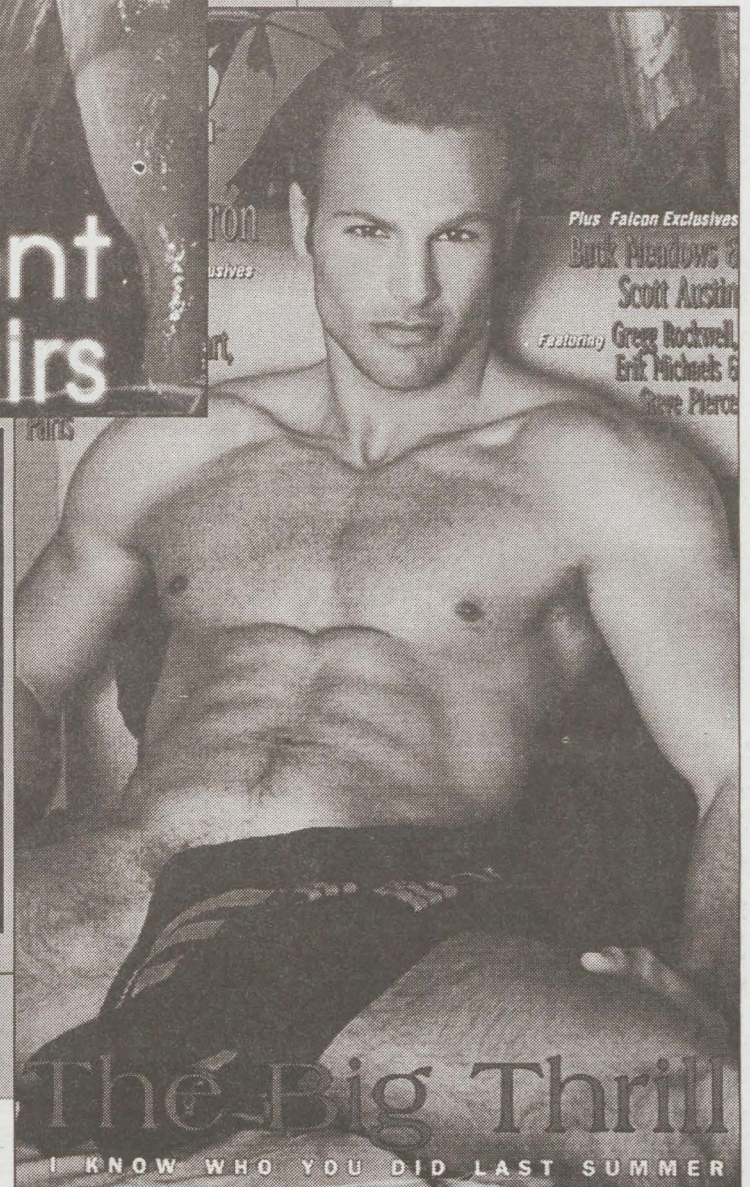
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