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Free expo will bring three top HIV/AIDS experts to Phoenix

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This exposition will present medical, complementary therapy, and social service information for those infected or affected by HIV and will be the largest community health fair of its kind ever held in Phoenix.

The producers, POZ Publishing (POZ, MAMM, POZ en Español magazines), will co-host the event with Phoenix Body Positive, the local partnering agency, and 29 other local and state AIDS service organizations.

POZ Life Expo is divided into three segments: Exhibits, Complementary Therapies Center, and Lectures/Workshops Sessions.

This marks the second year in a row that POZ publishing has sponsored its traveling HIV/AIDS expos in major U.S. cities. Last August, the Phoenix leg of the tour featured a keynote address by 1998's Miss America, Kate Shindle and was so well attended that organizers have promised to make the 1999 edition bigger and better.

To start with, there is a great deal of diversity among this year's new exhibitors. Representatives will be present from service organizations in Pima County, including the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

AIDS Walk Arizona will be present as will VaxGen, a biotechnology com-

pany conducting the first-ever AIDS preventive vaccine trials around our country, including a new study site here in Phoenix.

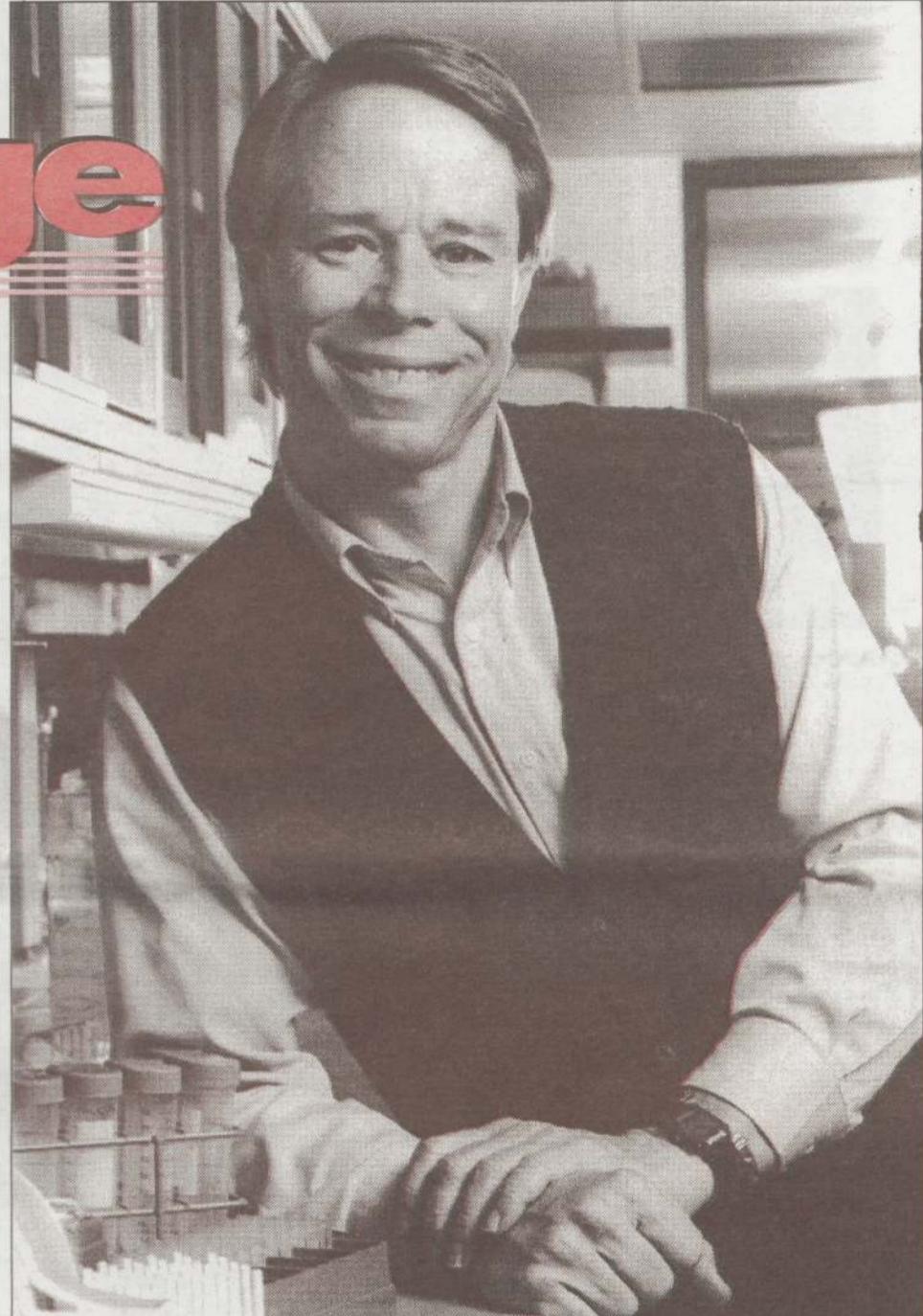
The most notable addition this year will be representation by experts from the Social Security Administration, who will field all questions about disability, back-to-work, and Medicare issues.

EXPO organizers will also offer an unprecedented opportunity to experience alternative and complementary healing and relaxation therapies in a special center set up for "hands-on" samplings of various modalities, including: Acupuncture, Dental screening exams, Chiropractic, Reiki, Traditional massage, Aromatherapy, Reflexology (foot massage), Cranial-sacral massage, Energy healing, Graphology (handwriting analysis), Cooking demonstrations, and Lean body mass testing (BIA exams).

Finally, the shining star of the POZ Life Expo will be the gathering of three nationally recognized speakers with a combined 54 years of experience in HIV treatment and AIDS research (The schedule of presentations is printed in its entirety on page 12 of this issue).

"Look at earthquakes and air disasters. Their suddenness and devastation is visible and touches people so we spend tens of millions of dollars more on relief efforts than we do on searching for a vaccine to prevent the spread of AIDS."

Dr. Donna Sweet, founder and director of the first HIV treatment clinic in Wichita and Professor of Medicine at the University of Kansas, will open the lecture series with her presentation *HIV, Your Immune System, and You—The Basics*, and then a second talk on *Special Concerns for Women and Families*. Dr. Sweet has been chosen for her clear, well-organized, professional, and "down-to-earth" lecture style.



Dr. Donald Francis will be one of the featured speakers at the May 21 Poz Life Expo.

Following Dr. Sweet will be Dr. Donald Francis, the physician many readers may remember as the research scientist portrayed by actor Matthew Modine in the HBO television movie *And the Band Played On*.

Francis worked on international epidemic control for the World Health Organization in the early 1970's, then began his work on AIDS research at the CDC in 1981. As director of the

CDC's AIDS Laboratory Activities Division, he worked closely with the Institut Pasteur to prove that HIV was the causative agent for AIDS.

One of the few scientists to realize the potential impact of HIV infection around the globe, Francis sounded some of the first cries of alarm early in the history of the virus. Since then, he founded VaxGen, Inc., a biotechnology company that is investigating the most advanced AIDS vaccine yet

tested on humans.

Francis related in a recent interview that the film's portrayal of him was "fair—in a Hollywood sense."

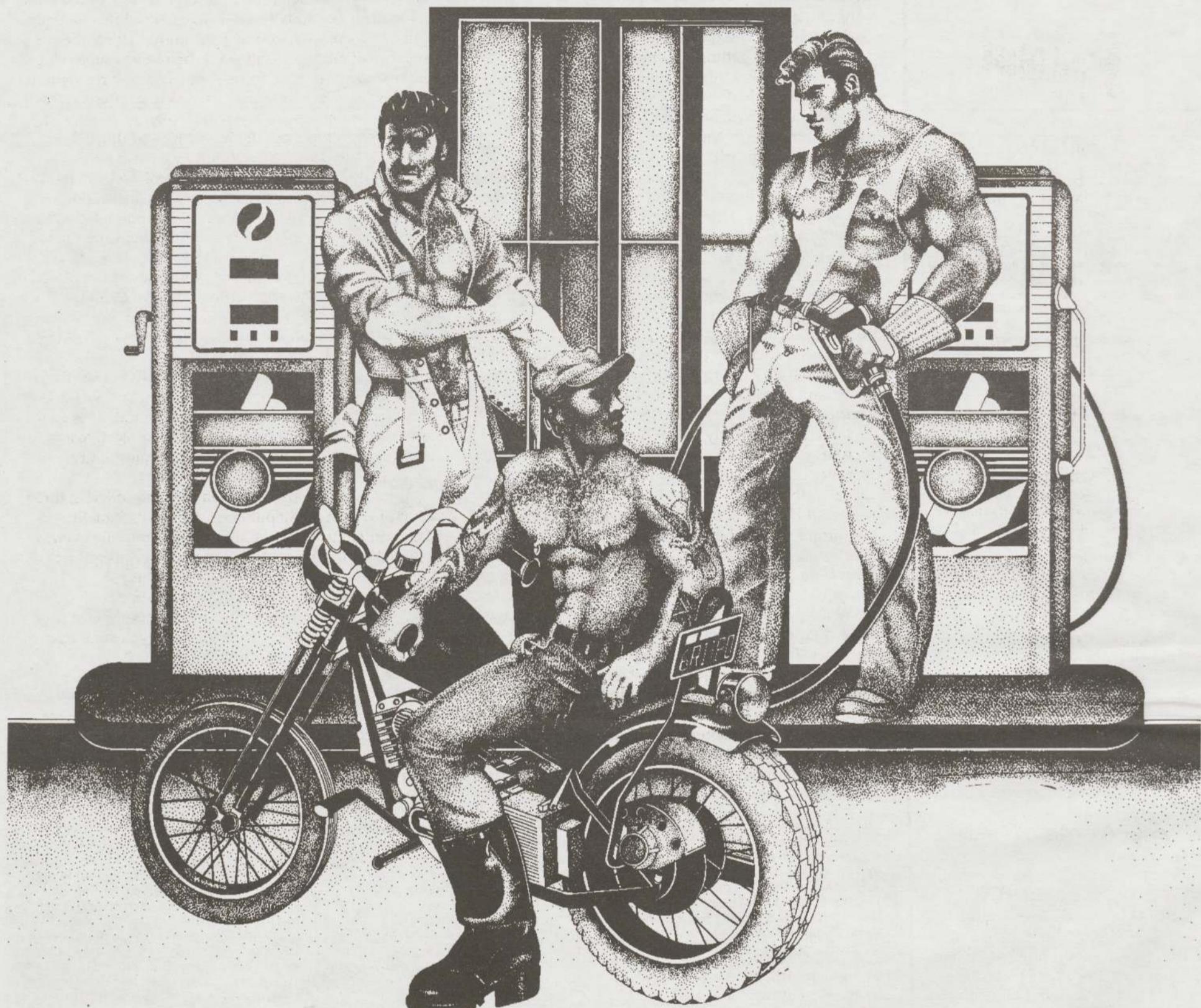
He said, "There were lots of meetings in those early days, and the most accurate part of the movie was the depiction of me banging on the table as we demonstrated our outrage at the inaction of society—represented by the blood banks—to stem the epidemic. This showed American government at its worst."

Francis went on to explain how he lived in Phoenix and worked on hepatitis research from 1978 until 1983 and at the same time flew around the world doing research and living in motels in Atlanta (headquarters of the Center for Disease Control) performing additional research as AIDS was being discovered.

In his opinion, the most frustrating aspect of public health in America is that "... it gets second-rate status, research equipment hand-me-downs, and too little funding, as millions succumb to the ravages of HIV infection and other infec-

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Horowitz:

On April 22nd, the Arizona House of Representatives voted to repeal the state's archaic sodomy law.

The repeal came as an amendment to this year's Omnibus Crime Bill which is used to clean up problems in the criminal code. I want to personally thank and congratulate Reps. Ken Cheuvront and Steve May for their intelligent and tenacious efforts.

I believe that getting the amendment through the often hostile House of Representatives comes as the direct result of the Equality Begins At Home effort spearheaded by Arizona Human Rights Fund Community Action Network Chair, Ron Passarelli.

Last month, nearly one hundred people presented petitions from every legislator's district requesting that an archaic laws repeal. For the first time, the repeal passed through the House on a vote of 29 to 26, with 5 not voting—a slim win, but a win nevertheless.

Several months ago, in this column, I argued that the sodomy law repeal is one of our best chances for a civil rights victory in Arizona.

Because the laws prohibit "open and notorious cohabitation or adultery", "the infamous crime against nature with an adult" and "lewd and lascivious acts" between all consenting adults—even heterosexual married couples—many more people will be interested in their repeal.

I would confidently wager that many—if not most—legislators have themselves violated the law. The vast majority of Arizonans don't even know that oral sex is illegal in this state.

We all know that these laws are not enforced in any significant way. If they were, our jails and our court system would be even more overcrowded than they are now. If no one is prosecuted under these laws, why do we care about their repeal?

While gays haven't been prosecuted in Arizona, we have certainly been persecuted because of these laws. I am labeled a criminal despite my lawfulness. These statutes are used to argue against gay adoptions, foster parenting and domestic partnership benefits. They are used to justify wholesale discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Many states have already repealed similar laws, or had them declared unconstitutional by the courts. The infamous Georgia sodomy law that the United States

An open letter to everyone:

I would like to take a few moments, as your newly crowned Miss Gay Pride, to properly thank the community and all the contestants for their support.

When I decided to run for Miss Gay Pride some three years ago, it was because of a need I felt. I wanted to give back to my community. I had a desire to express my feelings and say thank you to those who never get a vote of praise or a pat on the back. To hopefully give them the feeling that all the work they do is not in vain.

My running for Miss Gay Pride means that the people who are behind the scenes deserve a vote of thanks. I have always been one of those people. However, during the last six months all segments of our community have shown me love, compassion and understanding. But most of all, they have given me that sense of pride.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Celia. I can't tell you how very much I respect Mr. Richard Black. I wanted to

give up so many times. However, Celia wouldn't hear of it. Celia, thank you. You and I, along with the rest of the contestants, raised so much money. I am completely beside myself.

My desire was to help make the 1999 Festival a Millennium event. Which, personally, I feel it was. As we are coming into the next Millennium, I feel we need to embrace all our communities, and extend ourselves to one another. Enlightenment and open-mindedness must be the answer if we are to be recognized. We must continually strive for unity within all our communities if we are to achieve our rights like everyone else.

Furthermore, I believe it is a time of reflection on your own personal triumphs, the growth you have experienced, the freedom that you have in your life, and to think how lucky you are not to have been involved in the original Stonewall.

After all, we wouldn't have Pride if it were not for Stonewall. Isn't the main reason why we celebrate Gay Pride

So close—and yet so far

Supreme Court upheld more than a decade ago was overturned earlier this year. Representatives May and Cheuvront successfully argued the repeal on several fronts.

First, the laws are expensive to enforce, and the state shouldn't waste tax dollars. Second, sooner or later, the law will successfully be challenged, and that challenge will be expensive and time consuming. Third, the majority of citizens don't want themselves subject to these kinds of restrictions on our privacy. Arizonans are notoriously independent and suspicious of any government interference in our private lives.

But here's the rub—the repeal passed through the House of Representatives, but it must also make it through the Senate and Governor Hull. Despite its clear passage in one legislative chamber, the legislation will now go to a Conference Committee appointed by House Speaker Jeff Groscost and Senate President Brenda Burns.

Burns and Groscost are clear enemies of the gay community. We have every reason to believe that the conference committee will be stacked with religious conservatives who will ignore the views and votes of the majority of legislators and Arizonans.

The sodomy law repeal will probably not see the governor's desk this legislative session, but we have come far closer than we thought we would. This victory is a testament to the effectiveness of the elective and legislative efforts of the lesbian and gay community.

Arizona has four openly gay elected officials, three of whom are Republican. Arizona's Equality Begins at Home effort merited a visit from the event's national chairperson. Our community is blessed with fine representation and excellent volunteers.

I hope that these advances in our fight for civil rights will prompt more members of our community to contribute time and money to our legislative campaigns and the Arizona Human Rights Fund.

So far, we've gotten really close.

David Horowitz is a Phoenix attorney.

(Editors' note: the bill to repeal Arizona's sodomy law died in the House of Representatives on April 29. Kathie Gummere describes the last-minute maneuverings in her column, Politically Speaking, on page 9 of this issue).

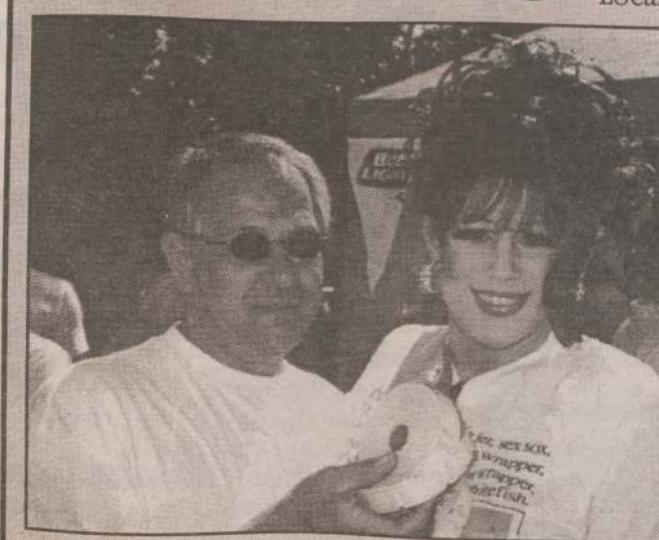
because of the Stonewall bar, where people were beaten and jailed because they believed in their rights as human beings and to express themselves as they saw fit. For the "Drag Queens" to have the right to be in drag and not have to wash their face and change the way they represented themselves in a gay establishment, even though at that time we (gays and lesbians) were looked at by society as deviants and sickos. They wanted rights for themselves and for the future generations of gays, lesbians, transgendered and bisexuals.

So my fellow community members, what are you willing to do to get the message out? How will you show your pride?

Remember, this is who you are, you can't be true to yourself if you don't love yourself. And your fellow human beings, whomever they are.

**Yours in Pride,
Michael J. Collette/Mimi Rae Rose
Miss Gay Pride 1999-2000**

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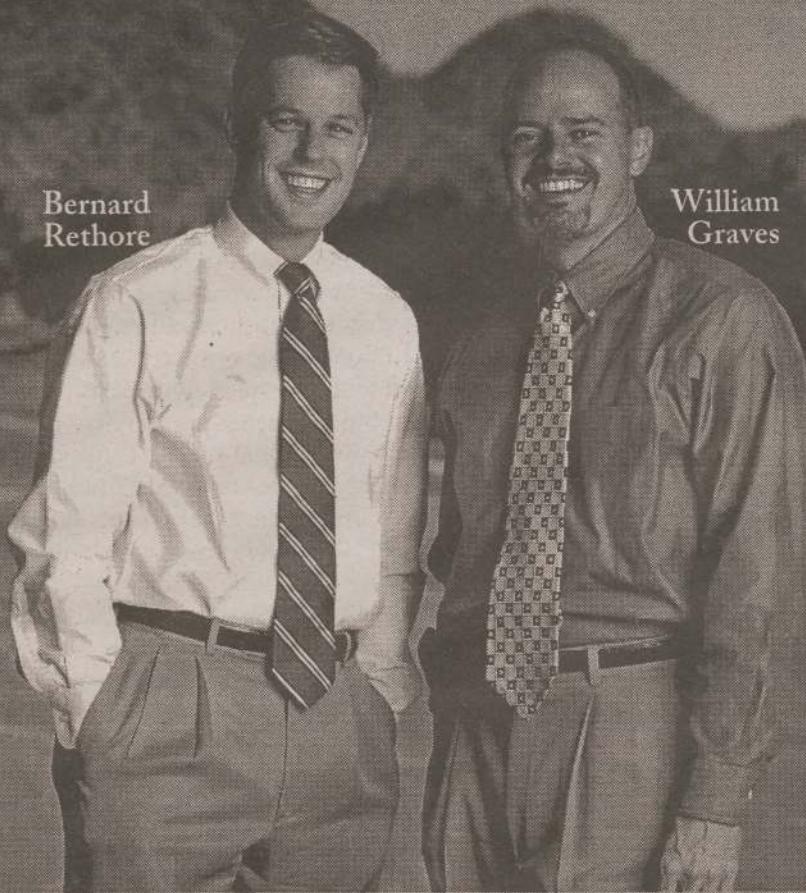


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Virginia ruling allows prosecution of gay men on consensual sodomy charges

ROANOKE, Va. (AP)—Two city judges ruled that a state law making consensual oral sex a felony is not an unconstitutional invasion of privacy when applied to 18 men charged with seeking gay sex in a city park.

The rulings clear the way for jury trials in the city's first felony prosecutions aimed at cruising, or the soliciting of gay sex in parks, shopping mall restrooms and other public places. Before the crackdown on cruising, police had been bringing misdemeanor charges such as indecent exposure against suspects.

Circuit Judge Richard Pattisall denied a motion, filed by attorneys for 17 of the men, to dismiss the charges on constitutional grounds. A similar decision by Circuit Judge Robert Doherty was released May 3 in the case of an 18th defendant.

Charges against all the men stem from conversations they had with undercover police officers last year in a park along the Roanoke River.

The men are accused of soliciting the officers to commit a felony. The felony in question is nonforcible sodomy, defined by Virginia law as a "crime against nature" that includes oral sex and carries up to five years in prison—regardless of whether it is committed in public or in private, by homosexuals or heterosexuals.

Defense attorneys had asked Pattisall to dismiss the charges, arguing that the state's sodomy law is unconstitutional on several grounds:

that it violates the separation of church and state because it is based on religious views; that it amounts to cruel and unusual punishment; and that it violates the fundamental right of privacy afforded by the state and federal constitutions.

While defense attorneys had argued that the law could be used to invade the bedrooms of consenting couples, Pattisall wrote in his 15-page opinion that the defendants allegedly never proposed that the sex they solicited take place in private.

"Common sense informs one that there can be no expectation of privacy to an act that is performed in public," Pattisall wrote. Sam Garrison, a Roanoke attorney who represents nine of the men, and other defense attorneys have questioned comments attributed to their clients by police. They said that in at least some of the cases, the undercover police officers were the ones who sought out the men, initiated conversations about sex and generally were the aggressors.

Should there be convictions, Garrison said, a final decision will likely rest with an appellate court.

"You might view this as round one of what could be a long, protracted legal battle over the constitutionality of Virginia's sodomy statute," Garrison said.

Virginia is one of 14 states that prohibit consensual sodomy among adults.

Gay judge leaves GOP after Republicans reject hate crimes legislation

CHARLOTTE (AP)—A Mecklenburg County judge and first openly gay Republican officeholder in North Carolina has left the party, saying he can't support the GOP after a hate crimes measure was defeated in the state House.

Superior Court Judge Ray Warren is now registered as an unaffiliated voter. Warren declared his homosexuality last December.

The House rejected a measure late last month that would have expanded the state's hate crimes law to include sexual orientation. All but two Republicans, as well as a handful of Democrats, voted against the bill.

Warren said he couldn't stay in a party that "condones discrimination,

intimidation and violence."

"I predict (gays) will be made part of the hate crimes law, but it probably won't happen until somebody is murdered or beaten and (legislators) find their conscience," Warren said Friday.

Mecklenburg County Republican Party Chairman Frank Whitney was disappointed with Warren's description of the GOP.

"I don't think anybody in the Republican Party ever endorsed discrimination, intimidation or particularly violence," he said.

Warren, a longtime Republican, is a former state legislator who ran for the state Supreme Court in 1996 and Court of Appeals last November. Warren's judicial term ends in 2002.

Topless Lesbian Avengers storm Oregon—on roller skates

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—A troop of topless roller skaters calling themselves The Lesbian Avengers flashed downtown crowds on a sunny Friday afternoon.

The twelve women began their jaunt near the Oregon State Campus and rolled down to the waterfront, where police stopped them.

Along the way, they passed out flyers explaining the political agenda behind baring their breasts.

They said they were protesting a double standard that allows men to

take off their shirts in public, but not women.

Police put a damper on the demonstration, citing a city ordinance that, "No person shall, while in a public place or in view of a public place, appear in a state of nudity."

Still, officers chose not to press charges because the women agreed to cover themselves.

Stopping long enough to slap stickers over their exposed parts, the women kept on rolling.

Tempe set to offer domestic partner benefits

Final approval expected June 10; move would make it first city in Maricopa County to offer coverage

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

When Tempe's City Council votes to approve a new budget next month, it will likely become the first Maricopa County municipality to offer health benefits to unmarried partners of city employees, including same-sex partners.

At a mid-afternoon budget meeting on April 28, four members of the council and Mayor Neil Giuliano

endorsed a recommendation by a 23-member employee task force to extend health benefit coverage to "committed partners."

Council members Ben Arredondo and Joe Spracale opposed the recommendation.

Council member Hugh Hallman said he would prefer to see the city offer health benefits to any needy member of an employee's household rather than those within the parameters of married spouses, dependent children and domestic partners.

Hallman said that if an employee is supporting a live-in mother-in-law, for example, or a sister who "lives with them and takes care of the kids", then all employees should be given the option of providing health care

benefits through their employer's carrier. He asked, "If an employee is paying for the benefits out of his or her paycheck, then why does it matter who the benefits are being pur-

To be eligible for the coverage, employees and their partners will be required to sign an affidavit stating that they have been cohabitating for one year and that they are financially interdependent.

chased for?"

City staffer Judy Greenberg, who headed the task force, explained that offering benefits to any member of an employee's household—while a progressive idea—would not be acceptable to CIGNA, the city's health insurance carrier.

There are, however, precedents for offering benefits to unmarried partners, Greenberg said.

To be eligible for the coverage, employees and their partners will be required to sign an affidavit, provided by CIGNA, stating that they have been cohabitating for one year and that they are financially interdependent.

Similar domestic partnership plans are already in effect for employees of

the City of Tucson and of Pima County.

The employee task force estimated that adding the coverage will cost Tempe approximately \$53,000 annually to cover 13-14 people, representing roughly one percent of all city employees.

Greenberg said those figures are based on information obtained from CIGNA and on enrollment records from other corporations and municipalities that already offer domestic partnership coverage in their benefit packages.

"The task force thought it was an equality and fairness issue," Greenberg said.

"It's the right thing to do and I'm glad Tempe is doing it," Giuliano told

tried to steer the council away from a lengthy discussion of the same-sex benefits issue. He succeeded. "People have their opinions on this one, and I don't think any one of us is going to change the mind of anyone else at this table," he said.

Arredondo said he would like to have a look at the CIGNA affidavit. He didn't see how the city will be able to discourage the new benefits from being abused. "I support having [the line item regarding domestic partner benefits] pulled," he said.

Greenberg said the penalties for lying about a domestic partnership on the affidavit would probably compare to committing any other type of insurance fraud. In any case, enforcing the rules would be the problem of the insurance provider and not the city.

"I can't support this the way it is," Spracale said.

With Giuliano and four other members supporting the recommendation, however, it was

cleared to move ahead for final approval, scheduled for the council's June 10 meeting.

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HeatStroke when later asked about the recommendation.

At the April meeting, Giuliano, who has been public about his own homosexuality since 1996, clearly



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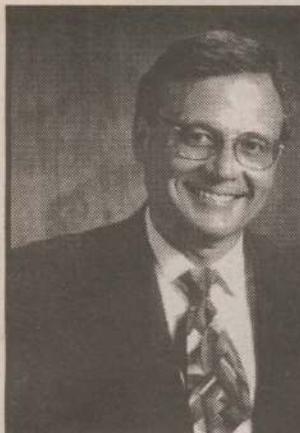
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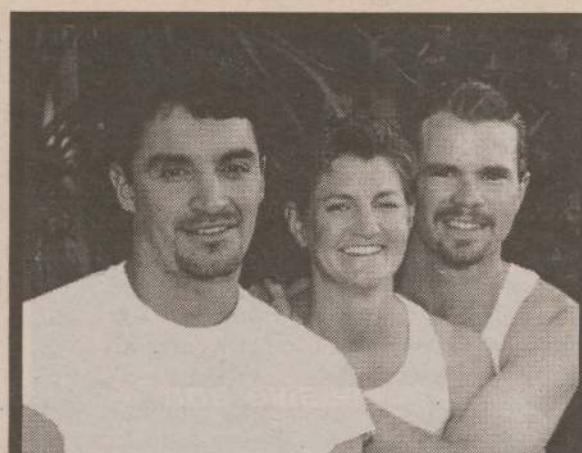
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PFLAG-Phoenix awards gay student \$1,000 scholarship

The Boots and Ray Reed PFLAG - Phoenix Scholarship was awarded to member Jesse Evans at the organization's April 19 meeting.

This is the first time that the Phoenix chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has given the scholarship, which is named after long time members and leaders Boots and Ray Reed.

Jesse Evans was awarded his scholarship as an outstanding gay youth. Evans is a student at Gilbert High School and was instrumental in beginning GLASS—a Gay, Lesbian and Straight Student

Alliance at his school.

Evans also started the local chapter and is current president of GLSEN—the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, which is comprised mostly of education professionals. He is a member of the PFLAG - Phoenix Safe Space speakers bureau, which presents speakers throughout the Valley in schools and churches.

Evans graduates in May and will be attending one of the Claremont Colleges in September where he intends to major in Political Science.

New Hampshire priest may become first openly gay Episcopal bishop

WEARE, N.H. (AP)—The Rev. Canon Gene Robinson again is a finalist for bishop and if he becomes the spiritual leader of the Diocese of Rochester, N.Y., he will be the first openly gay bishop in the 2.5 million-member Episcopal Church of America.

Robinson, one of five nominees from a field of 86 applicants for the bishopric, was cited by the search committee for his spirituality and outspokenness. The committee said his sexual orientation is irrelevant.

"I'm hoping it doesn't become a big issue," said Janet Farnsworth, president of the Diocese of Rochester's Standing Committee.

"We wanted a person who would lead us spiritually and a person who was willing to speak out on social issues. We wanted someone who would be a pastor to all our clergy and their families and he's known for his work in clergy wellness," she told the *Concord Monitor*.

Robinson, assistant to Bishop Douglas Theuner of the Diocese of New Hampshire and a priest for 25 years, finished third last year in his bid to become bishop of the Diocese of Newark, N.J.

"As honored as I felt to be nominated in Newark, I'm overwhelmed at the privilege of being nominated in a diocese like Rochester and the courage they have shown in nominating me," he said.

"The way I can help gay and lesbian people the most is by being a good bishop, not a gay bishop," he said.

But his sexuality will be a lightning rod for some. At the international level, the church has taken a strong stand against homosexuality. A large majority of Anglican bishops at the Lambeth Conference of Bishops in England last year declared homosexuality contrary to scripture.

While that group has no authority over the Episcopal Church—the Anglican communion in the United States, it has pressured American bishops to take a conservative line.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)—A United Methodist minister dismissed from one church for blessing the union of two women has officiated over another same-sex ceremony and risks being defrocked.

The Rev. Jimmy Creech of Raleigh officiated April 24 at a union ceremony for two men, Jim Raymer and Larry Ellis.

"It was not a tough decision at all," Creech said April 26. "I was honored that they asked me and very glad to do it. I realize that the church right now is in a very legalistic and moralistic frame of mind. It has taken a position that I think has institutionalized bigotry. It was not difficult at all for me to take a stand against that."

Creech was narrowly acquitted in a United Methodist Church trial last year after officiating at a ceremony for two women at the First United Methodist Church in Omaha, Neb. He was later dismissed from the local church.

Creech is on a voluntary leave of absence from the United Methodist Church but remains under the church's authority, particularly Nebraska Bishop Joel Martinez. Creech has said he told Martinez last month of his plans to perform the latest ceremony and the bishop warned him against it.

"Now that there's been a definite confirmation that Jimmy Creech has conducted another ceremony, the Nebraska Conference will proceed according to the Book of Discipline with a judicial complaint," Martinez said April 27 in a written statement.

At the time of Creech's trial, the denomination's ban on performing same-sex commitment ceremonies was only a guideline. Since then, however,

That pressure also comes from within. The conservative Episcopalians United take issue with Robinson, believing homosexuality sinful. The group worries his election could cause rifts in the church.

"We expect a higher standard of our leaders than our members," said its board chairman, the Rev. Sandy Greene of Christ Church in Denver, Colo., who supports ministries that encourage people to renounce their homosexuality.

Robinson was married with two children when he acknowledged he was gay in 1986. He now lives with his partner, Mark Andrew, a program manager at the state Department of Health and Human Services.

Robinson says he likes the idea of becoming bishop in a diocese resembling New Hampshire's in size and makeup. It has minimal staff, no cathedral and no camp or conference center.

"That would allow me to be the kind of bishop I want to be," Robinson said. "I'm looking for close relationships with clergy and congregations."

In early June, he and Andrew will meet with voting delegates throughout the diocese. On June 19, the diocese's clergy and three lay people from each of the 54 congregations will vote on a candidate, who needs a simple majority from both groups to win.

Should Robinson be elected, he faces an even bigger hurdle.

To be ordained bishop, he must be "consented to" by a simple majority of the nation's Episcopal bishops as well as standing committees, comprised of laity and clergy.

The church went through a similar controversy in 1994 when it elected the first female bishop, Barbara Harris of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Yet it hasn't rejected a bishop elected by a diocese since the late 1800s. James DeKoven, rejected twice, now is a church saint.

Rev. Creech presides over another gay union ceremony

the ban has been made into church law.

Ministers can be tried and kicked out of the clergy if they officiate at a homosexual union.

"There's been a chargeable offense so something has to happen. Something will happen," said the Rev. Mel Luetgens, an assistant to Martinez. "There will be some kind of follow-up to this, and it may lead to a trial."

Although last weekend's service took place in North Carolina, any complaint will be handled by the Nebraska Conference, said North Carolina Bishop Marion Edwards.

A church official said any United Methodist member may file a complaint with the Nebraska conference accusing Creech of violating church law. Martinez would likely assign the complaint to an investigating committee to determine if formal charges and a trial were warranted, said Tim Tanton, a spokesman for the United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

Creech said last week that he was undaunted by the threat of being kicked out of the ministry.

"I believe it's important to give my blessing," he said.

In March, another United Methodist pastor was suspended indefinitely by the denomination's Northern Illinois Conference after he was found guilty of breaking church law for blessing the union of two men.

The 9.5 million-member United Methodist Church is the nation's second-largest Protestant denomination after the Southern Baptists.



International
Gay & Lesbian
News Briefs
Compiled by Rex Wockner

Three dead, 70 injured in gay bar bombing

Three people were killed and 70 were injured, 19 of them seriously, when a nail-bomb ripped through a gay bar in the heart of London's gay Soho district April 30.

The 6:37 p.m. blast destroyed the Admiral Duncan pub's facade and roof. One victim was hurled 40 feet across Old Compton Street.

"It looked as though everyone was blown out into the street," witness Jim Davies told the BBC. "It is absolute carnage."

"The guy I tried to help out of the pub had no leg left," patron Simon Edwards told *The Times*. "He was crying out so much. His entire leg below the left knee was blown off. I just could not believe my eyes. I cannot believe it now. I just can't believe someone would do this to the peaceful gay community."

Neighborhood resident Tony Howard told reporters: "The injuries were horrific. There were bones sticking out of legs, people's faces were burnt — it's difficult to describe it was so horrendous."

A neo-Nazi organization called White Wolves claimed responsibility for the blast in a phone call to the BBC. The group is believed to be an offshoot of the fascist organization Combat 18. The White Wolves also claimed responsibility for recent bombings that targeted blacks and Bengalis and injured 46 people.

But on May 2, police arrested David Copeland, a 22-year-old engineer, and said he was solely responsible for all three explosions and was not a member of any group. Copeland was taken into custody at his home in Cove, southwest of London, and charged with murder.

Home Secretary Jack Straw called the Soho bombing "a terrible outrage committed by people with no humanity."

"We are dealing with people who have warped minds, right-wing extremists who are obviously racist and homophobic," Straw said. "These bomb attacks have been specifically targeted at members of minority communities, African-Caribbeans at Brixton, Bangladeshi and Jewish people in Brick Lane and now gay peo-

ple. But attacks on these communities are attacks on all of us—black, Asian, white, Irish and Jewish, gay or straight—on all British people, on the whole of our society."

Queen Elizabeth said, "I was deeply

shocked by the further bomb attack in Central London this evening. Please pass my heartfelt sympathy to the families of those who died and to the many people who were injured in this dreadful crime."

Peter Tatchell, spokesman for the direct-action gay group OutRage!, said the bombing "shatters the complacent assumption that gay people can take social acceptance for granted. It shows that there are no safe and secure neighborhoods for homosexuals and that we are still vulnerable to violent attack."

Prime Minister Tony Blair said, "The only good that can come out of these nail bombs is that they spur all of us, whatever race, age, creed or sexuality, to work harder to build the one nation Britain that the decent majority want, and to bring our community closer together."

Gays protest Israel prize

More than 100 protesters picketed the Israel Prizes in Jerusalem April 21 alleging that recipient Prof. Avraham Steinberg is a homophobe and a racist.

Steinberg, head of medical ethics at Hebrew University's Hadassah School of Medicine, has written that homosexuality is criminally deviant, compared it to prostitution, condemned the use of condoms, and demanded that all gays be tested for HIV, the demonstrators said.

Steinberg was honored for creative writing in the Encyclopedia of Medical Halacha.

Serbian gay group continues work

Yugoslavia's Campaign Against Homophobia (CAH) will continue its work despite the NATO bombing and Serbia's war on Kosovo, members said last week.

"If the Campaign was stopped for an unknown period of time, its continuance would be unsecured in a potentially better condition, so we think that we must continue with lesbian activism in Serbia in order to create conditions for further maintain[ence] of such activities, essential for future human rights development," Deputy Executive Coordinator Dusan Maljkovic said in an English-

language press release.

Maljkovic also said it is important "to create a balance to the current extreme national homogenization and growth of discrimination of everyone who thinks/acts not according to patriarchal stereotypes and macho consciousness. . . . We do not believe that any radical or essential change toward [the] reception of [the] homosexual population is possible, but we think that every—even a most minor—attempt of activity on development of human rights is needed more than ever."

CAH is in the final stages of publishing an anthology to showcase "lesbigay creativity in the fields of science, fine arts and philosophy." They seek funding to create a "psychological self-help workshop," do media monitoring and launch a Web site.

To reach Maljkovic, e-mail camp@beotel.yu, phone 011-381-11-105-277, or ICQ chat 16854837.

Namibian official seeks to ban gay sex

Namibia's deputy home affairs minister, Jeremiah Nambinga, is seeking to criminalize gay sex because he believes it's evil.

Nambinga made his suggestion April 19 during a budget debate in the National Assembly.

"Homosexuality is evil, homosexuality is anti-social and should not only be condemned but should also be legislated against," Nambinga said. "Homosexuals are patients of psychological and biological deviations."

Last November, Home Affairs Minister Jerry Ekandjo told parliament: "Gay rights can never qualify as human rights. . . . They should be classified as human wrongs which must rank as sin against society and God. 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."

Namibian President Sam Nujoma 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."

Flemish officials support gay youth

The equal opportunities minister of Belgium's Flemish region has launched a campaign encouraging parents to accept their gay and les-

bian children.

The project includes large posters showing fathers and sons and mothers and daughters, and a pamphlet with answers to common anti-gay prejudices.

New Zealand may restrict entry of PWAs

Immigration Minister Tuariki Delamere said last week that tourists, refugees and immigrants should be required to prove they are HIV-negative before being allowed to enter New Zealand.

The Asia-Pacific Network of People Living With HIV/AIDS urges activists to protest the proposal by writing Mr. Tuariki Delamere, Minister of Immigration, Parliament House, Wellington, New Zealand. Send a copy to APN+, 3/29 Mahara Avenue, Birkenhead, Auckland, New Zealand. E-mail: edw@ihug.co.nz.

New Zealander who had unsafe sex jailed

Police in Christchurch, New Zealand, arrested Christopher Ian Truscott April 28 for allegedly having sex with men without revealing he is HIV-positive.

Detective Inspector John Doyle said Truscott had sexual encounters at North Hagley Park and other locations where men meet for sex.

Police have identified a second man they plan to charge with the same crime but he has not been apprehended.

Truscott's arrest was the first of its kind in New Zealand history.

Ukrainian gay group denied registration

Ukraine's Our World Gay and Lesbian Center in Lugansk was denied registration by the Justice Ministry April 21.

The Lugansk Regional Department of Justice declared: "A purpose of the public organization's activity—assistance for improvement of the social and psychological state of people of homosexual orientation and simultaneous reduction of the social tension towards this group of people in Ukrainian society—does not meet the requirements of the law currently in force, viz Article 3 of the Law of Ukraine 'About citizens' associations'."

Article 3 reads: "A public organization is an association of citizens for satisfaction and protection of their lawful social, economic, creative, age-related, national, cultural, sport and other common interests."

Our World has filed an appeal of the denial with a local court.



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PBP's *Night for Life* a resounding success

More than 725 people gathered in the ballroom of Scottsdale's Camelback Inn April 30 for Phoenix Body Positive's Fourth Annual *Night for Life* banquet and awards presentation.

The event is traditionally the largest fund-raiser of the year for the Phoenix-based HIV/AIDS service organization.

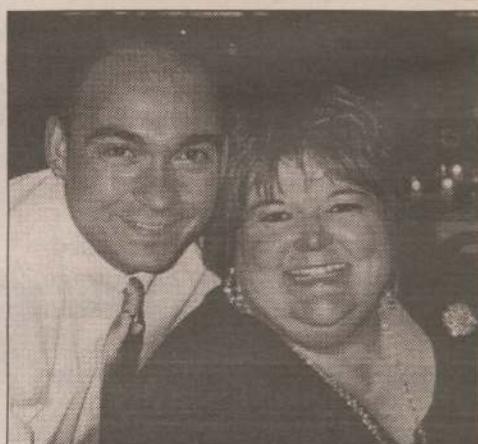
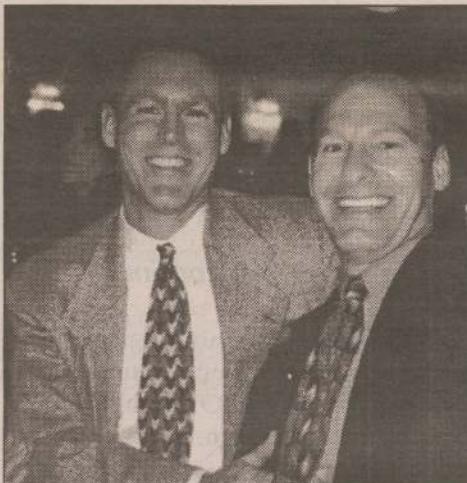
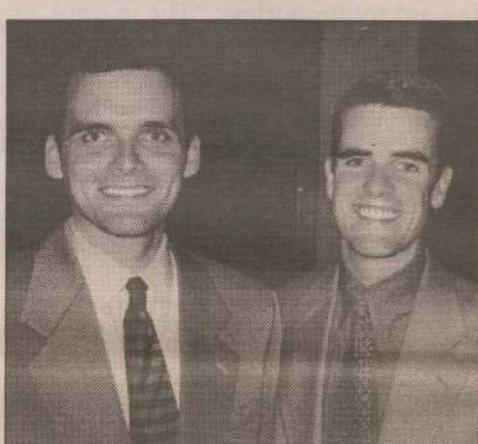
The agency's Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Debby Elliot of HIV Care Directions. *The Arizona Republic* received the Corporate Award for its contributions to AIDS Walk Arizona and its annual Season for Sharing program.

Body Positive's HIV/AIDS Organization Award went to the McDowell Healthcare Center, and

philanthropists John and Joan Nasi were presented with the Patron Award.

Silent and live auctions helped add to the evening of fund-raising, and a trip to Acapulco was raffled off after the dinner.

Scott Jacobson served as the evening's emcee and entertainment was provided by Gallagher and Zale.



Politically Speaking



Arizona Human Rights Fund

By Kathie Gummere,
HeatStroke Contributor

Close— but not quite

On Friday, April 23, amendments to the Omnibus Crime Bill were passed by the Arizona House of Representatives that would have voided the Arizona Archaic Laws.

These laws criminalize certain sexual behavior between consenting adults, such as "open and notorious cohabitation or adultery," "the infamous crime against nature with an adult," and "lewd and lascivious acts."

In lay terms, these "acts" include

It was such a hopeful start and a disappointing finish, but it was not in vain. Our presence and our needs were communicated, again, to the legislature, through Representatives May and Chevront—that the government has no place in our bedrooms.

anal intercourse and certain oral sexual acts. Our state laws apply to heterosexuals and married couples as well as gays, but of course are only used—or threatened to be used—against gays and lesbians.

The amendments were courageously proposed by openly gay legislators Ken Chevront (D-Phoenix) and Steve May (R-East Phoenix/Scottsdale).

The vote was 29 in favor, 26 opposed, 5 not voting. Because this was a Senate Bill, and the amendments were passed in the House, it didn't automatically become law.

First, it had to be read again (termed 3rd read), and then sent to Conference Committee. This Committee would be composed of 3 Representatives appointed by Speaker Grosost, and 3 Senators appointed by President Burns. Neither of these legislators are friends of ours, and an uphill battle was expected in order to preserve the amendments in Committee (they could be stricken).

The Arizona Human Rights Fund issued a press release pointing out that a majority of legislators and a majority of the general population are against criminalization of sexual behavior between consenting adults, particularly when that behavior occurs between a man and a woman who are married to each other.

Some of you were notified by e-mail or phone in an attempt to have our lawmakers contacted directly and encouraged to vote for this bill only if the amendment remained a

part of it. A flurry of activity occurred.

Speaker Grosost apparently took the opportunity of Steve May's absence on Thursday, April 29 and hurriedly called for a third read of the bill. It failed this time with 30 ayes (we needed 31), 26 nays and 4 not voting.

If the vote hadn't been called when Steve was unavailable, it would have passed. If some of our other "friends" had voted for it, it would have passed. A motion was made for reconsideration. Again, the vote was the same, and the bill died completely. There is now no chance for it during this session.

It was not merely Rep. May's absence that sparked Speaker Grosost's actions. There were other amendments to this bill (SB 1396) which were troublesome for him and

some other legislators. We cannot attribute the vote entirely to opposition to these provisions, although many of those voting against it did so because of the amendments regarding sexual behavior.

Speaker Grosost found a way to get the legislation that he wanted attached to

another bill, so it was to Grosost's advantage to kill this one completely. It appears that this is just another incidence of the far right dictating its view of morality to the rest of the population.

I do not, however, think this is a time to mourn.

It was such a hopeful start and a disappointing finish, but it was not in vain. Our presence and our needs were communicated, again, to the legislature, through Representatives May and Chevront and others who believe as we do—that the government has no place in our bedrooms.

Eventually, we will have the votes needed. After all, Grosost is facing term limits and will not be able to run again. And we only needed one vote . . .

For those of you who contacted legislators regarding this bill, I personally thank you. For those of you who would like to have your name on our Action Alert List in order to get either a phone call or e-mail regarding future events, please call (602)650-0900, and leave your name and either your phone # or e-mail address.

Each time this subject comes up, we get closer to passage. We will prevail in the next session, if every one of us is willing to do his or her part.



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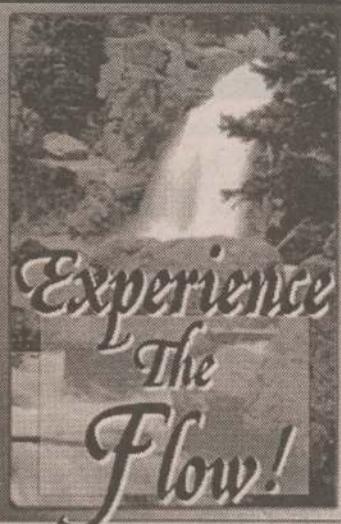
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Come on Down!

Phoenix man strikes game show gold

By Bobbi Dugan,
HeatStroke Contributor

A chance to shop 'till he dropped, a designer gown as enticement, and seven rowdy friends urging him on made for the most wonderful, wacky Wednesday of Gary Hatterman's life.

Last December, the Phoenix resident ordered tickets for the TV game show *The Price is Right*. He had been watching it for 27 years and thought it was time to

get fun as the day wore on.

The basic premise of *The Price is Right* is for contestants to guess the retail prices of showcased luxury items. The closest guess wins. Showcase winners are then eligible to try for bigger and better prizes.

Contestants are chosen from the 300-plus people in the audience. All ticket holders are screened prior to the show. "We talked to people who have been to several tapings in the hopes of getting called as a contestant,"



The Price is Right winner Gary Hatterman picked up a new Mercury Grand Marquis.

participate.

Hatterman asked for eight tickets, figuring he could find seven guys to go with him. Hatterman, his partner Paul Leach, and six friends (three from Phoenix, three from San Diego) traveled to Hollywood Jan. 6 for the taping.

"I decided on Wednesday because I figured I could get the day off," said Hatterman, who works for America West airlines at the company's Tempe reservations center. He's also worked part time as a doorman at Charlie's and still pitches in at the country bar on occasion.

Hatterman got the tickets through the show's Internet web site (www.cbs.com). He didn't really expect to be chosen as a contestant. Just in case, he brushed up on his *Price is Right* knowledge to help make it happen.

"A lot of it was luck," Hatterman said, but he also researched ways to be chosen via the web site, which is operated "by fanatics who know how to critique the show."

Armed with irrepressible good humor and t-shirts bearing the message "Phoenix loves Bob Barker," Hatterman and crew were waiting in line by 6 a.m. for a 2:30 taping—part of the strategy, he said.

Hatterman also suspected that the sexual orientation of his group was fairly obvious to the producers. And he and his friends noticed a lot of "family" working in the studio. Hatterman isn't positive the gay friendly atmosphere was a factor in his selection, but it added to the gen-

Hatterman said. Qualifications are rigid. No one holding a public office, or planning on running for office in the next 12 months is eligible. People owing back taxes or child support also are eliminated, as well as anyone who has been a contestant on any game show in the last two years. All contestants are subject to a background check.

A producer interviews prospective contestants. "You have just a few seconds to tell him all about yourself," Hatterman said. "I said my name, where I lived, and that I love life."

Hatterman also loves having a good time, and he was bouncing up and down in the audience when the announcer called, "Gary Hatterman, come on down!"

"I just about died. I couldn't believe my ears. Was I nervous? Yes, I was!"

Audience members don't know until show time who will be selected, so Hatterman had no time to prepare for his national TV debut. But his nervousness didn't hinder his ability to guess prices. He was on a roll right from the start, winning first some cookware, then a new Mercury Cougar.

That and a spin of the wheel in "Showcase Showdown" qualified him to bid for the top showcase given away at the end of the program. It included model cars and airplanes, a \$3000 designer gown, and a 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis.

When the curtains parted to reveal the designer gown,

Hatterman's group went crazy. "They were whoopin' and hollerin'," Hatterman said.

"They cut that part out of the tape," he added with disappointment.

Hatterman's guess was less than \$1000 under the actual price of the showcase, so he was the big winner. After the taping, however, he was faced with a 30 percent tax liability on his winnings, which totaled nearly \$46,000. To cut the tax amount, Hatterman elected to let some of the items go back, including the gown.

"I couldn't find a drag queen who wanted to buy it [for the tax amount]," Hatterman joked. "And it just wasn't me."

Hatterman put the Mercury Cougar up for sale, and accepted the Grand Marquis—which he then traded for a new Jeep Wrangler.

"It was a beautiful car, but it wasn't me either," he explained.

The Home Health Systems cookware, especially designed for healthy food preparation, was donated to a local AIDS service agency.

We couldn't resist asking if any factors other than being born gay made Hatterman such an expert shopper. He said he learned a lot from being a long-time fan, plus he got pricing tips from the aforementioned "fanatics" Web site. "They've got all kinds of stuff on there on how to win."

Since appearing on TV, Hatterman has thoroughly enjoyed his 15 minutes of fame. Not only did many local friends and acquaintances see the show, which aired in late February, but Hatterman received long distance phone calls from readers of *American Bear* magazine, which did a spread on Hatterman more than a year ago.

"There were lots of pictures of me, naked and otherwise," he admitted. "People actually remembered me from that. I hate to say it, but some people need to get a life."

But Hatterman's biggest fan is his mother, who lives in a small town in Iowa. She was so proud of her son's accomplishment, she arranged for a screening of his *Price is Right* episode at her senior citizens' center.

"They all sat down and watched it together," Hatterman chuckled.

Although he can never again be a *Price is Right* contestant, Hatterman remains a fan and said he might rejoin the audience someday.

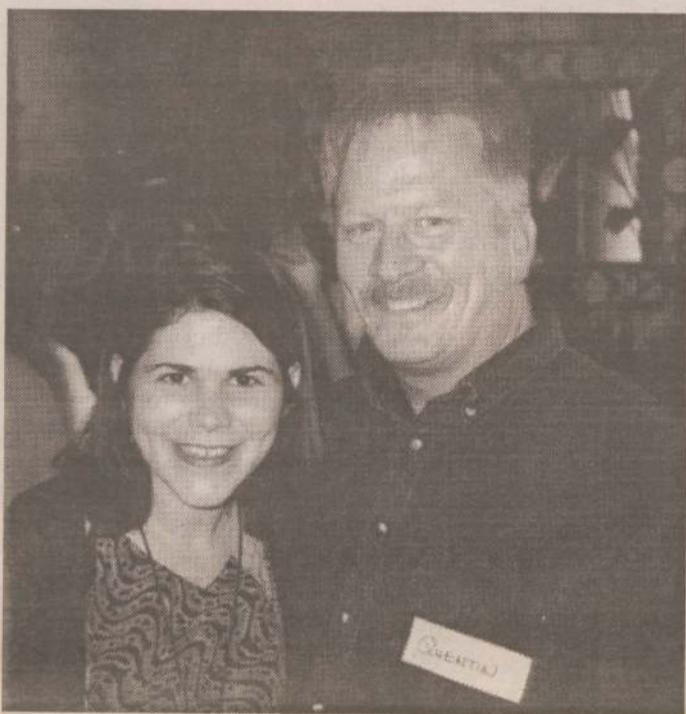
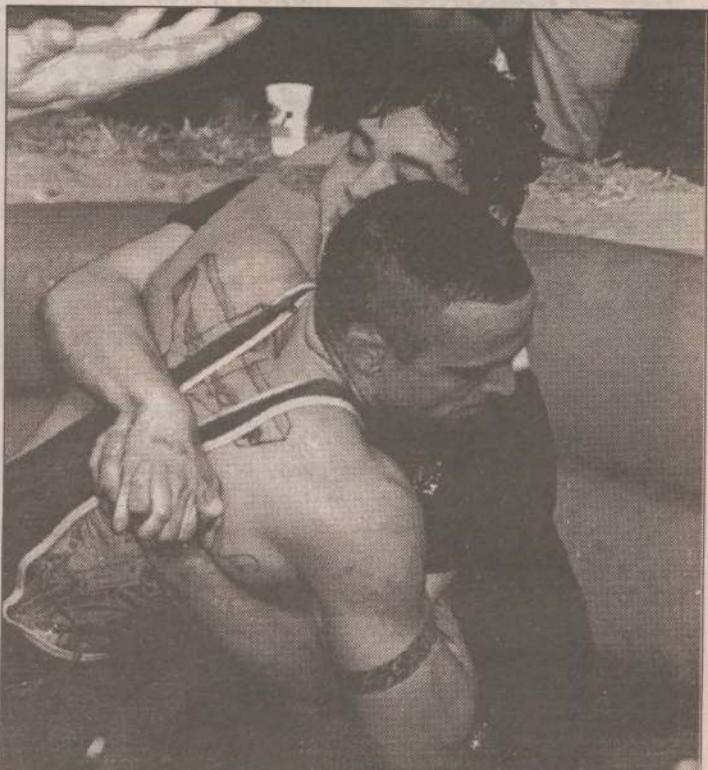
"I'm ready to go again," he added.



G-jello wrestlers rustle up \$10k for Wellness Center

Phoenix's second annual jello wrestling competition, held at The Park on May 2, took in nearly \$10,000, reported AIDS Project Arizona's events honcho Louise Bowden. The money will benefit APAZ's Being Alive Wellness Center.

Hundreds of people turned out to view the contest, which pitted wrestlers of all shapes, sizes and skill levels against one another in the name of fun and charity—and in several gallons of slimy green gelatin. The afternoon event also offered a bachelor/bachelorette auction, massages, entertainment, and plenty of squirt-gun fun for participants and supporters alike.



APAZ tells its volunteer ranks: "Thanks!"

More than 100 people enjoyed a special happy hour party held at Amsterdam in downtown Phoenix on April 27. The party's purpose was to honor the many volunteers who help make AIDS Project Arizona tick.

APAZ staffers, local doctors and therapists who help out at the agency's Wellness Center, and dozens of volunteers attended the event.

"April is volunteer month and I wanted to thank everyone with something special and well deserved," explained Sharon Drossos, APAZ's Volunteer Coordinator. "Volunteers are the life blood of our organization."

Guests enjoyed beer and wine "on the house," along with a great hors d'oeuvres spread. Each volunteer also received a thank-you gift. Drossos said she wanted to thank Amsterdam owner Todd Colin and his staff for their support of the event.

Drossos said that the agency tracked more than \$250,000 in volunteer hours in 1998. Of the volunteers, she said, "they are the hope that's changing people, communities, people's lives, and the hope that is changing tomorrow."



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Study: AIDS patients may cut back on some treatment

BOSTON (AP)—Patients with HIV whose immune systems respond well to combination treatments can stop taking pills to ward off a form of pneumonia that was once a major killer of people with AIDS, researchers reported April 29.

The antibiotic protects against *Pneumocystis carinii* and some other infections that are especially common among people with AIDS-weakened immune systems. Ten years ago, the Public Health Service recommended

that those with low blood counts resulting from HIV take the pills for life.

More recently, however, a triple combination of protease inhibitors and other AIDS drugs has subdued the disease for many, and doctors have wondered whether these patients can safely stop taking the *Pneumocystis* protection.

A study the April 29 *New England Journal of Medicine* found that many AIDS patients can do this. Dr.

Hansjakob Furrer and others from Bern Hospital in Switzerland followed 262 patients who stopped taking the medicine, which is called Bactrim and is known generically as trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole.

On triple therapy, these patients' CD4 white blood cells, a primary target of HIV, had rebounded to at least 200 copies per cubic millimeter for three months or longer. After stopping Bactrim, none got *Pneumocystis pneumonia* during 11 months of fol-

low-up.

In an accompanying editorial, Drs. Henry Masur of the National Institutes of Health and Jonathan Kaplan of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted Bactrim treatment is simple and cheap. It requires just one 21¢ pill a day.

Nevertheless, they said stopping treatment can be psychologically important for patients because it shows that their immune systems are improving.

HIV-suppressing treatments won't cure infection, study says

NEW YORK (AP)—The AIDS virus might be able to hide undetected for 60 years in people taking powerful anti-viral drugs, says a study that underlines a major obstacle to the bold notion of curing AIDS.

"We aren't going to be able to simply wait it out," said Dr. Robert Siliciano, senior author of the study.

While the drugs can drive the body's supply of HIV down to undetectable levels, they can't attack virus that lies quietly in cells. Such hidden "reservoirs" of HIV have long been recognized, and these new calculations confirm the belief that they could harbor the virus for a very long time.

Still, "this doesn't mean a cure is impossible," said Siliciano, a professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore. It means some additional therapy would have to be created to eradicate

the hidden virus, he said.

Scientists have already started studying that, as well as the alternative idea of leaving reservoirs alone but revving up the immune system enough to kill any virus that emerges from them.

Siliciano also stressed that the finding doesn't mean that people who are keeping HIV at bay with current medication will go on to develop AIDS. "As long as they stay on the regimen they may do perfectly well for a long period of time," he said.

The result is "a caution against stopping treatment or thinking that having an undetectable plasma virus (in the blood) means there's no virus left," he said.

Siliciano, with colleagues at Hopkins and elsewhere, describes a study of 34 infected adults in the May issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*.

All were taking the powerful virus-suppressing drugs.

Researchers sampled so-called "resting" CD4 T cells from the patients' blood and used special detector techniques to find HIV in them. They then estimated how many cells were harboring hidden virus at various times over the course of treatment. From that, they calculated how long it would take for this reservoir of silently infected cells to die off.

The best estimate was about 60 years. The result wasn't a surprise, given the results of earlier research, Siliciano said. The period might be shorter in some people, he said.

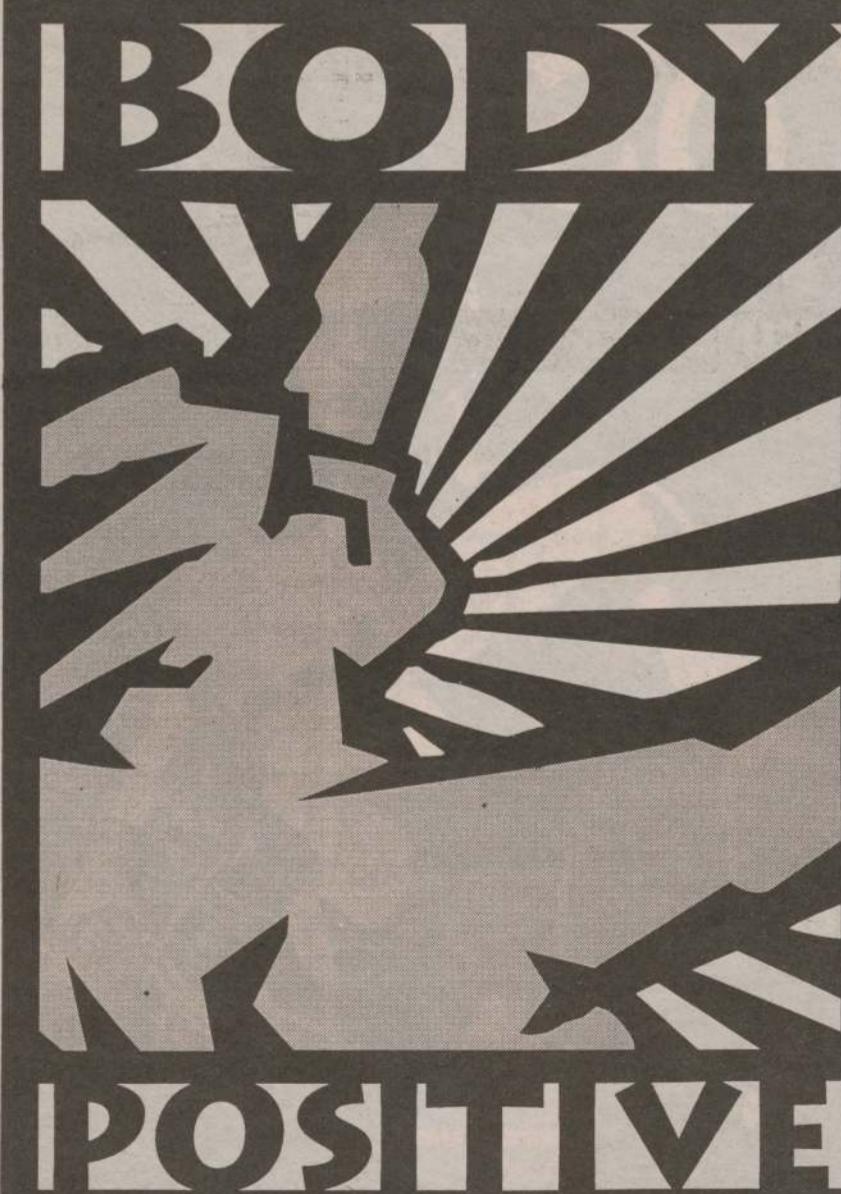
The work "probably codifies what a lot of us have known for a while," said Dr. Roger Pomerantz of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

"I don't think anyone thought HAART"—the virus-suppressing

therapy—"would eradicate the virus in patients in a short amount of time."

Scientists have already started studying how to eradicate hidden HIV in reservoirs, which could include cells in several parts of the body. It's still not clear what's going on in those hiding places. Is the HIV truly not reproducing? Or is it replicating at a very low level and infecting new cells to keep the reservoir going as old cells die?

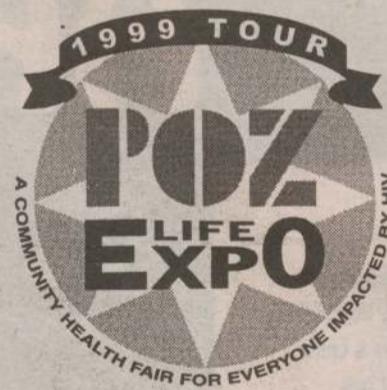
Researchers focusing on the first possibility are looking for ways to stimulate the cells that harbor HIV so that they will produce virus and then die. The new virus would be attacked by anti-viral therapy. Scientists focusing on the second possibility believe that more intensive anti-virus therapy might shut down the low-level replication.



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12n-1:30pm	B	"HIV, Your Immune System, & You" - Dr. Donna Sweet, Professor of Medicine, University of Kansas School of Medicine; Director, Kansas AIDS Education Center.
12n-2pm	A	"HIV 101 en español" - Taller sobre VIH en español, información general acerca de tratamientos, servicios para ti y tu familia - Dr. J. Eleazar Garcia-Hoyos, Agua Prieta, Mexico & Nogales, AZ; HIV Specialist & Health Program Coordinator, Southeast Area Health Education Center.
1:45pm-3:10pm	B	"Living Long and Well With HIV" - Long term treatment strategies, switching therapies, new drugs, new research - Dr. John Post, Internal Medicine; Medical Director, McDowell Healthcare Center, Phoenix, AZ.
2pm-3pm	A	"Special Concerns for Women & Families" - Dr. Donna Sweet.
3:15pm-4:40pm	B	"Protecting Yourself & Others" - Local and global prevention issues, including vaccine development - Dr. Donald Francis, President, VaxGen Biotechnology Corporation; Former principal researcher with the Center for Disease Control (portrayed by Matthew Modine in the movie "And the Band Played On") and Dr. Bob England, MPH, AZ State Epidemiologist.
4:45pm-5:45pm	B	"Understanding Your Benefits & Returning to Work" - Social Security Administration - Mr. William Payne, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration Regional Office.
6pm	B	Closing Address: "Heart to HAART: Dealing with AIDS at the Turn of the Millennium" - Dr. Charles Steinberg, co-founder, "AIDS, Medicine & Miracles," Director, The Beacon HIV clinic, Boulder, Colorado.

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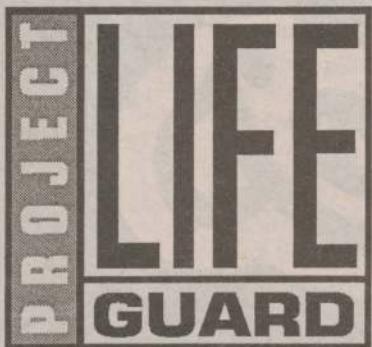
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Goings On

News & Events of Interest to the
Phoenix Queer Community

scheduled throughout the month of May in various sections of the Valley.

The East Valley group will meet at 7 pm on Friday, May 7 at Tempe's Pyle Adult center, 655 East Southern.

The Phoenix group will meet at 7 pm on Monday, May 17 at the Palo Christi Presbyterian Church, 3535 East Lincoln Drive. The program will feature a presentation on taxes and estate planning issues affecting gays and lesbians by attorney Michael J. Tucker.

On Sunday, May 23, the West Valley support Group will meet at 1:30 pm at Sunland Mortuary, 15826 Del Webb Blvd. in Sun City. This will be the last meeting of the season for the Sun City group, which will reconvene in Sept.

PFLAG is also looking for an editor for the organization's newsletter. If interested in the position or for more information on local meetings and activities, call (602)843-1404.

GCMC "Phoenix
Phollies" June 5

The Grand Canyon Men's Chorale will present *Simply Cinema*, the Second Annual Phoenix Phollies concert, at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix on June 5 at 8pm.

Special guest performers will be Charlie's Renegades. Tickets are \$15 reserved, \$12 general and are available through Dillard's and the Orpheum Box Office, (602)534-5600. For information, call GCMC at (602)3450-7640.

New: GPGGCC Lists
May Events

The Greater Phoenix Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, formerly the Camelback Business and Professional Association, is the Valley's brand new gay, lesbian and gay-friendly Chamber of Commerce.

This busy organization has several social and networking activities planned each month for business people in the community.

Regular Lunch Bunch gatherings are held at Pookie's cafe in central Phoenix every other Tuesday. The next meeting will be on May 18 at 11:30 am—the cost is just \$10. The East Side Lunch Bunch group meets on Wednesdays and has moved to Chompie's in Tempe, at 1160 East University. The charge for this gathering is also \$10 and the next lunch is set for May 26.

The May NetMix will be hosted by Jason Czaplicki, PC, of Mid-City Chiropractic on Wednesday, May 12. His office is at 2302 North 7th Street.

The general meeting this month will feature a presentation on building or buying a new home by Peter Hudson, Vice President at Benson Systems. The meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, May 20 at the Phoenix Airport Hilton and the \$17 price (\$19 for non-members) includes dinner.

The annual awards dinner will be held June 5 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in downtown Phoenix. Michael Tucker will be honored with the Ron Barnes Community Service Award. Kathie Gummere will be named Business Woman of the Year and Harvey Unti will be awarded Business Man of the Year. Tickets are \$49.50 ea., and tables of eight are \$360. Call (602)225-8444.

PFLAG May meetings

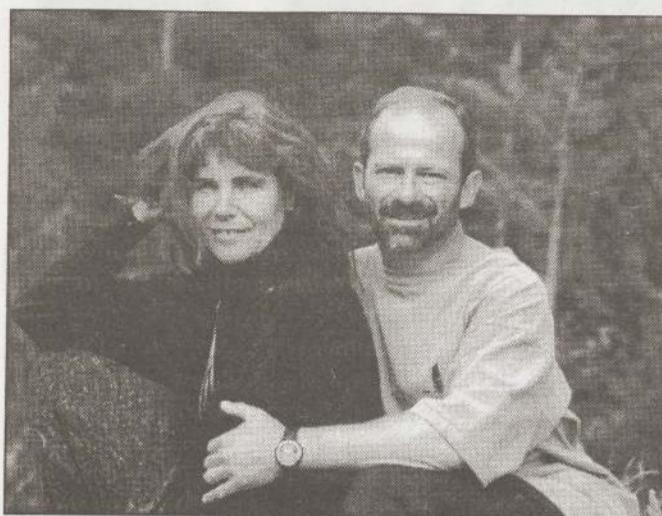
The local chapters of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) have several meetings

Poz Life Expo comes to Phoenix

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tious diseases." Dr. Francis attributes this to the complacency that sets in with an invisible, slow-acting disease such as HIV infection.

"Look at earthquakes and air disasters," said Francis. "Their suddenness and devastation is visible and touches



Keynote speaker at the Poz Life Expo will be Dr. Charles Steinberg (pictured with his wife).

people so we spend tens of millions of dollars more on relief efforts and investigations than we do on searching for a vaccine to prevent the spread of AIDS, which has killed 12 million people and infected another 33 million. Where is our sense of value, our sense of urgency?" Dr. Francis will discuss issues surrounding prevention of transmission of HIV in an afternoon lecture session.

Finally, the POZ EXPO keynote address will be given by Dr. Charles Steinberg, Director of the Beacon HIV clinic in Boulder, Colorado. The

EXPO's closing address is entitled: *Heart to HAART: Dealing with AIDS at the Turn of the Millennium*.

Dr. Steinberg sums up his pending discussion as, "Where we've been, where we are, and where we're going." In 1987, Dr. Steinberg co-founded and became Medical Director of "AIDS, Medicine and Miracles", a non-profit national conferencing organization presenting, as Dr. Steinberg related, "... hopeful, integrated approaches to dealing with AIDS when people needed positive thinking during times of despair."

His first book, entitled, *Integrating Traditional and Complementary Therapies in the Primary Care for People Living with AIDS*, was published in 1990. He has made more than 150 major conference presentations and has been a clinical investigator for the development of many AIDS drugs.

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To register for the one-day workshop, call (480)831-7336.

New group for Gay Seniors

The Community Center in Phoenix has announced the start of a new community group. SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) is an inter-generational and culturally diverse service organization dedicated to meeting the unique needs of older gay, lesbian, bi and transgendered people.

The first meeting of SAGE will be held on Saturday, June 5 at 11 am at the Center, 24 West Camelback in Phoenix. For information, call (602)234-2752.

Stress reduction offered at APAZ

AIDS Project Arizona, in collaboration with the Scottsdale Institute for Health, will present an eight week course of study in mindfulness-based stress reduction. Participants will meet once a week for a three-hour class and will fulfill homework assignments related to stress reduction practices.

The course is free—participants will be required to fill out questionnaires, participate in an exit interview at the close of the program, and to provide blood work. The first class will be held Monday, May 10 at 6 pm at the APAZ headquarters, 111 East Camelback in Phoenix.

Contact Paul Sugar at the Scottsdale Institute for Health and Medicine, (480)947-3655.

Families group forming at Center

Rainbow Families, a new program of The Community Center in Phoenix, will hold their next meeting/gathering on May 22 at 10 am at the Center, 24 West Camelback in central Phoenix.

The group is designed for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered parents and their children. During the May get-together, the group will select hot summer activities and the kids will be encouraged to play.

Call (602)234-2752 for more information.

Get Lean and Mean with Schroer & Payne

Doctors David Payne and Chad Schroer will facilitate a seminar to help people incorporate a healthy diet and exercise program into their schedules, and to learn how to shop and cook with weight loss and health in mind.

Called *Lean and Mean for Summer*, the seminar will be held May 22 at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts from 9 am to 1 pm. The cost is \$49 per person.

If you are tired of being overweight, tired of diets that don't work, and tired of trying to lose weight and failing, this presentation could be for you. Dr. Schroer is a Naturopathic Physician with additional degrees in nutritional sciences and exercise psychology. Dr. Payne's special interest is in how different people respond to different diet programs. He is a frequent lecturer on weight control, achieving and maintaining wellness, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, HIV dis-

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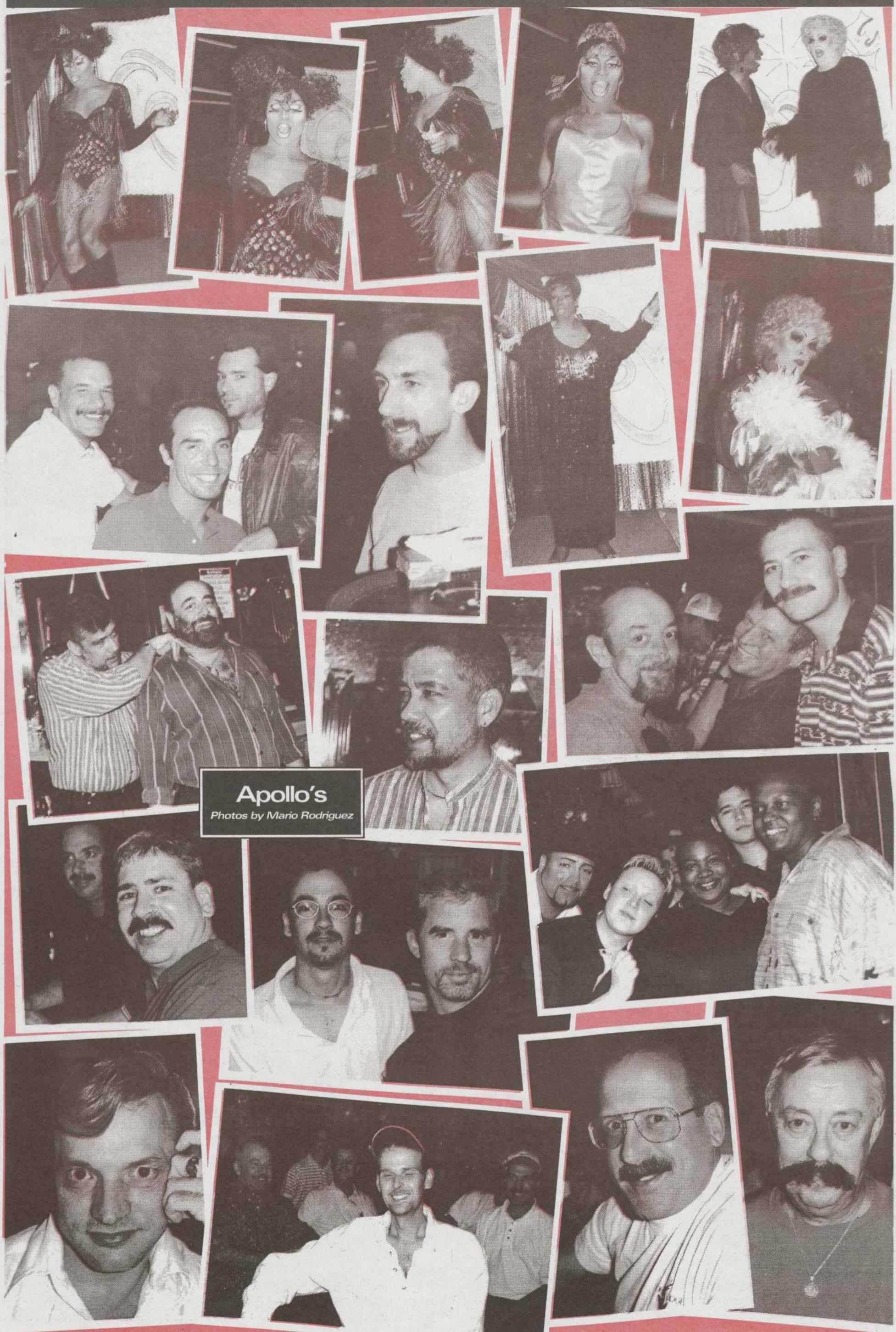
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Uhry drama re-creates '30s Atlanta at ATC

It's Christmas, 1939, and all eyes are on Atlanta for the world premiere of *Gone With the Wind*. As residents line the streets for a glimpse of Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh, the city's elite Jewish community prepares for a very different celebration—the Ballyhoo Dance.

And so the stage is set for Alfred Uhry's 1997 Tony Award-winning Best Play, *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, opening May 6 at the Herberger Theater in Downtown Phoenix and produced by the Arizona Theatre Co., under the direction of Ken Ruta.

As with his previous stage and film hit, *Driving Miss Daisy*, Uhry draws on his own family history in the segregated South for inspiration. The resulting drama is a tale of prejudice, acceptance, cultural roots and family—it's also a love story.

The Last Night of Ballyhoo stars Elizabeth Eidenberg, Tina Jones, Judy Bean Berns, Aaron Hartzler, Josh



Hutchinson, Jenifer Parker and Tom Ramirez.

Tickets are \$26 - \$33. Call (602)256-6995 for show times, information and reservations.

Keanu's band's back

Dogstar, a three-piece alternative band featuring Hollywood heartthrob Keanu Reeves on bass, returns to the Cajun House in Scottsdale for one show, on Wednesday, May 19 at 8 pm.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster for \$15 in advance, \$17 day of show.



Essential Theatre presenting G & L Stories, May 22-23

As part of its Playback Theatre Public Performance Series, Essential Theatre will present, *Do Ask, Do Tell: Gay and Lesbian Stories* on May 22 at 8 pm and May 23 at 7 pm, at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts.

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

Do Ask, Do Tell serves the mission of Essential Theatre to ignite the dignity, hope and power of its audiences by giving them artistic experiences that reflect their own lives. The experience celebrates personal stories while breaking down individual and group barriers.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased by calling (602)897-6711. Performance will be held in the Cinema Theater, at 7380 east 2nd Street in Scottsdale.

Twenty-somethings on collision course at Planet Earth

Phoenix's new avant-garde theater troupe, the Blackball Ensemble, will mount the premiere of *Sex and Other Collisions* by ASU grad-student playwright Trista Baldwin (*Chicks With Dicks, ElectroPuss*) at downtown's Planet Earth Theatre, opening May 14.

The play follows a group of twenty-somethings as they weave in and out of each other's lives searching for the perfect man, the perfect woman,

and a good cup of coffee. The dark comedy was commissioned by Blackball, a new company created by current and former ASU theater students.

Tickets are \$14 for the show, which runs through May 29. Planet Earth is located at 909 North 3rd Street in Phoenix. Call (602)252-8497 for show times and reservations.

The rhythm of the Irish comes to ASU

Riverdance—The Show will open at ASU's Wells Fargo Arena on May 21 and play the Tempe venue through May 30.

Composed by Bill Whelan and directed by John McColgan, *Riverdance* is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance.



Tickets range from \$12.50 to \$65 and are available by calling (480)965-3434.

Phoenix Theatre goes Inside Out for season closer



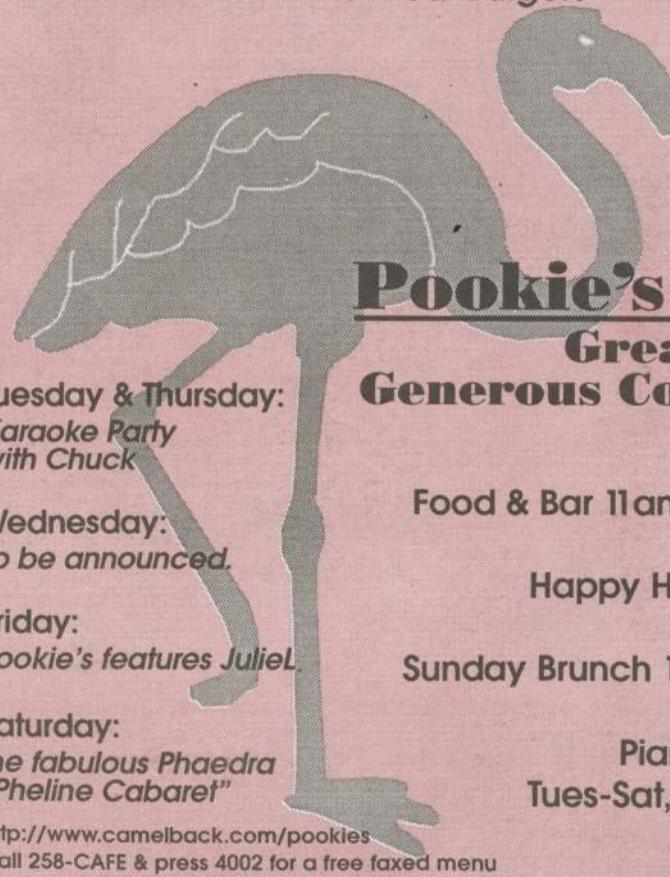
Put six women in group therapy, give them music by Adryan Russ and lyrics by Doug Haverty, and you've got the musical *Inside Out*, opening May 14 as the final show in Phoenix Theatre's 1998-99 season.

The spunky, smart musical comedy about women laughing, loving and living in the '90s will run

through May 30 under the direction of Diane Rodriguez. Valley favorite Jerry Wayne Harkey is musical director.

Tickets to *Inside Out* are \$23 - \$25. For reservations and show times, call (602)254-2151. Phoenix Theatre is located at 100 east McDowell in Phoenix.

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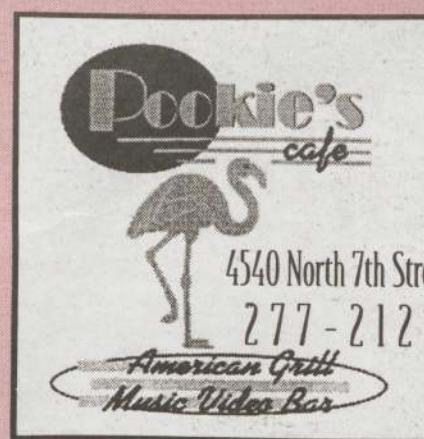
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My Queer Life

Not what the Doctor Ordered

By Michael Thomas Ford,
HeatStroke Contributor

What is it with straight people thinking they have it so good?

In a recent broadcast of her popular radio show, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, known to her legions of fans as simply Dr. Laura, uttered the now-infamous line, "Hear it one more time, perfectly clear; if you're gay or lesbian, it's a biological error that inhibits you from relating normally to the opposite sex."

Ignore for a moment that as a counselor, you'd think Dr. Laura would have a slightly more informed view on sexuality. That's not really the point, because her views on most things pretty much originate in the thought processes popularized in the Middle Ages.

What's more intriguing is the motivation behind her statement. For if Dr. Laura is to be taken seriously, one has to accept her unspoken belief that heterosexuality is the pinnacle of human existence.

This is intriguing, because if you look at heterosexuality, it's not particularly enticing as a way of life. Granted, it is the most popular form of behavior on the planet, but that's not saying much when you consider that many of its adherents are the same people who voted for Reagan and consider golf an actual sport.

I don't know about you, but as far as I'm concerned wood-paneled station wagons, all-you-can-eat fish fry,

and family vacations to the Grand Canyon do not a paradise make. I much prefer a Volvo with a sunroof, sushi dinners, and summers in Provincetown.

Besides, I don't have any problem relating to the opposite sex. I think women are great, and some of my closest relationships are with women. Sure, I know a lot of gay men who don't have many women in their lives apart from Streisand and Midler. And I know a lot of lesbians who won't give anything with a penis the time of day.

But I know just as many straight women who wouldn't talk to straight men if it weren't for the fact that they sometimes want help carrying in the groceries. And I honestly can't think of any straight men I know who would happily go shoe shopping with their gal pals unless they had a foot fetish.

So if Dr. Laura's idea of "normal" relations between men and women comes down to being sexually aroused by the opposite sex then no, I don't meet her criteria.

But if that's the case, then why not say that heterosexuality is a biological error that inhibits people from relating normally to the same sex? Sure, many heterosexual women have women friends they're close to. But would they really watch their backs during a rugby scrimmage?

And how many heterosexual men do you know who do much with their male buddies besides drink beer

and talk about all the women they'd like to "relate" to? If that's normal male bonding behavior, I'll stick to going to Oscar parties and having intelligent conversations with the boys.

I suppose Dr. Laura would argue that this is all our fault. After all, if straight guys weren't so afraid of being mistaken for queers, maybe they would go to the opera together more often and help each other find pants that make their asses look better.

But I doubt it.

For one thing, I've met more than

If society were somehow freed of these restrictions, and we were all free to pair up with whomever we really wanted to, would people indeed conform to the "norm" of heterosexuality? Sure, some would. Maybe even a lot would. But I suspect the majority would fall along a spectrum, neither completely one thing nor another.

Dr. Laura frequently says that what we really need is a return to morals, values, and religion. I agree with her on the morals and values. I even agree with her on the need for religion—sort of.

But what Dr. Laura doesn't understand is that religion is only the outward expression of innate spirituality, and that any religion based on fear and easy answers is a weak one.

True spirituality teaches acceptance of the divine in all its forms, which is something Dr. Laura knows nothing about. Nor does she understand that the morals and values we need are, quite simply, love and kindness, not holding to an outdated ideal that never really offered anything useful to begin with.

Or maybe she does understand this but, because she is conveniently included within the majority that dictates how things should be, she prefers to keep everything just the way it is.

It's not at all surprising that Dr. Laura's audience adores her. Because they are the ignorant and the confused, the ones with lives so wildly dysfunctional that just hearing Dr. Laura berate them for their stupidity gives them a giant jolt of self-esteem.

But you have to wonder about Dr. Laura herself. From her seemingly endless rage, it's clear that she gets little from "helping" her listeners.

In many ways, she reminds me of the Christian God of my childhood—kindly when you agree with him but willing to turn you into ashes if you dare to say he isn't always right.

Is it just possible that, unhappy with her own existence, Dr. Laura has to take it out on those of us who indeed are truly content? I hate to break it to the good doctor, but if what she is passes for normal, I'll happily stay in my sick bed.



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"Like it's the first time you've seen my boobs!"

—Gay comedian/singer/actress Lea DeLaria to Rosie O'Donnell on Rosie's talk show April 9 after Rosie mentioned seeing Lea perform topless in her current Broadway show, *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told*.

"With her miniature Mack truck figure, pierced nostril, spiky black hair and boxy men's suit, Lea DeLaria's certainly not your average chanteuse. But then DeLaria is not your average anything. The firebrand lesbian comic proved she had bravura vocal chops in the ill-fated Public Theater revival of 'On the Town,' and now she's headlining a month of Mondays at Joe's Pub even as she continues to star in Paul Rudnick's *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told*."

—*Variety*, April 14.

"We're definitely going to explore the dating scene next year. But nothing this year. I'm so glad that we're not rushing into it, because it wouldn't be interesting."

—Kerr Smith who plays gay teen Jack McPhee on TV's *Dawson Creek*, to *TV Guide*, April 10.

"That supposed [lesbian] 'subtext' [in *Xena: Warrior Princess*] came as a surprise to me. At first, I kind of laughed and said, 'Oh, isn't that silly!' It struck us all as very amusing. But then, because there's always a large lesbian contingent on the crews in New Zealand, we started playing up to it on the set. We'd drop a few jokes into the scenes here and there. They weren't in the script, just impromptu lesbian high jinks on the day of filming. But we've moved on. I mean, how long can you keep that going?"

—*Xena: Warrior Princess* star Lucy Lawless to *TV Guide*, April 10. Lucy is pregnant, by the way. The baby is due in October.

"[The San Francisco Catholic Archdiocese] has been on something of a jihad against gays and lesbians."

—Gay San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano on the Archdiocese's failed attempts to force the Board of Supervisors to ban the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence from holding their 20th anniversary party on Castro Street on Easter Sunday, as quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, April 5.

"The military is run by people who are homophobic. And Bill Clinton, because of his own history of having evaded the draft, is unwilling to challenge the military. ... He's demonstrated this with the military budget, land mines, and other policies."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to the Michigan gay newspaper *Between The Lines*, April 1.

"There's the argument that gay

people have a special obligation to speak out on the death penalty now because Matthew Shepard's killers are threatened with it. And the answer is 'no.' Why do gay people have any more obligation to speak out about the death penalty? It's a national issue. I do not believe this is an issue where there ought to be a gay perspective. I'm against the death penalty for a very simple reason — sometimes we make mistakes, and it's not a greater deterrent than life imprisonment."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to the Michigan gay newspaper *Between The Lines*, April 1.

"[The Millennium March on Washington is] a great waste of time and energy. It'll have zero effect of a positive sort. Politicians don't look at national marches. They care if there are people in their districts that are talking to them. It ignores what we need our people to do, which is to get our people to vote and lobby and be involved in their own areas. ... I went to Tallahassee for Equality Begins At Home. I think that makes much more sense. We're winning the cultural war ... homophobia is being discredited, but we're not doing nearly as well in the political war because we pay too little attention to the political process. We engage in too much cultural self-expression and think it's politics. The right wing doesn't do that. They're very political. They vote in primaries. They turn out."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to the Michigan gay newspaper *Between The Lines*, April 1.

"What ... tends to happen is that once we come out to our parents, we quickly leave it at that. Although we may believe that we are doing the right thing by not rubbing our sexuality in their faces, ultimately we are doing them a terrible disservice because they need to understand by getting involved with our lives."

—Activist Chastity Bono to Melbourne (Australia) *Citysearch*, April 9.

"I feel a tremendous closeness to her. It's such a wonderful gift to be able to share that with a parent. I mean we all love our parents but to really like and respect your parents is such a treat. I know that she is really proud of the work that I do and I feel the same way about her."

—Activist Chastity Bono on Cher, to Melbourne *Citysearch*, April 9.

"Seattle Gay News [recently] devoted its two front-page stories on barebacking to an interview with Michelangelo Signorile, a nutty New York journalist who has never worked in HIV prevention. In a bizarre, take-no-prisoners interview, Signorile attributes new infections among gay men to no less than 10 sources: the 'glamorization' of barebacking, a 'spoiled-brat' mentality

among gay men, the failure of prevention campaigns to use fear tactics, ads for protease inhibitors presenting images of buff men with AIDS, the supposed claims of gay writers — Andrew Sullivan and myself — that 'AIDS is over,' young gay men's lack of personal experience with AIDS deaths, pro-gay policies of the Clinton administration, the transgressive nature of gay men's sexuality, young men's self-indulgence, and the immaturity of gay men's cultures. Grabbing at straws to find an explanation for a phenomenon he can neither define nor comprehend, Signorile is promoted as the leading voice on the barebacking 'issue' to the readership of *Seattle Gay News*."

—Activist and writer Eric Rofes in the April 7 issue of the Seattle alternative weekly *The Stranger*.

"Writing is like working out with weights to me. If I lose one day I'm disturbed and everything is wobbly."

—Gay author John Rechy to the *New York Blade News*, April 2.

"I look terrific and people assume that my photographs were taken of me years ago. I'm a longtime student and admirer of narcissism."

—Gay author John Rechy to the *New York Blade News*, April 2. Rechy is in his sixties.

"Lou Sheldon is an idiot."

—Lesbian California Assemblymember and former TV star Sheila James Kuehl after anti-gay activist the Rev. Lou Sheldon said her bill AB 222 "should be called AB 666." The measure, which passed out of committee this month, bans discrimination based on sexual orientation in public schools.

"[I]t's open season on Catholics among a jejune brand of gay activist whom I loathe. If the sacrilegious disruption in St. Patrick's Cathedral [in 1989] — where an Act-Up protestor threw the Communion host on the floor during Mass — had occurred in a synagogue, the outcry from the major media about bigotry and hate crimes would have been deafening. As a lapsed Catholic who grew up under the gigantic bat-wings of the Legion of Decency (America's anti-Hollywood Inquisition), I yield to no one in my resistance to authoritarian surveillance and intrusion. But current gay life is culturally so shallow that old-style Catholicism looks better and better every year."

—Author Camille Paglia, *Salon* magazine, April 14. On Dec. 10, 1989, more than 2,000 ACT UP protestors converged on New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral and about 100 stopped mass inside by shouting and chaining themselves to pews. Worldwide media focused heavily on one protestor who smashed a communion wafer and threw it on the floor. Catholics believe the "transubstantiated" bread is literally Jesus' body.

"[A]ll of the sudden he said he was gay and wanted a piece of me. While he was 'comming [sic] out of the closet' he grabbed my nuts and licked my ear! Being a very [sic] drunk homofobic [sic] I flipped out and began to pistol whip the fag with my gun, ready at hand."

—Aaron McKinney, one of the men charged with the murder of Matthew Shepard, in an undated letter allegedly written from his jail cell to the wife of a fellow inmate.

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Deep Inside Hollywood

By Romeo San Vicente, HeatStroke Contributor

Lesbians Do It for HBO

HBO is bringing back its controversial *If These Walls Could Talk* series with a new trilogy of films—this time about lesbianism—and Anne Heche is coming out of what could be the briefest “retirement” in Hollywood history just for the occasion.

Heche, who starred in the original *Walls* prior to coming out, will be behind the cameras this time. She'll direct real-life partner Ellen DeGeneres, as one half of a lesbian couple who want to have a baby, in a humorous segment called *Miss Conception*, which Ellen will executive produce.

Ellen's other half, by the way, will be dishy Sharon Stone, the AmFAR spokesperson who launched her career by flashing her pubes in *Basic Instinct* as a bisexual psychopath.

The trilogy will also include *The Widow*, by lesbian director Jane Anderson (*How To Make An American Quilt*). Set in the '60s, the piece looks at how an older woman copes with the death of her longtime companion.

Rounding out *These Walls 2* will be an ode to the women's movement called *Women only*, directed by sisters Alex and Sylvia Sichel—the pair responsible for the lesbian coming-out movie *All Over Me*. Their *Walls* segment is a love story about a lesbian feminist co-ed who falls for a proudly butch type.

The first *Walls*, which aired in October 1996, presented three tales of unwanted pregnancy. It garnered the highest ratings ever for any HBO original programming. Look for *Walls 2* to premiere next year.

Let Them Eat Streisand!

You'll have to be loaded if you want to ring in the millennium with Barbra.



Anne Heche has emerged from retirement to direct her main squeeze in a segment of HBO's *If these Walls Could Talk* trilogy about lesbian lives.

Spielberg Eyes Berg's Lindbergh

Gay author A. Scott Berg's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography *Lindbergh* is working its way to the big screen with none other than Steven Spielberg as its biggest champion. Spielberg snapped up the film rights to the book for his DreamWorks studio and has first dibs at directing the project.

Berg's 628-page opus is currently being adapted for the screen by *Quiz Show* writer Paul Attanasio, and Spielberg won't commit to the project until he reads the finished script.

The book, which took eight years to write, tells the tale of flying ace and noted anti-Semite Charles Lindbergh—his humble beginnings in Minnesota, the historic trans-Atlantic flight, the kidnapping of his baby son (a case that became a national obsession long before O.J. and Jon-Benet), and finally, his flirtation with the Third Reich.

No word yet on which segments of Lucky Lindy's life will make it into

the screenplay. (Look for the paperback edition of the biography to be published by Berkley in September.)

A League of Our Own

Comic powerhouse director Betty Thomas, who counts *Doctor Doolittle* and *Private Parts* among her credits, has teamed up with New Line Cinema to bring Peter Lefcourt's gay novel *The Dreyfus Affair: A Love Story* to the big screen.

The comedic tale tells the story of Randy Dreyfus, a 28-year-old Major League shortstop and family man who's living the American dream until he falls in love with his team's hunky African-American second baseman, D.J. Pickett, who turns out to be gay.

Thomas plans to get the cameras rolling on the project later this year or early next year. With a story set among young, fit professional ballplayers, *Dreyfus* may be the project to bring us what gay men have been fantasizing about—locker-room scenes with nude jocks played by the likes of Taye Diggs, Matt Damon, and Ben Stiller.

Stranger Than Fiction?

Documentaries don't usually generate much heat in Hollywood, but a few projects have recently caught Romeo's eye.

"Confirmed bachelors" *Siegfried & Roy* are the subject of a new IMAX 3D flick, *Siegfried & Roy: The Magic Box*. The German-born illusionists have been commuting from their nightly performances at Las Vegas's Mirage Hotel and Casino to a soundstage in Van Nuys, Calif., to supervise scenes involving youngsters portraying them in their pre-sequins-and-codpiece days.

The film will track the duo's journey from their early days in the Fatherland to their meeting on a trans-Atlantic ship where their animal act was conceived, and then on to massive success in Vegas. Almost senior citizens these days, Siegfried, 59, and Roy, 54 have a personal col-

lection of 53 white tigers and 116 white lions, many of which are used in their act. They are planning a July premiere for the film at New York's Lincoln Center. I'll be curious to see how these lion-tamers deal with the New York critics.

Just when you thought disco was dead, we find out that director Tim Smyth and writer/producer Jay Blotcher are working on *Mighty Real*, a documentary about the tragic tale of late '70s disco fixture *Sylvester*. The film will include interview segments with Aretha Franklin and gay director John Waters.

On a more contemporary note, Miramax recently acquired *Get Bruce!*, a documentary about openly gay Emmy-winning Oscarcast writer and *Hollywood Squares* fixture Bruce Vilanch. The film, which was screened at the Sundance Festival, follows Bruce behind the scenes at glamorous Hollywood events featuring appearances by comics Robin Williams, Bette Midler, Lily Tomlin and Rosie O'Donnell.

The Iceman Cometh to the Big Screen

Kevin Spacey would like to bring his Tony-nominated turn in *The Iceman Cometh* to a movie theater near you. The Academy Award-winning actor has snapped up the film and television rights to Eugene O'Neill's classic opus, originally written in 1939.

But even with a talent like Spacey aboard, the project isn't a no-brainer. The play runs a whopping four hours and 15 minutes and takes place entirely in the confines of Harry Hope's bar, a rundown gin mill in New York City. Spacey is currently starring in the play on Broadway in the role of Hickey, a big spending salesman who gathers with a motley crew of alcoholics to celebrate his birthday.

Briton Howard Davies, who's directing the Broadway production, is expected to helm the film version.

Romeo San Vicente has no desire to take Bruce Vilanch for a spin on the disco floor. Contact Romeo in care of HeatStroke or e-mail RomeoDeep@aol.com.

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Out of Town

By Andrew Collins



New York City on a Bankroll

Even if you're not super-wealthy and the type to throw thousands of dollars carelessly about wherever you travel, still you'll find that a trip to New York City manages to fully arouse the big spender in you.

No city in North America registers a higher cost of living, and prices of rooms at the ritziest hotels, meals at the finest restaurants, threads at the toniest boutiques, and seats to the hottest Broadway shows are indeed three to five times greater than what you'd be willing to pay elsewhere.

Multimillionaire or not, pause before you read the next few paragraphs and imagine what it would be like to tour Manhattan with an unlimited expense account—there's no harm in dreaming.

A first concern, typically, is ensuring that you're pampered and spoiled as thoroughly as possible throughout the duration of your stay. This means choosing a hotel that will tend to your every conceivable whim.

For discreet attention and the rarefied ambience of a European manor, stay at the Lowell, where your \$500 suite is likely to be outfitted in Art Deco and Second Empire antiques and glow from the flicker of a gracious fireplace. Noel Coward once lived at this 1926 hotel, which is just a skip from the suits-saturated gay and lesbian nightlife along East 58th Street.

Tops among these nearby high-rolling gay cocktail bars are the dark and clubby Townhouse, where visions of cashmere sweaters, Rolex watches, and distinguished looking men may have you feeling like you've just stepped into a Ralph Lauren wet dream; and Julie's, a classy haunt of lipstick lesbians and well-heeled female executives who drop by for the lively banter, potent martinis, and late-night dancing.

Also near the Lowell is some of the city's toniest shopping, from the ultrastylish department store Barneys

New York to the dozens of intimate boutiques lining Madison Avenue: Dolce & Gabbana, Prada, Donna Karan, Alfred Dunhill, Frederic Fekkai, and Chloe, to name a few.

As deliriously deluxe as the Upper East Side is, urban hipsters and media moguls prefer the breezier and livelier blocks around Broadway, where the refined Royalton Hotel offers a less stuffy experience. Cushioned window seats, plush blue velvet chairs, and curvaceous bathtubs are among the hotel's creature comforts.

Best of all, you're in the heart of the Theater District, and by all means you should enjoy a major production or two. If you book far enough in advance, tickets to the top shows weigh in at about \$80, but if you're looking for last-minute front-and-center seats at one of the city's block-busters—maybe *The Lion King* or *Chicago*—just ring the hotel concierge and prepare to fork over \$250 to \$400 per ticket.

The Royalton and the Lowell are both within an easy walk of the high-end shopping along East 57th Street and Fifth Avenue—think Brooks Brothers, Ferragamo, the Japanese superstore Takashimaya, Tiffany, Saks, Hermes, Louis Vuitton, and Bergdorf Goodman. Or perhaps you're looking for a few nice antiques for home.

You'll surely want to check out the gorgeous selection of fine Early American furniture at Israel Sack; many pieces are offered for as little as \$15,000 to \$20,000.

After all this shopping you'll no doubt be starved. Deciding on the perfect restaurant is difficult when there are so many outstanding options.

Unquestionably, one of the most satisfying is Lespinasse, at the swell-elegant St. Regis Hotel. Let the doorman roll out the red carpet and introduce you to the cuisine of chef Gray Kunz: crabmeat with avocado, rice flake-crusted shrimp, and stewed bell peppers; citrus-marinated tuna, fluke, and spinach mackerel in pumpkin seed oil—it's all incredibly delicious.

You might start off the evening with cocktails in the hotel's suave King Cole Bar, which is famous for its mural by Maxfield Parrish (and was a favorite venue of gay men during the 1950s).

To sample the neighborhood's hottest lunch spot, reserve a table at the Four Seasons Grill Room, a hallowed arena of power-brokering and deal-making housed inside Mies Van der Rohe's fetching Seagram building (the somewhat boxy but lavish interior

or was designed by the famed gay architect Philip Johnson). The American eclectic menu here changes often but might feature whole-roasted sea bass with peppers, ginger, and garlic; or organic chicken with sage.

Of course, there are devotees of Manhattan who believe it is blasphemous to set foot above 23rd Street—these diehard downtowners find the city's northern climes hopelessly passé. Indeed, Chelsea, the Village, and SoHo are more interesting—and for the most part less pricey. Nevertheless, you'll have no trouble satisfying your sybaritic pleasures in this part of town.

For those who wonder what it would be like to live inside a Henry James novel, the 12-room Inn at Irving Place replicates the lavish excesses of New York high society circa the late 1800s. High-ceilinged rooms combine museum-quality antiques with state-of-the-art touches

like fax machines and laptops with Internet access. With rates starting at \$275, this taste of heaven is a bargain by Manhattan standards.

Of the many pulsing gay clubs within walking distance of this Gramercy Park hostelry, the postmodern lounge known simply as g. tends to draw the highest-profile clientele, mostly male but many lesbians, too.

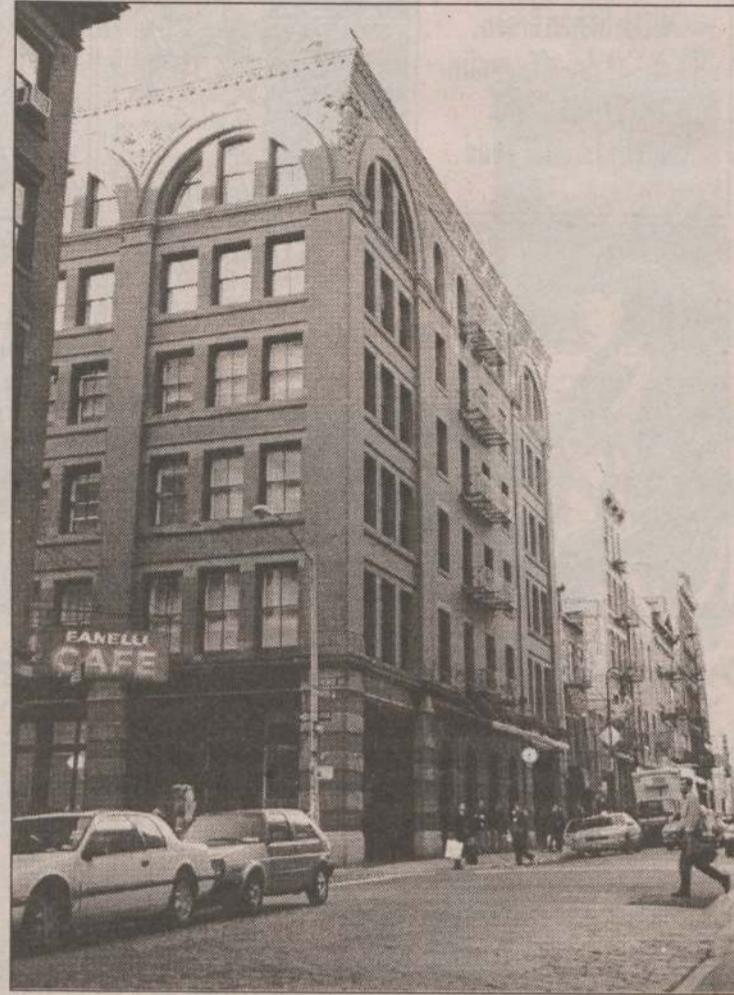
The artsy among you should consider staying at the stunning new Mercer Hotel, a study in postindustrial chic that opened in 1998 in the heart of SoHo. Its palatial yet unobtrusively high-tech guest rooms come complete with walk-in closets, VCRs, and bathrooms with double soaking tubs.

Be sure to catch a meal in the

hotel's trendy Mercer Kitchen, which was opened by the supremely renowned chef and restaurateur Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Or plan for dinner at one of the hottest pan-Asian restaurants in the country, Nobu, where reservations a few weeks ahead are often the rule. What's all the fuss? Sublime clam skewers, okra tempura, and soft-shell crab rolls.

On the other hand, if you happen to be in town in late June, during the

Andrew Collins



The posh Mercer Hotel, in artsy SoHo, redefines hip luxury by pampering its guests with walk-in closets and double soaking tubs—amenities most New Yorkers don't even have in their own homes.

city's infectious gay pride celebration, what better place to enjoy a sumptuous meal than within steps of the famed 1969 Stonewall uprising. Set in the 18th-century carriage house of Aaron Burr, One If by Land, Two if by Sea is right around the corner from historic Sheridan Square. Moon-eyed couples have been known to fall hopelessly in love here amid the heady fragrance of beef Wellington, the soft tinkle of piano keys, and the warm glow emanating from four fireplaces.

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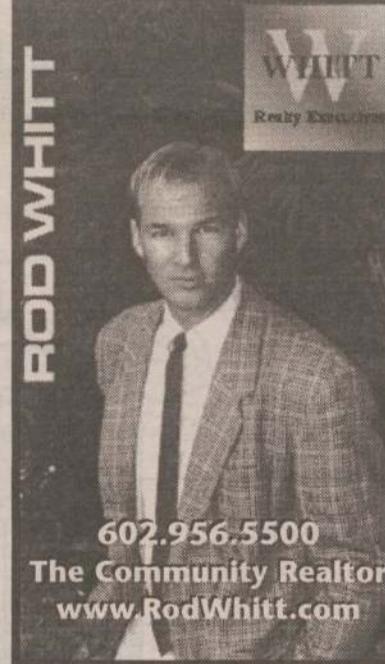
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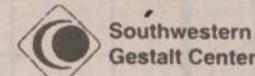


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Dear Cowboy,

It was so easy to be spontaneous when my lover and I were first dating. Back then, we went out all the time. Now that we live together, it's either we're both too tired to do anything after we get home from work, or else we can't get in sync on what each of us feels like doing at same the time. So we end up staying home every evening. And we're both only in our twenties!

We do love curling up in our nest, but we both miss the movies and plays and bar socializing that we used to share. Is giving up all that

stuff a part of being married? Or is there a way to have a nice time at home and an active social life as a couple?

Signed, Too Much Must See TV

Dear Too Much,

Sure, you can have both. In most cases, the trouble arises because too many of you cowboys and cowgirls wait 'til both pard's get home from riding the range all day before scheduling the evening plans. By that time, neither of you is in the mood to decide anything.

Instead, use a good chunk of one

evening (say, Monday) to sit down with your partner. Haul out the newspaper entertainment sections, get out your address books and a daily planner. Decide what events look good a week ahead, and make your reservations right then.

Set your budget, then call your friends, too, and plan your movies and eating & socializing for a ways down the line. Choose events and friends that you both enjoy, and leave some room on the roster for adjustments. Be sure and plan specific nights to relax at home as well.

Every once in a while, try taking a change of duds to work. Then you can meet your man at a restaurant and head out to an early show, rather than galloping back to the hacienda and winding down right after the 5

o'clock whistle blows.

It's not the socializing you need to give up—it's some of the spontaneity you've been accustomed to as single guys. You just need to get yourselves organized.

Dear Cowboy,

I don't have a problem. Except'n fer that I really like you.

I can hear that sexy drawl a-whisperin' when I read the homespun advice you give to the wayward spirits that write to you.

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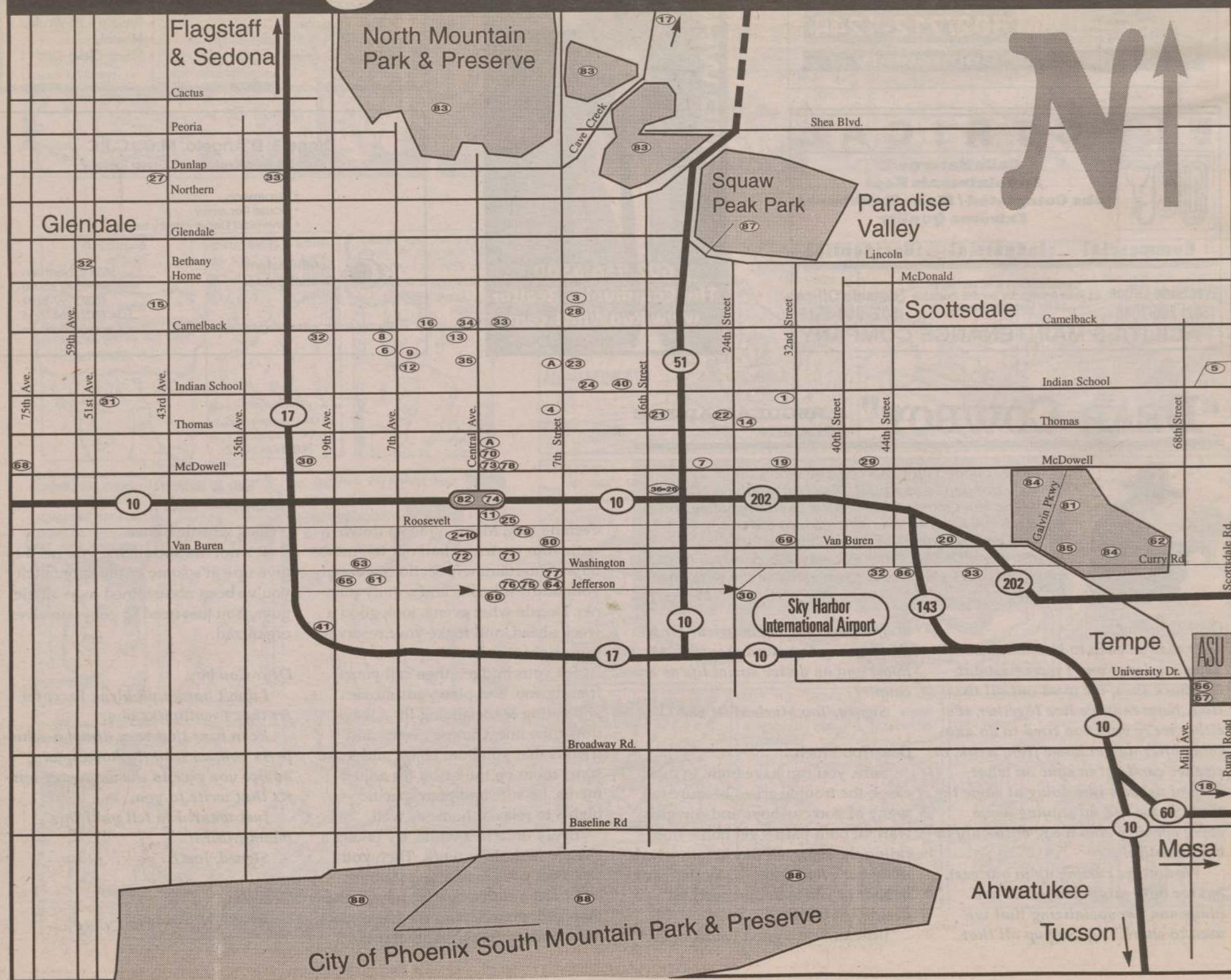
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ARIES: Get ready for some action as your sexy ruler Mars moves into your house of love on the 6th. Directness is an asset, so don't sugarcoat the truth for higher-ups or cuties who seem like they can't handle reality. They can. Expand your romantic horizons and push your own limits. A Virgo digs your versatility.

TAURUS: Confusing and emotional Neptune goes direct in your career house on the 6th. At last, you can get back on the right life track. Tap into your need for security, but don't forget about your need for creative expression. Balance, darling. An Aquarius can teach you about it.

GEMINI: The Moon joins Pluto in your house of love on the 3rd, so it's time to throw down the gauntlet. This is a very emotional and mystical time for you, so please, darling, stop looking at life in such a cerebral, superficial way. A Virgo wants to experience the depths of passion with you.

CANCER: Jupiter in your career house is lucky for you, so make the most of this transit. Send out resumes, work on your freelance career, buy a power suit just for the hell of it. Meanwhile, your friendships grow more dreamy and meaningful in early May, so give your dear ones—and especially a Capricorn—their due.

LEO: There's an exciting vibe all around you now, Leo dear. You can make things happen by sheer will power, but it would actually be smarter to go with the current, not against it. Exciting new people want to get to know you much more intimately. Give a Sag your number.

VIRGO: Life is full of fun surprises and even a few shocks during early May. Enjoy the air of unpredictability, and do your best to break out of a relationship rut. Put on a new mask and see how it fits you. Escape with a Scorpio.

LIBRA: After kissing a lot of frogs you might finally find your prince or princess, as the Sun and Saturn do their thing in your long-term relationship house. But you, darling, must first kick those frogs out of your life and out of your psyche. A Pisces may turn out to be the hero of this fairy tale.

SCORPIO: This is a super-sexy time for you, as several planets transit the relationship sector of your chart. Who cares about work, when love comes a-calling? Have a heart to heart with the one you love (a Libra, I suspect), and then do what comes naturally.

SAGITTARIUS: Your physical body could give you clues to your psyche as the vibrant Sun travels through your house of health (which is closely connected to your house of the unconscious). What you do now has a great effect on your future freedom. An Aries gives you the best advice.

CAPRICORN: Shape-shifting but inspiring Neptune goes underground in your money house on the 6th, so start making plans for your hard-earned dollars. Don't be afraid to make a dream come true, dear Cap. A dreamy Scorpio is waiting for you.

AQUARIUS: As hard-to-pin-down Neptune moves backwards in your sign (starting on the 6th), you should move away from relationships and jobs that pigeonhole you. Put some energy into your home life. You need to create a peaceful place to hide while you explore your wild side with a Libra.

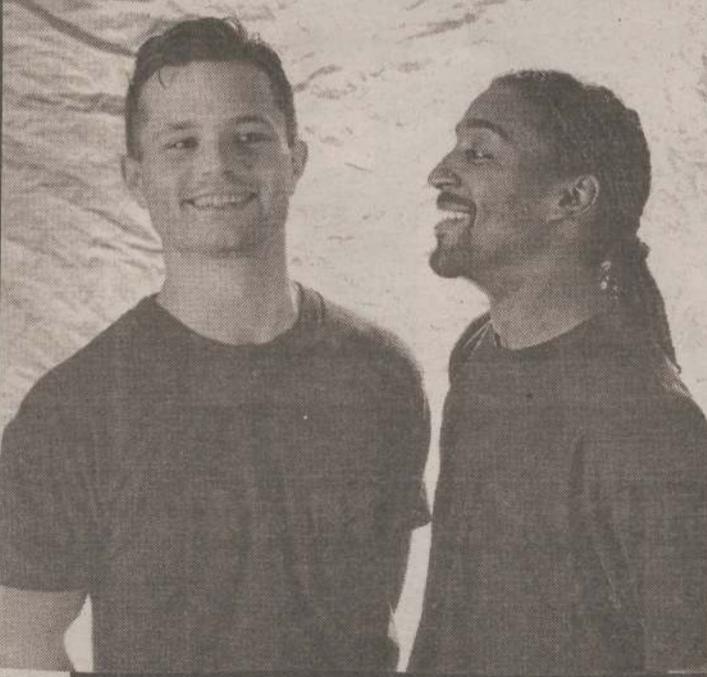
PISCES: There's a light-hearted feeling in the air as several planets transit your social/communication house. Enjoy the rides you take during this period, but don't commit just yet to any one person or project. Mars in your travel sector in early May could inspire you to get out of town.

Jill Dearman is the author of two new books, *Queer Astrology for Men* and *Queer Astrology for Women*, both from St. Martin's Griffin.

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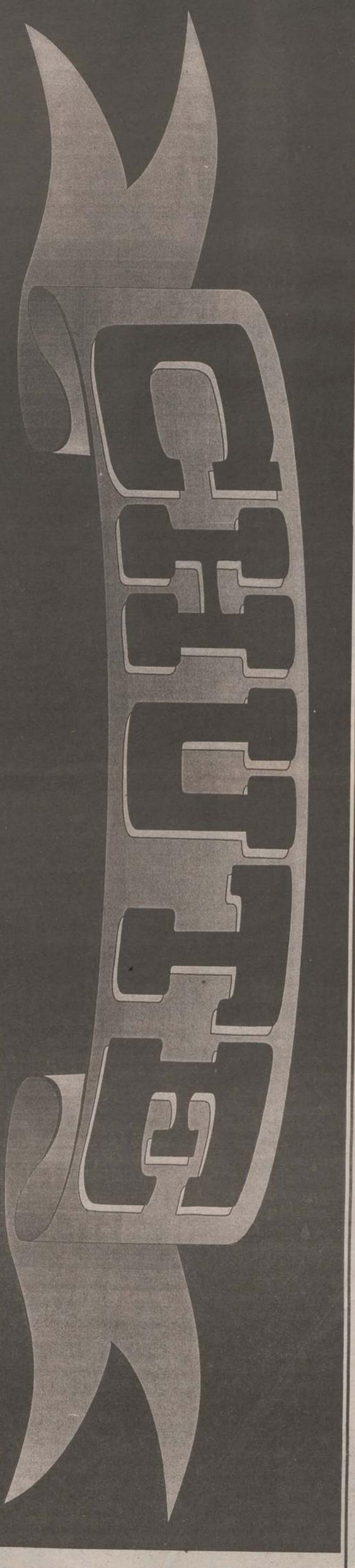


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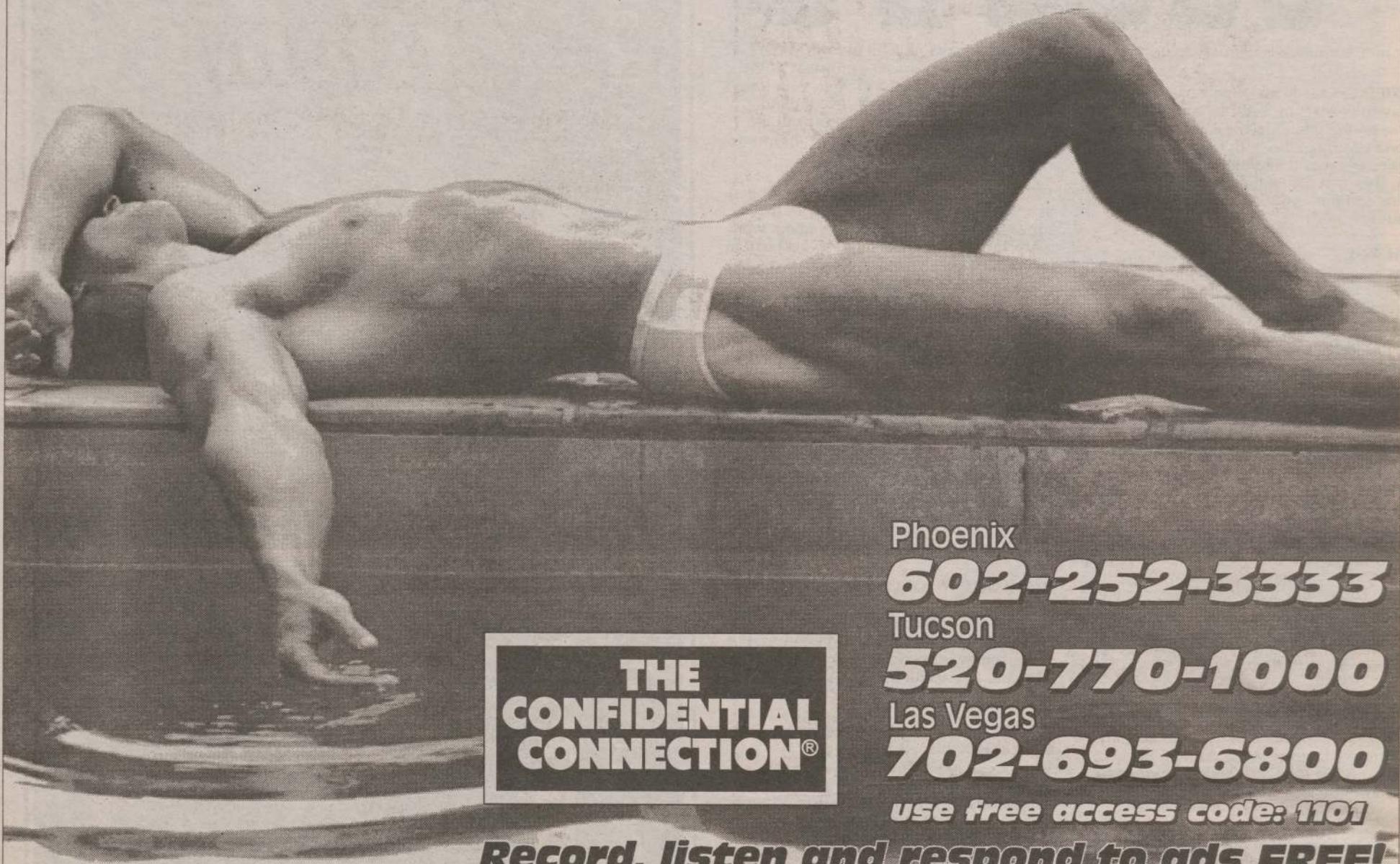
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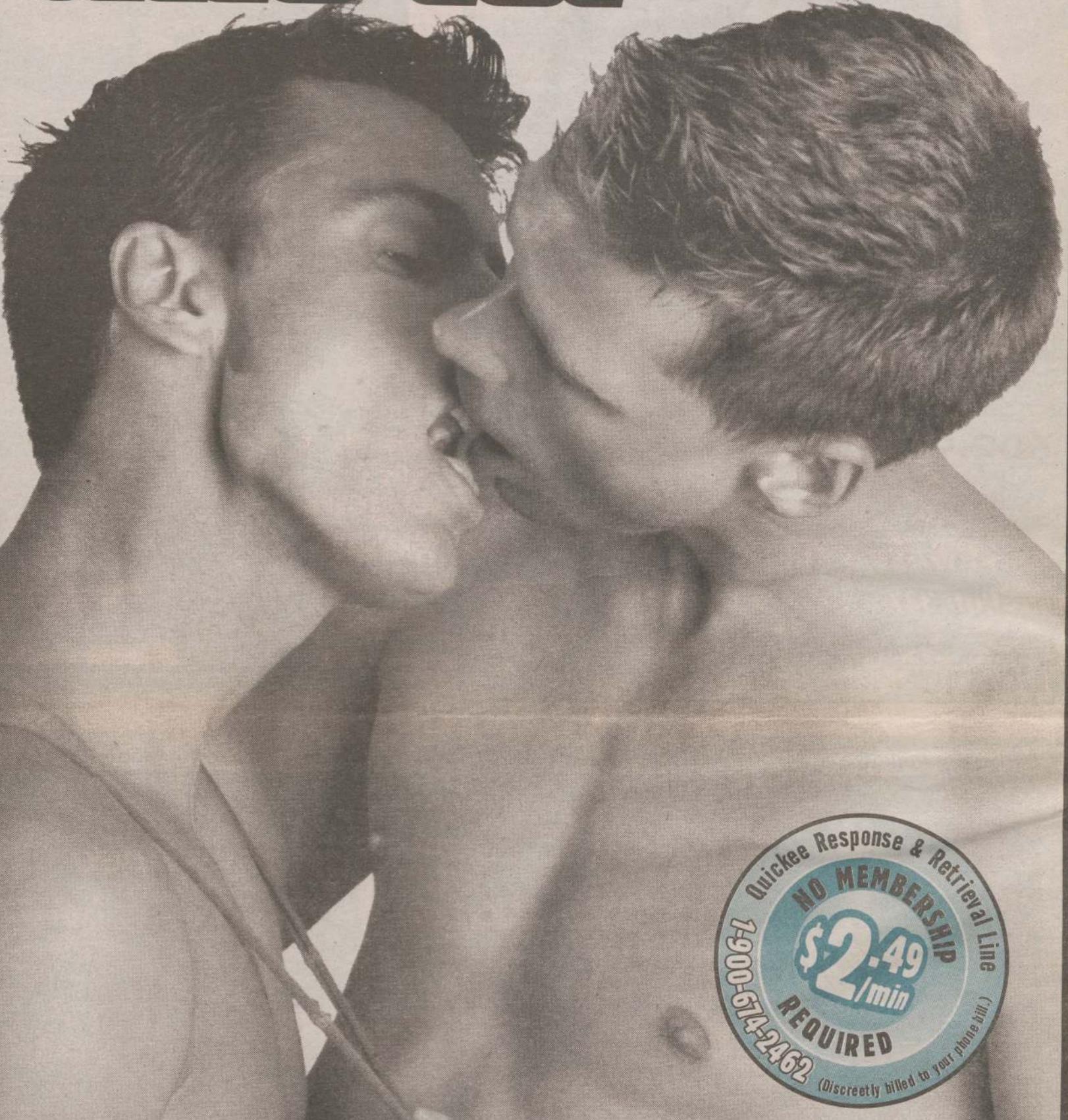
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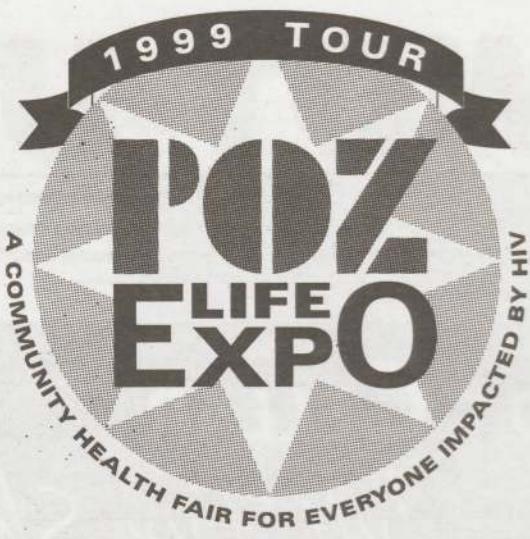
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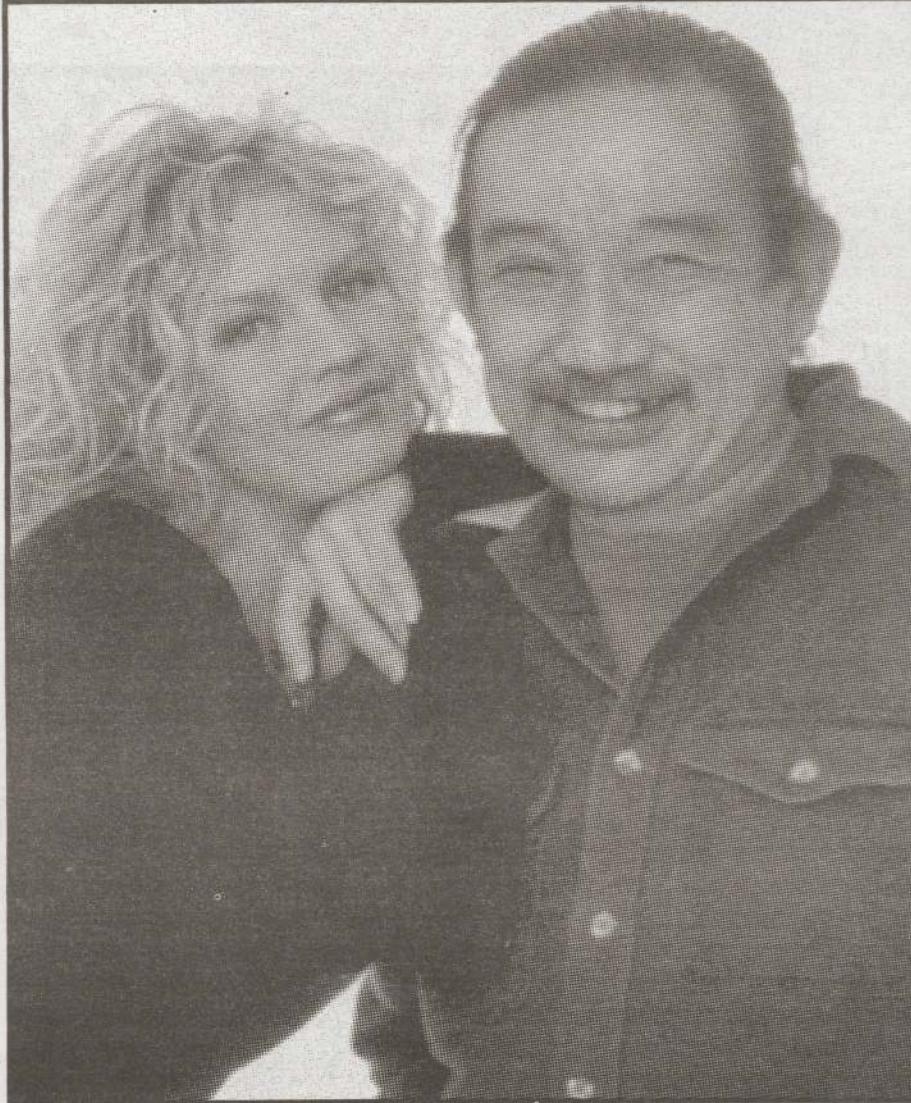
1:45 - 3:10 PM Living Long and Well with HIV
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3:15 - 4:40 PM Protecting Yourself & Others: Local and Global Prevention Issues
Dr. Donald Francis, VaxGen Biotechnology Corporation
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William Payne, Social Security Administration

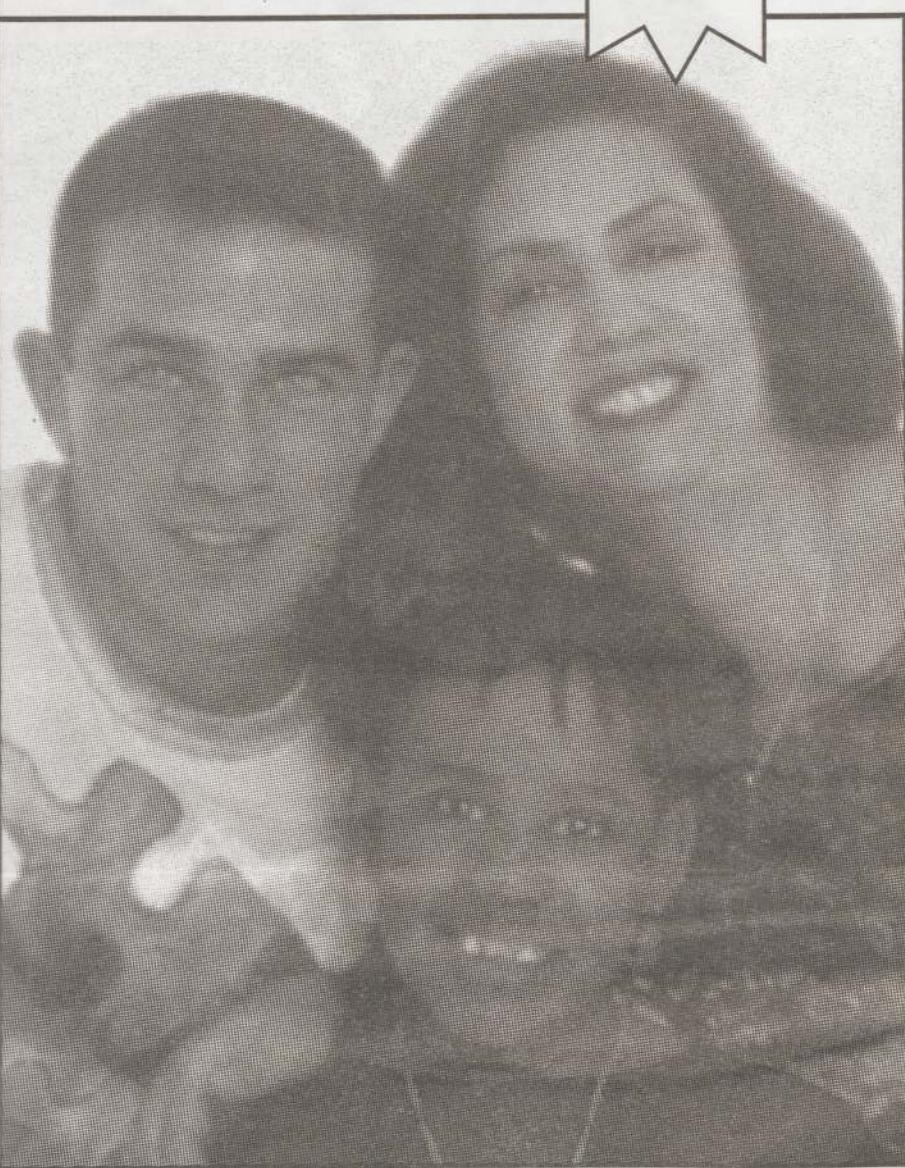
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