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Softball Crazed!

Why women who like women like having this league of their own



By Allen Kalchik, Editor

According to the calendar, March 20 is the first day of Spring.

But for the more than one hundred lesbians who make up the Women's Division of the Cactus Cities Softball League here in the Valley, spring actually gets underway a few weeks prior to that date.

That's because for many of these women, the seasons (even their lives, in a few extreme cases) revolve around one thing: the game of softball.

Officially or not, softball is the Lesbian Team Sport, and there's no question that the game is alive and well in the Phoenix area.

"I just love softball. I can't live without it—it's my life," says Vanessa Mendez, outfielder for a CCSL team that is sponsored by Legacy, a local screen printing firm.

Although Hollywood's much-praised comedy *A League of Their Own* didn't have the guts to go there, the stereotyping of women ball players as gay is nothing new in modern culture. It's a reference made frequently on TV sitcoms, in movies and in bar conversations whenever jokes are made about recognizable lesbian attributes.

Whether it's a humorous stereotype or an accepted euphemism, most of the women on the CCSL have no problem with the notion that lesbianism and league softball are somehow connected in the American consciousness.

"It's a great way to go out, get some exercise, and have a good time," Mendez says. "You can get away from the bars and meet new people." CCSL teams face off every Sunday throughout the spring season. A less competitive and less expensive fall season has also been added to the schedule.

The athletic background and enthusiasm that Mendez brings to her team are not unusual in this close-knit community of lesbian athletes. At 29, she's been playing softball since she was six years old and has been involved in the gay league for the last six years. She also plays on other women's and coed teams around the Valley.

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"A lot of gay women are just naturally athletically inclined," Lawler explains. She says that playing on the CCSL league is, for many gay women like herself, a continuation of sports careers that began in high school and college—perhaps even earlier.

There are currently 11 teams in the Women's Division, more than in the two divisions on which men play, Open and Recreational.

Make no mistake, the men's divisions of CCSL are thriving and the men's teams have their share of dedicated and star players as well. But generally speaking, gay men and lesbians relate to league softball competition differently.

Most men on the gay league didn't excel—or even participate—in high school and/or college sports (there are, certainly, exceptions). They opt to join a softball team in order to share an outdoor, away-from-the-bars activity with other gay men in a pressure-free environment. If the gay league wasn't up and running, most of the male players probably wouldn't look to team softball as a recreational outlet.

A little research shows that Women's Division players, by contrast, are often more like Mendez, with long histories of sports competition in their backgrounds. They join the gay league for the same reasons the men do, but a large number say they would still be playing softball—on city or employer-sponsored leagues, for example—even if the CCSL didn't exist.

Simply put, then, the chief difference when it comes to queer softball and the sexes is that the participating men are expressing a necessary gay bonding in an athletic way, while the women are expressing a necessary athleticism in a way that facilitates gay bonding.

The important thing, says league commissioner K.C. Sutherland, is that it works. Everyone on the league is having a good time and doing it together. "The only reason [men and women] play on separate fields is because we cannot find a park big enough to accommodate everybody at one place," he explains.

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Sutherland, who pitches for Wink's undefeated Competitive Division team, says the league's leaders are working on locating a place where men and women can all play at the same time.

In the meantime, the men and women regularly come together for league parties, fund raisers and planning meetings. It was clear during a recent Sunday afternoon CCSL bash at Cash Inn that the gender-separated factions have no trouble mixing off the field.

Parties like the one hosted by Cash Inn are regular post-play events and they rotate from bar to bar, Sutherland explains. The men's and women's teams with the best attendance at the supporting bar parties will win a suite at an upcoming Diamondbacks game, courtesy of league sponsors Miller Lite and Captain Morgan's Rum.

"We miss seeing the guys," says Mendez of the league's growth in recent years. She, too, is hoping the league will be able to work it out so that men and women can play at the same park, as they have in the past.

"We also need more sponsors," Mendez explains. The annual gay World Series of softball will be held in Toronto this August, and Mendez hopes that her team and others from the Phoenix-based league will be able to meet the fund raising challenge, should they win the chance to participate at season's end.

Mendez's partner of seven years, Jennifer Skinner, plays third base on the Legacy team. "We actually met on a softball field," she recalls with a laugh. The women's relationship predates their participation in the gay league, but Skinner likes playing with other lesbians the best.

"There's the whole community aspect, and it's nice to be around other people

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Horowitz: *Stopping Dr. Laura*

Paramount Pictures is developing a television show featuring the controversial radio personality, Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

Dr. Laura, as she is known to her listeners, is a doctor of physiology—not a psychologist—who nevertheless gives advice to callers seeking mental health assistance. Schlessinger is famous for caustic tirades and what her listeners consider no-nonsense advice. She has become infamous for her antigay remarks that refer to gays as "deviant" and homosexuality as a "biological error".

The gay and lesbian community has rightfully derided Dr. Laura's statements. Her opinions are flat wrong. She advocates reparative therapies for gays and lesbians who want to change their sexual orientation. The American Psychological Association fervently discourages reparative therapies, calling them ineffective and damaging.

Since the announcement of the new Dr. Laura television show, the gay and lesbian community has undertaken efforts to keep her from going on the air. A group called StopDrLaura.com argues that no studio would support a show that proffered anti-Semitic or anti-black sentiments. The group says that there should be restrictions about what material is acceptable on the airwaves.

These arguments sound remarkably similar to statements from the religious right about programming that is friendly to gays and lesbians. While I have gotten numerous e-mails asking me to help keep Dr. Laura off the air, I have mixed feelings about the campaign.

I am reminded of my distaste for Phoenix newspaper columnist Marianne Moody Jennings. Her vicious diatribes condemning the gay community and AIDS patients have bothered for me for a long time. Her reasoning is flawed, and her research is slanted. I was thrilled when the *Arizona Republic* stopped using her columns. I did not want to censor her columns, though.

I mainly wanted opportunities to show how poorly written and researched her columns were. I wanted the paper to stop running her columns not because I disagreed with her, but because the paper's readership did not show sufficient interest.

The folks who want to stop Dr. Laura's show are doing the right thing. They are encouraging advertisers to refuse sponsorship of hateful speech, and they are threatening to boycott her sponsors.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), however, wants to keep the show off the air because of what she says. Similarly, the religious right wants to keep shows like *Will & Grace*, *Any Day Now* and *If These Walls Could Talk* off the air because they present positive portrayals of gays and lesbians.

Dr. Laura's show should be given a chance to sink or swim based on its merit. I believe that if a centerpiece of the show is the deriding of gays and lesbians, then people won't want to watch.

The presence of comments that are biased or discriminatory can lead to even better education and understanding. The '70s TV sitcom *All in the Family* is a perfect example. Archie Bunker's character consistently spewed hate-filled speech, but the show managed to emphasize the ridiculousness of bigotry.

All in the Family was popular and ground breaking because it forced people to rethink hateful views. A meaningful dialog started by Dr. Laura's show can actually be very helpful. Once that takes happens, I would be happy to see her voice off the air simply because she couldn't generate enough interest.

Interestingly, Dr. Laura has offered an off-handed apology about her remarks. On March 10, she said that she "never intended to hurt anyone or contribute in any way to an atmosphere of hate or intolerance". She also said that "regrettably, some of the words I've used have hurt some people and I am sorry for that. Words that I have used in a clinical context have been perceived as judgment. They were not meant to characterize homosexual individuals or encourage others to disparage homosexuals." While she wouldn't retract her remarks, she at least is responding to the community's concerns.

Controversy and debate are good. Let's hope Dr. Laura's TV show gives us more opportunity to engage in both.

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Editors:

I read something the other day in *The Rose*, the house publication of A Rose, a local transsexual support group, that really twisted my bra straps. Allow me to quote: "it is each one of our jobs to show the world we are not freaks, but only normal people with a birth defect."

I wish to ask the prominent members of the gay community if they consider themselves having birth defects. In the meeting following the publication [of that remark], the writer said something about trans-people being like those with club feet or epilepsy, and medical help will alleviate the problem (i.e. sexual reassignment surgery). That seems right, unless you side with the majority of the TG community who have no need nor desire for surgery.

I hope you see my point. I am a mathematical probability that is a legitimate expression of nature. I am not defective. This is straight from the transsexual help line—the TG community has some self esteem problems and at best, it is a fragmented culture. If there had been a trans-army at the Alamo, the cross-dressers would have slipped out the back, leaving the transsexuals to go it alone. Surgery is not a cure-all. If you are a bitch going into surgery, then you'll be a bitch coming out of surgery. there is no support group if there is no support and belief system to allow self investment. A support group is vastly different from a handicap rehab center.

There has been talk among the ladies about being more political. Allow me to pass on some good advice I read 20 years ago in the writings of the post-Stonewall gay commentaries: "You can not have a revolution unless you believe in yourself. Freedom comes from within." This is why new groups like It's Time, Arizona! will not fly, and A Rose will decline, with continued high turnover in Alpha Zeta.

Here is the really neat part—to have absolute faith is to no longer need self-limiting support groups. Food for thought to all people: community is a great thing, and the community is comprised of single,living units. Love yourself and blessed be.

Neala Lynn Balmes
Phoenix

Editors:

How disappointing to see *HeatStroke* echo the sentiments of Phoenix's other Queer periodical. I refer to the cover story on Neil Giuliano (issue # 87, March 9 - 22). and how utterly timid our local gay "journalists" are when it comes to interviewing gay Republicans.

Is it really important to know what Mr. Giuliano's "type" is? How about a little discourse on the shortsightedness of allying oneself with an organization that clearly despises the participant?

No one reading this letter would buy a car from a company that had the mission statement "Our goal is to run over all homos". Yet, somehow there are far too many queers about that have no problem joining an organization that has our eradication among its fundamental objectives.

There is simply no way to bridge the chasm between same-sex coupling and Republican politics. Everyone who claims to have done so is ignorant, fearful, greedy or hateful, or some combination thereof.

Finally, the article begs the question, "Is it difficult to take notes when your chin is being repeatedly slapped by a scrotum?"

David Blevins
Phoenix

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Deb Price

Two opportunities for gay people to count



Gay Americans have two valuable opportunities this spring to stand up and be counted: The U.S. Census forms now arriving in every mailbox and the April 30 Millennium March on Washington for Equality invite us to have national influence by demonstrating our substantial numbers.

Neither invitation is perfect. The census form offers only gay couples—but not gay single people—a way to signal our sexual orientation. And march preparations have been plagued by infighting and missteps. Yet both the census and march are not-to-be-missed chances to draw attention to our community's strength and diversity.

It's extraordinarily important for the gay census and march totals to be huge because one thing politicians know how to do is count. The pace of our progress toward full equality will depend, in large measure, on how many elected officials believe they must have gay support to keep winning.

California's exit polls no doubt caught savvy politicians' attention nationwide. In this month's presidential primary, self-identified gay people cast 11 percent of Democratic votes and 2 percent of Republican votes. Overall, the gay vote was 6 percent—very likely enough to swing that must-win state when the White House is up for grabs in November. Let's reinforce that message of gay clout:

• ***Millennium March:*** It hasn't been a thousand years since the last gay march on Washington; it just seems like it, because we've made so much progress during the Clinton-Gore administration. We last gathered in 1993, celebrating Bill Clinton's arrival and the end of the hostile Reagan-Bush years.

The march will help energize gay voters to fight to keep the White House in friendly hands. That's a key reason why it's time to put aside reservations about the march and instead make reservations to be in Washington D.C. on April 28-30. (Contact http://www.mmow.org.)

"It is tremendously empowering to come to your nation's capital and stand on that mall and demand to be treated equally," stresses march organizer Dianne Hardy-Garcia. "We do it to send a message to Congress, but we also do it for ourselves—to empower and inspire ourselves."

As march veterans fondly recall, we can expect a whirlwind weekend of sharing, celebrating, dancing and marching. This year's highlights include lobbying Congress on Friday; a commitment ceremony for gay couples on Saturday and "Equality Rocks," a concert featuring Melissa Etheridge, Ellen DeGeneres and Garth Brooks.

• ***Census 2000:*** The Census Bureau began counting unmarried couples in 1990, listing the option "unmarried partner" for the first time. Joyce and I joined 150,000 other gay couples—clearly a tiny fraction of the true total—in leaping at the chance to be counted.

This year, far more couples are likely to feel comfortable saying who they are. Even closeted couples needn't be fearful, because the Census Bureau is required by law to keep names confidential for 72 years.

"Our families exist, and we must be counted," stresses Paula Ettelbrick of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Our single people ought to be counted, too. So, we need to tell Congress that the 2010 census should ask about "sexual orientation." Lawmakers are legislating in the dark when they make policies affecting gay people—they don't even know how many there are because single people and couples who live apart aren't counted as gay.

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The U.S. government will get obscure facts from the 2000 census—like exactly how many 73-year-old married Hispanic men live in Michigan. But it won't find out how many gay Americans are banned from serving openly in our nation's military. And the Congress that has not yet protected gay workers from discrimination won't find out how many gay people live in poverty.

Nevertheless, if we gay couples identify ourselves in record numbers, Census 2000 will reflect more than ever before our racial diversity, our incomes and our family responsibilities.

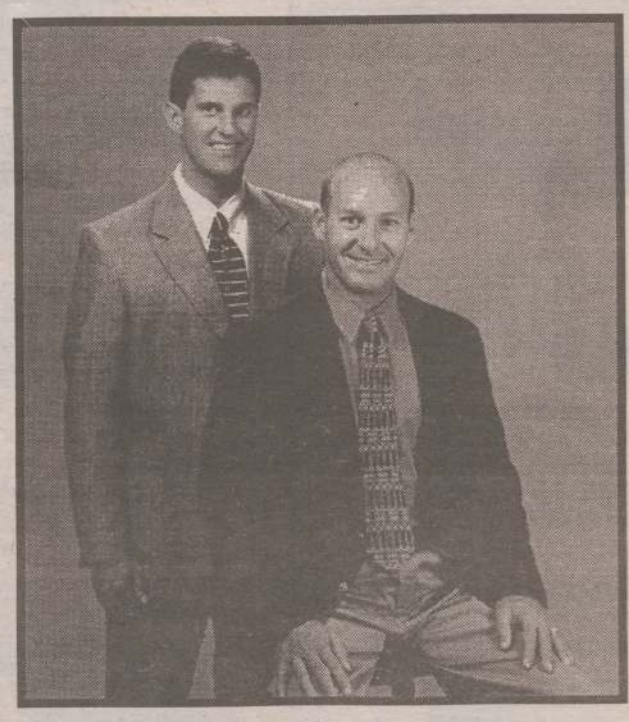
The more we stand up for ourselves, the more our community will count.

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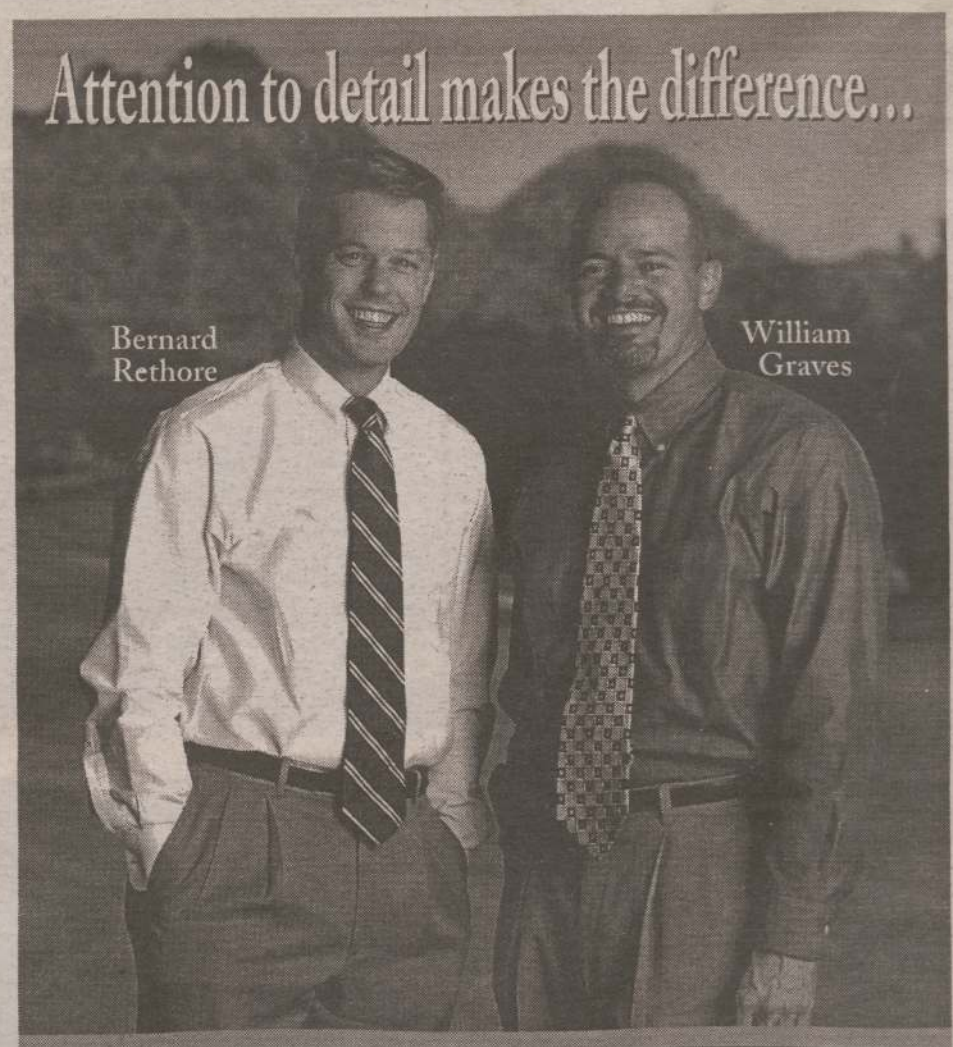
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Laura Schlessinger's TV show draws protesters to Paramount studio

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gay rights protesters shouting ``shame, shame, shame'' gathered March 21 outside Paramount Pictures to demand the studio drop plans to bring controversial radio host Laura Schlessinger to television this fall.

``When Paramount bought Laura Schlessinger's show, they bought a battle with the gay community,'' said Joan Garry, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

``We're going to do whatever it takes'' to get Paramount Television Group to abandon the syndicated show, Garry said.

The tough-talking host known as ``Dr. Laura,'' who dispenses relationship advice on her enormously popular radio show, has called homosexuality a ``biological error'' and ``deviant.''

One of the signs carried by the more than 200 demonstrators read ``No More Matthew Shepards,'' a reference to the gay student killed in Wyoming in 1998. Also fueling the protest is anger over the passage last month of Proposition 22, which bans same-sex marriage in California, Garry said.

``We will do whatever it takes to keep the pressure on. The strategies will be about advertisers and the affiliates,'' she said, declining to specify whether that meant station or sponsor boycotts.



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Paramount, which has been slammed by other gay rights groups, has stood firm, and none of the stations signed on to air Schlessinger's show have backed out.

In a statement March 21, the studio said it was committed to presenting moral and ethical issues without ``creating or contributing to an environment of hurt, hate or intolerance.''

Countering the demonstrators were about 75 Schlessinger supporters organized by Campaign for California Families, a conservative, nonprofit organization.

``We're the majority of people who pay to see Paramount films and who tune in to Paramount television shows. We are in support of Dr. Laura being on the air,'' said Cherri Gardner, a spokeswoman for the group.

Gardner, who campaigned for passage of Proposition 22 in Los Angeles County, said her group believes in ``a moral atmosphere for families'' but added she wasn't condemning homosexuality as immoral.

Schlessinger's comments on gays and lesbians are a matter of free speech, Gardner said. Others voiced a different opinion.

``I stand to protect the children from the propaganda of homosexuality,'' said Sandra Rodrigues.

Editors' note: see related story on Schlessinger on page 8.

Vermont Speaker lashes out at opponents of civil unions

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Top members of the House leadership criticized opponents of civil unions for gays and lesbians for false and misleading advertisements in the state's two largest newspapers.

And the president of the organization that placed the ads said she believed they were off the mark, although she argued they made their point.

``House passes gay marriage,'' declares the ad in the *Rutland Herald* and *The Burlington Free Press*, which was placed by Vermonters for Traditional Marriage. ``The following legislators voted against traditional Vermont family values.''

It goes on to list 76 members of the House. But very few of the people on the list did what the ad says they did. All of them voted for civil unions in the House. The bill that passed in mid-March specifically defines marriage as the union between a man and a woman.

``It is their right to be critical. We'll protect that right to the ends of the Earth,'' Speaker Michael Obuchowski said. ``All we're asking is to be accurate, not misleading.''

Civil unions are the legal structure the House approved last week to provide the benefits and rights of marriage to same-sex couples. During that debate, the House rejected broadening the marriage statutes to include gays and lesbians by a vote of 125-22.

``The House passed a civil unions bill, which has a number of distinctions,'' Obuchowski said.

``Maybe this is like the *Chicago Tribune* headline: `Dewey defeats Truman,'" said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Thomas Little.

Michele Cummings, president of Take it to the People, the parent group of the Traditional Marriage committee, said that the bill that passed was not the ``exact terminology'' that her group used in its ads.

``As you know, from our perspective it's as if it were gay marriage,'' Cummings said. ``It's so close in concept and execution that while it doesn't have that term applied to it specifically, in concept it's there.''

Cummings said she did not review the ad before it went to press.

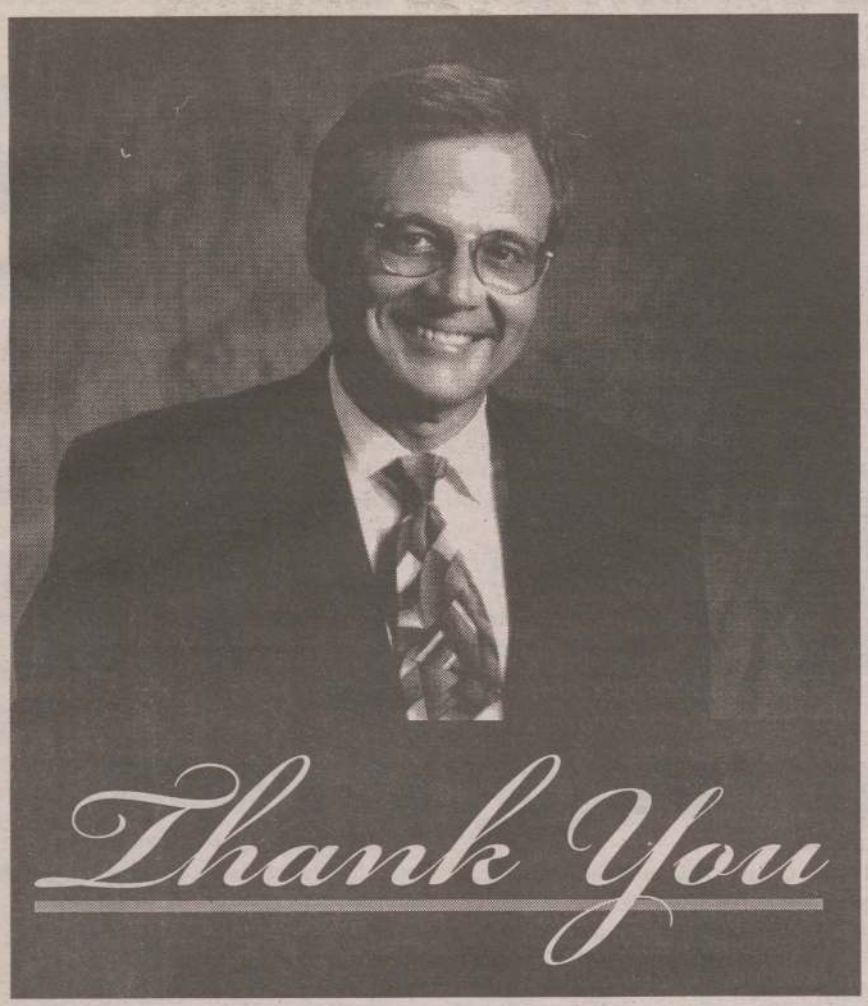
Little's committee designed the civil unions bill to parallel marriage and to provide the same benefits, rights and responsibilities. But the committee took pains to make it a separate and distinct legal structure in the face of reluctance to broaden marriage statutes themselves.

That's why House members who voted for the bill were so upset with Take it to the People's ads. ``It's been very devious,'' said Democratic Leader John Tracy. ``It's unfortunate. We had a very civil, respectful debate in the House.''

Lobbying on the civil unions bill has been heavy and it appears to be growing ever more intense as the legislation is debated in a Senate committee. Cummings said her group would continue working against any bill that looks like marriage.

``We feel strongly enough about the power of traditional marriage and the stablity that it offers to children and families,'' she said. ``We would oppose a bill that parallels marriage. I know there's a risk there with a court mandate, but in principle we would oppose a bill that mimics marriage.''





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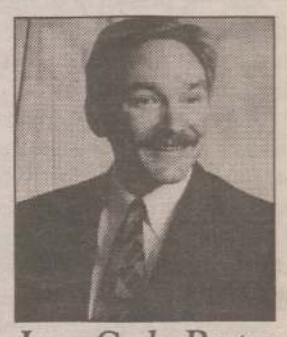
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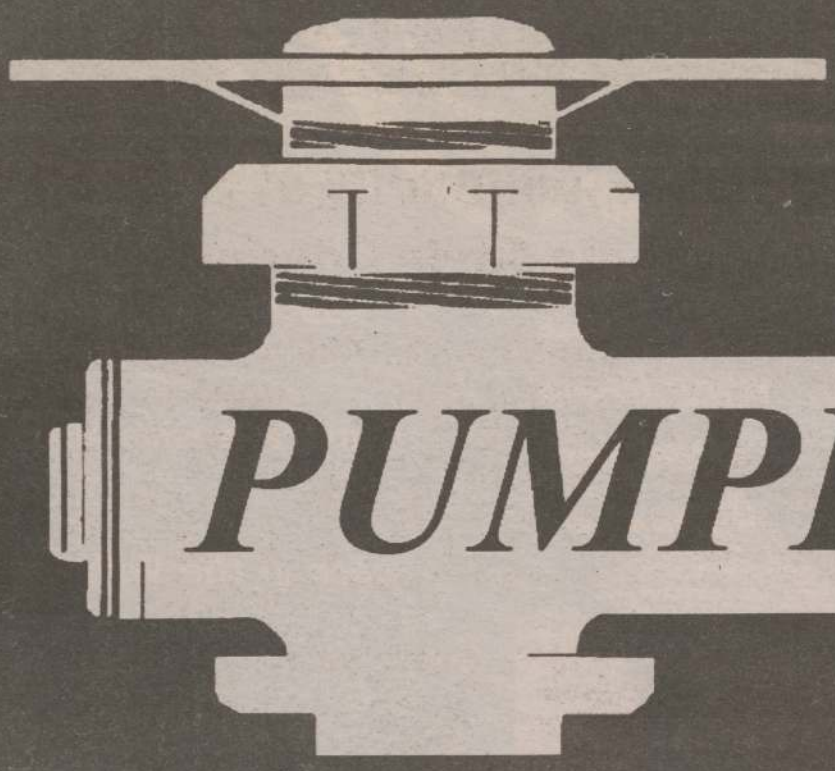
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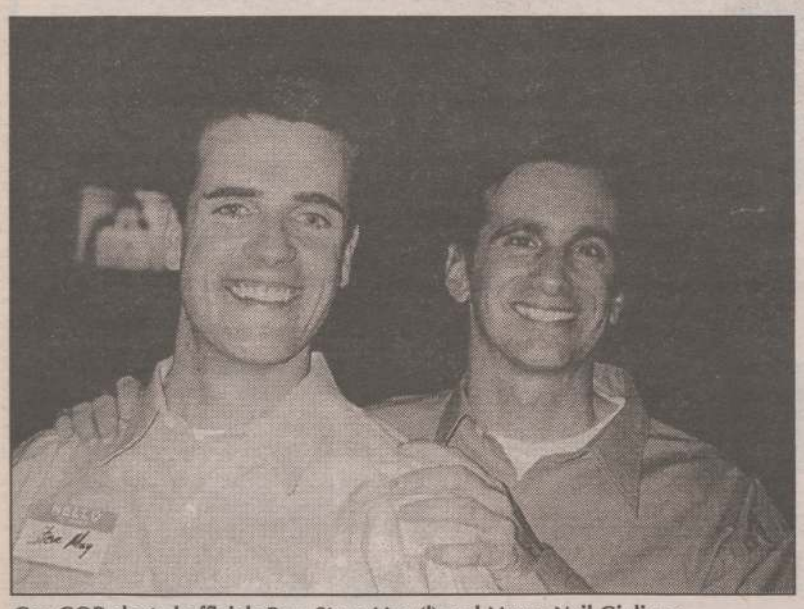
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Tempe elects Giuliano to fourth term

The voters of Tempe overwhelmingly reelected openly gay GOP Mayor Neil Giuliano to a fourth term on March 14, casting 70 percent of their ballots in his favor.

Tempe is the largest city in America with an openly gay mayor, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund.



Gay GOP elected officials Rep. Steve May (l) and Mayor Neil Giuliano celebrate Tempe's election night returns.

"Neil Giuliano's overwhelming reelection is but the latest sign that voters are increasingly wiling to pick candidates based on their individual merits, not their sexual orientation," said Victory Fund Executive Director Brian K. Bond.

"We are very proud of mayor Giuliano's accomplishments and his decisive success at the polls," Bond continued. "The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is working to end discrimination by increasing the gay and lesbian community's representation in public life—and we are doing this work across party lines. To achieve equal rights under the law for all Americans, our community must become more active and visible in all political parties."

In both this year's race and his 1998 campaign, Giuliano was backed by the Victory Fund, as well as the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay GOP group.

Though sexual orientation did not become an issue in Giuliano's race this year, he had been targeted by a brief string of anti-gay attacks in 1998, when a number of his campaign signs were defaced.

"We are very pleased that this year the key question was who would make the best mayor for all of the people of Tempe," added Bond. "And the voters resoundingly told us that the answer was Giuliano." Giuliano's opponent was Tom Head, who ran as an Independent.

Giuliano has earned broad-based recognition across party lines for his initiatives advancing neighborhood revitalization, economic improvement and youth development—issues on which he campaigned and plans to continue to champion in his fourth term.

One of only a handful of openly gay mayors in the U.S., Giuliano has been a progressive leader in Arizona city politics. In June 1999, he cast a tie-breaking vote on the Tempe City Council in favor of offering health benefits to the domestic partners of city employees. Giuliano has also established a hate crimes liaison officer in the Tempe police department, and he has implemented a non-discrimination clause regarding sexual orientation for city employees.

Giuliano told *HeatStroke* in an early March interview that this term will be his last as mayor. "I'm the type of person that wants a new challenge every once in a while," he said. "I could see how I could get really comfortable in this position, because I really enjoy it. And I think I'm doing a good job. But I think it will be healthy for me and for the community to have someone new as mayor in two years."

At a victory celebration held at Beeloe's in Tempe following the closing of the polls on the 14th, Giuliano thanked his campaign workers and supporters. He said that one of his next goals in office will be to work toward the passage of a .01 percent sales tax increase to fund a new performing arts center for the city.

"You may think it's odd for a Republican to be talking about raising taxes for the arts," Giuliano said, "But that's what I'm doing."

Pentagon finishes report on 'don't ask, don't tell'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pentagon's inspector general Monday gave Defense Secretary William Cohen his report on how the military's 'don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuality is being carried out, Pentagon sources said.

But the results of the three-month study will not be released until Cohen reviews it, said Defense Department spokeswoman Susan Hansen.

Cohen had ordered the review—based partly on a survey of military personnel and on spot checks on bases and installations—after President Clinton complained in December that the policy was not working as intended.

Under the military's policy on homosexuality, instituted in 1994, the military is not supposed to ask service members about their sexual orientation, unless there is evidence of homosexual conduct. Still, soldiers who say they are gay may be discharged.

President Clinton has said the policy was never supposed to facilitate rooting out people who are gay or allow for harassment, both of which have occurred under the policy.

Cohen announced new guidelines in August that would require all troops to undergo periodic anti-harassment training and assign investigations of homosexual activity to more senior leaders.

Pentagon officials said the new review also would help the Pentagon better gauge whether the August guidelines were being followed.

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Views on Doctor Laura's views differ across the spectrum

HARTFORD. Conn. (AP)—For gay and lesbian activists, Dr. Laura is public enemy No. 1. Newspaper ads denouncing the radio talk-show host's views on homosexuality have appeared in major papers across the country in recent weeks. There is even a Web site, stopdr-laura.com, dedicated to keeping her syndicated TV show, due this fall, off the air.

Dr. Laura Schlessinger's most recent clash with gay activists began several months ago, when she called homosexuality ``a biological faux pas'' and urged listeners to flood the Vermont Legislature with phone calls after that state's Supreme Court ruled that gay and lesbian couples have the same constitutional right to the benefits and protections of marriage as heterosexual couples.

``Dr. Laura is playing to a crowd that already hates gays. The reality is that the trend in society is exactly the opposite. There is more acceptance for gays and lesbians in society now than there ever was in the past. This campaign is actually giving her more fuel.''

Schlessinger urged listeners in California to support Proposition 22, which would ban recognition of gay marriages if they were performed in another state. Californians voted 63 percent to 37 percent on Super Tuesday to support Proposition 22.

Activists say all this focus on Schlessinger is necessary because, through her radio show, newspaper column, books and magazines, she can strongly affect public opinion.

``She is doing real harm to real people,'' said Peter Teague, executive director of Horizons Foundation, the San Francisco gay and lesbian community foundation that sponsored the ad campaign.

But some observers say all of the focus on Schlessinger and her views only increases her popularity, bringing her to the attention of new listeners. Left on her own, the argument goes, Schlessinger is preaching to the choir, not making converts.

``Dr. Laura is playing to a crowd that already hates gays,'' said Michael Harrison, editor of *Talkers Magazine*, which analyzes the talk radio industry. ``The reality is that the trend in society is exactly the opposite. There is more acceptance for gays and lesbians in society now than there ever was in the past. This campaign is actually giving her more fuel.''

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has devoted a large part of its web site to Schlessinger, offering transcripts from her shows and a detailed chronology of the group's efforts to meet with her to discuss issues.

``We believe there are a lot of fence-sitters out there who have not made up their minds about how they feel about gay parenting and gay marriage. When she likes homosexuality to bestiality or pedophilia, we can't sit silent,'' said Scott Seomin, of GLAAD. ``We realize that this can in some ways benefit her and cause her publicity machine to roll, but we believe we can change hearts and minds by speaking out.''

Schlessinger is definitely on a publicity roll.

Her most recent book is *The Ten Commandments: The Significance of God's Laws in Everyday Life* (HarperCollins, $24). Hers is one of the hottest talk-radio shows in the country, with about 15 million listeners weekly on more than 400 stations. Her listeners are almost evenly divided between men and women, ages 35 to 54. Schlessinger also writes a column that appears in more than 100 newspapers.

And Hasbro announced the new Dr. Laura Game: ``The Dr. Laura Game is based on her distinct and often controversial opinions on `moral health, not mental health' and is designed to mirror Dr. Laura's three mantras: `Preach, Teach or Nag.' The game lets players 'become' Dr. Laura for an evening, `respond to callers' and debate issues from Dr. Laura's listeners.''

Harrison said Schlessinger is second only to Rush Limbaugh in talk-radio popularity. To succeed, Harrison said, she must be provocative.

``It's a combination of the topics, the personality and the host's ability to forge a relationship with millions of people they don't know,'' Harrison said. ``Some people respond by agreeing, others by disagreeing. Some people listen because they love to get angry at what the host says. She creates enough interest to lure people to listen.''

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The worst thing that could happen to a talk-radio personality, Harrison said, ``is to say something and have people say, `Who cares?'''

That doesn't seem likely. Recently, a new Internet opinion journal, TomPaine.com, devoted itself to the controversy. The web site also published an ad in the March 21 *New York Times* calling Schlessinger ``The Queen of Hate Radio.''

``Talk radio is the great reflector of America's social wars and divides,'' said Harrison, who contributed a commentary about Schlessinger to TomPaine.com. ``There are those who build bridges, and those who exploit the differences between people. Gay rights is a hot topic right now, and top talk shows deal with the hot topics. And Dr. Laura is on top right now.''

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GAY MAYOR DONS BULLET-PROOF VEST

The gay mayor of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Glen Murray, has taken to wearing a bullet-proof vest due to ongoing death threats.

"Threats come from time to time," Murray told the *Edmonton Sun*. "It's a part of public life but I feel well protected by the police."

University of Winnipeg criminologist Michael Weinrath told the paper that Murray may be the first Canadian politician to don protective armor.

ACTIVISTS INVADE NEWSPAPER

Gay activists chained themselves to a pillar in the newsroom of London's *Daily Mail* March 15, set off fog horns, and chanted, "*Daily Mail*, Hate Mail."

They were angry over the paper's support of Section 28, a 10- year-old U.K. law that prohibits cities from "intentionally promot[ing] homosexuality" or teaching "the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship" in schools.

Another activist attached herself to a railing overlooking the office building's atrium where additional protesters unfurled a banner reading, "*Daily Mail* Promotes Anti-Gay Hatred."

Outside, a third group of activists sprayed the building and security guards with pink "silly string" and erected signs declaring the area a "Pink Zone."

There were no arrests.

"*The Daily Mail* is Britain's most insidiously homophobic newspaper, organizing periodic anti-gay campaigns amongst its vast readership," said a spokesman.

"Last year, the paper's bigoted rants were instrumental in defeating the British government's attempts to equalize the age of consent for gay men. Most recently, the paper has aligned itself with conservative forces in the House of Lords to ensure the retention of some of the most viciously homophobic legislation in Europe, the infamous Section 28."

MUGABE BASHES AGAIN

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe denounced gays again March 14.

Addressing 200 traditional chiefs, he said: "Unlike pigs and dogs, which know their females and can naturally become intimate with them, gays and lesbians cannot differentiate between males and females.

"We are against homosexuality and we, as chiefs in Zimbabwe, should fight against such Western practices and respect our culture."

Previously, Mugabe has said: "We cannot have a man marrying a man or a woman marrying a woman here. What an abomination, a rottenness of culture, real decadence of culture. Once you impose a foreign culture on us then you naturally evoke the devil in us. [Homosexuals are] repugnant to my human conscience ... immoral and repulsive. ... Animals in the jungle are better than these people because at least they know that this is a man or a woman. ... I don't believe they have any rights at all. [Gay sex is] an abomination."

GAYS LEFT OUT OF PAPAL APOLOGY

Pope John Paul II apologized for the myriad sins of the Roman Catholic Church over the centuries on March 12 but failed to atone for the church's virulent homophobia, which included burning homosexuals at the stake.

Outraged gays took to the streets in front of St. Peter's Cathedral in Bologna shortly thereafter.

"Today the church has asked forgiveness in a solemn manner for the faults committed during its long history," the national group Arcigay said in a leaflet distributed at the protest. "The church has begged forgiveness from heretics, dissidents, non-believers, Jews, women ... but not homosexuals."

CANADIANS DENOUNCE GAY SCHOOL CLUBS

Three hundred people gathered in the Vancouver, Canada, suburb of Burnaby March 12 to denounce the British Columbia Teachers Federation's plans to support the idea of gay student clubs.

The *Vancouver Sun* said the meeting—sponsored by the Chinese Canadian Alliance and the Coalition for the Protection of Parental Rights—felt like "a religious revival."

Speakers at the meeting compared homosexuality to alcoholism and pedophilia, and warned that gay clubs in middle and high schools would entice impressionable young people into a life of promiscuous homosexuality and misery.

GERMANY EQUALIZES GAY DIPLOMATS

Germany's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced last week that gay diplomats and their partners will be treated the same as married couples in the diplomatic services.

Foreign Affairs Minister Joschka Fischer said the ministry is also committed to simplifying visa and immigration procedures for gay Germans' foreign lovers.

Minister of State Ludger Volmer said the announcements prove that Germany is an open-minded and cosmopolitan nation.

IGLHRC CONFRONTS PFIZER

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission demanded March 14 that Pfizer Inc. "dramatically reduce" the cost of the AIDS-related drug fluconazole in poor nations.

In some countries, one tablet of the drug costs more than the average daily wage.

"Pfizer can decide to save lives or to hoard profits," said Karyn Kaplan, IGLHRC's AIDS specialist. "Access to healthcare and life-saving medicines is a human right and Pfizer has a moral obligation to respond. They have the option to lower their prices or allow cheaper generic versions of the drugs to be marketed, or both. People are dying. Lives are hanging in the balance."

Kaplan said generic fluconazole could be sold at one-tenth of Pfizer's price. The drug, which had worldwide sales of $916 million in 1998, is a treatment for thrush and cryptococcal meningitis, which, left untreated, is often fatal in about one month's time.

CUSTOMS CASE GOES TO SUPREMES

Canada's Supreme Court heard a Vancouver gay bookstore's decade- old case against Customs Canada last week.

In lower-court rulings, Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium has prevailed on two of its issues. Judges agreed that foreign erotica headed to the store was routinely seized at the border while the same books and magazines arrived safely at straight bookstores and, in some cases, were even on the shelves of British Columbia public libraries.

Judges also acknowledged that section 163 of the Criminal Code (which bans obscene or disgusting matter that fails to serve the public good) restricts freedom of expression. However, they said the restriction is justified because obscene material is harmful.

Obscenity is defined as "undue exploitation of sex, or of sex and any one or more of the following subjects, namely, crime, horror, cruelty and violence."

The bookstore is now arguing that Customs officers are not equipped to determine what's "obscene" and thus should not function as censors. The store's lawyers also said the law that empowers Customs agents to seize obscene matter violates gays' rights to freedom of expression and equality, in violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

A ruling is expected within a few months.

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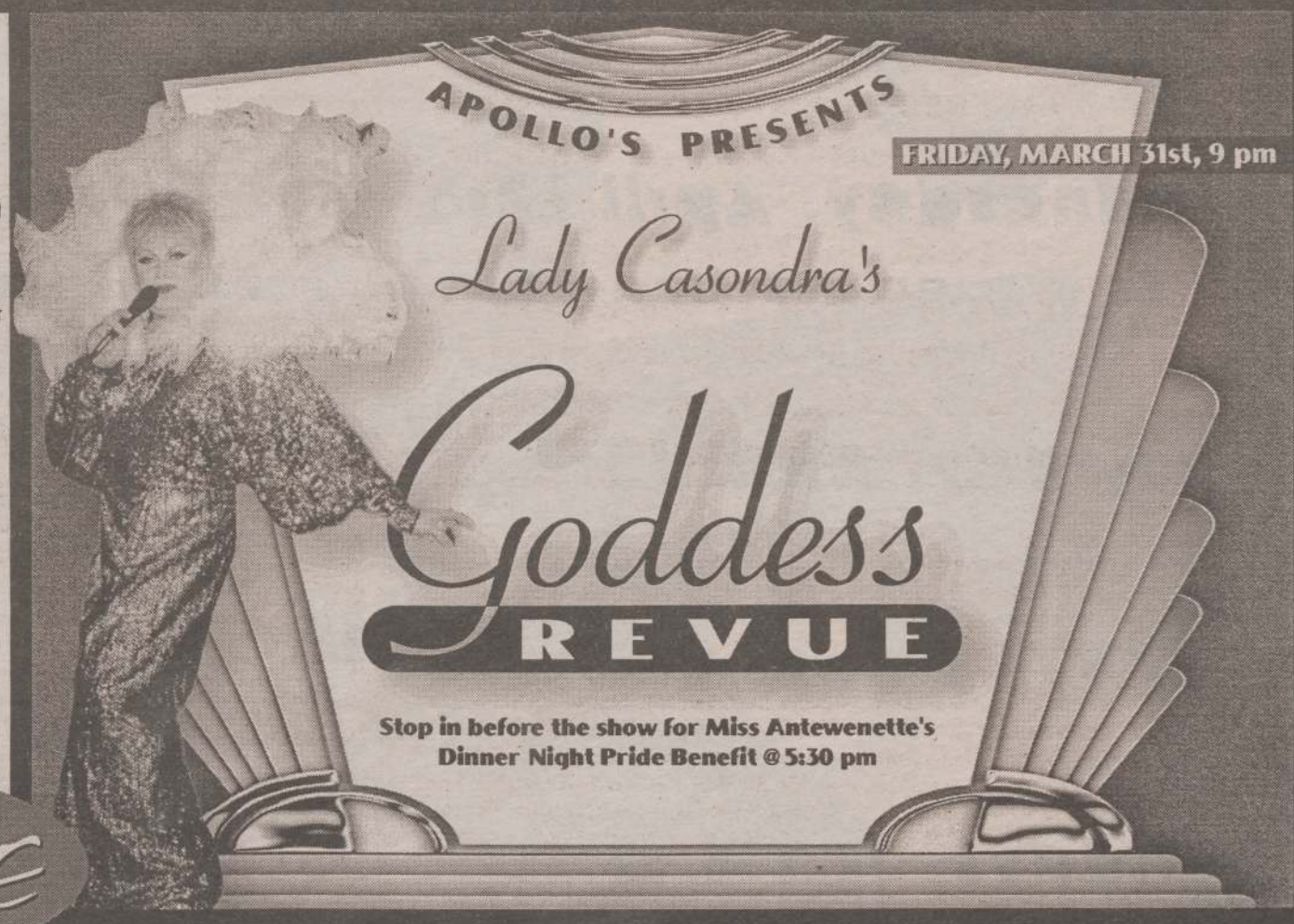
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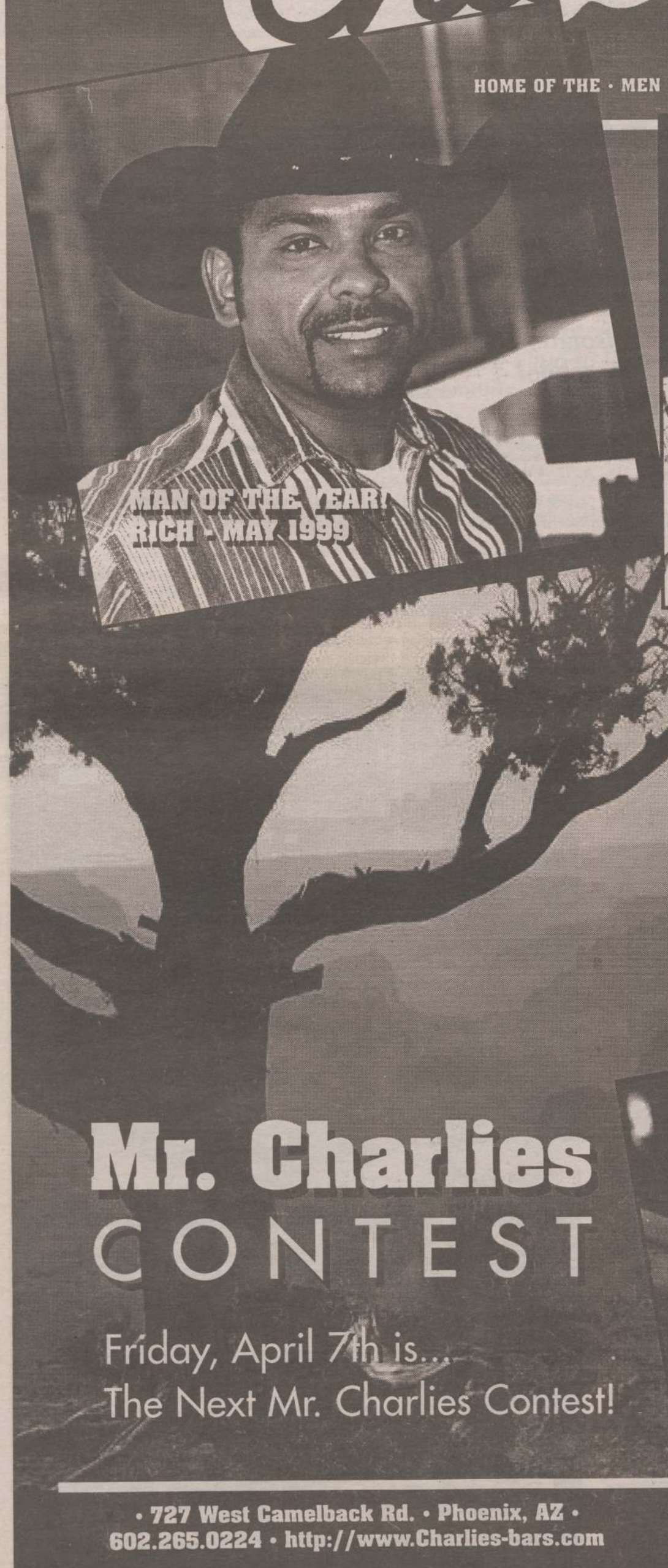
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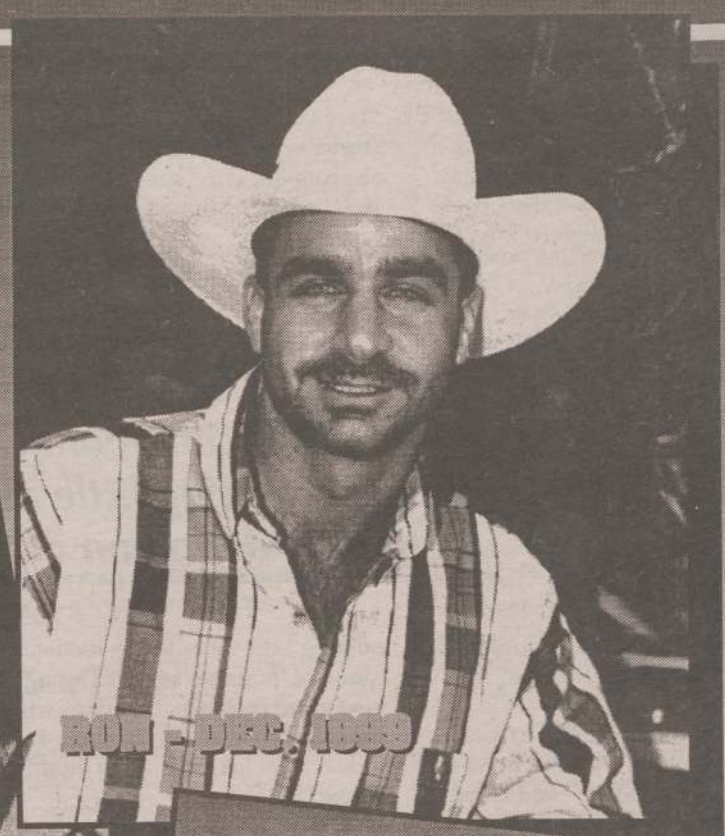
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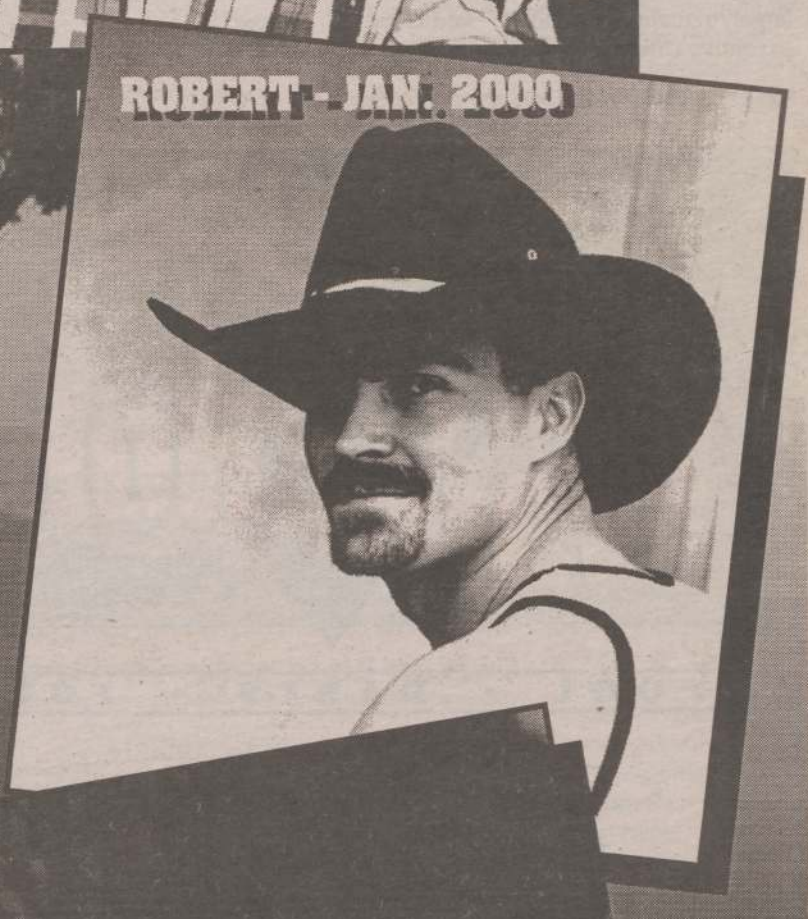
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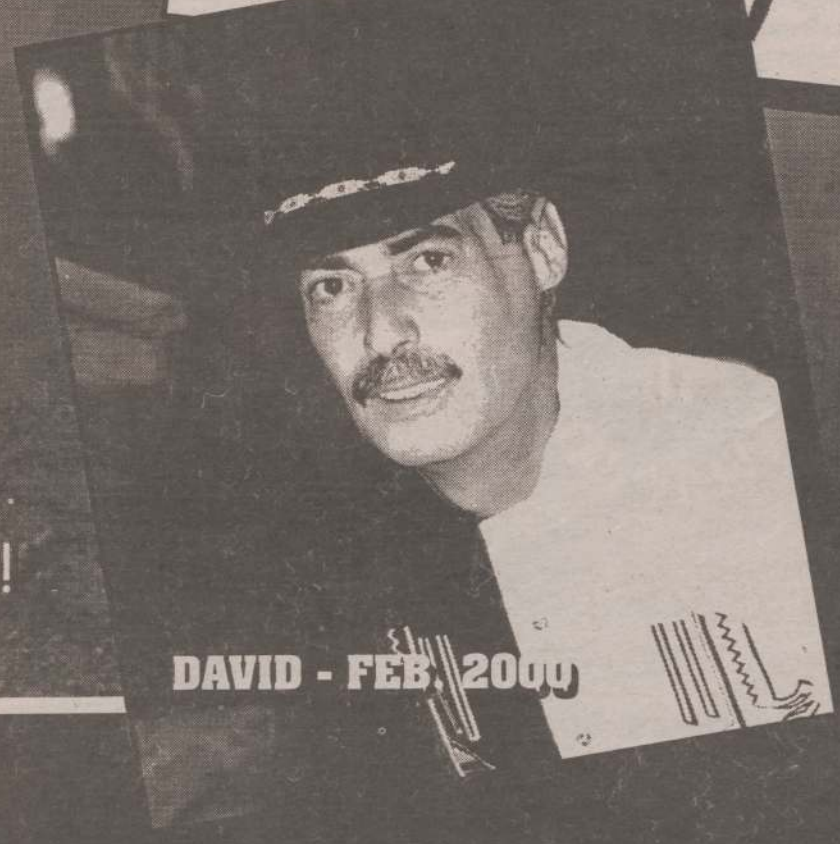
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HRC urges same-sex couples to answer census honestly

WASHINGTON D.C.—Although the upcoming census has no questions that explicitly ask about sexual orientation, there is a way for GLBT couples to be counted.

The Human Rights Campaign has joined several other groups in urging same-sex couples living in the same household to mark the "Unmarried Partners" option when asked to describe their relationships.

"The Human Rights Campaign is urging same-sex couples who share a household to answer the U.S. Census honestly because this data will be used to track important changes in the American family," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

HRC is supporting "Make Your Family Count," a national public education campaign being sponsored by the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies and the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Make Your Family Count," will try to let all GLBT couples know that they can be counted by marking the "Unmarried Partners" box on the census mail forms that will be sent to every household in the United States in March and April. The campaign has also launched a website, http://www.wecount.org, with information about the census and guidance to couples on answering the census forms.

The category "Unmarried Partner" appeared for the first time on census forms in 1990. Only 150,000 households were counted as consisting of same-sex unmarried partners - clearly a severe undercount. Since then, the census has revised its figures upward, to 5.9 million unmarried partner households in 1998, of which approximately 28 percent, or 1.7 million households, were unmarried partners of the same sex.

"While the census question isn't about sexual orientation or identity, it is nevertheless an important opportunity for our community to be counted," said Birch. "However, because of fear of discrimination many people may not feel safe enough to answer honestly and this may lead to an undercount. We look forward to the 2010 census when more discriminatory barriers will have fallen and questions about sexual orientation can be asked more directly and answered more honestly."

For each same-sex couple who describes their relationship as "unmarried partners" on the census short form, researchers will also be able to determine demographics including race, age and number of children in the household. For the households that receive the long form, researchers also will be able to determine education, citizenship and income, among other things.

Gay educational group offers $15K in grants to help improve GLBT Resources

NEW YORK—In a move to help elementary and secondary school librarians increase access to information about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people through library resource materials, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) launched the Free to Learn Project on March 17.

GLSEN is the largest national organization working to end anti-gay bigotry in K-12 schools. The new project is a national librarian assistance and grant program. It was launched as library and anti-censorship groups celebrated National Freedom of Information Day, raising awareness about the importance of promoting and protecting freedom of information.

"Students are coming out at earlier ages but our school library collections largely remain in the closet," said GLSEN Executive Director Kevin Jennings.

"Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, as well as the children of same-sex couples, often suffer in isolation—an isolation compounded by school libraries offering little more than a dictionary definition of 'homosexuality'. Through this new grant program, librarians will have the freedom to select resources and provide critical information to these students."

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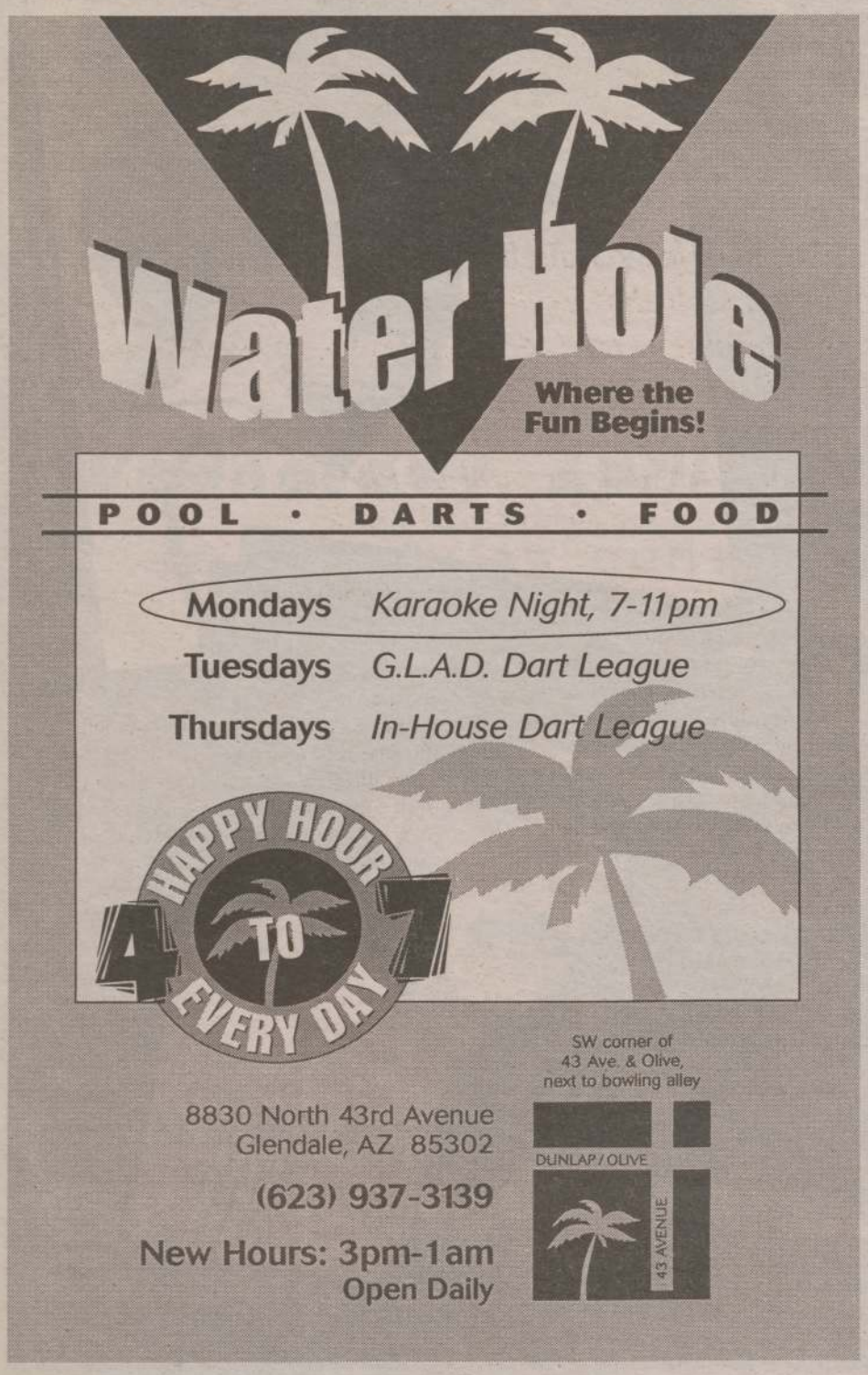
During the first phase of Free to Learn, GLSEN will work through its network of 85 community-based chapters to meet with school librarians, conduct assessments of current library resources, and help identify fiction and nonfiction selections that librarians believe will complement existing collections.

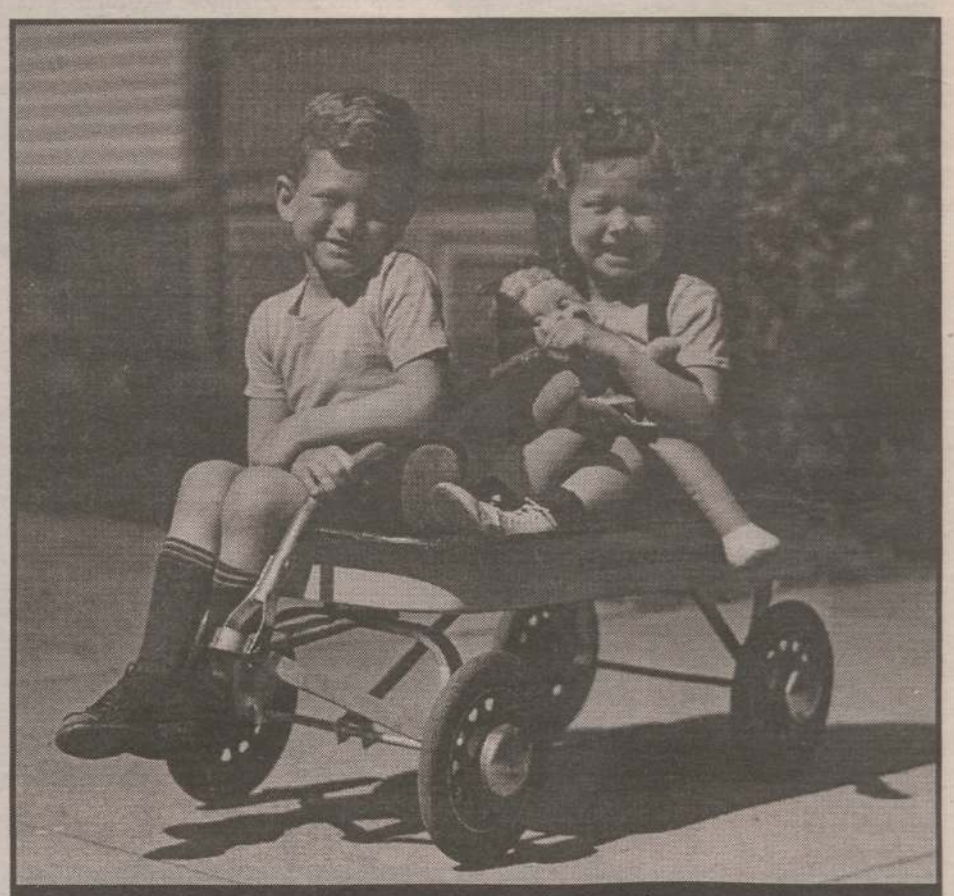
Due to the generosity of several longtime organizational supporters, GLSEN chapters will then have access to a $15,000 fund that may be used to purchase books as requested by librarians or donation to elementary and secondary school libraries.

Noting recent studies that suggest that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth are now disclosing their sexual orientation between ages 13 and 16, GLSEN Education Director Scott Hirschfield stated that the need for information about GLBT people in school libraries is greater now that ever before. Just decade ago, he added, coming out was an adult rather than adolescent process.

"It is critically important for the lesbian high school sophomore to find information that reflects her experience, and it's important for the second grader being raised by two dads to find stories that represent families like his own," stated Hirschfield. "In addition to providing resources to these youth, we must not underestimate the value to all students, straight and gay, of having accurate, accessible and age-appropriate information about the diversity of the world in which they live."

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Life after Knight:

A Call for Direct Action & Civil Disobedience

Commentary by Eric Rofes

The passage of the anti-same sex marriage Knight Initiative by 62% of the California voters may come to be seen as a turning point igniting more intense activism promoting full participation in the institution of marriage. Even if progressive forces had defeated Proposition 22, marriage in California would still have been restricted to a man and a woman. Some of us have grown impatient and are no longer satisfied with strategies which fail to directly confront mainstream resistance to same-sex marriage.

We've had enough of people thinking this is too radical an issue to win mainstream support, except in rare parts of the nation which still value participatory democracy. We are tired of liberal politicians and patronizing journalists denouncing the Knight Initiative while simultaneously arguing that marriage should be reserved for mixed-sex couples. We're not content with heterosexuals enjoying the advantages of state-sanctioned marriage while same-sex couples grovel for a watered-down imitation—domestic partnership. And we're dissatisfied with this struggle remaining in the hands of gay organizations that conceptualize activist strategy only through the lens of the traditional legal and political machinery.

Some activists have had enough of the patient and polite organizing methods of the past decade. Some of us may quit the courts, retreat from legislatures, and exit professional press briefings. Instead, we may take up the tactics most necessary for social change but largely absent from a contemporary queer movement comprised almost entirely of suit-and-skirt lobbyists, splashy television advertisements, and upscale black-tie dinner banquets: direct action and mass civil disobedience.

In this next, more militant phase of efforts to win same-sex marriage, justice-minded individuals, liberal politicians, and civil rights leaders may no longer be granted the luxury of talking out of both sides of their mouths. One will either be for full and democratic participation in the institutions of our culture, or be an advocate for discrimination. There will no longer a viable position of neutrality.

Queers should refuse to attend mixed-sex weddings

These days, when I receive an invitation to the marriage of heterosexual friends, family members, or students, I am filled with outrage. What nerve! Sending an invitation to me (and, often, my lover) with no reference to the fact that I am being asked to participate as an observer in an event in which I legally am not permitted to be a central participant! No note acknowledging the disparity and injustice, no sheepish apology for participating in an institution of segregation, no phone call checking-in about the politics of it all.

It may be time for queers to stop letting heterosexuals off the hook! They embrace marriage uncritically only because we let them! And they will continue to be blind to the politics of engagements, marriage, and weddings until they are forced to see them as segregated rituals and institutions that must be challenged, undermined, and transformed. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people and our allies may be ready to take direct action by refusing wedding invitations and articulating our reasons loudly, holding demonstrations at daily newspapers which continue to run marriage columns that are not accessible to all, and disrupting television shows such as *Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?* or *The Newlywed Game* which are conceptualized around an institution currently founded on exclusivity and bigotry.

Social change on cutting-edge issues rarely occurs in the absence of a direct action strategy. Building on rich traditions of militant organizing inspired most recently by ACT-UP, but rooted in the tactics of the Civil Rights Movement, women's liberation, and anti-nuclear activism, these efforts may be what is needed to transform current campaigns for equal access to marriage into an authentic movement for social justice and participatory democracy. Activists may take their struggle directly to the people using powerful organizing methods strategically designed to create a critical consciousness about the politics of marriage, inspire a movement of street activists passionate about bringing about change, and force the issue into an arena of intense public scrutiny.

It may be time for queers to stop letting heterosexuals off the hook! They embrace marriage uncritically only because we let them! And they will continue to be blind to the politics of engagements, marriage, and weddings until they are forced to see them as segregated rituals and institutions that must be challenged, undermined, and transformed.

Same-sex couples must undermine the marriage bureaucracy

Holding a mass queer wedding every time there is a march on Washington or the mayor of San Francisco organizes such an event in city hall, may no longer be enough. A marriage simulation does not in and of itself function as civil disobedience. And many people have come to believe that candlelight vigils are an inadequate response to anti-gay votes. Such vigils are not the same as political protest. We may need more than candles, more than photo ops, more than sloganeering. The time may be right for the kind of carefully crafted actions that demonstrate a new level of serious intent about this issue and place same-sex marriage in the public eye in a compelling and confrontational manner. We soon may see national networks of activists plotting massive civil disobedience actions focused on undercutting key points-of-access to the institution of marriage.

There has been a small but very important stream of civil disobedience actions in the marriage fight. It has involved members of the clergy who violate orders from denominational authorities and perform same-sex marriages at tremendous risk to their careers. These clergy members have been put on trial, censored, and even defrocked for their actions. In the post-Knight Initiative era, let's hope we see more clergy with integrity to take similar actions.

At the same time, LGBT activists themselves might be ready to follow the lead of these clergy members. We might see coordinated days of action when same-sex couples attempt to register at the local county clerk's office. Imagine the impact if same-sex couples in rural areas, small town America, urban centers, and suburban neighborhoods throughout the nation on the same day and at the same time showed up couple-by-couple and stood on line to fill out the forms to register for marriage. Imagine if they requested the proper forms and replied to refusals with a pre-determined response grounded in passive resistance. Imagine if they were all trained to alert local media outlets, organize teams of vocal supporters, and articulate a calm, impactful message in response to this closed institution. Imagine if they returned in a coordinated manner every day for a week or a month voicing the same powerful statement.

Or imagine same-sex couples chaining themselves peaceably to the front doors of the offices of their neighborhood justice of the peace and singing songs of liberation as they were carted off to jail. Or choosing to appear in large numbers outside the churches where prominent politicians or celebrities were getting married, silently holding up signs stating "Participation in Marriage is Participation in Injustice," or "Saying I Do when We Can't = Bigotry" Or crashing local wedding ceremonies at the moment where the officiator asks for any objections, standing up and reciting a speech about the shameful inequity of access to marriage.

Justice-minded heterosexual couples must boycott marriage until it is democratized

It has been wonderful to note large numbers of supportive heterosexuals—especially heterosexuals under the age of 30—decrying barriers to same-sex marriage. As the debates intensify and the stakes increase, LGBT activists will begin to urge these folks to back up their rhetoric with principled action. Justice-minded heterosexuals could make a major contribution to undermining the status quo by refusing to participate in the institution of marriage until it is open to all.

Some heterosexual allies already understand that marriage is a form of heterosexual privilege that comes at the expense of queer rights, gender equality, and social justice. They understand that marriage grants them a whole set of advantages, benefits, and legal privileges that are subsidized by queer folks and others who do not marry. We actively pay for what many others see as normal, universal, and sacred. This leads many activists to argue that we should be fighting for the strong domestic partnership laws currently in place in many northern European nations—for both same-sex and mixed-sex couples. In these nations, marriage simply becomes a religious "add-on" outside the realm of state sanction.

In the year 2000, heterosexuals getting married parallels Christians joining a club that excludes Jews, men working as partners in a law firm that has no female partners, or whites supporting the flying of the Confederate flag over public buildings intended to serve people of all races.

During a period when same-sex couples cannot marry, the taking of such vows by mixed-sex couples will increasingly be named for what it is: an act of willful participation in an institution that is neither democratic nor open to all. In the year 2000, heterosexuals getting married parallels Christians joining a club that excludes Jews, men working as partners in a law firm that has no female partners, or whites supporting the flying of the Confederate flag over public buildings intended to serve people of all races. No matter how one wishes to frame them, such choices are inherently ethical choices: participation in rituals and institutions that exclude sectors of society puts you on the side of discrimination and oppression.

It may be time not only for true heterosexual allies to say NO to marriage until all people have equal access, but also for all principled people to engage in public education around their refusal to accept privilege. Will we begin to see groups marching outside religious institution s and county clerk offices under banners such as "Hetero-Couples Refusing to Marry Until All Can Marry," or "Until All Are Welcome, None Must Participate: Free Marriage Now!"? Will we begin to hear from the children raised by mixed-sex couples who take a justice-minded stand and refuse to get married until same-sex couples can get married? Is now the time to put an economic dent in the wedding industry, a result of large numbers of heterosexuals refusing to open their wallets for marriage licenses, wedding receptions, bridal dresses, photographers, and honeymoon excursions. Imagine if heterosexual allies publicly burned their marriage certificates?

There is an important historical precedent for this kind of privilege-refusing action. During the Civil Rights Movement, a number of white people repulsed by the injustices of racism, declined to participate in key institutions of segregation. They refused to utilize white-only public facilities, ride on busses which forced Blacks to the back seats, and sit at segregated lunch counters. Likewise, there have been men who resigned from clubs that excluded Jews, women, and people of color, and people with inherited wealth who have given away their legacies to organizations in poor communities working for economic redistribution. It is time for such visionary pioneers to emerge in this battle against heterosexism.

Some argue that the queers predisposed to militant activism do not see marriage as a priority and view the institution as problematic; those who value marriage may be less inclined towards tactics of direct action. As in all social justice movements, radical activism won't be everyone's cup of tea. Yet we have learned from voter initiatives ending affirmative action and jettisoning bilingual programs in public schools, that California is the Right's testing-ground for regressive initiatives. The passage of the Knight Initiative by voters of the largest and most trend-setting state in the nation should compel us immediately to break through earlier barriers to militancy and rethink our cautious strategy and limited tactics.

Social change movements that lack a direct action component and don't take seriously the power of civil disobedience, risk becoming nothing more than symbolic demands and rhetorical hype. Same-sex marriage will become a reality throughout the United States sometime in the next century. It will come about more expeditiously, and with a greater public understanding of the links between gay marriage and participatory democracy, if we replace strategies of pleading and bargaining with the tactics of a true social change movement.



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Goings On

News & Events of Interest to the Phoenix Queer Community

All invited to DA's 20th anniv. bash

Desert Adventures, the Valley's oldest gay and lesbian social group, recently passed the 20-year milestone, and membership in the outdoor-activity centered organization is at a record high.

To celebrate, DA is throwing itself a party on Sunday, March 26. The entire community is invited for free, and food and drink will be provided. The bash starts at 11:00 am and lasts 'till 4:00 pm at North Mountain Park, 10600 N. 7th St. in Phoenix.

For information, call 602/266-CAMP.

Watch the awards in style March 26

Root for Hilary Swank to snag the Best Actress statuette in good company this year during Phoenix's 8th Annual Academy Awards Benefit Party. The event is a fundraiser for Volunteers in Direct Aid, and will be held at the Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak on Sunday, March 26 from 5:30 pm. to midnight.

Tickets for the black-tie affair are $110 in advance, or $150 at the door. A $160 VIP host ticket includes preferred seating and a hosted cocktail hour & post party. For information or tickets, call the Phoenix Museum of History at 602/253-2734 or Chiro-Plus Chiropractic at 602/230-2225.

Gay Golf to benefit Breast Cancer Ride

The women behind last year's cross-country bike trip that raised $100,000 and public awareness for breast cancer research are raising money to help their 2000 ride with fun events open to lesbians and gays.

An Arizona event on the group's schedule is a best ball scramble gold tournament for women on April 23 at Marriott's Mountain Shadows Resort in Scottsdale. The fee is $85 and includes green fee, cart, BBQ and drinks, goody bag and raffle tickets.

For information if to register, call Pacific Coast Events Foundation at 760/630-9880, or write PO Box 4533, Oceanside, CA, 92052. The e-mail address is eventsrus@aol.com.

Get ready for Pride 2000

The Phoenix area Gay Pride Festival & Parade is set for April 14 & 15 and the Arizona Central Pride committee is finalizing details for the event. The weekend will begin with the contest for Mr., Ms. and Miss Gay Pride. The pageant will take place at the festival grounds, Margaret T. Hance Deck Park in downtown Phoenix, at 7:00 pm on Friday evening, April 14.

Then Pride day will begin with a 5K run at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 15 sponsored by Team Arizona. The run will be followed by the Pride Parade down Central Ave., stepping off at 10:00 am and leading to the Deck Park and all-day Festival.

The Festival Gates open at 10:00 am and the party lasts from noon to midnight with booths, dancing, entertainment and more. According to ACP President Ernie Mendoza, Lisa Lisa (of "Cult Jam" disco fame) has been signed to headline this year's entertainment lineup. More acts and the parade's Grand Marshal are still being determined.

This year's parade & festival theme is "One Heart, One Mind, One Vision! Take Pride! Take Joy! Take Action!". Festival organizers are looking for additional volunteers and for parade entries, as well as for vendors and community groups wishing to participate in the festival by renting booth space.

For more information on getting involved, or to see what fundraising events are scheduled leading up to the April date, call ACP at 602/279-1771. Or, visit the ACP website at www.azpride.org for a full calendar listing. Board meetings of the committee are set for noon every Sunday at The Community Center, 24 W. Camelback in Phoenix.

Valley Church to march

Valley of the Sun Community Church, which was organized earlier this year, will march in the Phoenix Pride Parade April 15 to raise money for AIDS Project Arizona. Church members will carry the largest American flag in the state of Arizona, which was secured by efforts of Vice President Al Gore for the church's use.

The crowd watching the parade will be encouraged to throw cash donations onto the flag as it progresses along the parade route. All donations received will be given to AIDS Project Arizona, which is dedicated to stopping the transmission of HIV, empowering infected people to live longer, healthier lives, and providing an innovative, comprehensive continuum of services for individuals and families affected by the pandemic.

Valley of the Sun Community Church is a non-denominational evangelical Christian church ministering primarily to gays and lesbians in the Phoenix area. Sunday morning worship services are held at 11:00 am at the Parkway Inn on northbound I-17, between Northern and Dunlap. For information call 602/564-7882.

Get in on some women's Coffee Talk

Join the women's Breakfast Club at Coffee Talk, 48 N. Robson in Mesa(east of Country Club and North of Main). The group meets informally every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The person to contact is Robin at 623/848-0083, or e-mail Ygrwup3@aol.com.

Viva Las Vegas!

Join Providence, a new social/religious group, on a chartered weekend bus trip to Las Vegas in late April.

The bus will leave Phoenix on Friday, April 28 at 6:00 pm and will return Sunday, April 30 at 7:00 pm. The cost is $150 for double occupancy and $225 for single occupancy, including hotel room and bus coach transportation. The group will be staying at the Vagabond Inn on the Strip.

Space is limited. To register, contact Providence before April 18 at 602/274-8602. If no one is available to take your call, leave your name, mailing address and phone number on the recording.

Running club formed

Arizona Frontrunners is a new gay and lesbian running club that has been formed in Phoenix. The runners have been meeting on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for a weekly run through Papago Park. Members are looking for new people to join and run for fun, and to participate as a group in local races as well.

If interested in jogging along, send an e-mail requesting information to: azfrontrunners@hotmail.com, or call 602/954-3983.

Get a gay take on Mexican history & Spanish language

A program called "Coming Out: The Gay (Men's) Experience in Mexico", is being offered in that country from June 11-30, 2000. It's for gay men interested in learning about the real situation of the gay community in Mexico through the study of the language and cultural exchange. The program will teach participants about the history of the gay movement in Mexico and Latin America.

Participants will share coming out stories, learn about Mexican culture and gender roles in contemporary Mexico and gain an understanding of the cultural context of gay identity in Mexico. This is a three-week program that includes roundtable discussions, guest speakers (artists, activists and community leaders), field trips, museum visits, videos, encounters with local community groups, activities of the Gay Cultural Month in Mexico City and the 23rd Gay Pride March in Mexico City.

The program includes a homestay with a Mexican gay man or couple, which makes this experience more personal and profound. Students are evaluated and placed at the appropriate level of Spanish language instruction, with a maximum of five students in each class. For more information contact: cetlalic@mail.giga.com (Antonio Ortega - Gay Program Coordinator) or visit our web-site www.giga.com/~cetlalic

Lesbian program offered south of the border

For all women interested in studying Spanish while learning about lesbian life in Mexico today, a program called "In/Visibility: Lesbian Lives in Mexico", is being offered June 11-30, 2000.

Roundtable discussions, lectures, field trips, museum visits, and encounters with local community groups afford participants an understanding of the cultural context of lesbian identity in Mexico. Students are evaluated and placed at the appropriate level of Spanish language instruction with a maximum of five students in each class.

The program includes a homestay with a Mexican Lesbian or couple, which makes this experience more personal and profound. It also includes activities of the Lesbian Cultural Days in Mexico City and the 23rd Gay Pride March in Mexico City. For more information contact:

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AGRA-Phoenix seeks poster entries

AGRA-Phoenix chapter is sponsoring a poster contest for the 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. The theme of next year's rodeo is " 2001: A Rodeo Oddessy" .The rodeo will take place in Phoenix Jan. 19-21, 2001. Judging for the contest will be by vote of the members present at the monthly AGRA meeting on June 10, 2000. All entires must be received by 5:00 pm that day.

Entries may be delivered in person or by mail to: "RRRR Poster Contest" c/o Charlie's Phoenix, 727 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona, 85013 by the 5:00 pm June 10 deadline. Entries must be 17" x 22" finished size with the only lettering being " 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo". Exception to the size requirement will be made for computer generated artwork, with the original art being on a Macintosh-compatible CD or Zip disk. Sufficient space must be left within the design—or in a border included in the finished size—for dates, hotel information and sponsor logos.

Entries must be received with the artist's name and phone number in upper right-hand corner of the back of the design. Entries received with the artist's name on the front will be disqualified. The winning design and artwork become the property of AGRA-Phoenix. All other entries will be destroyed, unless arrangements are made to have them returned at the artist's expense.

The artist of the winning entry will be awarded a $200.00 prize. For further information, contact Brian Helander, Public Relations Director for AGRA-Phoenix Chapter, at (602) 266-5726.

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24 West Camelback Road, Suite C
May 10th at 6:30 p.m., Harmony House Bed & Breakfast
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HRC commends Vermont House for passing comprehensive same-sex civil unions bill

"A vast improvement, but separate is still not equal"

WASHINGTON - The Vermont House voted 76-69 in favor of a comprehensive "civil unions" — or domestic partnership — bill that would give same-sex couples many of the same rights and benefits afforded married couples. While this bill is a major victory, it still creates a separate system, which history has shown to be inherently unequal, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"This is a monumental and historic leap forward for the equal and fair treatment of same-sex couples," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "Through the thoughtful and dignified actions of the Vermont legislature, gay and lesbian domestic partners in Vermont will soon receive an unprecedented level of respect and legal recognition. However, this is no substitute for civil marriage and separate treatment has never translated into equality in America."

The bill will now go before the Vermont Senate, and if passed, it will be sent to Gov. Howard Dean (D) who has indicated that he will sign it into law. The bill allows for gay and lesbian Americans to take part in civil unions, just as heterosexual couples can marry. Town clerks would be authorized to give same-sex couples licenses and clergy, justices of the peace or judges would make their unions official. Family divorce courts would handle the dissolution of civil unions.

Conservative legislators tried to attach anti-gay amendments to the House bill. A particularly divisive amendment that would have barred Vermont from recognizing gay marriages performed in any other state was defeated. Another amendment was defeated that would have required HIV testing for civil unions. But an amendment was adopted that declared that marriage in Vermont is a union between a man and a woman. That definition previously had existed only in the bill's preamble and not in the text of the statute.

In December 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court handed down a decision that mandated that same-sex couples must be offered the same "benefits" and "protections" that married heterosexual couples now receive. In its ruling, the court directed the Vermont Legislature to decide whether these benefits will come through traditional marriage or through a similar arrangement such as domestic partnerships. This ruling led to the passage of today's landmark "civil unions" bill.

The Vermont bill is part of a fast-growing trend where same-sex relationships are receiving legal recognition and equal benefits. According to HRC's WorkNet, almost 3,000 U.S. employers currently offer domestic partner insurance benefits including more than 70 Fortune 500 companies. Some of the most successful and fastest-growing companies in the nation have taken this step, including Shell Oil, Walt Disney Company, IBM, Kodak and Microsoft. (A complete list of employers offering domestic partner benefits is available at http://www.hrc.org/worknet.)

There is evidence that public opinion towards same-sex marriage may be slowly changing, as people become more familiar with same-sex couples and the challenges they face.

A September 16, 1999 NBC/Wall Street Journal poll reported that two-thirds of all Americans believe that gay and lesbian people will win the freedom to marry. Lesbian and gay Americans continue to be denied civil marriage in all 50 states.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

Female lawmakers provided key votes in passing of civil unions bill

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—A greater percentage of women than men in the Vermont House of Representatives voted in favor of the civil unions bill that passed in the House.

Female representatives approved by a wide margin granting same-sex couples the benefits of marriage through civil unions while their male counterparts turned it down. The women voted for the bill 35-9 while the men voted against it 60-41.

All but one of 32 female Democrats voted in favor of the bill, while four of 12 Republican women voted for it.

Although women make up relatively smaller proportions of each caucus, more than half of the Democrats voting yes were women, and more than a quarter of the Republicans voting yes were women.

Rep. Anne Pugh, D-South Burlington, said female constituents in general asked her to support the bill, while men asked her to oppose it.

``It may have to do with the fact that women traditionally focus on family, and nurturing and relationships—that women's identity comes from connecting,'' Pugh said.

Rep. Michael Vinton, D-Colchester, a retired state trooper who has been outspoken in his criticisms of anti-gay arguments, said he believed women felt less threatened by homosexuality. ``For whatever reason, I feel there's more fear among the male gender,'' Vinton said. ``Men seem to be more critical of people—it's just our species, probably.''

The trend reflects women's greater receptiveness to homosexuals across the country, according to national policy experts.

``Women overwhelmingly support gay and lesbian rights more than men, generally speaking,'' said Paula Ettelbrick, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute.

``Women identify more because, like gays and lesbians, they have not been part of the system as a group, and they understand the need and desire to be a full citizen,'' she said. However, she said the fact that the Vermont House had passed a civil unions bill at all ``shows that men like everybody else have the capacity to change on issues involving their own communities.''

The bill passed on a final margin of 76 to 69. Voting yes were 57 Democrats, 14 Republicans, four Progressives and one Independent. Voting no were 50 Republicans, 18 Democrats, and one Independent.



AIDS drug research on inmates questioned

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Dozens of inmates at a central Florida prison are being treated for HIV and AIDS with combinations of medications that could have unknown dangers, a newspaper reported.

Some worry prisoners don't fully understand the risks or may be pressured to become research subjects, but many prisoners say the research has greatly improved their health, the *St. Petersburg Times* reported March 19.

At issue is a voluntary testing program at the South Unit of the Central Florida Reception Center, 10 miles east of Orlando International Airport. The facility is among only a handful of the nation's prisons to allow such research.

There, free drugs and health exams are available for prisoners whose care would otherwise cost the state thousands of dollars per inmate per year.

Under the study rules, HIV-positive inmate volunteers get combinations of more than a dozen drugs. The aim is to see which drugs work best in which doses for which kinds of patients, Department of Corrections officials said.

Many inmates said the drugs have greatly improved their lives.

That includes Julius Samuel, 44, a burglar with HIV who was losing weight before going on the drug regimen.

``They have more drugs at the South Unit than where I was at,'' Samuel said. ``I don't have a trace of the virus.''

The drug testing program is relatively new. For years, the Florida prison system did not use inmates as subjects in medical experiments. Many states, including Florida, banned the practice after revelations in the 1970s that researchers working for drug companies exploited inmates in the name of science or profit.

That changed during the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s. Gravely ill people, including Florida inmates, began demanding access to experimental therapies that might save their lives.

A Florida prison official lifted the research ban on inmates and in December 1997, Dr. Margaret Fischl, a pioneering AIDS researcher, was allowed to set up a screening and testing site at the South Unit.

The prison system told her that inmates had to receive good treatment and couldn't take part in initial experiments to determine whether a drug is toxic.

But despite signing consent papers, some inmates do not seem particularly well informed about potential risks of the drugs, the newspaper reported.

Raymond McGee, 31, a former inmate now living at an Orlando halfway house, said he never asked, nor was told, about details of what the consent form calls a ``potentially life-threatening'' hypersensitivity reaction that the drug, abacavir, sometimes causes.

That can include fever, fatigue and skin rash.

Still, McGee says he's not concerned.

``I never had a reaction to it,'' he said. ``If I didn't think it was working, I'd stop taking it.''

Fischl said the combinations she gives inmates have successfully reduced the virus without negative impacts. Prisoners have had fewer adverse reactions than non-prisoners participating in the clinical trials, she said.

Fischl and Department of Corrections officials said that inmates are under no pressure to volunteer.

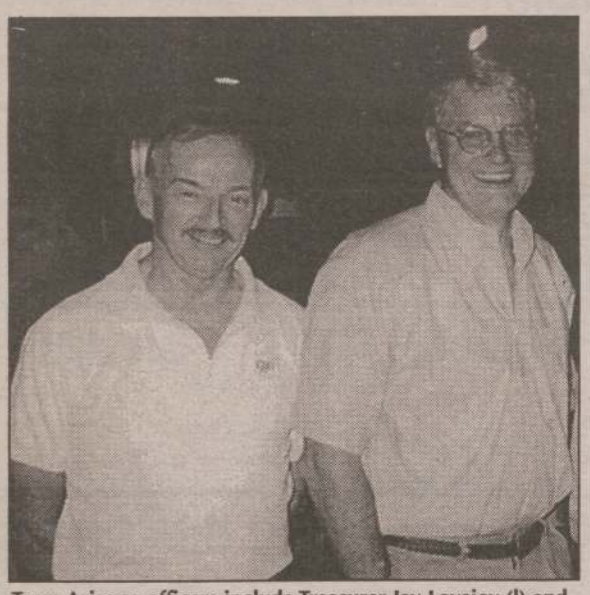
``There is no coercion,'' said Dr. David L. Thomas, the prisoner system's director of health services. ``There are no promises of better treatment or easier life'' at the South Unit.

Saguaro Sports Fest is on a roll

Team Arizona's first-ever Saguaro Spring Sports Festival has held three very successful events in the Phoenix area with more to come.

The sports festival was created to provide the Central Arizona gay community an opportunity to enjoy fun but competitive events in a variety of athletic activities. The events are taking place over seven weekends through March and into April.

The first event was a 14-mile bike ride around the northwest end of Lake Pleasant. there were 23 bikers on the outing. The next event was a fun bowling tournament at a north Valley bowling alley, called the Monte Carlo tournament. Thirty eight bowlers participated, with prizes for strikes and picking up splits.



Team Arizona officers include Treasurer Jay Lovejoy (l) and President Garry Smith.

The next event was the Spring Golf Tournament held at the Mountain Shadows Resort. The six foursomes were made up of players of all skill levels, including a former PGA member and some who hadn't hit a golf ball in more than a year.

The event was very successful, with the winning foursome earning a team score of 53. Several players came from out of state to participate in the tournament.

The day of golf was followed by a backyard "19th Hole" party at the Central Phoenix home of Team Arizona President Garry Smith and First Booster, Wayne Ver Hoeve.

Next on the Team Arizona schedule are the tennis tournament, the Saguaro Cup Softball Tournament, and a 5K Run For Pride.

The first-ever Team Arizona tennis event will be a round robin doubles tournament held April 1 & 2 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Ranch at Camelback Mountain, 5700 E. McDonald Dr. in Paradise Valley.

The tournament will be called "Arizona's Balmy, Crazy Doubles" (ABCD) and players at all levels are encouraged to participate. The $60 fee includes two days' play, a welcome party, a banquet on Saturday evening, and more.

For an application, contact Paul D. Cain, Tournament Director, at 602/495-9750, or by e-mail at pauldcain@aol.com.

To sign up for the 5K Run For Pride on April 15, call Team Arizona at 602/408-4311, or contact the Frontrunners at 602/954-3983. For more information on the Saguaro Cup softball extravaganza, call Team Arizona or the Cactus Cities Softball League at 602/287-9573.

All monies raised beyond the cost of these events will help Team Arizona build its scholarship fund, which helps local athletes attend the Gay Games scheduled for Sydney, Australia in 2002.

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Women's Softball Lovers

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and not have to act all straight—for lack of a better word." Skinner says she played softball in high school, grade school and "hell, even in the crib."

CCSL for two years, but her life in the game goes back much further. "Back in Iowa everybody played softball, and every business has a team," she says.

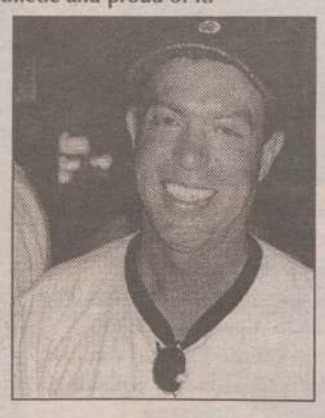
One might assume that the stellar athletic backgrounds that many of the lesbian players bring to the league would make them fierce competitors on the field, but Pike says that really isn't the case. "I've seen girls get down on themselves, but not on each other," she says.

Ask Pike whether she couldn't have found a gay softball league to play on back in Iowa, and she just laughs. "I don't think so. Not where I'm from, anyway."





Above left: For the love of softball—cheerleading wife Cheryl Van Vaerah with her woman, Nasty Habits' Lisa Pike. Above Right: Vanessa Mendez, (r), celebrates a team win with other members of the Legacy squad. Below left: C.C.S.L. Commissioner K. C. Sutherland likes the gender mixing the league promotes. Below right: The Desert Dawgs—out, athletic and proud of it.





A nice part of the gay league is that "you can hold each other, kiss each other and just be with each other and be competitive at the same time," adds Mendez.

Skinner says the shared love of the sport is a big part of what makes her relationship with Mendez last. Could she see herself in a relationship with a woman who didn't love to play softball?

"No, I honestly don't think I could," she answers. "Not unless she was a really good cheerleader."

One self-described "cheerleading wife" is Cheryl Van Vaerah, whose partner, Lisa Pike, pitches for a team sponsored by Nasty Habits. What Van Vaerah likes best about the CCSL is that she can yell out whatever she likes from the stands when "her honey" is on the mound. "And you don't have to pretend you're something you're not."

Pike has only been playing with the CCSL for two years, but her life in the game goes back much further. "Back in Iowa everybody played softball, and every business has a team," she says.

Now that she's moved to Phoenix and discovered the gay league, Pike enjoys playing softball more than ever. On the CCSL, sportswomanship rules. "The camaraderie is very special. It's a friendly game, and there's not too much negativity."

In addition to the size of the Phoenix metro area, the Arizona weather also contributes to the CCSL's ongoing success. An annual softball tournament held here each April and hosted by the league draws hundreds of players from all over the country, due in large part to the favorable climate.

Renamed the Saguaro Cup, the tourney will take place this year the weekend of April 7 through 9.

"The weather is definitely a big part of the appeal," says CCSL's assistant Women's Division Commissioner, Andi Warren. Warren has played softball for more than 20 years and has been a part of the CCSL for four. She currently coaches one of Nasty Habits' teams.

"The parks where we play are really nice," Warren adds. "They all have picnic tables, and a lot of the teams will bring their lunches and friends and make a party of it."

There's the party atmosphere, the chance to celebrate the balmy Arizona outdoors, the fun of being with other gay people and the opportunity to continue to prove oneself in an athletic career that may have begun in grade school.

Given all those reasons, it may seem that all the bases have been covered when it comes to lesbians and the appeal of their unofficially adopted company sport. But there's more.

Women's softball, says Warren, is inherently sexy. "Romance, I would say, is a definite possibility on the field. Seeing a woman playing well—I think that's a very attractive thing to watch. It is to me, anyway."



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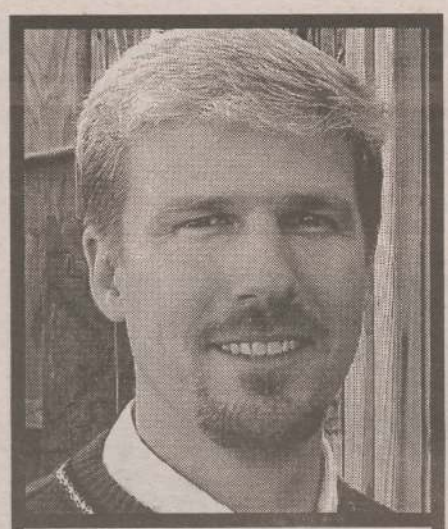
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Newsweek makes gays the special of the day

The March 20 issue of *Newsweek* features a 15-page special report, "Gay Today," that looks at current concerns of the lesbian and gay community other than AIDS. Concentrating on the topics of politics, family, schools, the military and the church, *Newsweek* calls the issues "… these intimate battles, the home fires, that have become the fire… ."

After the opening article covers the general climate for lesbians and gay men, "Gay Today: The Family" profiles Teresa Williams, Jo Deutsch and their two children. The article rightly portrays the women's family as not so different from any other.

"Gay Today: The Schools" looks at the growth of Gay-Straight Alliances in high schools and the opposition that goes hand-in-hand with these attempts to provide lesbian and gay students with a support group.

"Gay Today: The Military" presents the story of "Reggie" and "Billy," two Airmen whose careers ended when their relationship was revealed, and Arizona state Rep. Steve May, currently under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" investigation.

"Gay Today: The Church" focuses on a lesbian couple finding acceptance at Fellowship United Methodist and Rev. Dr. Leanne M. Tigert, who runs a counseling center to support gay Christians.

Sidebars include the ongoing controversy about Laura Schlessinger's upcoming television show, James Dale's discrimination lawsuit against the Boy Scouts of America and Megan Smith, CEO of PlanetOut.com

The value of this type of positive placement in a general-audience magazine such as *Newsweek* cannot be underestimated. Political analysts say the way to equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community is through people who take a middle-ground position on social issues.

Because this type of pro-LBGT coverage always prompts those opposed to the community to write angry and negative letters to publications, be sure to send *Newsweek* a letter of thanks for providing the "moveable middle" with more information to understand our community and ultimately support it.

• Contact: Ann McDaniel, Managing Editor, *Newsweek*, 251 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019; fax: 212-445-5068; e-mail: letters@newsweek.com

The gay Life *In the Mirror*

After introducing gay couple Fernandito and Kevin on its hit sitcom *Los Beltrán*, Telemundo now serves up another groundbreaking representation in its new telenovela (soap opera) *La Vida En El Espejo* (*The Life In the Mirror*). Purchased from Mexican television company TV AZTECA, *La Vida En El Espejo* revolves around the dramatic lives of the Román family.

After 25 years of marriage, parents Santiago (Gonzalo Vega) and Isabel (Rebecca Jones) separate and the family must find a way to keep itself together.

During the week of Feb. 29, the episodes included the storyline of the eldest son Mauricio (José María Yazpik) leaving his fiancée Irene (Teresa Tuccio), which puzzles his family. Before rumors start going around, Mauricio decides to come out to his father. In a very powerful scene, Santiago does not take it well as Mauricio stands his ground.

In subsequent episodes, however, Santiago begins his own personal journey in his son's coming out and slowly learns the lesson of acceptance. Santiago even tells his ex-wife Isabel, who is even more upset by the news (although, last week, she apologized to Mauricio and let him know she is OK with his life).

Telenovelas have often had lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender characters walking in and out of their storylines, but this is the first time one has featured a major gay character with such positive results. Please commend Telemundo for its choice to purchase and air a program that features such a sensitive handling of a son's coming out.

• Contact: James McNamara, President and CEO, and Nely Galan, President of Entertainment, Telemundo, 2470 West 8th Avenue, Hialeah, FL 33010; fax: 305-884-6715; comment line: 305-889-7999.

Walls Talk on HBO

Providing accurate images of lesbian couples and snapshots of the climate lesbians have faced during the last 40 years, *If These Walls Could Talk* 2 premiered on HBO March 4 and has aired repeatedly since. The trilogy of stories, each set in the same house but in a different decade with different characters, had an all-star cast, was extensively advertised by HBO in both mainstream and LGBT media, and was the focus of a great deal of media attention.

Part one, set in 1961, stars the legendary Vanessa Redgrave as a woman who must deal with the pain of lesbian invisibility so prevalent during that time period. When her partner of 50 years dies, she is not recognized as a family member by hospital personnel nor her partner's family.

As often the case during that time, Redgrave's character is treated as merely a "good friend," and she is denied her rights of visitation and inheritance.

This segment's powerful message reflects how much progress we have made as a community, while at the same time reminding us that we continue to live in a society where rights for lesbian and gay couples can and are routinely denied.

Part two, set in 1972, has the house occupied by four college lesbian feminists, played by Michelle Williams, Nia Long, Natasha Lyonne and Amy Carlson. The four women struggle with the issue of diversity in the lesbian community when it seemingly contradicts their feminist values.

This conflict is exemplified when Williams' character meets and begins a relationship with Chloe Sevigny, a butch lesbian. The four roommates have difficulty reconciling their ideology when confronted by a woman who expresses a masculine gender role..

The story offers an honest look at this debate within the community—one that has still not been resolved. How these women want acceptance as lesbians, but do not necessarily see some women as part of the "lesbian community" when they do not look or act exactly like them, is a reminder of how so many issues like this continue today in the LGBT community.

Part three, set in 2000, is the story of a lesbian couple, played by Sharon Stone and Ellen DeGeneres, going through the process of donor insemination. Within this story is one that many viewers, regardless of their sexual orientation, can identify with—the challenges and joys of having a child and building a family.

Their ups and downs, the issues they deal with as a couple and their clear desire to create a safe and loving home for their child is one that is rarely told by mainstream media.

Please let HBO know you appreciate this worthy effort that avoided sensationalism and was instead sensitive and refreshing, particularly for a large, general viewing audience.

• Contact: Keri Putnam, Vice President of Production and Development, HBO, 2049 Century Park East, 36th Floor, Los Angeles, Ca 90067; fax: 310-201-9552; e-mail: Click the "Talk to HBO" button at www.hbo.com

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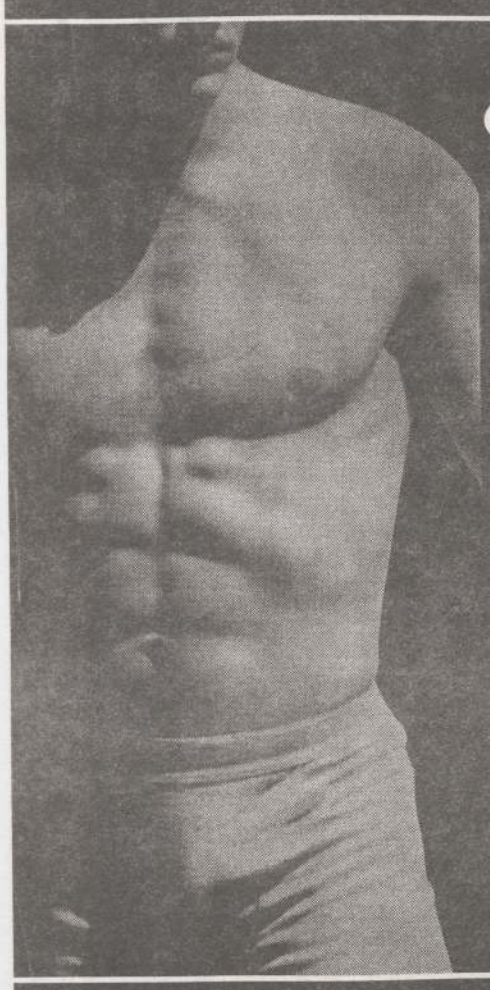
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AZ Women in Tune bringing Alix Dobkin to Phoenix

March is Women's History Month, and Arizona's lesbian chorus—Arizona Women in Tune—will celebrate with a joint concert with legendary singer, songwriter and feminist activist Alix Dobkin.

The title for the March 29 event, *Watering Our Roots: The Legacy of Lavender Music*, pays tribute to Dobkin's pioneering album, *Lavender Jane Loves Women*, which came out in 1973 on Dobkin's own Women's Waxworks label. Melissa Etheridge was in grammar school when Alix Dobkin was planting the seeds of openly lesbian musical performance, and Women in Tune members are excited about sharing the stage with Dobkin, whose experiences match some of their own.

In the 1960s, Dobkin was a rising star in the American folk music industry. Major record labels tried to sign her, but she refused to be closeted. She produced *Lavendar Jane Loves Women* and earned herself an FBI report that she would copy in her press releases. The FBI labeled her "a dissenter type ... argumentative ... a trouble maker." Her efforts to create women's performance spaces drew criticisms of "man-hater" thirty years ago, and she's been alternately vilified and reified.

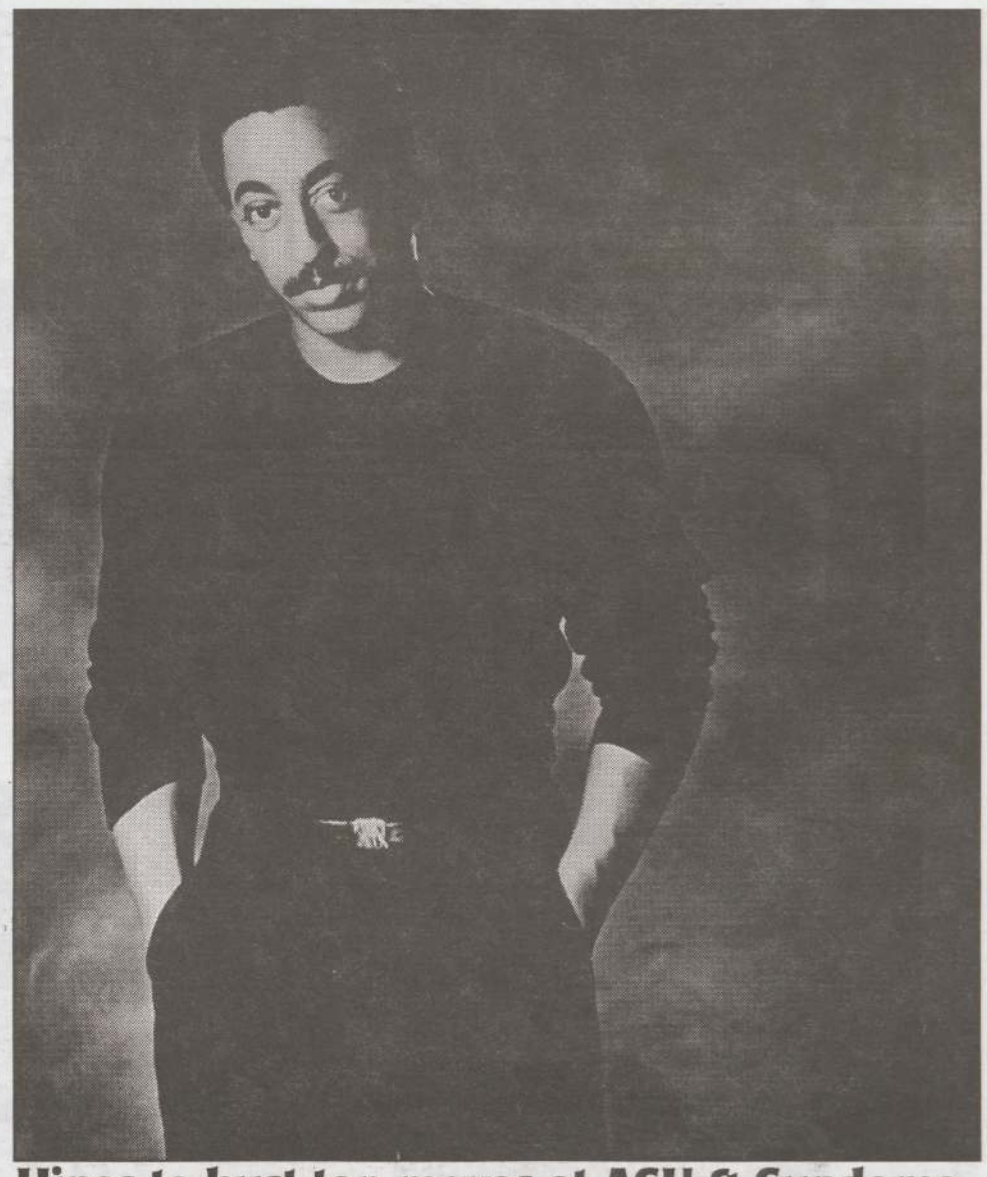
A mirror and voice of American lesbian experience, Dobkin's 40-year career spans coming out in the '60s, the separatism of the '70s to the global environmental activism of the '80s. The '90s included a retreat from public life to work on personal spiritual renewal, as well as going from excluding men from her concerts to performing with gay singing duo Romanovsky and Philips and benefits for P-FLAG. Throughout her career, she's prioritized lesbians and anti-racist work; and she's taken the heat for it. There will be something for all of us at this joint concert.

Several members of Women in Tune wax nostalgic when they think of Dobkin's compelling lyrics and impressive vocal agility. The lesbian music magazine *Hot Wire* named her all-time favorite performer for multiple years, and they called her the Head Lesbian for years. She's wowed audiences around the globe with her humor, sensitivity and outrageousness.

"I have all of her records; most are on LP!" said Rosemarie Wallace, an alto with years of activist experience herself. "I came out in 1977, two years after Alix's second album, *Living with Lesbians*. I memorized every word; it truly was important in my coming out," added soprano Dawn Bates, another longtime activist.

When Dobkin was last in the Valley a few years ago, the gay community had at least three lesbian organizations that have since folded. Women in Tune hopes to reach the women who used to participate in the *Women's Central News*, *Valley Career/Community Women*, and the *Lesbian Resource Project*, as well as women and men from currently active organizations for a night of history, celebration, and community bridge-building.

The concert will take place Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 pm at the Community Church of Hope, 4400 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix. Tickets are $15; season ticket and group discounts available. Call 623/878-5430 for information.



Hines to bust tap moves at ASU & Sundome

Multi-talented dancer/actor Gregory Hines has been called the greatest tap artist of his generation. He's also been featured on TV this season as Will's arrogant new (straight, but open-minded) boss on the queerful comedy *Will & Grace*.

Hines will be performing live in the Valley for two shows at two venues in April. He'll first appear at ASU's Sundome Center in the West Valley on Saturday, April 1 for a 7:30 pm show. Tickets are $17 - $29 and are available through the Sundome Box Office at 623/975-199.

On Sunday, April 2, the tap master will strut his stuff at Tempe's Gammage Auditorium on the ASU main campus at 7:00 pm. Tickets for the Tempe show are $9 - $35 and are available through the Gammage Box Office at 480/965-3434.

Ugly Duckling on the bill at downtown grill for Shanti

Steve's Grill at 139 E. Adams in downtown Phoenix is offering a dinner theater package to benefit The Phoenix Shanti Group/White Bison Theater Project.

Beginning Monday, March 27 and running Monday and Tuesday nights until April 18, Steve's will be presenting A.A. Milne's *The Ugly Duckling*. Dinner is at 7:00 pm, and the show starts at 8:00. Milne is best known as the creator of the *Winnie the Pooh* series.

The story is the comic tale of a not-so-beautiful princess and her not-so-hot prince. The king and queen devise a plan to fool the prince and marry off their daughter—but he plan goes wring and things end happily ever after, after all.

Steve's is offering a special menu that includes entree, salad and beverage for $18. Half of each ticket sold goes to Phoenix Shanti. Call 602/252-2742 for reservations.

HeatStroke's Arts & Entertainment Calendar

• Bernard Slade's romantic comedy *Same Time, Next Year* is playing in repertory with its sequel, *Same Time, Another Year* at the Copperstate Dinner Theatre at Max's in Glendale **every Saturday** through April. 602/279-2806.

• William Shakespeare returns to downtown Phoenix this month. His witty, gender-switching comedy *As You Like It*, presented by Arizona Theatre Company at the Herberger, opens Thursday, **March 23** and runs through April 9. 602/256-6995.

• Return to the mystical, magical land of *Brigadoon* at Tempe Little Theatre from Friday, **March 24** through April 9.

• The music of *Ensemble Anonymous* will resonate at Kerr Cultural Center on Friday, **March 24.** 480/965-5377.

• Enjoy an East Valley *Spring Dance Concert* at the MCC Outback Theatre on Saturday, **March 25** and Sunday, March 26. 480/461-7170.

• Asian-American poet/playwright *Lane Nishikawa* will be featured at Kerr Cultural Center on Tuesday, **March 28** and March 30. 480/965-5377.

• John Guare's brilliant black comedy *Six Degrees Of Separation* will be tackled by the venerable Phoenix Theatre, opening Wednesday, **March 29** and running through April 9. 602/258-1974.

• *Joe Turner's Come and Gone* will be presented by the Black Theatre Troupe opening Thursday, **March 30**, coming & going until April 3.

• It's time to reirse a carcajadas when the *Yo Quiero Comedy Jam* featuring Paul Rodriguez, Alex Reymundo, Marilyn Martinez & Joey Medina comes to the Celebrity Theatre, on Friday, **March 31**. 602/267-1600.

• Breeze on in and check out *The Wind in the Willows* presented by the Valley Youth Theater from Friday, **March 31** through April 16.

• Queen Elinor and Henry II are at each other's throats in the historical comedy *Lion in Winter*, presented in Peoria by Theater Works from Friday, **March 31** through April 25.

• The Werewolves of London and downtown Phoenix as well will be on the lookout for *Warren Zevon* with *Jill Sobule* at Alice Cooper'stown on Saturday, **April 1**. 602/253-7337.

• Truth is stranger than fiction—unbelievable tales will be reenacted by the Essential Theatre's improvisational troupe during *Incredible Stories*, a Playback Theatre performance at Scottsdale's Center for the Arts on Saturday, **April 1**. 480/994-ARTS.

• Valley Jazz vocal legend *Margo Reed* and Friends will perform at Kerr Cultural Center in Scottsdale on Wednesday, **April 5**. 480/965-5377.

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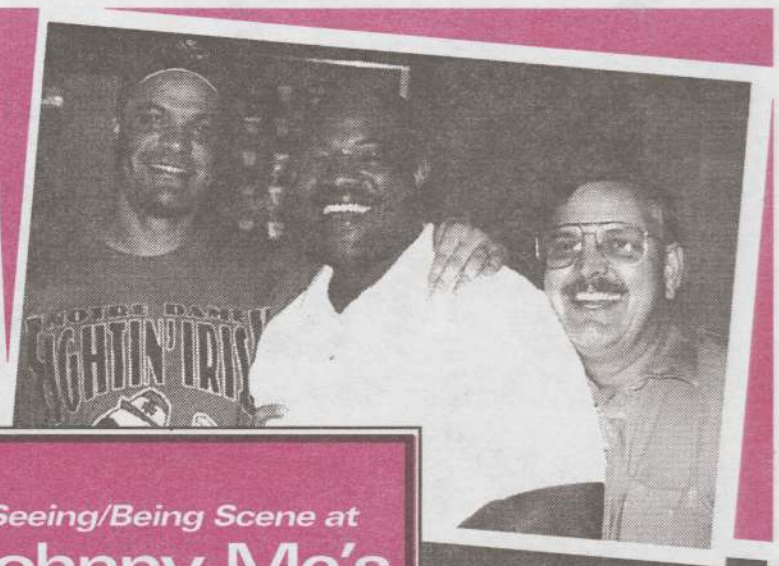
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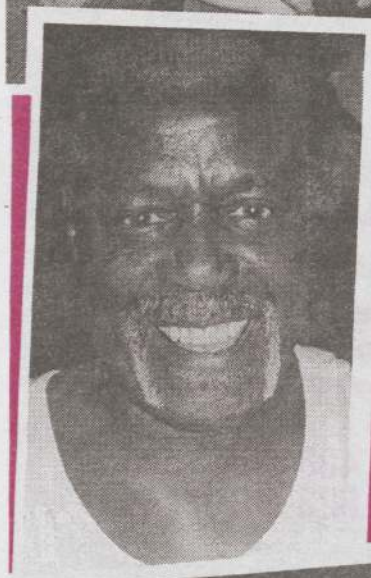


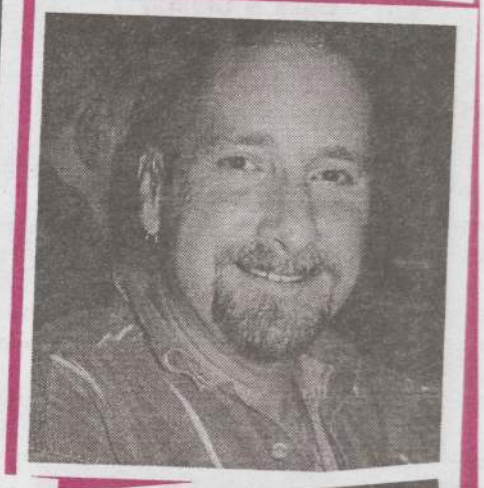


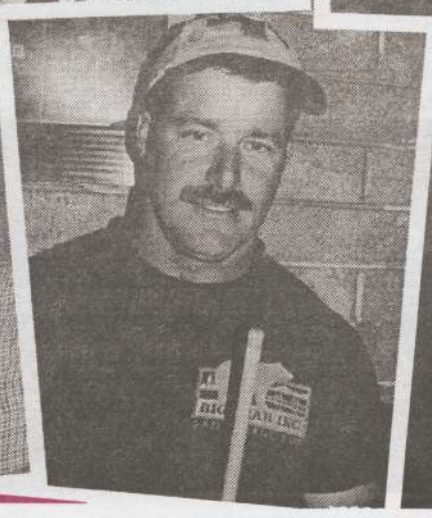












Gay Lessons, Straight Towns

The Valley's only all-gay theatre company continues its world-premiere tradition with "Lummox Texas"

By John Thomas Lotardo, Contributor

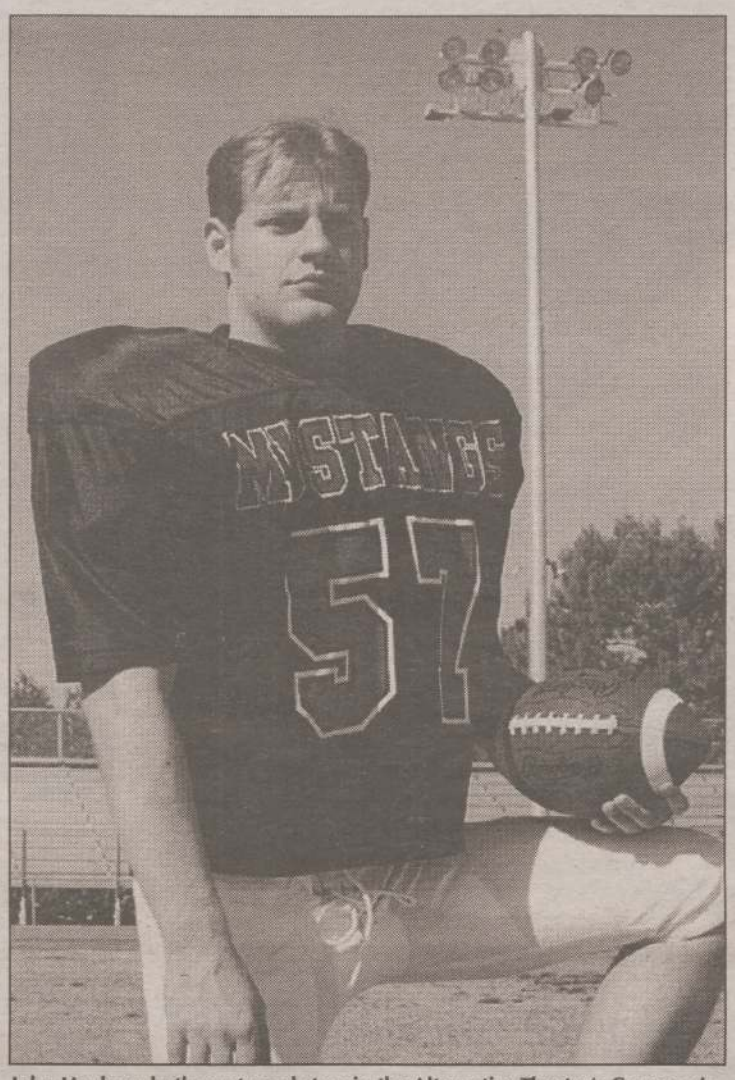
Phoenix actor John Haubner can now ad "playwright" to his resume.

Haubner is familiar to Valley audiences from the diverse roles he's had in several recent dramas including *Ghetto* and *The Twilight of the Golds*, as well as in the Alternative Theatre Company's 1999 queer hit, *Dirty Secrets*.

Now he'll perform a new one-man, gay-themed show of his own creation, *Lummox Texas*, at On The Spot Theater beginning March 30.

"The Alternative Theater Company is just thrilled to be sponsoring this upcoming show," says ATC Artistic Director Joe Marshall.

Marshall, long known on local stages for his acting and directing and a recipient of at least one AriZoni Award for Best Direction, sees this show's premiere as something very relevant for today's times.



John Haubner both wrote and stars in the Alternative Theatre's Company's latest production, *Lummox Texas.*

Lummox Texas is the coming of age of an entire town in what could be Anywhere, USA.

Engulfed by media, the townspeople address the brutal murder of their star high school quarterback. The killing is reminiscent of recent real-life hate crime events like the Columbine shooting spree as well as the murders of Matthew Sheppard and Teena Brandon.

Haubner portrays eight characters in all including Ryan, who narrates the play. Ryan, a 17 year old, introduces us to the asssorted residents of the town, who try to grasp the reason for such tragedy while the world watches.

"John is a joy to work with and very professional," Marshall says of the young actor-turned-writer. "I consider this to be quite a clever piece as much as it is timely, because of the wonderful plot twists he uses." By way of explanation, Marshall adds, "I can't tell you now! You'll have to come see the show."

The director of *Lummox Texas*, Wanda McHatton, agrees. McHatton has been directing valley-wide for more than ten years and is thrilled to part of the show. "I was flattered that Joe [Marshall] called and asked if I would direct," she says. "This show is definitely not just a "gay show," remarks McHatton.

She continues, "It is a human interest story meant to enlighten the audience as well as entertain." A straight woman, she recognizes the broad impact a story such as this can have.

Using many different techniques, McHatton gives depth and variation to the eight characters played by Haubner. "Without [variation]," she explains, "it would be a lecture—and that is not what it is at all."

Haubner, the actor and author of *Lummox Texas*, is excited to have the Alternative Theatre Company producing his show. "I am so lucky to have Joe involved. He has been so supportive. Originally, Alternative Theatre was not able to produce the show this season, but after reading it, Joe called and said we WILL make it happen."

Haubner continues, "Wanda has been great too. She is a big supporter of gay theater."

As for how he came up with the idea for the show, Haubner explains, "I had been working on it for some time. I had the idea before the Matthew Shepard incident happened. I later incorporated those happenings into the play."

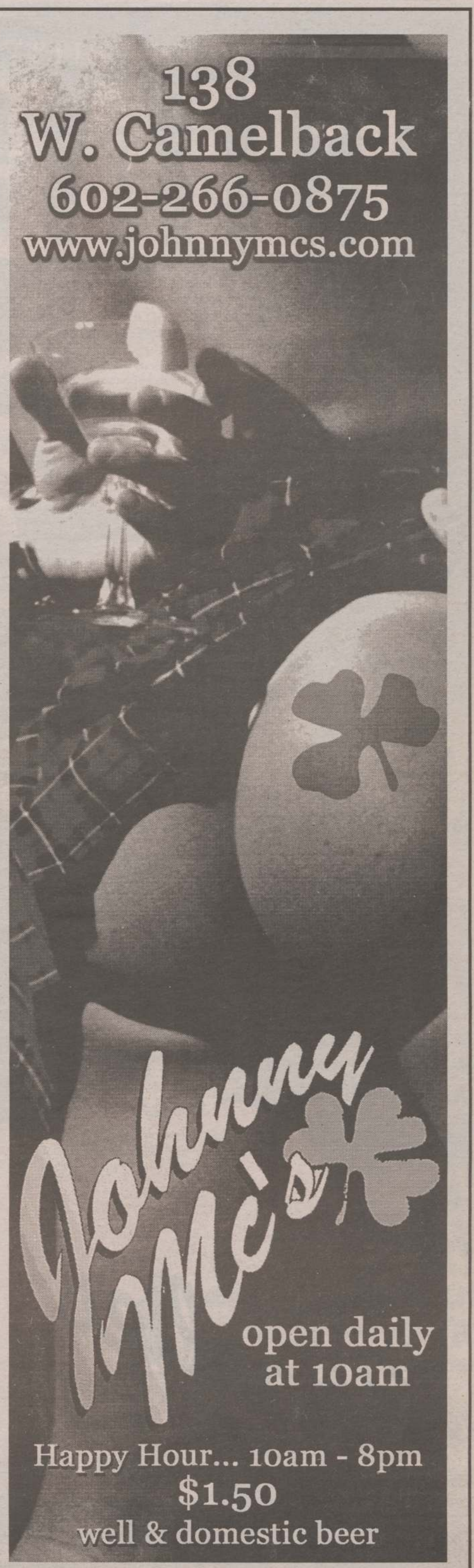
The author wants to clarify that the show—even with its gay theme—is much more universal than that. He explains that the play "can't be just about gay issues. It needs to be of more universal appeal and show the impact that the media, and especially the Internet, have on society."

He believes it is very important to reach today's youth with the message of tolerance and acceptance. To that end, a March 30 preview performance will be free for those 21 and younger with valid identification.

Marshall takes a break from the multitasking of producing, acting and directing he demonstrated with *Dirty Secrets* and is focusing solely on the production end with *Lummox Texas*. "One hat feels very strange, indeed," says Marshall.

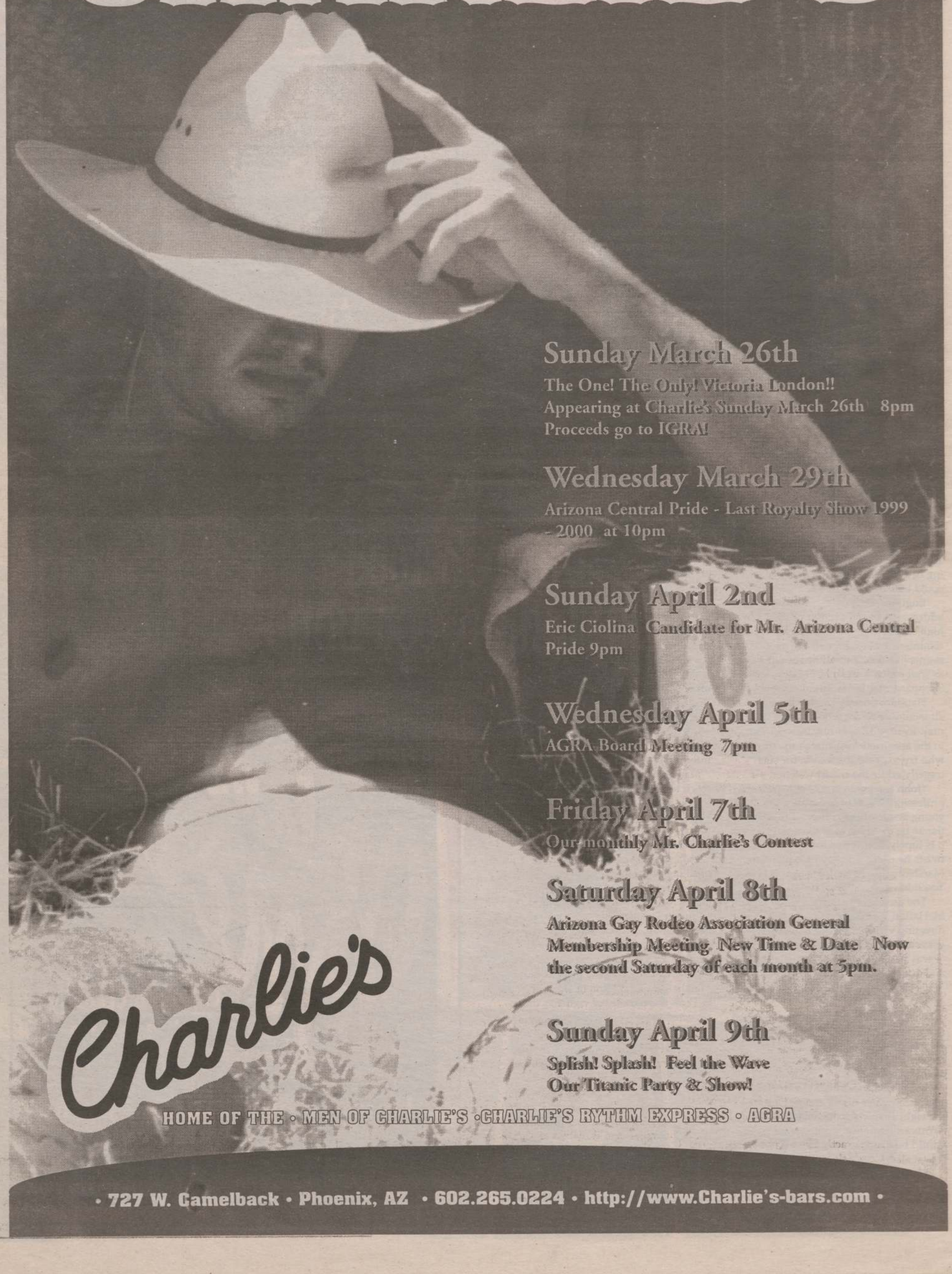
Alternative Theatre Company is also gearing up for its next production, the premiere of a new show penned by Marshall called *A Night in Vegas*. *A Night in Vegas* is a comedy of vignettes that is expected to be a very entertaining show and indeed much lighter than last year's complex piece of infidelity, *Dirty Secrets*. Set in a hotel room in the popular gambling town, *A Night in Vegas* opens June 8 at On the Spot.

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Notable Quotes

Newsmakers, Celebrities & Others Speak Out

Compiled by Rex Wockner



"I fought Anne for months, saying I wouldn't do the love scene [in HBO's *If These Walls Could Talk* 2]. She was like, 'It's Sharon Stone.' I said: 'I won't do the scene. I'm not getting naked. I'm not going to kiss somebody else.'"

—Ellen DeGeneres to *The New York Times*, Feb. 20.

"I think it's [queer] a much nicer word than gay. Gay is one of my least favorite words. I think it's a glamorous word, queer. I like the connotation of it. Gay is the most hideous word—to start with, its '30s connotation, when everyone had a gay time, I think was gross. It's such a fey word, gay."

—Actor Rupert Everett to Miami's *The Weekly News*, Feb. 17.

"I don't want to have a family myself. Part of the great thing about being gay for me is not having to have a family. I very much liked being gay when gay was kind of outside of society.... I don't want to clone heterosexual behavior particularly."

—Actor Rupert Everett to Miami's *The Weekly News*, Feb. 17.

"[Coming out] was never an issue, to be honest, for me. As soon as the last possibility in my mind that I might have any kind of serious, straight thing going for me fizzled out [around age 26], it was a natural thing really. It didn't seem like any big issue. No one was very interested in me, so it wasn't like I opened the curtain one day to the world and said, 'I'm out.'"

—Actor Rupert Everett to Miami's *The Weekly News*, Feb. 17.

"When I told people that's how I got infected [with HIV, through oral sex], I was treated with at best mild disdain and at worst with mocking disbelief. But I honestly never had unprotected anal intercourse before my infection, and the most I ever did was unprotected oral sex, and then not even to ejaculation. People don't want to hear this, but that doesn't mean it isn't true. I think it's still a very small risk, but over time, small risks become bigger risks. The odds mount. I just hope people will believe some of us now."

—Author Andrew Sullivan to Atlanta's *Southern Voice*, Feb. 3. Recent studies show that sucking cock is more dangerous than previously believed, accounting for up to 8 percent of HIV infections.

"Who cares [what stuffier MPs think]? I'm there and there's nothing much they can do about it. And I'm there with the endorsement of a rural conservative heartland agricultural area of New Zealand, which is an enigma for my opponents."

—New Zealand Member of Parliament Georgina Beyer, the world's first openly transsexual MP, to Sydney, Australia's *Capital Q*, Feb. 11.

"I am exactly like a gay woman except that I don't sleep with women."

—Actress Sharon Stone accepting an award for her gay activism Feb. 20 at a Human Rights Campaign gala in Los Angeles.

"I suppose I associate a lifestyle of promiscuity with bisexuality. It may not be fair but I do. I suppose I'm insecure that a bisexual man has sexual needs that I can't fulfill. I suppose I like to think of my husband taking my son to a ballgame and not having to worry whether Daddy is checking out the pitcher's glutes. I suppose I'm nervous about my kids being teased because of their father's sexual—I suppose I'm worried about diseases. I suppose, in the end, I'm far more homophobic than I ever imagined."

—TV's Ally McBeal on the Feb. 21 episode. Ally had been asked out by a bisexual man.

"Sometimes [dating] is really awful. Some people play some awful games. It took me a long time to realize that I would never have a normal relationship, that my whole life from my first public appearance would become public property. When I go to [gay] bars and clubs, I've never gone with security and created this myth about me. I've always done what I want to do in an everyday kind of way. But some people are quite nasty and resentful, and sometimes that makes me more of a target. When someone's drunk and they're looking for a victim, it's easy for them to choose me. If I'm sober, I say, 'Your problem, not mine.' If I'm drunk, a quick slap to the face puts a stop to that."

—Pop singer Jimmy Somerville to the Montreal paper *Hour*, Feb. 24.

"I've always been unapologetically out and that's always created for me huge problems because the media treated me as a spokesperson for the entire [gay] community. My demand for basic civil rights was seen as militant extremism, even by gay men, and that made me so depressed. A lot of gay men resented me because they didn't want to be tarred with the same radical brush. But I was my own voice."

—Pop singer Jimmy Somerville to the Montreal paper *Hour*, Feb. 24.

"I've slept with all the boy bands. I know them all."

—Elton John at the Grammy Awards, Feb. 23.

"Now he is a knight. In the U.K., he should be addressed as Sir Elton. But here in the good old U.S.A., his friends can still call him Sharon."

—Billy Joel on Elton John at the Grammy Awards, Feb. 23.

"The Knight Initiative, sponsored by right-wing state senator Pete Knight, is on the March 7, 2000, ballot. The Knight Initiative threatens hospital visitation rights, inheritance rights and other equal rights and protections that voters and private corporations have established for gays and lesbians in recent years. It represents the latest political efforts by anti-gay special interests to increase the rhetoric of hate and intolerance towards gay and lesbian Californians and their families, and threatens all California families with unnecessary intrusion into their private lives."

—Rosie O'Donnell at the Grammy Awards, Feb. 23.

"Marketers worldwide are increasingly recognizing the importance and spending power of the gay community as a dynamic, fast growing economic force in the business world today. As a result of their unique lifestyles, gay men and women are by definition intensely brand loyal, and hyper acquisitive. They for the most part enjoy joint earnings, yielding them high disposable incomes."

—From a letter sent to gay businesses by the Millennium March On Washington's Millennium Festival street fair.

"The best political statement you can make about gays and lesbians in society now is to treat it as matter-of-fact. That's the most radical thing you could do. No pleading, whiny, mopey, we're-picked-on-more-than-anyone-else stuff."

—Writer Dan Savage to the *Seattle Times*, Feb. 25.

"Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) said that homosexuality 'is a lifestyle I don't agree with.' This is a trope you hear from the religious right a good deal, and it seems to have entered the conservative mainstream, rolling easily off the tongue. But it is a very odd thing to say. No one (speaking rationally) says, 'I don't agree with the Pacific Ocean' or 'I don't agree with the Grand Canyon.' Facts are not things you agree or disagree with. You can agree or disagree with viewpoints, thoughts or ideas, but homosexuality is not a viewpoint or an idea. It is a thing, an attribute, a nature, a fact."

—Syndicated gay-press columnist Paul Varnell in a late February filing.

"[It's] a kind of homophobic extreme that indicates not only unfairness, but a kind of deep-seated border-on-hatred, and a total misunderstanding of what it means to be gay and lesbian. ... I bet that there are enough gays and lesbians in Paramount, making it a good company today that Paramount would not have its own interests served by continuing this sort of thing [the planned Dr. Laura TV show]. So, I think it should go off."

—Presidential candidate Bill Bradley in reference to radio celebrity Dr. Laura, Feb. 26.

"I still believe the fastest way to a gay man's heart is to tell him that he seems straight."

—*Out* magazine columnist Derek de Koff, writing in the February issue.

"When I was in high school, two boys went to court over the right to go to the prom together. I spoke out loudly against them on TV, on the steps of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. I made a mockery of them because I knew who I was, and I was scared to death people would find me out."

—Dan Stewart, the openly gay mayor of Plattsburgh, N.Y., to the Associated Press, Feb. 26.

"I joined the military when I was 18 to escape a lot of things, and because I wanted to be somebody. And I honestly thought that in the military, I'd go straight. It didn't quite work out that way. I found more gay people in the military than I'd ever known."

—Dan Stewart, the openly gay mayor of Plattsburgh, N.Y., to the Associated Press, Feb. 26.

"Gay marriage should be legal if just to raise the standard of dancing at receptions."

—Columnist Liz Langley in the *Miami Herald*, Feb. 25.

"I just get this really good feeling about Bill Bradley. It's my sense that he has a genuinely sweet soul."

—Ru Paul to the Phoenix gay publication *HeatStroke*, Feb. 24.

"If someone called a Jew a biological error, you think they'd get a TV show? I don't think so. When you defame African-Americans, it's racism. You defame gay people, it's free speech. ... The [planned] show's going to be canceled. This is going to be living hell for Paramount for the next year at least."

—Gay activist John Aravosis who launched the Web site StopDrLaura.com on March 1, to Salon.com, March 1.

"I think it is outrageous that Paramount chooses to be in business with a woman who is, I think, literally dangerous to the gay community. She may not have a club in her hand, but she encourages an atmosphere where those who do wield weapons feel free to use them."

—David Lee, executive director of the Paramount TV show *Frasier*, to the Web site StopDrLaura.com, March 1.

"I was taught that if somebody has money, then they're very important. And if they're a celebrity—wow! That's really important. And so of course I became a celebrity. And of course I wanted to make a lot of money. All those things seemed to be what would make me happy. Then I learned after having money and becoming a celebrity that it's not what makes you happy. It doesn't matter if you have the whole world loving you or hating you. And knowing this has enriched my relationship with Anne."

—Ellen DeGeneres to *The Advocate*, March 14.



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My Queer Life

INVISIBLE INK

by Michael Thomas Ford

I'm having my tattoos removed.

I have quite a few tattoos. No one ever believes this, because mostly they're covered up by clothes, but I do. I had the first one done over a decade ago, and still remember exactly how it felt, sitting there in the chair while the needle etched a picture into my body.

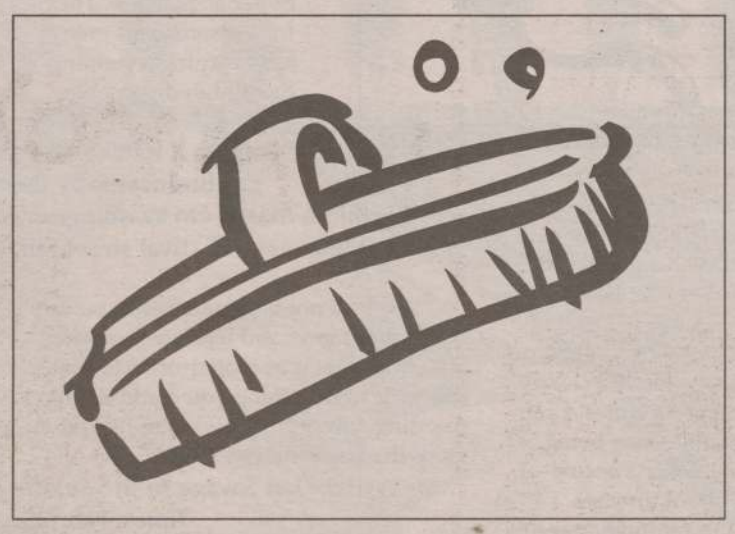
It was, in many ways, a spiritual experience. The image reflected how I was feeling at the time, and it was a visible marker of my growth. I also thought it was just plain cool.

Since then, I've had four more, each one marking a particular moment in my life. I've enjoyed getting each tattoo, and each one means something to me. But I don't need them any more. I don't know why, really, except that one day I was looking at them in the mirror and I realized suddenly that it was time for them to go.

So now, once a month, I go to the dermatologist and lie on the table while he takes the tattoos off with a laser. Because we're doing all of my tattoos at once, this takes a while. I have a lot of time, as he moves the laser over my skin, to think about it all and what it means.

My first tattoo was of the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland. I've always been a lot like the White Rabbit, and I thought he would make a good talisman of sorts. The woman who inked him onto my shoulder was used to doing things like burning skulls and naked women, and she thought my rabbit was great. She even had me model in a tattoo show when it was all over.

A year later, when I told her I wanted another tat, she suggested doing the same rabbit, only in a very butch motorcycle jacket and boots. She thought it symbolized the two sides of my personality, kind of a gayboy yin/yang thing. I agreed, and



on went the rebel rabbit, back to back with his more refined waistcoat-wearing, umbrella-toting twin.

Now the White Rabbit and his brother are being burned off my shoulder. One laser burst at a time, their lines of ink are being broken into small bits that my lymph system gobbles up and swallows. Tattoo removal is a long, painful process. The laser only takes away so much ink each time, and you need to wait a month in between treatments. It will take me about six months to be wiped clean, like a blackboard removed of chalk.

Right now my rabbits are about half gone, ghostly reflections of their former selves. When I look at them in the mirror, I see them just below the surface, as if they're staring up at me from underwater. While from a monetary and pain management standpoint I would prefer it if one treatment wiped away all signs of the tattoos, I kind of like this gradual goodbye. I've lived with these pictures for so long that I don't remember what I look like without them. This way, I have time to get used to the idea.

When someone asks me to describe what getting a tattoo is like, I can't really do it. I can tell them that it sort of feels like having a pin dragged along your skin repeatedly. But that's inadequate.

I can't explain that the rest of it, the wonderful part, is feeling something being written on your body, a visual record of who you are at that particular moment in your life. I can't really explain how having to trust someone to paint your skin with a steel needle and colored inks is one of the most intimate moments you can experience. All I can tell them is that it kind of hurts, but in a magical way.

Similarly, I can't really explain how having my tattoos removed feels. I can tell you that the physical pain of being burned with a laser is like being snapped with a rubber band repeatedly. In doing research on tattoo removal, I found one source that described the pain as being splattered with bacon grease.

While hardly encouraging, this is a fitting description, but mainly because the smell really does remind me of bacon cooking. The other day, while undergoing another treatment, I sniffed the air and had the sudden, horrible, realization that the only thing that really keeps humans from becoming someone's breakfast is the fact that pigs can't manipulate machinery.

But the physical pain is only part of the process. The real work is in saying goodbye to the person you used to be.

When I called to make my first appointment for laser surgery, the nurse said, "So, it's time to grow up, is it?" I know what she meant, but she's got it all wrong. This isn't about growing up. It's about continuing the journey.

I'm not having my tattoos removed because I don't like them, or because they stand in the way of my getting a job. I'm having them removed because, just as it was important for me to get them in the first place, it's now important for me to reclaim the space they occupy. I want my skin back. It's part of an overall process of reclaiming my body, which is important to me right now.

But even when they're gone, the ink turned into invisible particles eaten by my system, my tattoos will still be there. I will remember how it felt to get them, how it felt when someone rubbed his hands over them admiring them, and how it felt having them removed. Each of these memories is important to me, and I don't want to forget them.

There is pain in memory, but there is also joy. So as the laser zaps my skin and the White Rabbit and the other tattoos grow fainter and fainter, it's with a mixture of sadness and relief that I let them go. I just wish I smelled less like bacon frying and more like a Pop-Tart toasting.



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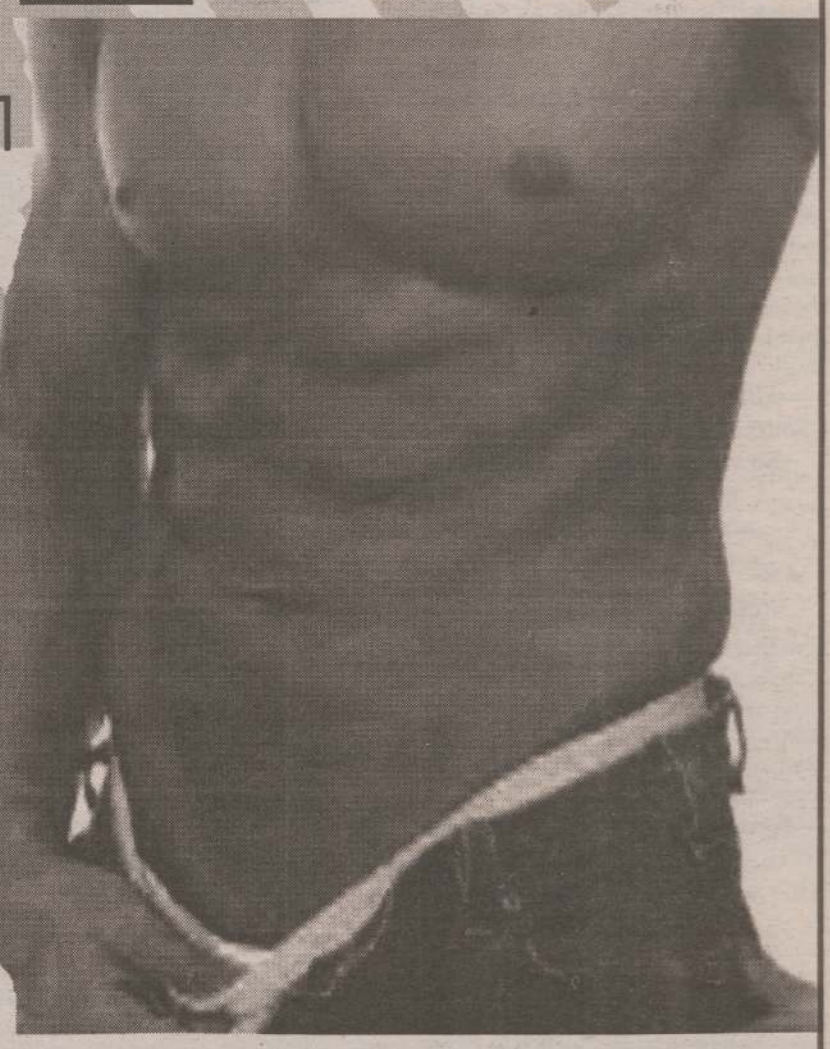
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Fox settles lawsuit with woman depicted in *Boys Don't Cry*

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A Nebraska woman who sued the studio behind the Academy Award-nominated movie *Boys Don't Cry* over the film's portrayal of her has settled her lawsuit.

Lana Tisdel had accused Fox Searchlight Pictures of depicting her as constantly under the influence of drugs and alcohol and referring to her as ``lazy, white trash and a skanky snake'' in the critically-acclaimed movie.

The film is based on the 1993 slaying of Teena Brandon, a woman who lived as man in rural Nebraska. Tisdel had dated Brandon, who called herself Brandon Teena, in Tisdel's hometown of Falls City.

The lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles was settled late last week, her attorney Charles Coate said Tuesday. He refused to disclose the terms of the settlement.

Fox spokeswoman Michele Robertson said Tisdel's slander complaint was ``amicably resolved.''

Chloe Sevigny's portrayal of Tisdel has earned her a nomination for the best supporting actress Academy Award to be presented Sunday. Hilary Swank, who played Teena, is up for the best actress award.

In announcing the lawsuit had been settled, Fox released a statement from Tisdel that said: ``I would also like the public to know how realistic I found Hilary Swank's portrayal of Brandon. She captured the real Brandon.''

Coate verified that Tisdel made the statement, but declined to comment further.

Teena was killed by two men who wanted to silence him after he told police they raped him when they learned of his true identity. The men also killed two other people who witnessed Teena's death.

Because of the movie, Tisdel claimed in her lawsuit that she was ridiculed by the Falls City community and has suffered a loss of reputation that will continue to cause her ``humiliation, embarrassment, hurt feelings, mental anguish and suffering.''

Tisdel's lawsuit also claimed the movie goes so far as to falsely imply she is a lesbian and is willing to engage in sexual favors in exchange for alcohol.

The movie also falsely portrays Tisdel as falling asleep at the murder scene and ``doing nothing about it after it has occurred,'' according to the lawsuit.

Police reports indicate that Tisdel was not at the murder scene.



Chloe Sevigny (l) portrays Lana Tisdel, Hilary Swank plays Brandon Teena in *Boys Don't Cry*—both actors have been nominated for Academy Awards

Kimberly Peirce, writer-director of *Boys Don't Cry*, has said she took dramatic liberties with Teena's case in portraying it on the big screen.

For instance, she only included in the film one of the two people killed after witnessing Teena's murder, saying the dropped character was incidental to the overall story.

The LifeGuard Stand — Project LIFEGUARD

By Sean Slattery, Project Q Specialist

Most of us know—or have heard—that bathhouses (a.k.a. sex clubs, tubs, baths) are very popular again, particularly in the gay men's community.

And almost all of us have heard at least a few stories that supposedly came out of these establishments. Since some of these stories are borderline horrific or seem almost impossible when it comes to safer sex practices, I decided to take a look for myself. After all, if there is an opportunity for Project LifeGuard to help spread the message of prevention, we're there.

Upon my arrival, the gentleman on staff asked for my I.D. and logged me into the computer, then let me through the door and gave me a towel. Unaccustomed as I was, I asked if I had to wear the towel, to which he replied, "as opposed to what"?

I actually thought I would be allowed to wear my clothes if I so chose. Silly me. He told me I could wear my boxers under the towel if I wanted to, but if I had any intentions of remaining clothed, I was a bit mistaken. So it was off to my locker to change out of my clothes and into my towel.

The gentleman gave me a quick tour of the place, showing me all the different public rooms and venturing down the hallways to the private rooms. The more public areas were suitable for a quickie if you happened to hook up with someone who didn't have a room, or if you just wanted to get your business done in a hurry. Among them were the porno room, the steam room and the "glory hole" room (let your imagination run with that term). After seeing the gamut, I went outside by the heated pool and spa to have a cigarette.

It didn't take very long for someone to come up and say hello, then casually tell me his room number. I simply replied, "I'm okay for now". When I finished my break, I went inside and strolled around (towel and all) and kept running into that same guy. After a while I was compelled to ask him if he was lost. Can't say I saw him again.

One thing this establishment does is go out of their way to provide the literature and the "tools" to have a good time and be safe. They really make it hard (oops), I mean difficult, for a patron to say he didn't know where to find a condom.

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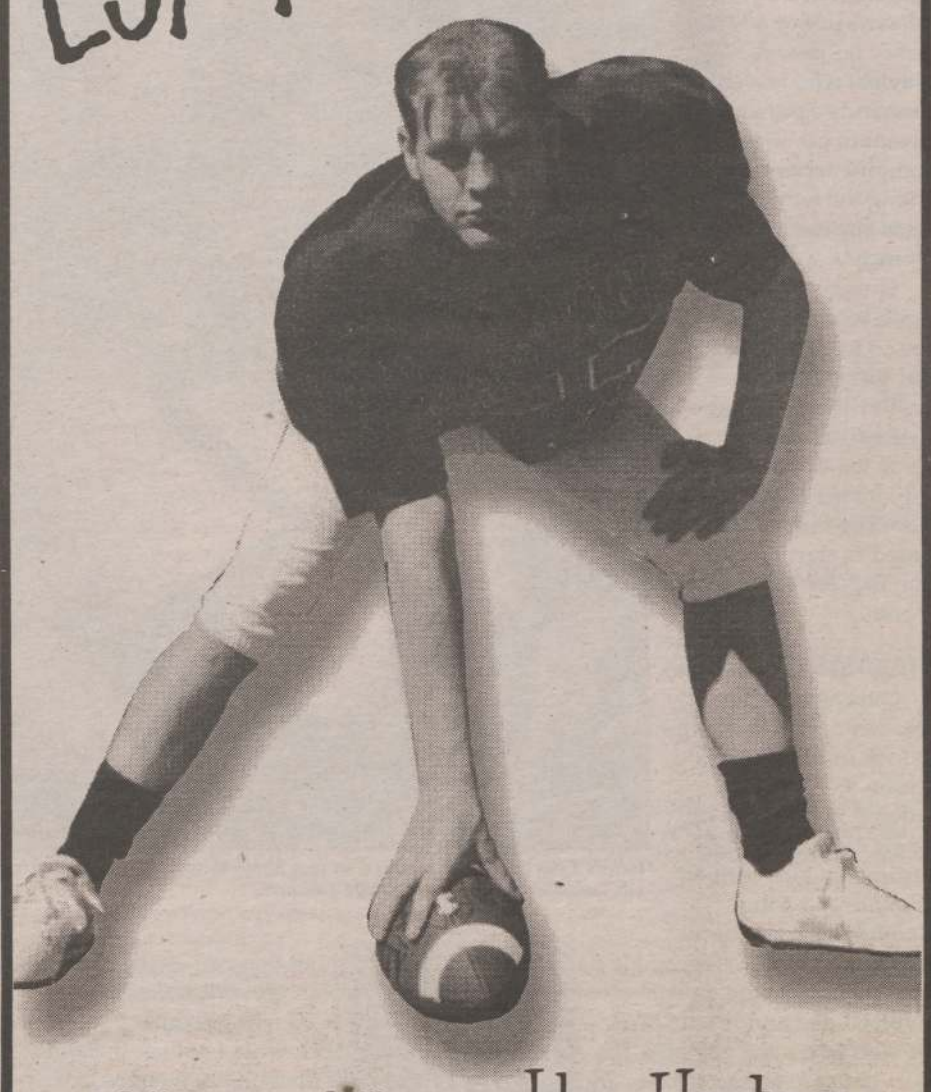
After cruising around for nearly three hours, it was finally time for me to depart my newfound funhouse and head for the bed (my bed, that is). Once I was dressed and ready to go, the front desk guy thanked me and wished me a safe trip home.

Wherever you find your pleasure, be sure you either dress for the act, or at least make sure that you and your partner have a clear understanding that being unprotected is okay for both of you.

As for that guy I mentioned earlier, he was standing right there at the front door to bid me farewell.

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Hollywood Deep Inside

By Romeo San Vicente, *HeatStroke* Contributor

A Taylor-Made Role for Courtney

Hole frontwoman/actress **Courtney Love** is hammering out a deal to play **Lili Taylor**'s lesbian lover in the almost-ready-to-shoot indie flick *Julie Johnson*.

The movie, to be directed by **Bob Gosse**, who did the little-seen *Niagara Niagara* (1998), tells the tale of a New Jersey housewife (Taylor) who leaves her husband to pursue her dream of becoming a computer scientist. Along the way, she finds she has a taste for women.

Grunge widow Love, who has confessed to getting some girl-girl action in her past, will play an experienced lesbian who helps the ex-housewife explore her Sapphic side. The film is supposed to start production in New York next month.



Hole's Courtney Love is slated to play the lesbian love interest of Lili Taylor in the upcoming *Julie Johnson*.

Must-See Gay TV

Queer couch potatoes have a few things to look forward to next season. Fox just ordered 13 episodes of a new *Odd Couple*-like sitcom in which former *Roseanne* star **John Goodman** plays a beer-guzzling, sports-loving, single dad who shares a house with an anal-retentive, divorced dad and his offspring—and it's the slob who's the gay one! The co-creators of *3rd Rock from the Sun* are behind the series, so you can count on it being funny.

Talk about the "Fox" Network! *Trick* cutie **Christian Campbell** has just been cast in the pilot of *The $treet*, the new Wall Street drama from *Sex and the City* creator **Darren Star**. Campbell, who will play a young trading trainee, joins *Saving Private Ryan* actor **Adam Goldberg** in the ensemble series about stockbrokers.

Gay actor **Michael Jeter**, most recently seen as a death-row inmate in *The Green Mile*, is set to join *Top Gun* babe **Kelly McGillis** in a dark detective drama pilot for CBS called *Cold Shoulder*. Jeter, who was a regular on the sitcom *Evening Shade*, will play a recovering alcoholic who's a friend of the McGillis character, an ex-cop trying to get her life back on track.

Having scored major Nielsens with guy's-guy programs like *King of Queens* and *Everybody Loves Raymond*, CBS also has two high-profile vehicles in the works that gay viewers should appreciate. One stars the divine **Bette Midler**—rumor has it she's gonna play a travel agent, though no word on whether the pilot will be ready to shoot this year—while the other brings lesbian groundbreaker **Ellen DeGeneres** back to the tube.

And HBO, whose lesbian-themed *If These Walls Could Talk 2* won the cable network its highest ratings in three years for an original movie, is now talking about a third installment of the femme-centric franchise. This time the focus will probably be on domestic abuse. *Walls 3* would air in 2002 at the earliest.

Not Ready for Her Close-Up

She may be an icon, but the girl needs more beauty sleep.

A certain actress with a hefty gay following is rumored to have looked so tired in the footage of her recent feature foray that the studio had to shell out big bucks to a special effects company to digitally erase the dark circles under her eyes and clear up her bad complexion. Her contract requires her to have a great makeup artist at her disposal, but that didn't help much.

Too bad the studio couldn't digitally clear up her acting: her splotchy performance kept audiences away in droves.

More Feathers in Law's Cap

Talented British thespian **Jude Law**, whose sexy turn in *The Talented Mr. Ripley* earned him an Oscar nomination, is busy lining up his next projects.

He recently committed to star in the drama *Four Feathers*, a remake of the 1939 film about a British officer who receives four white feathers when he resigns, an honor that his friends take to be a symbol of cowardice. Rejected by his friends and his fiancee, he goes to Sudan to redeem himself. *Elizabeth* director **Shekar Kapur** will helm the project, which is expected to begin shooting this summer.



Oscar nominee Jude Law is working on a film about gay playwright and poet Christopher Marlowe.

Law is also busy developing a film called *Marlowe*, about the 16th-century poet and playwright Christopher Marlowe (who most likely had an eye for the boys) and his relationship with William Shakespeare. This won't be the first time Law has delved into gay literary history; he won a different sort of Oscar as Lord Alfred "Bosie" Douglas, Oscar Wilde's young aristocratic lover, in the 1997 film *Wilde*.

The $20 million Marlowe biopic will also star **Ewan McGregor** and **Sadie Frost**, a British cutie whose biggest accomplishment so far is being Law's real-life wife.

Jack's Ex-Gay Buddy

In what the makers of *Will and Grace* call "our most political episode yet," next season Jack (played by the yummy **Sean Hayes**) will run into an old boyfriend who has joined the infamous "ex-gay" ministry Exodus and proclaimed himself heterosexual. Jack, of course, makes it his mission to win the fellow back to the pink team.

The episode is still being written, and there's no word yet on whether Jack succeeds—or switches to the other side himself. (Now that would be a situation comedy...)

Vachon Kills for Cracks

Lesbian powerhouse **Christine Vachon**, who produced *Boys Don't Cry*, has optioned the rights to **Sheila Kohler**'s psychological thriller, *Cracks*, for her Killer Films production company.

The plot tells of 12 South African girls on a boarding school swim team who develop crushes on their swim coach, Miss G. At a school reunion some 40 years later, the girls relive the shadowy secret of what happened to the 13th girl on the swim team—Miss G.'s pet—who disappeared on a hiking trip. The movie, set in the 1960s, will focus on the girls during their teenage years. The producers are currently hoping to interest a hot writer/director who can get the project on the fast track.

Leo is Mann's Man

The long-in-the-works biopic of bizarre billionaire Howard Hughes has found a home at New Line Cinema.

Director **Michael Mann**, nominated for an Oscar for his work on *The Insider*, has committed to helm the project, with **Leonardo DiCaprio** agreeing to star as the reclusive neurotic. Biographers have uncovered homosexual dalliances in the tycoon's past, but the Mann/DiCaprio collaboration will focus on the young Hughes's womanizing days in Hollywood, when he was setting aviation records.

War's a Drag

Lesbian Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright **Paula Vogel** (*How I Learned to Drive*) has begun collaborating with composer **Jeanine Tesori** (whose musical *Violet* recently wowed audiences in New York) on a new musical based on army drag shows during the Second World War.

It seems that when they weren't saving Private Ryan, our boys in uniform were regaled by traveling variety shows featuring their fellow soldiers in full drag, performing music by Irving Berlin and others. Better hurry, Paula, before **Andrew Lloyd Webber** beats you to it!

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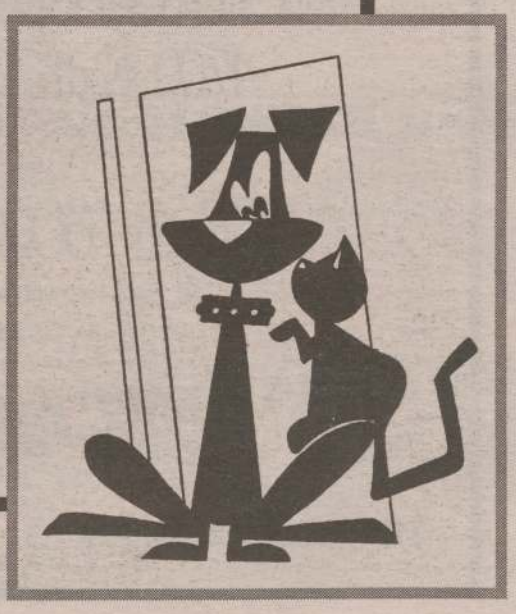
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Despite its flashy image and its residents' reputation for conspicuous consumption, Los Angeles is not an especially expensive city either to live in or visit. You'll spend far more for comparable accommodations and dining in other gay tourism meccas, such as San Francisco, Miami, and New York.

So before you rule out a big-city adventure as your next budget-minded vacation idea, give some thought to this sunny Southern Californian hub of trendy queer nightclubs, late-night diners and taco stands, and retro-chic motels.

You can immediately save a few bucks during your visit by carefully considering the pluses and minuses of renting a car. Some will say a car is a non-negotiable fact of life in L.A., but if you're staying at a hotel in West Hollywood, it's possible to get to gay bars, popular restaurants, and great shopping places on foot—relying for longer trips on the occasional cab or even a city bus (which tourists almost never use). Even if you do rent wheels, car-rental rates are reasonable here, and parking at most hotels, malls, and restaurants is similarly low-priced, even if you use valet parking (which, by the way, is mandatory at many businesses).

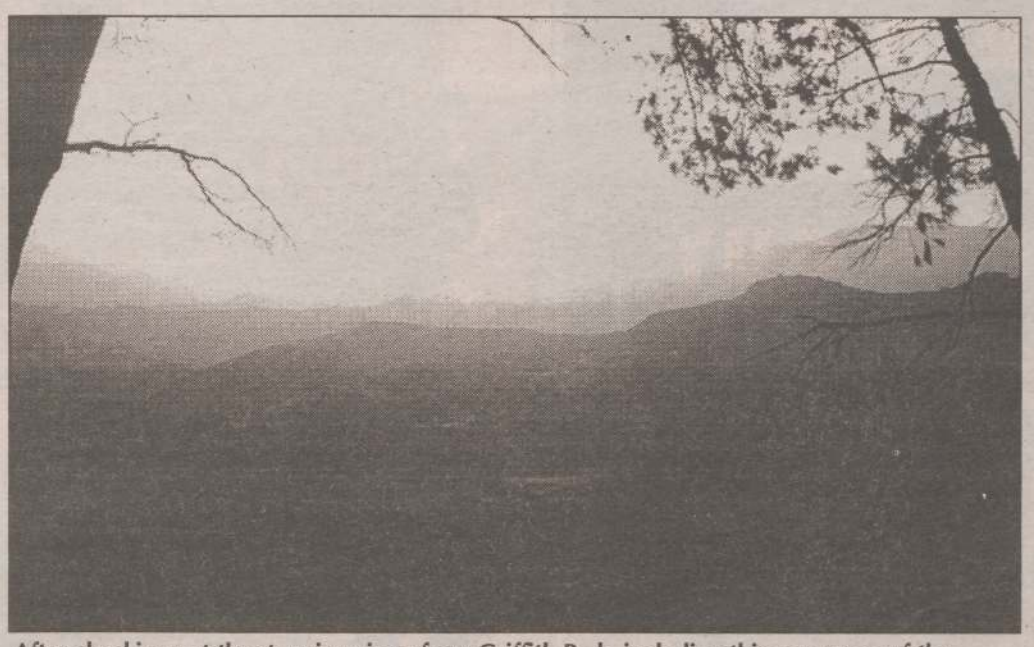
Another money-saving idea is to choose one of the several affordable and pleasant motels throughout the city, many of them dating to the '40s and '50s and without any recognizable chain affiliation. Such establishments can be dodgy, but, if in doubt, stick with properties that have earned approval from the American Automobile Association or Mobile Guide. If you don't mind staying somewhere that looks a bit like the place the Ricardos and Mertzes nested in during their foray into Hollywood on *I Love Lucy*, this is the way to go.

Arguably the best—and trendiest—of these old-school motels is the Beverly Laurel Motor Hotel, which attracts all manner of visitors—fashionable (but low-budget) Gen-Xers, as well as families, queers, and budding actors. Its kitsched-out, on-site Swingers Diner, a genuine coffee shop, draws poseurs galore. Cheap plastic chairs lend a sufficiently downcast aesthetic. The otherwise mundane diner fare is infused with funky flavors—ever try jalapeno maple syrup on your pancakes?

The Beverly Laurel lies a 10-minute drive south of West Hollywood, and it's just minutes from L.A.'s endearingly quirky Farmer's Market. Here you can cruise the countless market stalls and eateries for fresh, inexpensive groceries and snacks.

And don't miss KoKoMo, a deco-style diner with an eclectic New American menu. Breakfast with huevos rancheros (eggs with smoked-tomato salsa), stargaze a little, and return later for a Japanese eggplant sandwich or a plate heaped with applewood-smoked-chicken salad. The coffeecake here is the best in the city.

To be within steps of the city's top gay and lesbian bars, you'll want to stay in West Hollywood, as close to Santa Monica Boulevard as possible. Here, the Holloway Motel is another retro property, in this case with a notably queer following. It's a small place on the fringe of West Hollywood's gay entertainment district and offers a few suites with kitchenettes.



After checking out the stunning views from Griffith Park, including this panorama of the Hollywood Hills, head down to Vermont Avenue in Los Feliz to find some of the city's best dining bargains.

Although rates have crept up over the years, the fabulous Ramada West Hollywood is still one of the best values in the area, especially when you consider the stylish art deco furnishings, the huge suites with sleeping lofts (and kitchenettes), and the great location.

It happens that the only Palm Springs-style gay resort in the city, West Hollywood's San Vicente Inn Resort, has rates that fall well below those of most nearby hotels. This is the quintessential fun-in-the-sun spread, complete with foliage-choked lanai and buffed and in-the-buff men lying around a pool.

Breakfast is a major meal in Los Angeles, and a number of West Hollywood eateries draw a steady stream of health-minded and handsome gay folks for this morning ritual. There's always a scene at French Quarter Market, an attractive spot with New Orleans decor and plenty of outdoor seating; it's attached to a small shopping mall with several gay-oriented businesses.

Other breakfast devotees prefer Basix in the morning, as well as later, for a full m eal or one of its rich coffees; the California-Italian cuisine is healthy and affordable, and there's plenty of sidewalk and terrace seating.

If you're looking for a perfect date place with imaginative and sophisticated northern Italian and California fare at surprisingly down-to-earth prices, look no further than Mark's, a romantic West Hollywood restaurant (with a similarly popular cousin in Laguna Beach). The menu changes monthly but might feature butternut squash and marscapone cheese lasagna or a salad of figs, baby beets, wild arugula, radicchio, and a toasted-almond-and-blackberry vinaigrette.

The less-than-inspired name and borderline fast-food setting keep many people from trying Tacos Tacos. But that's a shame, because the straightforward Mexican food here is spicy, delicious, and inexpensive. Sweet-corn tamales, chicken enchiladas, and the several varieties of salsa (try the smoky roasted tomatillo version) are all excellent choices. (Part of the film *The Opposite of Sex* was filmed here, too.) Considerably more romantic and chic, the WeHo branch of the gay-frenzied Silver Lake restaurant Cobalt Cantina is a hot spot for cocktails and excellent Cal-Mex fare.

Speaking of which, Silver Lake and neighboring Los Feliz are terrific neighborhoods for exploring—you'll also find that the several gay bars in Silver Lake tend to offer cheaper drinks than those in West Hollywood, and a number of folks prefer that neighborhood's zero-attitude club scene. The area has a number lively, gay-popular, and affordable restaurants.

Close by the museums, spectacular vistas, and cruisy hiking trails at Griffith Park, you'll find Fred 62, a whimsically decorated diner known for its corn dogs and addictive homemade toaster tarts.

A few doors down, Palermo was long known for the free cups of wine it dispensed to customers while they waited for their tables—a tradition that died recently after city bureaucrats demanded that the restaurant charge a nominal fee for the wine or forfeit its liquor license. It's still a great place for cheap pizzas and rich red-sauce Italian fare that's not especially imaginative but won't leave you unfulfilled.

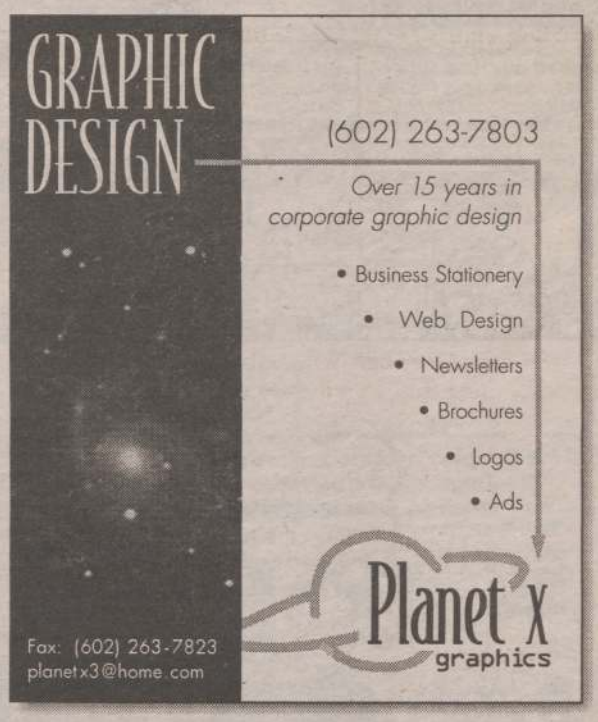
Another nearby legend, which has branches all around Los Angeles, is Zankou Chicken, famous for Middle Eastern-spiced and marinated rotisserie chicken and garlicky falafel platters.

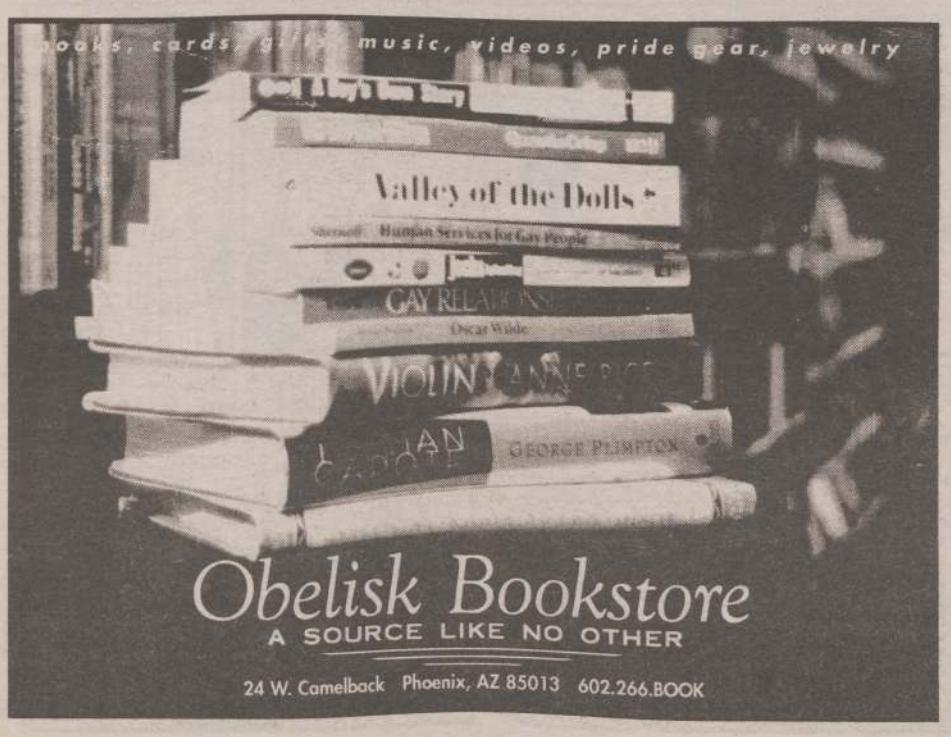
For reasonably priced digs near Santa Monica's fabulous shops, restaurants, beaches, and pier, try the 1925 Hotel Carmel, a clean and comfortable place popular with Euro-tourists. A favorite eatery in these parts is Rose Cafe, with an eclectic crowd and a healthy menu that includes great swordfish tacos and excellent baked goods.

A Venice tradition, Van Go's Ear is a 24-hour cafe with a '60s ambience and a very today sense of humor: All the dishes are named after shamed or fallen celebrities, such as Freddie Prinze huevos rancheros and Dana Plato French toast. Brunching dykes are a fixture here.

Whether you hang out by the sand and sea of Venice and Santa Monica or among West Hollywood's see-and-be-seen crowd, there's no reason you can't live it up in Los Angeles without racking up a small fortune in credit card debt.

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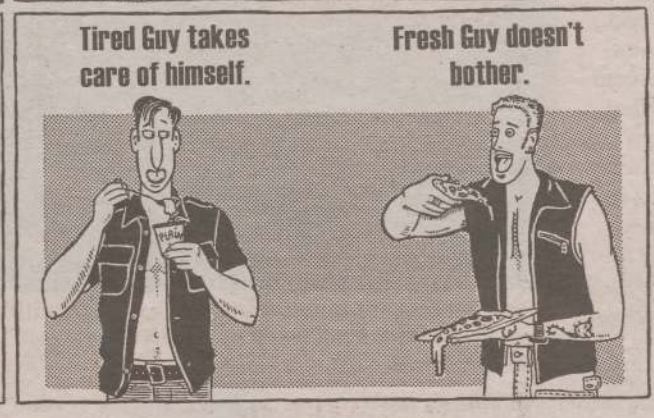
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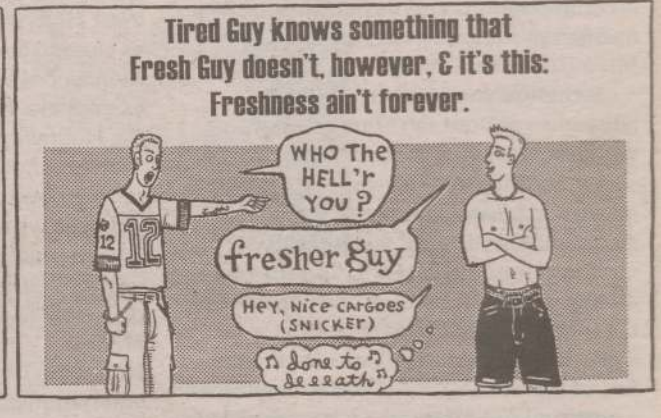
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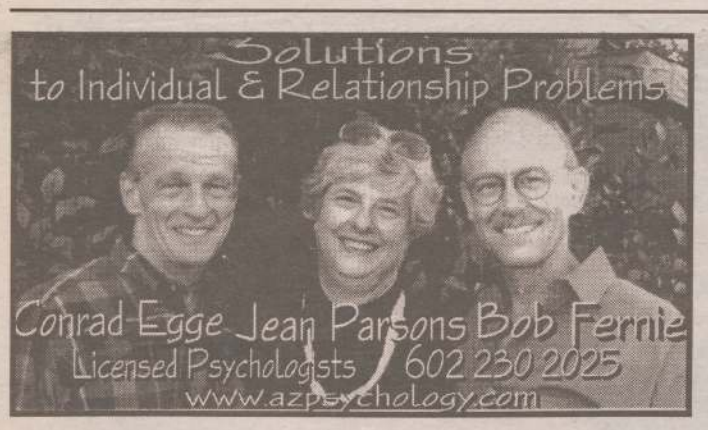












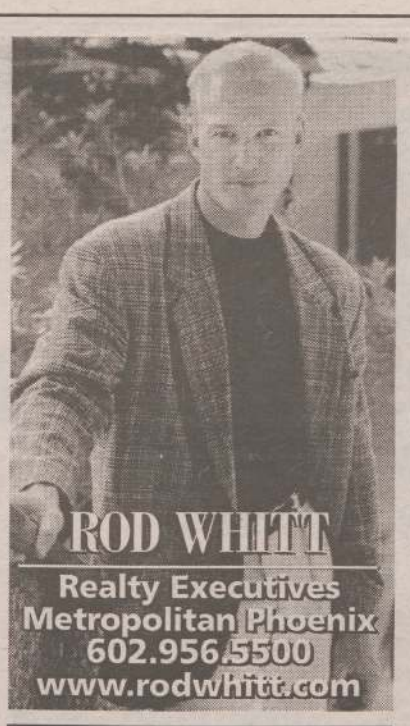
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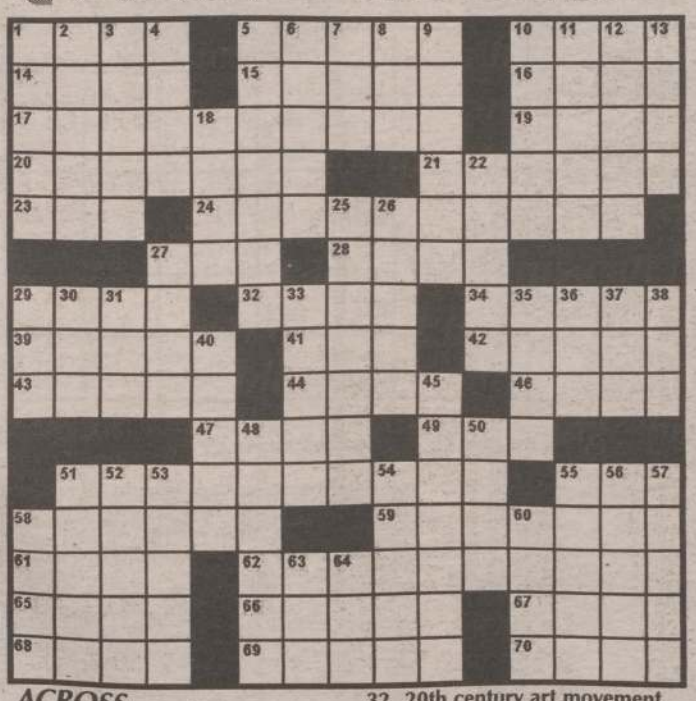
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Q Puzzle

"Homo on the Range"



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1 Word before face or heart
5 Be unfaithful to your lover
10 Staff symbol
14 First fratricide victim
15 Michelangelo sculpture
16 Courtney's group
17 Gay actor of many Westerns
19 "___ homo!"
20 Forget to use the KY?
21 Army pants
23 First letter in "straight"
24 '69 Western of 17-Across, with "The"
27 Before, in poetry
28 NY Met or LA Dodger
29 With 62-Across, '52 Western of 17-Across
32 20th century art movement
34 Cock site
39 Not with it
41 With 46-Across, '53 Western of 17-Across
42 The PLO's Arafat
43 Conductor Georg
44 Places where Torah scrolls are kept
46 See 41-Across
47 Politically incorrect suffix
49 Ted's network (abbr.)
51 '73 Western of 17-Across
55 Outburst from Homer Simpson
58 More like many horror flicks
59 Spaghetti sauce seasoning
61 "You can say that again!"
62 See 29-Across
65 Long sigh of longing
66 "And on this farm he had a chicken, ___"
67 Noisy clamors
68 *Flesh* producer Warhol
69 Cherries' leftovers
70 Jacuzzi effect

DOWN

1 Condom size everyone claims to need
2 Double-reed instruments
3 Groups that sound like screwing
4 "Horny" animals
5 Rejected by one's lover
6 Helped to get by, with "over"
7 Legal matters
8 From ___ Z
9 Civil War soldier
10 Unfaithful lover
11 Gay-porn star Richard
12 Movie with Moor fighting
13 Professional charges
18 Happy or zero follower
22 Gay-rights activist Hay
25 Lasts and lasts
26 Right side of an army
27 Get to work on *Time*?
29 School transport
30 Rocker Brian
31 Org. for souls on ice
33 Playing marble
35 Dunces
36 Big Ten Conf. member
37 Elton John title
38 Take a stab at
40 Coitis
45 Sound systems
48 Spasms, like orgasms
50 Title in "Song of the South"
51 Lesbian-feminist word for a female
52 "___ you loud and clear!"
53 Silly goose
54 "Run ___" (1961 Bobby Vee hit)
55 Biblical Jonathan's lover, by some accounts
56 Where a top lays?
57 Word for the fox-hunting set
58 Explorer Vasco da ___
60 André, who defended homosexuality in *Corydon*
63 In shape
64 Where drivers go swinging



Solution to last issue's Q Puzzle: "It's Hard!"

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76. Phoenix Symphony Hall
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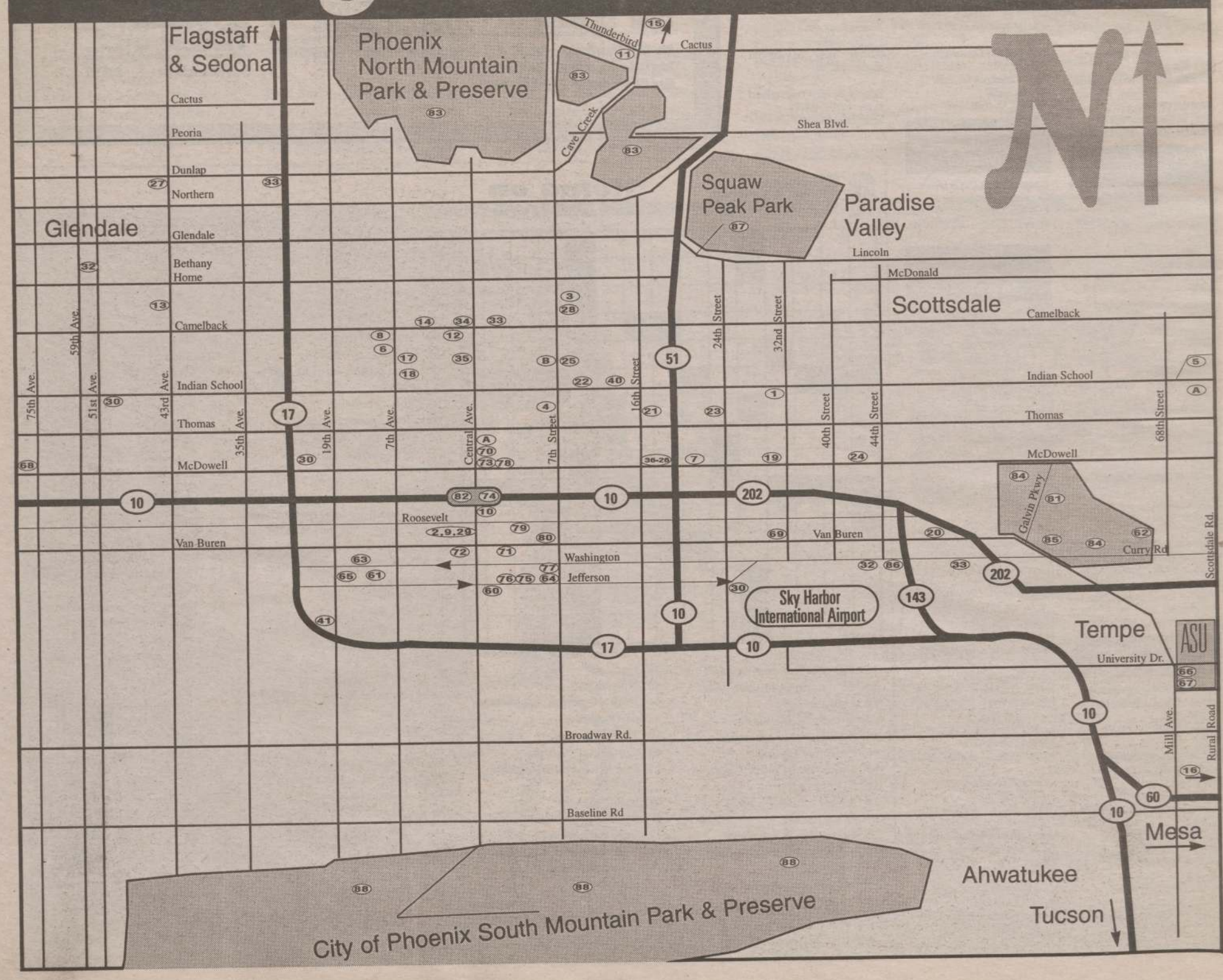
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Finding it in Phoenix



Q SCOPES

By Jill Dearman, Contributor

ARIES: You and a business associate could go head-to-head in late March. Don't back down, sweetie; you've worked too hard to get where you are. This is a time to live life to the fullest. So please, no emotional (or financial) withholding. A Taurus needs plenty of reassurance.

TAURUS: Your family might try to push your buttons in late March, but don't let 'em! Show nothing! Instead, work out your demons with a qualified shrink, sexologist or both. Try to get in touch with your old longings: they'll lead you to your lover. A Capricorn will listen to whatever you have to say.

GEMINI: You're on a real roll, honey! Your friends have hooked you up with the right connections; now it's up to you to follow through. You really can improve both your community and your career if you pick battles you believe in. An Aquarius wants to throw a victory party for you. Do something to earn it!

CANCER: Mars is nuzzling up to Jupiter in your friendship house, so don't be afraid of one of those "sex-friendly" relationships you usually abhor. An old lover could actually be of some use to you (for once!) with a career connection that proves helpful. A Scorpio is threatened by your emotional baggage, but enamored of the rest of you.

LEO: You can change the way you do business socially, my dear, by mixing business and pleasure more often. You need to get feistier and more physical: be sure you don't lose your life force. You could find the meaning of life when you ride a Taurus (no, not the car!).

VIRGO: Get ready for some bizarre surprises in your love life as April Fool's Day approaches. You need to face a demon from your past and finally feel unafraid. But first put some energy into a romantic relationship (especially with a Cancer) that has "future" written all over it.

LIBRA: The emotional moon meets imaginative Neptune in your house of creativity on March 30 - a good time to work through a powerful insecurity you've felt for years. If you do what you most deeply desire, you could achieve major success and happiness. A Gemini is fighting for you, not against you.

SCORPIO: Life is full of many decisions during late March. You'll make the right ones, honey, but get some realistic feedback from a couple of your saner friends. Sexy Mars in your house of love is giving you that old burning feeling, especially when a Pisces is within 20 feet of you.

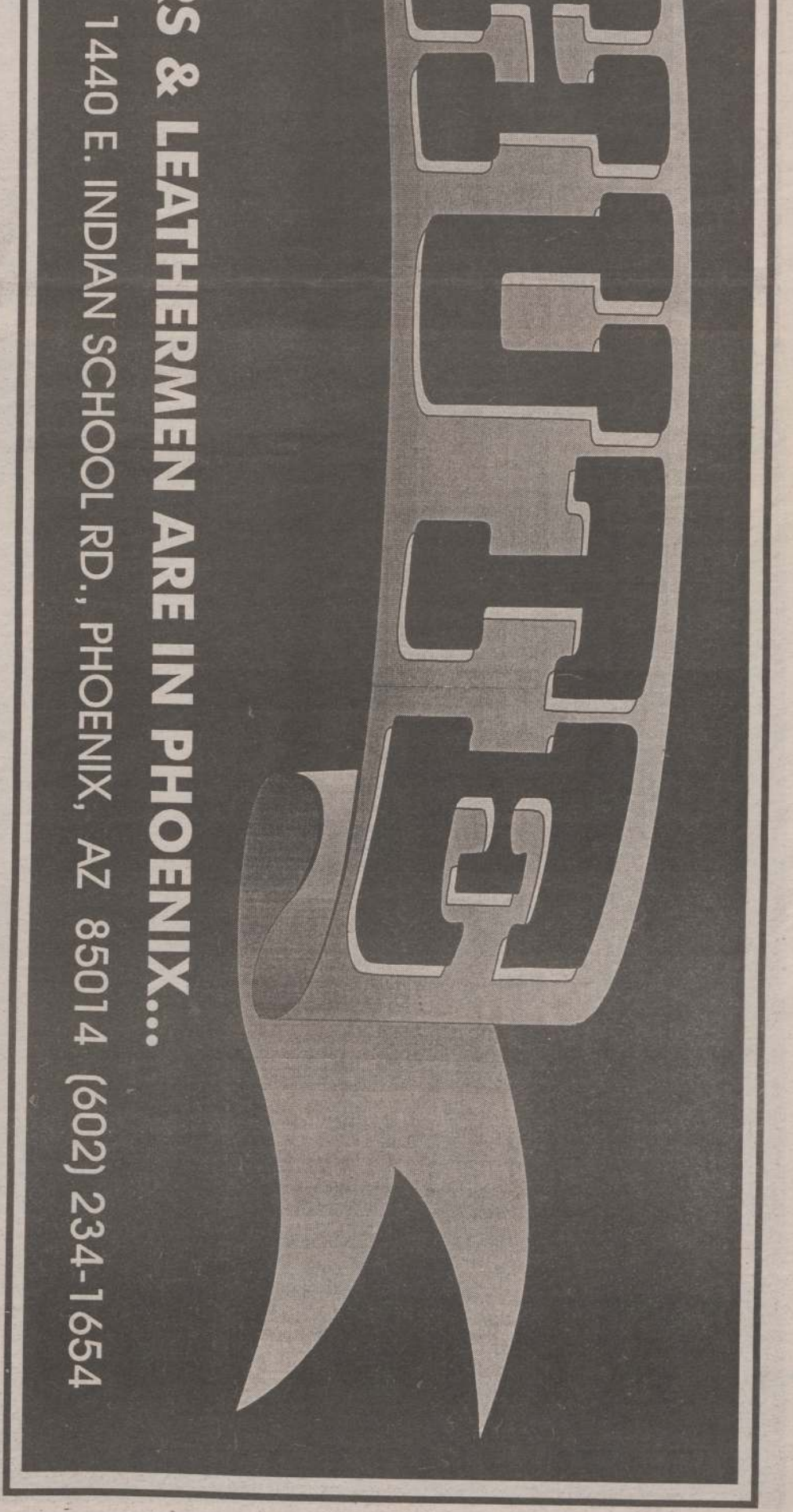
SAGITTARIUS: You have every right to feel secure about what you have, no right to play mind games with the people who are most loyal. Kids and teens are unusually lucky for you now. Maybe you need to work with them more, or maybe start a family. A Capricorn may have long-term plans for the both of you.

CAPRICORN: Late March is all about prioritizing, sweetie. What's really important to you? Where do you want to live? Who do you want to sleep with—for life? (A Leo might be a good answer to that last question.) Forgive someone who's dissed you, especially if it's a family member; you're all grown up now.

AQUARIUS: You are in a highly creative and original cycle, so please do something with those great ideas! Collaborating with a Libra brings out the best in you. You have more going on upstairs than most people could even wish. But downstairs, you need to give your libido the attention it's craving.

PISCES: You may not actually be ready for intimacy and commitment just yet; first try on a few different lovers for size. In your work life, you'd do well to play the role of the strong, silent type. Gather as much information as you can before making a move. (Then make a move on an Aries!)

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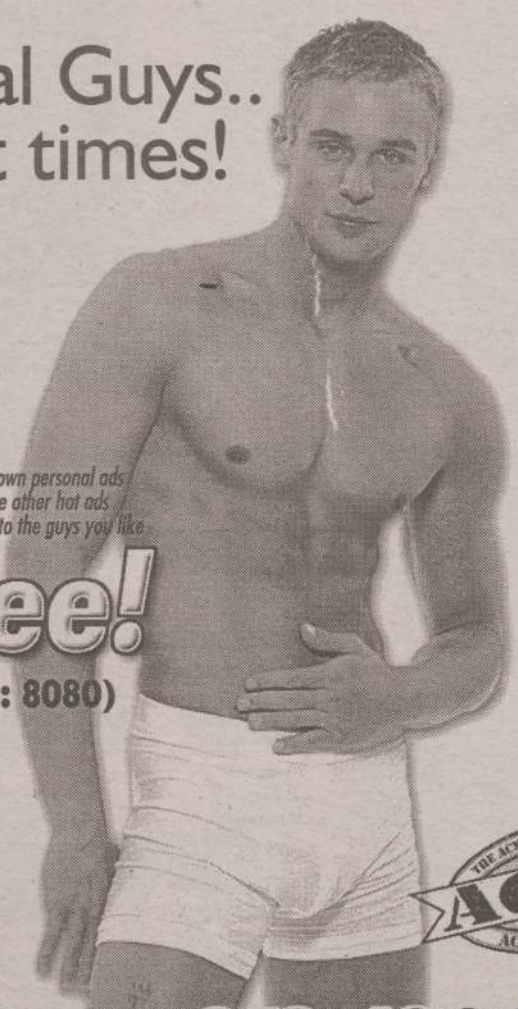
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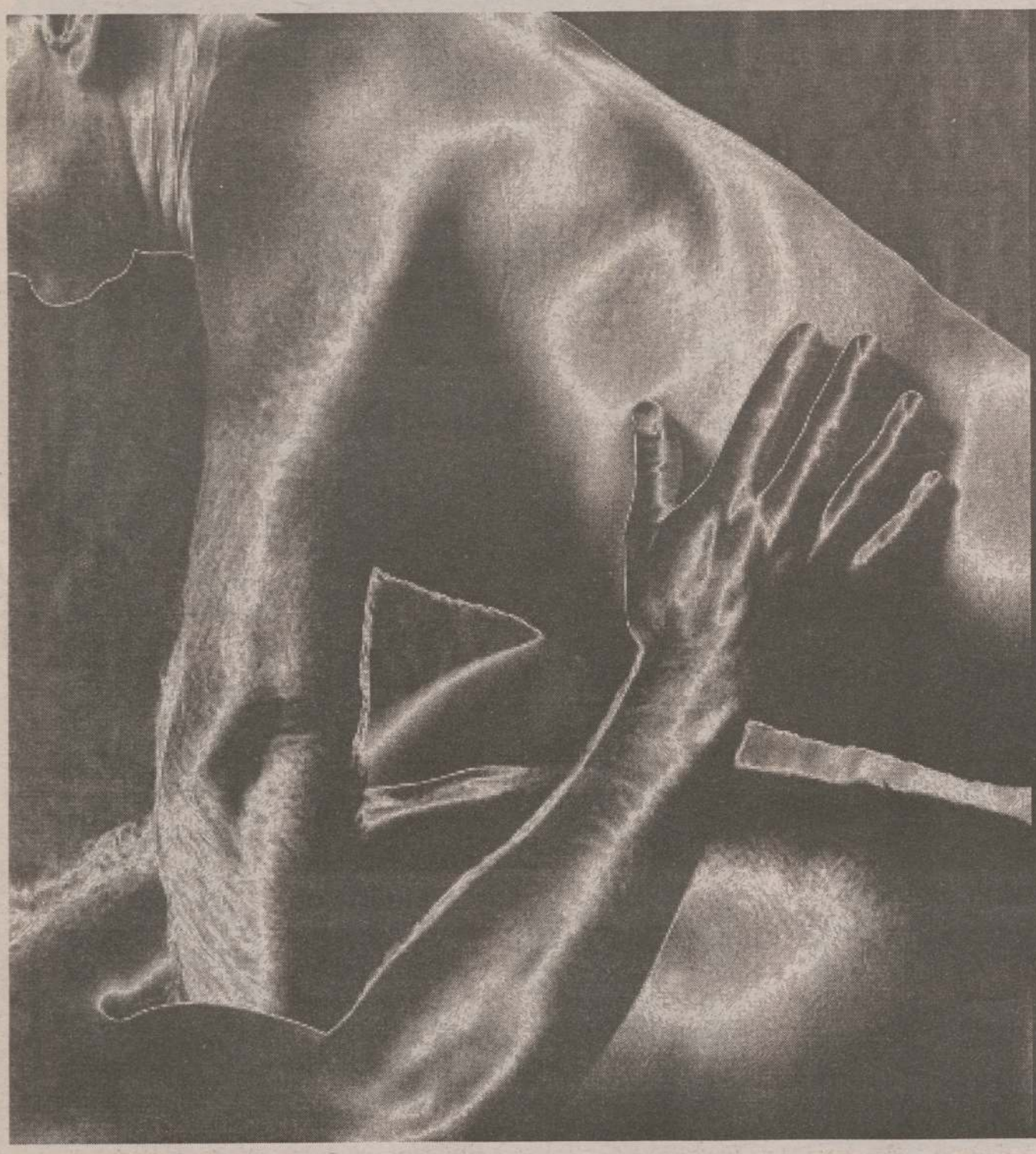
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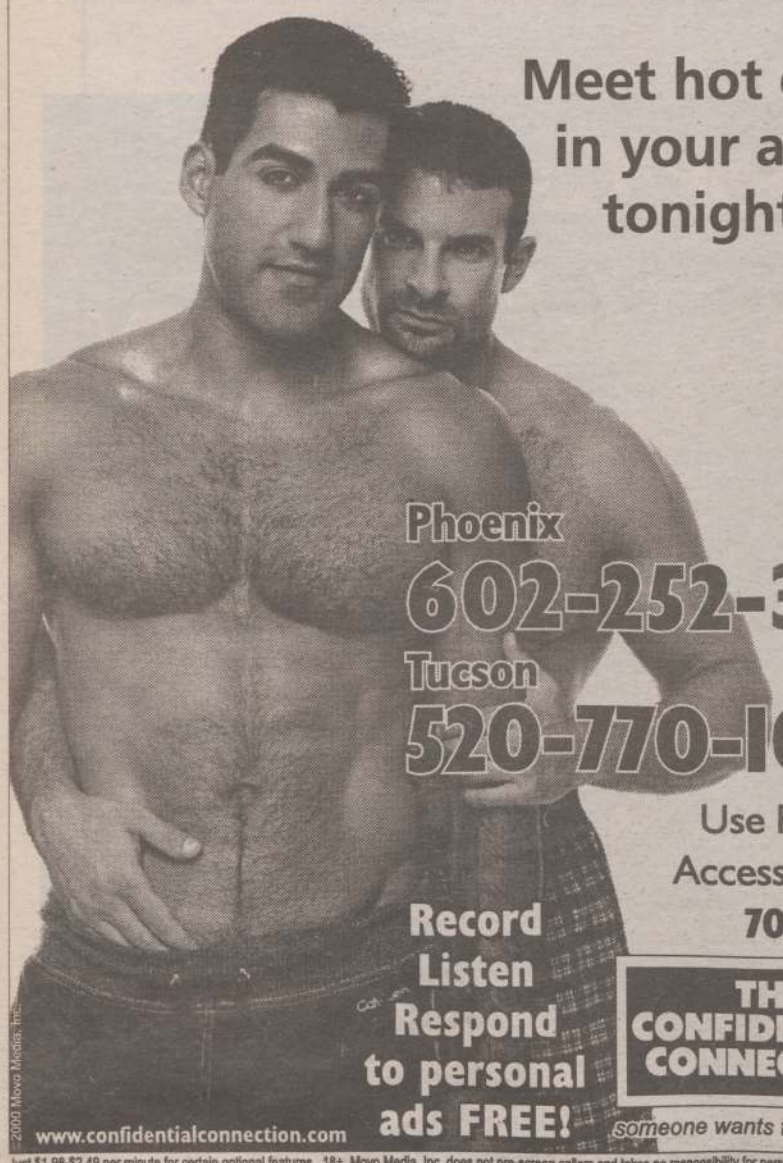


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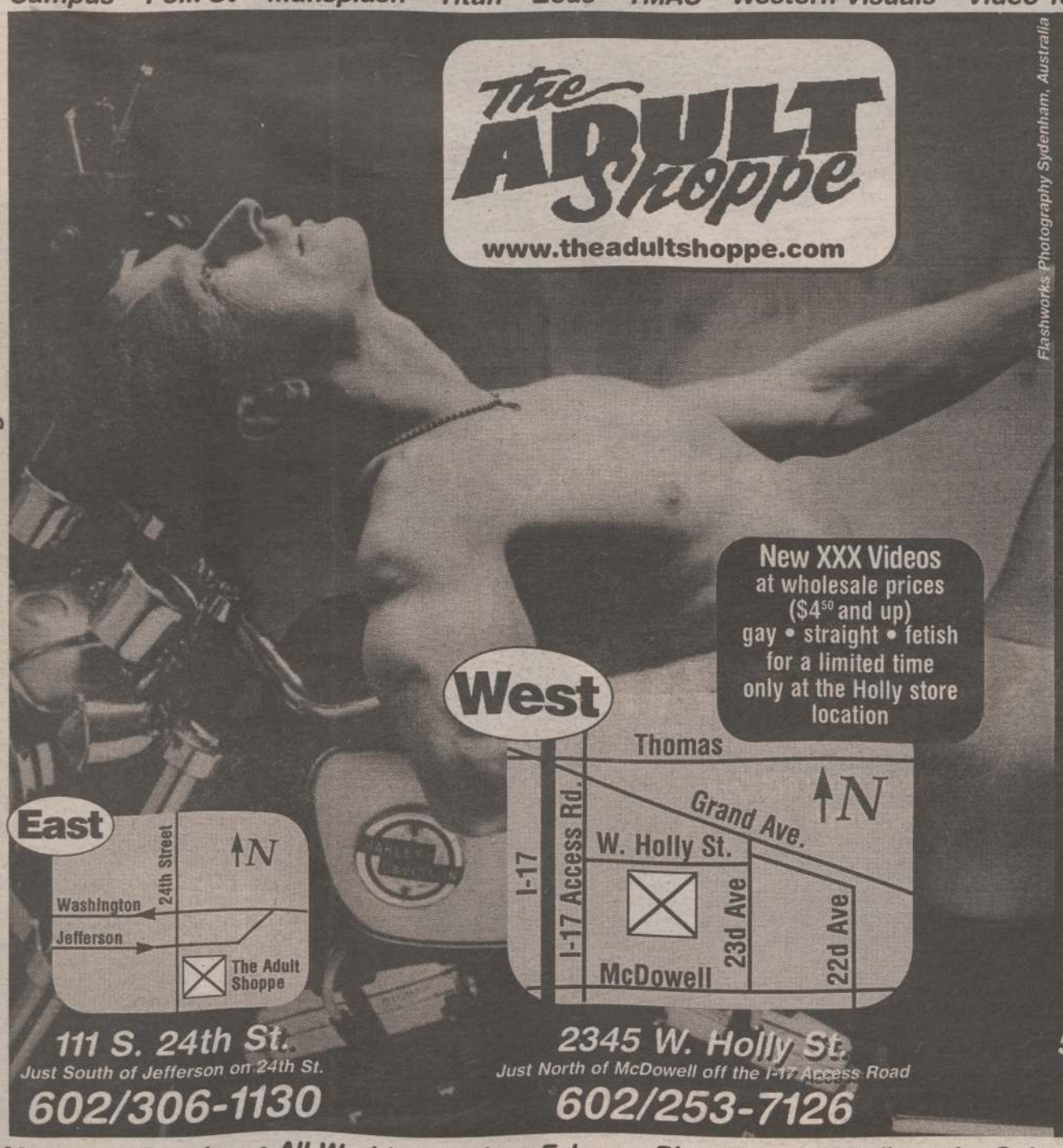
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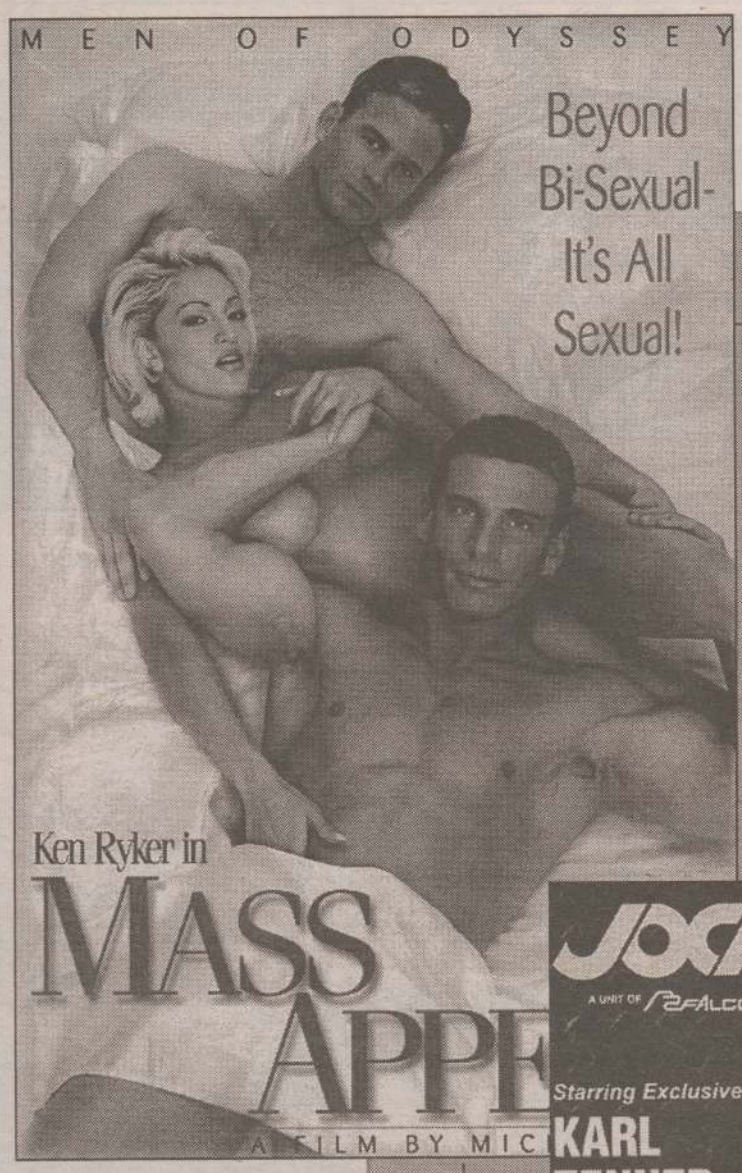
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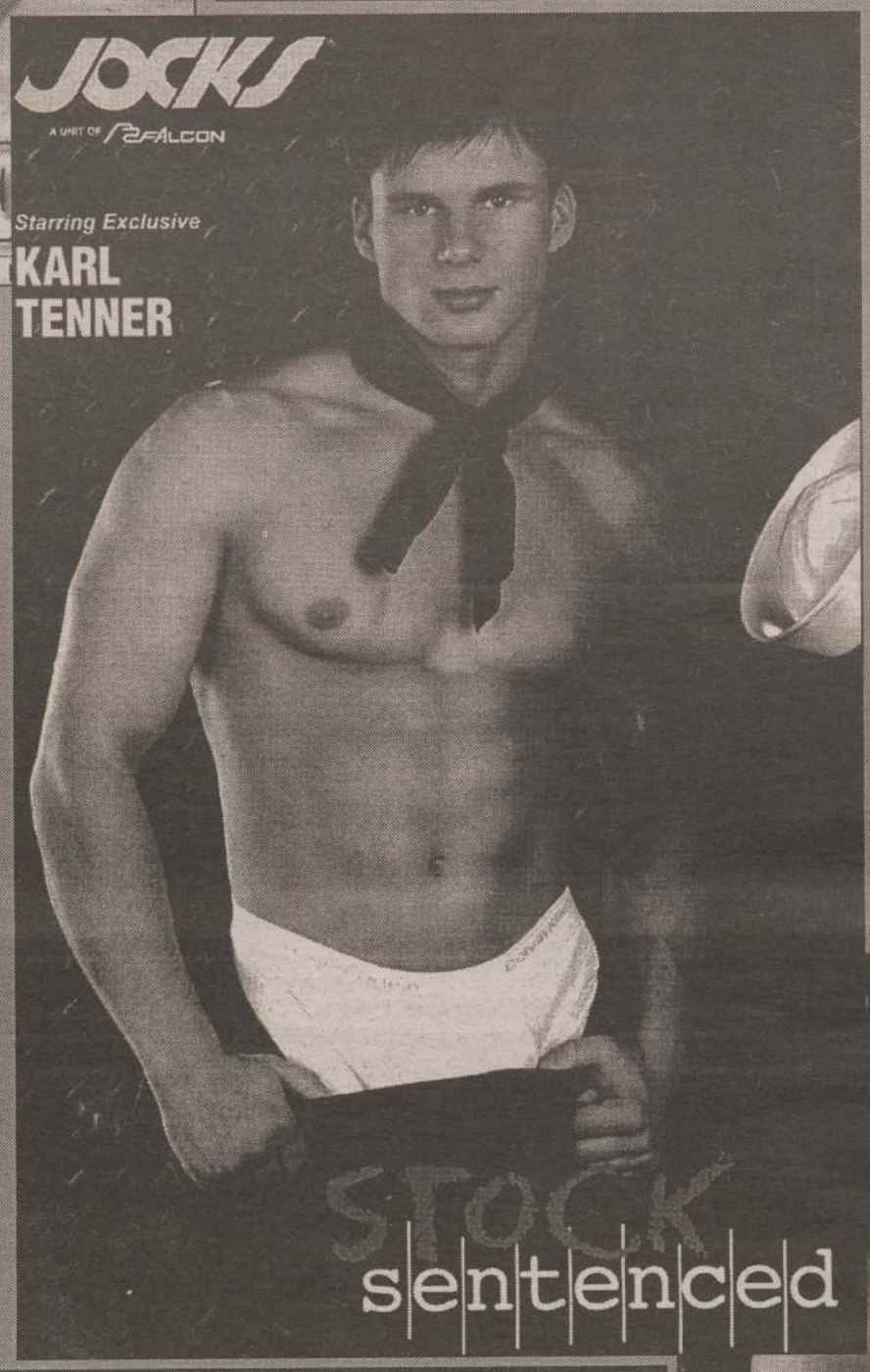
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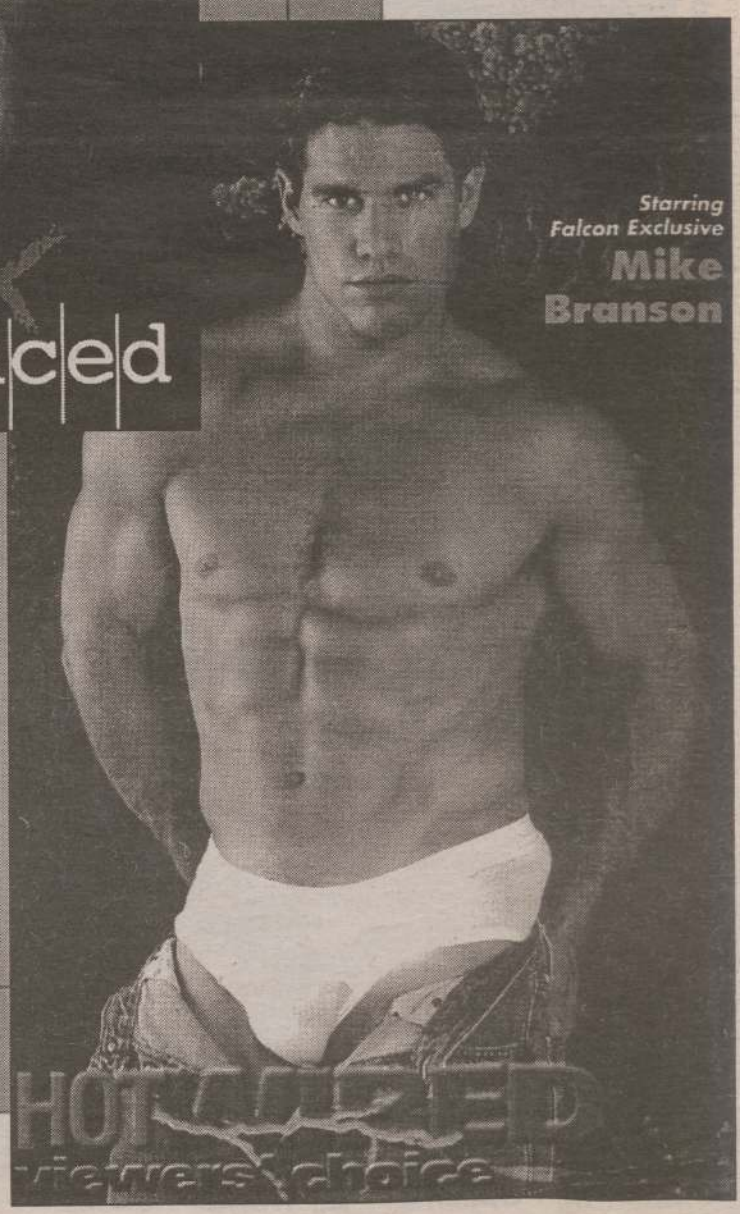
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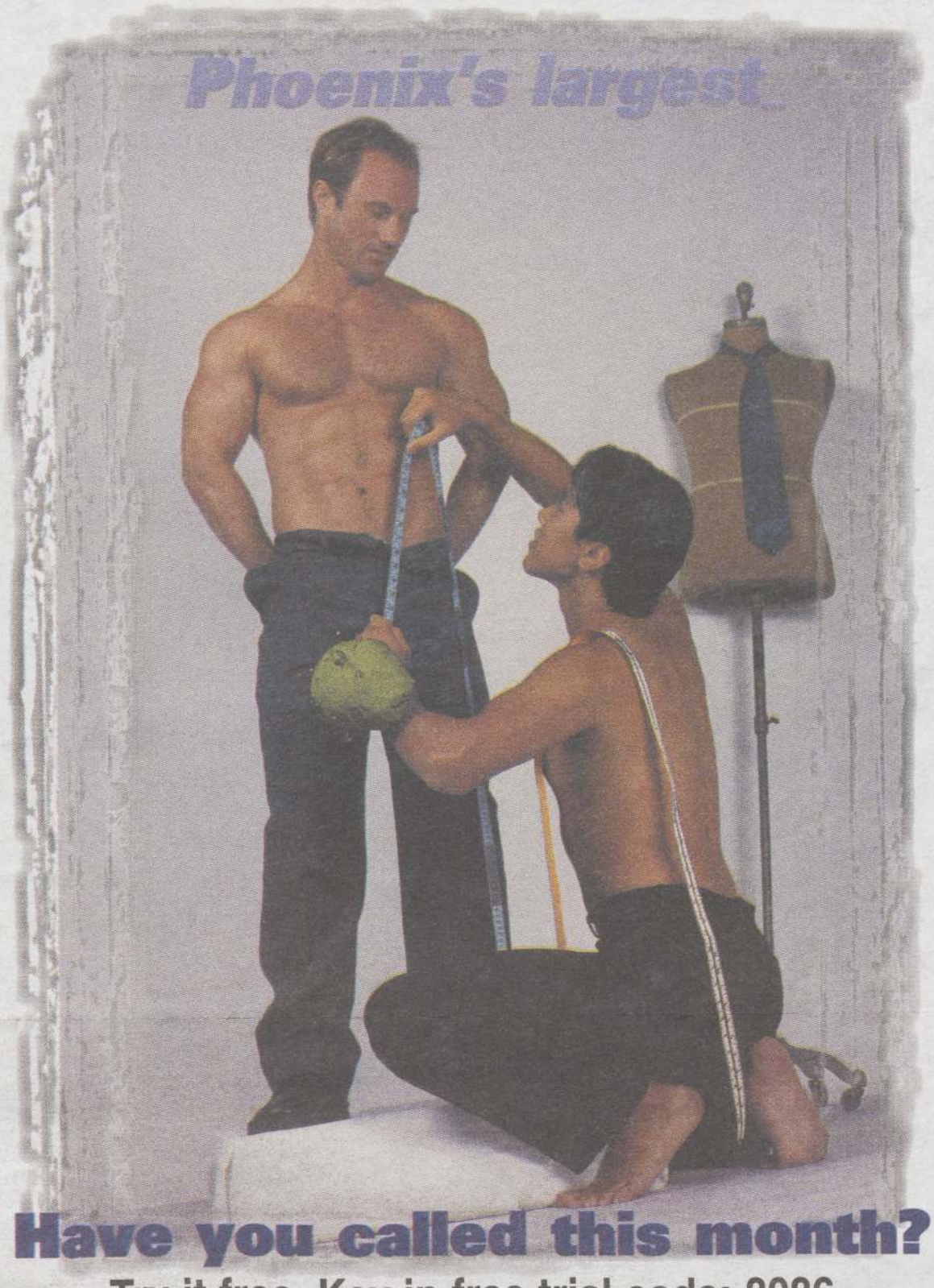


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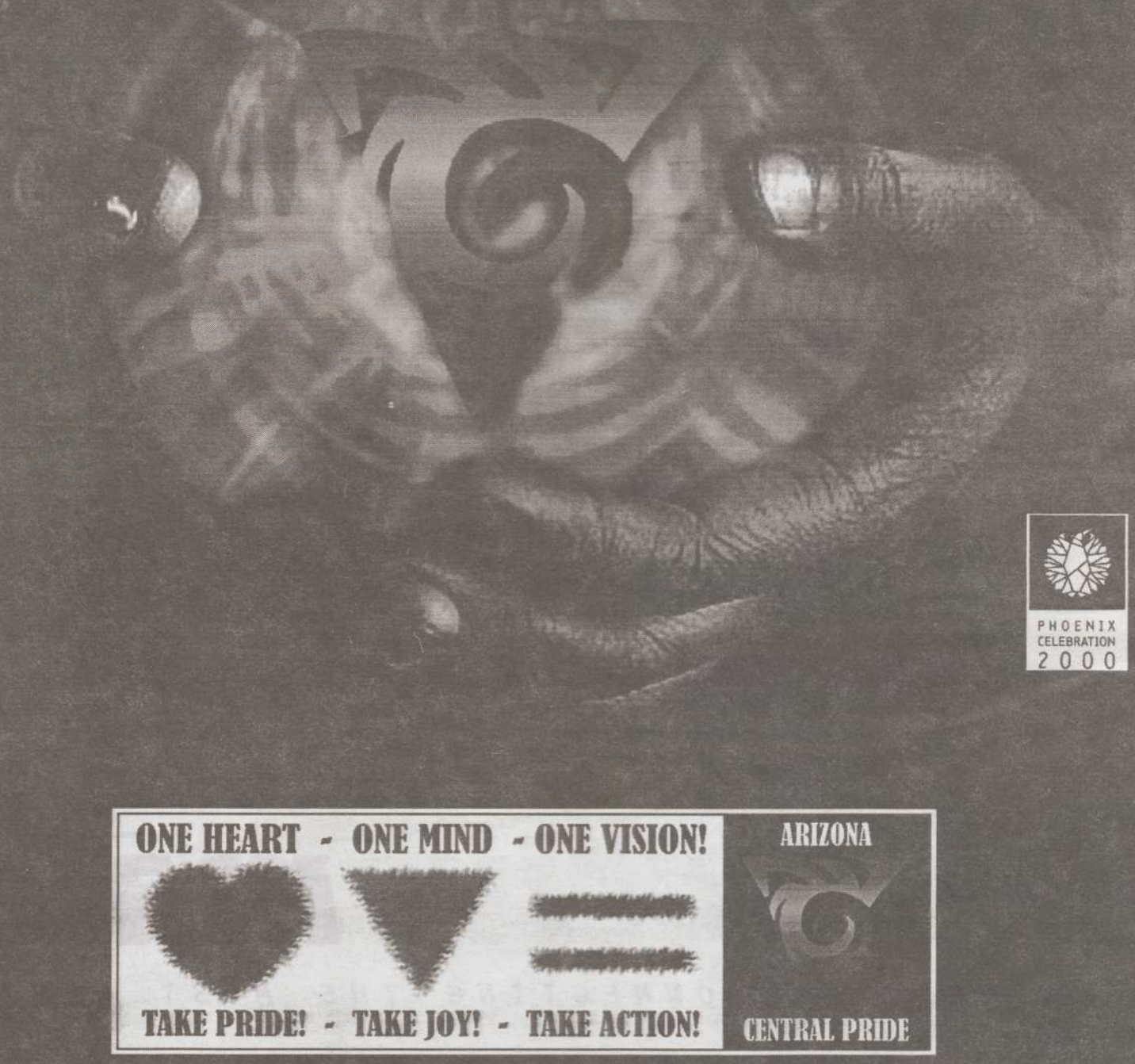
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