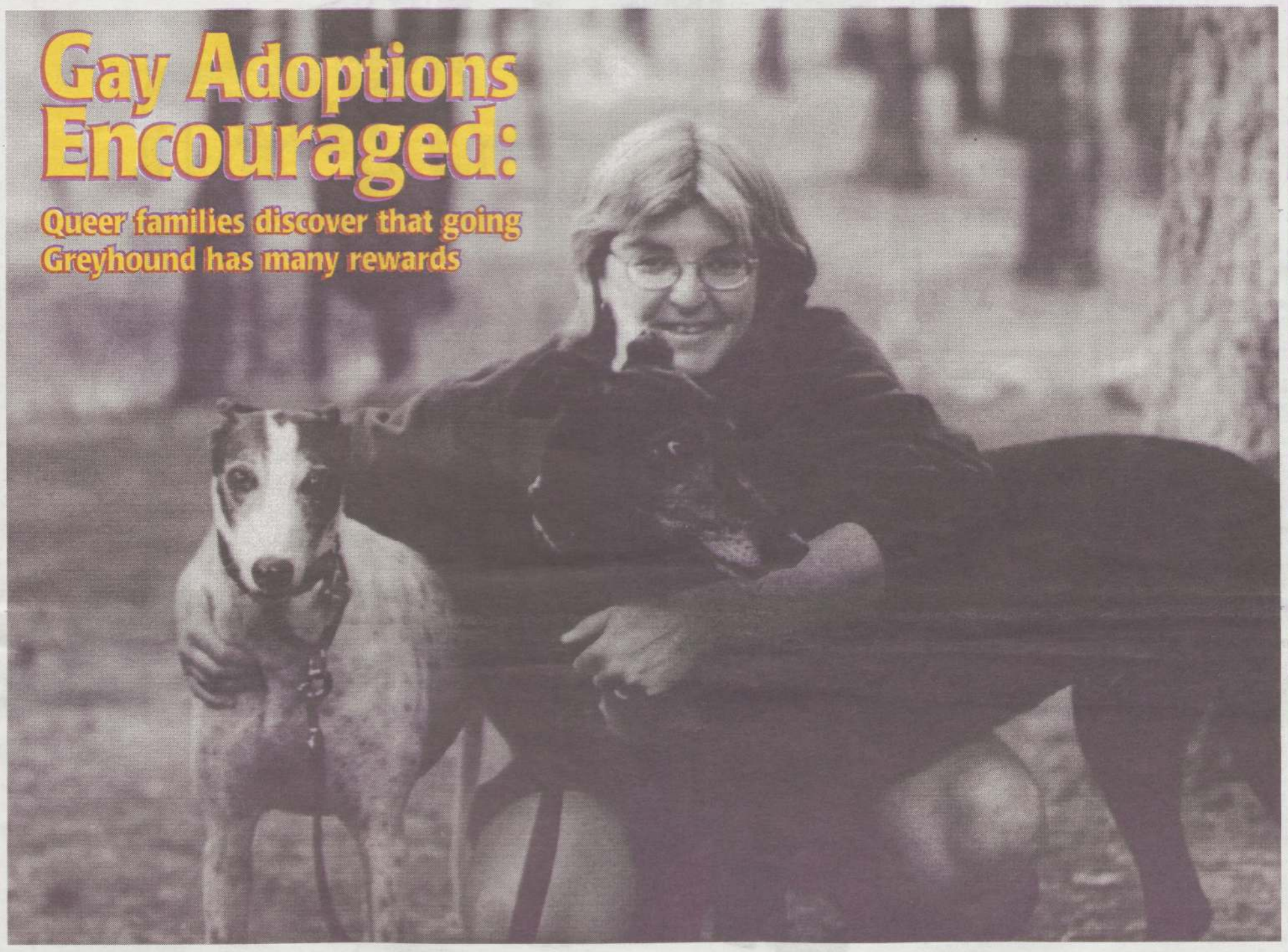
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Gay Adoptions Encouraged:

Queer families discover that going Greyhound has many rewards



By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Beau and Lily, the youngsters in Liz Segal's household in Fountain Hills, are aged nine and eight—a boy and a girl.

Segal's kids love their hard-working lesbian mom unconditionally. But they'll never grow up to ask for new cars, trips to Europe, or college educations.

Even better, they'll never trash her behind her back to the other teenagers hanging out after sunset at the Fountain Hills Burger King.

Beau and Lily are retired racing Greyhounds, two of the lucky ones. Segal, a 42-yr-old professor of Social Work at ASU, has shared her home with the clownish canines for the past two and a half years.

"They don't need a lot of entertainment or exercise, but they do love having a routine," says Segal of her charges. She considers the animals much more than pets. As is often the case for gay men, lesbians and single heteros, the animals in this house are part of the family.

Walk into Segal's living room, and the dogs' charm is immediately apparent. Beau is black, sleek and shiny. He's smart and inquisitive and weighs 76 pounds. "They say he raced until age five, which is unusual," she says, "but I can see why, knowing his personality. He's very focused, very driven."

Lily is more serene. After greeting a visitor with the traditional crotch-bump (and not a light one), she flops down on the welcome mat, curls up and sighs deeply. A striking blue merle with dark patches, Lily weighs a petite 59 pounds.

Segal was matched to Beau and Lily in 1997 by Arizona Adopt A Greyhound, Inc., a non-profit corporation dedicated to saving as many retired racers as possible by placing the pooches in qualified, loving homes.

"We're not necessarily targeting gay homes," says Kiersten Kerr of Adopt A Greyhound, "we're targeting good homes."

The agency has been advertising in *HeatStroke* for the last six months as part of an effort to introduce socially conscious queer pet lovers to its rescue program while letting readers know that the agency doesn't discriminate against non-hetero households.

Kerr lives on a spacious desert lot east of Apache Junction with her police-officer husband, Barry, their 18-month old son, Ryan, and three retired Greyhounds and a Golden Retriever.

Fortunately, this young working mom is able to conduct most of her business from a home office, surrounded by her two-legged and four-legged family. She heads into Phoenix, however, every Friday. That's "Adoption Day" at Phoenix Greyhound Park, long located on East Washington at 40th Street.

Kerr says an applicant's sexuality doesn't make a bit of difference when Adopt A Greyhound is placing dogs—stability is what matters most. "And when I say 'stable', I don't mean couples," she explains. "I mean pet lovers who are going to make a serious commitment and who will treat the dog like a member of the family for the remainder of its life."

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That commitment can last a while. Greyhounds, which typically race from about 18 months of age until they are two to four, have life expectancies of 12 to 14 years—several years longer than for many other large purebreds.

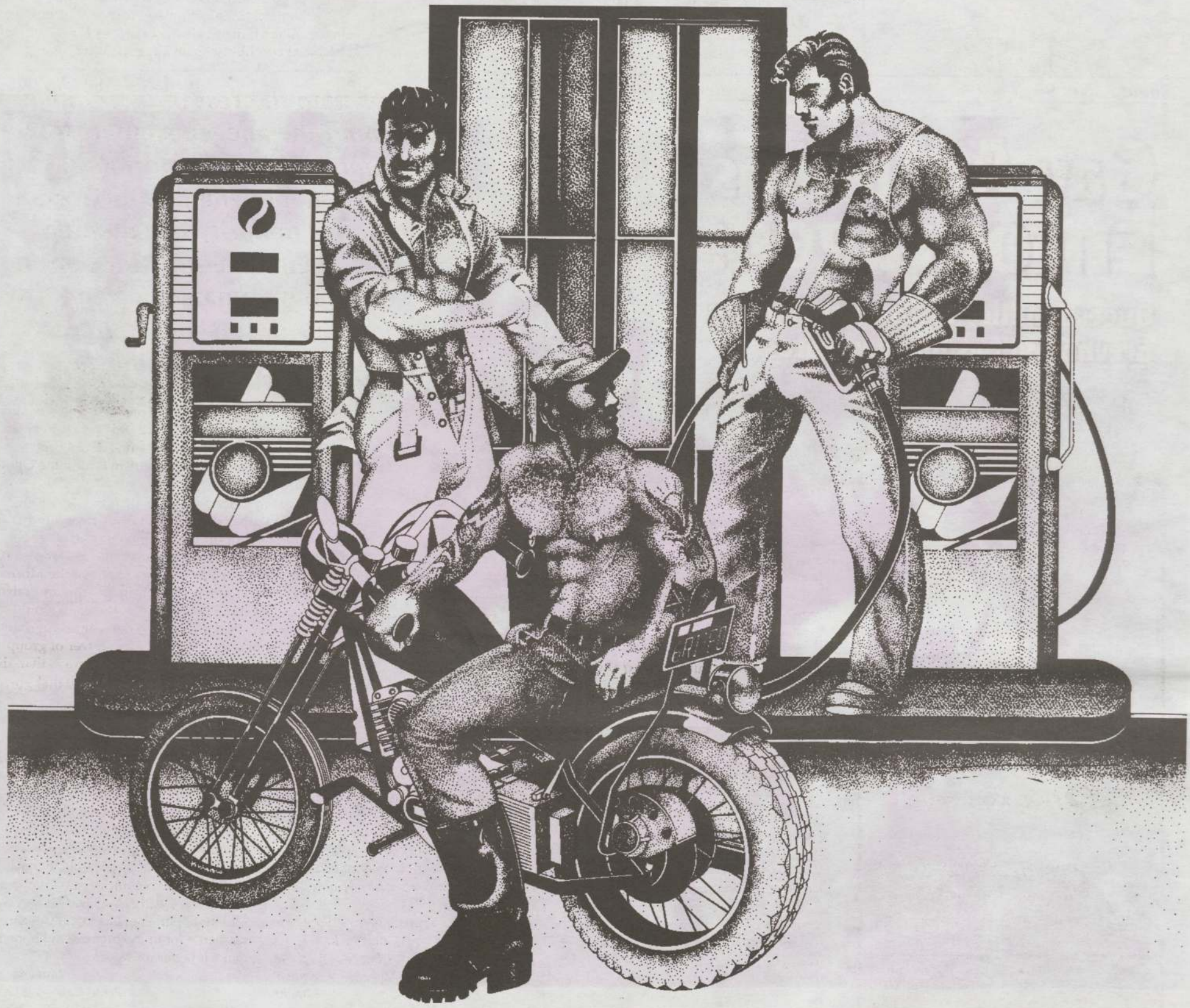
Kerr has a theory regarding Greyhounds' longevity. She thinks it's due to their being selectively bred for health and stamina rather than for appearance, as is the case with most other hounds and working breeds.

"I'm not a dog breeder, so I don't know for sure," she says, "but the problems that show up in other large breeds, like hip dysplasia and hearing problems, don't seem to show up in Greyhounds—or not as often, anyway."

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Horowitz: *Community Support*

I remember once, years ago, taking great offense at comments directed toward my mother by one of her closest friends.

My mother was a board member of our homeowners association, and a divisive vote had just been taken. My mother's friend sitting in the gallery said, "Well you know, those Jews always stick together." At first, I thought she didn't realize I was seated right behind her, but then she turned and smiled at me as if nothing had been said.

I found out later that she had intended her remark as a compliment and was taken aback when I was offended. She said she noticed the camaraderie that Jews exhibit toward one another, and she believed she was making a positive comment about how we support one another. I can't say that I agree that her words were complimentary, but I'm starting to see her point.

Cuban Americans are showing the same kind of support for each other and for their community in South Florida. They are rallying around the Miami relatives of Elian Gonzalez, showing levels of commitment and passion that observers unfamiliar with the Cuban-American community find baffling. We non-Cubans can't understand the motivation for complete strangers to form human chains and defy government orders on behalf of a child most have never met.

Last week, minority students and their parents complained about discrimination in the Gilbert Unified School District. African-American students alleged that Mormon Students receive favorable treatment and are disciplined less severely for similar rules infractions. In newspaper accounts, several unidentified sources within the schools confirmed the allegations.

Gilbert's population is 30 percent Mormon, and some youth members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints wear rings identifying themselves to other members. When I read that part of the story, I couldn't help but think of the rainbow freedom rings that I sported around my neck several years ago. The charges include claims that children from prominent Mormon families receive favorable grades and disciplinary dispensation. Teachers have indicated they were pressured by school administrators not to give low grades to Mormon students. A Mormon high school student countered, "I'm Mormon, and my grades are low."

Spokespeople for the church and the school district deny the claims, but indicated a willingness to open dialog on the matter. Church leaders will be meeting with representatives of the NAACP.

The church says that its members are taught to "outreach" to other communities, and that members engaging in discrimination are out of step with Mormon teachings. I disagree. The only Mormon outreach to the community at large is to try to get people to join the church. Mormons are regularly taught to discriminate—particularly against gays and lesbians.

I have no doubt that the allegations are at least partially true. The Mormon community could serve as a model for completely supporting its members. Church members help and support each other at every turn. When a family is having financial trouble, they can turn to the church for assistance. Church members are expected to make significant financial contributions on a regular basis, and the church reciprocates with family services and community support during times of crisis. With this rich history of community love and support, I have no doubt that Mormon students are shown favoritism within the Gilbert school system.

Rather than the rest of us complaining about the alleged support that Mormons give other Mormons, perhaps we should emulate their example. If our minority communities came together like the Mormons do, we could have amazing power. By pooling our talents and resources, we could achieve great things.

The Mormon influence in the state legislature is even more tangible. Rather than the rest of us complaining about the alleged support that Mormons give other Mormons, perhaps we should emulate their example. If our minority communities came together like the Mormons do, we could have amazing power. By pooling our talents and resources, we could achieve great things. I would hope that members of the African-American community and the glbt community would use the power of group support in more loving and compassionate ways than the Mormons have, but I would love to see us use that power.

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Editors:

It has only been a few weeks since the cutbacks at AIDS Project Arizona [took effect], but the presence of [former Volunteer Coordinator] Sharon Drosos is already greatly missed by all of us.

Sharon was more than the Volunteer Coordinator, she was our friend, our mentor, and an important part of our lives. She was the reason a lot of us volunteered at APAZ; she always made it fun no matter what we were doing.

She was always there to help with problems, gave a lot of her free time, and made sure we take care of our health issues. She really is the Den Mother of Phoenix. Sharon's sincere concern, compassion, dedication and wonderful sense of humor are sorely missed.

Sharon's volunteer program and her position were among the first budget cuts because of the lack of money raised by last year's AIDS Walk. So anyone who thinks the Walk doesn't realize that it affects us in ways beyond cutting client services.

[Sharon] has been a huge part of our community for many years—especially with all of her work with Aunt Rita's Foundation—and we can only hope she stays involved.

Sharon, we appreciate everything you do and we miss you. Good luck.

Clients and Friends
(names withheld by request),
Phoenix

Editors:

Thank you for the several articles you put into *HeatStroke* over the last few months. The article for Pride was again a good example of great publicity for Team Arizona. Our 5K run went off without a hitch. The weather was perfect and we had more particiapants than last year. I learned a lot in the process and hope to make it better next year.

Janet M. Lee,
5K Pride Run coordinator
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Deb Price

Evangelicals showing more support for gay rights



The heart of the evangelical movement is broadening its political agenda and backing away from trying to be the nation's self-appointed moral police force. The effect on the next generation could be profound, potentially drying up the prime source of anti-gay activism.

That gay rights are becoming less of a hot button issue among religious conservatives is evident in a recent survey of members of the National Association of Evangelicals. Given the chance to name anything in the world as one of America's top three problems, only 8 percent of those polled listed homosexuality. Almost twice as many—15 percent—had pointed to homosexuality in 1990. Meanwhile, other polls reveal surprising levels of support among evangelical Christians for laws to protect gay Americans from job discrimination and hate violence.

"I don't think you see as vociferous an opposition on gay rights," says John Green, an expert on religious conservatives who conducted the NAE survey. "There is a sense that one can have one's own views about morality without needing to force them on other people."

Compared with a generation ago, evangelicals are better educated, less concentrated in rural areas and more likely to know gay people—in their churches, workplaces or families.

Green says evangelical Christians, whom he has studied for two decades, are facing the painful reality that they are not going to be able to use the ballot box to remake the nation in their own image. Rather than giving up on politics, they have taken to heart criticism that they've been too obsessed with what they view as moral issues, including abortion and homosexuality. Their focus is expanding to pay more attention to social issues, such as education, health care and the environment.

"I see an evolution here," Green says. "Basically, this large religious community is coming to terms with what it means to live in a diverse, pluralistic society."

Compared with a generation ago, evangelicals are better educated, less concentrated in rural areas and more likely to know gay people—in their churches, workplaces or families. Knowing openly gay people, Green says, has led many to conclude some of their early anti-gay stands were "very harsh and based on cardboard stereotypes."

"Conservative Christians may never completely accept homosexuality, but what we've seen happening is a lot more moderation on the political questions of what kind of laws we should have on how people treat one another," says Green, a University of Akron political scientist.

Green's survey is a window into the evangelical Protestant world because the NAE stands at its ideological center. (Evangelical Protestants think the only route to eternal life is through the belief in Jesus Christ, the Bible is infallible and they should convert others.)

Evangelicals still tend to view homosexuality as wrong. A March 20 *Newsweek* poll found that 75 percent of white evangelical Protestants call it a sin compared with 46 percent of Americans overall. Yet the overwhelming majority of evangelicals want gay Americans to be treated decently: 73 percent favor outlawing anti-gay job discrimination and 74 percent say anti-gay violence should be considered a hate crime, according to a 1999 Feldman Group poll.

All Americans, of course, have a right to their own spiritual beliefs. And Green strongly cautions against challenging evangelicals on their interpretation of the Bible. Making evangelicals defensive slows the process of their finding a way to reconcile their religion with more moderate attitudes. Green notes that evangelicals already have reconciled themselves to divorce and don't crusade to outlaw it, even though Jesus condemned it.

A productive way of staking out common ground between evangelicals and the gay community was demonstrated last fall. Mel White, an openly gay evangelical minister, and other gay people met with the Rev. Jerry Falwell. Since then, several evangelicals have told Green: "These aren't the evil libertines that we had thought. ... They just seem like ordinary folks."

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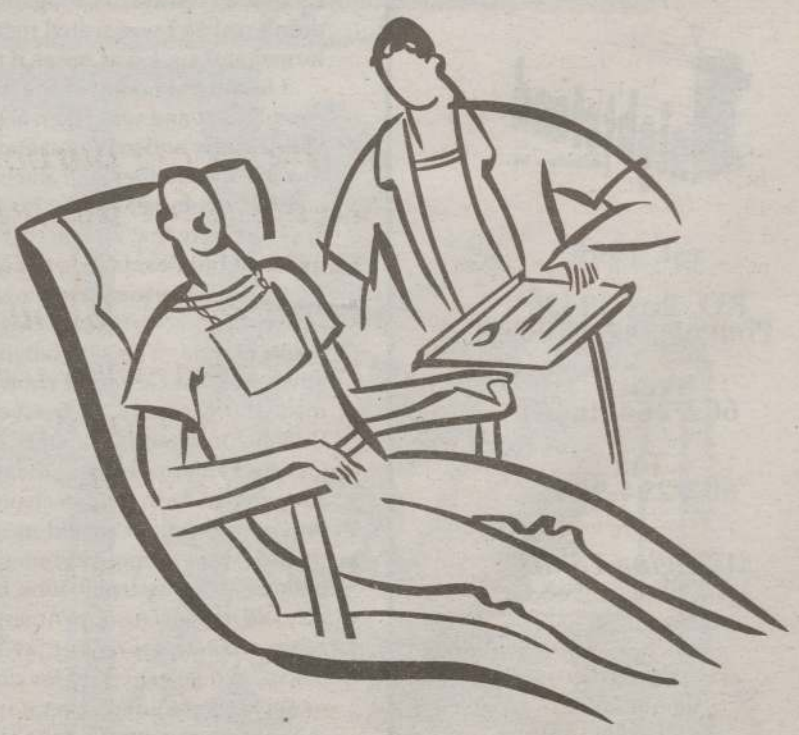
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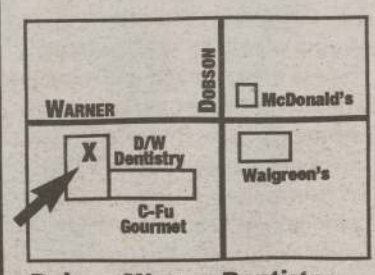
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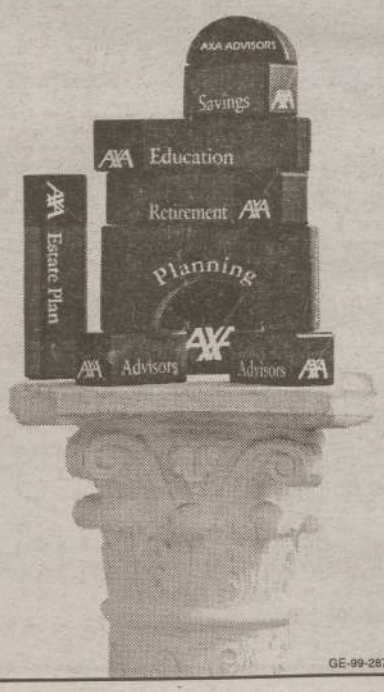


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Vermont Senate gives preliminary approval to civil unions for gays

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—A bill that would create the closest thing in America to gay marriage won preliminary approval in the state Senate April 18 after a debate watched by people wearing either white ribbons or pink stickers to show where they stood.

The 19-11 vote came after the Senate defeated two proposed constitutional amendments designed to outlaw same-sex marriage.

The bill will be up for final approval in the Senate on April 19. A similar measure has already passed the House, but that chamber will have to consider changes made by the Senate. Democratic Gov. Howard Dean has said he will sign the bill.

The measure would enable gay couples to form ``civil unions'' that would entitle them to all 300 or so rights and benefits available under state law to married couples. No other state has gone as far as Vermont to give gay couples something approximating marriage.

However, Vermont's gay couples would still not be entitled to the federal benefits available to married couples in such areas as taxes and Social Security. And unlike marriage, civil unions would not confer portable rights; other states would probably not recognize such unions.

National groups quickly weighed in after the Senate vote.

``Vermont is taking care of its gay and lesbian citizens in a way that other states are not. Vermont is restating its commitment to fairness by today's action,'' said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights organization.

In a statement, Janet Parshall of the Family Research Council said: ``It's a tragic day for the state of Vermont, for the Senate has ignored the will of the people. But it's an even sadder day for the state of marriage, for the Senate action today was a direct assault on this sacred institution.''

Sen. Richard McCormack, a Democrat, said in support of the bill, ``We can do something very, very important.''

The reaction of the dozens of people sitting in the Senate galleries, standing along the chamber's walls and milling about the hallways was subdued.

The Senate debate lacked much of the passion displayed during 17 hours of debate last week in the House, where the Legislature's only openly gay member spoke several times, drawing tears to the eyes of many observers.

Opponents of the legislation, wearing white ribbons to signify their support for traditional marriage, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with supporters wearing pink stickers favoring civil unions.

"The whole purpose of constitutional rights is for the purpose to protect minorities from the majority. I've been asked, 'Shouldn't the majority rule?' And the answer is, 'No, not in America. Not when the question is the right of individuals.'"

Several senators who voted against the bill said they were doing so because their constituents opposed it. Others said they feared the national and international reaction.

``All of the United States and the world will judge our decision today,'' warned Republican Sen. Julius Canns.

The state Supreme Court set the stage for the legislation with its unanimous December ruling that same-sex couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage.

The legislation would create a status parallel to marriage by allowing gay and lesbian couples to obtain a license from their town clerks and then have their unions certified by a judge or member of the clergy.

Same-sex couples then would qualify for the wide array of benefits available to married couples, from being able to make medical decisions on behalf of their partners to qualifying for certain tax breaks.

To break up a civil union, couples would have to go through Family Court to obtain dissolutions, just as when married couples divorce.

Opponents of the measure had attempted to derail it Tuesday with the pair of constitutional amendments. One amendment would have added to the state Constitution the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The second would have overturned the Supreme Court ruling.

``I believe their sexual orientation runs counter to natural law,'' Republican Sen. John Crowley said of same-sex couples as he argued for the marriage definition.

Neither amendment won a simple majority, let alone the two-thirds required for constitutional amendments.

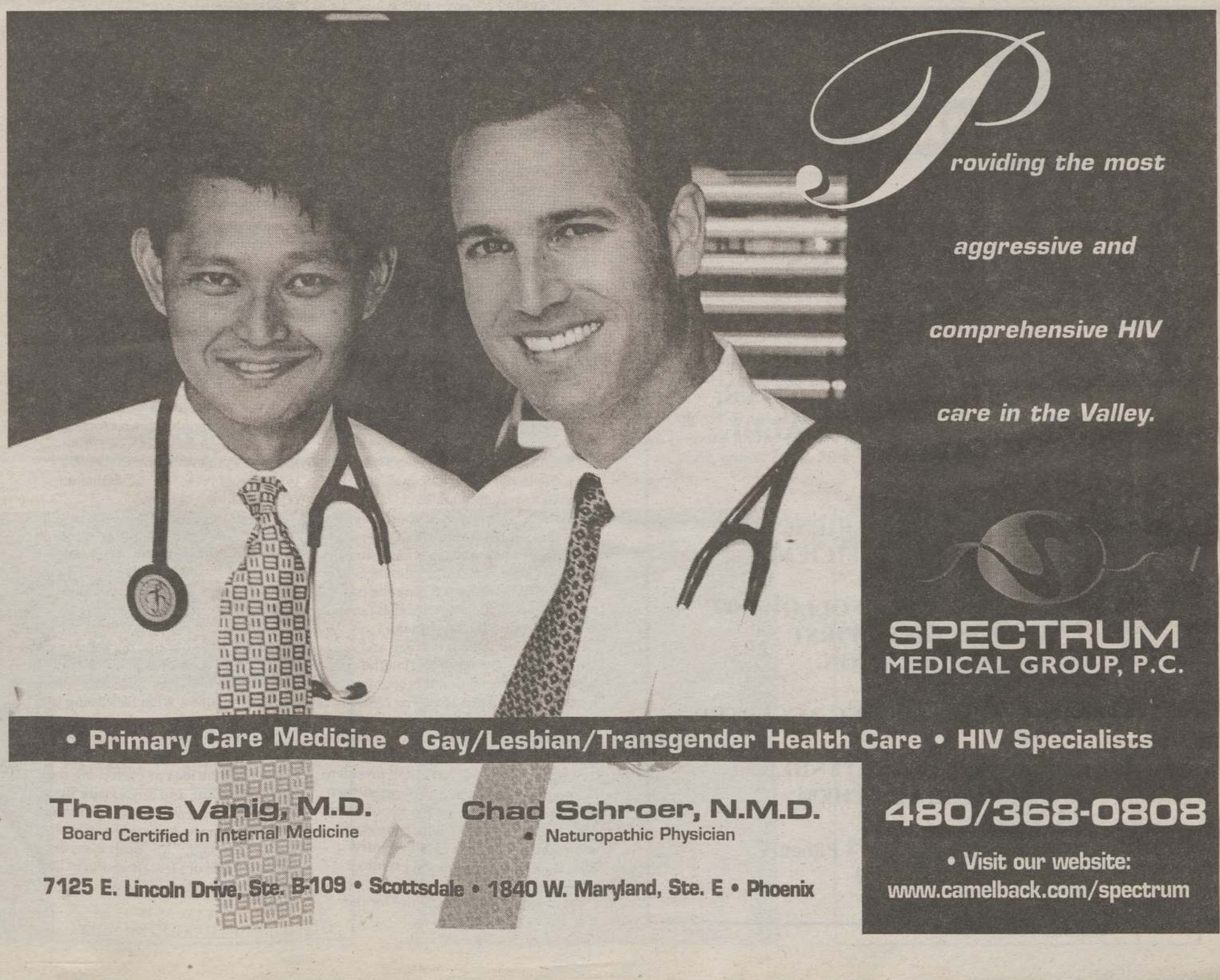
Scores of people listened to debate on the amendments over speakers in hallways outside the small Senate chamber.

Supporters of granting marriage benefits to same-sex couples argued that they were merely agreeing with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution. They rejected arguments that they were thwarting the will of the majority.

``The whole purpose of constitutional rights is for the purpose to protect minorities from the majority,'' said McCormack. ``I've been asked, 'Shouldn't the majority rule?' And the answer is, 'No, not in America. Not when the question is the right of individuals.'''

Nicole Christian stood with a brightly colored sign that read: ``Friendship does not equal marriage! Get real!''

Chuck Kletecka, a social worker who is gay, surveyed the crowd of white ribbons and said: ``It's always sobering to see how many people would oppose civil rights.''



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Study: anti-gay crimes grow more violent

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In the San Francisco Bay area and across the country, anti-gay hate crimes have declined but have grown more violent, a new study shows.

Statistics compiled by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs and San Francisco's Community United Against Violence show that the number of anti-gay incidents, such as taunts, discrimination and police indifference to hate crimes, fell in 1999 by 3 percent nationally. They declined 18 percent in the Bay Area, from 395 incidents reported in 1998 to 325 incidents in 1999.

But the findings released April 5 also show the number of nationwide homicides increased from 26 to 29 last year, the findings show. In the Bay Area, the number of victims who reported severe injuries in violent assaults rose to 88, a 20 percent increase over 1998. Transgender victims accounted for 18 percent of all the incidents reported, almost twice that of the previous year.

Tina D'Elia, the program director for CUAV, pointed out that the number of anti-gay homicides in California had tripled to six last year. The highest profile case involved the murders of a gay couple near Redding. Two white supremacist brothers have been accused in that case.

``Folks coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender in communities where maybe there isn't the same kind of visibility as San Francisco are seeing a kind of backlash as they come out,'' D'Elia said. ``In a lot of ways, these people are being sought out as targets.''

Nationally, the number of anti-gay incidents overall fell from 2,017 in 1998 to 1,965 in 1999, but much of that decline came from four of 13 reporting regions, including San Francisco. In the other regions, there was a 40 percent increase in the number of incidents.

"Hate speech completely fosters people's already existing fears and prejudices."

Anti-violence advocates said April 5 they feared the number of incidents would increase next year because of anti-gay sentiments voiced by controversial radio personality Dr. Laura Schlessinger and the divisive battle earlier in the year over Proposition 22, the voter-approved ban of gay marriages in California.

``Hate speech completely fosters people's already existing fears and prejudices,'' D'Elia said. ``They'll lash out more, and the issues will divide people more.''

Navy secretary: Military should follow society's lead on gays

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig told an audience at the U.S. Naval Academy that the military should not be considered a testing ground for gay-rights issues.

Responding to a question about gays in military service, Danzig said Monday night that American society ``hasn't reached a consensus'' on gay rights.

``In the end, the military itself shouldn't be a driver of that, but a follower of the consensus of society,'' he said.

``It is really much more an issue for society-at-large as it is for the military,'' he said. ``The military isn't essentially a testing ground.''

Defense Secretary William Cohen last month said he would create a special committee to investigate anti-gay speech and harassment after a Pentagon inspector general's survey found that the problems are commonplace in the American military.

The Clinton administration's ``don't ask, don't tell'' policy permits gays and lesbians to serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation to themselves and commanders do not inquire about it.

The Pentagon was forced to take a closer look at how the gay policy is being implemented after the bludgeoning death last July of a gay Army private at Fort Campbell, Ky. His killer, a fellow private, was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Buchanan says Bush leads GOP into cultural surrender

WASHINGTON (AP)—When Pat Buchanan quit the Republican Party, he complained that the GOP had become as bad as the Democrats in refusing to fight for the American culture. He now says the party under George W. Bush has given in to cultural demise.

By refusing to rule out abortion advocates as potential running mates, and by meeting with Republican homosexuals, the Texas governor and presumed GOP presidential nominee is telling the party not to stand on the principle that family is all-important, Buchanan said.

``He's raising the white flag and stacking arms (surrendering) in the cultural war for the soul of this country,'' Buchanan said April 16 on *Fox News Sunday*.

Buchanan bolted the party in October after a series of opinion polls had him trailing badly for the 2000 GOP presidential nomination. He told supporters then that, like the Democrats, the Republicans had stopped fighting ``with conviction and courage to rescue God's country from the cultural and moral pit into which she has fallen.''

Now the leading contender for the Reform Party nomination, Buchanan said Bush's apparent list of possible running mates gives Republicans reason for dismay because it includes Govs. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and Christie Whitman of New Jersey. Neither supports banning abortion.

``What he's saying basically is, `I'm pro-life,' and Governor Ridge is pro-choice, and Christie Todd Whitman is pro-partial-birth abortion, but that's really not a matter that really should divide us as a party,'' Buchanan said.

On Bush's meeting last week with a dozen gay Republicans, Buchanan said: ``He's sending a signal that this really is not a matter that we ought to let trouble us. But you know, what he's doing is he's walking away from the pro-family Republicans.''

``Look, Republicans believe—or used to believe—the idea of preserving the family is critical, and any assault upon the family was really one of the reasons why this country is in such profound trouble,'' he said. ``Mr. Bush is saying that this point of view (homosexuality) is thoroughly acceptable.''

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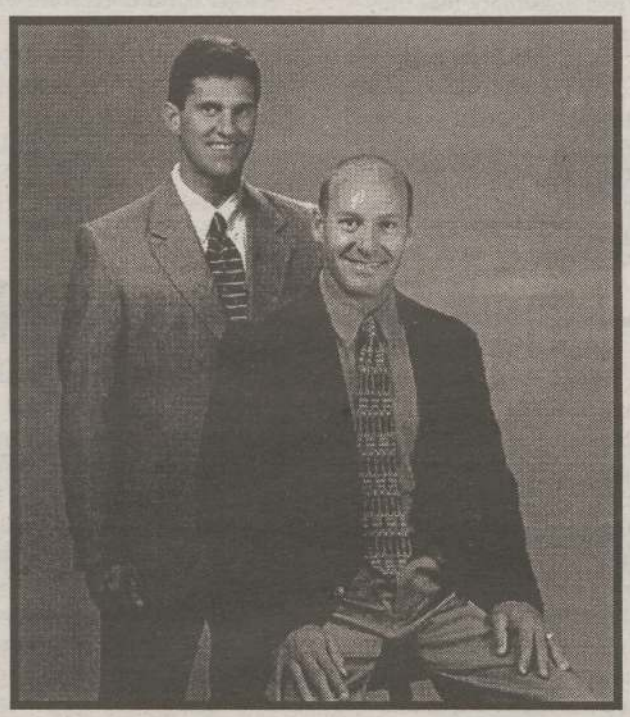
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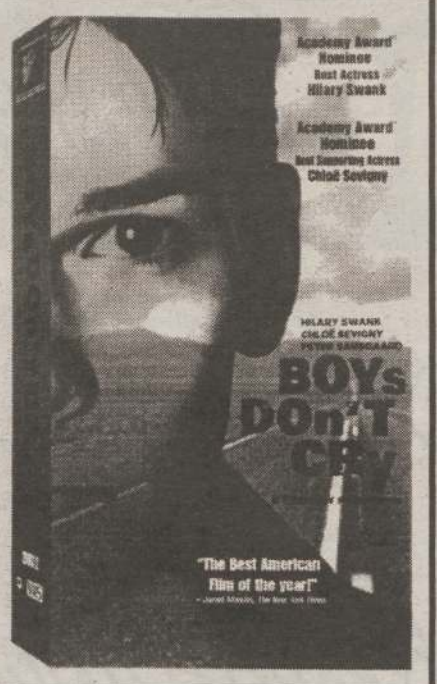
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Study: anti-gay crimes grow more violent

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In the San Francisco Bay area and across the country, anti-gay hate crimes have declined but have grown more violent, a new study shows.

Statistics compiled by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs and San Francisco's Community United Against Violence show that the number of anti-gay incidents, such as taunts, discrimination and police indifference to hate crimes, fell in 1999 by 3 percent nationally. They declined 18 percent in the Bay Area, from 395 incidents reported in 1998 to 325 incidents in 1999.

But the findings released April 5 also show the number of nationwide homicides increased from 26 to 29 last year, the findings show. In the Bay Area, the number of victims who reported severe injuries in violent assaults rose to 88, a 20 percent increase over 1998. Transgender victims accounted for 18 percent of all the incidents reported, almost twice that of the previous year.

Tina D'Elia, the program director for CUAV, pointed out that the number of anti-gay homicides in California had tripled to six last year. The highest profile case involved the murders of a gay couple near Redding. Two white supremacist brothers have been accused in that case.

``Folks coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender in communities where maybe there isn't the same kind of visibility as San Francisco are seeing a kind of backlash as they come out,'' D'Elia said. ``In a lot of ways, these people are being sought out as targets.''

Nationally, the number of anti-gay incidents overall fell from 2,017 in 1998 to 1,965 in 1999, but much of that decline came from four of 13 reporting regions, including San Francisco. In the other regions, there was a 40 percent increase in the number of incidents.

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Anti-violence advocates said April 5 they feared the number of incidents would increase next year because of anti-gay sentiments voiced by controversial radio personality Dr. Laura Schlessinger and the divisive battle earlier in the year over Proposition 22, the voter-approved ban of gay marriages in California.

``Hate speech completely fosters people's already existing fears and prejudices,'' D'Elia said. ``They'll lash out more, and the issues will divide people more.''

Navy secretary: Military should follow society's lead on gays

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig told an audience at the U.S. Naval Academy that the military should not be considered a testing ground for gay-rights issues.

Responding to a question about gays in military service, Danzig said Monday night that American society ``hasn't reached a consensus'' on gay rights.

``In the end, the military itself shouldn't be a driver of that, but a follower of the consensus of society,'' he said.

``It is really much more an issue for society-at-large as it is for the military,'' he said. ``The military isn't essentially a testing ground.''

Defense Secretary William Cohen last month said he would create a special committee to investigate anti-gay speech and harassment after a Pentagon inspector general's survey found that the problems are commonplace in the American military.

The Clinton administration's ``don't ask, don't tell'' policy permits gays and lesbians to serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation to themselves and commanders do not inquire about it.

The Pentagon was forced to take a closer look at how the gay policy is being implemented after the bludgeoning death last July of a gay Army private at Fort Campbell, Ky. His killer, a fellow private, was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Buchanan says Bush leads GOP into cultural surrender

WASHINGTON (AP)—When Pat Buchanan quit the Republican Party, he complained that the GOP had become as bad as the Democrats in refusing to fight for the American culture. He now says the party under George W. Bush has given in to cultural demise.

By refusing to rule out abortion advocates as potential running mates, and by meeting with Republican homosexuals, the Texas governor and presumed GOP presidential nominee is telling the party not to stand on the principle that family is all-important, Buchanan said.

``He's raising the white flag and stacking arms (surrendering) in the cultural war for the soul of this country,'' Buchanan said April 16 on *Fox News Sunday*.

Buchanan bolted the party in October after a series of opinion polls had him trailing badly for the 2000 GOP presidential nomination. He told supporters then that, like the Democrats, the Republicans had stopped fighting ``with conviction and courage to rescue God's country from the cultural and moral pit into which she has fallen.''

Now the leading contender for the Reform Party nomination, Buchanan said Bush's apparent list of possible running mates gives Republicans reason for dismay because it includes Govs. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and Christie Whitman of New Jersey. Neither supports banning abortion.

``What he's saying basically is, `I'm pro-life,' and Governor Ridge is pro-choice, and Christie Todd Whitman is pro-partial-birth abortion, but that's really not a matter that really should divide us as a party,'" Buchanan said.

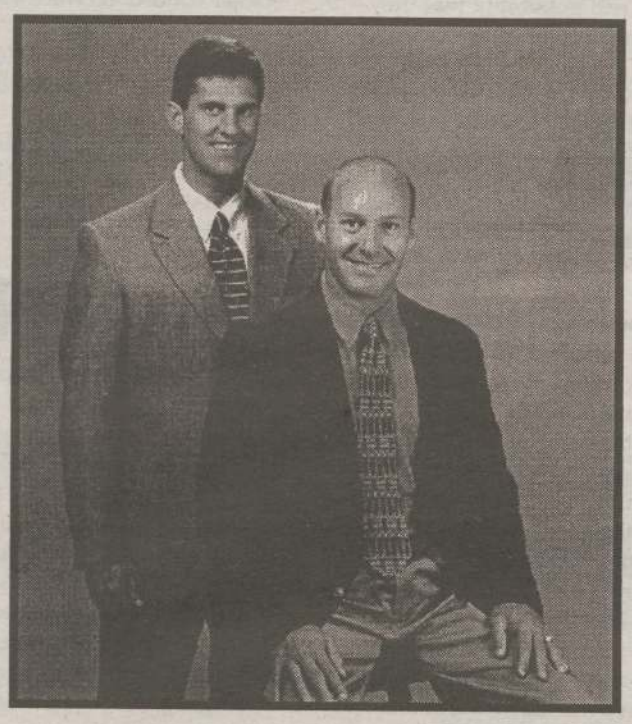
On Bush's meeting last week with a dozen gay Republicans, Buchanan said: ``He's sending a signal that this really is not a matter that we ought to let trouble us. But you know, what he's doing is he's walking away from the pro-family Republicans.''

``Look, Republicans believe—or used to believe—the idea of preserving the family is critical, and any assault upon the family was really one of the reasons why this country is in such profound trouble,'' he said. ``Mr. Bush is saying that this point of view (homosexuality) is thoroughly acceptable.''

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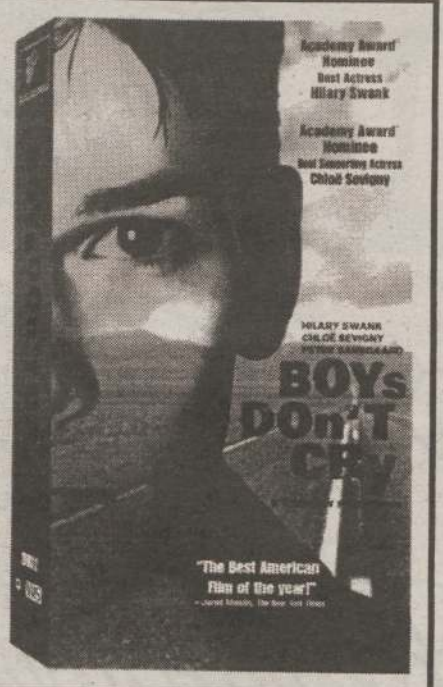
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Insurance company lifts AIDS coverage cap

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Attorneys for two Chicago men who sued Mutual of Omaha because of the insurance company's cap on AIDS coverage are glad the limit is being eliminated.

``Mutual of Omaha has known for a long time that there is no legitimate, financial reason to treat its policy holders with AIDS differently than everybody else," said Heather Sawyer, an attorney for the two men represented by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in Chicago.

The foundation is a legal organization serving lesbians, gay men and people with HIV and AIDS.

Mutual of Omaha clients infected with HIV or AIDS will receive the same medical coverage as those with other ailments effective May 1, company spokesman Jim Nolan said April 12.

The insurance giant, which has policy holders in nearly every state, is eliminating the cap after learning more about medical coverage of AIDS-related problems, Nolan said. He declined to elaborate.

Two Chicago-area men, who are HIV-positive, sued Mutual of Omaha, saying the limits violated the federal Americans With Disabilities Act. Earlier this year the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case, thus upholding a lower court decision allowing the cap.

One man's policy covered $25,000 for AIDS-related conditions, compared to $1 million for other ailments.

Sawyer said if Mutual of Omaha did not eliminate the cap, the issue would come up again.

``They weren't under the current threat of a court order, but I do think they were facing the real possibility that they would be sued again with this," Sawyer said.

Nolan said when the lawsuit was filed two years ago the company was reviewing the policy. AIDS insurance caps were instituted in the late-1980s when little was known about the ailment or the insurance risks, Nolan said.

``Increased medical knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS allows insurers today to better understand and manage the financial risk associated with AIDS-related claims," Nolan said.

The two Chicago-area men with HIV bought policies from Mutual of Omaha in the 1990s. One 1992 policy set a $25,000 lifetime coverage limit for AIDS-related illnesses, and the other 1997 policy covered $100,000 for AIDS.

Other conditions were covered up to $1 million.

Nolan said the cap was legal in 24 states, including Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas, and territories .

Nolan said some individual and small group policy holders in Nebraska were subject to the cap. Mutual of Omaha is a Fortune 500 company.

New NY newspaper aims to speak to—and for—gay seniors

Steve Karpiak, former Phoenician, is editor

NEW YORK (AP)—In Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, gym-toned gay men line up outside busy brunch spots, and the free bar magazines are full of muscle-bound hunks.

It's easy to get the idea that all gay people—men at least—are young and brawny.

But a couple of blocks west of the bars and restaurants is the office of The Networker, a fledgling newspaper for older lesbians and gay men that seeks to change that image.

``Some folks tell us that as they get older they go back in the closet a little bit, because they're more leery of institutions in general and they become less comfortable with their sexuality," said Stephen Karpiak, the newspaper's editor.

``Part of the reason for the paper is to start to draw images about, yes, there are people who are 50, 60, 70 years old, who have very positive lifestyles, who are maybe even good-looking, God forbid. And they are part of this community."

Karpiak also is executive director of the Pride Senior Network, a nonprofit advocacy group for elderly gays. It publishes The Networker, which is starting as a quarterly distributed in restaurants, doctors' offices and other spots where gay people and seniors congregate.

At age 52, Karpiak is part of the baby boom generation that experts say will change the face of aging when its members retire. He believes that as a gay man he has special concerns.

``Who's going to take care of us when we get older?" he asked. ``Who's going to take care of me, for example? I've lost most of my friends to HIV/AIDS. ... These are the people that I would have grown old with. I have to re-establish a whole new network of friends. I don't have children and if I become ill and I don't have a partner, or even if I do, who will become my caregiver?"

The paper's first issue, published last month, includes a piece by Karpiak titled ``Peter Pan does grow up!" and an essay by novelist Patricia Nell Warren chiding the gay community for not honoring its elders.

There is an article about a research effort to assess the caregiving needs of aging lesbians and gay men—estimated at up to 100,000 in New York City—and a letter to the editor about a gay man whose friends found him deteriorating in a nursing home because he had no close relatives to protect his interests.

Future editions will include art and health sections and profiles of gay individuals who have remained active and influential past midlife, Karpiak said.

The paper has so far been funded largely by donations but will accept ads. Additionally, a fashion show featuring clothes for young and old is planned this summer in the gay resort community Fire Island Pines to raise money for the paper.

The Networker began as the newsletter of Pride Senior Network, which was founded in 1995 by Ellen Ensig-Brodsky.

At 67, Ensig-Brodsky is retired from a career with the federal government, where her duties included surveying nursing homes for the Department of Health and Human Services. Her partner when she founded the group was the director of a Manhattan senior center.

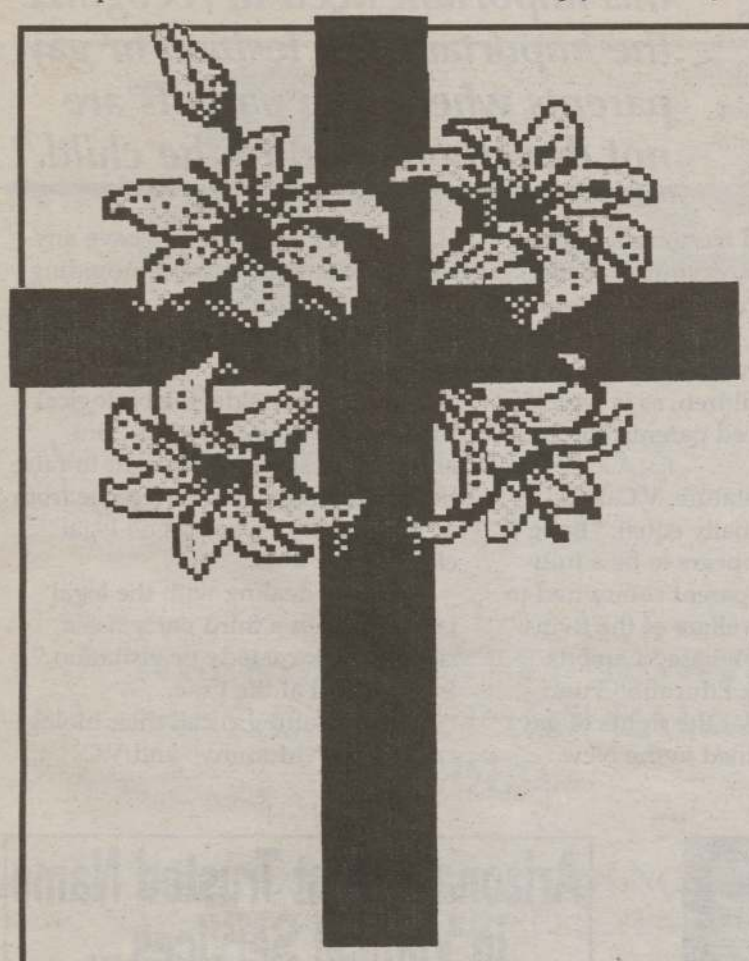
``So of course we would think, my goodness, how are we going to feel receiving these services?" she recalled.

``Are we going to be able to reminisce openly? Her senior center always has a monthly birthday dance. Would we get up and dance? Could I tell someone in a nursing home, 'This is my partner?'"

Pride Senior Network publishes a directory of gay-friendly service providers including doctors, lawyers and accountants. It also seeks to convey the concerns of gay seniors to people who run senior centers and provide other services to elderly New Yorkers.

The newspaper will be part of its effort to help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender peopleface the challenges and difficulties of growing old, Ensig-Brodsky said.

``We have to in some way reach those LBGT older people who are not connected to the mainstream gay organizations and become in some way an ongoing presence within the aging community," she said.



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AGRA gives $6,500 grant for Tucson's Poz Cafe

Phoenix—People living with HIV and AIDS in Southern Arizona will benefit from the volunteer efforts of the gay rodeo community.

At its monthly meeting April 9, the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) announced that the association's membership voted unanimously to award a grant to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

The $6,500 grant will be used to support Poz Cafe, a very successful and well-respected TIHAN program designed to enhance nutrition and socialization among persons living with HIV.

Bob Pimentel, President of the AGRA State Board, presented the check at Charlie's, the popular country-western bar in Phoenix, to a TIHAN contingent in Phoenix for the AGRA meeting.

The grant comes from the proceeds of the Tucson Chapter of AGRA, which dissolved into the Phoenix chapter last year. "We're grateful to the members of AGRA and the gay rodeo community in Tucson, Phoenix, and throughout the country," said Scott Blades, Executive Director of TIHAN. "These funds represent the hard work of AGRA volunteers from gay rodeo events over the past years, and we're honored to be chosen to receive this grant. Be assured that we'll put these funds to good use to benefit people in our community."



(From left) Poz Cafe Planning Team members Noel and Jim, TIHAN Board members Lida Girard and Rev. Frank Bergen, along with Executive Director Scott Blades, accept the check from AGRA State Board President Bob Pimentel.

With its beginnings in Reno in 1976, the gay rodeo movement has grown substantially, and raises thousands of dollars for charity each year. The Arizona rodeo is among the longest-running and best-attended on the International Gay Rodeo Association circuit.

The Tucson group's $6,500 grant will be utilized to provide meals to HIV+ persons through Poz Cafe, a monthly lunch/dinner program established by TIHAN and its member congregations. The program is for HIV+ adults, and each may bring a guest. It is free of charge, and transportation is provided as needed.

Corporate breakfast kicks off AIDS Walk

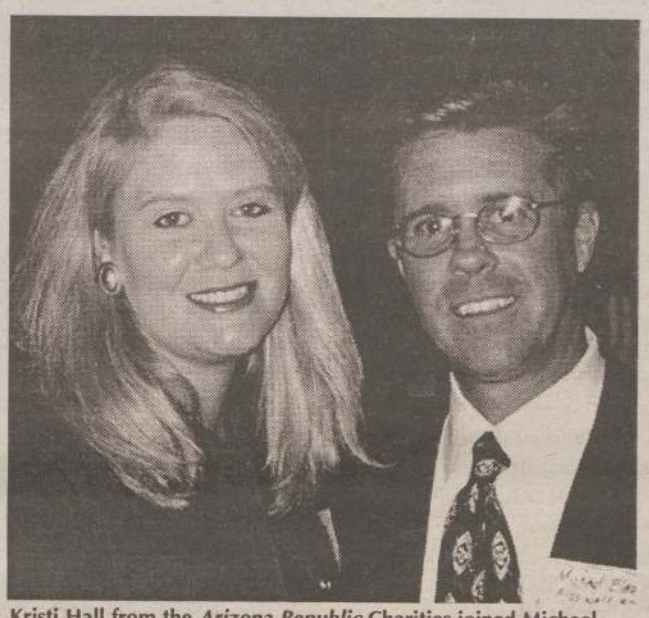
The 13th Annual AIDS Walk Arizona won't be held until Nov. 5, but event boosters got an early start promoting the state's largest AIDS fundraising event with a corporate breakfast on April 13 at the Phoenix Art Museum Cafe.

New Walk Executive Director Michael Elario presented several local business owners and managers with sponsorship packages and encouraged all those present to do whatever they can to get behind this year's event and make it successful.

A representative of Motorola presented Elario with a check for $20,000 that the company's employees have already raised toward the 2000 effort.

Kristi Hall, Community & Corporate Affairs Coordinator for *The Arizona Republic*, was also on hand for the kickoff breakfast. The *Republic* will once again be presenting sponsor of the Walk, chipping in matching funds of 50 cents on the dollar. The 1999 Walk raised $639,000, supporting 19 AIDS service organizations.

To get involved or pledge support from your business, contact Michael Elario at 602/254-WALK.



Kristi Hall from the *Arizona Republic* Charities joined Michael Elario at the AIDS Walk kickoff breakfast

Albuquerque grants employees domestic partnership benefits

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—Albuquerque will join the University of New Mexico, U S West and others in offering insurance coverage to unmarried domestic partners beginning in July.

``It will give insurance coverage to many people and children who don't have it. Why would anybody not want those folks to have insurance?'' Mayor Jim Baca said April 11.

The policy, which he approved in an order signed March 8, will help the city stay competitive with other large employers that offer insurance benefits to their workers' partners, Baca said.

City officials estimate extending health insurance will raise the city's premiums 1 percent, or about $185,000 a year. The city pays 80 percent of the premium costs for most employees.

They said, however, they don't know how many employees will take advantage of the new benefit, available to partners who have lived together at least 12 months.

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Canadian partner bill passes House

Canadian legislation that will equalize gay and straight couples passed its final reading in the House of Commons April 18 by a vote of 174 to 72.

The measure grants gay couples all federal benefits received by common-law opposite-sex spouses and extends to gay and straight common-law couples many marriage rights that neither group currently has. It rewrites some 70 federal statutes in areas ranging from pensions and insurance to income tax and prison visits.

The bill is a response to several court decisions, including last year's Supreme Court ruling that Ontario's definition of "spouse" was unconstitutionally heterosexist.

"This legislation is about respect," said Justice Minister Anne McLellan. "It's about tolerance. It's about fairness."

The measure must pass through the unelected Senate, which is expected to rubberstamp it, before it becomes law.

Lords OK equal age of consent

A measure to equalize the ages of consent for gay and straight sex at 16 received an unopposed second reading in Britain's anti- gay House of Lords April 11. Currently gay-male sex is not legal until age 18.

The Lords still oppose the bill but because they have blocked it repeatedly in the past, the government now has the authority to invoke the little-used Parliament Act to change the law without the Lords' approval.

The Parliament Act can be used only when the unelected Lords repeatedly vote down a bill that began in and passed the elected House of Commons. The act has been used five times since 1911. Had the Lords blocked the consent bill again, the government would have invoked the act immediately.

The measure still faces a third reading before the Lords but it is not expected to encounter further serious opposition.

The Lords likely will seek their revenge against Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour government by continuing to block repeal of Section 28, a 10-year-old law that prohibits cities from "intentionally promot[ing] homosexuality" or teaching "the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship" in schools.

Because the Section 28 repeal bill began in the House of Lords, the Lords' vote on it cannot be overridden via the Parliament Act.

Wrestlers denounce bears

Organizers of Turkey's 649th Kirkpinar oil wrestling championships are outraged that the Bears of Turkey group is organizing an outing to the July 1-2 event near the city of Edirne.

The wrestlers—burly, mustachioed men who rub themselves with olive oil, wear leather pants, and stick their hands down each other trousers to get a better grip — want the government to forbid the bears' attendance.

"It's immoral," said Alper Yazoglu, chairman of the Traditional Sports Federation. "We are trying every way to have this stopped. ... We shall pass this matter on to the interior, foreign and other ministries to ask for this disgusting business to be stopped."

The bears are advertising their outing at http://www.ayilar.net.

Gay 'bears' are hairy and beefy or big-bellied men who have created bear clubs, bars and magazines that bring together men who are uninterested in the "twink," "pretty boy," and/or chiseled-body look promoted by the gay media.

South African mag honored

The South African gay magazine *OUTright* is among the finalists for the prestigious Mondi Paper Magazine Awards in the categories of fashion and decor.

Other finalists in those categories include the international magazines *Marie-Claire* and *Elle* and the South African magazines *Femina*, *Style*, *House & Leisure* and *You/Huisgenoot*.

"It is really fantastic — proof that we have moved the magazine from fag rag to fash mag," said *OUTright* editor Daniel Somerville. "Gay magazines don't have to be cheap tatty affairs. With a hard-working and highly talented team we can produce a quality product for our community."

Winners will be announced May 10.

Korean film festival seeks entries

The second Seoul International Queer Film & Video Festival is seeking entries.

The first festival, in 1998, "was a big success," organizers said.

"The festival's percentage of seats was up to eighty-five percentage and about more than 10,000 audiences met the queer film works during ten festival dates," Executive Director Seo Dong-Jin said April 11 in an English-language press release. "And we are proud to abolish almost all lawful and institutional obstacles to head off the queer view in Korean Society. In the end, the festival won the cultural civil rights to make and show queer film and video works."

The festival runs Sept. 1-7. Submissions should be sent by June 20 to 2000 Seoul International Queer Film & Video Festival, Organization Committee, Soongin-dong 207-40, Yonghwa Building #206, Chongno-ku, Seoul 110-550, South Korea. For detailed information, e-mail queer21@thrunet.com.

Gay group gets $1.4 million from government

The British gay lobby group Stonewall received $1.41 million from the National Lottery Charities Board April 13.

The money will be used in Stonewall's Citizenship 21 program to challenge prejudice and homophobia, foster institutional change and build links among minority communities.

Five people will be hired to run workshops on gay issues for employers and government entities. A national gay database will be created for use by gay groups, police, health officials and charities.

Lottery Board Chair Lady Brittan said: "Our aim is to support those at greatest disadvantage in society, and we believe that the lesbian and gay community is as equally disadvantaged as many others. The Citizenship 21 project is an exciting attempt to tackle disadvantage across England by challenging prejudice and homophobia. It will also improve our understanding of lesbian and gay issues. In the scheme of things this award is very small, but we hope that Stonewall's innovative approach will make a real difference across the country."

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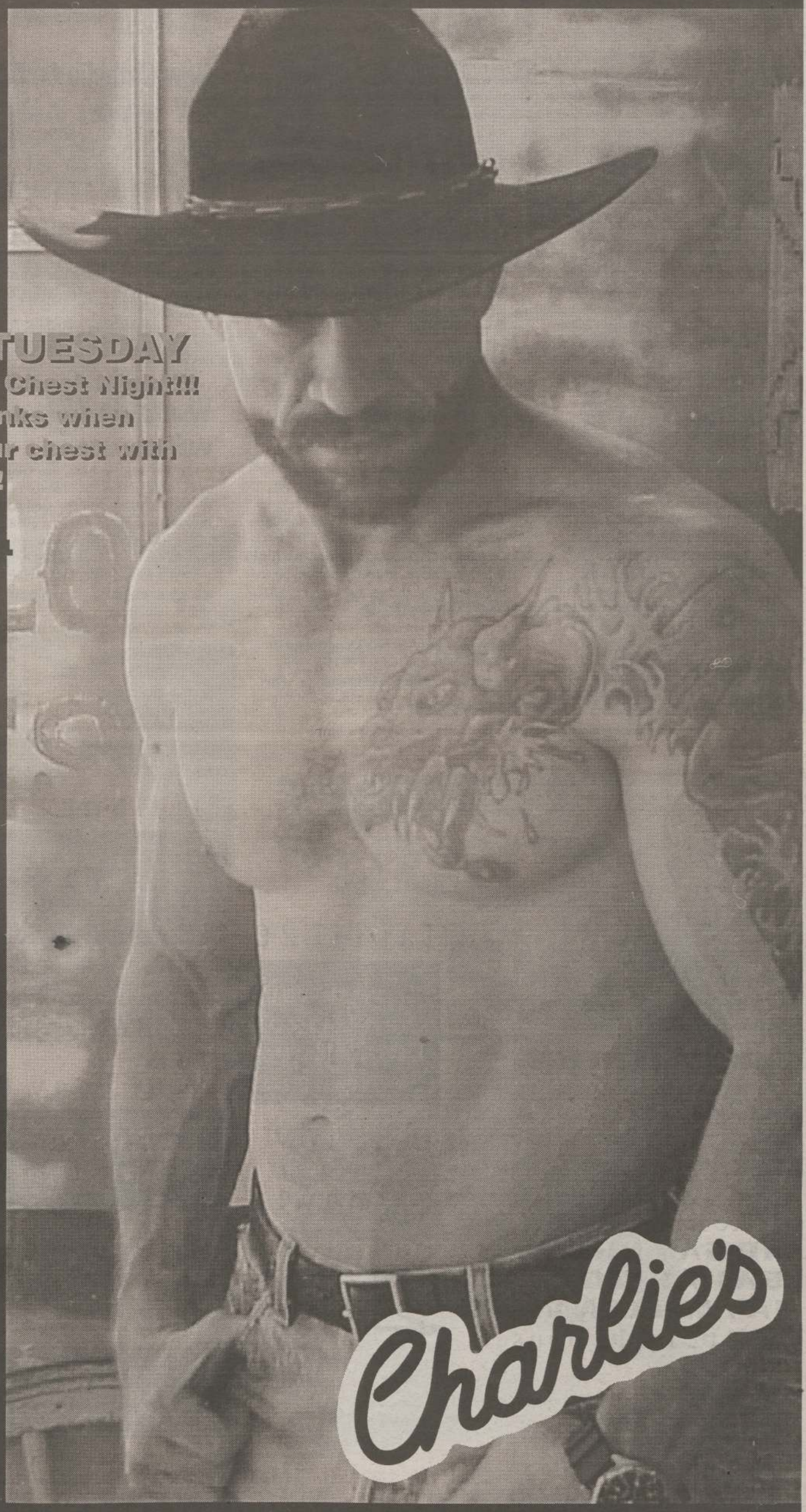
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Goings On

News & Events of Interest to the Phoenix Queer Community

INGLO in Phoenix

On Friday, April 21, the International Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials will be having their Annual Executive Meeting in Scottsdale. The purpose of this meeting is to plan the Annual INGLO Meeting , to be held in the Phoenix area this November.

Arizona State Rep. Ken Cheuvront is Co-Chair of the international organization, and said he is excited to be hosting the annual meeting here. "We are honored to be having so many lesbian and gay elected officials from throughout the world in our city," he said.

Scottsdale activists Bill Lewis and Rick Underwood will be hosting a reception at their home on Thursday, April 20 for the participants in the board meeting. Officials expected to attend on the 21st are Houston City Councilwoman Annise Parker; Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray; New York City Councilman Philip Reed; Rochester City Councilman Tim Mains; and Brian Bond, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund out of Washington, D.C.

Easter brunch at Dignity/Integrity

The local chapter of Dignity/Integrity for Catholics and Episcopalians in the glbt community will host an Easter brunch at 1:00 p.m. on April 23 at Beef Eater's restaurant in Central Phoenix.

For information on more of the group's activities or to participate in the brunch, call 602/222-8664. you can also visit their website at www.diginphx.org.

Is AGRA for you?

Membership in the AGRA (Arizona Gay Rodeo Association) is open to everyone. The objective of AGRA is to elevate the image of men and women in the sport of rodeo. Two of the stated purposes are: 1) to promote and stage rodeos at locations within the state of Arizona and 2) To engage in charitable activities.

AGRA was founded in 1985 and is a member association in the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). There are currently 20 member associations of IGRA throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Phoenix Chapter of AGRA hosts the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix each January. The rodeo here is among the most well-attended on the IGRA circuit.

Contact AGRA by phone at 602/265-8166, or visit the group's website at www.agra-phx.com for information on how to join.

Dr. Andy Myers honored at "Night for Life" Dinner

Dr. Andy Myers, a Phoenix M.D. who gave up his private medical practice to manage the only HIV/AIDS clinical trials program in the Southwest, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at Phoenix Body Positive's annual "Night for Life" dinner on Friday, April 28 at The Phoenician resort in Scottsdale.

Dr. Myers, medical director for the nationally recognized Clinical Trials Program at Phoenix Body Positive (PBP), is one of four awardees who will be recognized at the dinner for their contributions and commitment.

Other winners are: HIV/AIDS Agency—the Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of HIV/SD Services. Corporate Citizenship—The Charles Schwab Foundation. Patrons—Karen and Craig Morton.

The benefit dinner is a significant fundraising effort for PBP, last year netting more than $120,000 for the organization's programs and services.

Cocktails and a silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and a live auction at 7:00 p.m. Preferred seating tickets are $150, general admission seating is $125. table and corporate sponsorships are available by contacting PBP at 602/955-4673.

New Catholic facility for HIV services in Valley

Catholic Social Services has opened a facility at 2911 N. 11th Ave. in Phoenix to provide emotional and spiritual support for those infected and affected by HIV /AIDS.

Counseling services, a Monday night grief support group, Saturday mass and open door dinner are now available. There will be an open house and project dedication on Saturday, April 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

For information contact Fr. Lou Bishop, S.J., or Tom Mann at 602/277-9551.

Woman to Woman violence survey

If you are a lesbian, bisexual woman or transgendered/transsexual woman (living full time as a female), you are invited to participates in a groundbreaking study of woman to woman sexual violence.

Participation is confidential. To obtain a copy of the survey and a postage-paid return envelope, contact Lori. B. Girshick, Ph.D. at WWC-6124, P.O. Box 9000, Asheville, NC 28815. Or, e-mail lgirshic@warren-wilson.edu.

HIV prevention training for state funding applicants

Organizations interested in applying for HIV prevention funding from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) are encouraged to attend a special training on May 3 and 4 in Phoenix. The training is *Understanding the Mpowerment Project and other Community Level Interventions*. It is being presented by the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California at San Francisco.

In Arizona, funding for HIV prevention programs is handled on a three-year cycle by the ADHS Office of HIV/STD Services. ADHS expects to issue a request for proposals for the next three year cycle sometime in late May or early June. The next funding cycle will begin in January 2001.

Organizations that currently receive funding and those wishing to apply for funds should attend the training, which is offered by the Central Region HIV Community Planning Group (CPG), in conjunction with ADHS. The Central CPG, which covers Maricopa, Pinal and Gila counties, has identified community level interventions as the priority intervention for funding for men who have sex with men(MSM) prevention proposals. MSM are the number one priority population for the Central Region.

There is no fee to attend the training, but reservations are necessary. Attendance will be limited to one representative per agency. To make a reservation, contact Michelle Holman of the Central CPG at 602/506-6005.

While in Phoenix, representatives from the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies will also hold a public forum to present findings from its Young Gay Men's Survey. The forum is free and open to the public. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 3

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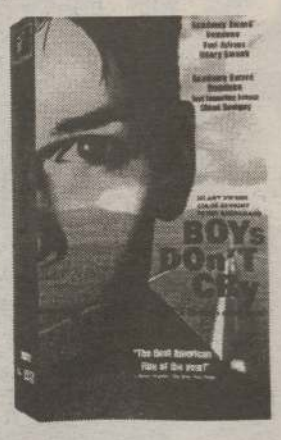
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AIDS candlelight memorial May 21

The Phoenix area International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization Service will be held at Community Church of Hope, 4400 N. Central Ave. in Phoenix on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Local coordinator for the event is Rev. Patrick Stout.

The mobilization, in its 17th year, will be held in more than 400 cities and towns and in 60 countries on that date. The theme of this year's service is "Break the Silence: Honor Every Death, Value Every Life."

Local AIDS organizations and churches and other organizations with AIDS outreach programs are invited to take part in a procession with their organization's banners. There will be a vigil on central avenue and the lighting of candles. The public is invited.

For more information or to volunteer to help, call the Community Church of Hope at 602/234-2180.

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.

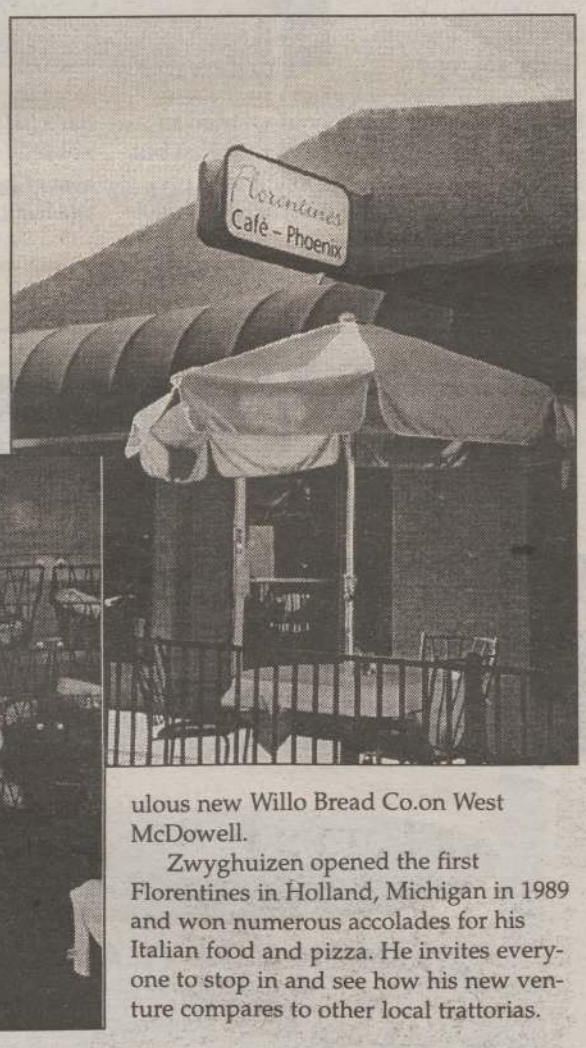
Positive Living, Positive Friends to meet

Lightworks Center of Phoenix has formed a new friendship and networking group for HIV+ men throughout the greater Phoenix area. The social group, "Positive Living, Positive Friends", will meet once each month to make new friends, participate in activities, share ideas on positive living and self-empowerment, learn holistic ways of living such as hypnosis and meditation, and more.

Other areas of interest will be explored including employment opportunities, spirituality, hobbies, sports, fitness, and networking opportunities. Monthly meetings may include guest speakers and/or holistic practitioners.

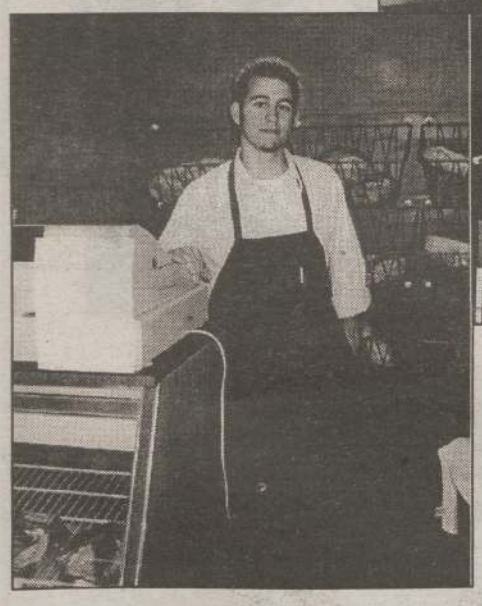
For more information or to participate in the initial discussion group, call 602/212-1196.

New cafe on Camelback

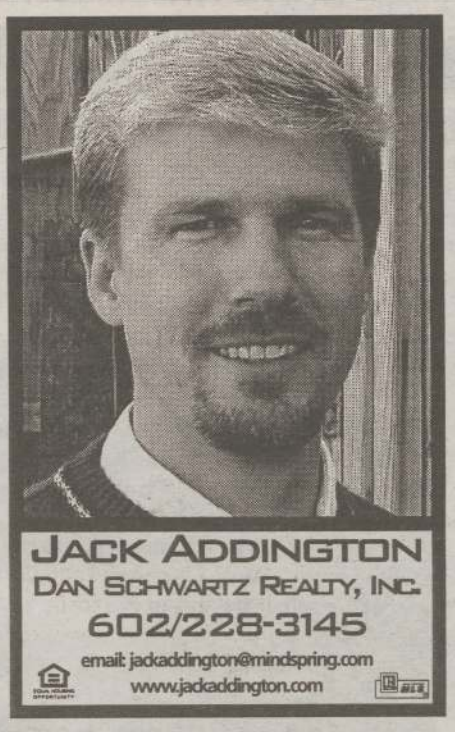


Community businessman Bryan Zwyghuizen and partner Punky Jordan have opened Florentines, a new Italian/Mexican cafe, at the former Bagel Nosh locale, 816 E. Camelback Rd. in Phoenix.

The cafe features a soup and sandwich lunch menu, specialty Italian and Mexican dinners, late dinner hours and a spacious patio with a misting system. Florentines' bread comes from David Lacey's fabulous new Willo Bread Co.on West McDowell.

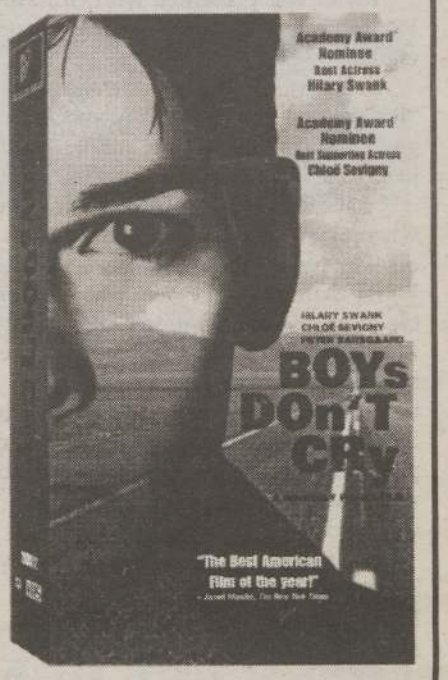


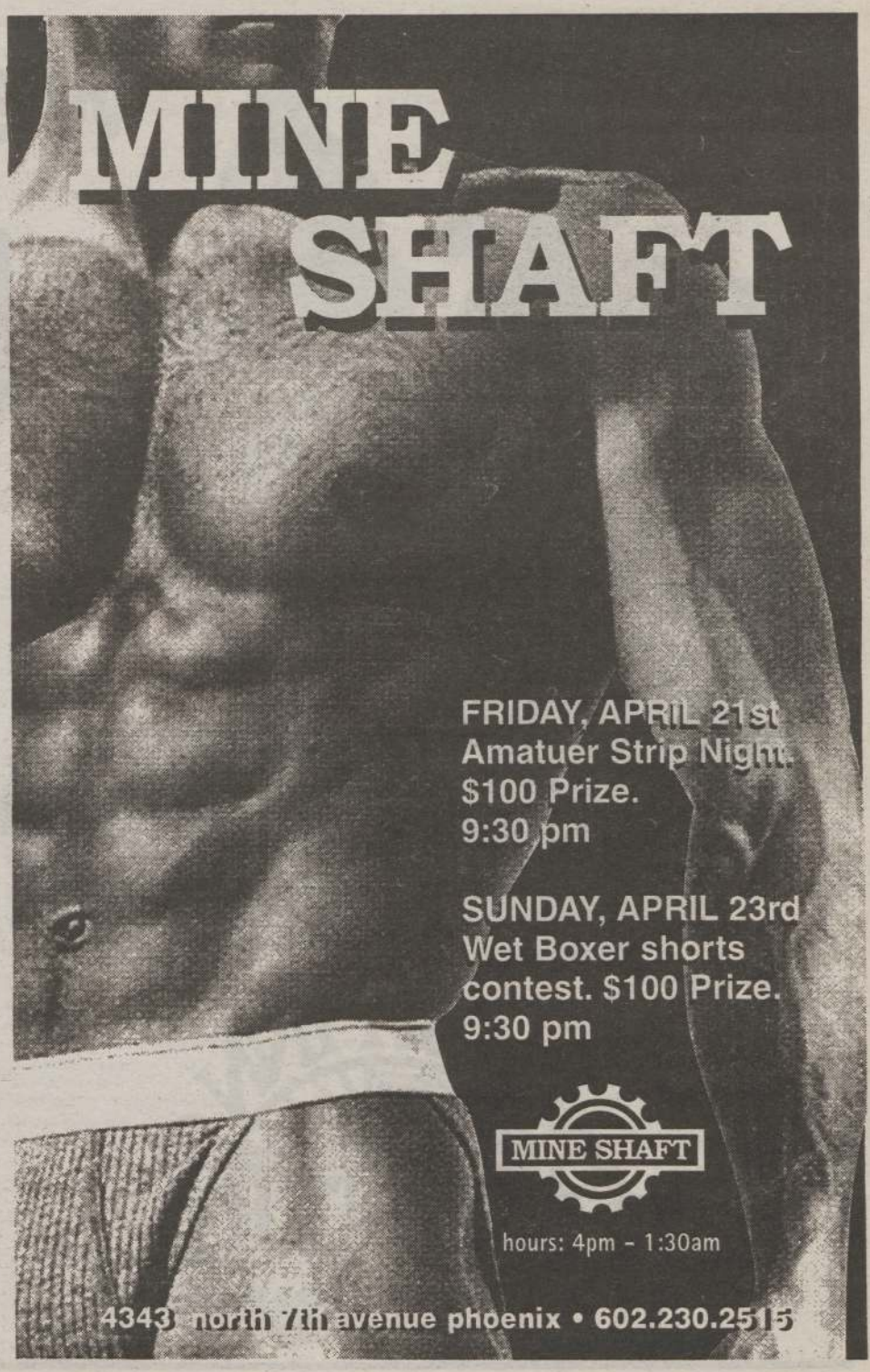
Zwyghuizen opened the first Florentines in Holland, Michigan in 1989 and won numerous accolades for his Italian food and pizza. He invites everyone to stop in and see how his new venture compares to other local trattorias.


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Stars come out for GLAAD

Elizabeth Taylor receives Vanguard Award

By Rex Wockner, Contributor

LOS ANGELES — The stars came out to support the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation April 15 at the Century Plaza Hotel and Towers.

In attendance at GLAAD's 11th Annual Media Awards were Elizabeth Taylor, Carrie Fisher, Sharon Stone, Delta Burke, Michael Jeter, Joan Jett, Jay Leno, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Eric McCormack, Debra Messing, Sean Hayes, Billy Bean, Wayne Brady, Bill Brochtrup, Enrico Colantoni, Jane Curtin, Tim Daly, Illeana Douglas, Leeza Gibbons, Ian Gomez, Sophie B. Hawkins, Bryce Johnson, Camryn Manheim, Garry Marshall, Cristina Saralegui, Kerr Smith, Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Bruce Vilanch, Coco Peru, Steven Weber, Hillary Clinton (via video) and the entire cast of Popular, among others.

Taylor was presented with GLAAD's Vanguard Award for promoting gay equality.

In her acceptance speech, she said: "It's the first award I've received from a gay organization and I'm honored and just tickled.

"I started my activism in the eighties when a new disease emerged that was quickly and inexplicably killing people. Worse than the virus there was the terrible discrimination and prejudice it left in its wake. Suddenly it made gay people stop being human beings and start becoming the enemy. I knew somebody had to do something. For God's sake, our president didn't even utter the word for years into the epidemic. So I got involved."

Taylor continued: "All of my life I've spent a lot of time with gay men—Montgomery Clift, Jimmy Dean, Rock Hudson—who are my colleagues, coworkers, confidantes, my closest friends, but I never thought of who they slept with! They were just the people I loved. I could never understand why they couldn't be afforded the same rights and protections as all of the rest of us. There is no gay agenda, it's a human agenda.

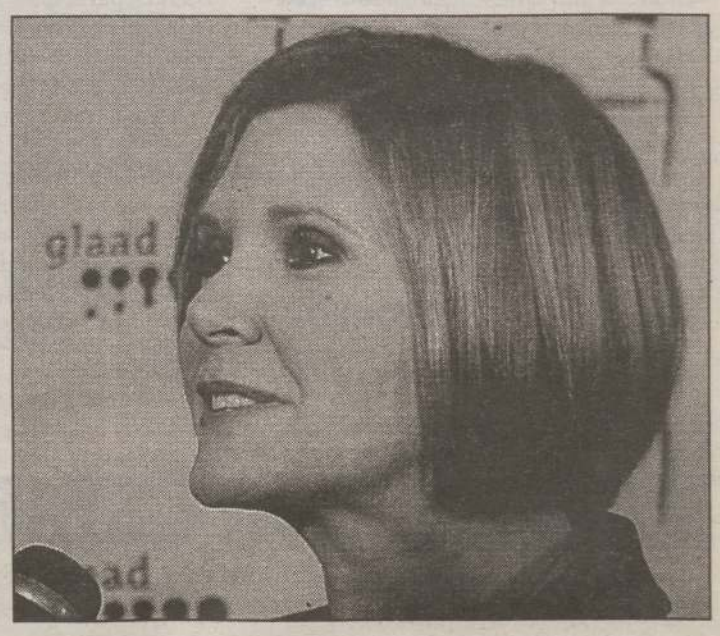


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Above: Elizabeth Taylor accepts GLAAD's Vanguard Award for promoting gay rights, presented by Carrie Fisher, right.

"All of us should be treated the same, and GLAAD knows that. Why shouldn't gay people be allowed to marry? Those against gay marriages say marriage should only be between a man and a woman. God, I, of all people know that [the remainder of the sentence was inaudible due to an audience outburst]. I feel that any home where there is love constitutes a family and all families should have the same legal rights, including the right to marry and have or adopt children!

"Why shouldn't gay people be able to live as open and freely as everybody else? What it comes down to, ultimately, is love. How can anything bad come out of love? The bad stuff comes out of mistrust, misunderstanding and, God knows, from hate and from ignorance. Thank God GLAAD works to fight this. During my life I've seen many things, good and bad, but the bad things never came out of loving acts, loving gestures or loving relationships. That's why I'm here tonight—to celebrate you and your families. And to tell you to hang in there and to say, once and for all of us, long live love."

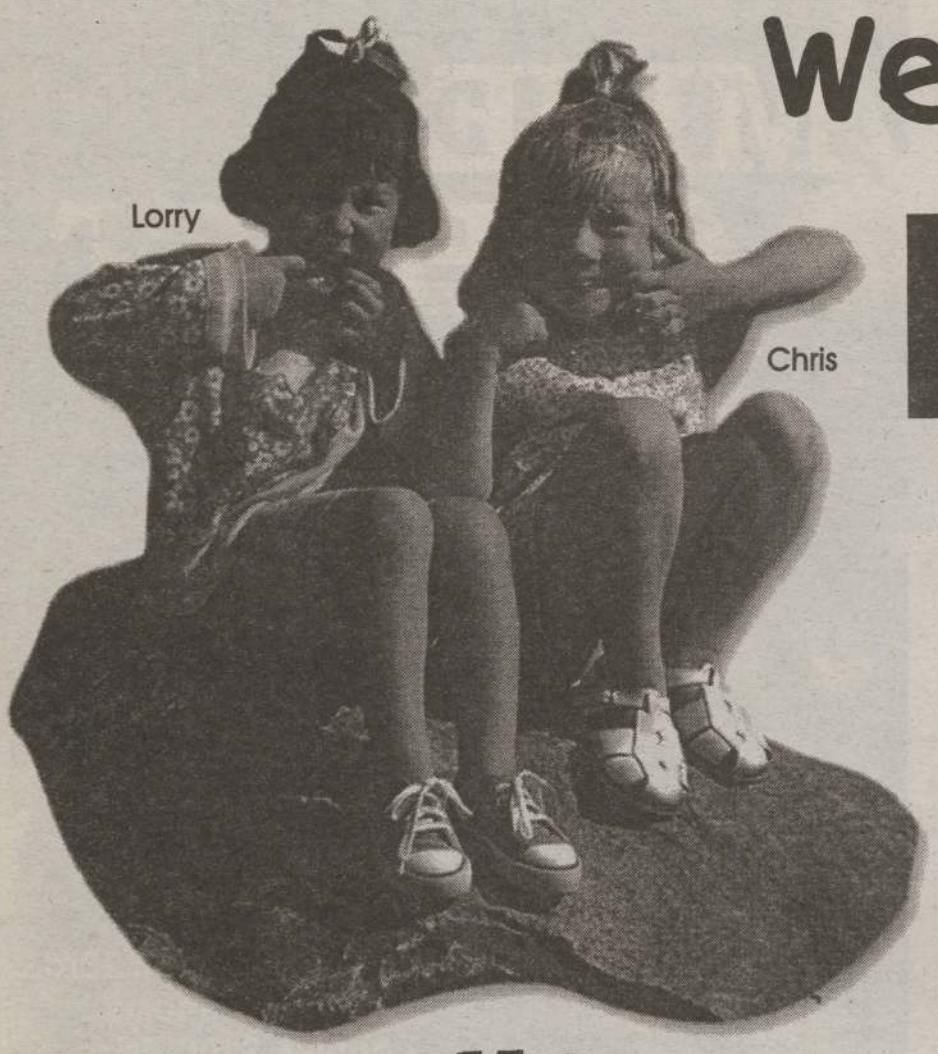


Actress Carrie Fisher presented the award to Taylor and commented: "The best thing Elizabeth Taylor did for me was get [my Dad] Eddie Fisher out of our house. I tried to get an awards dinner together for that but with my mother [Debbie Reynolds], my brother and myself in attendance it really wasn't shaping up into that great of an evening. I think one of the reasons Elizabeth works so tirelessly for gays is that, well, frankly, Eddie Fisher could put you off heterosexuals for life. I mean, hello? Did I have a child with a heterosexual? No. So that clears up any questions anybody might have about that."

Eddie Fisher was one of Taylor's many husbands after he and Reynolds divorced. The father of Carrie Fisher's daughter (Billie Catherine Fisher Lourd) is ex-lover Bryan Lourd.

Fisher added: "My mother really wanted to be here tonight but she has a new boyfriend and wanted to keep him as far away from Elizabeth as possible. I'm just kidding. No, seriously, she's somewhere with Whitney Houston."

In a special video tribute, Hillary Clinton said: "Elizabeth is a legend, a star who has made us laugh and cry and think hard for years. But she's also shown us not only the best of entertainment but the best of humanity. By word and example she has taught us that an injustice toward



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Among other memorable moments, Leeza Gibbons, who won an award for outstanding TV talk show, took a swipe at radio star Dr. Laura Schlessinger, who is under fire for calling gays "biological errors" and opposing gay equal rights.

"Dr. Laura could use some coaching in learning the difference between the Bible and the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, those documents which are supposed to guarantee rights and protections and privileges for all of us but apparently not for gays and lesbians," Gibbons said.



Sean Hayes of *Will & Grace* at the 11th Annual GLAAD Media Awards. *Will & Grace* was named Outstanding TV Comedy Series.



Julia Louis-Dreyfus at the 11th annual GLAAD Media Awards April 15.

She added: "We can tax the paychecks. The government is very happy to take money from gays and lesbians, but apparently it is not quite capable of providing freedoms and basic privileges like the right to marry and the right to have a family."

Sharon Stone presented Anne Heche, who did not attend, with GLAAD's Stephen F. Kolzak Award for outstanding contribution in combating homophobia.

"Anne Heche took the disappointment of coming out to an extraordinary level of spirituality and humanity," Stone said. "What you saw and how she felt, I'm sure I don't need to explain. But that girl didn't work for three years. And she had just starred in a movie with Harrison Ford."

Other award winners included the film *Being John Malkovich*, the TV shows *Will & Grace* and *Dawson's Creek*, the TV movie *Execution of Justice* and the play *Media, the Musical*.

Will & Grace's Debra Messing called her show's GLAAD Award for outstanding TV comedy series "the Academy Award of homosexual trophies."

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Kerr is one of five paid staffers—all female—at the nonprofit agency. She says she doesn't have a job title, but she helps with marketing and outreach, recruits and assigns volunteers, and is primarily responsible for screening potential owners and placing dogs in the best possible homes.

"I used to be the volunteer coordinator, but we have someone else doing that now," she relates. Volunteers staff information booths at community events and fairs, helping distribute information about the program.

adopted. Many have never been inside a house until they are retired from racing.

"I got Gent first and he was totally traumatized", recalls Jacobson. "He literally cowered and shook."

Gent, a tall brindle, hid in Jacobson's room for "about a month". But Jacobson was committed to making his new relationship work, so he called the agency for help.

The solution was to add brindle-and-white Yukon to the household. Yukon, another male, had already been in a home when Jacobson adopted him, so he had an

are kept for a period of time in order to grow accustomed to kids, other pets, and familial comings and goings.

Jacobson describes the dog-to-owner matching process with humor. "It's totally intimidating and also exciting. You go down with these other families and sit in these little chairs at the track, and, one by one, they bring each of you your child."

Unlike rescuing a dog from a pound or shelter, Adopt A Greyhound parents don't get to see their dogs until they are handed over, he says.

In Segal's case, Beau and Lily had been adopted together by another family but the match was not a success. Since she had requested two dogs, the agency decided to keep the pair together and place them with her.

She couldn't be happier with the

muscle."

One of a group of 11 sighthounds recognized by the A.K.C., the Greyhound is an ancient breed that can be traced back more than 4,000 years with little physical change.

Sighthounds are typically tall and lean, built for spotting prey at a distance and then running it down (as opposed to scenthounds, which are expected to sniff out their master's quarry, such as Beagles and Bloodhounds). The Greyhound is believed to have originated in Egypt and elsewhere in North Africa, its primary prey presumed to have been the gazelle.

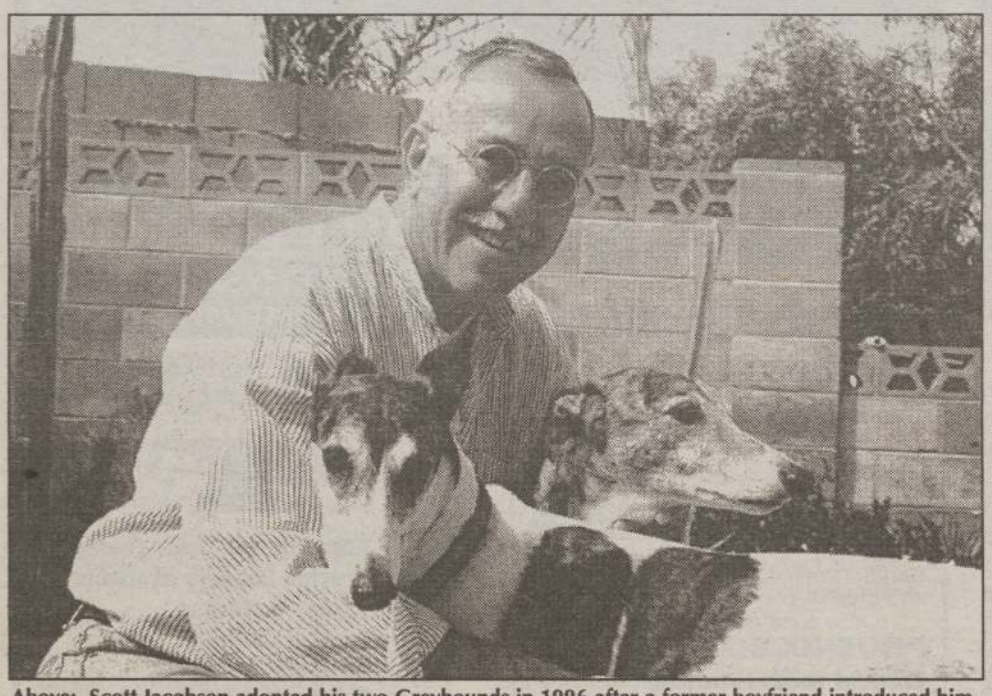
At Jacobson's house, the only prey on Yukon and Gent's minds is the occasional doggie treat. His dogs live not for the chase, but for their daily walks through their suburban neighborhood.

"Having the dogs and walking them made me appreciate the neighborhood more," Jacobson says.

Segal also walks her dogs daily, stressing that they love routine and have come to expect it. She would encourage anyone considering a dog to look into adopting a greyhound.

"I think they figure people in the gay community make great adopters 'cause we have no children in many cases—not always—and also because we can spoil them silly, which is what I do."

Jacobson says it's the dogs themselves who don't discriminate. "The ones I've met deal very well with everyone," he says, laughing, "they don't care who you are or who you live with—they like everybody. But number one, they are just good company and are not aggressive. And they are very endearing."





Above: Scott Jacobson adopted his two Greyhounds in 1996 after a former boyfriend introduced him to the breed. Right: Liz Segal hugs Beau, one of two Greyhounds in her household. Below: Adopt a Greyhound's Kiersten Kerr gathers her clan —both two and four legged—for a family photo.



What Kerr likes most about her present position is guiding adopters through the process, answering their questions, and matching them to their new dogs. Before anyone can adopt a dog, he, she or they must fill out a detailed application and submit to at least one detailed phone interview.

"We really do screen pretty carefully," Kerr says.

That's an understatement, according to Scott Jacobson. Jacobson, a management consultant well known in the Phoenix community for his gay activism and as the master of ceremonies for numerous charity events, adopted two Greyhounds from the program in 1996.

"They asked me things my parents never even asked me," he relates. "What kind of music do you listen to? What time do visitors generally come over, and what time do they leave? What other pets do you have? How often do people stay late into the night?"

Kerr laughs at Jacobson's recollection of events and says that he's exaggerating slightly. "He's just being funny. I did Scott's phone interview myself and I never asked him anything about people staying overnight!" she insists.

But Kerr says that learning as much as possible about the households where the dogs are going to be placed is serious business, and vital to the program's success.

Adoptions are monitored by four follow-up phone calls—at 24 hours, seven days, 30 days and 90 days. If there are any adjustment problems with the dogs and their new living situations, program staffers and volunteers can help ease the new owners through rough spots.

Emphasized time and again in the adoption program's literature is the fact that these dogs are bred for the gambling/entertainment industry and have no experience as pets prior to being

easier time adjusting to the pampered-pet lifestyle and was instrumental in bringing Gent out of his shell. "And now [Gent] has mellowed completely," his proud owner states.

Jacobson, whose Paradise Valley residence is home to several colorful and talkative parrots in addition to "his boys", was first turned on to the adoption idea by a former boyfriend. "Someone I was dating really liked Greyhounds, and so that was when I first looked into it," he says. The romance has since ended but the dogs, now eight and six, have been a part of his life for more than three years.

"The whole process of getting these dogs has been a real eye opener," Jacobson says. "You don't pick out a dog, they pick out a dog for your lifestyle."

Kerr agrees, "We match the dog to the family, and you can be as specific as you like regarding sex, color, and whether your dog has to get along with other dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, iguanas or whatever."

After learning how the canine athletes are raised, raced, trained, housed and fed, potential "parents" head down to Phoenix Greyhound Park to meet their dogs. The $150 per-dog fee includes spaying or neutering, a microchip, shots and a general vet check. The dogs are often preschooled at a variety of foster homes, where they

results. She'd grown up with a Whippet and had heard of adoption programs prior to getting her dogs, but these are her first Greyhounds.

"I had a colleague at ASU who had adopted two of them, so I went to meet them and just fell in love with the breed. I saw my friend's dogs on a Sunday afternoon, and by Monday I was on the phone with Adopt A Greyhound."

A sense of social responsibility was a factor in Segal's decision. "With the pet overpopulation problem, my choice would always be to rescue a dog by some method," she states.

"That's my contribution—I would prefer that they don't race the animals at all, but for years they were racing without adoption programs. So supporting the programs is not supporting dog racing." She points out that it is a money-driven industry and, without any outlets for adopting the surplus animals, "they would euthanize them all, period."

Kerr explains that Adopt A Greyhound. Inc. is independent from the local track and racing association. Still, the agency has a good working relationship with people in the industry.

"We are pro-racing. We support it, as long as the dogs are well cared for," she says.

Most dogs are raised in kennels with their littermates and mother for the first year. At 16 to 18 months, they start to qualify for races, and are then kept in a kenneled environment for the duration of their racing careers.

That environment, Kerr says, includes premium food, regular veterinary care and whirlpool baths. "They are treated like world-class athletes, and are mentally and physically in good health, just like a human triathlete or marathon runner."

Kerr says that though the racing dogs may appear very thin, they are actually at the peak of their condition and "mostly

Some people are initially intimidated by the breed's size, but people who've been around them any length of time say that most Greyhounds don't seem to realize they are big dogs, and it's easy to forget how tall they actually are.

"They are also not known to bark, and so they don't make very good watchdogs," Kerr says, adding, "we like to tell people that they will gladly watch someone steal your TV."

They should also be considered indoor dogs, she says, because they lack the body fat that helps other breeds handle temperature extremes—including Arizona's summer heat.

"Their size is not really a problem," says Jacobson, "because they spend half their day as doormats, or sort of balled up."

"We always call them 45-mile-an-hour couch potatoes, and it's really true," Kerr says. She no sooner finishes the remark when her own largest Greyhound, a blue fawn male named Brophy, hops onto the sofa and settles his head on the armrest. "See? He heard me say that, and he's proving my point."

As a socially aware, non-gay woman who knows that Greyhounds aren't for everyone, Kerr says she's seen a lot of people from the queer community adopt over the years and has been impressed with the quality of the homes.

She asks, "Is it politically correct for me to say that the gay families that have adopted have always been great homes? Because they really have."

Assured that such a statement is probably just fine by this newspaper's readership, she continues: "We had two lesbians adopt just last week, and they probably don't know that I knew they were gay. They put 'roommate' on the application. I was just really glad to see them and work with them—they had kids and everything, and those are dogs that you just know are going to be wanted."

And having the dogs go where they are really wanted, she says, is what it's all about.

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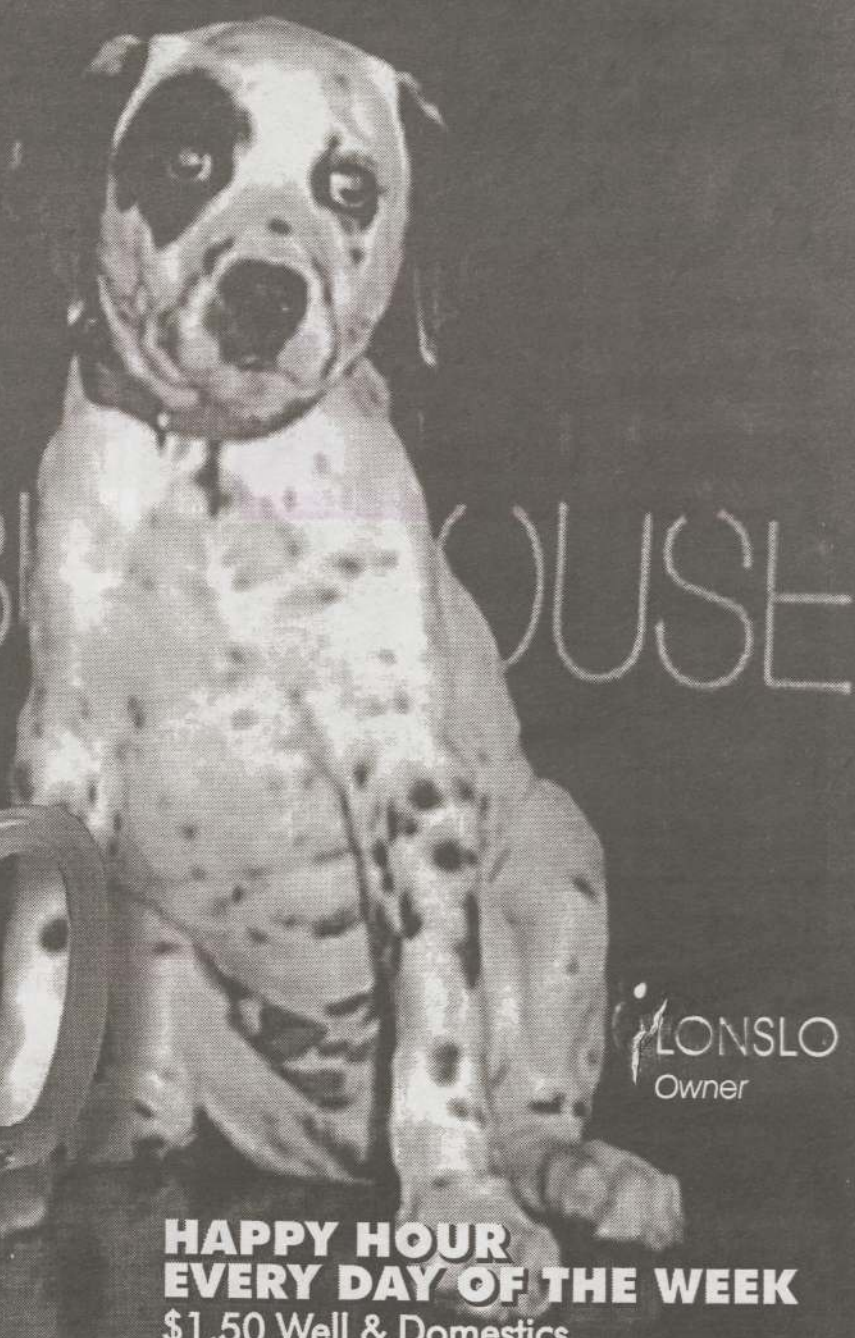
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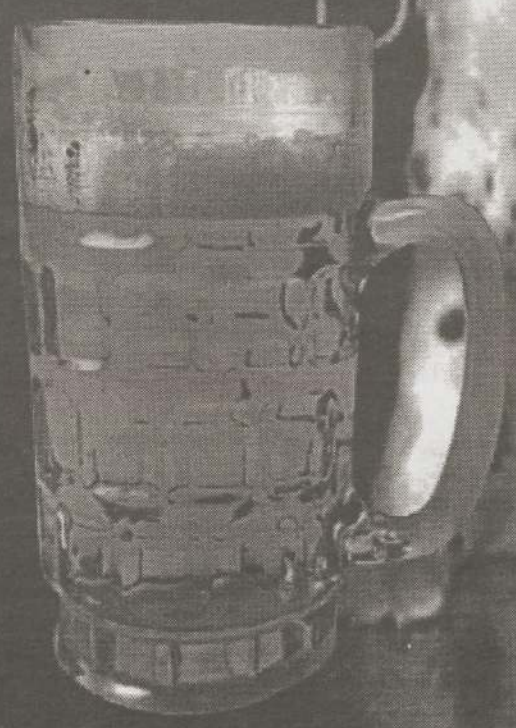
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The Majestics will be featured Sat. April 29, at Doc Gireaux, the Valley's newest gay & lesbian venue for live entertainment. Doc Gireaux is located at 12032 N. Cave Creek Road (South of Cactus/Thunder-bird). A $4 cover is required after 8pm; Doc Card holders enter free. Call 602/997-9641 for more information.

Caribbean creation tales at ASU

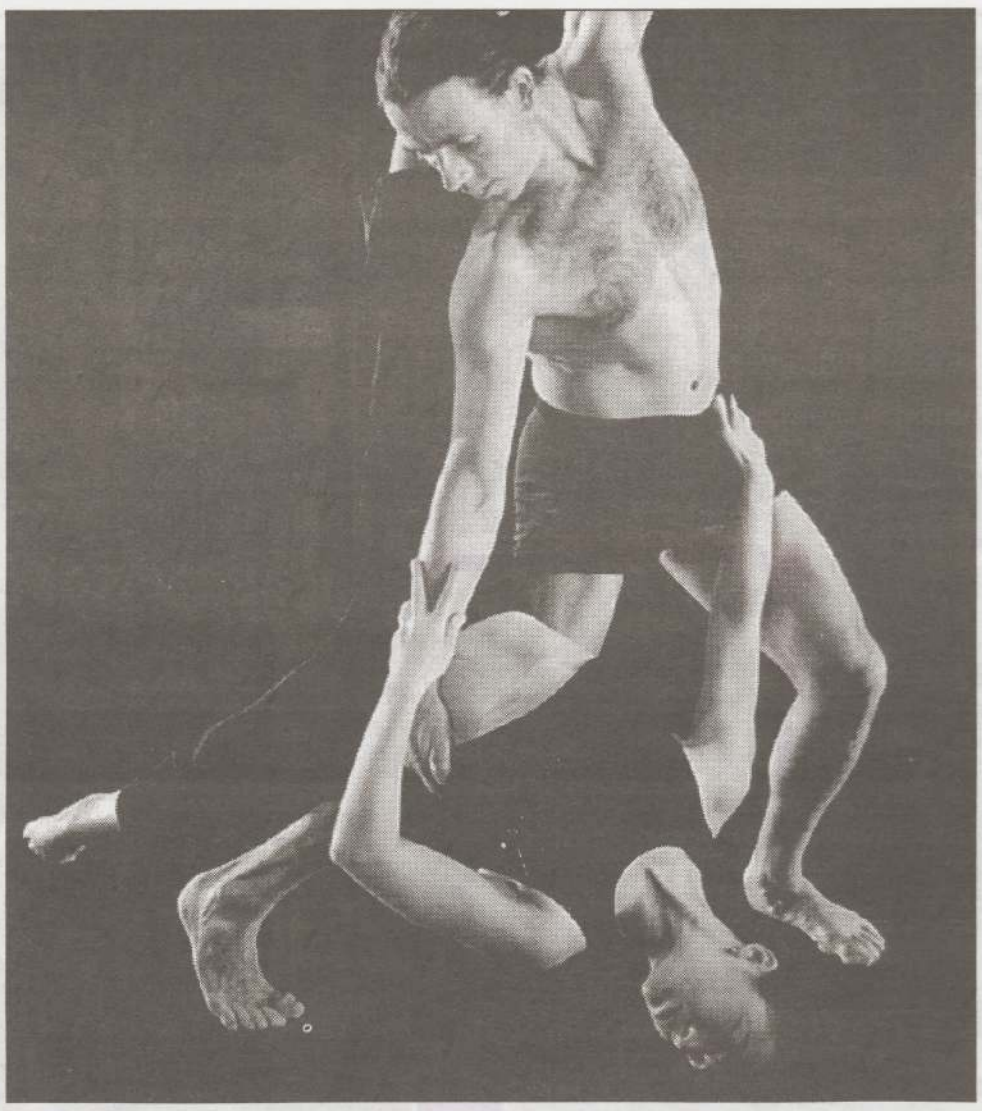
Arizona State University's Department of Theatre is currently presenting *The Origin of the Sea*, written and directed by ASU Theater professor Oscar Giner. Performances continue on the weekends through April 30.



The Origin of the Sea is based on the 15th century manuscript of a Spanish friar named Ramon Pane, who traveled with Columbus on his second voyage to the Americas. The manuscript records the creation stories of a lost people and their culture—they were early inhabitants of what is now Cuba, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico who were wiped out by the conquistadors.

Giner and a cast of 18 bring these stories to life as a succession of of tales woven together by a narrator portraying Friar Pane. The myths are enacted through dance, song and story.

Tickets are $12 and available by calling 480/965-6447.



ASU Dance concert includes Sean Curran piece

On April 26 - 29, the Department of Dance at ASU presents the *ASU Spring Dance Concert*, a distinctive contemporary dance performance featuring the premiere of a new piece by renowned choreographer and dancer Sean Curran.

Curran, based in New York, made his mark on the dance world as principal with the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company. He serves as guest artist for the concert at ASU.

Performances will be in the Galvin Playhouse on the Tempe campus, and tickets are 410 Call 480/965-6447 for information.

HeatStroke's Arts & Entertainment Calendar

• Head to the East Valley to hear *Whippersnapper* at the Nile Theater in Mesa on Friday, **Apr. 21** 480/649-2766.

• Check out *Redbone & Clan* with Casper & Keith Secola at Tempe's The Bash on Ash, Friday, **Apr. 21** 480/966-5600.

• The venerable Leon Russell performs with Dave Mason at downtown's Alice Cooper'stown on Friday **Apr. 21** 602/253-7337.

• Gilbert & Sullivan's timeless operetta *H.M.S. Pinafore or, The Lass That Loved a Sailor* will be presented by ASU's Lyric Opera Theatre. opening Saturday, **Apr. 22** and running through Apr. 30. 480/965-6447.

• Lesbistraight singer/songwriter *Ani DiFranco* will perform at the Celebrity Theatre on Saturday, **Apr. 22** 602/267-1600.

• The inimitable *Beck* will headline with Cafe Tacuba at the Mesa Amphitheatre on Saturday, **Apr. 22** 480/644-2560.

• Hear *Ida* with Pedro the Lion, Death Cab for Cutie, & Harcuvar. at downtown's Modified on Saturday, **Apr. 22** 602/252-7664

• The band *Mother Hips* appears with Convoy at the Balboa Cafe in Tempe on Saturday, **Apr. 22** 480/966-1300.

• It's be a night for *Hay Stack & the Hitones* at the Rhythm Room on Sunday, **Apr. 23** 602/265-4842.

• The group *Planes Mistaken for Stars* plays with Bullyrag at Modified in Phoenix on Sunday, **Apr. 23** 602/252-7664.

• The *Stratford Mercenaries* appear with UNRUH, Existi, Aborted Christ, & Heartless Attack at Mesa's Nile Theater on Monday, **Apr. 24** 480/649-2766.

• Mesa's Nile Theater the hosts *Big Wig* with Girl Repellent, Head First, Brandname & Dickie Staboner on Tuesday, **Apr. 25** 480/649-2766.

• Take in *Ray Condo & the Ricochets* with Jimmy Sutton's Four Charms at the Rhythm Room on Tuesday, **Apr. 25** 602/265-4842.

• Enjoy more student bodies at ASU's *Spring Dance Concert* in the Galvin Playhouse on the main campus in Tempe, running Wednesday, **Apr. 26** through Apr. 30. 480/965-6447.

• Tour the *Hot Rod Circuit* when that band joins Piebald & Before Braille at Modified on Wednesday, **Apr. 26** 602/252-7664.

• The play *Hapgood* will be presented at the MCC Outback Theatre in Mesa, opening Thursday, [Apr.26] and playing through Apr. 30. 480/461-7170.

• Check out the sounds of *Sue Garner* & Rick Brown at Modified on Thursday, [**pr. 27** 602/252-7664.

• Head east to hear *Midtown* with nevergonnascore, Redfield, Solo Project, & 80 Front Street at the Nile Theater in Mesa on Thursday, **Apr. 27** 480/649-2766.

• This lady's career has major legs: *Tina Turner* performs in concert with Lionel Richie at America West Arena on Thursday, **Apr. 27** 602/379-2000.

• Hear *Guitar Shorty* at the Rhythm Room on Friday, **Apr. 28** & Saturday, Apr. 29. 602/265-4842.

• Wake the kids for *Sleeping Beauty* presented by the Cookie Company at Phoenix Little Theatre, opening Saturday, **Apr. 29** and playing through May 21. 602/258-1974.

• Hear *Dope* with Primer 55 at the Mason Jar on Saturday, **Apr. 29** 602/956-6271.

• Cruise to Tempe for *The Charles River Project* with Twig, & Seventh Gear at The Bash on Ash on Saturday, **Apr. 29** 480/966-5600.

• Take in *Cat Power* at Tempe's Nita's Hideaway on Saturday, **Apr. 29** 480/966-7715.

• Actor/writer/musician *Eric Idle Exploits Monty Python* at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix on Saturday, **Apr. 29** 602/252-9678.

• Check out *Martin Zellar* with Convoy at the Balboa Cafe in Tempe on Saturday, **Apr. 29** 480/966-1300.

• Head to Tempe for *Versus* with Macha at Nita's Hideaway on Monday, **May 1** 480/966-7715.

• The jazz of *Spyro Gyra* will fill The Red River Music Hall in Tempe on Thursday, **May 4** 480/829-6779.

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My Queer Life

ONE ON ONE

by Michael Thomas Ford

I've been thinking about cheating on my lover.

I've been thinking about it since the night a few weeks ago when I was at a cocktail party without him and someone I was chatting with said, "So, which of these boys will you be going home with tonight?"

"None of them," I said. "I have a boyfriend."

My acquaintance chuckled. "So do I," he said. "But what does that have to do with anything?"

When I explained that Dave and I are monogamous, I was met with a bewildered expression. My friend looked at me as if he were face to face with the last remaining Dodo bird and wasn't quite sure if he believed it was still breathing. I think he thought I was kidding.

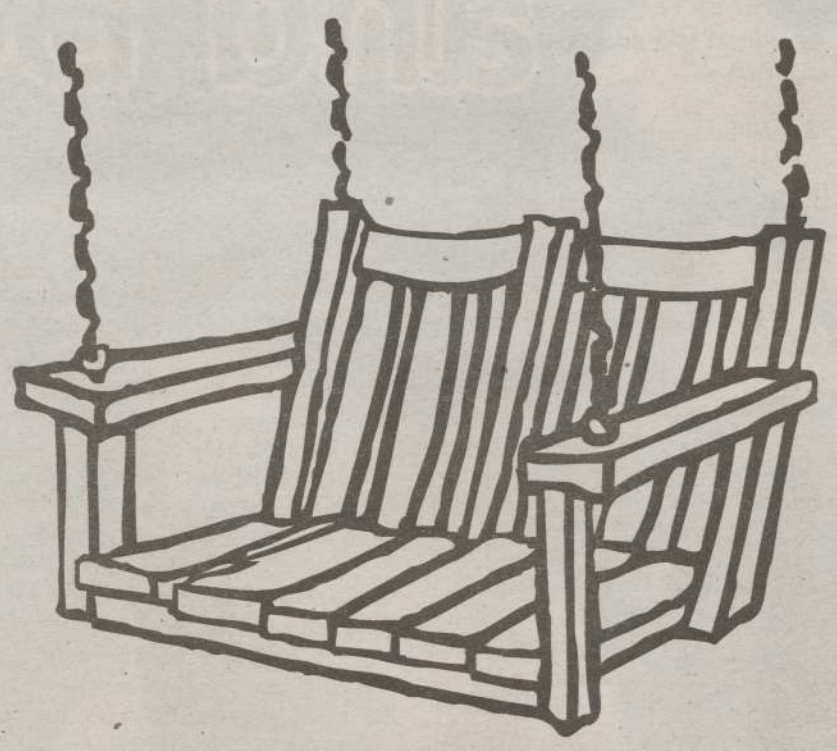
But I wasn't. And that seems to bother people. I've noticed that whenever the issue of monogamy comes up in conversation, people get a little edgy. Tell them that you and your lover are faithful, and they start trying to prove that you're lying. It's like being audited by the IRS. Suddenly everything is suspect, and you're expected to come up with receipts and canceled checks as evidence to support your claim.

Monogamy as aberrant behavior is something I never really considered. I've just always been wired that way. But apparently a lot of my gay brothers aren't. The more I talk to my friends, both in and out of relationships, the more I discover that a lifetime of sex with one person isn't everyone's idea of a good time. For many of the men I know, it's more like a death sentence.

I find this attitude a little baffling. I have a friend who has an amazing body, primarily because all he eats is salad and tuna. He often longs to give in and have an ice cream sundae or pizza dripping with cheese, but he never does it. When I asked him once why he won't indulge, even a tiny bit, he said, "I'd rather have perfect abs than to try something different?"

"I'd rather know that my lover and I share something truly special than enjoy a few seconds of pleasure that don't mean anything with someone else," I said, remembering his answer to me.

He didn't get it. In his mind, giving up foods he might enjoy and even crave in exchange for a good body is worth it. But he's not willing to trade the momentary pleasure he gets when he has sex with



enjoy a few seconds of pleasure and have to work it off later."

This same friend finds it impossible to remain faithful to a lover. No sooner has he found a man he says he loves than he's off tricking with someone else. He sees no irony in this. In fact, he once asked me, "How can you have sex with the same guy over and over. Don't you ever want someone other than his lover in order to perhaps strengthen his relationship. At the same time, he wonders why his relationships never last more than six months.

Now, I'm not foolish enough to believe that monogamy is for everyone. I'm not even suggesting it's for a lot of people. But I do think it gets a bad rap in the queer community, especially among gay men, and I'm a little tired of that. Over and over I've heard people talk about how liberating non-monogamy is, and how stifling and antiquated the notion of fidelity is.

Perhaps it is old-fashioned. Maybe that's why I like it. I like the idea of growing old with one man and knowing that he's the only one for me in every way. I think there's something really special about agreeing to reserve intimacy for a partner, something that's diminished when those intimacies are shared. I like seeing Dave across a room filled with people and knowing that if I walk up and slip my hand into his he'll hold it, and that he wouldn't do that for anyone else.

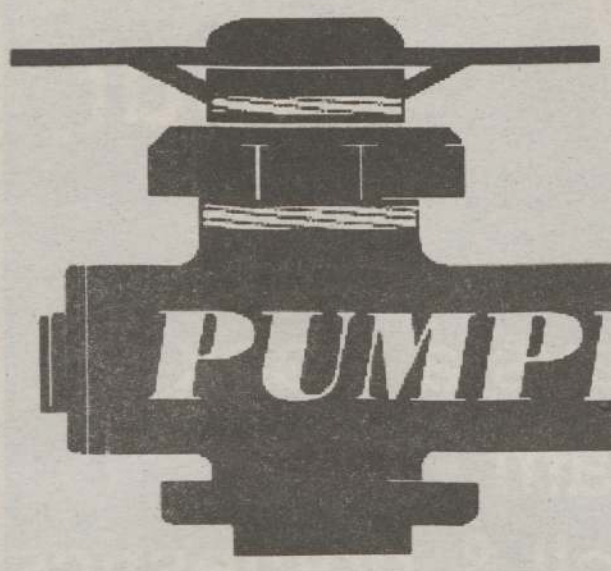
I've been told by various people concerned for my well-being that my feelings about this are based on insecurities. I've been told I don't know the difference between sex and love. I've been told that I've bought into the heterosexual fallacy. And I've been told that I'll change my mind after a few years of married life.

Maybe I will. After all, as I said, I've been thinking about cheating on Dave. Really, it's not that hard. Sexual arousal is an easy trick to master, and it's not too difficult imagining myself in bed with, say, Ricky Martin or any of various Boston Bruins. In fact, it can be a lot of fun to think about such things.

But Ricky, hot as he is, fades from memory as soon as I've gotten off. And the Bruins, well, they make better fantasy material than husbands. I'll stick with the man I've got. The truth is, there are generally a lot of guys who will have sex with you, but finding one who wants to hold your hand is worth a whole lot more.



Michael Thomas Ford is the Lambda Literary Award-winning author of *Alec Baldwin Doesn't Love Me* and *That's Mr. Faggot to You*. He can be reached at Shopiltee@aol.com.



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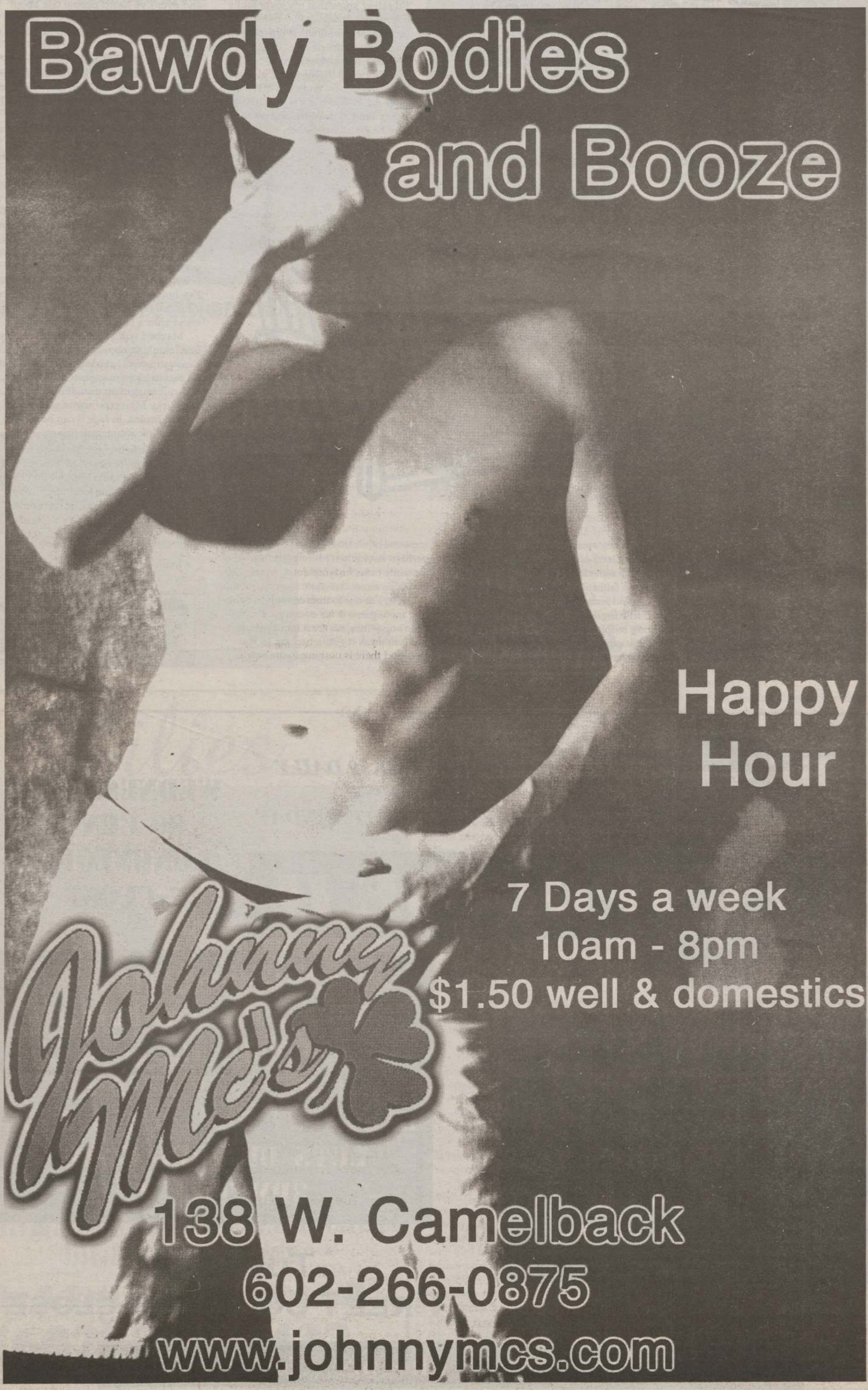
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"Will And Grace really zoned off into meta-meta-land by parodying its own sexless depictions of gay life with an episode about the lack of gay sex on TV. When a network fails to show a gay kiss, Will and Jack protest by kissing in front of some TV cameras. This wasn't a real kiss, of course. A kiss between two normally antagonistic friends is a joke kiss and like all the other joke kisses on TV since the beginning of time—from Roseanne and Mariel Hemingway to Ally and Georgia to *Spin City*'s Carter and Mike—it doesn't technically exist. So what you're left with is a show that shows nothing parodying its own nothingness by repeating the non-event. Watch enough of this stuff and you begin to suspect your own reality. Maybe you're just a headline on the evening news or a two-second sound bite seconds from erasure."

—Columnist Brent Ledger writing in Toronto's *Xtra!*, March 9.

"While bland *Will and Grace* are cookie-cutter sitcom characters, the idiosyncratic antics betwixt quirky combo Sean B. Hayes and Megan Mullally—as Jack, the king of queens, and his sugar-mamma Karen — is what turns the series from musty TV to must-see TV."

—Erika Milvy writing in the March 17 *Los Angeles Times.*

"People are terrified about the sexual aspect of homosexuality. People are not bothered by drag queens or gay celebrities or things that are camp and inoffensive—what they're really bothered by is buggery. They're bothered by cocks up arses—excuse me for being crude."

—Singer Boy George to Australia's *Capital Q*, Feb. 25

"There's a part of me that really dreads assimilation. ... I'm all for equality, but the idea of being assimilated to the point of losing my identity is just plain revolting to me."

—Singer Boy George to Australia's *Capital Q*, Feb. 25

"The gay community is one of the most balkanized, stratified, class-conscious, race-avoiding, man-hating, woman-dumping sub- cultures in America. We have separate bars for men and women, separate bars for blacks and whites, separate circles between young and old and separate rewards for the toned and the untoned. We're almost as scared of the transgendered as straight people are. We live in the same social apartheid as they do, only we've added sex, beauty and muscle tone to the hierarchy."

—Syndicated columnist Michael Alvear in the March 13 issue of Fort Lauderdale, Florida's *The Express.*

"If you believe your child was not born a homosexual, and therefore, will never become one, yours is a dangerous illusion. If you aren't concerned about homosexual teachers, scoutmasters and role models, if you don't care that homosexuality is promoted in your child's school, and if you think that sexual orientation is fixed and your child cannot be seduced into homosexuality, you are deeply and dangerously wrong. You are running the risks of seeing your child fall into a high-risk, dead-end lifestyle, and seeing your hope for grandchildren flushed down the drains of a San Francisco bathhouse. Please listen carefully. The essential and simple truth that I intend to repeat until it breaks through is this: The human sex drive is extraordinarily powerful. It may, at an early age, become inappropriately and steadfastly affixed to underwear, corpses, animals, children, footstools and members of the same sex. No society in its right mind would do anything to encourage or allow the formation of these aberrations. Nor would any informed parent."

—*World Net Daily* syndicated columnist Linda Bowles, March 21.

"Well, some, when they, when they have some—sometimes, some, some people from the media, when they have nothing to say, they invent things. I'm not concerned about my reaction. I'm concerned about my people's reactions. Like my nieces, they go to school and they start reading things. My mom goes to the beauty parlor and sexuality and homosexuality should not be a problem for anybody. I think that sexuality is something that each individual should deal with in their own way. And that's all I have to say about that. ... Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to express, the rumors. But, Barbara, for some reason, I just don't feel like it [saying what my sexual orientation is]. You know, it's, it's something so mine. I give it all when I'm on stage. I give it all in interviews, but you've got to keep something for yourself sometimes, and that's for me."

—Singer Ricky Martin when asked if he's gay by Barbara Walters on her March 26 Oscar night special.

"Judy [Garland's] affairs with women—her MGM publicist, Betty Asher, among them—are chronicled as matter-of-factly as those with men, and the homosexuality of several of her husbands—particularly Vincent Minnelli—is presented as part of the integral fabric of her story."

—From an April 11 Advocate review of the new book *Get Happy: The Life of Judy Garland.*

"Who can deny being titillated by the affair between Mark Herron and Peter Allen—while the former was marred to Judy [Garland] and the latter to her daughter Liza [Minnelli]?"

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"In the name of controlling all speech—not just hate speech—GLAAD is defaming its own constituency and threatening freedom of the press. What's more, they're getting paid for it. Is anybody watching them?"

—*Advocate* columnist Nora Vincent, April 11.

"Our folks need to be at home doing serious political work, not having a tchotchke sale on the Mall."

—Rick Garcia, head of Equality Illinois, on why his statewide gay lobby group is boycotting the Millennium March on Washington, to the *Washington Post*, March 29.

"When I got into trouble with the government, it was the transvestites and the gay world who kept my name alive because they were imitating me all the time. And there is nothing in the world more flattering than being flattered by imitation."

—Singer and actress Eartha Kitt, 73, to *Out* magazine, March issue.

"You sort of put gays and lesbians together [in the movement] but we don't have much in common other than we just happen to like our own sex. We are put together in that but there are some very separate preferences and ideas and stuff."

—Singer Melissa Etheridge to Cleveland's *Gay People's Chronicle*, March 24.

"I gotta go Gore all the way. He has been there and has certainly said and done the things that mean so much to us in our community. If you have ever heard Tipper talk, she is pretty motivational and pretty solid on gay and lesbian rights."

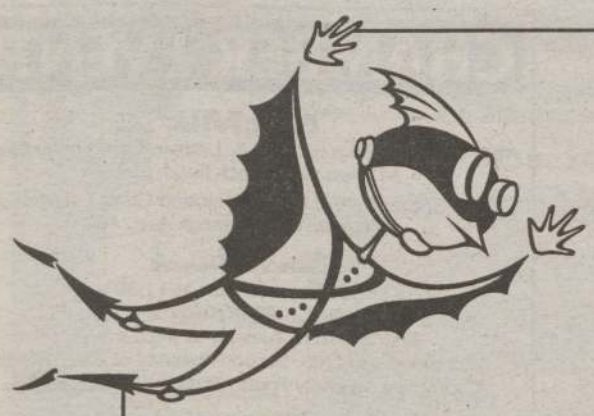
—Singer Melissa Etheridge to Cleveland's *Gay People's Chronicle*, March 24.

"Most of us haven't talked about being gay since we were 16 or 17. Being gay is something we don't consciously think about unless you're trying to find some clubs or places in a town where you don't know anybody. Being gay is something I'm constantly asked about, especially by the straight press. They make it seem like I'm always volunteering this diatribe on what it's like being gay. You tend to sound as if you're obsessed. I'm not well-sorted-out in my own life, so I don't want to be viewed as some kind of gay role model. But I could be an advertisement."

—Actor Rupert Everett to *Windy City Times*, March 2.

"Madonna is quite an extraordinary woman. If you were to put her in a gay discotheque, people would probably try to fuck her. She has a sexuality that goes over people's borders."

—Actor Rupert Everett to *Windy City Times*, March 2.



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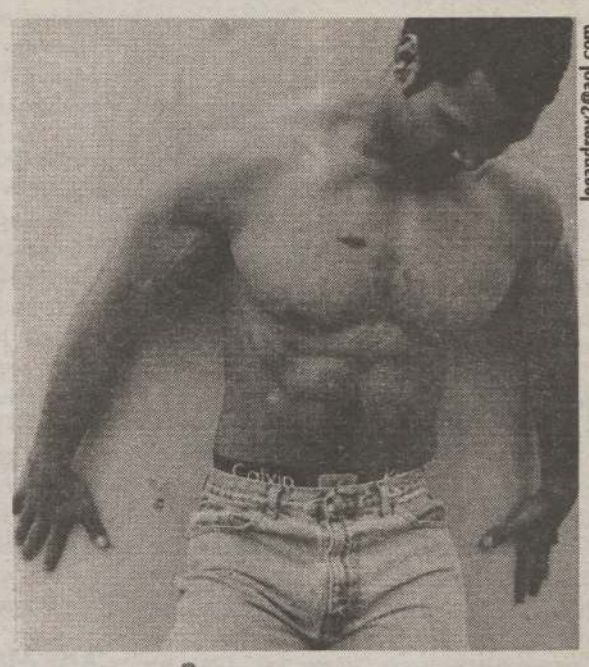
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Deep Inside HollyWood

By Romeo San Vicente, *HeatStroke* Contributor

Emma Feels Witty

Single mum and two-time Oscar winner **Emma Thompson** has signed on to star in an HBO original movie based on lesbian playwright **Margaret Edson's** Pulitzer prize-winning work, *Wit*.

The play takes place during the final weeks of spinster professor Vivian Bearing's life as she struggles with late-stage ovarian cancer. We hear her reflections on work, chemo, body image issues, and mortality, as she comes to realize that stoicism ain't all it's cracked up to be.

Actresses **Kathleen Chalfant** and perpetual gay booster **Judith Light** both won kudos from critics when they shaved their heads to portray Bearing off-Broadway. Perhaps the role will mean a second Emmy for Thompson, who picked one up for guest starring on *Ellen*.

All About... A Mexican Lesbian?

Lovely Latina **Salma Hayek** has been longing to show her butch side for a while. The curvaceous actress has a long-in-the-works biopic planned about the cross-dressing, mustached Mexican painter **Frida Kahlo** and her quirky relationship with artist-husband **Diego Rivera**.

Unfortunately Salma's pet project has been wallowing in "development hell" for quite some time. But word is, fab queer director **Pedro Almodovar**, who is as *caliente* as ever after winning an Oscar for his flick *All About My Mother*, is this close to giving Ms. Hayek an opportunity to bind her bosoms.

The Spanish director apparently stumbled on the project while he was in Tinseltown preparing to give that hard-to-follow, long-winded Academy Award acceptance speech, and now he's thinking about making the Miramax film his next feature. If Almodovar signs off on the script, the film may shoot as early as this summer, when **Alfred Molina**, who will play Rivera, is on hiatus from the CBS sitcom *Ladies Man*.

Rudin Bets on Driving Mr. Albert

Gay producer **Scott Rudin**, who counts such high profile flicks as *Wonder Boys* and *South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut* among his credits, has made another unconventional move. In a pre-emptive bid, the Hollywood heavy-hitter has purchased the big-screen rights to the upcoming nonfiction book *Driving Mr. Albert* by **Mike Paterniti**.

Albert tells the tale of **Dr. Thomas Harvey**, the 84-year-old physician who performed an autopsy on the body of **Albert Einstein** back in 1955, then kept the genius's brain for more than 40 years in a Tupperware container filled with formaldehyde.

The book is a true-life account of the relationship between the author and Dr. Harvey, who spent 10 days on a cross-country road trip to show the brain to Einstein's daughter.



Emma Thompson will star in a small screen version of the acclaimed play *Wit*, by lesbian playwright Margaret Edson.

Rudin read the book in manuscript, fell in love with the story overnight, and made Paterniti an offer he couldn't refuse. No word yet on who will play Einstein's brain in the pic, but the book will hit shelves in July.

Gere-ing Up for Some Sapphic Action

Believe it or not, there will be something for dykes to look forward to in *Dr. T and the Women*, the upcoming **Richard Gere** flick. In the film, Gere plays a gynecologist having a mid-life crisis (gee, that's a stretch) who is thrown for a loop due to the unusual events that surround many of the female patients in his life.

But get this—Gere isn't the one getting the most talked-about action in film. It's sweetie **Kate Hudson**, cute spawn of **Goldie Hawn**, who shares a luscious liplock with doe-eyed lovely **Liv Tyler** in the **Robert Altman** film.

Kiss Me, Jason

Former *Tiger Beat* heartthrob and *Hogan Family* brother **Jason Bateman** has won the starring role in Paramount Television's adaptation of *Kiss Me, Guido*.

The new sitcom, based on **Tony Vitale**'s 1997 gay-themed film, is about an Italian-American ladies' man who accidentally shacks up with a homo (to be played by the now-thirtyish but still cute-as-a-button Bateman).

Look for *21 Jump Street* alum **Michael DeLuise** (the hunky spawn of Dom, the hefty comedian from the '70s) to play the Italian Stallion. The new series debuts on CBS next fall.

Williamson is Bullock's Leading Man

Professional "girl next door" **Sandra Bullock** is this close to becoming the next **Neve Campbell**. The *Speed* star is in talks to play the lead in an upcoming feature film from queer writer-director **Kevin Williamson**.



Jason Bateman has landed the role of the gay boy in the upcoming television series *Kiss Me Guido*, based on the 1997 film.

Her Leading Man spoofs sappy romantic comedies the same way *Scream* did horror flicks. The plot is about a gay playwright-turned-screenwriter who manipulates his fag hag's love life by deviously bribing a sleazy colleague into wooing her. The thing is, the romance is totally bogus; the writer has been hired by Disney to write a live-action, musical romantic comedy, and he needs artistic inspiration.

The story was written by **Williamson**, **Julie Plec**, and his *Dawson's Creek* protege **Greg Berlanti**. Berlanti's gay-themed indie film, *The Broken Hearts Club*, was the toast of this year's Sundance film festival. No word yet on when *Leading Man* will go into production.

Your Friends and Transsexuals

Director **Neil LaBute**, whose credits include the films *In the Company of Men* and *Your Friends and Neighbors*, likes controversial subject matter. Hell, he got **Paul Rudd** to play a gay basher in the stage play *Bash*.

Now LaBute has made a deal to adapt the transsexual-themed book *The Danish Girl* for the big screen. The story, about the first man to undergo a sex-change operation, is more in the vein of *Cabaret* than *Crying Game*.

It takes place in 1931 and tells the tale of a doomed marriage and the complicated relationship that results when an artist asks her husband to pose in drag for a portrait. The cross-dressing awakens something in the man, who falls in love with being a woman. LaBute will most likely direct another film while working on the screenplay adaptation of *Danish Girl*.

Cumming on to Talent

Cabaret star **Alan Cumming** has joined the femme-heavy cast of the feature film *Josie and the Pussycats*, based on the cartoon and comic book series of the same name.

In the live-action film, Cumming will play the talent scout who discovers the girl band—though I'm not convinced he knows squat about pussy... cats. The cast includes **Parker Posey**, **Tara Reid** and **Rachael Leigh Cook** as Josie. Cameras roll this summer.

Must See... a Stylist

He may be the star of a hit series on the Peacock network, but that doesn't mean this gay boy can dress!

A certain sitcom actor has hired a trainer to make his bod more buff, and now he wants to show it off. Trouble is, he has no clue how. In fact, despite his celebrity status, friends were embarrassed to show up with the actor at a recent Tinseltown boy bash until he took a few fashion tips. Maybe he should hire a stylist or personal shopper before Joan Rivers gets to him at Emmy time.

Romeo San Vicente bears no resemblance to Dom DeLuise, and wonders why his sons don't, either. You can reach Romeo in care of HeatStroke or via e-mail at RomeoDeep@aol.com.

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Out of Town

By Andrew Collins



Washington by Day

Washington, D.C., may claim more museums and monuments than just about any other city in North America, but that's not all it offers.

When the sun sets the city's pulse quickens. Tours of the White House and congressional chambers cease, and the Smithsonian's curators lock up the museums' vast and vaunted holdings for the night. The offices of ambassadors, lobbyists, political staffers, and various bureaucrats empty.

As this happens, Washington's numerous hip bistros, informal cafes, and mahogany-paneled dining rooms fill with the chatter of countless languages and the aroma of just as many international cuisines.

More than two dozen gay bars kick into high gear—from racy strip clubs to starched-collar, stand-and-model cocktail boites to low-key, racially mixed hangouts.

If you're a gay or lesbian visitor, you'll feel welcome, day or night, in virtually any neighborhood where other tourists sightsee, dine, and club-hop. However, a few areas stand out for their concentration of queer-friendly businesses.

Much of the activity centers upon Dupont Circle, a courtly neighborhood of upscale businesses and residential buildings. A trendy gay restaurant row runs north along 17th Street—here you'll find Club Chaos, whose kitchen churns out international fare, like roasted half rack of lamb with garlic couscous, plus less expensive fare from a bar menu. Depending on the night there can be dancing, drag shows, cruising, and a crowd that ranges from dishy to debonair.

Across the street, the classy Mercury Cafe makes an ideal rendezvous for pre-dinner drinks or a terrific setting for the main event. Such inventive creations as pan-seared Southwestern chicken breast with a tomato-corn relish and sweet potato puree earn the chef here high marks.

Annie's Paramount Steakhouse, the "gay Denny's" of the District, has been pleasing hungry late-night disco bunnies for years with steak and eggs, burgers, and other meat-and-potatoes dishes. The nightlife neighborhood stalwart has long been J.R.'s, a place both loved and criticized for its ultra-preppy and sometimes clonish crowd—say what you want, it's always packed.

A mostly 35-and-older crowd sips drinks at convivial Windows, a friendly drinkery with—as the name suggests—great viewing onto the street down below.

Another lively stretch is nearby P Street, due west of Dupont Circle, which cultivates an interesting mix of both affordable and fancy eateries and both trendy and unprepossessing gay bars. Head to festive Pizzeria Paradisio for outstanding wood-fired pies; or splurge for dinner at Obelisk, whose prix-fixe menu wins raves from foodies far and near.

And then there's the happening seafood eatery Johnny's Half Shell, offering an oyster po'boy that will have you thinking you've died and gone to New Orleans (which *is* heaven among foodies). After a meal, or before hitting a club, drop by the tres gay branch of Soho Tea and Coffee.

The grandpa of Dupont Circle bars, Omega (formerly the Frat House) has a packed and racially diverse disco downstairs; upstairs is a noisy video bar, a dark room with porn, and a roadhouse-style lounge.

Guys hit nearby Fireplace when they're really ready to meet somebody (and it's late, and they're a bit buzzed). The largest gay disco in town is Badlands; it comprises two floors and at least a half-dozen bars swarming with pretty boys.

Just south of the circle, the narrow, multilevel club Garage hosts two floors of dancing, plus schmoozing on its sundeck (weather permitting) during Friday night's queer Pump party. Leatherfolk need to head a bit east of the area to find the gruff but lovable D.C. Eagle, located in a somewhat dicey neighborhood.

Just a few blocks south of Dupont Circle lies Washington's main lesbian club, Hung Jury, a sprawling place with an oft-crowded dance floor in the safe Foggy Bottom neighborhood. While you're in the area, consider a meal at the Boston import, Olives, whose chef-owner Todd English ranks among America's culinary elite.

Sometimes called the District's culinary United Nations, the Adams-Morgan neighborhood abuts Dupont Circle to the north, while the ever-cool U Street Corridor, running just to the east, also offers quite a few eateries and hangouts where you're apt to see same-sexers.

The hunky waiters account for part of the success of Adams-Morgan's Grill from Ipanema, a fabulous Brazilian restaurant; beware that as few as two caipirinhas (a sweet but potent Brazilian cocktail) leave most patrons dazed and dizzy, but still rather happy.

Across the street, Perry's, a popular Japanese restaurant with a commendable sushi bar, has an acclaimed Sunday drag brunch; a delightful experience if you don't mind a towering drag queen plopping down on your lap and scrambling your eggs to the disco remix of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina."

The scene along U Street changes often and can be a bit tricky to keep up with—it's best to consult one of the local gay papers or alternative newsweeklies for the latest on queer happenings there. But you can safely bet on Sunday's Atlas, which is at the Lizard Lounge (a few blocks south of U) and regularly provides the smart set with a circuit-party ambience. Or check out the largely African-American Mocha Sundays party at Diversite. Close by is the area's favorite bathhouse, the clean and well-kept Crew Club.

Not many years ago visitors had little reason to venture near Capitol Hill once the sun set, but in the last decade increasing numbers of professionals, many of them gay and lesbian, have gentrified the area.



Much of Washington DC's gay clubbing and noshing action centers in the historic Dupont Circle neighborhood.

Two Quail is arguably the most romantic of the neighborhood's restaurants, well-regarded for its eclectic Continental and American cuisine, such as pan-seared tuna with onion marmalade. Adjacent is dishy Cafe Berlin, where you can warm to hearty German dishes (such as smoked loin of pork with sauerkraut) and the smiles of cute servers.

With the legendary Tracks having finally closed after many years, Saturdays in the District draw legions of wired-looking gay revelers to Velvet, held at the massive Nation club, which thumps and pumps into the wee hours.

The Capitol Hill pub Mr. Henry's, with one of the best (antique) jukeboxes in town, is a great place to meet or make friends. Upstairs is a smoke-free cabaret.

Another sure bet for both excellent food (of the Latin American variety) and lively cabaret is the Banana Cafe, a colorfully decorated spot with a crowd completely diverse in age, gender, and style.

Fans of country-western dancing flock to Remington's, and while all these places draw a fare share of lesbians, Phase One caters specifically to dykes. Also keep in mind Elan, which draws a friendly mixed-gender crowd.

Not far away, Bachelor's Mill/Back Door Pub, a sprawling complex near the Navy Yard, is a predominantly African-American bar and disco that's always packed on weekends and draws a young, fast-paced crowd. From here you're quite close to the District's infamous, and impressive, sex block, to which you should *always* either take a cab or drive (and the latter only if you know where you're going). It's not a very safe area and can be hard to find.

For campy drag fun, head to Ziegfeld's, which also has a strip bar attached. For go-go dancers, La Cage Aux Follies is a must. Washington is among the few U.S. cities where strippers shed all of their clothes. La Cage has a handsome stable of guys who shake and gyrate out of their scant attire. It's against the law to touch them, but it's amazing what goes on here, and for that matter, what a couple of bucks will get you.

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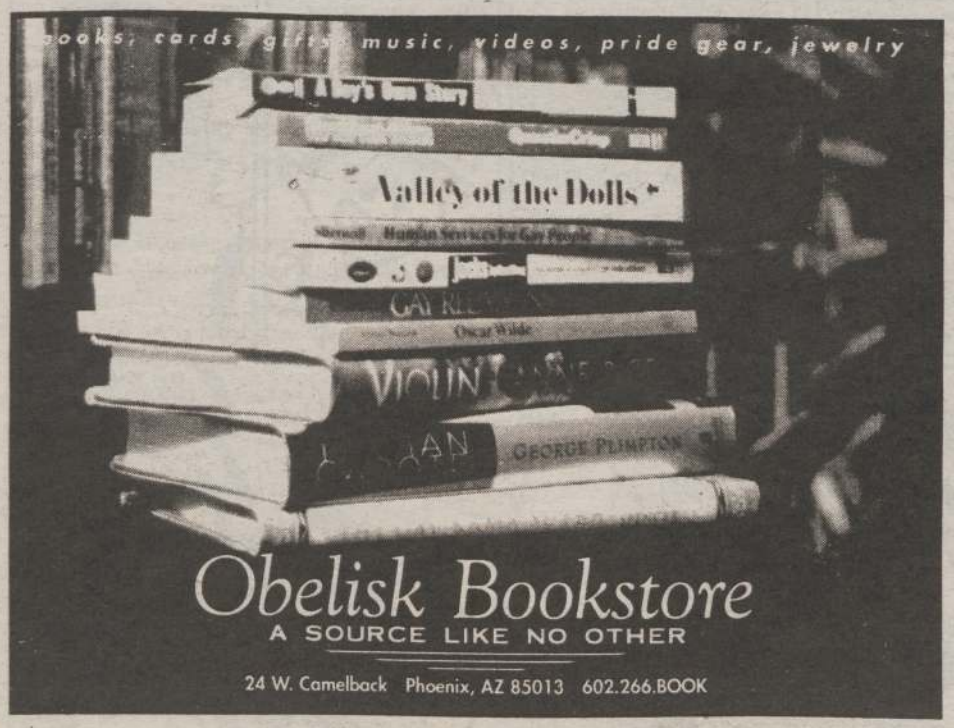
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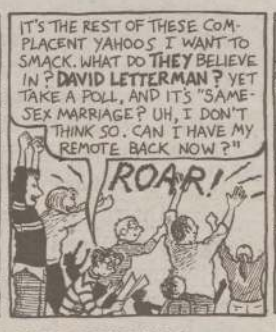
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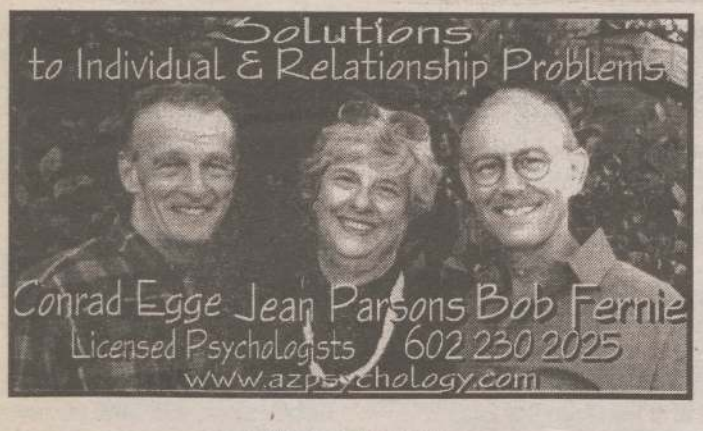








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Dear Cowboy,

In a bar the other night, I met a cute guy who was in town just for the weekend. I'm not usually one to have a one night stand, but the guy seemed very interested in me and I felt as though we were going to get along pretty well, at least for the night.

Then another guy I know came over and butted right in. He sat between me and the cute guy, chatting and flirting and leaving me with nothing to say or do. I finally left, and it turns out they ended up sleeping together the rest of the weekend. That could have been me!

I am still so mad at this other guy that I don't know what to say. How could I handle it better next time?

Signed, Good Reason for a Grudge

Dear Grudge,

What makes you so sure that could have been you, considering the fact that it wasn't? Like I always say, it takes two to two-step. You aren't giving this out of town cowpoke any credit—he has the right to pick his playtime bunkmate, the same way you do. If he'd been as interested in you as he was in your acquaintance, he'd have found a way to get his attention back to you.

Let that grudge go right along with the cowboy, and try to move on more quickly next time. It's your self respect and positive attitude that will get you hooked up in these situations, not finding "just the right moment" or the right thing to say to help you hop aboard a hot new guy who's just riding through town.

Dear Cowboy,

I just learned that the woman I've been seeing for six months earns about three times as much as she told me she makes. Basically, she's rich. Never mind how I found out, the point is, why would she lie about her money situation? I always thought she acted kind of tight but this lying really bugs me.

I want to confront her but I don't know how. Any ideas?

Signed, Working Girl

I just learned that the woman I've been seeing for six months earns about three times as much as she told me she makes. Basically, she's rich. Why would she lie about her money situation?

Dear Working,

I'm not sure why the financial status of someone you've only been seeing for six months is so important. I'd say it's best to keep your mouth shut and let things play out—if you really care about this woman.

If you're not that into the relationship, however (and something about your letter leads me to think you're not—though I could be wrong), then I 'd say to chalk this one up to experience and break it off. And in that case, I definitely don't think it would help matters any to tell her you've either been snooping or listening to gossip about her.

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Now Hiring Bartenders. Experience preferred but not required. Apply in person at 8830 North 43rd Ave., Glendale. Call for an appointment at 623/937-3139.

Chute, a private men's health club, is accepting applications for employment for our 12pm - 8am shift. Call Patrick at 602/234-1654.

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Real Estate Sales

Great Coronado Brick Ranch–1945 3BR/1BA. 1200+SF, concrete floors, AC+Evap, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, inside laundry & more. **Your Community Vintage Home Specialist–**
Lisa L. Seeley, KLM Realty 602/252-7777
lsrealty@home.com

$125,000–Yaple Park–Circa 1940, 3 bedroom/ 1 bath, 1040 square feet, great house, central location. Rod Whitt HomeSmart Real Estate. 602/230-7600.

$166,000–Circa 1939–2 bedroom/ 1 bath. Great downtown location–Ashland Street, 1250 sqft, stone kitchen counters, stainless steel appliances, travertine tiled bath, brick walkways & patios, formal dining, french doors to the back yard. Rod Whitt HomeSmart Real Estate. 602/230-7600.

Lofts Space–Downtown Phoenix! Turn of the century conversion! Granite/marble/ fireplaces/wood floors/+++ 900-1600 sqft, $140s to $270s Rod Whitt HomeSmart Real Estate. 602/230-7600

Gorgeous Tudor Revival– 3 bedroom, den, 1 3/4 baths, fireplace, wood floors, formal dining room, 2 car garage, and a sparkling pool for only $214,800. Mario Romero's Success Team, The Melcher Agency, 602/943-3003

Adorable Coronado Territorial–1925 2BR/1BA with hardwood floors, fireplace, original windows, antique stove, gas-pack, garage, carport, block fence and more. Yours for $99,900. **Your Community Vintage Home Specialist–**
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lsrealty@home.com

$199,000–North Phoenix, 4 bedroom/ 2 bath, loft, family room, den, kitchen w/stainless steel appliances & island, vaulted ceilings, corner lot & much more. Rod Whitt HomeSmart Real Estate 602/230/7600.

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$138,500–Willo Historic District, Circa 1929, 2 bedroom/ 1 bath, 1 car garage, sparkling pool. Perfect little house w/tons of charm & character. Rod Whitt HomeSmart Real Estate. 602/230-7600.

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For Rent or Lease

Union Hills/7th Street - Brand New! 3br 2ba 1160 sq. ft. ranch. New stove, micro, refrigerator, washer, dryer. Available approx. 4/15. $1100 per mo. 602/465-2590.

The Story's Apartments– 1 bedroom/ 1 bath, 2nd floor, wood floors, F.Q. Story Historic District, slate in kitchen & bath. $575 mo. Rod Whitt, HomeSmart Real Estate. 602/230-7600.

1920's English Cottage Duplex– in the Story Historic Dist.rict, 2 bedroom, formal dining room, wood floors, fireplace for $775/mo. Mario Romero's Success Team, The Melcher Agency. 602/943-3003.

Fierce Environment–Scottsdale 2bd/2ba condo–candles set the mood, poolside, w/balcony & furnished to a "T". Available daily, weekly, monthly. Rod Whitt HomeSmart Real Estate. 602/230-7600

Out-of-Town

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Directory of Nonprofit Services for the Phoenix Metro Gay & Lesbian Community

HIV Services

AGAPE Network
P.O. Box 32778
Phoenix 85064 602/234-6143

AIDS Project Arizona
1427 N. 3rd Street, Suite 125
Phoenix 85004 602/253-2437

A Place Called Home
3431 W. Thunderbird #13-403
Phoenix 85023 602/942-1572

Arizona AIDS Information Line
24 W. Camelback Rd., Suite C
Phoenix 85013 602/234-2752

Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance
6523 N. 14th St., #112
Phoenix 85014 602/279-4805

AZ AIDS Services for the Deaf
111 E. Camelback
Phoenix 85012 602/265-9953

Aunt Rita's Foundation
5501 N. 7th Ave#215
Phoenix 85013 602/279-0716

Coalition of Meal Providers
992-6593

HIV Care Directions
1366 E. Thomas#105
Phoenix 85014 602/264-2273

Native American Community Health Center
3008 N. 3rd Street, Suite 302
Phoenix 85012 602/279-5262

Joshua Tree Feeding Program
P.O. Box 7056
Phoenix 85011 602/264-0223

Maricopa County Health Dept.
1825 E. Roosevelt
Phoenix 85006 602/506-6900

Planned Parenthood
5651 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 85016 602/277-7526

Phx. Body Positive
4021 N. 30th St. #2
Phoenix 85016 602/955-4673

Phx. Shanti Group
2020 W. Indian School Rd.#53
Phoenix 85015 602/279-0008

Terros, Inc.
320 E. Virginia Ave.
Phoenix 85004 602/234-8900

Volunteers in Direct Aid
P.O. Box 40476
Phoenix 85067 602/279-8432

Wellness Center
1840 W. Maryland, Suite E
Phoenix 85016 602/864-0710

Political Action & Education

American Civil Liberties Union
P.O. Box 17148
Phoenix 85011 602/650-1967

Arizona Central Pride
P.O. Box 16847
Phoenix 85011 602/279-1771

Arizona Human Rights Fund
P.O. Box 25044
Phoenix 85002 602/650-0900

Arizonans for Faimess
P.O. Box 34766
Phoenix 85067 602/265-7283

AZ Democratic Party
Gay & Lesbian Caucus
2005 N. Central #180
Phoenix 85004 602/257-9136

Lesbian & Gay Public Awareness Project
P.O. Box 60881
Phoenix 85082 602/351-3080

Log Cabin Republicans
P.O. Box 60994
Phoenix 85082 602/428-3596

Maricopa Cty. Libertarian Party
P.O. Box 501
Phoenix 85001 602/248-8425

Social & Support Groups

Alpha Zeta—Crossdressers Supp.
aquahills@aol.com
PO Box 83927
Phoenix, AZ 85071
480/837-1067

APEX-AZ Power Exchange
apex@xroads.com
602/415-1123

Arizona 2-somes 602/923-1666

Arizona Nude Dudes
www.aznudedudes.org
andes@swlink.net

Arizona Rainbow Veterans
602/864-6092;
AZRainbowVets@aol.com

Bears of the Arizona Desert
PO Box 25951
Tempe 85285 480/345-8755
www.bearsazdesert.com

Copperstate Leathermen
P.O. Box 40472
Phoenix, AZ 85067

Delta Lambda Phi - Phoenix
903 S. Rural Rd., Suite 101-317
Tempe 85281 602/248-5270

Desert Adventures
P.O. Box 2008
Phoenix, 85001 602/266-2267

Entre Nosotros
546 E. Osborn, #22
Phoenix 85012 602/285-0970

FATHOM
PO Box 83072
Phoenix 85029
www.psn.net/~damour

Gay Lesbian Yavapai Alliance
PO Box 3241
Prescott, AZ 86302-6558
520/541-6558

Girth and Mirth of AZ
P.O. Box 16605
Phoenix 85011 480/655-8229

The Leatherlords 602/254-9651

Lesbian & Gay Alanon
2622 N. 16th Street
Phoenix 85006 602/548-0936

Lesbian & Gay Overeaters Anon.
480/607-7640;
cave4bear@hotmail.com

Los Amigos del Sol (LADS)
PO Box 27335
Phoenix 85061 602/997-2411

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays
P.O. Box 7625
Phoenix 85011 602/843-1404

Prime Timers of Phoenix
480/895-6906
www.primetimers.org/phoenix

Project LifeGuard
Project Q
TRIBE
1427 M/ 3rd Street, Suite 120
Phoenix 85004 602/254-3233

The Community Center and Youth Services 602/265-7283
Lesbian & Gay Community Switchboard 602/234-2752
24 W. Camelback Rd., Suite C
PO Box 33367

Professional Enrichment & Networking

Phoenix, AZ 85067-3367
Greater Phoenix Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2097

Religious & Spiritual Organizations

Phoenix 85001 602/225-8444
Affirmation (Gay Mormons)
P.O. Box 26601
Tempe, 85285 602/553-8674

Asbury United MethodistChurch
1601W Indian School
Phoenix 85015 602/279-2369

AVIV of Arizona (Jewish Group)
PO Box 66904
Phoenix 85082 602/952-1612

Casa De Cristo
1029 E. Turney
Phoenix 85014 602/265-2831

Christ of the Desert Catholic Ch. of the Antioch 602/230-5358

Community Church of Hope
4400 N. Central
Phoenix 85014 602/234-2180

Dignity and Integrity
P.O. Box 60953
Phoenix 85082 602/222-8664

Gentle Shepherd MCC
7810 N. 27th Ave.
Phoenix 85051 602/864-6404

Healing Waters Ministries
225 W. University,105
Tempe 85281 480/894-8681

Lutherans Concerned
P.O. Box 7519
Phoenix 85011 602/870-3611

More Light Presbyterians
P.O. Box 61162
Phoenix 85082 602/275-0506

Unitarian Universalist Congreg.
4027 E. Lincoln Dr.
Paradise Valley 85253
602/840-8400

Valley of the Sun Commtunity Church 602/564-7895

Valley Unitarian Universalist Ch.
1700 W. Warner Rd.
Chandler 85224 480/899-4249

Music, Sports & Hobby Groups

Arizona Frontrunners
azfrontrunners@hotmail.com
602/954-3983

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association
P.O. Box 16363
Phoenix 85011 602/265-0618

AZ Women in Tune
PO Box 37855
Phoenix 85069 623/878-5430

Cactus Cities Softball League
PO Box 45101
Phoenix 85064 602/287-9573

Charlie's Renegades
P.O. Box 17602
Phoenix 85011 602/277-9142

Desert Adventures
PO Box 2008
Phoenix 85001 602/266-CAMP

Desert Valley Squares
P.O. Box 34615
Phoenix, AZ 85067 480/990-2562

Gay League Association of Darts
P.O. Box 63251
Phoenix, AZ 85082

Grand Canyon Men's Chorale
P.O. Box 16462
Phoenix 85011 602/340-7640

Lambda Car Club
P.O. Box 36211
Phoenix 85067 602/409-3160

Phoenix Tennis Alliance 602/359-0936

Phoenix Unified Gay Bowling Alliance (PUGBA)
PO Box 44422
Phoenix 85064 602/246-9643

Team Arizona
P.O. Box 36431
Phoenix 85067 602/408-4311
teamarizona.org

Valley of the Sun Comm'ty Band
Jayne: 480/947-0907;
Terry: 602/954-9244



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Jean Parsons, PhD----------602/230-2025
ManPower (Keith Thompson)---602/506-6857

Dentists

Dobson-Warner Dentistry------ 480/917-0181

Financial Svcs.

Paul Ringgenberg----------602/744-7717

Florists

Community Florist----------602/266-6648

Graphic Design

Steve Anderson----------602/263-7803
Matt Cochran----------602/301-9545
Bill Knoop----------602/262-2524
Jack A. Komnick----------602/254-6977

Hair Design

Bond Street Salon (Dennis)----602/212-1880
Salon Exodus (Eric or Robert)--602/955-2121
Shear Pleasure (Reuben)------602/616-9447

Health Care

Chad Schroer, NMD----------480/368-0808
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Home Services

All About Patio Furniture-------602/992-3533
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Don Williams Builders, Inc.----602/246-8591
Facilities Maintenance Co.-----602/956-8515
Rainbow Home Repair---------602/440-5367

Insurance

Murray Sullivan (Farmers)-----480/860-0920

Internet

Rapid Media Technologies-----480/855-4845

Nightlife

Apollo's----------602/277-9373
Bunkhouse----------602/200-9154
Cash Inn----------602/244-9943
Charlie's----------602/265-0224
Doc Gireaux----------602/997-9461
JC's Fun One Lounge----------623/939-0528
Johnny Mc's----------602/266-0875
Nu-Towne Saloon----------602/267-9959
Pumphouse II----------602/275-3509
The Water Hole----------623/937-3139

Out-of-Town

Bacchanal (Palm Springs)-----800/806-9059

Pet Services

Family Pet Sitters----------602/548-7695
Most Valuable Pet (Joe)-------602/955-3471
Petland (Ed)----------480/844-2920
Alicia Ruiz, DVM----------602/277-5155

Realtors

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Rod Whitt----------602/956-5500

Restaurants

Durant's----------602/264-5967
Florentine's----------602/265-6956
Malee's on Main----------480/947-6042
Pookie's----------602/277-2121

Retail

Gift of Light Metaphysical----480/425-8945
Obelisk, The Bookstore--------602/266-BOOK

Skin Care

AZ Laser, Electrolysis & Skin---480/551-1416

Spiritual Groups

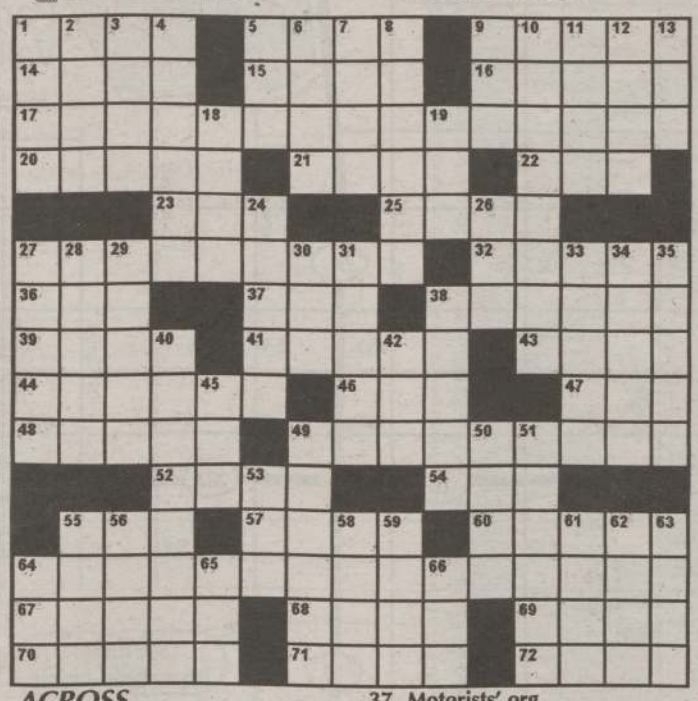
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Q Puzzle

"Men in Shorts"



ACROSS

1 Porn star Stryker
5 Place for oral gratification
9 Strip for porking?
14 Largest continent
15 *The Spell* author Hollinghurst
16 Filmmaker James
17 Argument in favor of male gay sex?
20 Poet Griffin
21 "No" to Dietrich
22 Keanu's *Matrix* cyber-ID
23 It can be pulled
25 Noisy hammer target
27 Have a one-nighter?
32 Hardtop, maybe
36 Sexual preference determiner, some say
37 Motorists' org.
38 Boat basin
39 Shakespeare title starter
41 With 64 Across, premature ejaculation?
43 Slumps
44 Minuses on the ledger
46 ___ & Jerry's
47 Wishy-washy Mapplethorpe supporter (abbr.)
48 Former gay mag *Men's* ___
49 Result of agressive sex?
52 "Hillarity" Clinton
54 Cold porter
55 "___ Pleasures" (Pansy Division song)
57 Porn film ___ *Riders*
60 "...9" cut, smooth"
64 See 41 Across
67 Composer Copland
68 Fremont's gay and lesbian center, with "The"
69 ___ St. Vincent Millay
70 Piece played by Liberace, perhaps
71 The Red and the Dead
72 Grating sound

Down

1 Fruit preserves
2 Jacob's hairy brother
3 Missile stabilizers
4 Description for a butch's deadly girlfriend?
5 Result of beaver nibbling
6 Enthusiasm
7 Nathan of *The Birdcage*
8 The-Girls link
9 Part of an AOL chat room's name
10 Direct-action lesbian group
11 Costume prop from Madonna tour
12 Approximately
13 TV's "Science Guy"
18 Prime draft classification
19 Ambient music pioneer
24 Flying pests
26 Govt. intelligence org.
27 Larry Kramer and George Bush, to Yale
28 Tongue of water
29 GLAMA Award winner Elaine
30 Long, in Morse code
31 Greta of *Ninotchka*
33 Princess and icon to many gays
34 Melissa Etheridge's "Talking to My ___"
35 Like Fran Drescher's voice
38 Brainy bunch
40 Movie in which Cher played a lesbian
42 Want ad abbr.
45 Room opening?
49 Whitman's ___ *of Grass*
50 Poet Gidlow
51 ___ half (partner)
53 *Bill and ___'s Homosexual Adventure*
55 Like Seinfeld, though he's straight
56 Stocking shade
58 Verel's *The Dark ___ of Venus*
59 Madonna's discipline in *The Next Best Thing*
61 Heroine of Verdi or John
62 Quite a bit
63 "Thumbs up" on "Men on Films"
64 Kind of enc.
65 U-turn from SSW
66 Cukor's "___ Girls"

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Solution to last issue's Q Puzzle: "The Boys in the Band"

Edibles

A. Durant's
Central & Virginia
Phoenix 602/264-5967

B. Florentine's
816 E. Camelback
Phoenix 602/265-6956

C. Malee's on Main
7131 E. Main Street
Scottsdale 480/9476042

D. Pookie's
4540 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 602/277-2121

Libations

1. Ain't Nobody's Bizness
3031 E. Indian School
Phoenix 602/224-9977

2. Amsterdam
718 North Central Ave.
Phoenix 602/ 258-6122

3. Apollo's
5749 N. 7th Street
Phoenix 602/277-9373

4. Boot Camp
3702 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 602/212-9888

5. BS
7125 5th Avenue
Scottsdale 480/945-9028

6. Bunkhouse
4428 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix 602/200-9154

7. Cash Inn
2140 E. McDowell
Phoenix 602/244-9943

8. Charlie's
727 W. Camelback
Phoenix 602/265-0224

9. Crowbar
702 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix 602/258-8343

10. Cruisin' Central
1011 N.Central Ave.
Phoenix 602/253-3376

11. Doc Gireaux
12032 N. Cave Creek
Phoenix 602/997-9461

12. Harley's Club 155
Harley's Too!
155 / 125 W. Camelback
Phoenix 602/274-8505

13. JC's Fun One
5542 N. 43rd Ave.
Glendale 623/ 939-0528

14. Johnny Mc's
138 W. Camelback
Phoenix 602/266-0875

15. Marlys'
15615 Cave Creek
Phoenix 602/867-2463

16. Millennium 2001
3300 S. Price Rd.
Tempe 602/756-2445

17. Mine Shaft
4343 N. 7th Ave
Phoenix 602/230-2515

18. Misty's
4301 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix 602/265-3233

19. Nasty's Sports Bar
3108 E. McDowell
Phoenix 602/267-8707

20. NuTowne
5002 E. Van Buren
Phoenix 602/267-9959

21. Paco Paco
3045 N. 16th St.
Phoenix 602/263-8424

22. Padlock
998 E. Indian School
Phoenix 602/266-5640

23. The Park
3002 N. 24th Street
Phoenix 602/957-6055

24. Pumphouse II
4132 E. McDowell
Phoenix 602/275-3509

25. Roscoe's on 7th
4531 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 602/285-0833

26. TRAX
1724 E. McDowell
Phoenix 602/254-0231

27. Waterhole
8830 N. 43rd Ave
Glendale 623/937-3139

28. Wink's
5707 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 602/265-9002

29. World
710 N. Central
Phoenix 602/258-8343

Staples

30. The Adult Shoppe
111 S. 24th Street
Phoenix 306-1130
2345 W. Holly St.
Phoenix 602/253-7126
5021 W Indian School
Phoenix 623/245-3008

32. Book Cellar
4029 E. Washington
Phoenix 602/275-0015
(other Valley locations)

33. Castle Boutique
5501 E. Washington
Phoenix 602/231-9837
(other Valley locations)

34. Obelisk Books
24 West Camelback
Phoenix 602/266-Book

35. Movies on Central
4700 N. Central,#121
Phoenix 602/274-0994

36. Tuff Stuff
1714 E. McDowell Rd.
Phoenix 602/254-9651

Tubs

40. Chute
1440 E. Indian School
Phoenix 602/234-1654

41. Flex
1517 S. Black Canyon
Phoenix 602/271-9011

Culture

60. America West Arena
201 E. Jefferson
Phoenix 602/379-7800

61. AZ Hall of Fame Museum
1101 W. Washington
Phoenix 602/255-2110

62. AZ Historical Society Museum
1300 N. College
Tempe 480/929-0292

63. AZ Mining & Mineral Museum
1502 W. Washington
Phoenix 602/255-3791

64. AZ Science Center
600 E. Washington
Phoenix 602/716-2000

65. AZ State Capitol Museum
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix 602/542-4675

66. ASU Art Museum
Nelson Fine Arts Center
Mill Ave. & 10th Street
Tempe 480/965-2787

67. ASU Gammage Center
Apache & Mill Ave.
Tempe 480/965-3434

68. Blockbuster Desert Sky Pavillion
2121 N. 83rd Ave.
Phoenix 623/254-7499

69. Celebrity Theater
440 N. 32nd Street
Phoenix 602/267-9373

70. Heard Museum
22 E. Monte Vista
Phoenix 602/252-8848

71. Herberger Theater
222 E. Monroe
Phoenix 602/254-7399

72. Orpheum Theatre
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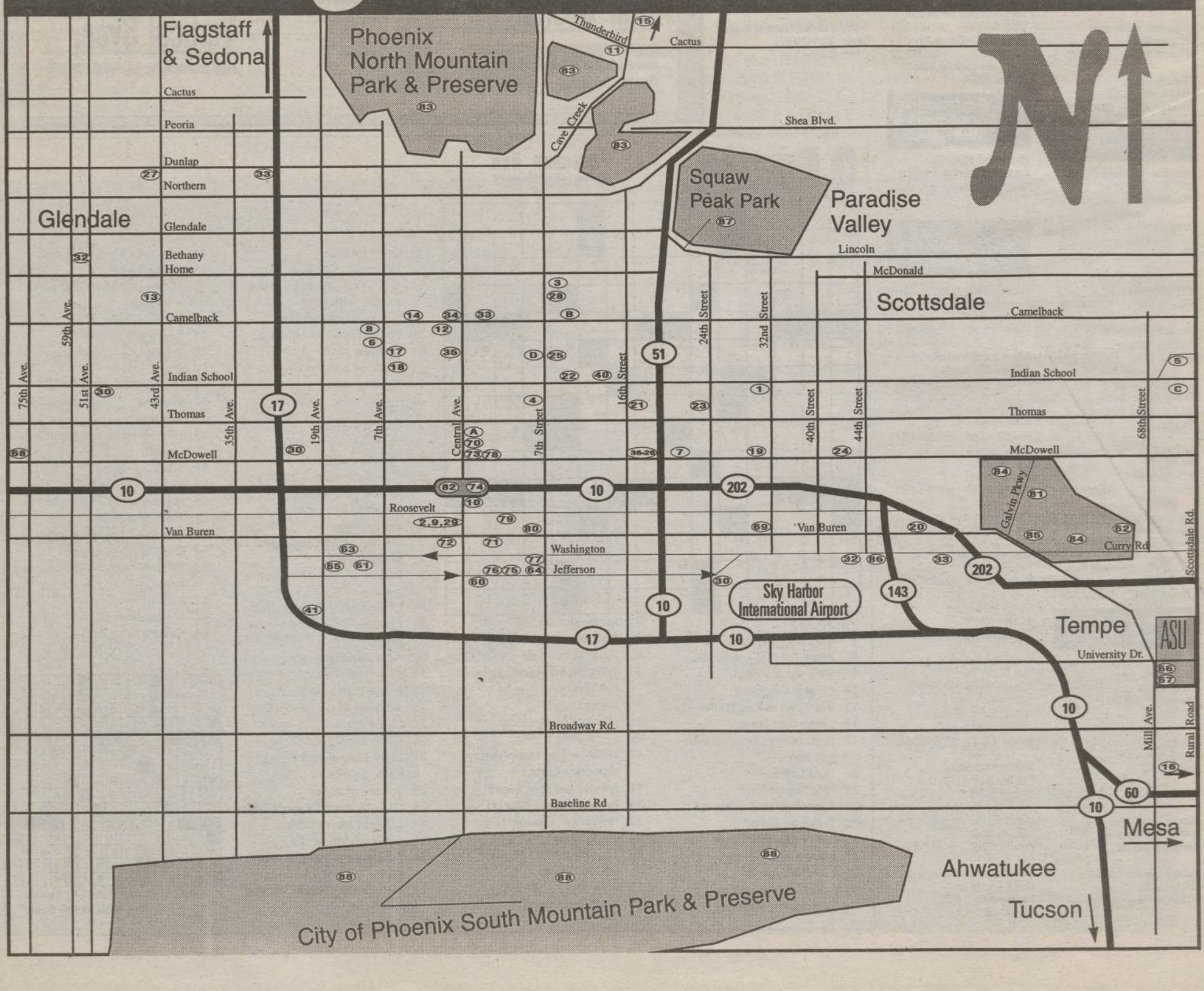
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By Jill Dearman, Contributor

ARIES: You may have to fight for what you want on the job, but you will prevail, baby! You have the guts to win the war. On the home front, expect to face some serious (and sexy) choices in your platonic relationships. A Gemini's been dreaming about you.

TAURUS: It takes two to tango, but you've got to lead, especially if you're dancing cheek to cheek with a Cancer. Trust your gut, and don't be afraid to ask for what you want. You have never been more alluring, my dear.

GEMINI: It's time to get on with the aspects of your life that fascinate you most. Don't waste time with pretentious snobs and annoying wannabes; you need some real relationships. Start with an Aquarius who likes to go deep.

CANCER: The moon in your house of love on the 24th makes you hard to say no to. Just be careful who you bed down with, because you could end up falling in love, especially if it's a Libra. You and a pal can really go far in a business venture if you put your resources together.

LEO: This is a great time for you to pursue a goal that seems too big even for you. The more confidence you have in your own long-term plans, the more the worrywart types will believe in you. A Pisces, however, is interested more in your body than in your bank account.

VIRGO: Your mind and your love muscle are super-connected in late April. Just when you thought you could relax, something too thrilling to pass up lands in your lap. It could be a chance to start a dream career—or to seduce a Capricorn you thought was way out of your league.

LIBRA: It's time to get serious about a lover you've had doubts about. A Taurus can help you get past your intimacy issues. Then think about what you need to do for others. If you get in touch with your inner altruist, the selfish pig in you will be happy, too.

SCORPIO: Late April is a tumultuous time as the planets force you to give up your specific plans and make way for unexpected big breaks. Tune in to what your soul really desires. You need to love with the kind of abandon you felt years ago. A Virgo wants to be on the receiving end.

SAGITTARIUS: The Sun is passing through the love-affair sector of your chart, so no wonder you're feeling horny. But make sure you follow the subtle clues your body sends you. Meditation, yoga and other forms of attentiveness all suit you well now. A Capricorn is sending you good vibrations.

CAPRICORN: Jupiter moves close to Saturn in your house of creativity as April draws to a close. So put some serious energy into an artistic project you've been thinking about for years. You are in the driver's seat, but you need someone smart (a Virgo?) to ride shotgun with you.

AQUARIUS: A family crisis puts the rest of your life into perspective. Make a decision about where you want to live and how you want to live. You could get an offer you can't refuse regarding a better home or office space. A Scorpio's butt makes a nice pillow.

PISCES: Don't run away from a challenge; run toward it. You are so on top of the scene, you should really be doing a lot more with that brilliant and crazy mind of yours. You've been playing the hermit long enough; now it's your debutante ball. A Libra wants the first dance (and so much more!).

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

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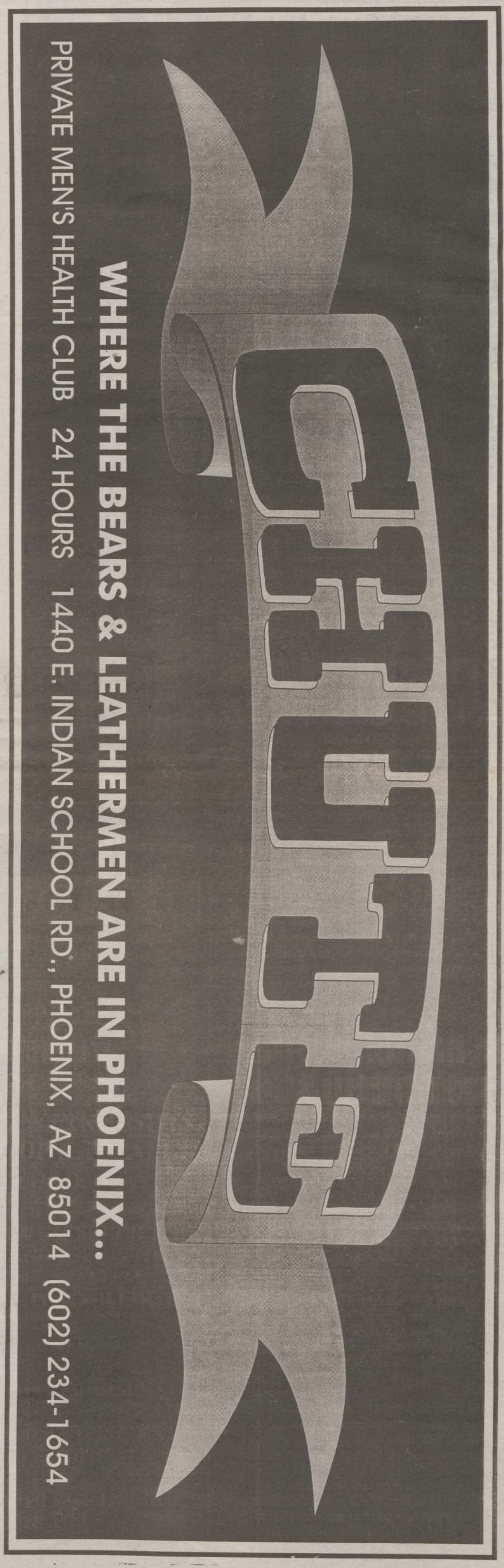
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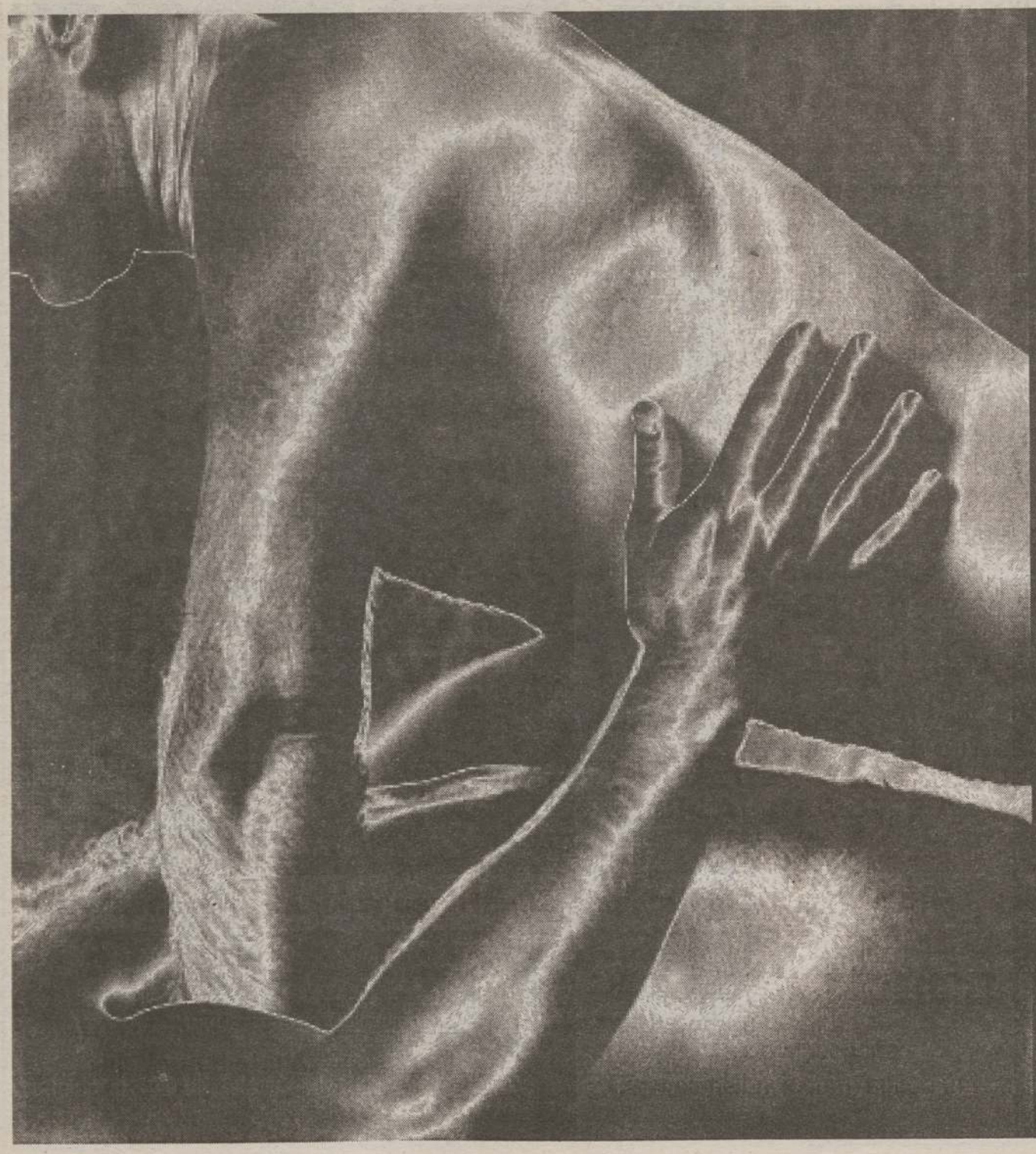
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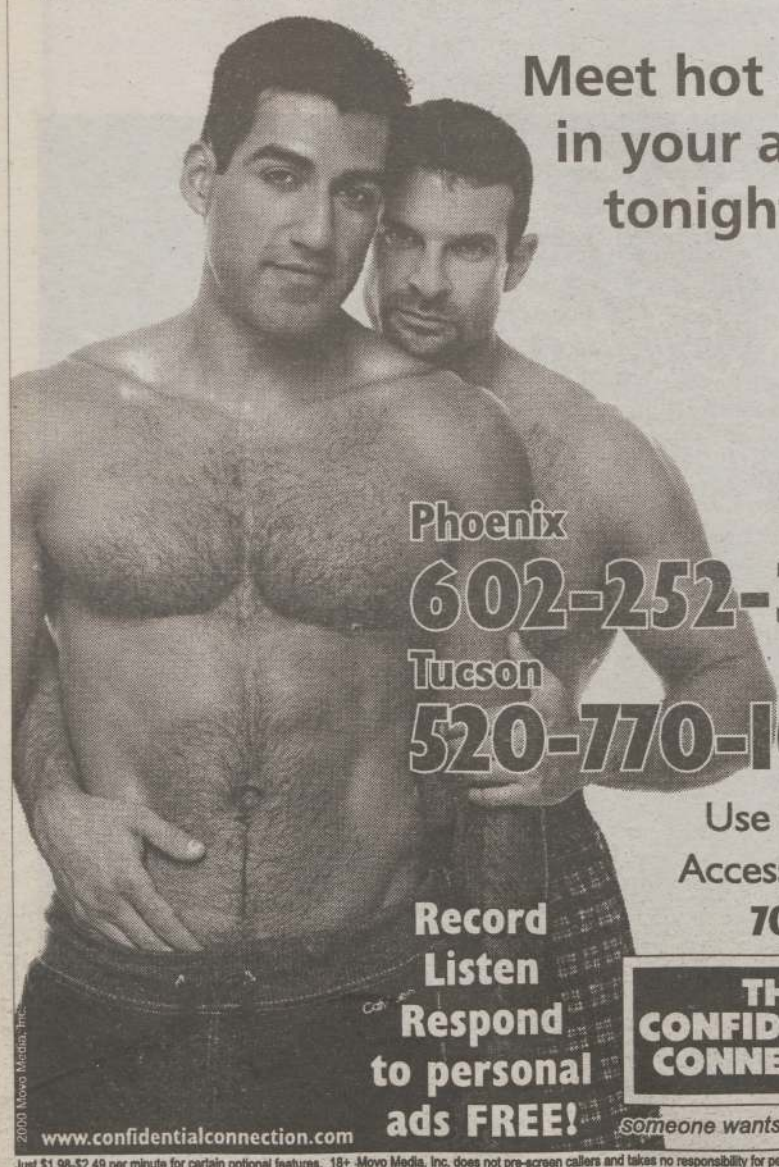


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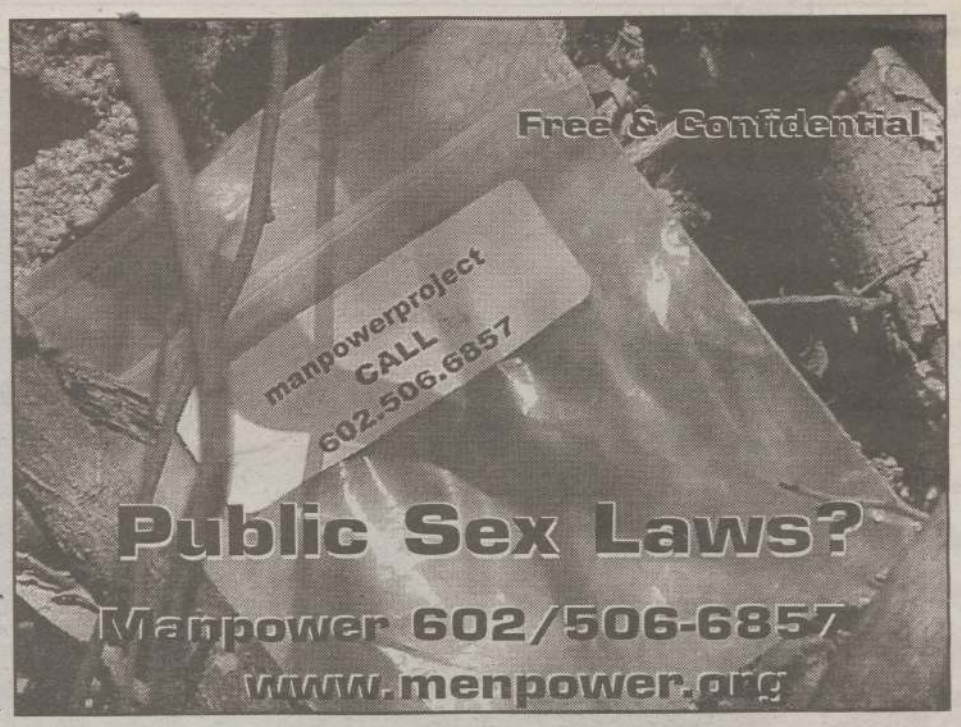
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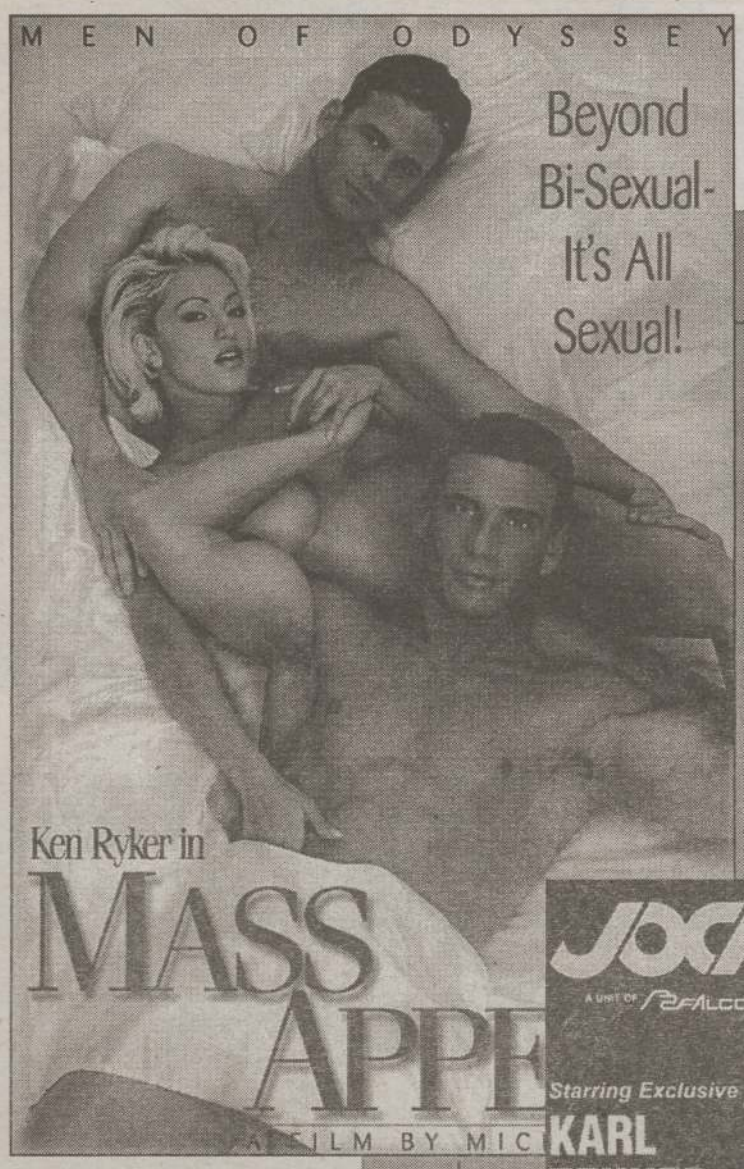
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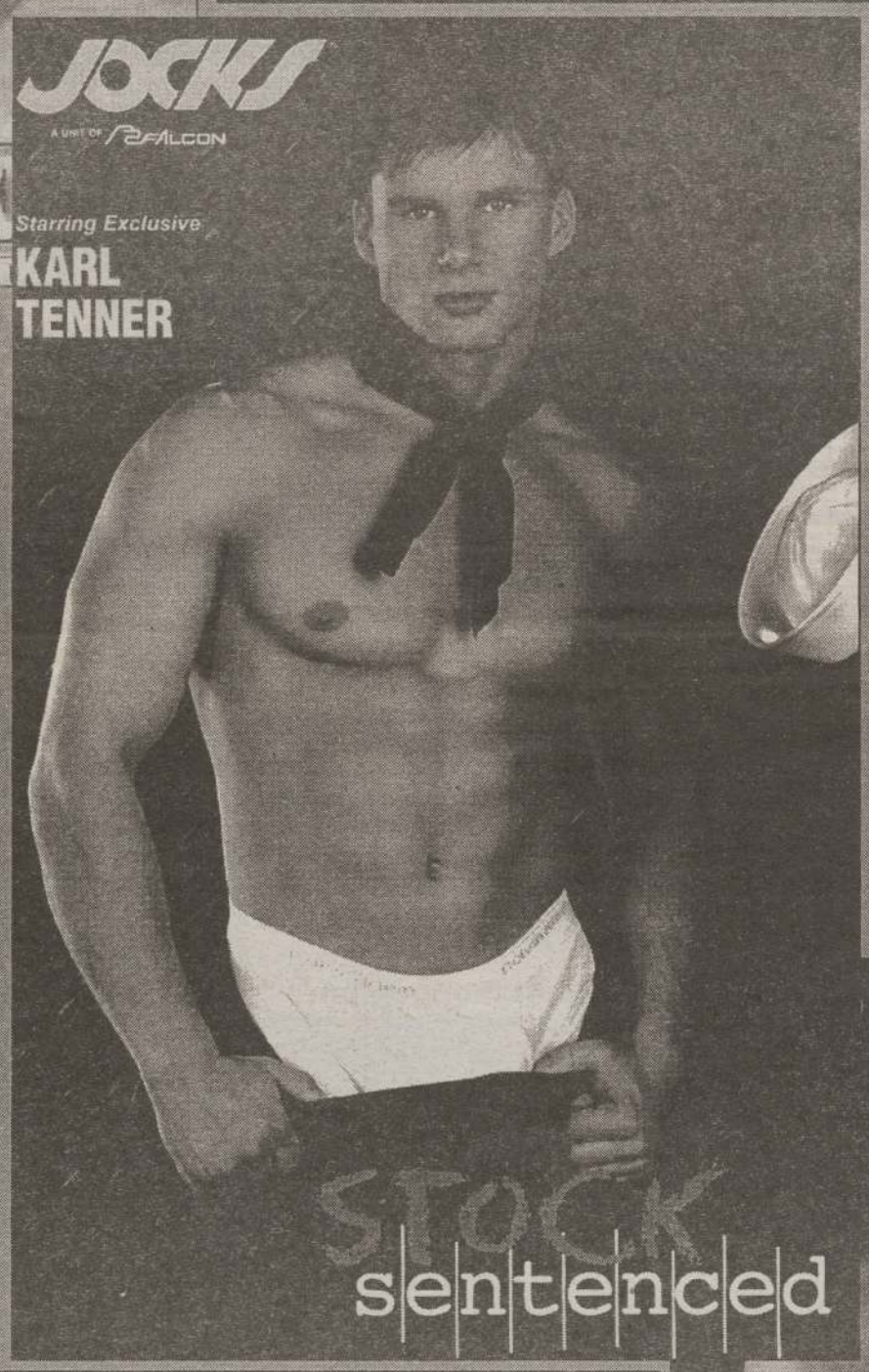
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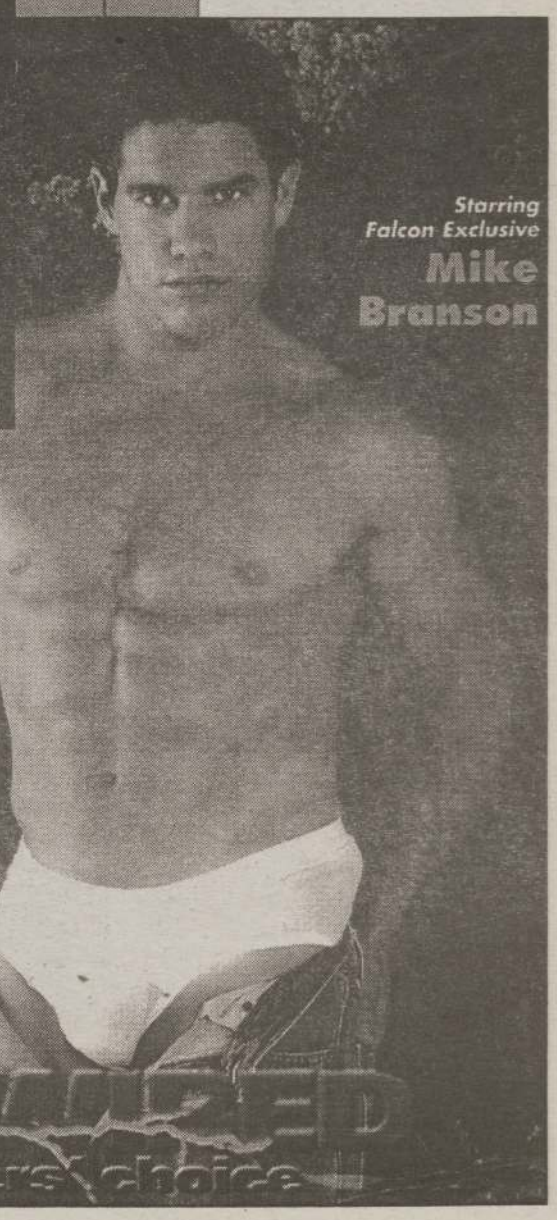
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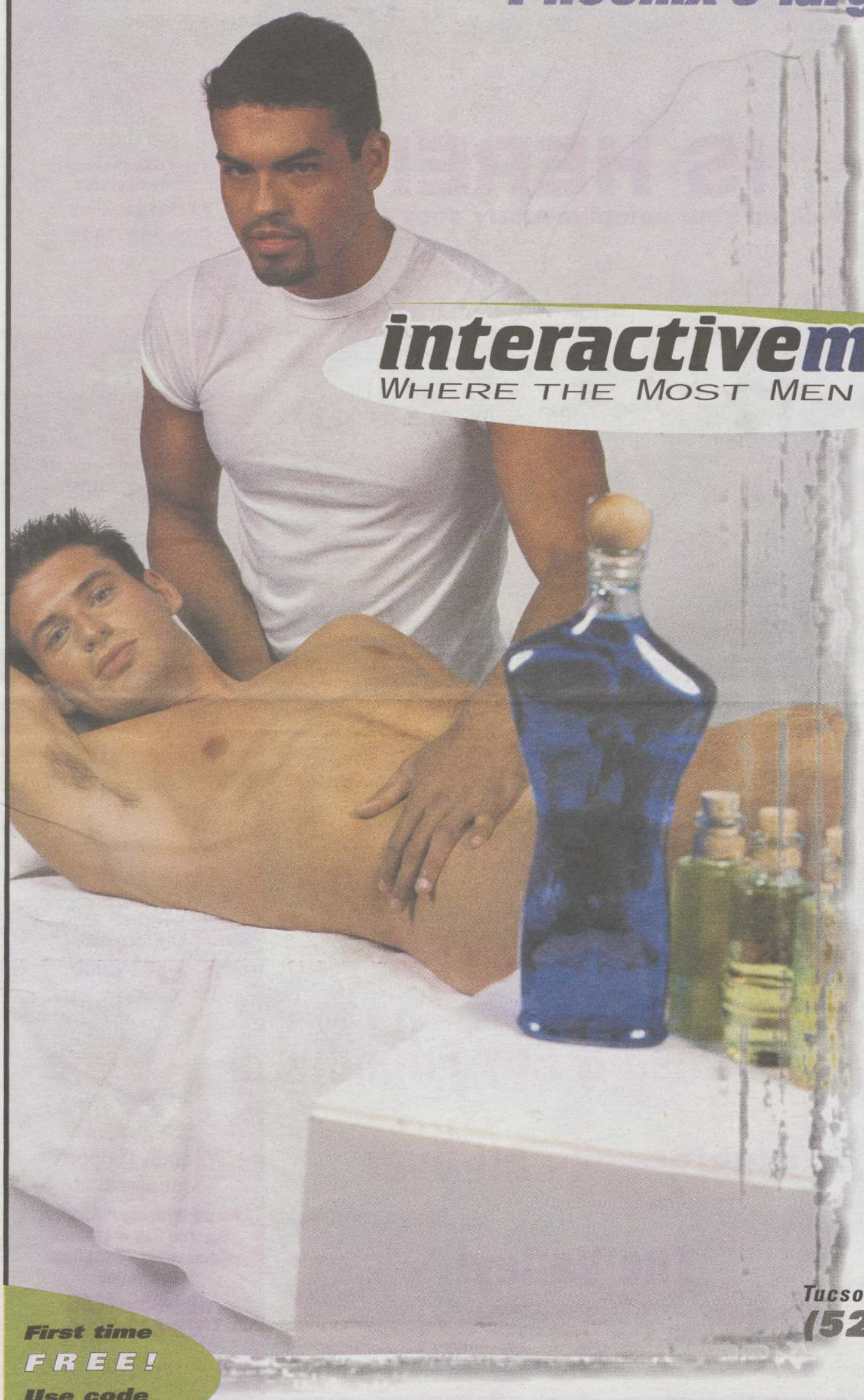
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