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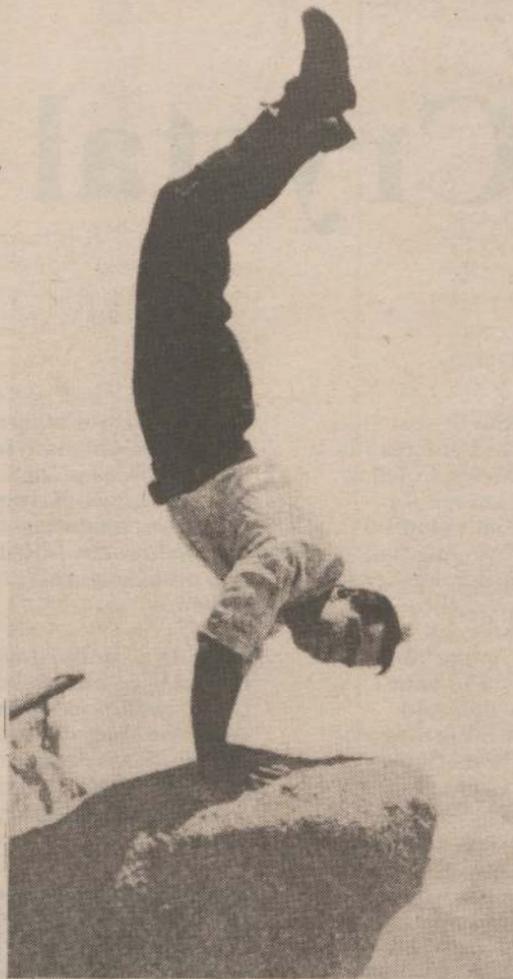
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I don't make New Year's resolutions. I figure, subterfuge is my strong suit, so what's the point in making rules I know how to break?

I suppose it wouldn't hurt to give up Russian authors or to promise myself that next time I'll find out he's a tearoom queen before I fall for him. I could try being nice to Gerrie

Mayer-Gibbons; I could vow to stop whining, to wear plaid in public or denounce Communism or buy more of Robert Adams' artwork next year.

But keeping resolutions is a real grind. I could make an attempt to understand heterosexuals, but I'm intimidated by the necessary research (reading *Entertainment Weekly*, watching *Wheel of Fortune*, vacationing in Florida). I could promise to give cowboy art a chance, but that would mean having to look at some of it; I could vow to make more money this year, but that would entail *working*.

I've thought about forgiving Ed Buck for saying that Sue Laybe can refer to us as "fags"

because she is an honorary gay man. I've decided instead to forgive all the newspapers who refer to Buck as a "gay activist," because I really believe that Ed is a media slut with nice cheekbones who is of absolutely no use to gay people anywhere, so what's to forgive?

The New Year's resolution thing doesn't work for me: I never keep vows to myself. I might just as well promise to stop poking fun at other people just because they're stupid or ugly or fat or slutty or otherwise less deserving than I. And we both know that will never happen.

—Pela

On the cover: Joan Crawford wigs out in a publicity still from *Strait Jacket*, 1965. Photo courtesy Columbia Pictures, Inc.

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I could have tranced all night

Crystal Brawl

Each year at
about this
time I

receive a series of
visions. Most of these
visions concern an
interesting liaison
between myself, the
Phoenix Suns' Dan
Majerle, and the New
York Knicks' Charles
Oakley (I'm usually the
one holding the
spatula), but
occasionally they
involve a glimpse of
future events of some
significance to the
nation and the world.

by Don Slutes

This is the fourth year that I've opted to publish the results of my psychic activity. (A fellow psychic once chided me for trying to profit from my gift. I replied that he obviously had never seen how much I get paid for this.) Please read these predictions carefully, as foreknowledge of important events may aid you in your business or daily life. And please, don't be troubled by my record for predictions that proved accurate (two out of 104)—this year, I believe, the cosmic forces have worked out all of the bugs.

•The region known as Azerbaijan will join the rush to secede from the Soviet Union, until it is pointed out to local political leaders that Azerbaijan was never a part of the Soviet Union and is, in fact, located in South America.

•In another dispute over the ownership of oil fields, Iraqi president Saddam Hussein will announce that his country is annexing Louisiana. This time, no one will object.

•New York City's school systems will begin including a condom with every hot lunch.

•By the end of 1992, the Soviet Union will be comprised of a small strip mall outside of Omsk and an adjacent vacant lot.

•President Bush will continue to insist that we're coming out of the recession, which actually ended early in 1991 and which, in fact, never happened. Meanwhile, economic analysts will discover a disturbing trend in the stock market, noting that the Dow Jones average takes a dip every time Bush opens his mouth.

•Historians will continue to point to parallels between Bush's tenure as president and that of Herbert Hoover, who presided over the beginning of the Great Depression. Among the most telling signs cited by these experts are rising unemployment, a moribund banking system, and the resurgent popularity of Busby Berkeley musicals.

•The departure of former White House chief of staff John Sununu from public life will have the effect of deepening the recession, as dozens of chauffeurs and private pilots line up at unemployment offices.

•During a campaign appearance in Jackson, Mississippi, Dan Quayle will refer to New York governor Mario Cuomo as "Guido." Cuomo, in turn, will call the vice president "Marilyn's errand boy" and "Monsieur Golf Pants."

•John Sununu will publish a memoir of his years in the Bush Administration in which he takes credit for the Gulf War, while writing that Bush pretty much ad libbed everything else. An angry president will respond by referring to his former chief of staff as "an annoying little schlub."

•During a campaign appearance in Little Rock, Arkansas, Dan Quayle will refer to New York governor Mario Cuomo as "that



garlic-eating toadface." Cuomo will respond by calling the vice president "a pot-smoking, draft-dodging, slimy little punk with a dingus that would embarrass a schnauzer." Cuomo will later insist that the remark was taken out of context.

•In his presidential bid, David Duke will make several subtle appeals to racism, including this campaign slogan: "Why Do You Think They Call It The White House?"

•The presidential candidacy of newspaper columnist Pat Buchanan will inspire others in the Fourth Estate to aspire to higher office. Among those who will declare for various elective posts are Sydney Omarr, Heloise, and the guy who writes that bridge column.

•Arizona Gov. Fife Symington will nominate aide Annette Alvarez to replace a retired state Supreme Court justice, despite the fact that Alvarez is not a lawyer, nor is she even sure what the state Supreme Court does. Soon after she is confirmed, all of her clerks will quit, complaining that in her draft opinions, she insists on dotting her i's with little hearts.

•Meanwhile, Symington will face yet another conflict-of-interest investigation after he attempts to relocate state government offices to the Mercado shopping center.

•Noting the success of his autobiography, in which he detailed his sexual exploits with numerous female celebrities, Geraldo Rivera will publish a second volume of his memoirs, in which he tells all about the thousands of famous women he has fantasized about while beating his pud.

•Flush from the success of her hatchet jobs on Jacqueline Onassis, Frank Sinatra, and Nancy Reagan, "writer" Kitty Kelley will tackle perhaps her biggest project ever: a revealing biography of Jesus Christ. Among the scandalous revelations: details of the Savior's unsavory relationship with three of the 12 apostles (with whom he would often meet—behind closed doors—for "supper"); that He was a lousy carpenter who regularly charged customers for time that he spent preaching; that He verbally abused Mary

Magdalene, routinely referring to her as a "bimbo"; and that the Last Temptation actually involved a quart of Haagen Dazs ice cream.

•The trend toward increased ethnic awareness and sensitivity will finally have an affect on pro sports teams, including the newly renamed Washington Native Americans (who will win the Super Bowl next month), while major league baseball officials will announce that the insensitive "tomahawk chop" gesture will be actively discouraged by another newly renamed team, the Atlanta Persons-Who-Happen-To-Be-Native-Americans-Who-Happen-To-Be-Male. In addition, the Cleveland Indians will announce that they are scrapping their name (and the accompanying offensive logo) in favor of their longtime unofficial nickname, the Cleveland Pathetic Losers.

•Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas (fill in your own joke). (Here are some terms that may help with your do-it-yourself Clarence Thomas prediction: judicial robes; habeas corpus; Coke machine; briefs; Smm; fish restaurant; public lice; amicus curiae.)

•Concerned curators of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, noting that few historians have availed themselves of the opportunity to use the Library for research, will contact several well-known historians for an explanation and will learn that most are "waiting for the movie."

•During a campaign stop in California, Vice President Dan Quayle will visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and will sustain minor injuries when he falls off the Super Slide.

•Immediately upon re-election as Vice President, Dan Quayle will begin plotting his 1996 presidential run. Among the early slogans floated by his staff will be "Quayle: A Lot Like Gerald Ford, Only Younger."

•It will finally be revealed that Rob Pilatus, one-half of the disgraced "singing" duo Milli Vanilli, faked his suicide attempt. Duh.

•Michael Jackson will disappear for several days, reappearing as a blond.

Would You Buy a Deity From This Man?

I would like to begin this letter by wishing the staff there at *Phoenix Resource* a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As you know, Christmas is a time which brings love and joy throughout the world as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our savior. This year, I would be so delighted if *Phoenix Resource* would help all the lesbian and gay churches of the valley celebrate Jesus' birth by setting aside a half of a page of your paper to advertise all of the Christmas services. Your donation for the ad cost is tax deductible and the church will give you a receipt for the gift.

Thank You for your time and careful consideration to this matter. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Reverend P. Thomas Jordan
Gentle Shepherd MCC
Phoenix

How do you know that the staff of this magazine isn't made up entirely of Jews and atheists?

—Ed.

How Long Do We Have to Wait to See the Snapshots of Your Grandmother and the Basset Hound?

I have received three issues of *Phoenix Resource* since returning home from Phoenix, none of which was the particular back issue I specifically requested: "The Heterophobia Issue" of September 27. I still do not know what the response was to my letter to the editor published in that issue. I am going to die if you don't send me this much-asked-for issue post-haste.

In response to your request for Christmas Lists and Polaroids of my genitalia: I know you wrote this specifically for me. I have not yet begun my list, and all I can say about my genitals is that they are acrylic, as are my teeth.

I love your magazine more than the pictures I took of my nine-year-old nieces swimming *au naturel*. Wait 'til I resurrect those photos in about ten years!

Laytchie "Bud" McJeep
Alexandria, Virginia

The Old Ice Cream/Pharmacy School Equation

Tricking at Trax? Of course, that's where the real men go to party. So why go anywhere else? This is the Nineties, and we've learned that we don't have to give up everything we like. We just have to do things differently. Just like after I graduated from pharmacy school, I thought I'd have to give up ice cream. Now I really love ice cream. Nothing feels better in my mouth. But like many things in life, I've learned that I didn't have to give it up. I only have to change my behavior patterns to protect myself. So of course (I continue) tricking at Trax. I say, go out and enjoy yourself—you still can as long as you know how.

That Juvenile Delinquent,

James Bingham
Mesa

You're an idiot.

—Ed.

Nothing But Net

(Don Slutes' column) about Magic Johnson was right on target and right on time ("A Myth is as Good as a Mile," November 22). I am sick of hearing the straight viewpoint (which) makes a hero of Johnson just for getting an illness we've been struggling with for so many years.

Carl Eller
Phoenix

Send letters and extravagant gifts to An Angst-Ridden Queen Impersonating a Newspaper Editor, P.O. Box 5948, Phoenix 85010.

of the far right. They got a Justice on the Supreme Court; gay men and lesbians imprisoned solely for their homosexuality got recognized as "prisoners of conscience" by Amnesty International. Straight Suburbanites finally got the AIDS message via a sports icon, while we acquired an unwilling mascot via the Partridge Family. We got bad press thanks to

serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer; they got another season of *Roseanne*. Here's to 1992.

January 7: Phoenix High School teacher David Bruce McCord is arrested for allegedly molesting several boys. McCord tells several therapists and his wife that he was gay until his twenties, when

he "converted" to heterosexuality.

January 23: The AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) launches "Day of Desperation," a massive demonstration in New York City that disrupts newscasts, traffic at Grand Central Station, and business as usual in many other parts of the metropolis. The action results in 300 arrests, the largest number ever for an AIDS protest in the United States.

February 6: Two of Arizona's few gay-sympathetic lawmakers, Reps. Bobby Raymond and Sue Laybe, are among numerous legislators and lobbyists nabbed by AZScam, a police sting operation aimed at political corruption. Hidden cameras videotape Raymond and Laybe apparently accepting \$10,000 cash bribes. Laybe, who actively sought gay support during her campaign, tells an undercover agent she'll disguise the bribe as a contribution from "an Ed Buck type, a rich fag." Her use of the f-word sparks an is-she-just-another-damn-homophobe-exploiting-gullible-queers debate. Buck himself doesn't consider it a personal affront: "Sue hears me and other gay men use the words *fag* and *queer* all the time," he says. "She's enough a part of the gay community that none of us should be offended." Gay activist Lee Hoffman calls Laybe an "ungrateful bitch." Others call the debate irrelevant and note the loss of two precious pro-gay and pro-AIDS votes in the state legislature.

February 26: The *Life in Hell* comic strip characters, Akbar and Jeff, are outed by their creator, Matt Groening, a straight guy. The strip appears locally in *New Times*. Groening is also the creator of the TV cartoon sitcom *The Simpsons*.

March 12: Slob-chic queen and tabloid favorite Roseanne Barr announces she has a gay brother and a lesbian sister. "Gay people are really cool," Barr tells the *Advocate*.

March 22: Hawaii joins Wisconsin and Massachusetts as one of three states that have enacted gay rights legislation. Hawaii's lawmakers add "protection from anti-gay bias" to an existing state law prohibiting discrimination based on "race, sex, age, religion, color, ancestry, disability, marital status, and arrest or court record."

March 25: Members of Queer Nation and ACT UP demonstrate at the Academy Awards ceremony. Protestors say the major film studios have yet to make a film depicting AIDS realistically. (Neither *Common Threads* nor *Longtime Companion*, two critically acclaimed films dealing with AIDS, were financed by major studios.)

March 31: KKFR-FM Top 40 disc jockey and newlywed Danny "Partridge" Bonaduce is arrested for assaulting a transvestite, Darius Barney, who says Bonaduce paid him \$20 for a "sexual act." Upon discovering that Barney is a man, Bonaduce reportedly breaks Barney's nose, retrieves his twenty bucks, then flees in his Camaro as police arrive. Police follow the

Camaro to Bonaduce's condo and find him hiding naked in a closet under a pile of laundry. Bonaduce reportedly tells his wife, Gretchen, to tell police he'd been there all evening with her, although apparently not giving her husband a blow job.

April 5: Two Scottsdale men, Stanley Rose and Joseph Roberts, are charged with fraud for

selling health insurance that supposedly covers policyholders who contract AIDS. Undercover investigators say the men asked potential customers for saliva samples to test for HIV antibodies.

April 17: Connecticut becomes the fourth state to pass gay rights legislation.

May 30: ACT UP ends a year-long boycott of Marlboro cigarettes and Miller beer after Philip Morris Companies Inc., makers of the two

products, agree to increase its contributions to AIDS service and research groups from \$1.3 million to \$2.6 million over the next four years. The company is also the largest corporate donor

to the re-election campaign of anti-gay Republican senator Jesse Helms. Boycotters initially ask Philip Morris to stop contributions to the tobacco-state geek, but drop the demand before the final settlement.

June 20: A stripped-down version of Arizona's Hate Crimes Bill passes the legislature. An earlier version calling for enhanced penalties for assaults and vandalism motivated by a victim's race, religion, sexual orientation, gender or

disability failed, despite the endorsement of Attorney General Grant Woods. The new version drops the enhanced sentencing, but requires police departments to gather data on hate-motivated crimes. It also mandates hate-crimes education for law enforcement personnel.

June 21: An AIDS Education Bill is signed into law by Gov. Symington. "I'm loath to have the state impose mandates on schools," Symington says. "On the other hand, I must recognize my responsibility for the public's health and safety."

July 15: Protestors, wearing t-shirts proclaiming "No Bigots," invade Beauvais' gym in Central Phoenix, armed with a petition demanding that owner Matt Beauvais post a

sign prohibiting the display of derogatory stickers and garments directed at gays. Within days, such a sign is posted. "I'm not a bigot," Beauvais says, denying that the posting of the sign had anything to do with the protest.

July 20: Still maintaining his innocence, Danny Bonaduce accepts a plea bargain and agrees to

fund corrective surgery on Darius Barney's nose.

July 26: Pee Wee Herman, visiting his parents in his hometown of Sarasota, Florida, is arrested for allegedly exposing himself at an adult theater.

August 27: Assistant Secretary of Defense Pete

Williams is outed in a cover story in *The Advocate*. Williams, who briefed TV news reporters at the Pentagon during the Persian Gulf War, had become a familiar face to millions of Americans. The story notes that high-level defense department officials, as well as the Washington press corps, knew about Williams' homosexuality. In choosing to be a lackey for the defense department, Williams' public outing is justified, says Richard Goldstein, executive editor of the *Village Voice*. "Privacy is moot when personal and political hypocrisy merge."

Goldstein says.

August 30: Dr. Simon LeVay, a gay research scientist at the Salk Institute of Biological

Studies, releases a study concluding a difference in size between the hypothalamus (an area of the brain associated with sexual functions) of gay and heterosexual men. Critics of the study contend LeVay's research methods are faulty.

Reaction among gays is mixed. Some see the suggestion of a biological cause as undermining any moral or religious basis for discrimination. Others see it as a potential excuse for demanding a "cure" for homosexuality—or

heterosexuality, as the case may be.

September 9: Amnesty International extends its definition of "prisoner of conscience" to include those imprisoned "solely because of their homosexuality, including the practice of homosexual acts in private between consenting adults."

September 20: Kids First, a grass-roots group that opposes Arizona's AIDS education law, fails to collect enough valid signatures to get an anti-education measure onto the 1992 general-election ballot.

September 27: The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is displayed for three days at the

1991: THE QUEER YEAR REMEMBERED

BY CHUCK HADD, JR.

Nineteen-Ninety-One was a mixed bag

for both the lesbian and gay

community and the reactionary goons

Phoenix Civic Plaza. The event is acknowledged in an official proclamation by Gov. Fife Symington.

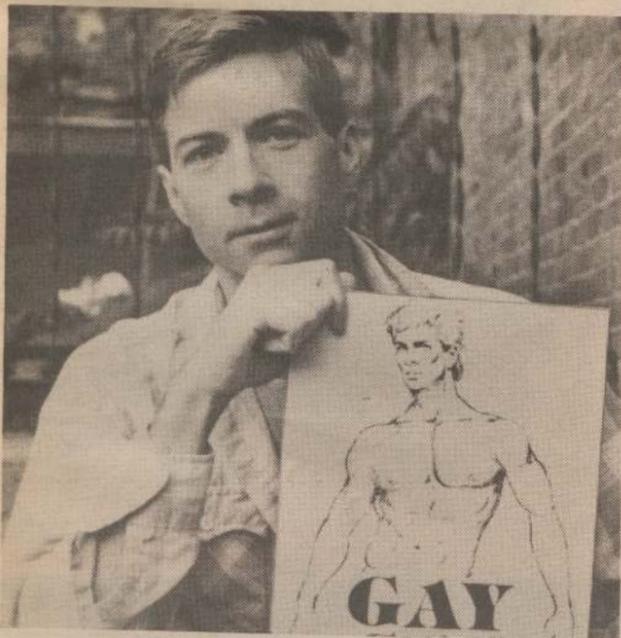
October 11: Fourth annual National Coming Out Day provides an excuse for some closeted gay men and lesbians to tell the world about their same-sex crushes on national sports figures. Local attention is garnered by Arizona State University's "gay day" festivities, documenting the history of our culture via posters plastered all over campus.

October 15: The U.S. Senate votes to confirm Judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court after three days of televised hearings about the judge's alleged sexual harassment of a female staffer. With the elevation of a Catholic-trained Republican to the nation's highest court, President Bush fulfills the Reagan agenda while simultaneously ignoring *Roe v. Wade* and bringing "family values" to the interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

November 1: The Arizona Department of Health Services reports 1,533 people with AIDS in the state, and 858 deaths are attributed to the illness. Arizona is ranked 22nd among states and U.S. territories with the highest number of AIDS cases. Additionally, there have been 3,022 Arizonans reported to be infected with HIV. According to Dr. Steven Englender, assistant director of the ADHS division of disease prevention, an estimated ten- to twelve-thousand more individuals in Arizona are infected with HIV and are unaware of their infection.

November 9: Superstar basketball player Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces his premature retirement after testing positive for the HIV virus.

November 19: The Associated Student Government of Arizona State University surprises the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union by voting 18-1 to officially recognize "Blue Jeans Day"—during which gay men and lesbians proclaim their sexual politics by donning denim—in support of the university's gay and lesbian community. The milestone is lauded in the *State Press*, ASU's student newspaper.



December 1: Sasha Alyson, president of Boston-based Alyson Publications, Inc., finds a printer who will produce Jack Hart's *Gay Sex: A Manual For Men Who Love Men*. Alyson spent several months shopping the book to print houses—eighteen of them in all—who turned the book down because of its graphic illustrations.

December 1: Fourth Annual World AIDS Day is acknowledged locally in a demonstration organized by ACT UP Phoenix and Radix Gallery director Catherine Spencer. Keith Haring's "Headstand" sculpture is cloaked in black cloth, followed by a candlelight procession to Radix and a die-in on First Street. Media coverage is plentiful. "These die-ins always mess up my dinner jacket," one queen tells Channel 3.

NONE OF THE ABOVE

Hey Readers! Take this quiz to test your knowledge of gay-related news events of 1991. Here's what you'll need: two No. 2 pencils, scratch paper, one spatula. When you have reached the end of the quiz, put your pencil down on the desk and the proctor will come around to collect your answers. When this happens, whack him or her on the head with the spatula. Life is good.

- Which of the following TV shows included a lesbian subplot during 1991?
 - thirtysomething
 - L.A. Law
 - Roseanne
 - The McLaughlin Group
- Which of the following TV sitcom stars was "outed" during 1991?
 - Andy Griffith
 - Dick Sargent
 - Ann B. Davis
 - Mr. Ed
- Famous ex-basketball player Magic Johnson claimed he contracted HIV in which one of the following implausible ways?
 - heterosexual sex
 - fondling an NBA championship trophy last fondled by Isiah Thomas
 - accidentally backing into a locker-room shower nozzle
 - riding Mr. Ed
- Which of the following politicians is *not* an incredible moron?
 - Jesse Helms
 - David Duke
 - William Dannemeyer
 - Dan Quayle
 (Caution: this may be a trick question.)
- According to political experts, why did California Gov. Pete Wilson veto that state's lesbian/gay rights bill?
 - he needed to placate right-wing Republicans
 - he thought California needed to "butch up" its image
 - he had just seen "La Cage aux Folles III" on cable and thought it sucked
 - his own internal personal identity conflicts threw him into a tizzy
- Which of the following reasons has *not* been cited as a rationale for continuing the ban on lesbians and gay men in the military?
 - their lifestyle is immoral
 - they destroy the image of the armed forces
 - they present a morale problem
 - they constantly grouse about wearing those tacky uniforms
- During 1991, the Arizona Legislature passed a "hate crimes" measure. As the law is currently written, which of the following would *not* constitute a "hate crime" in Arizona?
 - spray-painting the word "fag" on someone's house and breaking the windows
 - calling someone a "fag" and punching him in the face
 - calling someone a "fag" and setting his hair on fire
 - calling someone a "fag" and mocking his cologne
- During 1991, the Legislature also finally passed the AIDS Education law. Which of the following instructional approaches is *not* mandated by the law?
 - grade-sensitive material
 - an emphasis on abstinence
 - not portraying homosexuality in a "positive" light
 - discussing the relative merits of Crisco vs. KY jelly
- Several politicians who were friendly to Arizona's lesbian/gay community were among those indicted in the AZScam probe during 1991. According to political experts, which of the following was probably *not* a reason they were targeted?
 - they were the most gullible
 - they openly sought to curb the power of law-enforcement agencies
 - they were involved with the gay community
 - they had awful hairdos, despite being involved with the gay community
- The "hypothalamus theory" of homosexuality, which surfaced this year, argues that a small region of the hypothalamus (in the brain) determines sexual orientation. According to the theory, what is the homo-defining quality of this region of the hypothalamus?
 - it is oversized
 - it is virtually nonexistent
 - it is inverted
 - it likes to dress up

—Don Slutes

You silly sissies think this glamour thing is all fun and games and expense accounts,

but when's the last time you tried to Christmas shop accompanied by a photographer, a photo stylist, and a hairdresser?

I try to be nice. Everyone's favorite Xmas card is patient for the first couple of hours, then the hairdresser makes a snotty comment about my brooch and so I push her down a flight of stairs; I figure, I don't need a hairdresser, I'm bald.

I call my agent: "Do I *have* to do this?" Yes, she says, *but only if they promise to buy you a new string of pearls.*

I drop in at Dushoff's to peruse the fitness rags; I end up buying a whole lot of romance novels with photographs of women authors on the dust jackets. I usually don't buy fiction, but the salesclerk tells me that if I spend fifty dollars at his register he'll let me put my hand in his chinos.

On my way out to the car I run into my editor; I recognize him immediately because he's wearing his favorite stocking cap and because his sign utilizes proper syntax. "Go to Metropophobobia," he says to me, and so I do.

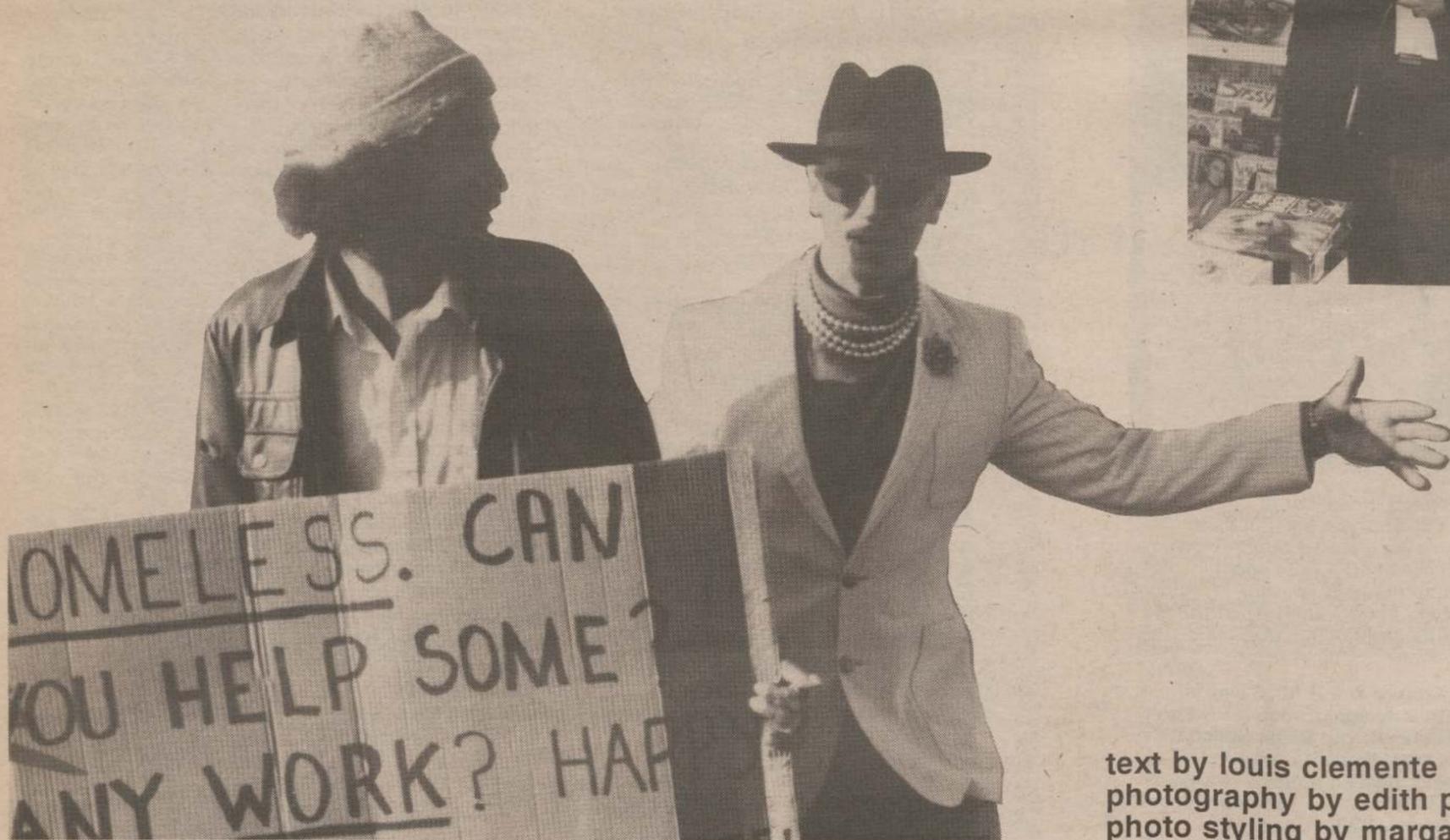
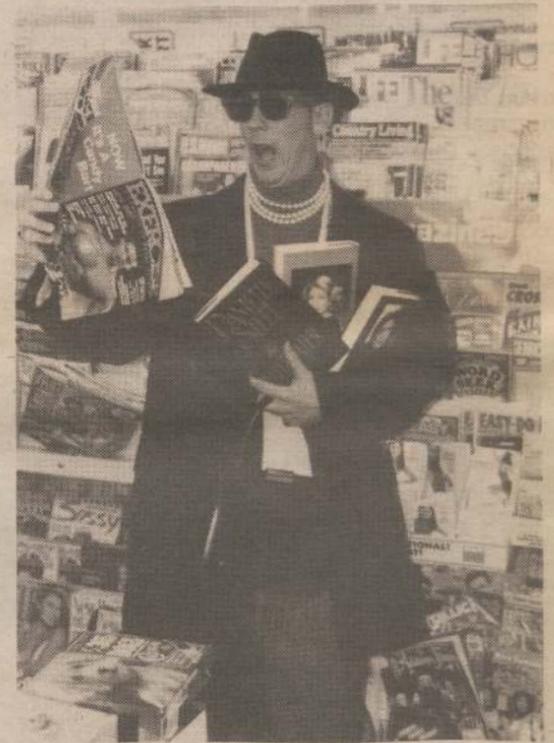
At the 'bobia I shop for Barbies (should I get Suntan Skipper or Teen Angst Tootie?); while I am defecating, Captain Howdy—a transient with an arm growing out of his stomach—has an argument with my purse.

I stop by Do Wah Diddy on my way home; proprietors Doug and Shay are so happy to

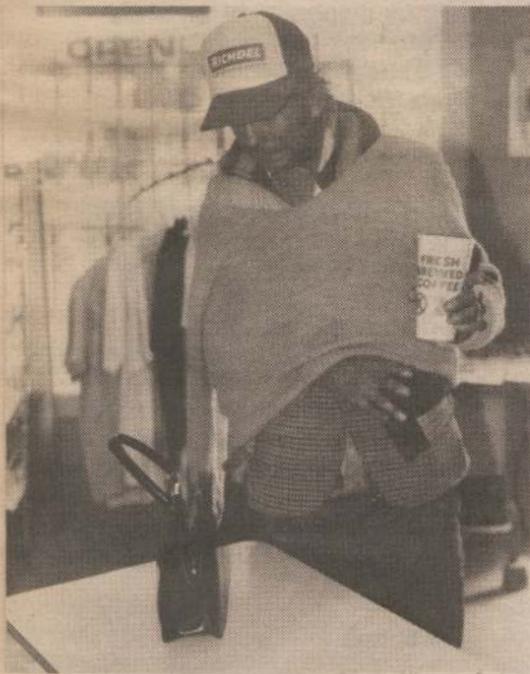
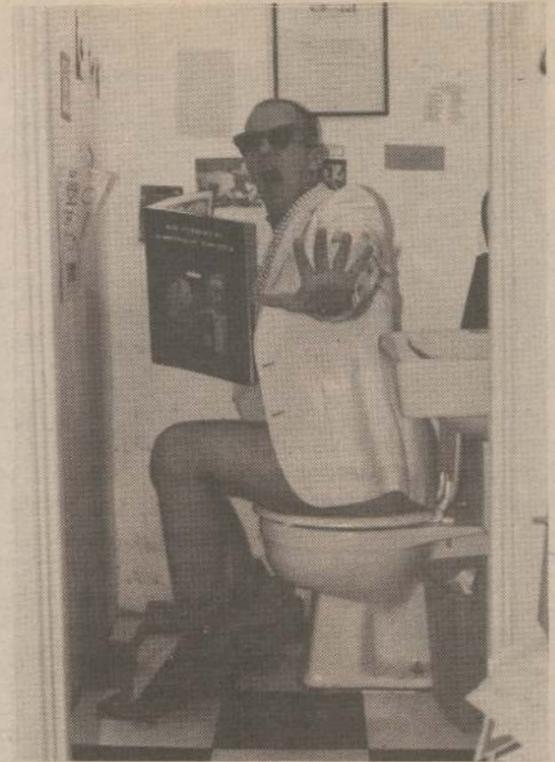


Fairy Little Christmas

holiday shopping with david van virden



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photography by edith phillips
photo styling by margaret delorca



see me, they tell me I can have anything in the store for free. I tell Doug that

I'll lick Shay's thighs if he promises never to wear that shirt again, and he gives me a new bola tie and a high colonic.

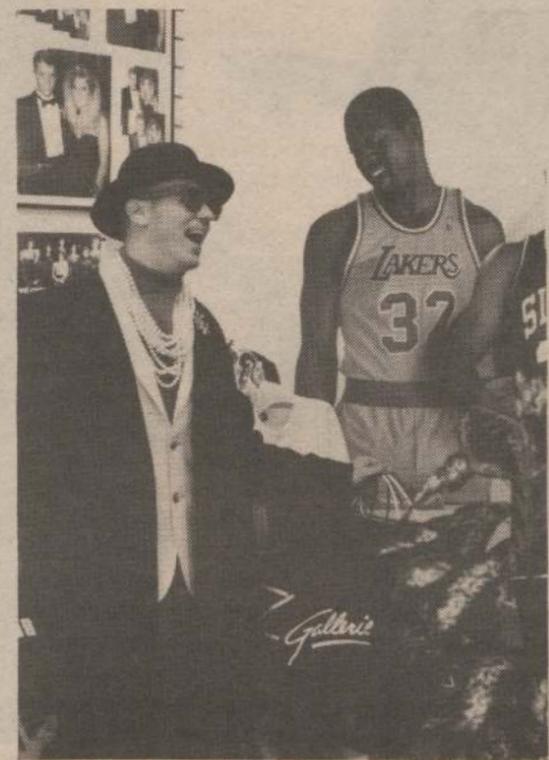
Newly purged and all shopped out, I ditch the paparazzi, sign a few autographs and head for home. "Hi, honey! Like my new pearls?"

Where David shopped:

Do Wah Diddy, 3642 E. Thomas, 957-3874: The ginchiest collection of vintage furniture, ties, gee-gaws and knick-knacks on the planet, overseen by a real live heterosexual married couple! Check out the impressive costume jewelry department; ask about the movie star autographs. The definitive Christmas shopping experience.

Dushoff Books, Ltd., 3166 E. Camelback, 957-1176: Okay, so the hired help won't really let you put your hand in their pants. They will sell you some very nice books, however. Good news: they carry *The Advocate*.

Metropophobia, 128 E. Taylor, 255-0668: They're probably out of Barbies by now, but the 'bobia always features the best alternative publications, books, music, t-shirts and videos in town. Noteworthy art and strong black coffee are a staple at this one-of-a-kind shop. Ask for Peter.



art smart

Circle Gallery: Through January 8, an animation celebration featuring the escapades of Sylvester and Tweety and other stars of Warner Bros. cartoons. Scottsdale Galleria, 4343 N. Scottsdale Rd., 949-3200.

Tempe Arts Center: Through January 12, "Toys for All Ages," featuring three-dimensional functional and nonfunctional art in a variety of media inspired by children's toys. Artspark, Mill and First St. 968-0888.

Alwin House: "Collectible Art and Gifts" features affordable art, one-of-a-kind artifacts, crafts, and wearables. Always new items, mostly in the \$25 to \$500 range. Through December 21. 1204 E. Roosevelt. 253-7887.

Radix Gallery: Oil paintings and sculpture—including the "Nightscares" and "Garden Houses" series—by Mayme Kratz. 1429 N. First St. 256-9252.

Metropophobia: Recent surveys have indicated that purchasing refrigerator magnets, reading alternative publications, drinking strong black coffee and interacting with men named Peter has a uniquely beneficial effect on one's health and may actually prolong life. Metropophobia is located at 128 E. Taylor and is open Wednesday-Friday, 5-10pm, Saturday noon-10pm and Sunday noon-6pm. The phone number is 255-0668.

Gallery X: "Involucro" is a two-person exhibition featuring oil paintings by Cecilia Mayr and Ann Preston. The work of Mayr and Preston will remain on view, during regular gallery hours and special events, through December 30. 800 W. Madison; 420-9390.

center stage

Scrooge: Musical Theatre of Arizona presents this Christmas classic Saturday, December 21 at 2pm and 7:30pm. Tickets \$20/\$18. Sundome Center, 19403 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West. 975-1900.

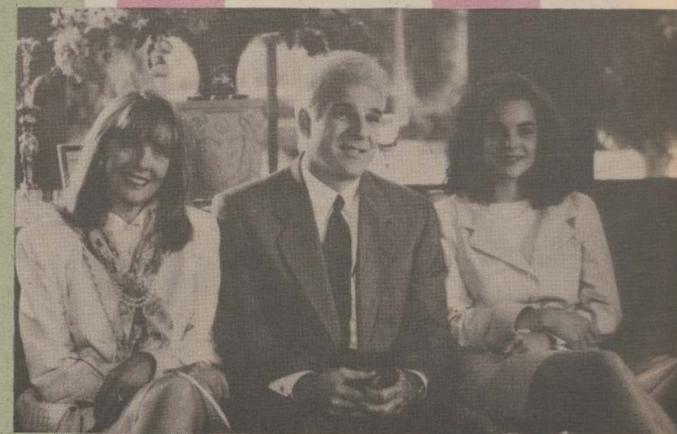
Amahl and the Night Visitors: This one-act opera for the kid in all of us has been a holiday favorite for years. It is the story of a young crippled boy and his mother, visited one winter night by three mysterious travellers. In addition, a performance of *The Snow Queen* (adapted from the fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson) will be presented. Through December 22 at the Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe St. Tickets \$12.50/\$10.50. 252-8497.

Ain't Misbehavin': Presented by Arizona Theatre Company in the Herberger Theater Center, January 3-18. Tickets \$16-\$25. Center Stage. 222 E. Monroe St. 252-TIXS.

The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd: January 3-5; Friday and

Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 2:30pm. Tickets \$4.50-\$6.50. Theater Works, 6615 W. Thunderbird Rd. 979-9003.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: This hilarious story concerns the efforts of a woman and her husband to put on the annual church Christmas pageant despite having to cast the Herdman kids—the nastiest children in the history of the



Remake Me Baby: Steve Martin and Diane Keaton star in *Father of the Bride*, set for Christmas release.

world. Through December 29. Fridays and Saturdays 2pm and 7:30pm, Sundays 2pm and 5:30pm. Tickets \$4-\$6. 6615 W. Thunderbird Rd. 979-9003.

Holiday in Hoopersville: When the mayor declares a Christmas contest, the residents of Hoopersville vie for the honor of directing the annual holiday play. It soon becomes apparent the holidays have a different meaning for everyone. Featuring music by Robert X. Planet. Through December 22. Friday and Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 2pm. Playwright's Workshop Theatre, 21432 N. Central Ave. 572-4054.

Kiss Me Kate: The Sundome's Best of Broadway mini-series continues at 8pm Friday and Saturday, January 3 and 4. Tickets \$10-\$22. 975-1900.

For The Time Being Players: This all-women improvisational group gives weekly performances exploring life and comedy from a woman's perspective. Admission is \$5. 8pm Saturdays, Liza's Cafe, 1945 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa. 838-7338.

appearance

Carol Channing: The actress and comedienne will be featured in an evening of camp and class, diamonds and dazzle, presented in grandiose fashion at 8pm Saturday, January 25 at the Sundome. Tickets \$7-\$21. 975-1900.

Art Linkletter: The former gabfest emcee will take the spotlight at the Sundome at 2pm Sunday, January 5, for a performance titled "Old Age Is Not for Sissies." Tickets \$7-\$21. 975-1900.

Roger Williams Holiday Concert: Hey! Williams is the first pianist honored with his own star on the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame! Join him for a special holiday show at Chandler Center for the Arts on Saturday, December 21 at 8pm. Tickets are \$32, \$24, and \$16. 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler. 786-3954.

The Charles Lewis Quintet and the Dave Robinson Trio: Kerr Cultural Center's Jazz Showcase continues with performances by Lewis—a pianist, composer and arranger and a 20-year Phoenix resident—and Robinson, whose skills as a guitarist are widely celebrated. Tuesday, January 14, 7:30pm. Kerr is located at 6110 N. Scottsdale Road. Tickets \$10. 965-KERR.

toe shoes

Nutcracker: Tickets for the *Nutcracker*, presented by Ballet Arizona, are available at Dillard's box offices for \$26, \$21 and \$16; children under 12 half-price. Performances will be December 23-30, at Phoenix Symphony Hall. 678-2222.

other stuff

A.M.U.S.E.: Billed as "A Magically Unfolding Spontaneous Entertainment," this night of comedy is presented by the Improvisational Theatre Society on Saturday evenings from 8-

11pm at the Adobe Oven Gourmet Bakery and Coffee House, 5520 N. 7th Ave. \$5 admission. 242-2808.

big screen review

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country: After twenty-five years, this series is showing its celestial stretch-marks. With *Six You Get Egg on Their Faces:* For starters, the production values are Paramount-yard-sale low. Then there's Kim Cattrall as a Vulcanette with a really bad pageboy, and a split-screen scene (is this a Patty Duke homage?) where William "This Is My Real Hair" Shatner literally wrestles with himself (Bring your barf bags: this particular spectacle will have you puking in your purses for sure). But there is hope: As it is made abundantly clear throughout the film (and repeated in a sappy epilogue), this is the last trek for these stars. Let's all join hands and pray that they'll go where no man has gone before—and stay there!

—Kirby Holt

xmas stuff

Human Christmas Tree: Those zany folks at Urban Coalition West are sponsoring this hopper full of holiday hokum on Saturday, December 21. Participants will crowd the football field of Phoenix College, filling a Tannenbaum-shaped outline as local songsters serenade them with holiday refrains. Big fun begins at 6pm. Phoenix College is located at 1202 W. Thomas Rd. For more information, call 263-5600.

Phoenix Bach Choir Christmas Concert: Choir director Anders Ohrwall's *Gaudete* and *The Three Kings* will be performed by the renowned choir, along with many seasonal favorites. Woodwind ensemble Quintessence will join the choir in a pair of concerts on Saturday at 4pm and 7pm at Brophy Chapel, 4701 N. Central. The performance will be repeated on Sunday at 7pm at the Candler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students, available at Dillard's outlets. 439-5758 or 678-2222.

The Fantastic Toyshop: The Ballet Russe production will be performed by Eastside Ballet and Jazz Ensemble. Saturday, December 21 at Red Mountain High School, 7301 E. Brown in Mesa. Tickets are \$4. 969-3602.

some people

- Gerald Hawk
- Quinton Jenkins
- Rosa Bonheur
- Akhenaten
- Ellen Grant
- The Skipper
- G. Luther Whittington
- Scott Weber
- Gerard Curry
- David Feinberg
- Joseph Abboud
- Annie Lopez
- Merrill Osmond
- Montgomery Clift
- Ann Preston
- Jerry Mills
- Leslea Newman
- Murphy Brown
- The Bone Daddys
- B.J. Rosenthal
- Jean Genet
- Christopher Connelly
- Johnny Quest
- Stiller and Meara
- Tina Braun
- Bag Boys Everywhere
- Valerie Vadala
- Donny Payjack
- Mordecai Richler
- Patsy Lynch
- Eddie Mekka
- Diane Murphy
- Daisy Duck
- Mannish Marge
- Dr. Gerry Clayton
- Uncle Jim
- Ron Romanovsky
- Milli Vanilli
- Jan Brady
- Frank Moore
- Aileen Pringle
- Karen Finley
- Artie Michaelis
- Ilka Chase
- Sedale Threat
- Karl Heinrich Ulrichs
- Liberace
- Ziggy Stardust
- Dorothy Arzner
- Lucia Vagnetti
- Mabel Normand
- Dame May Whitty
- Nico
- Ed Sunderland
- Jenny Livingston
- Jeff Olson
- My Mom
- Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm
- Beatrice Arthur
- Lou Grubb
- Becky Boobs
- God
- St. Christopher
- Daphne Budge
- The Michelin Man
- Sharon Kowalski
- Anne Frank
- Lucy and Ethel
- Wilma Flinstone
- Skip Anderson
- Tipper Gore
- Endora
- Richard Arlen
- Barnaby Rudge
- Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Peter Crozier
- John Fuster Dulles
- Stephen Baldwin
- BeBe Daniels
- Steve Wilson
- Jane Rule
- Midge Costanza

some more people

- Roger Ramjet
- Wendy Greene
- Virginia Woolf
- Downtown Julie Brown
- Ol' Blue Eyes
- William Demarest
- Tom Arnold
- Dick and Jane
- Rabbi Levi
- Lady Bird Johnson
- Alix Dobkin
- Colette
- Russell Testa
- Bessie Love
- Robert Benchley
- Lucinda Maas
- Sylvester
- Tony DeFranco
- Alexander W. Bass
- Sam Worthington
- Laura Palmer
- Leonard Cohen
- Quincy Jones
- Mo Udall
- Barnabas Collins
- Lewis Howley
- Jo March
- Holly Near
- David Blais
- Wink Martindale
- Lady Cassandra
- Cher
- Tinker Bell
- Mickey Dolenz
- Pandora Spocks
- Norma Shearer
- Jack Nitzche
- Edith Sitwell
- Suzanne Crough
- Big Bird
- Silas Marner
- Jessica Lujan
- Mistress Catrina
- Martha Graham
- JFK
- Chris Isaak
- Mark College
- Robert Severance
- Ayn Rand
- Zippy the Pinhead
- Mary Martin
- Ted Bessell
- Dauna Slater
- Vivien Leigh
- Atom Ant
- Stella Dallas
- Armistead Maupin
- Mr. Magoo
- Sybil
- Dewey Webb
- Oscar Homolka
- Blanche Hudson
- Helmut Newton
- Mary Queen of Scots
- Irene Vernon
- Kasey Rogers
- Mary Decker
- Luchino Visconti
- Bettina Dawes
- Alec Baldwin
- Sue Blane
- Esther Rolle
- Elvis
- Minna Mendelson

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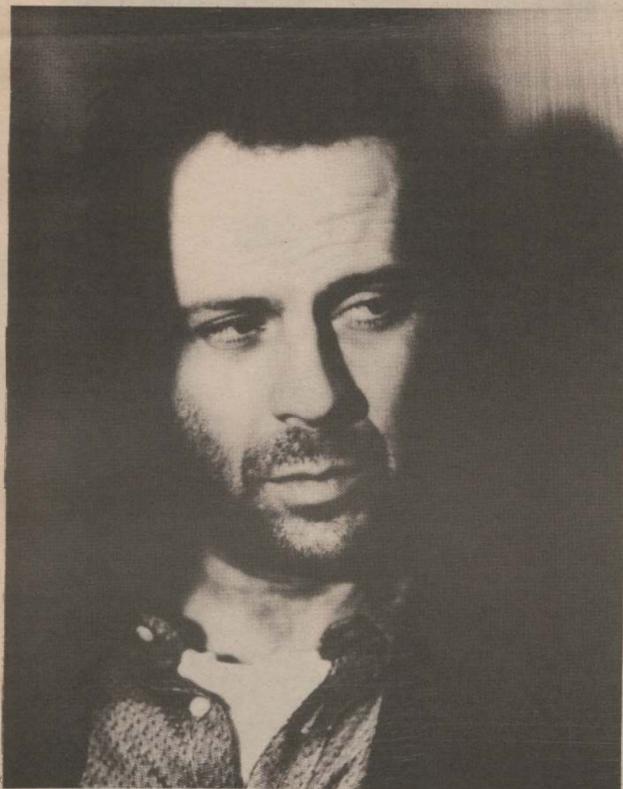
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still more people

- Lisanne Falk
- Ramona the Pest
- Alison Skipworth
- Lance Loud
- The Pope
- Boyce and Hart
- Peter Lion
- Shelly Fabares
- Chris Uithoven
- Maximilien de Robespierre
- Zorro
- Steven "Susan" Petrow
- Fu Manchu
- Theresa Hake
- Shirley Fischer
- J. Edgar Hoover
- Alice Ghostley
- MC Hammer
- Heidi Fogelsohn
- Ondine
- Dianne Silvey
- Kitty Kelly
- Larry Kramer
- Mrs. Butterworth
- E. Van Landingham
- You

some resolutions

- No more chocolate
- Exercise
- Stop hoping his house will burn down
- 3379
- No more phone sex
- The hero saves the town and gets the girl
- Go on a diet
- Stop going to the bookstore
- Become heterosexual



Camp fire guy: Bruce Willis stars in *The Last Boy Scout*, now playing in Valley theaters.

oral intercourse *by girl* what laurie said to the mountain • what the republic said about van virden • what annie lopez does with carrots • what hubert's doing with kids • faggots and sissies • toaster ovens • drag queens • treason regrettable misinformation • smutty, evil trash • vulgar lies • frank baselice

I'd really love to write a gossip column for you dear, sweet art fags this week, but girl is afraid her dance card is full, full, full! Besides, my editor is being a pain in the ass, and I'd sooner choke down a turd than do anything to please him. So you'll just have to do without this time around, darlinks. I'm otherwise engaged...I will take a moment to say this, though: What the hell is our little world coming to when **Bob** "I'm the Godfather of the Phoenix Gay Community, I Really and Truly Am" **Hegy** is working as a bartender at **Cactus Jack's**? Do they let him bring his tambourine to work? Isn't it hard to pour drinks with those finger cymbals on?...Kratz fanciers abounded at a recent **Radix Gallery** opening. *Le tout Scottsdale* made a rare pilgrimage downtown to take in the latest work by **Mame** "You Can't Give Me A Middle Name, I Am An Artist" **Kratz**. Girl wants to know: Who were those people? They all looked so perfect. Girl, who is never perfect, was ushered into a corner the moment she entered the gallery by **Cate** "New Show, New Hair Color!" **Spencer**. Cate explained Kratz' work as "nature images encased in toxic waste." Fascinating. All of the really important people in the universe were there for Mayme's opening, including **John** "That'll Be Sixteen-Ninety-Nine" **Flores**, **Mel** "Give Me Your Cuff Links Now!" **Roman**, **David** "Cyber Art or Bust" **Therrien**, **Marta** "Blooming Color" **Boutel** and **Kevin** "Were You Speaking to Me?" **Irvin**. **Julie** "I Have Three Kratzes In My Personal Collection" **Sasse** of the **Horwitch Gallery** says the gallery is going strong, despite Elaine's dirt nap, the art recession thing and everything else. It seems all of the Horwitch children are rallying together to keep the gallery at the forefront of the tasteful suburbanite art scene...**Valerie** "What Do You Mean My Name Is On The Some Names List?" **Vadala** and **Phil Homer** regaled Girl with an account of their recent trip to Sedona with **Laurie** "I'm Just Too Busy to Speak to the Advocate Today" **Anderson**. Girl is, of course, chartreuse with envy. The pair were as enchanted with the Queen of the Counterculture as was she with the red rocks of Sedona. However, when Val suggested they hike up Bell Rock to get a closer look at the mountains, The Most Famous Performance Artist On The Planet declined. Ever the New Yorker, she said that "they probably look just as good from the car."...Censorship scandal at **MARS** Blu Lite Special!

Jeff "I Steal My Son's Toys While He Sleeps" **Falk** videotaped a documentary about the recent NEA-like censorship action perpetrated by **MARS** Artspace. Jeff explained to Girl that the recent **MARS** "Double Meanings" show, which featured works by a German artist, included a piece depicting—gasp!—*heterosexual lovemaking!* (How disgusting. —Ed.) The **MARS** board of directors (mostly consisting, by the way, of local artists) in what can only be described as a spasm of **Jesse Helms**-like we-know-best-ness, decided to hang the controversial piece in a closet and make it viewable by request only. This really happened. I am not making this up. Really. Girl is sure that gallery director **Liz Lerma Bauerman** and President of the Board **Ralph** "I'm No Stand Up Comic" **Cordova** know what's best for all of us. In response to this scandalous scandal, **David** "I Went To School With A Bunch Of People Who Aren't Doing Anything Important Today" **Van Virden** wore his hard-on his sleeve (and back and shoulders) to the **MARS** Blu Lite opening a few weeks later. **David V.** stitched up a pornographic fashion sensation which horrified everyone in his path. **Joe** "I Am The Conscience Of Gay Phoenix" **Della Rocca** was worried that hapless children would be exposed to **Van Virden's** extravagances—how really sweet of him. **Joe's** aging boy toy, **Dwayne** "Look, My Husband Bought Me Some Pop Art!" **Stone**, was equally worried about his own response to **Van Virden's** concupiscent chic, which turned out to be a throbbing boner...**Bruce** "I Manage To Alienate The Universe" **Kurtz** made Girl extremely jealous by monopolizing all of **Van Virden's** time. Why, I couldn't get a word in edgewise! Girl's favorite bearded artist, **Shawn O'Donnell**, had one of his groovy light-upable collages displayed in the show; **Petra's** boyfriend **David** showed two contemplative and subconsciously disturbing pieces; **Janet** "My Husband Has Enormous Hands" **DeBerge Lange** effortlessly glided several miles further up the escalator to the pantheon of perfection with her three intoxicating pieces; **Kristin** and her attractive husband **Joe** "Not Gay" **Ray** were seen talking shop with advertising whiz-kid **Russ** "I'm Darrel-less Tonight" **Hahn**, who has about a billion things entered in the **Addy Awards**; **Brian** "I Used To Be An Activist, Now I'm A Sane Person" **Perry** and husband **Allan** ran

through the place in ten seconds. Girl also spied, to her cowering horror, non-car-dealer **Linda** "I Spawned A Monster" **Brock**. By the way, who was that mysterious and mustachioed billionaire art collector who couldn't take his eyes off gorgeous **John** "I Saw David Van Virden Peeing In The Alley" **Flores**?...*Quelle dommage* about the **Shanti Art Auction** at the **Scottsdale Galleria**. Darlinks, some fabulous items—including a print by **Fritz Sholder**—were flying out the door for peanuts because only a handful of humanity showed up to bid on them. **Michael** "Howard Roark" **Schraeder** braved the scene, as did **Stephane** "Permanent Patron" **Janssen**, **Michael** "Doing Fine, Thank You" **Johns**, and practically nobody else. Poor **Randy Gorbette**! Now he'll never be able to afford more disposable catheters...Speaking of **Fritz Sholder**, what heiress to what local pharmaceutical empire who works at which gallery owned by what dead woman is rumored to be the mega-successful Native American artist's new main squeeze? ...Speaking of **Stephane Janssen**, what's the deal with the red shirt? Girl met His Baroness practically the moment he arrived in town and every time she lays eyes on him, whether at a tony **Scottsdale** affair or a gritty downtown AIDS vigil, the richest fag art collector in the universe is always sporting a red polo shirt. Girl can't help but wonder: is it the same red shirt each time, or does dear **Stephane** have zillions of identical red shirts hanging in the closets of his rambling golf course-side residence in **Carefree**?...A recent **Gallery X** coup featuring paintings by **Cecelia** "I Am The Physical Embodiment Of Frank Baselice's Eyebrows" **Mayr** and **Ann** "Give Me Strength And A Tube Of Okre" **Preston** had the art world buzzing. Everyone who attended was perfectly charmed by these two artists, who couldn't be sweeter if you hacked them into bite-size morsels with a cleaver and rolled them in powdered sugar. Girl's not sure whose work she loved more, but what she loved most was watching **Cecelia** run around the gallery chanting her Portuguese mantra: "Falem de mim! Bem ou mau, mas queridos falem de mim!" (Roughly translated: "Talk about me! Good or bad, but, darlink, talk about me!") An artist after Girl's own heart...The evening also featured performances by **Jeem**, with its wild-colored light show, and **Theory of Everything**, with its wind-up toy of a

go-go girl. Girl bumped into **John Commerford** who, you may remember, brought Girl's favorite band, **My Life with the Thrill Kill Kult**, to the valley some months back. Later, a homeless person entertained gallery goers by showing off his bloody elbow. It seems that in the name of art, he deflected a bullet shot into the door of the gallery from a passing car. Fun!...Girl dragged her editor to the **307** the other evening, desperate as he was to see "how the other half lives." Naturally, we encountered **Bill** "Who Needs a Background in Journalism?" **Orovan** there. Purred my editrix: "Bill or a van? No thanks, I'll walk."...Darlinks, the chains on the epaulets of stripper **Jim** "Same Ole Same Ole" **Stevens'** clever outfit are bad enough. But why-oh-why does he have to accessorize them with—gasp!—**LEG WARMERS**? Girl loves **Felicia** "Real Boobs" **Farr**. She is the only diva whose dresses don't look like they were made by a man. If someone ever gives Girl a set of shiny purple curtains and says, "Here, make a dress," Girl knows exactly what it will look like. Couture up, ladies...**Jeff Drake** did not get his picture in the **Echo** this week...Girl was at the **Silver Dollar** the other night with a couple of Lauras; we met the designers who just completed the **AZ88** Christmas shoe tree. I forget their names, but I could never forget the spectacular feather bonnet one of them was wearing. Extra Extraordinary...Notice to all of the rich society matrons in **Scottsdale** who donate money to **Shanti** because you like that nice inoffensive **Randy Gorbette**, even though his hospital is full of poor unfortunate sinners dying from that nasty homosexual disease: **Randy** plays with Barbies...**Katie**, the house manager at the **Herberger**, gets her hair done by **David** "I'm Not Mark" **Burkett**. But darlinks, who doesn't?...The first **Mystery Gallery** of the season was a smash hit. **Beatrice** "Give Me Art Link!" **Moore**, **Helen** "Seventeen Things at Once" **Hestenes**, **Francine** "Theresa Russell Eat Yer Heart Out" **Ruley**, **Christian** "I Am A Camera" **Mikkelson**, **Tre** and **Christian**; **Cate** "Feed Me to the Lions" **Spencer** and **John** "Call When You're Ready" **Chonka** and jillions of others showed up to admire works by **Mike** "Letters Come Out Of Their Mouths" **Miskowski**, **Chris** "New York London Paris Munich" **Winkler** (whose freak genitalia kitchen magnets brought big bucks) and trillions of others. Also present was **Bob** "I've Never

Been So Insulted In My Life, But I Am An Understanding Man And I Forgive You Completely, Girl, Because I Love You" **Adams**, whose just-closed Radix Gallery show was the best that was ever held or ever will be held at Radix or any other gallery on the face of the earth, anywhere, ever. Bob and wife **Lynn**, who is in Chicago being a lawyer, are collaborating on a work-in-progress that has nothing to do with cutouts or silhouettes. If all goes well, the Adams' nine-month endeavor will have ten toes, ten fingers, and twelve orifices—but, hopefully, no lesions, cysts or boils...After seeing **Life Garden** perform at 11 East Ashland's Vague Art Invitational (accompanied by an extraordinary video by **Gerald "My Name Is Hugh" Hawk**), Girl has decided that they are her favorite local musical entity. (Go buy their just-released new recording, or else.) **Robert "Omnipresent" Sentinery** came to the show, as did dj **Kirk "I Live Here, Of Course I Showed Up" Swetnam** and even next-door-neighbor **Hubert "You'll Dance When I Tell You To Dance" Charles**. You may remember Hubert as the dj in every queer disco in town a few years back. He's left the spin scene and is now teaching computers to first graders, and that's just fine with him. All in all, the Vague Show was well-attended, although try as I might I just can't seem to get into the folk-art hippy scene. They seem kind of, uhm, *dirty*...**The Arizona Beauty Awards** at the Ritz Carlton was a gala affair. Nearly 300 people made the scene to honor outstanding achievements in loveliness. The whole shebang was a benefit for AIDS—these days, what isn't? Voicemeister **Chez Reed** serenaded us; he even had the crowd join him in the National Anthem. **Carlos Valenzuela** recieved a standing ovation when he took the stage to thank the crowd for attending. He hopes to use this annual event to create harmony in the oh-so-bitchy beauty industry. (Good luck, baby.) Master of Ceremonies for the evening was the yummy **Ken Cheuvront** (Note to Ken: I know someone who wants to ask you out! Isn't that sweet?), although expecting him to warm up *that* crowd was like looking for a drag queen in a real fur. Hair-burner-in-a-million **Gerard Alexandre**, whose name no one was able to pronounce correctly, thrilled the crowd with a dramatic fashion show featuring lots of his faboo hairstyles and fashions by **Femina**. Darlinks, it looks like its

going to be solids, solids, solids for the rest of your life...Co-coordinator **Rick "What Do You Mean, Women's Wear Daily?!" Correa** had every reason to be proud of a job well done: Everyone on the face of the earth was there, including ex-gossip diva **Eileen "Get That Thing Out Of My Face" Bailey**, who was positively charming (she was anything but a few nights later at the PSCA Auction at the Orpheum)...No matter what they end up calling the downtown sports arena that's rapidly nearing completion, valley art lovers can rest assured that it will house a sterling collection of public artwork curated by art potentate **Alvin Adams**. Move over, Bruce Kurtz... Oops! **David "Yes, I'm Afraid There's No Escaping Me" Van Virden** became suicidal upon hearing that **Joan Collins** did not take his shopping tips after all. Joan was never anywhere near the **Scottsdale Escada** boutique when she was in town, even though the shop sent her bundles of orchids and pleaded with her to stop by for a private shopping session. But David V. V. was *almost* mollified when the *Arizona Republic* ran a piece by Mike Clancey about Van Virden's interview style. Too bad, Mike, you didn't mention David's immense *sense* of style...Those of you who attended **Grand Canyon Men's Chorale's** Christmas concert should probably get out more often. Girl heard you all gave a standing ovation to some dumpy fat chick in a regrettable floral-print dress who played "Silent Night" on hand bells...There is justice, after all: **Chris "Nastiest Queen in Town" Post**, former owner of Premiere Frame Gallery, is now working as a clerk at Circle K at 18th Street and McDowell. Jack, his husband and financial ace-in-the-hole for 17 years, finally had enough of Chris and gave him the heave-ho. Girl doesn't mind telling you this because she doesn't even know who these people are...The Tie City pushcart at the **Arizona Center** is attended by an excruciatingly handsome and hopelessly heterosexual vendor. He must be oh-so-weary of fending off amorous nancy boys looking for something more than four-in-hand. Go visit the effervescent **Charles "I'm Yer Waiter Today" Atkinson** at **Amalfi's** cafe across the way instead. Just don't ask him what flavor the gelato is...Girl ducked into **Winkies** for a drinky and met the likes of **Frank "The Follicle" Baselice**; **Deon "Heaven For The Climate, Hell For The Company" Brown**; **Jose** with his silver-haired

gal pal **Michelle**; and the ever-available **Norman The Masseur**, whose hands are becoming legendary in certain areas. Girl wonders which areas those could be!...Doug of **B.S. West** is rumored to be delivering more than cocktails to the table of **Martin "Artin'" Armijo**. Stay tuned...Remember **Greg Bennett**, local art something-or-other of a few years back? Greg had that gallery thing where the Silver Dollar is now. Seems these days he's in New York, after spending a couple of years and a few billion brain cells in San Francisco. **Chris "Dada" Winkler**, just in from the East Coast, reports that Bennett's living in a very small basement studio. He pees in the sink. We're not allowed to say that he's still taking tons of drugs, so I can't. He's working on some conceptual minimalist paintings. Chris says that by all accounts Bennett will be the next big thing. Girl says Bennett was the next big thing before he was even born...**The Bad Xmas Pageant** at Gallery X last week was anything but. The pretty-crowded-for-an-X-event audience thrilled to **Jeff "Naked Lunch" Falk** and **Annie "I Step On Cereal" Lopez**, as they stuck carrots where carrots should never be stuck; **Chris Winkler** did things to a

toaster oven that one only dreams about; Santa-simulator **Gerald "I Didn't Say A Word, I Swear" Hawk** hacked and hacked and hacked; **Peter "Nicest Man In The World" Ragan** and **Mike "I Am Not Mike Miskowski" Miskowski** gifted everyone at about seventy miles per hour. Band-aids were available for the lacerations viewers sustained from low flying consumer items. Seen in the post-show infirmary were **Ann Preston**; **Cecelia Mayr** and daughter **Shanti "I Wanna Be A Veterinarian" Lucas** (who pulled a knife on Girl, but in a friendly way); **Peter "Thirty-Nine Again" Fisher**; **Francine Ruley**; the fashion trio of **Christo**, **Elizabeth** and **Daphne** (too young and too in need of corrupting); yummy **Tony Victor**; ubiquitous **Jim "I Attend Everything" Cherry**; the entire cast of the **Sun City Girls**, especially **Pearl**; **Helen "My Dog Wears A Sweater" Hestenes** and her distended womb, and country diva **Rosanne Cash**, who hid behind cheap sunglasses and a blond wig and still looked like her old man...What a life! I've got nothing more to say to any of you, except this: Send me expensive Christmas presents in care of this magazine or I'll tell the world the sick truth about your repulsive, deviant sex life.



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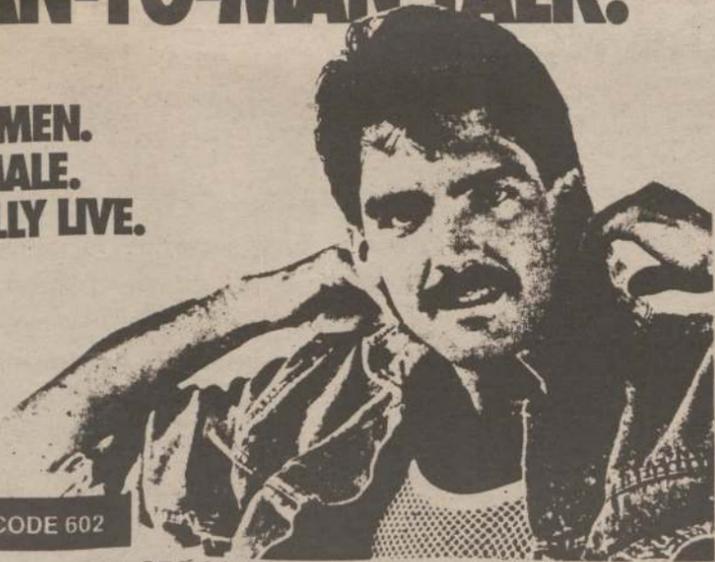
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