



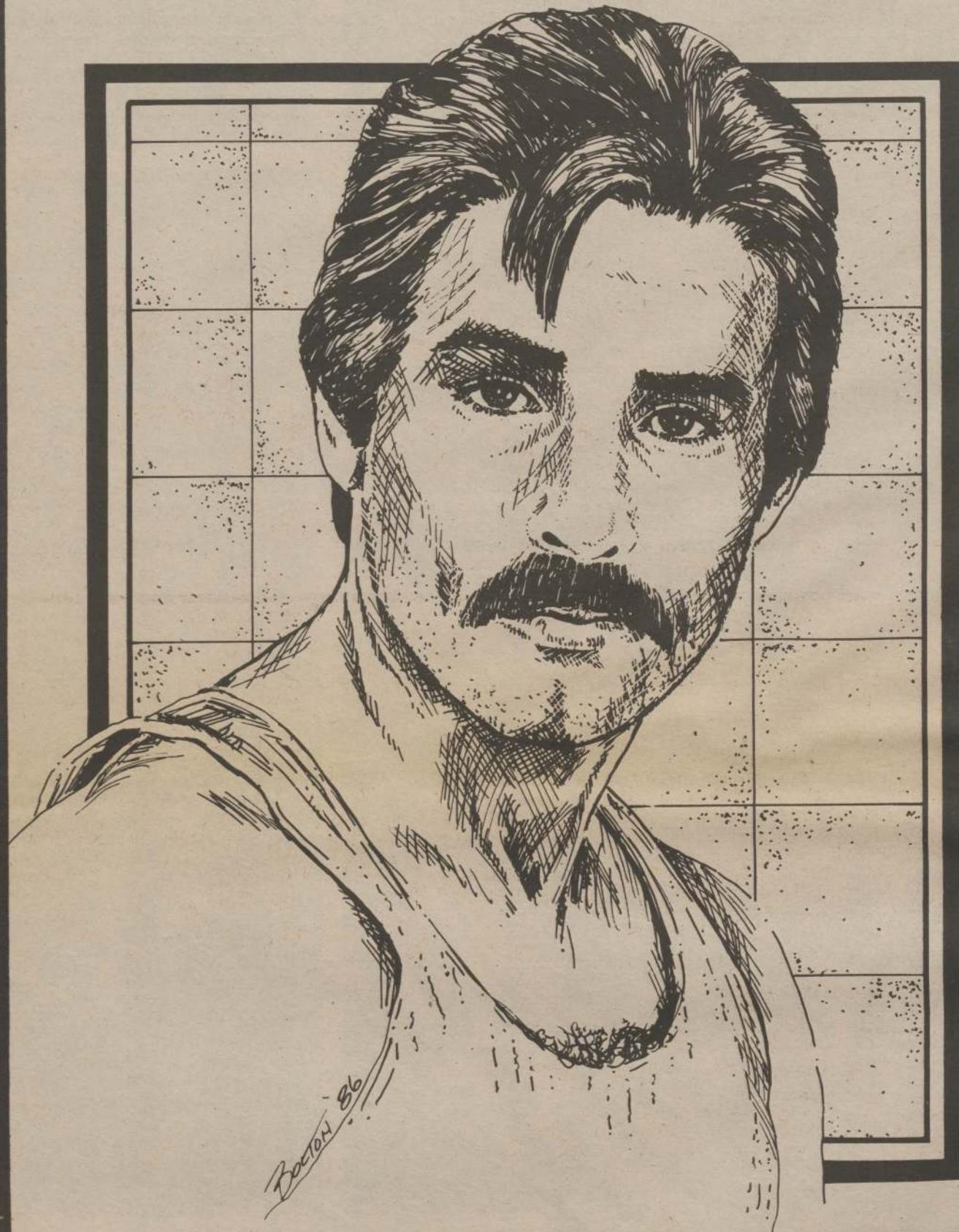
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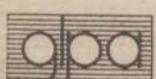
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MECHAM RECALL "HIGH PROFILE DAY" THIS MONTH

In an unprecedented display of "civil disobedience," more than one hundred eighty thousand Arizonans have signed petitions to recall Governor Evan Mechem. At the September 10th press conference held by the Recall Committee, it was announced that 182,264 signatures have been gathered thus far — more than half of the 350,000 signatures Recall leaders hope to have by the November 3rd deadline. An estimated four to five thousand signatures have been gathered by the "Recall Wagon" currently touring Arizona highways.

In response to the great number of people expressing interest in the movement, the Recall Committee continues to organize various special events throughout the state. The highlight of the month of September will take place on Saturday, September 19. Promoters have christened this Saturday "High Profile Day," a day set aside for mass exposure of all petition gatherers on the streets, at public places, workplaces, and anywhere potential signers may be. The day will conclude in a rally for attendance by all interested. Petitioners will also be visible at every ASU home football game, as well as various events at the Sun City Sundome, Phoenix Little Theatre, and valley concerts.

Two upcoming events in the valley are being utilized as great opportunities for petition gatherers. The Arizona State Fair, traditionally frequented by thousands of Arizonans, will be an excellent opportunity for exposure of the Recall movement and petition gatherers. Petition circulators will also be present at over one thousand locations during the upcoming Phoenix City Elections. While not formally encouraged by the Recall Committee, a number of circulators were on hand at recent events related to the

Pope's visit.

Petition circulators continue to be present at Sky Harbor airport daily, and have now set up a booth at Tower Plaza Mall in East Phoenix. Tower Plaza has been very open in allowing petition circulators inside the mall, while other Valley malls have taken the accessibility issue to court. After losing a case brought by area mall owners to bar petition circulators from operating inside their facilities, Recall petitioners have continued to be present near the malls in public places. While there are presently over five thousand people circulating petitions, more are always needed at scheduled special events.

In another legal confrontation, the Arizona courts ruled that the donations given to the Recall Committee are not subject to the new campaign funding laws. As a result, one anonymous donor has contributed \$5,000 to the movement. More donations are still needed to meet the expenses that the Committee anticipates.

One such expected expense is the almost-certain court challenge of the recall process once the required number of signatures have been obtained and verified. The Recall Committee is expecting heavy opposition once the viability of an election has been assured.

Opposition, however, will not stop the recall process from succeeding. The entire process is constitutionally guaranteed to the citizens of the state as a means to dispose of public officials who do not do the job they are elected to do. So far, over one hundred and eighty thousand Arizonans have stated emphatically that they will be served by their leaders, not subservient to them.

—Lynne Harris

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Let's eliminate the misinformation and rumors about The Wedding, an officially sponsored event of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, to be held October 11 in Washington D.C.

The Wedding is not a "media event drag show". It is a demonstration for equal rights. Not equal rights for acceptable couples, but equal rights for all couples. All same-sex couples in on-going committed relationships are encouraged to attend. That includes "drag queens", "dykes", and "middle of the road" couples (the latter seems to be a buzz word for socially conservative couples).

We welcome all same-sex couples to participate in The Wedding. When the closet door swings open, it opens for all of us. We do not understand how any lesbian or gay person can condemn the more flamboyant members of our community and still demand acceptance for themselves from the heterosexual society.

The flamboyant and gay identified members of our community cannot or will not hide, instead they have been on the front lines to fight for the rights and protections that we otherwise would not have obtained. We will not ask them to hide now because the more conservative and closeted members of the community may be embarrassed by them. No, the flamboyant members of our community do not represent all of us. If they are put in that position, it is only because the rest of the community won't turn out in large numbers and stand with them as we should.

Couples, Inc. does not and will not define acceptable relationships or lifestyles to restrict participation in The Wedding. We only ask that the participants respect the importance and seriousness of this demonstration and dress accordingly.

Those couples looking for a personally meaningful experience will not be disappointed. The latest draft of the ceremony is moving and respectful of our love and commitment. Those participants that want to use The Wedding to define acceptable relationships or lifestyles have missed the point of the demonstration and will certainly be disappointed.

Contributions made to the March on Washington are not being used to pay the expenses of The Wedding. The Wedding needs direct contributions to pay for such things as a sound system, decorations, security, and to help with the expenses of the speakers. We hope this clears up any misconceptions.

Sincerely,
 Walter Wheeler, President
 Couples, Inc.

Sirs,

I moved to Phoenix in May and the first issue of your paper I picked up was the June HOT issue. I thoroughly enjoyed that issue and thought that it could not be topped. Somehow though you have managed to do it! Your new layout and design is very innovative for a gay newsmagazine. Just thought I'd let you know you're doing a fantastic job, and it's really nice to have a classy newsmagazine such as yours in the valley. Keep up the good work!

Robin Bechtel
 Scottsdale

Dear Editor,

Love your new look! It's about time Phoenix got with it.

Thanks,
 Stephan Jacobi
 Phoenix

Editor,

I was in Phoenix last week and picked up your newspaper. What can I say — it's new look is really super! Only one problem — I wasn't in it!

Kurt Erichsen
 Murphy's Manor

NEWS

SHANTI PHOENIX AWARDED \$8,000 GRANT BY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SHANTI is a Sanskrit word meaning "inner peace". The Shanti Project was founded in San Francisco in 1974 as a non-profit organization to offer emotional support to people facing life-threatening illnesses. Shanti training emphasizes the non-judgmental active-listening counseling stance, with the underlying belief that each individual has the power to find answers to whatever is troubling them concerning the grieving and/or dying process within themselves. With the identification of the HIV virus and the advent of the current epidemic in the early 1980's Shanti Project redirected its focus to deal exclusively with AIDS.

Phoenix Shanti evolved from the Arizona AIDS Project, the volunteer training and emotional support systems happening there, and from direct association with San Francisco Shanti. It is a natural evolutionary step in the Phoenix area's development of AIDS concerns. The Shanti approach is established, verifiable, cohesive, and successful on all levels of emotional support. Counseling services are so recognizably effective that Phoenix Shanti has been awarded an \$8,000 grant from the Maricopa County Department of Health to provide 400 hours of counseling services.

Randy Gorbette, the founder and director of Phoenix Shanti, feels it's important to note that this grant is not just CDC/federal money funneled through County and contracted out into various special service organizations. Maricopa County pulled their moneys from other selected budgets as well to finance these operations, and that marks a serious point. First, that MCDH has taken responsibility to assure that Phoenix does not become stifled in its educational processes through insufficient government funding, due to its 'second-tier' status in federal funding evaluation. And second, that there is an acknowledgment of the diversified presences which comprise the front of PWA/PWARC support in Maricopa County.

Phoenix Shanti is definitely one on these presences. Their PWA services are outstanding - the 'welcome wagon' provides a newly diagnosed PWA opportunities to speak with fellow PWAs; a PWA newsletter contains information for PWAs by PWAs, from medications and their side effects, to alternative treatments, to a specialized directory of services and resources; the PWA residency program, currently providing assistance in the form of two-bedroom apartments and the Shanti volunteer staff, but with future plans involving a center with room for up to thirty-four PWAs, and the possibility of twenty-four hour attendant and/or supervisory care.

The Phoenix Shanti education program is fourfold, involving networking and assistance with regards to: community awareness (public and private organization, i.e., Red Cross or Planned Parenthood); healthcare awareness (public and private healthcare providers, i.e., physicians, hospitals, police, paramedics); religious awareness (focusing on unifying the ministries on counseling approaches); and workplace awareness (addressing personnel, insurance, and discrimination issues).

The Phoenix Shanti volunteer training program is both experiential and instructional. Through its processes, exercises, and presentations, the training sensitizes trainees to the personal as well as the practical

issues involved with illness, dying, wellness, and grieving. Both practical support training (twenty-two hours) and emotional support training (forty-four hours) are offered. The three-day practical support training involves medical, psychosocial, and hygiene education, attendant care instruction, and information on resources and networking. The six-day emotional support training covers all the above issues plus experiential development of coping skills, in-depth analyses of attitudes towards disease, death, and dying, and advocacy and commitment to and bonding with AIDS patients. The next trainings will be October 16, 17, 18 and 23, 24, 25.

All interested in the Shanti Programs are encouraged to contact Phoenix Shanti for more information. The cases of AIDS and HIV positive individuals in Arizona keeps growing. And as fear and its attendant ignorance breaks up before the current waves of positive, easily assimilated information, more and more well-trained volunteers are needed to work with the onslaught of questions and provide solutions. There are Brownie troops calling Phoenix Shanti already, and the Maricopa County Medical Society has included excerpts from the Shanti brochure in its latest newsletter. "This is what we've been waiting for," says director Gorbette. "Now that things are moving, we just keep putting one foot in front of the other and plodding along. We'll get there. We'll win yet."

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE ON AIDS AND ETHICS ANNOUNCED

The brainchild of Phoenix Shanti Director Randy Gorbette and AIDS Community Liaison for the American Red Cross Virginia Clifford Anders, the Interfaith Conference of AIDS and Ethics conference is a human responses to the AIDS crisis, dedicated to the greater Phoenix religious community. It is designed to inform clergy and congregations alike of the medical, factual, social, and psychosocial issues surrounding the AIDS crisis.

Charles Culver, M.D., and Deborah D. Blake, SND de N., are the keynote speakers. Dr. Culver will address the challenge from biomedical ethics and AIDS, and Ms. Blake will outline the challenge from theological ethics and AIDS.

Workshops for the day will include: bereavement and counseling as it pertains to AIDS; AIDS education for the congregation; developing congregational response to the ethic communities; developing congregational response and outreach; and developing an adequate ethic.

The conference begins at 8:30 AM, Tuesday, September 29, and is scheduled to end at 4:00 PM. The \$10.00 registration fee includes lunch. RSVP by 22 September. The event is scheduled to take place at the Central United Methodist Church, located at Central and Palm Lane.

LESBIAN AND GAY MORMONS ANNOUNCE NEW DIRECTOR

Affirmation, Arizona's lesbian and gay Mormon group has announced the appointment of a new organizational Director. The new Director plans to continue and to enhance the excellent work of the past Director, whose diligence helped the gay LDS group to grow and to become well-established in the Valley.

In Phoenix, as many as forty-five latter-Day Saints and their friends hold regular "family home evenings", outings and other activities in a wholesome environment. Each month, the Phoenix Chapter of Affirmation mails out nearly 100 "Affinity" national newsletters as well as a local newsletter. Those interested in learning more about this religiously neutral self-help organization are encouraged to call 835-0576.

SCIENTISTS DISCOVER 'SOR' GENE'S FUNCTION

Washington (UPI) — Scientists reported Aug. 27 that a gene inside the AIDS virus whose function was previously unknown is actually crucial to the virus' power to infect cells of the immune system.

When tinkered with so it is not working properly, the "sor" gene prevents free virus from infecting cells in a test tube, the team reported in the journal Science.

Mutated "sor" genes also reduce but do not completely eliminate the infective powers of the virus when it is inside cells, said Flossie Wong-Staal, an AIDS researcher at the National Cancer Institute.

"This is the first demonstration that we know of that shows this is a critical gene for viral infectivity," she said.

To develop ways to interfere with the gene to prevent infection humans will require a good deal more knowledge about how the gene works, she said.

In humans, the AIDS virus invades white blood cells that are crucial to defense against disease. The virus can lie dormant for many years, but can also begin reproducing rapidly, invading and destroying other cells and leading to the symptoms of AIDS.

SAN FRANCISCO APPROVES MURAL FOR HARVEY MILK

San Francisco — The San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission voted July 18 in favor of a mural to be painted on the south wall of the Harvey Milk Recreation Center in Duboce Park. The vote followed months of controversy, after the original location of the mural, the 45-foot eastern wall of the building which is visible from anywhere in Duboce Park, was rejected.

"I'm relieved for public art and for the memory of Harvey," said muralist Johanna Poethig after the Commission's surprisingly close 4-3 vote. "I'm sorry it won't be on the most prominent wall, but I'm happy it's on the building."

MOMENTUM BUILDS IN OVER 200 CITIES FOR OCTOBER 11 MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS

National March Staff and Office Expand

Activists in over 200 cities are organizing to bring thousands of lesbians, gays, people with AIDS, and civil rights supporters to Washington, D.C. on October 11 for the second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

According to Pam David, one of twelve full-time national staff members, support is growing around the country. "The march has already been endorsed by over 450 student groups, labor officials, women's organizations, solidarity groups, AIDS service organizations, lesbian and gay groups and elected officials," David said.

Early reports indicate a massive turnout for the March. According to Arthur Scott, "New York City is sending 500 buses, thousands of people are flying in from California, and planes have been chartered from both Columbus, Ohio and Minneapolis, Minnesota."

Marchers will gather at 9 am on October 11 at the Ellipse, located at 15th and Constitution, N.W., where a morning rally is being planned. According to Gisele Mills, another full-time staff member, "The People of Color Caucus is coordinating a multi-cultural event that will involve speakers, as well as music, theatre and poetry."

"Between the volume of phone calls, and the number of information requests, office volunteers are being kept very busy," said Steven Dwyer, a member of the March staff.

"We already have 2,000 free and alternative housing spaces for people coming to the march activities," said Michael Resendez, another full-time staff member.

Other key areas being organized out of the March Office include national logistics, volunteers, housing, media, fundraising, and the October 13 civil disobedience action at the Supreme Court.

Due to the rapidly growing March staff, the March on Washington office recently moved to a larger space in the same building in downtown D.C. near the White House.

The August 28 March on Washington Open House attracted a large number of guests such as: Eleanor Smeal, Past President, National Organization for Women; Jeff Levi, Director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; Philip Dufour, Human Rights Campaign Fund; Marilyn Chilton, Congressman Bill Green's Office; Cornelius Baker, City Council Member Carol Schwartz's Office; Jim Harvey, Whitman-Walker Clinic; Don Michaels, Publisher of the *Washington Blade*; Howard Benji, National Treasurer of the Jesse Jackson Exploratory Committee; Barrett Brick, President, World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations; Stuart Ishimaru, Congressman Don Edward's Office; Philip D'Andrade, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's Office; Rene McCoy, Executive Director, National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays; Stephen Beck, Director, National Association of People With AIDS; Paul Kawata, National AIDS Network; and Dr. Robert Warner, Director, Dupont West Medical Center.

NGLTF LOBBYING ON VIOLENCE LEADS TO FEDERAL ACTION

Justice Department, National Institute of Mental Health to Study Problem

Responding to lobbying by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) — the research arm of the Justice Department — and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) have agreed to initiate efforts to study anti-gay violence.

At NGLTF's urging, 26 members of the U.S. House and Senate, five major city police chiefs, and an array of professional, civil rights, law enforcement and political groups wrote the heads of both NIJ and NIMH in support of programs to research and remedy the problem on anti-gay violence. NGLTF and the American Psychological Association are also jointly pursuing appropriations report language directing these agencies to take action.

Responding to the outpouring of support for action against anti-gay violence, the National Institute of Mental Health has agreed in letters to members of Congress to organize the next fiscal year a research workshop including representatives of the gay community "to assess the current state of knowledge" on anti-gay violence and "the nature and dimension of the problem, and to develop a research agenda." In addition, NIMH has stated that researchers are encouraged to seek funding for conferences or workshops to explore the subject.

Also responding to NGLTF's lobby effort, the National Institute of Justice has begun an "exploratory study" of crimes motivated on the basis of sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and religion. The study is being conducted by Abt Associates, an independent research firm, and will review existing research on the scope, nature, and motivations of hate violence. The study will also focus on the impact of victimization, programs that assist victims, and "state of the art" police policies and procedures with respect to hate crimes.

Commented Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project, "until now the federal response to anti-gay violence has been characterized by the same denial and neglect characteristic of its initial response to the AIDS epidemic. The NIJ and NIMH initiatives, although overdue, are a major victory for the gay and lesbian community. They are the product of last year's Congressional hearing on anti-gay violence and more than two years of painstaking education and lobbying by NGLTF. We are also pleased that as a result of our efforts, NIJ will also be examining violence against racial, ethnic and religious minorities."

Among the organizations that urged NIJ and NIMH to take action are Americans for Democratic Action, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Sociological Association, the National Association of Social Workers, the National Criminal Justice Association, and the National Organization for Women. "We are grateful to all the organizations, police officials, and members of Congress that supported this lobbying initiative," said Berrill. "Without their involvement, these research efforts would never be launched. We are particularly thankful to the American Psychological Association for meeting with NIJ and NIMH on the violence issue and for working with us to promote official action."

INDIA TO REQUIRE HIV TEST FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

New Dehli, India — All foreign visitors intending to live in India for more than 12 months will be required to take an HIV antibody test. The requirement will apply to foreign students, who will be admitted to Indian educational institutions only if and when they prove they do not have the virus.

Current foreign residents would be exempt from the new policy, according to Saroj Khaparde, minister of state.

Khaparde did not say when the new policy will begin, but foreign students applying for the 1988 academic year will be tested.

African students, who comprise about 80 percent of India's foreign student population, claim the policy is racist and discriminatory.

Khaparde, in her address to the upper house of Parliament, also told legislators that 13 people, including nine Indians, two U.S. citizens, and two Swiss nationals, have been diagnosed as having AIDS in India.

AIDS MINISTRY FOUNDS RESIDENCE FACILITY

In the never-ending battle against AIDS on all fronts, there is one special organization that approaches the fight with a uniquely personal emphasis. Cristo AIDS Ministry (CAM) is the year-old AIDS outreach of Casa De Cristo Evangelical M.C.C. Nearly one year ago, members of Casa De Cristo, seeing the devastating effects of AIDS in the local gay community, made the commitment to address AIDS-related issues as a church.

CAM has grown into a diverse organization offering a variety of assistance to PWAs, PWARCs, and their loved ones. In recognition of the financial problems that often face PWAs and PWARCs, CAM founded a residence facility dubbed La Casa. La Casa is designed as temporary housing for those who are awaiting processing of government benefits and who have no alternative housing. La Casa is supported through monthly pledge commitments, and since being founded in January has received over five thousand dollars to meet renovation, rent, and utility payments. Potential residents are screened through the Arizona Stop AIDS Project and CAM, and so far eighteen persons have benefitted from the emergency housing. As CAM spokesperson Tom Macy says, "without the generosity of these people, there would not be a La Casa." As a related service, CAM provides food boxes to those at La Casa as well as PWAs and PWARCs not staying there. This is accomplished with the assistance of the Food Share organization, allowing individuals to purchase approximately \$35-45 in food items for \$12 plus two hours of community service per month. Many who participate in this program donate a food box specifically to CAM (since becoming a Host organization last November, Casa De Cristo has provided the vehicle for ninety food boxes to be donated to CAM).

Also, each Monday, the organization hosts a luncheon for PWAs, with an average of ten people attending each week. Also offered are quarterly social events; the first of these was attended last June by thirty-eight members. CAM puts a particular emphasis on meeting the emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs of those touched by AIDS.

AIDS LESS INFECTIOUS TO HETEROSEXUALS THAN THOUGHT

By Larry Doyle
UPI Science Writer
Montrose Voice

Chicago (UPI) — A study of AIDS-infected men and their female sex partners suggests it may be quite difficult for the virus to spread among heterosexuals, but researchers warn that the danger exists nevertheless.

"The probabilities are low, but it's still Russian roulette," said Nancy Padian of the University of California at Berkeley, who directed the study published in the Aug. 14 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"The fact that the infectivity of this virus to heterosexuals is low has to be tempered by (the fact that) this is a lethal disease for which there is no cure," said Padian.

Padian and her colleagues said they were encouraged by their findings because they indicate acquired immune deficiency syndrome is not likely to soon reach epidemic proportions in the general heterosexual population.

"This is very encouraging because it means we can stem this disease if we begin now to institute reasonable behavior modification to reduce the chances of spreading the virus," said Dr. Warren Windelstein, another researcher from the university's school of public health.

The Berkeley report appeared in the journal with a less encouraging study that found gay men in areas where AIDS cases are rare are continuing to engage in high-risk sex, and that many are now infected with the virus.

Dr. David Fleming, then with the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, reported that blood tests of 112 homosexual and bisexual men in New Mexico found that one in seven is infected with the virus that causes AIDS, similar to the infection rate found in San Francisco in 1980.

In the California study, Padian and her colleagues sought to determine the risk of infection to women sexually exposed to men carrying the AIDS virus. While heterosexual infection has been well documented, there is substantial disagreement about how easy it is to catch the virus.

The researchers studied 97 women who had sexual relations with 93 AIDS-infected men in the year before their infection was detected, and found that only repeated sexual contacts with the infected man and the practice of anal intercourse increased the chances of acquiring infection.

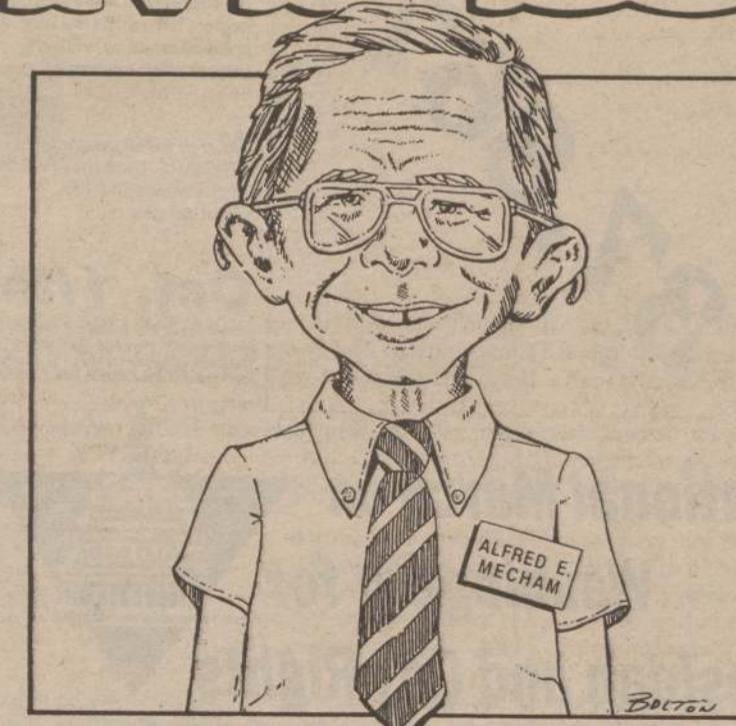
Of 65 women who had had more than 100 sexual encounters with their infected partner, only 20, or 31 percent, became infected.

"While this is evidence that male-to-female transmission occurs, what remains striking is how many people do not become infected," Padian said. "This is a hard disease to transmit."

Having multiple sex partners, a risk for gay men, did not increase the chance of women becoming infected, probably because the pool of infected people is low, Padian said.

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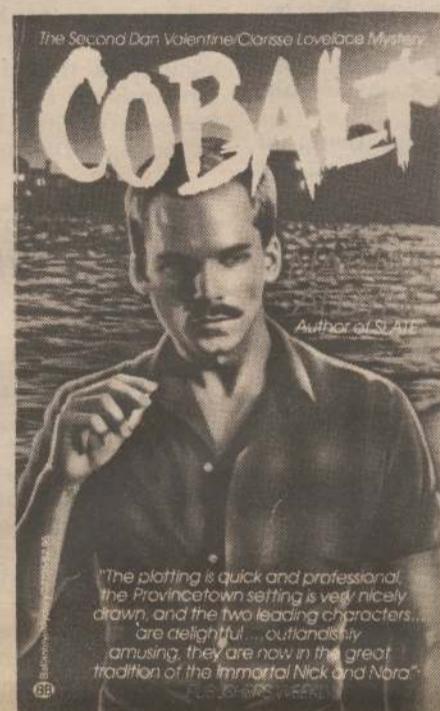
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"The plotting is quick and professional. The Provincetown setting is very nicely drawn, and the two leading characters... are delightful... outlandishly... amusing, they are now in the great tradition of the immortal Nick and Nora."

Another Kind of Love. Paula Christian, author. New Milford, CT: Timely Books, c1961. 143 pages. \$7.95 paperbound.

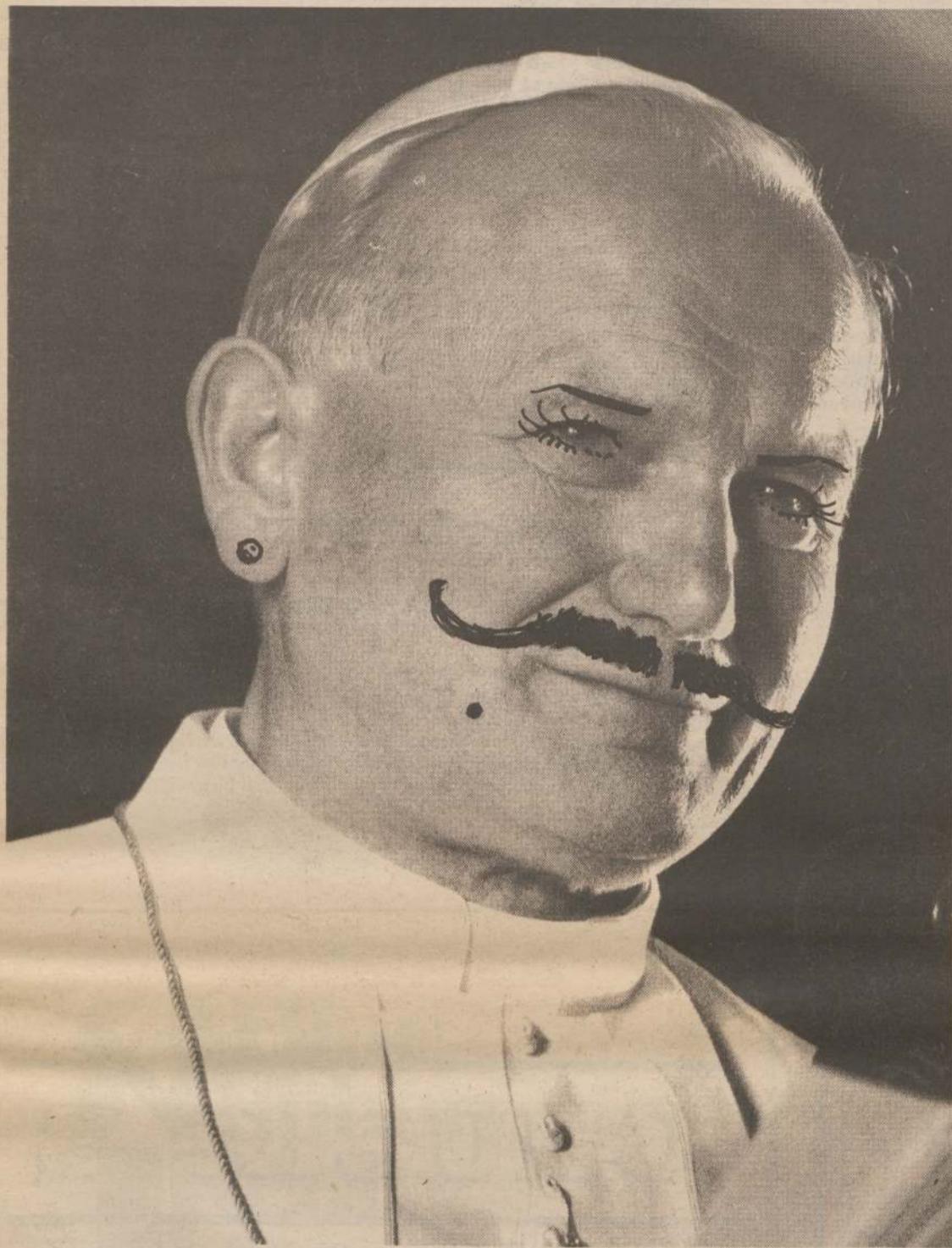
Cobalt. Nathan Aldyne, author. New York, NY: Ballantine, 1982. 201 pages. \$2.95 paperbound.

These two titles are random selections from each of two popular series with major gay and lesbian characters. Neither is a series in the sense that you have to read the stories in sequence to know what's going on: both involve continuing major characters in variations of a theme situation. Christian's novels illustrate lesbian life in the fifties and sixties; Aldyne's show a gay man and his straight female best friend encountering and solving mysteries. Time Books is a small independent press — strongly feminist and largely lesbian. They deal directly with bookstores and readers...no wholesalers...and they have unusually flexible policies and unusually well-produced books. You have to handle the Paula Christian books to know their physical quality and durability: the covers are textured, and almost impossible to tear. These stories were first published in the sixties by a mainstream house and revived by Timely in the eighties. The stories are of as high quality as the books, and as durable, subject to limitations of plotting or trendiness. That could be a nice way of saying that not much happens in the stories, but a lot does happen: ordinary emergent lesbians live ordinary lives against the vague background of 1960's American

society. What's extraordinary here is that Christian, her characters and her readers are always aware of what's going on inside these women's heads, and they're all capable of describing progressions of thoughts and emotions without enshrining them. Romance is subtle and pervasive.

Aldyne's books, and his plots, won't stay with you as long. The books are mass-market paper and the plots are mass-market gay camp. Quick action, quick descriptions, and you don't have to worry about spilling beer on the book. They're fun, and they show us what it could be like if we had what a lot of gay men would like. Cobalt is set in Provincetown during the summer: people are on vacation. They party late and sleep late and drink a lot and screw around a lot. Valentine's best friend is happy with her supportive place in his gay lifestyle, and comfortable with loving him without wanting to seduce or marry him. They happen to know several people who happen to own homes and businesses in Provincetown and/or kill each other, and crucial evidence crosses their path by accident or educated guess.

Series become popular because readers are interested in the characters and/or themes and because the writers write well; these series qualify on all counts. They're likely to be of special interest to lesbians and gay men because they have gay major characters and consideration, and because that's all that's special. These are normal people who got some good breaks and some bad breaks, and they're living actively and consciously, just like all of us.



"THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST!"

I haven't heard those words spoken in a long time. I haven't thought much about what that used to mean to me, or about my Catholic upbringing in awhile, either. But the visit of Pope John Paul II to Phoenix last Monday has had me reflecting on a lot of distant memories lately. It has also had me feeling very angry.

It's not an anger that is new to me; no, the Catholic church has had a way of getting me all burned up inside that goes way back to first grade and my early catechism lessons on weeknights after school; when I used to argue with or question nearly everything the good sisters taught us.

You see, I was something of a rebellious child. I was bright and well-read, a born cynic. And I also knew for certain, from a very young age, that I was a homosexual.

It isn't as if my being homosexual was the reason for my cynicism, but perhaps it did have to do with the extreme difference I felt, that compelled me to question more than the other children.

On the outside, I appeared to be a good Catholic boy. I served at the alter and even talked of becoming a priest when I grew up. But inside, I was growing more and more disillusioned with Catholic teaching; the altar boy stint was only a means of getting a little extra attention, a chance to be on stage once a week. And as for the talk of becoming a priest, I saw that as a possible future way of masking the real reason I never expected to marry or have children.

So, the anger I was feeling continued to grow as I grew, moving from First Holy Communion to Confession and on to Confirmation in Junior High. We learned dozens of prayers, memorized Sacraments, Commandments and Beatitudes. I attended Mass every Sunday, listening to endless pleas for more money, hearing over and over again what seemed like hundreds of rules and regulations for getting into Heaven, an assured seat "at the right hand of the Father."

But my skeptical eye noticed much more than what they were telling us. Like how, for instance, the parish priests seemed to live so well and drove such nice

cars for having taken a vow of poverty. And that many of our Fathers in the Faith were known for having a "bit too much" to drink at every social occasion. I noticed that many of our nuns were quite masculine ladies, and that the priests and Jesuits were often very feminine.

What really bothered me was that the parish congregation was not so much a spiritual group as a social one. No one did anything to better himself or to try to better himself or to try to apply anything from the supposedly Sacred Scriptures on the other six days of the week.

Sometimes during the mass, I would imagine there was an alien from outer space sitting among the pews, observing our service. What would he think of all our mumbling in unison? Of the reverence paid to objects and symbols? Of the solemn atmosphere of the ceremony, always followed by an hour of socializing in the bingo hall, where gossip was served in heavy doses along with the punch and cookies.

It finally got to be too much for me to blindly accept any longer. At the age of seventeen, I asked my parents if I could please stop going to church and if I could not be considered a Catholic ever again.

They had every reason to be surprised later that year, when I informed them that the college I wished to attend was a private, four year school with an excellent reputation in my chosen major field; it was over three hundred miles from home, was very small and was run by and founded by Catholics.

I had placed myself in a paradoxical position, but as I look back I realize that it was during my three and one-half years at college that my final opinions of the Catholic Church were formed and validated, for it was there that I got a close up view of what the church does to its people in the name of sacrifice; I am speaking specifically of the problems of alcoholism among priests and nuns, and the pain of dealing with stifled sexuality and homosexuality, surrounded by years of guilt. Guilt, I had decided, was what organized religions did best.

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CONFESIONS OF A FORMER CATHOLIC

Allen Kalchik

THE POPE CONT.

Why, then, with all of this behind me, am I so angry now? What is it about this recent papal visit that can get me riled up once again, fuming and sputtering my views on the spectacle to anyone who will listen?

It probably has a lot to do with the Vatican letter of October of last year, in which the statements were made that homosexuality is "intrinsically evil" and should be considered "objectively disordered." The letter was approved by the Pope and addressed to all Catholic Bishops.

The significance of this letter is that the Pope is not only saying that homosexual acts are considered wrong, but that the very nature of being homosexual is wrong and immoral.

How dare any man tell his followers that I am by my nature "evil!" My homosexuality is as natural to me as the color of my eyes or the shape of my body. Is this not a man who believes that his God in Heaven is the only true and final judge?

And all this talk about traditional family values. Whose values? Which traditions does he mean? Here is a man who is at the helm of one of the largest and oldest religions of the western world, traveling from city to city and asking people to give up individuality and turn their lives over to the faith.

If the former Polish Cardinal wants to truly increase his congregation, he's going to have to call for some radical changes in the way young Catholics are taught their religion. He is going to have to stress individuality, not suppress it.

He is going to have to accept gays in his church, to realize the importance of Catholic women and allow them the place they deserve beside men, not beneath them.

Only when people are assured by their religious leaders that it is O.K. to ask questions, to take risks and to look for spirituality within themselves, will they begin to work with and for the church and its continued growth.

Many people drove hundred of miles just to see the Pope in the cities in which he stopped. Some have called viewing the Pope the greatest experience of their lives.

That is exactly the kind of hypocrisy the Catholic Church stands for today. Catch a glimpse of an overdressed Priest in a bulletproof bus and your own life will be enriched. Don't question your feelings, don't ask why, just be quiet and do what everyone else does.

I hope that if anything was accomplished by this expensive and attention-getting papal visit, it was that more people have begun to question themselves and their spirituality. I hope I'm not the only one who gets angry.

And I hope that there is some young Catholic child in Phoenix, who is about to make his first Communion, who isn't afraid to ask his instructor, "What do you mean we're going to eat the Body of Christ?" And I hope that child's instructor encourages his questions and gives him better answers than Sister Mary Ida was able to give me all those years ago. If she can't, Catholicism doesn't deserve to hold onto that little boy, either.



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LGAU ATTENDS ASASU LEADERSHIP RETREAT

"Have a vision of what you want your organization to accomplish, and a plan for how to do it." ASU Vice President for Student Affairs Betty Asher told the student leaders assembled at Camp Tontoza the weekend of Sept. 12-13. It was the first event sponsored by the Leadership Institute of ASASU and representatives of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union and other minority groups were invited and encouraged to participate.

As one of the representatives of LGAU, I must admit that I was quite nervous about the weekend. In talking to Brent Spaulding and Annis Hopkins, the other representatives of LGAU we discovered that we shared many of the same fears. While we knew that the facilitators of the retreat wanted our participation we did not know what the reaction of the other students would be. We had heard rumors of people being uneasy about sleeping in the same cabin with us, of fears that we would behave inappropriately and questions about our infecting the other participants with AIDS. None of the actions or problems we had anticipated occurred. We slept in cabins with other students, ate meals in the cafeteria, went to workshops, and partied. To paraphrase Julius Caesar, we came we saw, we integrated...and it was fun.

In addition to meeting other students and the mutual discovery that we are all just people and not stereotypes, there was another purpose to the retreat. We were to explore and learn methods of improving inter and intrapersonal communication within our organizations. The workshops addressed the topics of values clarification, public image building, facilitation of meetings, decision making, the purpose of the office of Student Affairs, and conflict management.

We learned from Dr. Marvalene Hughes, the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, that conflict is healthy if dealt with in an appropriate manner. Dr. Asher told the students attending her workshop that the purpose of Student Affairs is to ensure the integration of every student into the university system and the bonding of that student to that institution. Additionally she stated that all students, from all backgrounds, ethnicity and preference were valued. In all the workshops there was an attempt made to encourage the free exchange of ideas between individuals, many of whom had never met before.

The weekend was without a doubt a success for all the participants. It was a very important event for LGAU. It was the first time in my memory that "out" lesbians and gay men attended a student event and were treated simply as other students. It marks the beginning of a new era at ASU. This is a time for growth and integration. I do not believe that all the problems LGAU has encountered over the years are resolved. But there is a new spirit on campus and it is a spirit of acceptance of diversity and cooperation. I wish that every member of our community and LGAU could attend an event such as this retreat.

—Denise A. Heap

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by Kurt Erichsen

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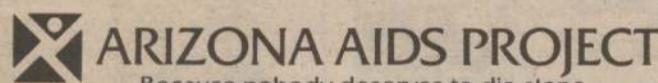
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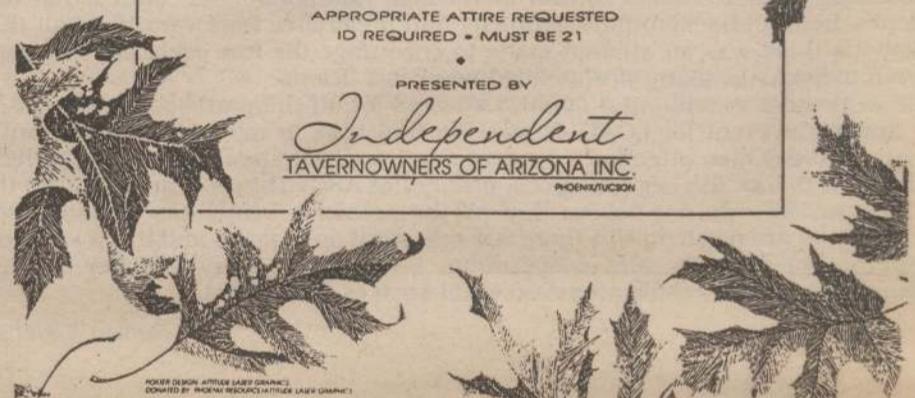
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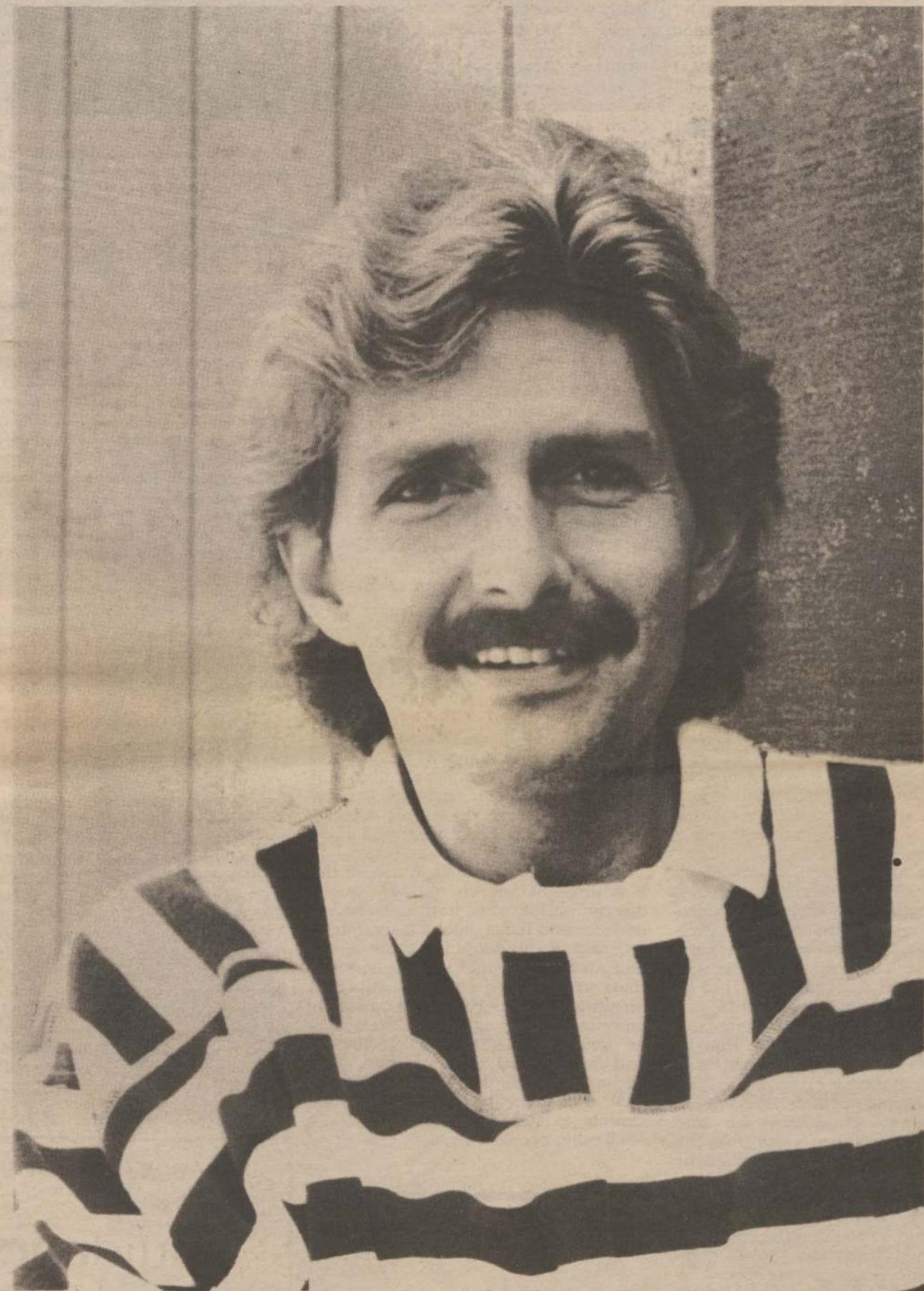
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PAUL JASPERSON:

Fighting for His Life and His Rights

By Dell Richards

"If they get away with this, a clothing store will be able to stop me from going in to buy clothes..."



Paul Jasperson recently testified in court, although his case doesn't come to trial until January, 1988. Jasperson told his story to the judge and attorney early, was examined, cross-examined and put on video tape because he wants to be sure his side is heard, no matter what happens to him in the next few months.

Paul Jasperson has AIDS. The reason he made a tape in advance and participated in a "mock trial" is bluntly apparent. By January, he could be dead.

Astounding as it may seem that his trial might go on without him — and have no effect whatsoever on his life — only makes Jasperson more determined. The trial could be his legacy.

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JASPERSON CONT.

"I'm doing this for the same reason I got involved in the first place," Jasperson said recently at his fashionable West Hollywood home. The condominium is filled with movie posters and autographed pictures that stars have signed 'To Paul.' The photographs aren't the booty of a starstruck fan: Jasperson worked backstage as a hairdresser for the stars.

Now he finds himself in the centerstage spotlight as he fights for people with AIDS. "I want to help others. I don't want anyone to have to go through what I'm going through." Jasperson is suing Jessica's Nail Salon in West Hollywood for refusing him service, as is the City of West Hollywood. West Hollywood's case will be the first test of the city ordinance that bars discrimination against anyone because of sexual preference.

Prior to battle with Jessica's, Jasperson wasn't particularly involved in the political arena. He had done some fund-raising, but politics wasn't his main interest. The incident at Jessica's dragged him from the political closet. "I'm not an activist person," Jasperson said. "But this really hit home."

Jasperson had stopped at Jessica's to make an appointment for a pedicure the next day. While in the salon, he spent a few moments chatting with two manicurists and a client he knew. In conversation, one of the women said she'd heard Paul say he has AIDS. Not thinking twice, Jasperson admitted it was true — that he had been diagnosed.

When he arrived home, Jasperson's phone was ringing. Jessica's wanted to cancel the appointment. They said they'd accidentally double-booked the time. But when Jasperson tried to make another appointment, he was told to see a podiatrist. The implication was that anyone with AIDS needs trained medical personnel even for the most minor services.

For Jasperson, the incident shattered his already fractured world. He was already fighting for his life, struggling against the horror of having a fatal disease. Now he was also being treated like a leper. It was a double-whammy, an especially painful occurrence for someone whose life — until that point — had been "so good that it almost seemed charmed."

Until his AIDS diagnosis, Jasperson had led a story book existence. As a child, he lived an idyllic life in a house by a lake near Minneapolis. He even had horses. "It was nice," he said, looking back on his life. "I was protected." Although he knew that he was gay at age five, he thought he just liked men. Like many homosexuals, it wasn't until he got to college that he realized there was a sexual attraction — and what that meant.

While studying public relations at the University of Minnesota, he was approached by a talent scout from the Max Factor Hollywood studio. The renowned cosmetic giant wanted Jasperson to come to California and become a make-up artist. "I dressed well," he said, explaining the good luck with a shrug. "I was well-spoken and I looked good."

Jasperson didn't really expect anything to come of the offer. "I thought of it as a free trip to Hollywood. But out of 10 people, I got the job." After three months training, Paul went back to Minneapolis to manage the Midwest territory. "Working as a cosmetologist came very naturally to me," he said. "I had always done everyone's hair in my family — my cousin, my mom, my grandmother."

Three years later, in 1975, he made his way back to the City of the Stars. For the past twelve years, he's hobnobbed with famous people, even attending the Academy Awards. "Holly-

wood's been good to me," he says simply.

Contrary to the stereotype that's pushed Tinseltown, homosexuals make up a large percentage of the movie industry. The population of West Hollywood where Jasperson lives is mostly gay; so much so that its only two mayors have been openly gay. Working in Hollywood and living in West Hollywood, Jasperson never felt the sledgehammer of discrimination. "It's been a fairytale existence," Jasperson joked. "That word sounds silly but it really has been."

Since being diagnosed as HIV positive, Paul's life has been more like a nightmare. His health has deteriorated; he's been hospitalized three times for pneumonia. And for the first time, he's been forced to feel the harrowing weight of oppression. "I'd never thought I'd be discriminated against," he said. "I'm white. I'm not Chicano or Jewish — and I've lived in West Hollywood for years. Until this happened, I was very naive." Now, Jasperson's world is a vicious spiral of doctors and hospitals, lawyers and courts.

Although his battle with Jessica's may seem trivial, for Jasperson it is a one-man battle against injustice. If Jessica's can refuse him service, any business in California could refuse service to anyone with AIDS — or anyone suspected of having AIDS. The case not only violates California's Unruh Civil Rights Act, but sets dangerous precedents. "If they get away with this, a clothing store will be able to stop me from going in to buy clothes," Jasperson said. "They say I could cut my finger on a staple or a pin and bleed on a sales clerk."

"A restaurant could refuse to serve me," he continued. "If I dropped a cup and cut myself picking up the pieces, they'll say I could bleed on a waiter. The ramifications are frightening."

While waiting for the trial, Jasperson is raising money for Time to Shine, an event scheduled to coincide with October's March On Washington. He wants to make sure that as many PWAs as possible visit their members of Congress. He wants each U.S. Senator and Representative to see that a person with AIDS is a "flesh and blood human being — not just a statistic."

Jasperson, who plans to attend the Washington march, knows about discrimination from hard-pressed experience and has a unique story to tell.

In fact, if you didn't know Jasperson had AIDS, you would never suspect it. He is on AZT and despite his bouts with pneumonia, Jasperson appears strong and healthy. Strong enough, in fact, to be present at the March in October — and for the trial in January as well. Perhaps with the luck he's had in the past, he'll make it longer than anyone expects, to fight for his rights and those of all other people with AIDS.

JASPERSON CASE POINTS OUT PROBLEMS

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is the No. 1 health concern in the U.S. Yet, given the Puritan heritage of the U.S., an almost medieval debate rages over how to handle the crisis. While U.S. Surgeon General C. Koop fights for safe sex education, conservatives demand celibacy before marriage, monogamy after, no talk about sex at all — safe or otherwise — and the possibility of mandatory testing and quarantine.

While the rhetoric flies, the AIDS virus continues to spread. And people with AIDS — gay or straight — find themselves outcast. Although San Francisco has become a shelter for people with AIDS, it is sadly alone. Most cities — even gay enclaves like West Hollywood — are having trouble coping with the disease.

When West Hollywood resident Paul Jasperson was refused service by Jessica's Nail Salon, it became abundantly clear that turning people with AIDS into social pariahs could happen anywhere.

Although the example may seem trivial — Jasperson said in a recent interview. "If they win, it could mean that I can't shop for food, can't go into restaurants, can't even walk down the street."

Gloria Allred, the attorney who is handling the civil case for Jasperson — sees it as a case of arbitrary discrimination. "He has the right to access to each and every business in the state," Allred said.

The City of West Hollywood also has an ordinance that specifically protects homosexuals from discrimination. After its own investigation, it filed criminal charges against Jessica's Nail Salon for violation of the ordinance. That case is being fought simultaneously.

In California as elsewhere, the courts are an important part of the political system. Although they were set up to interpret the law as written by the state and federal legislatures, liberal lawyers have used the courts to broaden those very same laws. Precedents in one type of case, for example, can often be applied in another. And in fact, using the courts is one of the few ways the average citizen can have a direct impact on the political process.

In this instance, Allred plans to use the laws that govern the rights of minorities to protect the civil rights of persons with AIDS. To date, California courts have decided that people with AIDS cannot be fired from their jobs or turned out of houses, citing the same anti-discrimination laws that protect the handicapped. Either way, the case will set tremendous precedents in the California and the U.S. "If Jessica's wins," said Allred, "we'll see the denial of all kinds of service to people with AIDS."

So far, Allred has not had as much success with the case. The motion asking that Jessica's be forced to give Jasperson service was denied. According to Allred, the judge felt that California law did, in fact, permit discrimination against people with AIDS.

The AIDS issue is particularly complicated when it comes to services because at least three health workers who were exposed to AIDS-tainted blood have tested positive for the virus. It is believed that they contracted it through the skin.

"We want to educate," Allred said. "When the facts are presented, it will be shown medically that you can't get AIDS from giving someone a pedicure." Allred is asking that manicurists don gloves, like many dental and other health workers already do.

Despite the setback on the first round, Allred is preparing to go to trial and has asked for the case to be heard immediately. Because the courts are used as a vehicle for political change — and anyone with a reasonable amount of money can take anyone else to court for almost any reason — the courts in California are completely clogged. As a result, it often takes years for a case to be tried. Jasperson doesn't have that kind of time. "In this case, justice delayed will be justice denied," Allred said. Allred has also filed an appeal with the next rung of the judicial ladder — the California Court of Appeal. It will pave the way for a higher court to hear the case if the local court doesn't side with Jasperson.

Whatever the outcome, both Jasperson and Allred are prepared to fight as long as necessary. "The judge is, in effect, telling people with AIDS to go underground," Allred said. "It is asking for trouble for people to hide the fact they have AIDS for fear of discovery." "It is difficult enough to live with AIDS," Jasperson added. "People with AIDS shouldn't have to deal with discrimination, too. I've come too far to have to go back."

The criminal case filed by West Hollywood should go to trial in January. A date for the trial in the civil case hasn't been set yet. Allred hopes the civil case will be tried in the next few months. Its outcome will help determine whether discrimination against people with AIDS will be tolerated or not.

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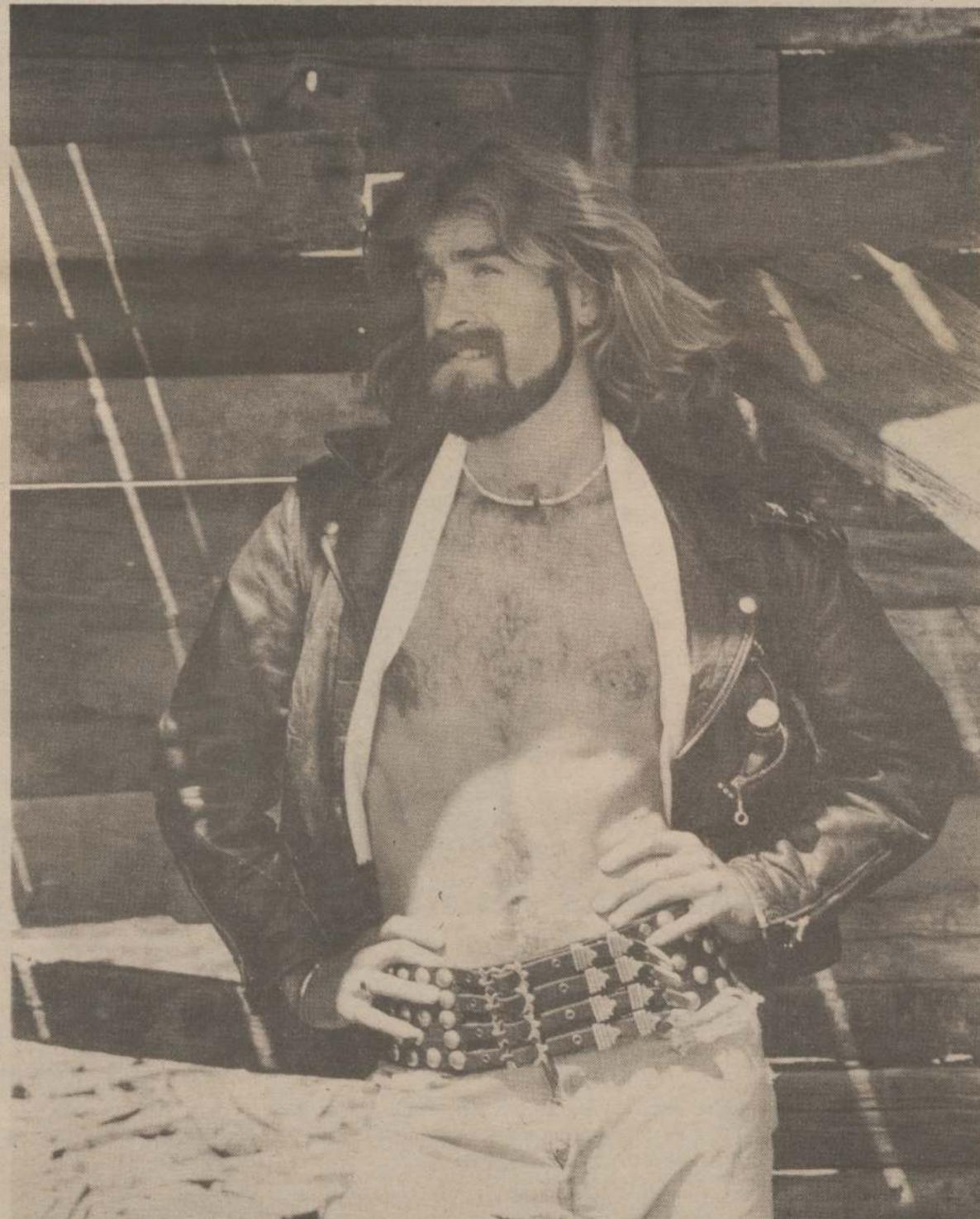
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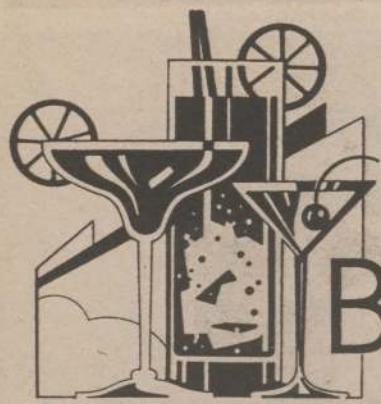
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Somebody told me once, "Don't bother to keep an address book, honey. Queens move every other week." Indeed, there's been a lot of movement among and between of late. Whereas **Littlejohn** has lived in the same apartment for well onto two years now, his professional home is currently **Flex Complex**. He's happy there, and seems to have found a niche after **Hotbot's**, **Dimestore**, and **Al E. Gator's**...speaking of **Al E.**'s, we'll assume that it's common knowledge that *that* place is no longer. **Maneuvers** has taken its place, with minimal aesthetic changes and, happily, lots of familiar faces behind the bar. **George Hill** is back at **Farrah's**, where he spins discs on Friday nights; **Hubert** has disappeared into a local recording studio where he'll earn his keep producing records rather than playing them...Rumors still abound about everybody's favorite hang-outs; meanwhile, **Sherry Kimmerling** (who may or may not be a real person) has passed along a more substantial bulletin: she will be performing alongside **Julie Kaye** (probably a real person; definitely a real talent) on October 2 at the **New Camel**. Just for the record, the **Camel** has not remodeled...Nearly everyone else's watering hole has, however. **Maneuvers** set the precedent for ripping out tables and tearing up carpeting: the newly revamped **Wink's** is bigger, better, and serves truly outstanding lunches. Former owner **Ron** has moved on to start his own gay dating service, something **Phoenix** has been lacking for several hundred years. New partner **Albert** has made some serious changes over on **Seventh Ave** — with assistance, of course, from former other-half **Donald**...Did someone say re-modeling? **Charlie's** has remodeled *behind* the bar, and **LJ** looks just as gorgeous there as he did as manager of **Dimestore**. **DJ** has taken over that spot for **LJ**, and **BJ** still works at the **New Camel**. **Keith Morris**, on the other hand, is slinging gin at **Little Jim's 307** (when he wears a wig, he's known as **Cissy Goldberg**). **Garry Mangum**, formerly of this very column-inch, is still clinking cubes at **Cruisin' Central** and can also be discovered directing shows at **Network** (when sporting female finery, he's referred to as **Tish Tanner**). **Mark McAllister** has bid farewell to **Jutenehoops** and is dressing dummies at **Goldwaters** (or was it **Dillard's**?). If you catch him in drag, you can call him **Cindy Snatch**; otherwise, he's making music at **Network** several nights a week...More new faces: **Hans** at **Brazil**, imported from Chicago and very willing to wear rhinestone earrings while waiting tables; most of the dancers from **Farrah's** (hubba hubba hubba!); **Pat Olivo** (sometimes referred to as **Attack of Pat Olivo**, but we're really not sure why) at **Impulse** — which last week was overseen by **Diana King** (she's moving to Denver) and is currently run by someone else; **Charlie Lash** at **Flex Complex** (did he work at **Stixx** once, or was that somebody who looked like him?) and **Larry** at **Ramrod** (okay, so he's not a new face. He's the owner. But he's gorgeous, and we wanted an excuse to say as much)...**Pat** (aka **Trish** — ask him why next time you're there) was missing last week from **Nutowne**. "Vacation" was the excuse offered, which probably meant that he was at home in front of the VCR, watching *East of Eden* for the fourth time...Anything else? Yes. **Talk of the Town** will resume their featured live entertainment soon and, as far as we can tell, no one from **Cattleman's Exchange** has gone to work elsewhere — and Linda and the gang at **Trax** are still Linda and the gang at **Trax**. All this gossip and we didn't mention that black and beautiful drag queen's name once!!



Takin' care of business and still having a good time, this week at the Independent Tavernowner's monthly meeting. This month saw the get together held at **Flex Complex**.



PAUL KING TICKET STUBS



Italian director Franco Zeffirelli stunned the screen world when he cast two unknowns to portray the star-crossed lovers in *Romeo And Juliet*, but it was a gamble that resulted in one of the most popular motion pictures of our time, winning international acclaim and four Academy Award nominations.

Just in case you hadn't noticed, the sun is setting earlier and the kids are back in school. The equinox of September fast approaches. Autumn is a time when many eyes turn to their television sets to see what's new from the networks; no doubt some will check to see if a favorite program survived for another season. With all those adolescent ticket buyers in the classroom and out of the picture; with all the gratis hooplas being sent out over the airwaves, it is no wonder that business cools off at the box office. *Superman* slips from view and *RoboCop* settles into its' paydirt. *Snow White* and her diminutive entourage are relegated to screens in Outer Suburbia.

I took a look at the entertainment section of the daily paper and found an interesting similarity in the movies now playing, or just opening. Thriller/Drama. Thriller/Suspense. Thriller/Romance. Thriller/Action. Thriller/Spy Stuff. Thriller/Horror. Are we thrilled yet?

For those of you who have added tape players to your television — and especially to those who have since then become Video Rental Junkies — now is a good time to build up a future stock. I have heard truly frightening stories from people who found themselves standing in a store, mouth open and eyes vacant, unable to find something new to take home. Some addicts cannot bear to be seen leaving empty handed and will go so far as to rent an instructional tape or something called "Can I Do It Till I Go Blind?" To be fair, it ought to be pointed out that VCR owners have an investment to protect; a three hundred dollar piece of equipment gathering dust on the shelf does not translate into wise consumerism.

Which reminds me of a sign I saw recently in a store; it offered a free video rental, as long as you got three others. A fourth tape. Assuming that a customer will only be using or watching one TV, why would anyone want to drag home Four Cassettes? Hell, I have a hard time imagining how I ever managed to sit through Double Features on a regular basis! If you rent five, do you get a complimentary valium and cup of coffee?

I know someone who observes the pleas of video shops to rewind the tapes before you return them based on what she thought of them. If she likes the movie, she rewinds the tape. If she doesn't like the movie, well, I guess the next customer has to deal with it. What a frightening thought; everyone could silently critique the rentals. All this video speculation will no doubt condemn me to a life seated behind amazon women with beehive hairdos at the cinema. Oh well, anything missed on the big screen can be caught at home on the little one. Pass the remote.

As most any student exposed to his writings will tell you, Shakespeare is a tough nut to crack. I personally recommend Franco Zeffirelli's movie versions of *Romeo & Juliet* and *The Taming of The Shrew*. Too bad he wasn't commissioned to translate all of William's stuff to the screen.

This is the time of year when it would behoove folks to take a look at the Harkins Theatre offerings. You never know when you might catch something good. And some of the stuff *never* seems to show up at the video store!

The beautiful Cine Capri is now advertised as a Cinemark facility. It also advertises *Apocalypse Now* as its' next feature. Is that an omen?

In response to my critism of a Phoenix moviehouse; those near Metrocenter, beware.

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THINGS MOTHER NEVER TAUGHT ME "GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

I've been out walking over the hills and talking with the horses. It's almost dusk and there's a spot back in Deer Holler where I want to build a house some day. It will be made of logs with lots of windows with a deck overlooking the lake. My man and I will sip our beers, hold hands, watch the sun go down and count our blessings. Except for the horses and hills, all the rest is a dream — but it's a dream we all share. One man wrote and told me his dream was to build a snowman with "a man I love — who truly loves me." Cabins, snowmen, candlelight suppers or just someone to yell at when you stub your toe or can't find matching socks — it doesn't make any difference — we all want someone and we're all scared to death we won't find him or we'll lose the one we've got. Dispute this and you're full of crap.

Two men I talked with a few weeks ago — new lovers — told me this tale. One had a very good friend. "He's my best buddy, I can tell him anything."

"Can you tell him things you wouldn't tell your lover?" I asked. "Sure, that's what a best friend is for," he replied — almost shocked that I'd ask.

His lover looked up, surprised to hear that his partner would say things to another that he wouldn't say to him. I asked the first guy if he felt the best friend was any threat to the relationship. He said, "No way, he's my friend — that's all."

Then I asked, "What if your lover came home and said he found a best friend — a buddy. Would he be a threat to your relationship? Would you be jealous?"

"You bet!" was his emphatic reply. They both stared at each other and said, "I didn't know you felt that way."

This is a case of double standard — as well as jealousy and insecurity on both parts. Are these guys unusual? No way. They're just like the rest of us; afraid to open up to each other and scared shitless!

Want to know the biggest fear? It's letting someone really KNOW us, who we are, what we are, deep down. Inside. Since you've been sharing your experiences with me I'll share one of mine with you. Back in October a straight magazine began running my "Letters" column (I edit a lot) and by way of introduction they wrote a bio about me. I'll quote in part, "He's 45 years old and getting a little gray in his reddish brown hair and beard; he's fond of blue-jeans and plaid lumber jack-type shirts, boots and knitted toboggans. He's not a large man but gives the impression of being able to handle

whatever comes his way, both physically and emotionally. In other words, he's got it all together." I swear, that's exactly what the lady wrote. My immediate reaction was, "Boy, did I fool her!" That IS how I look (sounds pretty butch, huh?) and that IS how I act — but believe me, it is an act. Remember "...he's got it all together?" Well, a couple of years ago I met a man; younger, more innocent than I. He'd been in the military for eleven years. He left it because of our relationship and I even sent a letter to his commanding officer advising him of our "homosexual affair" — even had to get the damn thing notarized! My new partner saw the 'me' I wanted him to see, the "all together" part. But as time went on I wanted — no, needed — to open up and expose my inner self — including my weaknesses and insecurities to him. I was hoping for some military moxie. Instead, he was terrified. A man who was once nestled in the bosom of the entire United States Air Force suddenly realized all he had was an ordinary human being who got scared, cried, and frequently made an ass of himself. My partner felt he'd had been misled and deceived. Maybe he had. I tried to tell him in the beginning, "The sun does not rise and set on me," although I've been known to act that way on rare occasions (very rare). Once, when I was going through a particularly bad time, I cried and needed to be held. He backed away from me and screamed, "You're weaker than I am — I needed you and you let me down."

He was right, and he was wrong. We both were. Guys, don't make the same mistake — because it's a big one. Get to know each other and, for God's sake, be honest with yourself. Then you can be honest with him. Talk out your fears or make lists and exchange them. Get thee to a counselor, minister, whatever. Just talk! If another man ever comes into my life I'm gonna let him know right up front just what an asshole I can be. Then, years from now, when he looks at me in wonder I can honestly say, "You were warned."

The old saying, "A good man is hard to find" is truer now than ever before. Think about it; become a "Good Man," and someone may find you — or fight like hell to keep you!

From now on, we're in this together. In a world filled with fear, cruelty, deceit and loneliness, there are good people, and we need each other. Even the most macho among us — and even those who've "...got it all togehter" — need a hug.

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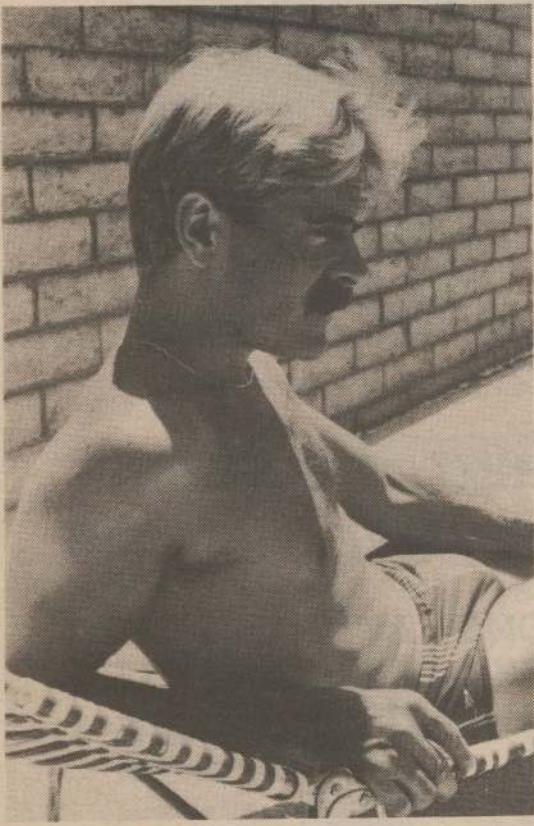
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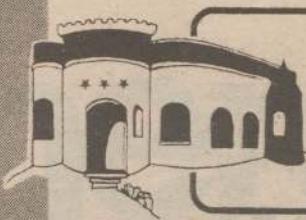
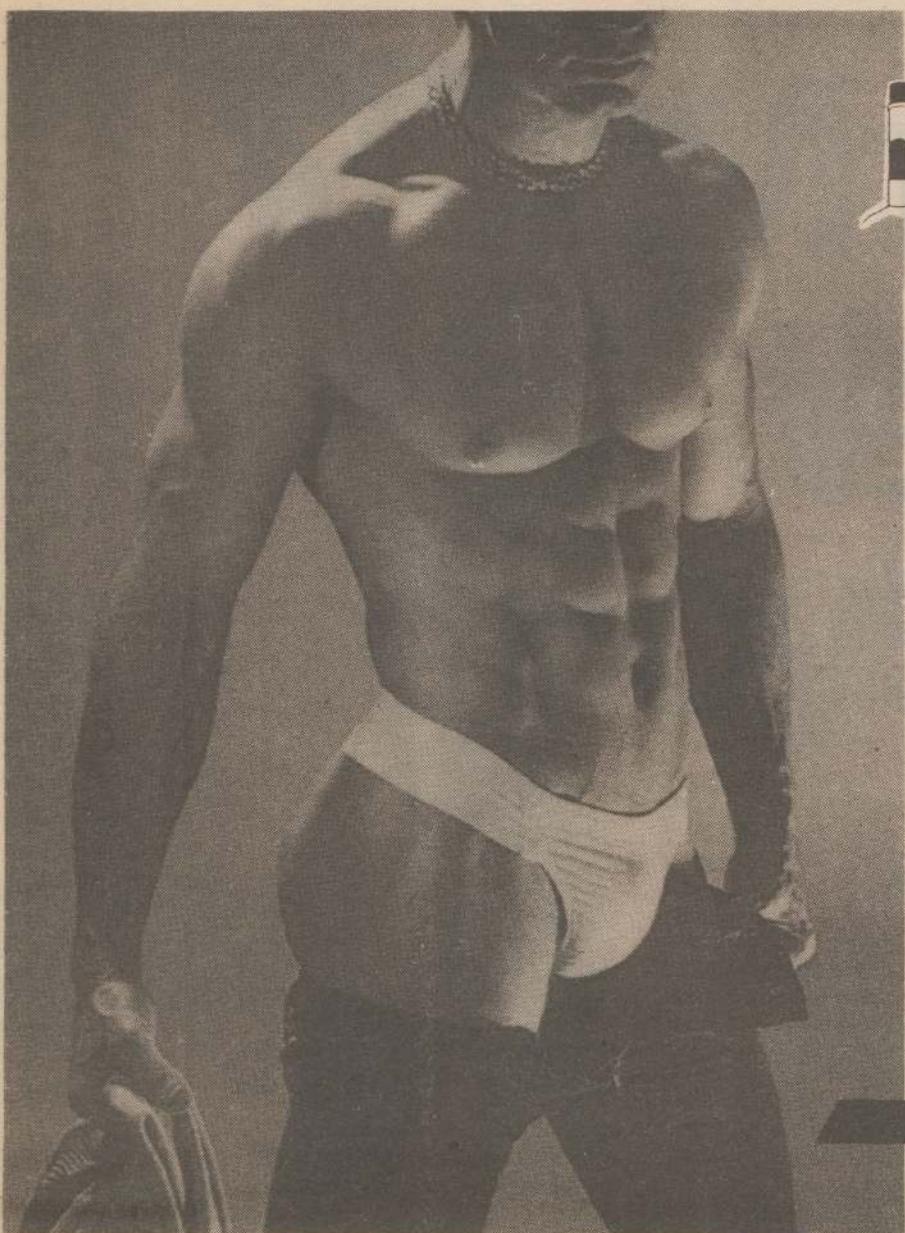
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4. Who directed *It's A Mad Mad Mad World*?
5. In *One Touch of Venus*, who starred as the goddess Venus?
6. Who directed the continuing adventures of Norman Bates in *Psycho III*?
7. Directors Peter Weir and Richard Franklin started their film careers in what country?
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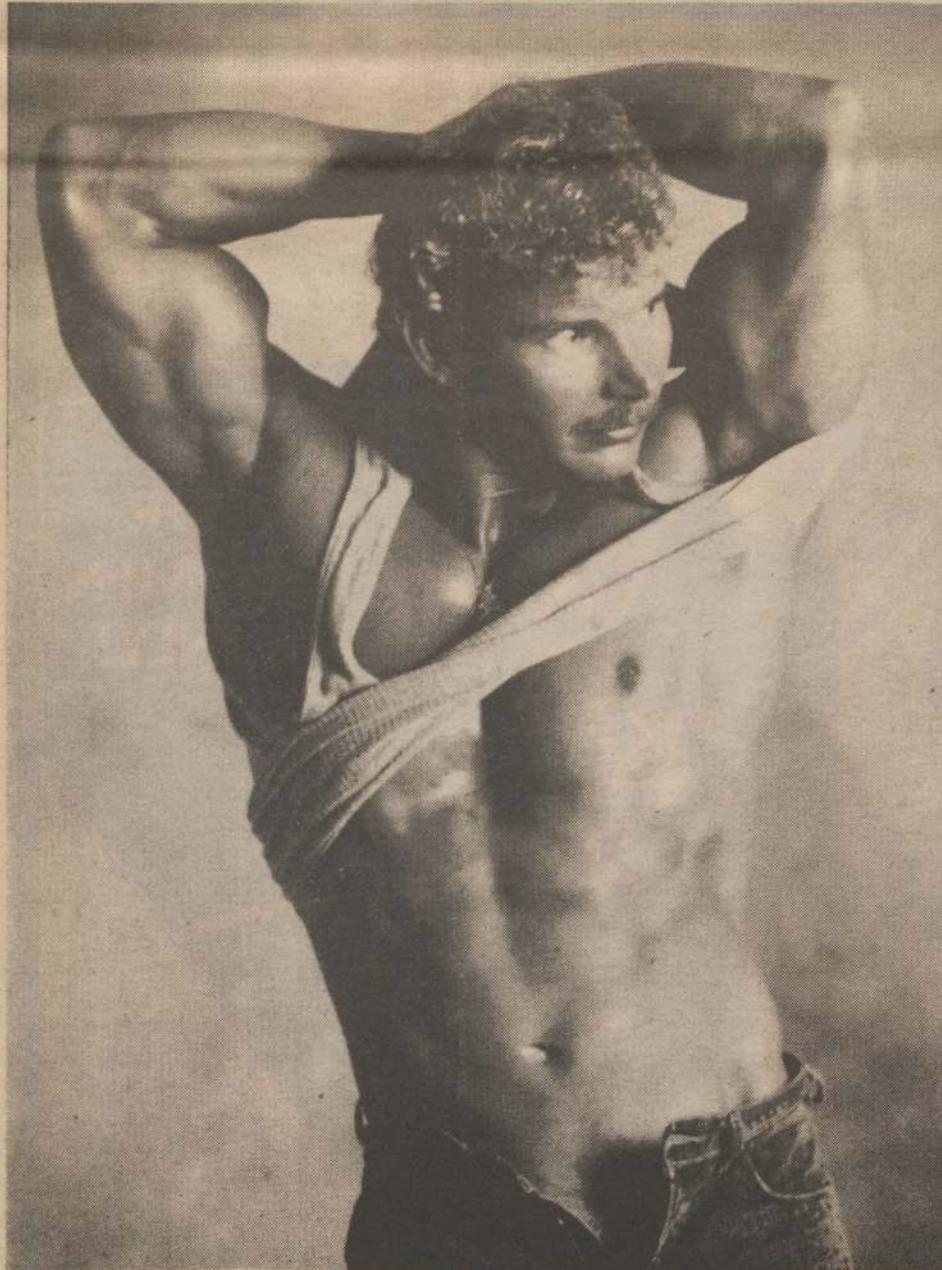
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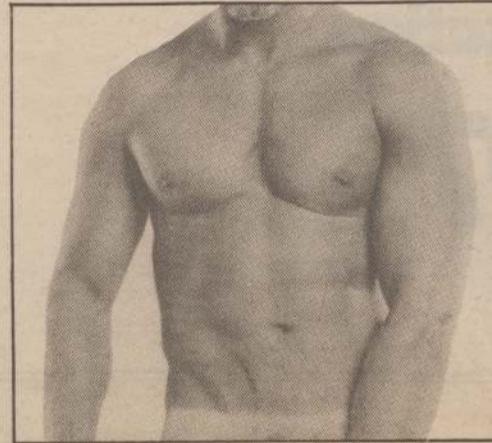
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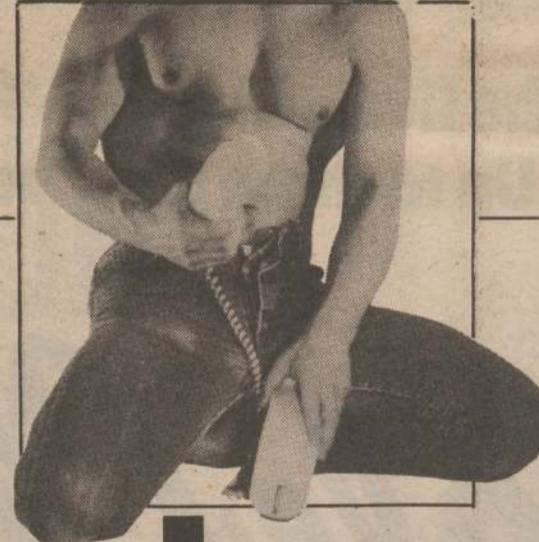


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