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CA Commitment that Shows

With their \$100K AHRF challenge grant, the Lewis/Underwoods take gay philanthropy in Arizona to the next level



By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Pull up a kitchen stool and settle in for a cup of morning coffee at the Scottsdale residence of Bill Lewis and Rick Underwood.

First, you'll notice the obvious, like the room's state-of-the-art black appliances and thick granite countertops. The 70's modern-ranch style home was slightly remodeled in 1992 to add a few high-tech comforts and better reflect its present owners' simpler, more masculine tastes.

Then there's view: the kitchen—like most rooms in the dramatic, Camelback Mountainside home—looks east, clear across the city of Scottsdale and beyond to where the Four Peaks range rises in the distance, visible on a smog-free day.

Less noticeable than the luxurious surroundings, but no doubt more impressive in its own way, is a small, just-opened greeting card lying amid the morning clutter of newspapers, magazines and mail.

"I love you I love you I love you", the card reads. A cutesy cartoon tiger dances across the front and a simply scrawled signature (love, me) is all that's inside.

"What's this?" the visitor asks his hosts with a gesture

toward the card.

"Oh. Bill gave me that yesterday," Underwood acknowledges.

"He did? Then it must be your birthday or anniversary or something?"

"Not at all," the 43-yr-old travel agent says, beaming. "He just gave it to me... just because."

Isn't it interesting, the visitor wonders aloud, that after 17 years together they'll still exchange schmaltzy Hallmark sentiments for no apparent reason?

"Of course we do," says Lewis, younger than his life partner by a half year and comfortably retired after 25 years in the Valley's broadcasting business (KTVK-Channel 3, the Phoenix market's last family-owned station, was sold by the Lewises in 1999 to Texas-based BELO Corp., reportedly for several hundred million dollars).

"You have to do things like that," the former station owner says with an embarrassed smile. He tucks the \$2 card back under the stack of mail and adds, "You have to keep things fresh. Otherwise..." his voice trails off.

Underwood looks at the man he's called his husband for almost two decades and clears his throat. Enough said, as far as both are concerned.

The pair met through mutual friends when they caught one another's eye at Sky Harbor

Airport in 1983. Lewis was already a highly paid Vice President at his family's station and was launching a video production company. Underwood, who grew up in Oleta, Kansas, was then in a middle management position at Intel. Both characterize their meeting as love at first sight, and they've been together ever since.

"I think the commitment we have for each other all comes around to a big part of why we're doing this," Underwood explains.

"I've always believed that we should have the same rights that our heterosexual counterparts have. People don't realize how hard it is and how [being in a long-term relationship with no legalized union] impacts your life on a daily basis."

By "this", he means the couple's recent issuing of a challenge grant to benefit the Arizona Human Rights Fund. Their motivation for doing so—and not their own relationship—is the topic they've stayed home this morning to discuss.

The couple announced at the advocacy organization's June 17

awards banquet that they will match, dollar for dollar, whatever AHRF can raise before Oct. 11 in its fund-raising drive to hire an executive director. They're hoping the community will kick in \$100,000 and are prepared to write a check for exactly that amount on National Coming Out Day.

"I'm ecstatic over their decision to come forward with this challenge," says AHRF Co-Chair Bill MacDonald. I think it's really what our community needs to get involved. With the political

climate being what it is here in Arizona, it's exactly this kind of leadership that will show people that now is the time to support what AHRF is doing."

MacDonald said he salutes Lewis and Underwood. "They are a couple of my best friends, and it would have been really hard for me to ask them to do

this. Then they came up with it on their own. I feel incredibly gratified that they made this decision."

Underwood says that Lewis broached the subject "a couple of months" prior to the annual dinner and that he got behind the idea right away. They are motivated to give, they say, for slightly different reasons.

Underwood is encouraged by the progress that the nine-year old organization has already made toward securing equality for gay men and lesbians in Arizona. He says that with an executive director in place, AHRF will be able to work toward even loftier goals, like establishing some sort of partnership equality for same-sex couples, similar to the Civil Union Act recently issued in Vermont.

"I've always believed that we should have the same rights that our heterosexual counterparts have," he states. "People don't realize how hard it is and how [being in a long-term relationship with no legalized union] impacts your life on a daily basis."

He adds, "You can call it what you want. It doesn't have to be called marriage. Call it a Commitment, call it a Civil Union. But I think that it needs to be available to all of us."

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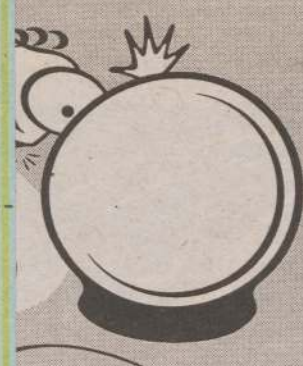
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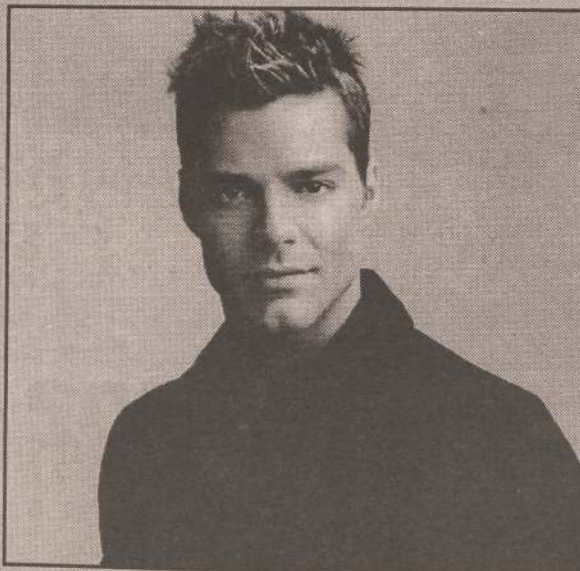
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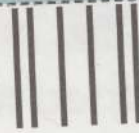
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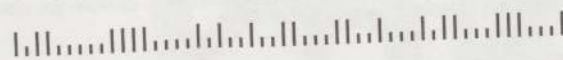


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Yet BSA feels free to accept public money and free access to publicly funded buildings and parks. The President of the United States serves as the honorary head of the Boy Scouts. Hypocrisy reigns supreme!

The Boy Scout handbook tells members to "celebrate the fact that you don't have to be just like everyone else." At the same time, BSA policies celebrate the exclusion of gay men because we are not just like everyone else.

The BSA is characterizing the Dale case as a victory, but it's a victory that will be short lived because fair-minded people will continue to fight for fairness.

Scouting has the potential to offer amazing growth opportunities for young men. Boys can learn to work together, participate in public service, appreciate nature and develop lifelong friendships. The BSA organization, however, acts against its own interests by denying members access to the knowledge and leadership of fine gay people.

Finally, the handbook suggests that "being compassionate to all people is an important antidote to the poisons of hatred." Perhaps BSA leaders should see if they can live up to the ideals their own literature sets out for young people. If they

can't—or won't—parents and children will turn to better and less discriminatory youth organizations.

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I always keep the latest copy of HeatStroke on my nightstand and I peruse your periodical from stem to stern and enjoy every page of it. The news from everywhere on Earth that isn't available here on our isolated island I appreciate very much, and the cartoons are hilarious with the unique, gay sense of humor. The paper is sent to me by gays who share, and I in turn forward it on to others who

enjoy it—HeatStroke does get around.

What motivated me to finally write to commend and comment on HeatStroke was the story by and about Doug Kinne and his partner, Mark (School's Out, issue #95, June 29 - July 12).

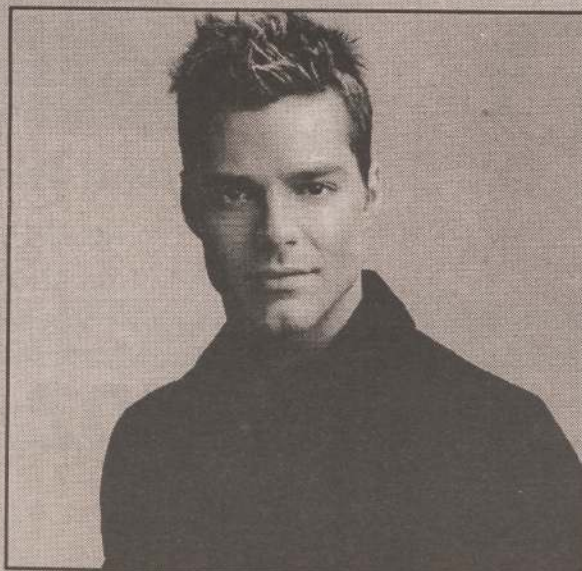
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Deb Price

Vermont union a joyful, magical celebration of love



The "Moose Crossing" signs dotting the hilly highway reminded Joyce and me that we had entered unfamiliar territory: Vermont—the state that promised to extend all the state-level benefits and protections of marriage to our 15-year relationship.

We wanted to be among the first gay couples to receive Vermont's blessing. But since the history-making creation of "civil unions" for gay couples has divided Vermonters, we weren't sure what sort of welcome to expect. What we received was a joyful, magical celebration of our love that was far more special than anything we could have dreamed up on our own.

Before heading to Vermont, Joyce and I discovered that the tiny state's government operates at a wonderfully human level. The town clerk who promised us she would be open on Saturday, July 1—the day civil unions became legal—drew us a map so we could find her office.

Though pressured by civil union foes to be closed July 1, the clerk—a woman of her word—was at her desk when we arrived that morning. Her office was in her cozy cat-and-orchid-filled home. We filled out our civil union application on her kitchen counter. I panicked briefly, momentarily stumped by a question about my father's birthplace. Then, the clerk finished giving a neighbor his fishing license, took our \$20 and handed us our certificate.

Giddy to have that very special piece of paper in hand, Joyce and I threw ourselves into getting acquainted with the courageous state that's the first to treat gay couples with real respect. We spent the day learning about maple syrup, apple cider and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. And we toured the gold-domed state capitol as an angry knot of anti-gay protesters shouted about wanting to turn back the clock.

Technically, all we still needed to make our new legal status official was the signature of a justice of the peace, judge or clergy member. Joyce and I originally envisioned an itty-bitty, private ceremony. But Justice of the Peace Keith Goslant, who must be our fairy godfather, sensed our relationship needed a party.

Keith, whom we had met only over the phone, proposed that he perform our civil union service at a pre-Fourth of July back yard bash attended by dozens of

his friends and relatives. Joyce and I were horrified. Practiced in the very gay art of being unobtrusive, we couldn't imagine exchanging vows in front of a crowd of strangers. But Keith, who inspires blind faith, said, "Trust me. It will be wonderful." So, we took a chance.

On Sunday afternoon, we drove to the village of Plainfield, stepped out of our car and were immediately swept up into a loving embrace unlike anything we had ever experienced. We were surrounded by Vermonters of all ages—most of them straight—who were proud of their state and happy for us as a couple. A many-splendored wedding celebration materialized as if by magic.

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hostess, Diane Martin, sweetly crooned "This Thing Between Us Called Love." Then Joyce and I renewed our commitment with vows we had written at Keith's encouragement. Several of our newfound friends wiped away tears. At our request, Diane honored Vermont with its official state song, which she had authored. And Keith uttered the powerful words we'd longed to hear: "By the authority vested in me by the state of Vermont..."

Finally, our relationship was legally recognized. We kissed as noisemakers honked with delight.

Sparkling lemonade toasts and wedding cake followed. The grandmotherly baker endearingly confessed, "I don't know a thing about you, so I just decorated it with interlocking pink triangles and red clover, the Vermont state flower. My peonies aren't in bloom yet."

How generous, how kind-hearted. Joyce and I drove home singing Vermont's state song, "...They say home is where the heart is. These green mountains are my home."

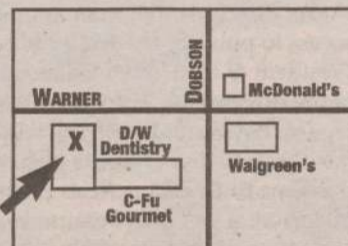
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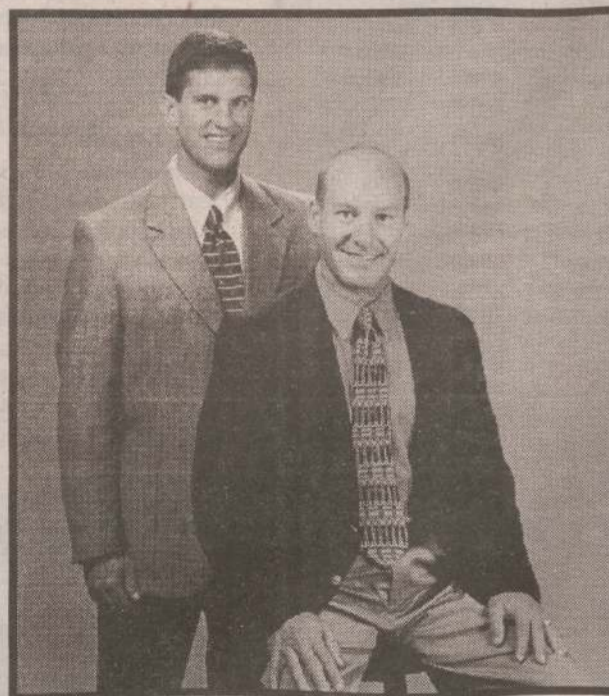
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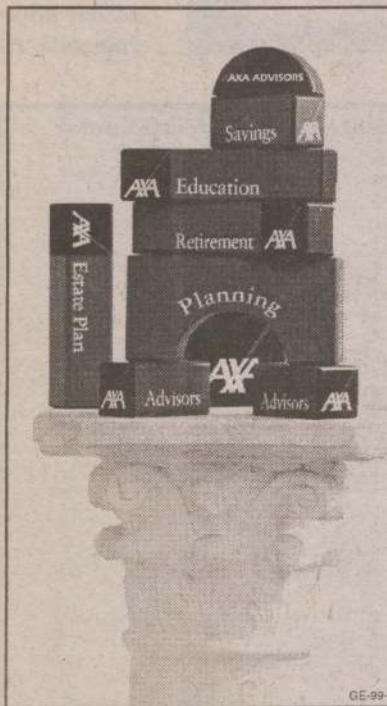
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Former Dart League Prez Spotted in Phoenix

Ric Copeland working in banking industry while police report lingers

By Allen Kalchik, Editor
Richard "Ric" Copeland, the former president of the Phoenix area's Gay & Lesbian Association of Darts (G.L.A.D.) who was removed from that office after he was suspected of misusing league funds, has been discovered working in a local bank.

Joyce Davenport, the bar owner who replaced Copeland in April as dart league president, told *HeatStroke* July 11 that Copeland had been seen by another league member behind the counter at a branch of Rocky Mountain Bank inside the Wal-Mart at Thomas and 36th St. in Phoenix.

"When he realized he'd been seen, he went in the back and didn't come out," said Davenport.

Davenport said she has been frustrated by the inability of the Scottsdale Police Dept. to locate Copeland, and has been unable to learn anything about the case that she and G.L.A.D. treasurer Linda Penseyres filed against him in May.

"All of our members know what happened and they are looking to us to tell them why the police aren't doing anything," Davenport said. "I have nothing to tell them."

The league officers filed a complaint in early May with Detective Paul Arnold of the Scottsdale Police Department's

Fraud and Forgery division. They allege that while serving as board president, Copeland withdrew thousands of dollars from the league's bank account for his personal use.

Davenport said she and Penseyres also have evidence that Copeland charmed former coworkers at a Scottsdale bank into letting him take more than \$400 from a second G.L.A.D. account, an account board members specifically opened in order to block Copeland's easy access

Copeland "offered to save time." He opened an account for the dart league's new season in the Wells Fargo branch where he worked. "He said he would open the account and then bring us the signage card."

Davenport said that she Penseyres grew suspicious of Copeland after repeatedly asking to see canceled checks and other records of the checking account, which they later learned he had routed to his home address rather

or was fired from the Wells Fargo branch in February or March.

Davenport said that she and Penseyres visited the branch in early April to request copies of monthly records connected to the account. They immediately saw what was happening and closed the account. They opened a new account that called for the



Former G.L.A.D. Dart League President Ric Copeland.

"It's just amazing, that he would stay in town after all this. But that he's working for another bank? How can that be? And I can't believe that one of our members ran into him before the police did. Why can't they find him, and we can?"

to league funds and one on which he was not a designated signatory.

Davenport said Copeland's misuse of the league's money occurred while he was the branch manager at a Wells Fargo Bank inside an Albertson's supermarket on Scottsdale Rd. Copeland worked at Wells Fargo when he was first elected G.L.A.D. president last winter.

In January, she said,

than to the league's P.O. box.

A review of league banking records from Feb. 8 through April 6 shows more than \$5,000 in withdrawals during that period, some through over-the-counter withdrawals, most via an ATM card.

Copeland, who once operated the Out of Asia import furniture shop at Camelback Rd. and 7th Street in Phoenix, either quit

canceled checks and other paperwork to be sent back to the league's regular mailing address. They also removed Copeland as a signatory for the organization.

Since the league officers filed the fraud charges, they have been left with more questions than answers. "It's just amazing, for one thing, that he would stay

in town after all this. But that he's working for another bank? How can that be?" asked Davenport. "And I can't believe that one of our members ran into him before the police did. Why can't they find him, and we can?"

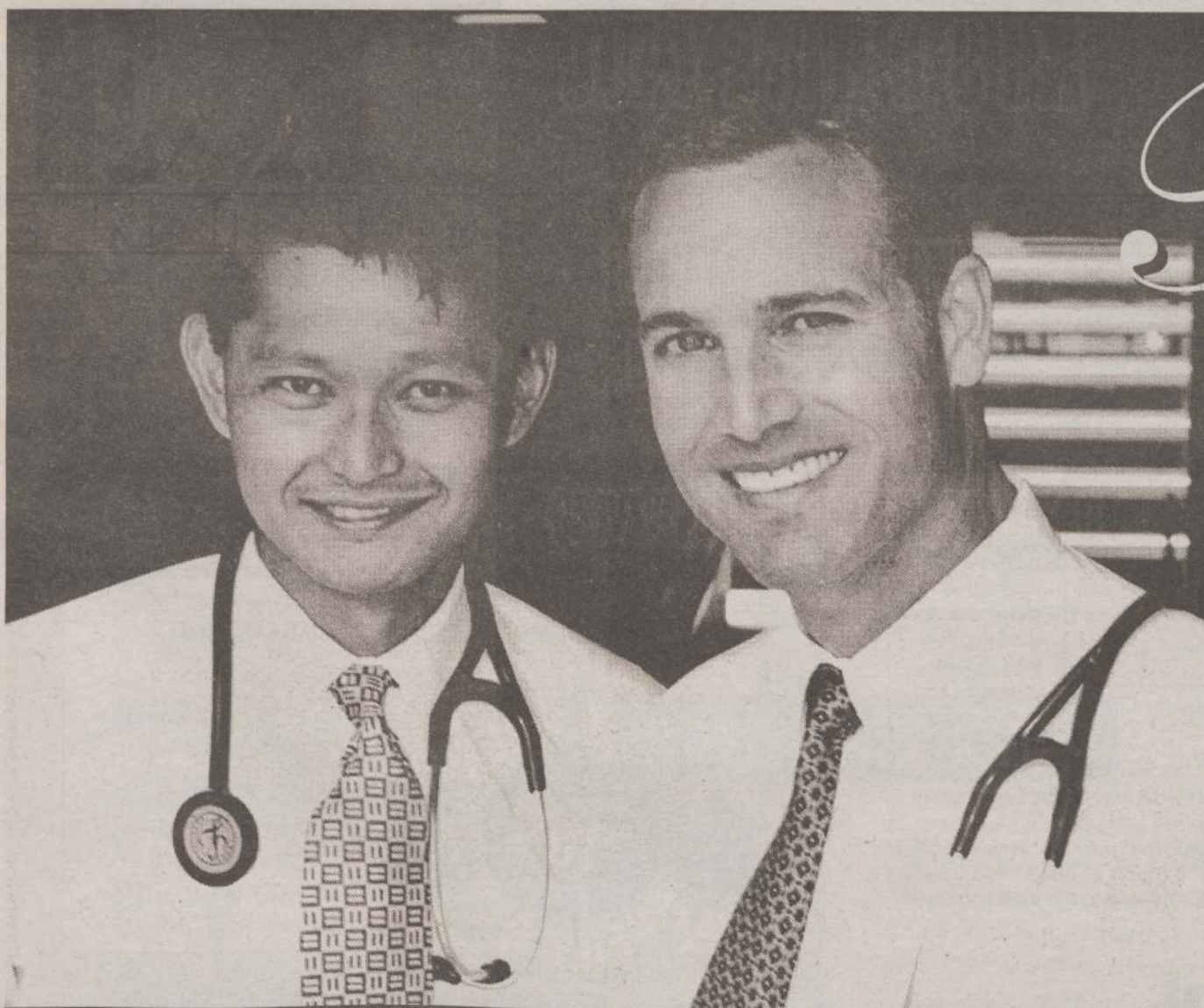
Det. Arnold could not be reached for comment in time for publication. A public relations spokesperson for the department did tell *HeatStroke* that he would look further into the case and said that it is "very unlikely" that anti-gay bias is holding up the investigation.

Davenport isn't so sure. "I have to wonder why it is taking so long and the police can't even get back to me on it," she said.

The Sales Manager at the 36th Street Rocky Mountain branch confirmed that Copeland is, indeed, in Phoenix and employed by the bank. "He works for me, but in another branch," Amelia C. Espinoza said.

Espinoza declined to comment further and said that all questions should instead be directed to Dick Nyborg, Senior Vice President of the Chandler-based bank.

Asked what type of background check the bank ran on Copeland or whether he had provided his new employer with a positive reference from Wells Fargo, Nyborg said he would not comment in any way. "All of our employee hiring information is strictly confidential," he said, "I'm sure you understand."



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Stonewall Democrats testify before platform drafting committee

Inclusion of gay Democrats in platform process in stark contrast to GOP's exclusion of gay Republicans

ST. LOUIS, MO—A representative of the National Stonewall Democratic Federation (NSDF) testified in July before the Democratic National Committee's Platform Drafting Committee. This committee will draft the proposed platform that will be voted on and adopted at the Democratic National Convention in August.

Dr. Bob Whitelaw, a member of the NSDF Board of Directors from Atlanta, Georgia provided the testimony to the committee meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. In it, he called on the committee to include five issues in the party's statement of goals:

1. Support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
2. Support for expansion of the Federal Hate Crimes Act to include GLBT citizens.
3. An end to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in the U.S. military.
4. Support for legal recognition of same-sex partnerships.
5. Support for adoption of children by

gay and lesbian individuals and couples.

The inclusion of input from the NSDF by the DNC is particularly striking considering the exclusion of any input on GLBT issues in the Republican platform. The gay Republicans have not provided testimony to the Republican platform committee. In fact, the Republican National Platform continues to oppose any sort of civil rights legislation for GLBT Americans.

"This contrast demonstrates how committed Al Gore and the Democratic Party are to including all Americans under legal protection and ensuring basic civil rights for all," said Michael Colby, Executive Director of the NSDF. "The GOP and George W. Bush continues to hold gay Republicans at arms length and refuses to even consider any sort of protection of our basic human rights. The choice this fall for GLBT voters is quite clear: Al Gore and the Democratic ticket are the only choice for us."

Center Executive Director's contract ends July 15; Miller to stay on through summer fundraiser

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Lyle Miller, executive director of The Community Center in Phoenix, said he has not sought renewal of his current contract, which is scheduled to end July 15. And, according to the outgoing director, the Center's newly elected board of directors has no immediate plans to fill the vacancy.

"I'm going to stay on under a temporary contract in order to see the Night of Comedy through," Miller told *HeatStroke*.

negotiating with a candidate now, and it's my understanding that they may drop the word 'assistant' from the title, which will make this person, in effect, the Center's administrator."

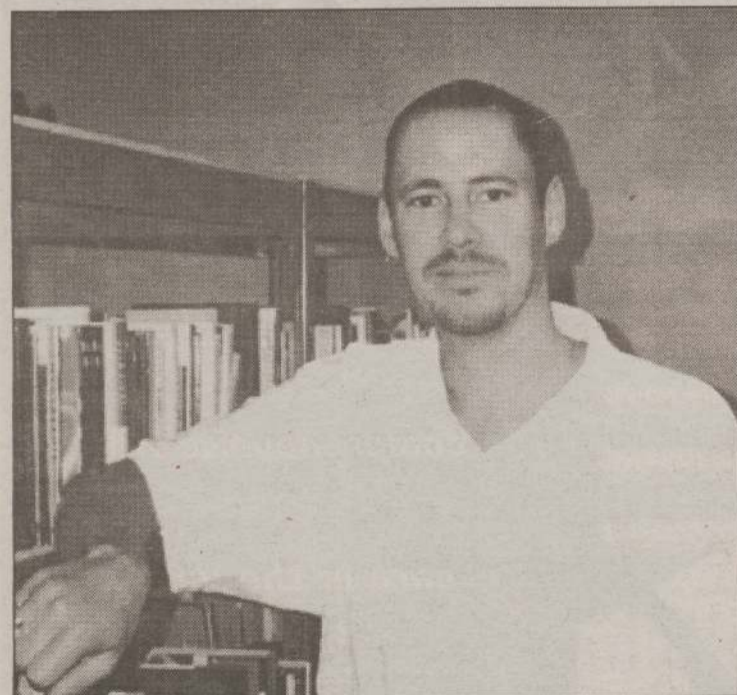
He also said that some time in the future, after the board "gets more solid financially", they will advertise nationally in order to fill the E.D. position once again. "But they're going to have to be able to pay a real executive director salary," before they can post the job, he said. The Center's 1998 financial statements—the

most recent statements *HeatStroke* was able to obtain—report that the executive director's gross annual salary that year was \$28,350.

Miller was hired in a nationwide search in 1996, and moved to the Valley from Orlando, Florida to take the job. He led the Center during several changes in location, support staff, board members and even a name change, from

Valley of the Sun Lesbian & Gay Community Center to The Community Center.

He told *HeatStroke* that he is now considering "a couple of offers" that have come his way within the local community.



Although his contract expires July 15, Lyle Miller will remain at the Center through the annual comedy concert in August.

"After that, I will be finished." The comedy event is scheduled for August 26.

Miller said that the board is currently doing some reorganizing financially and "very soon" is likely to hire someone to fill an administrative assistant position that has been advertised. "They are

Trax goes Boom!

The longstanding dance club and gay bar at 1724 E. McDowell in Phoenix is now known as Boom!

Popular for many years as Trax, the bar changed ownership in June and sports a new look to go with its new name. In a recent remodel, the club was updated throughout with new carpet, paint and fixtures that have altered the

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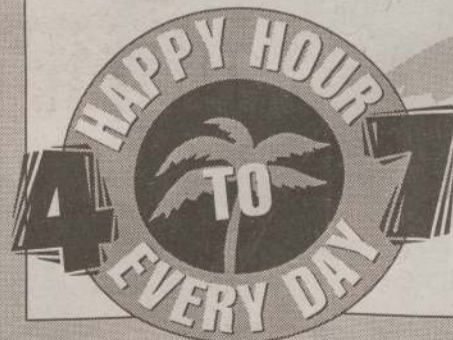
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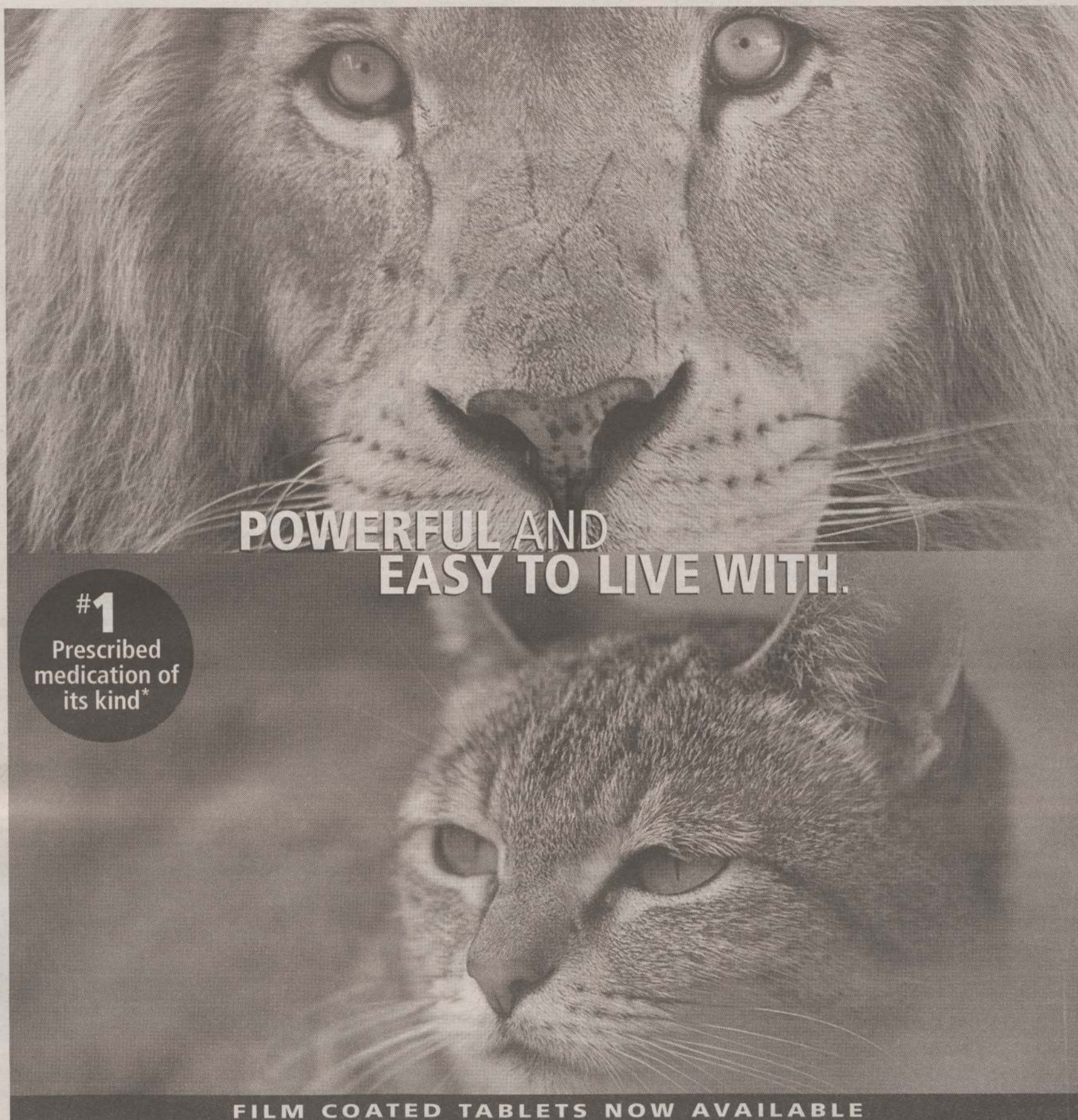
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taking. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus and hyperglycemia, changes in the distribution or accumulation of body fat, and increased bleeding in patients with hemophilia. For more information, call toll free 1-888-VIRACEPT or visit www.viracept.com. (Refer to the important information on the next page.)

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What is VIRACEPT and how does it work?

VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in the number of CD4 cell count.

VIRACEPT is usually taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT), Efavir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

Does VIRACEPT cure HIV or AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Who should or should not take VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking protease inhibitors. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs and arms may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

Can VIRACEPT be taken with other medications?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

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Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.

- Rifampin® (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®

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Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

- Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
- Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

- Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

Special considerations

Before you take Viagra® (sildenafil) with VIRACEPT, talk to your doctor about possible drug interactions and side effects. If you take Viagra and VIRACEPT together, you may be at increased risk of side effects of Viagra such as low blood pressure, visual changes, and penile erection lasting more than 4 hours. If an erection lasts longer than 4 hours, you should seek immediate medical assistance to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.

It is not recommended to take VIRACEPT with the cholesterol-lowering drugs Mevacor® (lovastatin) or Zorcor® (simvastatin) because of possible drug interactions. There is also an increased risk of drug interactions between VIRACEPT and Lipitor® (atorvastatin) and Baycol® (cerivastatin); talk to your doctor before you take either of these cholesterol reducing drugs with VIRACEPT.

How should VIRACEPT be taken with other anti-HIV drugs?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

- Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)
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- Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
- Videx® (didanosine, ddl)

If you are taking both Videx (ddl) and VIRACEPT:

Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Viramune® (nevirapine)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

Sustiva™ (efavirenz)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. A dose adjustment is not needed when VIRACEPT is used with Sustiva.

Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

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Invirase® (saquinavir)

The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

What are the side effects of VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 14-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

How should I take VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. Your doctor may prescribe the light blue VIRACEPT Tablets either as 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or as 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to be Administered Three Times Daily				
Body Weight Kg	Body Weight Lb	Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
7 to <8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	—
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1 1/4	—
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1 1/2	—
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1 3/4	—
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	—
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2 1/4	—
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2
≥ 23	≥50.5	15	3 3/4	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

*1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

†1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your Pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do not mix the powder with any acidic foods or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do not heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

How should VIRACEPT be stored?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and stored at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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AIDS patients may be able to stop taking drugs for weeks at a time

DURBAN, South Africa (AP)—Doctors are cautiously taking patients off their AIDS drugs for a few weeks at a time to see if breaks in therapy are safe and perhaps even more effective than giving the grueling treatment continuously.

The new approach, described July 11 at the 13th International AIDS Conference, departs from the commonly held dogma that even a brief interruption in drug treatment will allow the AIDS virus to come roaring back in a mutant form that is impossible to control.

Intentionally interrupted therapy is still considered experimental. But doctors say it potentially has several important advantages, including lower cost, fewer side effects and temporary relief from a demanding pill schedule. Furthermore, it could make AIDS therapy more practical and affordable in poor parts of the world, where the sophisticated combinations of medicines are simply beyond the reach of most people with HIV.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, described promising but still early results with the approach.

"Patients are absolutely delighted at the prospect of spending half of their lives off therapy," Fauci said of those taking part in his experiments.

However, Fauci noted at least a dozen teams around the world are studying the approach—which he calls structured intermittent therapy—and it will be at least a year before doctors know whether it is safe. Until then, he cautioned against inter-

rupting treatment outside carefully conducted studies.

"The long-term effect on the emergence of resistance and the ultimate clinical course of patients remains to be determined," he said.

Several years ago, when combination therapy revolutionized the treatment of AIDS, some researchers optimistically theorized that it might be possible to cure AIDS by wiping out the virus. Later, though, it became clear that the virus continues to reproduce at extremely low levels and hides in long-living cells of the lymph tissue, where it is beyond the reach of drugs.

"We won't cure HIV with the present drugs," said Dr. Mauro Schechter of the University of Rio de Janeiro.

Instead, he said, doctors need new strategies for using the available medicines to hold HIV in check, and interrupted therapy "will be a big thing in the near future."

Some doctors experimenting with the approach monitor patients' virus levels and put them back on their pills when HIV returns strongly. However, Fauci's team cycles patients on and off therapy without regard to virus levels.

In one experiment, intended to enroll 70 people, patients take drugs for two months followed by a one-month break. The virus soon comes back when people stop their drugs, but all measurable levels disappear when treatment resumes, and no resistant viruses have been seen so far.

Fauci said that after two to three cycles, the virus appears to come back less strongly in some

people, suggesting that the immune system may gear up to control the virus better when it is exposed to HIV in brief bursts.

In theory, disease-fighting blood cells called CD8 T-cells might be stimulated this way to actually control HIV without the need for further drugs. However, Fauci said this is probably a long shot for most patients.

In a smaller pilot study, patients take their drugs on a week-on, week-off schedule. In this experiment, the virus never returns to more than minimal levels.

Fauci said abruptly stopping all drugs is key to preventing the growth of drug-resistant viruses, which often happens when patients cut back on their drugs but still take them.

Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City said interrupted treatment "is a worthy area of pursuit," but he said it remains to be seen whether drug-resistant viruses eventually emerge.

One common problem of AIDS treatment is that patients' viruses often grow resistant to

their drugs, even when they take them on schedule, and they must switch to new combinations. Dr. Scott Holmberg of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Fauci's method may also help lengthen the time people can use each regimen.

In a study of 1,300 patients, he found that on average people could stay on a regimen about 11 months before it lost its punch. Their second combination worked for eight months and their third for six.

Episcopalians reject rites for same-sex couples

DENVER (AP)—Episcopalians have scrapped a plan to develop rites for same-sex couples, instead approving a resolution to support and minister to gays and lesbians in committed, monogamous relationships.

The resolution approved July 11 by delegates at the Episcopal General Convention recognizes that unmarried church members in faithful relationships deserve the same support and pastoral care as other members.

But an original proposal, which included rites for unmarried couples—both gay and heterosexual—narrowly failed in the 832-member House of Deputies, comprised of clergy and lay members. The plan failed by one vote among clergy members and by four votes among lay members.

The 300-member House of Bishops was expected to consider the revised plan July 12 at the Episcopal General Convention.

The Rev. Michael Hopkins of

Glendale, Md., president of Integrity, an Episcopal gay advocacy group, said approval of the proposal would mark the first time the church has recognized "the presence of gay and lesbian relationships."

The resolution also acknowledges that individual dioceses will continue to bless same-sex unions without churchwide sanction.

"We're confused. We're not giving a clear message to anybody," said the Rev. Martyn Minns of Fairfax, Va., an opponent to blessing same-sex unions and a board member of the conservative American Anglican Council.

Opponents warned that approval of the original measure would divide the church and alienate the 70-million-member worldwide Anglican Church. The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the Anglican Church.

"Let those in this house not tear asunder that which God has

brought together," said the Rev. Kendall Harmon of the South Carolina diocese.

The acceptance of homosexuals is among the biggest issues at the 10-day convention.

Other denominations, including the United Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have recently voted against blessing same-sex unions and ordaining homosexuals. The 1.4 million-member United Church of Christ sanctions same-sex unions.

Episcopalians have been debating the roles of homosexuals in the church for at least two decades. A 1976 resolution said they are full members of the church and entitled to "love, acceptance and pastoral concern and care."

But a 1979 resolution said it wasn't appropriate to ordain non-celibate homosexuals as priests. A 1994 church law says it is wrong to discriminate based on sexual orientation.

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NEW MEXICAN PRESIDENT MAY BE OK FOR GAYS

Mexico's new president, Vincente Fox, may be friendlier toward gays than the reputation of his National Action Party (PAN) would suggest.

Fox captured the presidency in the July 2 elections, ending 71 years of rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

Although the PAN historically has been considered conservative and Catholic—and PAN governors and mayors have been known to launch crackdowns on transvestites and gay bars—Fox has positioned himself as a moderate on social issues, including gay rights.

During the presidential campaign, Fox dropped a TV attack ad against PRI opponent Francisco Labastida after it was denounced as anti-gay. Using a slang word for someone of undefined sexuality, the ad showed Labastida hoisting a male colleague by the thighs and showed male strippers at a rally for another PRI candidate, the Associated Press reported.

After dropping the ad, the PAN ran newspaper ads stating that the party "is not against the gay community in any way. ... In a Fox administration, there will be freedom for people to live without masks," it said.

"Fox and the right had to back down and apologize to the gay community," said author Carlos Monsivais. "It's incredible to hear the word 'homophobia' being used even by the right."

Speaking in Zacatecas in early June, Fox promised to be tolerant on social issues and specified that he was not going to ban miniskirts (something PAN officials

once did in Guadalajara) or condoms and that he would not discriminate against anyone based on their sexual orientation.

In another appearance, he promised: "I commit myself to maintain the lay character of the Mexican state and public education. I commit myself to maintain the liberty, diversity and pluralism of Mexican society and never to use the power of the state to impose lifestyles, religious beliefs or codes of personal behavior. To respect the liberty of creation, of culture and of expression of all the groups who form Mexican society."

Tijuana gay activist Alejandro Garcia says it seems like there is old-school PAN and new-school PAN.

"When the PAN has won mayorships in cities, they always inaugurated a series of raids against sex workers, transvestites and gay cruising areas," Garcia said. "They did that here in Tijuana in 1992, but the gay community responded and talked to the government and the raids stopped. The same scenario played out in Chihuahua, Veracruz and Monterrey.

"But I think the PAN has changed," Garcia said. "I think its founders were more conservative and they're gone now. There are new Panistas who are more tolerant. Fox has declared that he is center-left—which is hardly possible since the party has been center-right—but the party has clearly improved because of more tolerant activists in its ranks."

Garcia doesn't expect significant change for the nation's gays under the Fox administration but, he said, "It's good for democracy in Mexico that the PRI lost the presidency of the republic—and control of the Senate too."

Other activists are less optimistic. "It is going to be worse for gays and lesbians," said Cesar Velazquez, co-director of the Mexico City Pride Committee. "We are really afraid because in sections of the country where the PAN has come into power, there has been a lot of repression, including against gays and lesbians."

"I don't trust the PAN," Velazquez said. "Yes, they say they won't discriminate, but the precedents are there. We don't believe anything the PAN says. They are synonymous with the ultra-right and with repression. Right is right. They want to control people."

Jaime Marquez, an upper-middle-class gay man in Guadalajara who is not an activist, commented: "I don't like the guy. He's from the PAN and this party doesn't like gay people. Here in Jalisco state, the PAN is in power and a lot of gay people with businesses are not very happy with the party because they try to shut them down and stuff."

"A lot of people are happy Fox won just because it's another party," Marquez said, "but to me he seems phony. He says one thing on TV and then in the newspaper he says something different. But who knows? When he was governor of Guanajuato, he improved the economy there by pushing exports. That's the only good thing I know of him. I'm waiting to see what good he might do for the country."

PARTNER LAW INTRODUCED IN GERMANY

The government of Germany presented a comprehensive gay-partnership bill July 5.

Under the proposal, same-sex couples would marry in a registry office and acquire spousal rights in areas such as taxation, inheritance, immigration, social security, child custody, health insurance and name changes. More than 100 other laws would be changed to accommodate the couples' new status.

The plan is supported by the Green party and the Social Democratic Party, which hold a majority of seats in the Bundestag chamber of parliament but not in the Bundesrat upper chamber. Some provisions of the government's proposal would not need approval from the upper house while others would, including those related to insurance, pensions and taxes.

Gay couples have been granted nearly every right of marriage in Denmark, France, Greenland, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the U.S. state of Vermont.

LARGE TURNOUT FOR WORLD GAY PRIDE

The gay World Pride Rome 2000 celebration that horrified the Vatican and right-wing Italian politicians ended with a huge parade to the Colosseum July 8.

Police estimated a turnout of 70,000, state TV said 200,000, and organizers said 400,000.

According to one reporter, "The crowd included young couples with baby strollers, bare-breasted transsexuals in glittery wigs, animal rights activists, a guy in a kilt on stilts, agnostics, bikers and representative of unions and leftist political parties."

Another said: "Drag queens stripped down to their leather thongs and stilettos as the march snaked around the side of the Colosseum and the mid-afternoon temperature hit 36 degrees Celsius (96.8F). A man dressed as a Roman Emperor in drag cruised past the gaping arches of the monument in the back of a horse-drawn carriage as marchers filed by carrying placards denouncing the Roman Catholic Church."

The march began at Rome's southern walls and ended at Circus Maximus, the site of ancient Rome's chariot track.

Speaking one day later to pilgrims and tourists in St. Peter's Square, Pope John Paul II called homosexuality "objectively disordered" and "contrary to the laws of nature."

"In the name of the church of Rome I cannot but express bitterness for the affront to the Grand Jubilee of the year 2000 and for the offense to the Christian values of a city that is so dear to the hearts of Catholics across the world," he said.

"The catechism makes it clear that homosexual acts are contrary to the laws of nature. The number of men and women with deeply rooted homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This objec-

tively disordered inclination is for the greater part of them a trial. They must be treated with respect, compassion and delicacy. Any sign of unjust discrimination against them must be avoided. Such people are called to carry out the will of God in their lives, and if they are Christian, to unite the difficulties they encounter as a result of their condition to the Lord's sacrifice on the cross."

Franco Grillini of the gay-rights group Arcigay fired back: "Who decides what is natural and what is not? Objectively disordered—what is that supposed to mean? Nobody chooses to be homosexual. Homosexuality is an objective fact."

"It is not enough to say that gays should 'be treated with respect, compassion and delicacy,' or that the Catholic Church condemns 'any sign of unjust discrimination,'" Grillini said. "The everyday real conduct of the hierarchy and of those Catholics involved in politics—the center-right above all—gives lie to these assertions. ... The real offense is the homophobia and the anti-gay prejudice which is fuelled by the Vatican hierarchy."

In Spain, meanwhile, about 50,000 people turned out for Madrid's pride parade July 1. In Barcelona, about 10,000 people marched from University Plaza to Sant Jaume Plaza. They carried signs denouncing the ruling People's Party and the Pope.

GIELGUD GAVE TO GAY GROUP

The late gay actor Sir John Gielgud, who was not fully out of the closet, was a secret donor to Britain's largest gay lobby group, Stonewall, according to gay actor Sir Ian McKellen.

Gielgud died in May at age 96. Writing on his personal Web site, McKellen revealed: "Privately Sir John sent regular contributions to Stonewall. ... I had asked him to allow Stonewall to publish the fact that he was a benefactor. He replied: 'No, no, no, no.'"

McKellen added, "What a pity that he couldn't accept his honoured position as one of the most distinguished gay men who contributed so much to world theatre and, of late, to the film industry."

ISRAEL ALLOWS GAY PARTNERS TO IMMIGRATE

Israel has quietly begun allowing gay citizens' foreign lovers to immigrate.

At a recent meeting of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, the Interior Ministry's Batya Carmon said immigration officials now treat same-sex couples the same as common-law spouses.

A foreign partner must present a request at the district office of the Interior Ministry along with proof of the relationship. The individual will receive a one-year tourist permit that allows employment. After four years (during which the tourist permit is renewed annually), the individual can request temporary resident status. Several years later, he or she can seek permanent residency and, eventually, apply for citizenship.

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE TARGET ANTI-GAY CRIME

The South African Police Service and the National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality are teaming up to combat crime against gays in Johannesburg's Zoo Lake and Amarentia Dam cruising areas.

Police will increase patrols at the locations and work with park officials to install new lighting. The NCGLE will launch a Pink Panther community-policing unit composed of gays, lesbians and men who have sex with men.

The gay paper *Exit* called the plans "one of the most positive examples of the spirit and freedom of the new South Africa."

NCGLE Director Carrie Shelper noted: "Ten years ago police arrested men for having sex with men. Now, in the new South Africa, the police have approached us to offer their protection. ... It is a significant step forward in the realization of lesbian and gay rights ... when law enforcers step forward to voice their concerns about the attacks on a particular community."

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Goings On

Catechism to benefit Catholic Services July 14

The July 14 performance of *Late Night Catechism* at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts will be a benefit performance for the HIV Center for Hope, a new program of Catholic Social Services in Phoenix. The cost for tickets to the 8:00 p.m. show is \$60 per person and seating is limited. Call 602/277-9551 for information.

Men's chorale offers free concert July 16

The Grand Canyon Men's Chorale will present its first Quadrennial Pre-GALA Mini-Concert on Sunday, July 16. This is the only opportunity for Phoenix music lovers to hear the numbers which GCMC will sing at the GALA 2000 Festival in San Jose, CA the following week.

The Mini-Concert will be presented in Womack Hall at Central United Methodist Church, 1875 N. Central at Palm Lane; 3 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2000. Admission is free. Donations will be gladly accepted. Parking is on the east side of the church. The entrance to Womack Hall is from the covered walkway on the north side.

PFLAG meets July 17

The Phoenix Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays will hold its regular monthly support group meeting on Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Palo Christi Presbyterian Church at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley.

LifeGuard party July 18

A Luau-inspired theme party will be held at Harley's Club 155 on Tuesday, July

18 at 10:00 p.m. to benefit Project LifeGuard.

The Dating Game for gay and bisexual men will be part of this event, which also includes drink specials for people dressed in Hawaiian gear. There will be prizes and contests, along with the popular Male Box activity that is always a part of LifeGuard's bar parties. This event is co-sponsored by Interactive Male.

Annual campout July 19

It's time for the Community Church of Hope's annual summer campout in the Fort Tuthill Group Campgrounds just outside Flagstaff off I-17. The trip will last from July 19 through July 23 and campers are welcome to take part for all of the nights or any portion thereof.

Call 602/212-0947 for information, costs and suggestions as to what you should bring.

Artie's memorial benefit July 26

Longtime community leader and volunteer Artie Michaelis, who died earlier this year, will be remembered in honor of his "69th Birthday" with a fund-raising bash to benefit Joshua Tree Feeding Program at Charlie's on Wednesday, July 26 at Charlie's at 10:00 p.m.

There will be drink specials and a show hosted by Barbra Seville. Patrons are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for Joshua Tree. Call 602/265-6093 for information.

Eat out to battle AIDS July 25

The fourth annual Valley-wide

"Dining Out for Life" fundraiser to help fight AIDS will be held on Tuesday, July 25. This benefit is sponsored by AIDS Project Arizona, and will include a number of local ethnic restaurants, fancy restaurants, coffee shops, bistros, and

News & Events of Interest to the Phoenix Queer Community

"We have participated for the last three years," Pookie's co-owner John (JT) Totura said. "To be serious about it, four of my closest friends and business associates have died from AIDS, and we feel that it is an obligation to help this cause as best we can."

You can help, too, by planning to eat out that Tuesday night on behalf of this worthy cause. For information, call 602/253-2437, and check page 19 in this issue of *HeatStroke* for an ad with the complete list of participating eateries. Malee's on Main and Punky's Corner—two other venues advertising regularly to the GLBT community via this publication—are taking part as well.



The staff of Pookie's Cafe looks forward to this year's "Dining Out for Life" fundraiser for AIDS Project Arizona.

cafes all stepping up to donate from 25 to 100 percent of their days' sales to the program.

Last year's big news was the full participation of Durant's, which took in nearly \$200,000 earmarked specifically for APAZ's Camp Hakuna Matata program for children. The 50-yr-old downtown steakhouse underwent a management change and declined participation this year, so organizers have lined up a bevy of new eat spots and gotten bigger pledges from some other favorites in hopes of making up the difference.

Five restaurants are donating 100 percent of the day's take. They are Barmouche, Bravo! Bistro, Acme Roadhouse, Ball Park Pub and Minsky's. Five other restaurants are jumping into the event in the 50 percent category, including Beefeaters, Coronado Cafe, Hollywood Alley, Jalapeno Joe's and the gay community's own Pookie's Cafe.

Stonewall Dems in Palm Springs, Aug. 10-12.

The National Stonewall Democratic Federation will hold its 2000 National Convention Aug. 10 through Aug. 12 at the Marquis Resort in Palm Springs, California.

Scheduled just prior to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, National Stonewall Convention 2000 will bring together gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Democrats from across the country. Out U.S. Reps. Barney Frank and Tammy Baldwin are planning to attend.

The conference includes sessions and workshops, a hosted welcome reception and late-night party on Thursday night, and a gala dinner on Friday evening hosted by comedian/writer Bruce Vilanch. The cost is \$185 if registrations are received by July 15; \$225 by Aug. 1; or

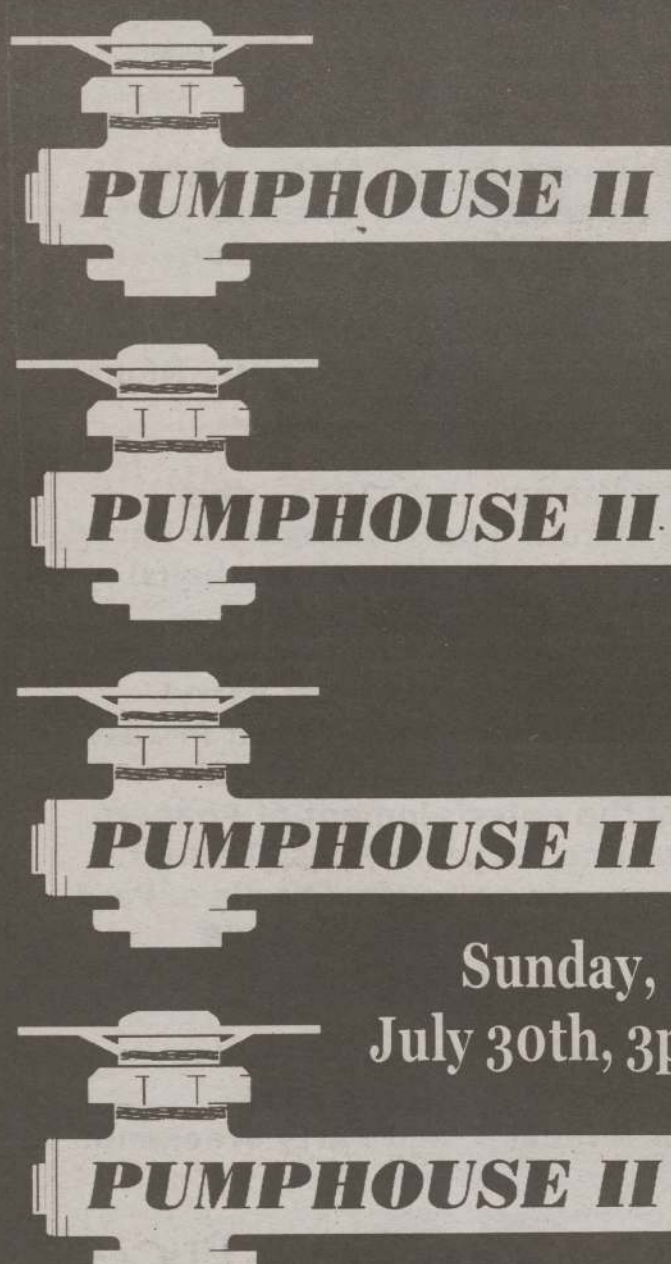
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Same time, new place

The Same Time/Same Place women's breakfast club is no longer at the same place, because Coffee Talk, the group's usual meeting location in downtown Mesa, is no longer open on Sunday mornings. To find out where the gang be gathering from now on, call Robin at 623/848-0083. The time will be the same: 10:00 a.m.

DA plans summer fun

The Desert Adventures outdoor social organization is celebrating 20 years in the Phoenix area's gay community, and membership is at its highest-ever level. The club plans a number of events year-round encouraging gay men and lesbians to interact and have fun while taking part in numerous group events and activities.

On July 16, DA will host a BBQ at Charlie's. Over the weekend of July 21 - 23, there will be a group excursion to San Diego for that city's popular Gay Pride Parade and Festival. Then, during the weekend of July 28 - 30, DA will host another of its popular weekend campouts, this time at White Horse Lake.

For information on any of these activities, or to join Desert Adventures, call 602/266-CAMP.

Team AZ News

Team Arizona is the Valley's all-vol-

unteer organization for gay and lesbian athletes and sport/game enthusiasts, and is a big supporter of individuals planning to attend the Gay Games in Sydney in 2002. This growing group has a number of activities planned for the summer months.

The Team Arizona sport of the month for August is swimming. All persons interested in getting together on Saturday, Aug. 26 for an informal swim event should call the hotline at 602/408-4311.

On July 29, the group will host a pool tournament at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Rd. in Phoenix. This Saturday afternoon event will last from 4 - 7:00 p.m.

The Team AZ tennis players are meeting every Friday from 7 - 9:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Tennis Center, and again on Sundays. Call the hotline for details.

A Tucson Volleyball club plays every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at Woody's sports bar, and the Frontrunners and Frontwalkers groups are meeting several times per week, including Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in Papago Park. The Delta Flyers Mountain Biking club is also always looking for new bikers who'd like to ride with gay and lesbian friends in a friendly atmosphere.

Call 602/408-4311 for information about joining Team Arizona and getting the group's monthly newsletter.

APAZ offers free programs, support

AIDS Project Arizona's Being Alive program began a new series of Face to Face workshops on July 10. The meetings take place at the APAZ offices, 1427 N. 3rd St. in Phoenix, from 6 - 8:00 p.m. every Monday. Facilitator is Mary Lou Weyer. Call 602/253-2437 to register.

There are anonymous drop-in family support group sessions held Wednesdays from 1 - 2:30 p.m., also at APAZ offices

under the direction of Mary Lou Weyer. This support group is for infected or affected families and family members, both traditional and nontraditional.

On Wednesday, July 19 at 6:00 p.m., Family Support Services will hold its monthly Family Gathering. This month the session will explore depression as it relates to living with HIV and how depression affects family communication.

For information about these and other programs, or to volunteer at APAZ, call 602/253-2437.

Center's Comedy Night set for Aug. 26

The Community Center's biggest summer fundraiser, *A Night of Comedy*, will bring three top gay and lesbian comics to the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix for a special Saturday night of all-out laughter on August 26.

Eddie Safarty, Michele Balan and Kit Stewart will fill the bill for the 7:03 p.m. show, and tickets go on sale July 22 for \$10-\$24. Last year's event drew more than 900 people; with proceeds going to benefit the Center's programs and services. Call 602/265-7283 for information.

GCMC: auditions in August

The Grand Canyon Men's Chorale will hold auditions for the fall season on Tuesday evening, August 29 at the First United Methodist Church located at Central Ave. and Missouri in central Phoenix.

For more information and to be scheduled for an audition time, contact Rick at 602/266-4987 or BassoProfundo@liinkii.com. Rehearsals will begin the following Tuesday, September 5.

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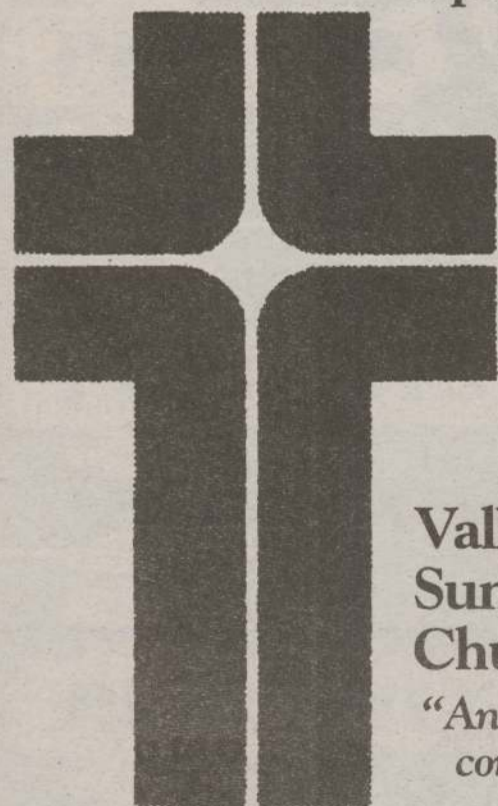
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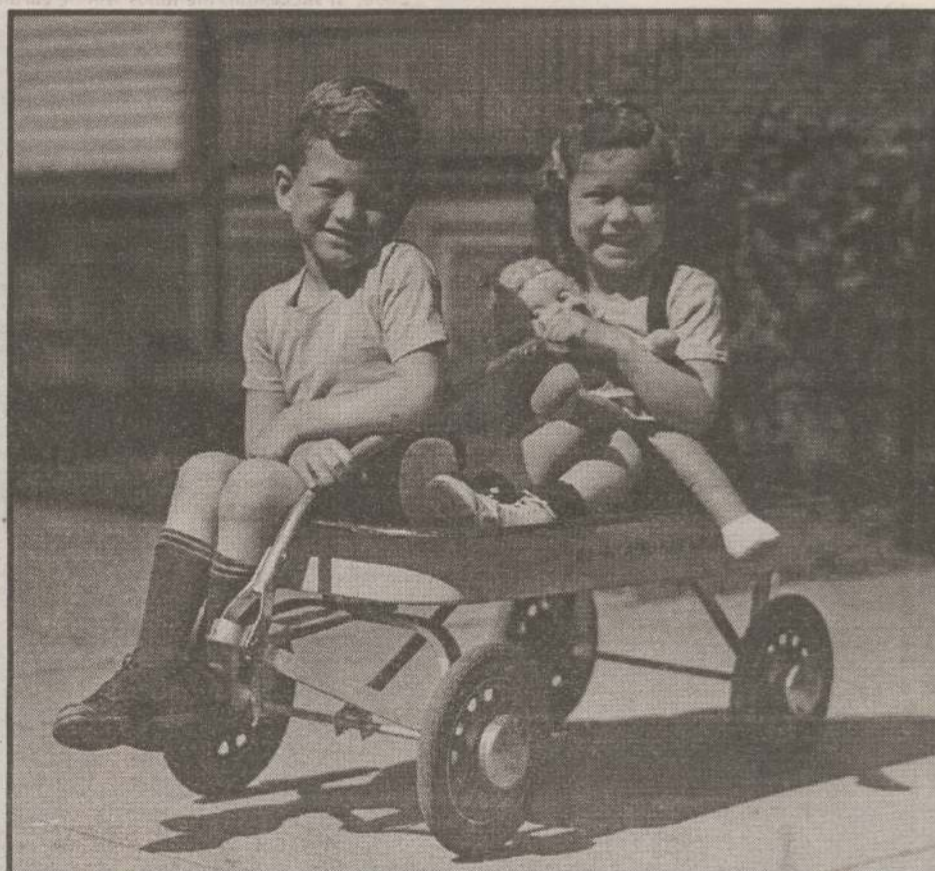
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AHRF Challenge Grant

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The right to marry, he says, should not be the first goal of AHRF, but "I think it's an end goal. Because that becomes part of what you are working toward when you are talking about us having the same rights as the general population."

Lewis is not as specific about what he would like to see AHRF accomplish with the \$200,000, should this challenge drive reach that goal. What needs to happen first, he says, is for the organization to hire a dynamic E.D. that can be "a player on the national scene."

As one of two founding members of AHRF still on the board, the organization is close to Lewis' heart and he has seen it grow immeasurably in influence and reputation in the last decade. "I think other candidates have seen how much money we have raised for Steve May, for example, and a lot of people are paying attention to the gay community now who weren't before."

Hiring an executive director, he says, will be crucial to AHRF's continued growth. The board will conduct a national search for the right candidate, he explained, and will issue the hiree the additional challenge of bringing in the funds necessary to raise his or her own salary within two years.

Some of the challenge-grant money will go toward education as well. "That's part of the (C) (3) [nonprofit] portion of the organization," Lewis says, explaining that AHRF is divided into separate areas that affect its fundraising abilities. "The money can be earmarked for educating campaign managers, candidates, and also for educating the public. Like letting people know how to get involved in the electoral process, registering to vote and how they can represent their districts. Education is the key, and so is getting younger people involved."

Lewis' own political-action education has been a lifelong process that he easily traces to childhood. His parents, Delbert and Jewell Lewis, have long been active in various public causes and their own philanthropy is well known to political movers and shakers—both Democrat and Republican—in the Valley.

His mother's father, Earnest "Mac" McFarland, served a stint as Arizona Governor and was also a U.S. senator. During the Truman administration, Mac was the Senate Majority Leader.

Underwood has also gotten involved in numerous causes and has been quite active within the Democratic party. In the early '90s he was elected Chair of the Democratic Party in District 26 and may well have been the state's first openly gay district chair.

Lewis' family supports the AIDS- and gay equality-related causes that he and his partner have undertaken over the years. He's never hidden his homosexuality from them and says he has watched his father's acceptance level, in particular,

as it has changed over time.

Bill Lewis, along with his two sisters and two brothers, was raised not in the city of Phoenix, but in the farming community of Coolidge. He retains a small-town attitude in spite of his family's clout and financial history. His affluence may be evident in his home, friends say, but it's never been evident in his personality.

"A lot of people in his position would live their lives a whole lot differently," AHRF board member Jayne Goldstein says. She admires Lewis and Underwood, she says, because they give of their time in addition to giving money to community causes. Goldstein and Lewis are both

it isn't likely to be in the broadcasting arena.

In the meantime, he and Underwood take advantage of Underwood's industry discounts by discovering as much of the world together as possible. Underwood left Intel in the early '90s to apprentice as a travel agent and later owned his own company, Select Travel. He sold the business last year and is happier, he says, working for someone else.

"People have actually asked me why I'm still working [following the sale of Channel 3] when I could be home lounging in the pool or something, which I find really insulting," Underwood says.

He's working because he likes to work, and because he and Lewis like to travel. In the last year, they have—separately or as a couple—been to Europe,

with being a cover-story subject and it's clear he means it. It doesn't seem to have occurred to either of them that their \$100,000 challenge would generate publicity, but if more contributions come with the publicity, they'll take it.

"There have been some wonderful people who have come forward with thousand-dollar checks and even five thousand-dollar checks," Underwood says.

"And even tons and tons of \$100 checks," Lewis adds, "which mean just as much in the overall picture."

Underwood points out that they aren't even asking for the cash at this stage of the drive, only for pledges, and that it's possible to give in monthly installments as well.

They report that \$30,000 has already been raised in cash and pledges, with several weeks to go before the Coming Out Day deadline.

The motivation behind the challenge is really simple, Lewis says. "We are doing it because we can. It's like, if we don't do it, who will?"

In the last year in particular, he explains, AHRF has "reached a new level". This fundraising challenge, he says, "Will help take it to the next level."

If the greeting card on the counter is any indication, then this gay couple is as generous with one another as they've proven themselves to be on behalf of the rest of us when it comes to equal rights. It's also evident that it's their commitment to their own 17-year relationship, and not their flush financial situation,

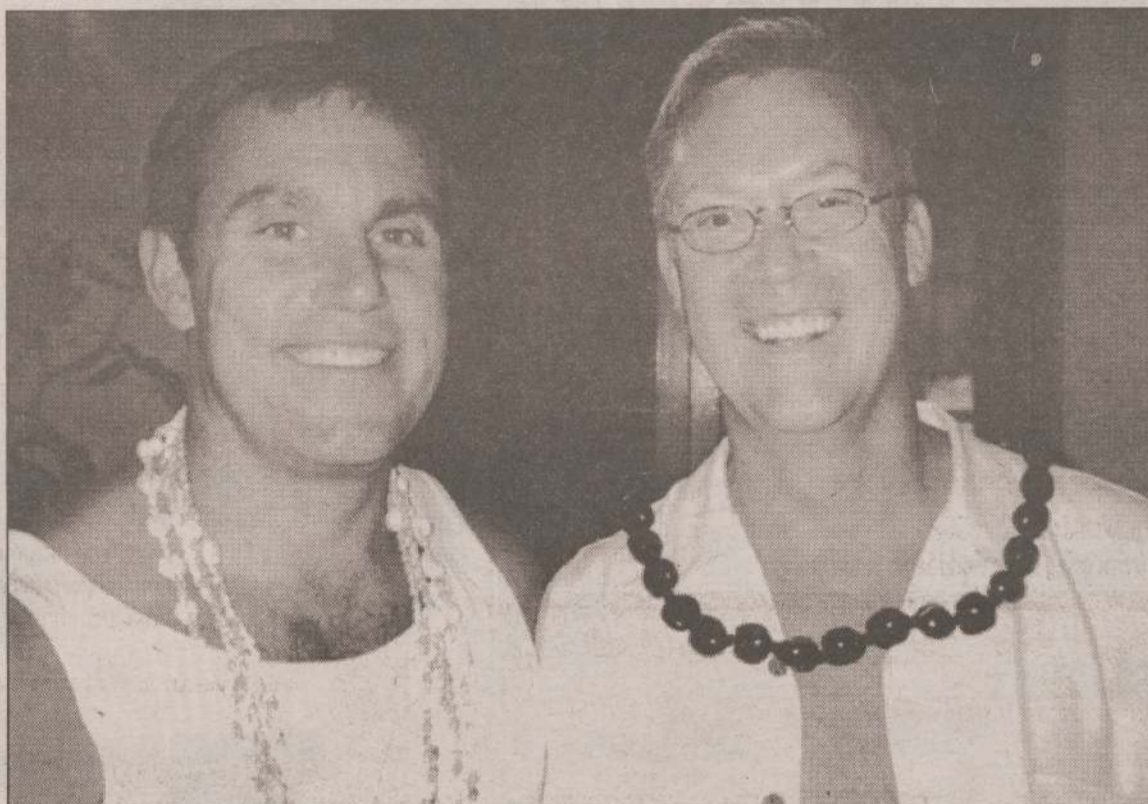
that influences their unending commitment to the community they so rigorously support.

"I love watching Bill work," Goldstein says of her fellow board member, "because he gets in there and stuffs envelopes, and licks stamps, and does all kinds of dirty work that he doesn't have to do, and that a lot of other people—I think maybe most people—in his position wouldn't do."

She adds, "He's a real worker—he and Rick both are—and you can't help but admire them for that."



If you'd like to join Bill Lewis and Rick Underwood's effort, contact the Arizona Human Rights Fund at 602/650-0900. All proceeds from this fundraising drive will be allocated to the recently implemented AHRF 501 C (3) Educational Foundation. The Matching Contribution offer ends Oct. 11, 2000.



Bill Lewis (l) and partner Rick Underwood have pledged \$100,000 to the Arizona Human Rights Fund in the form of a challenge grant. To receive the proceeds of this grant, AHRF must raise an additional \$100,000 before October 11, 2000. If successful, the funds will be earmarked to hire a full-time executive director for the advocacy group.

national board members of the Washington, D.C.-based Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund.

"It's amazing that [gay advocacy] has become his whole life," Goldstein says. "And this grant is so unbelievably generous. These are people who put their money where their mouth is."

Lewis admits that, for now, he is content to work solely on the political boards and advocacy issues he is involved in. He has no other career plans in the foreseeable future. "This is really my work right now, AHRF and the Victory Fund," he relates. "It's like a full time job, and I consider it to be my job."

He gets out of bed every day at 6:30, works out and then spends hours either on the phone or at the computer, and additional time traveling to and from numerous meetings both in and out of state. When—and if—he is ready to jump back into the for-profit workplace, he says

Costa Rica, Morocco, subequatorial Africa, and all over the U.S. They own a weekend getaway in Prescott and are planning a cruise from Barcelona to Lisbon in September. If worldwide travel can be considered an indulgence, it's pretty much their only one.

"Bill and Rick are both so unpretentious, and that really impresses me," Goldstein says. "If you just met Bill, you wouldn't know he had money. For a long time after I met him, I didn't know." And that, she says tells you something about the kind of man he is.

MacDonald agrees with that assessment. "Bill comes from a background where his father and his grandfather instilled in him not only the value of money, but the value of hard work," he says. "He has a very strong work ethic. He and Rick are both very sincere and wonderful people."

Lewis says that he's uncomfortable

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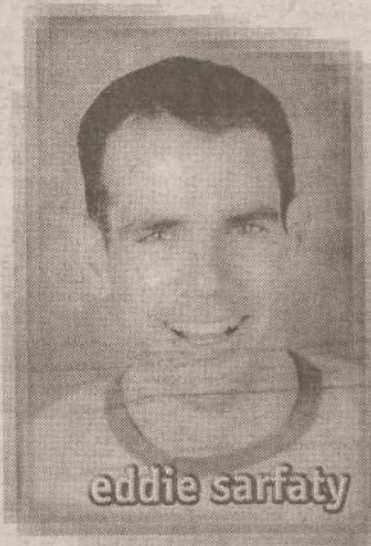
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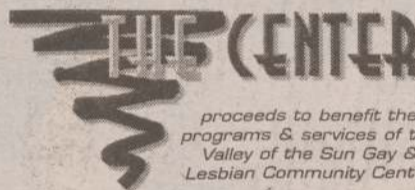
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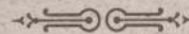
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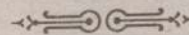
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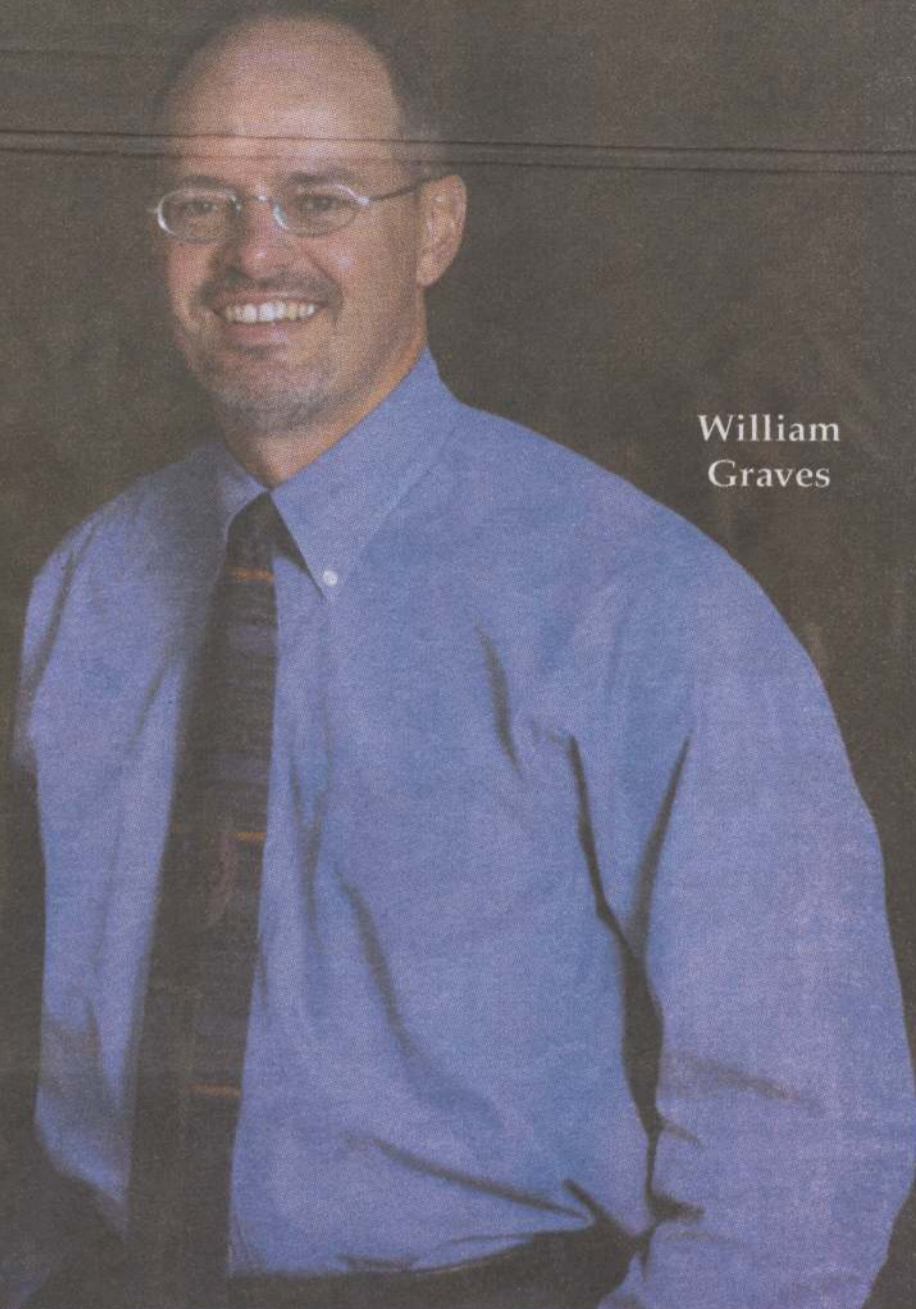
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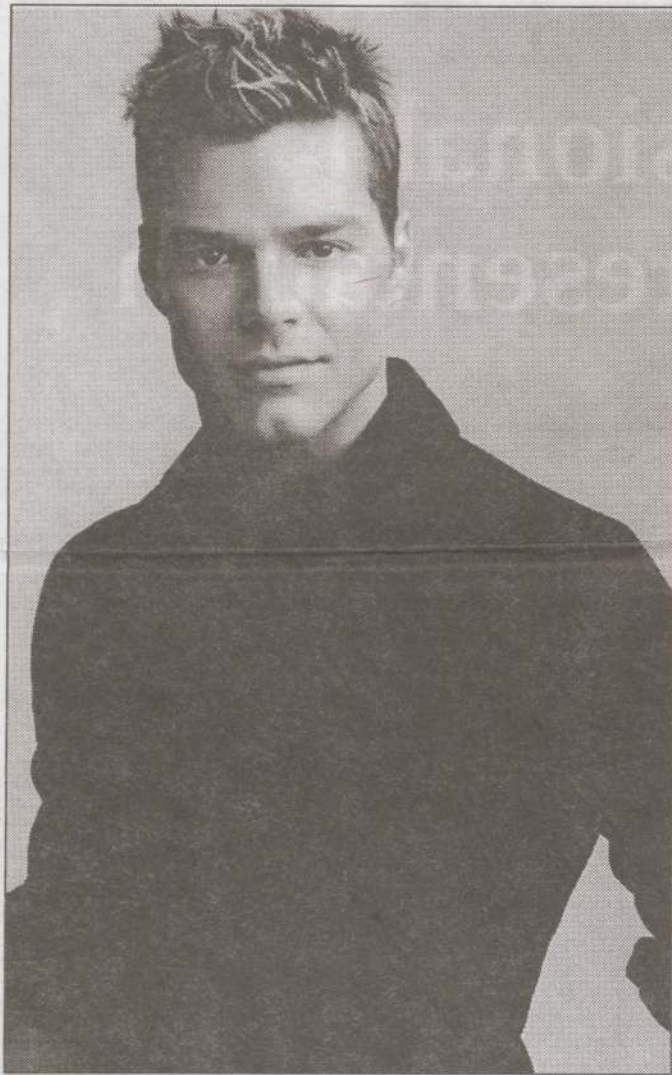
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Korn & Kid & More July 16

It's called the Summer Sanitarium Tour and it hits the Valley on Sunday, July 16 at Desert Sky Pavilion. The program features Metallica, Korn, Kid Rock, Powerman 5000 and System of A Down.

Tickets are \$67 and available by calling 480/784-4444 or through ticketmaster.com.



Busch revealed at Planet Earth

The work of queer camp satirist Charles Busch has seen a resurgence in the Valley this season, thanks to Planet Earth Theater, under the direction of Artistic Director Greg London.

Last winter, the troupe mounted Busch's venerable *Psycho Beach Party* (soon to be a not-so-major motion pic-

ture), and the enthusiastic troupe's current offering is Busch's *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* starring Neil Cohen and Jim Asimenios.

The horror/drag/comic classic runs weekends through July 28 at Planet Earth. Call 602/256-0733 for tickets.

Dwarves & Cowboys kick off Phoenix Theatre's New Works fest

Phoenix Theatre's 3rd Annual New Works Festival will run July 21 through August 12 with staged readings of four plays, starting with Jack Heifner's new black comedy *Dwarf Tossing and Other Shorts* on July 21 and 22.

Heifner's play will be followed by Michael "When Pigs Fly" Barnard's new cowboy musical, *Banded* on July 28 and 29. Barnard will direct the piece, which was conceived by him with music and lyrics by Brett Simmons and Carolyn Gardner and a book by Jason Milligan and Carolyn Gardner.

Brock Norman's newly revised drama *Here Is Monster* will be presented August 4 and 5, followed by Richard Warren's *Snap* August 11 and 12.

Warren will again serve as the festival's resident playwright and co-producer and director/actor Mark DeMichele is back as resident director and co-producer. The staged readings offer audiences a chance to see works that are in development and to offer input to the creative process by participating in post-reading discussions with the actors, directors and playwrights.

All readings will be performed at Phoenix Theatre's Little Theatre on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. A donation of \$5 is requested for each reading. The theater is located at 100 E. McDowell Rd. in central Phoenix. Call 602/254-2151 for information.

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Pridefest singer Mark Weigle releases new CD, *All That Matters*

By John Thomas Lotardo, Contributor

Let's set the queer record straight. Aptly titled *All That Matters*, the second CD from GLAMA-nominated singer/songwriter Mark Weigle is fabulous.

Weigle (pronounced why-ghl), who entertained thousands locally at the Phoenix 2000 Gay Pride Festival in April, continues to trigger comparisons to such artists as James Taylor and Jackson Browne because of his laid-back, down-home manner.

There's more to him than that, Weigle

into his selection of songs. The message he is sending is queerforward humanity.

Weigle admits, "I am a slave to the truth. I definitely like to have a dynamic mix of upbeat and slow, happy and sad. I think it's wrong to only be happy and upbeat because that does not reflect the reality of life. People sometimes say, 'Oh, I cried listening to your CD'. Most people welcome that. But some people say it's a downer. You can't be happy all the time. My CD's are the ones that are mixed up."

His songs, rather than being considered

merely happy or sad, are more accurately described as heartfelt. "I try to tell either a unique story or a unique slant. With basic love songs—how much more can you say about love that hasn't already been said? But you can find a twist on a relationship song. For example, like my song about my being hearing and my ex-boyfriend being deaf, and the irony of me being so much into music and him not being able to hear music." The song he refers to is entitled "When I See You Say" and is on his first CD.

His knack of finding that unique slant to a story follows him onto this new collection as well. Many of the songs tell a story or paint a picture for the listener. You find yourself imagining it unfolding each time you listen.

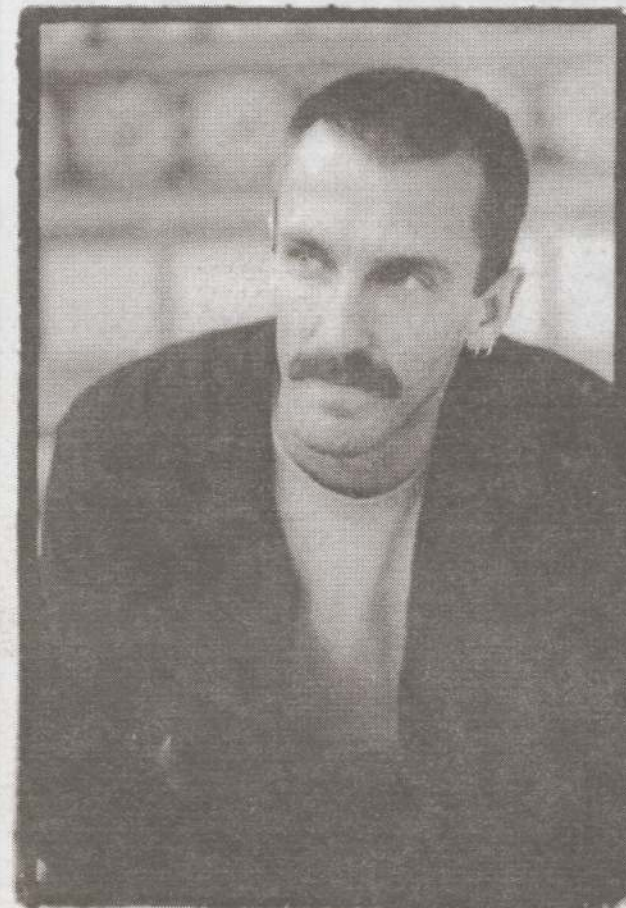
The first cut, "A Good Day", is filled with cheerful enthusiasm, a warm introduction to the entire CD.

Weigle, chuckling when he describes how the song came to be, says the tune was "something I was humming on a nice 'morning after.' Hopping down the steps on a sunny day after a night of romance the night before."

He admits that it is a little mischievous. "I like that it is a little sexy. On the first CD, the first song, 'If You Grew Up There', is about my hometown where I grew up. The second song on that CD, 'OZ', is real gay and as campy as I get. On this one, I wanted to start off with something that it made it really clear from the get-go that some of this is going to be gay."

One of the more poignant songs on the disc is the title track, "All That Matters". "I'm really proud of that song. It expresses a lot of things that I've wanted to express," he explains. Weigle continues, "it a song about an older gentleman who just lost his partner of many years. They have been closeted. He is giving the eulogy at his partner's funeral and is looking back to when his lover left for World War II. One element I like is that 'we' went off to war too. And our partners waited for us just like all the women in the movies did." This song is great stuff.

Weigle does not shy from songs that are erotic. Another song, "John", describes a bookstore interlude between two strangers. One type of song he feels he has not yet written is a political one. As he sees it, "in my mind I have never written a political song. If people want to take the fact that I am gay or the fact that I am writing songs about being gay and make that political after it leaves me then that's is up to them. When we wake in the arms of another man, someone we love, I don't like to feel like that is a political act. That's just my life."



Gay troubadour Mark Weigle performed at Phoenix's Pride Celebration in April.

explained in a recent interview. He'd just returned to his Bay Area home from a candlelight memorial in the ethereal wine country of Napa/Sonoma.

He elaborated, stating that "the James Taylor/ Jackson Browne comparisons came from *Billboard Magazine*, and I was not going to complain. But that was more about the first CD which is a little more folksy. The new one, *All That Matters*, has a more upbeat, pop-folk element to it."

He continues, "That whole school of Taylor/Browne/Lightfoot of the '70s was the last time male singer-songwriters were really popular. The closest thing to it now are women like Sarah MacLachlan and Paula Cole. If you try to describe my musical style it is not quite country and it's a little more acoustic than most pop. So, you have to reach back to those James Taylor kind of guys to have a reference that people are familiar with."

Don't think his music is some dusty collection of cornfield tunes from the '70s, however. Weigle was nominated by the Gay and Lesbian American Music Awards (GLAMA) in 1999 for best Out Song ("If It Wasn't Love") and for Best Debut Artist. As he proved at the Phoenix festival, his music is accessible for today's audience. With his gay sensibilities and direct homoclectic storytelling, it is even easier for gay and lesbian listeners to embrace Weigle's music.

As he sees it, "the new CD is much more current sounding, much more contemporary." Especially on the college scene, it does not take audiences long to realize that he has something fresh to offer. "I work with a lot of colleges, and to them guys like James Taylor are dinosaurs," he admits with a laugh.

On the new CD, as with the first one, he remains close to his roots as a proud and out gay singer/songwriter. His music is original "life" music at its freshest. Weigle explains that his songs are about the experiences people have. Never meant to be angst-ridden nor bubble-gum pop, Weigle mixes the many experiences of life

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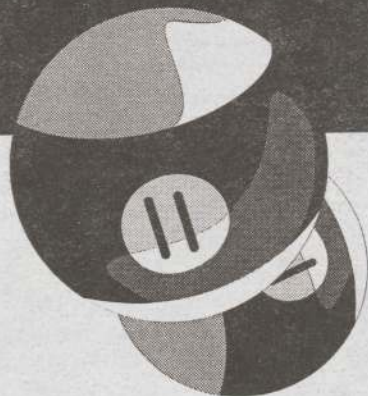
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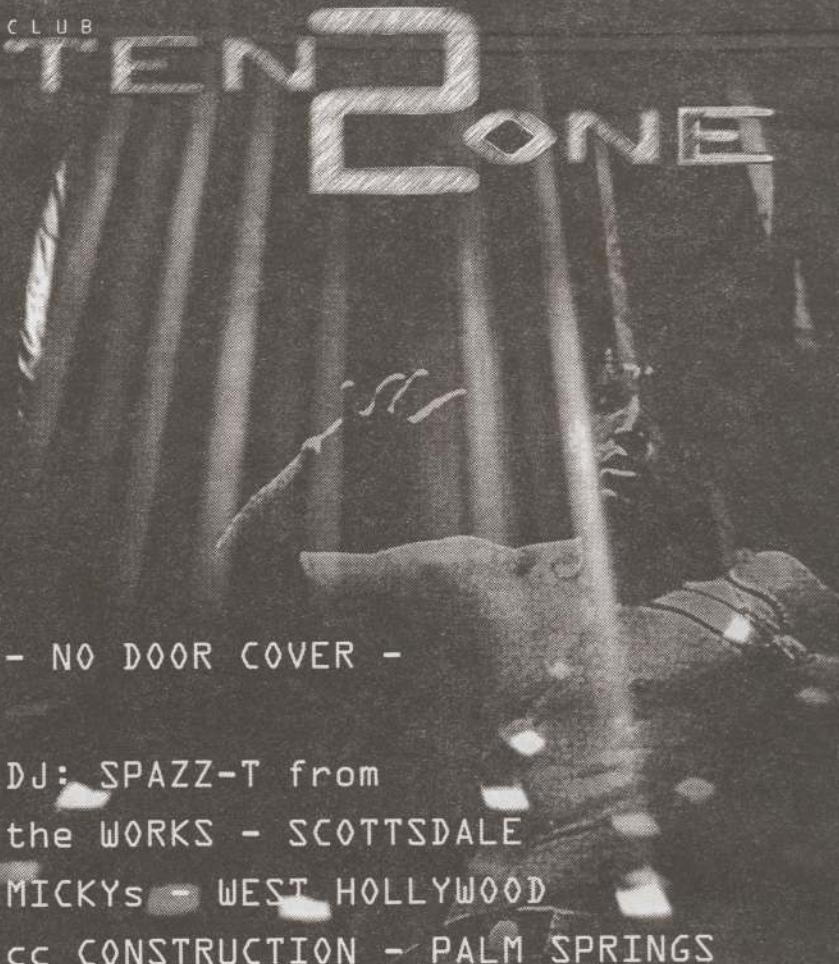
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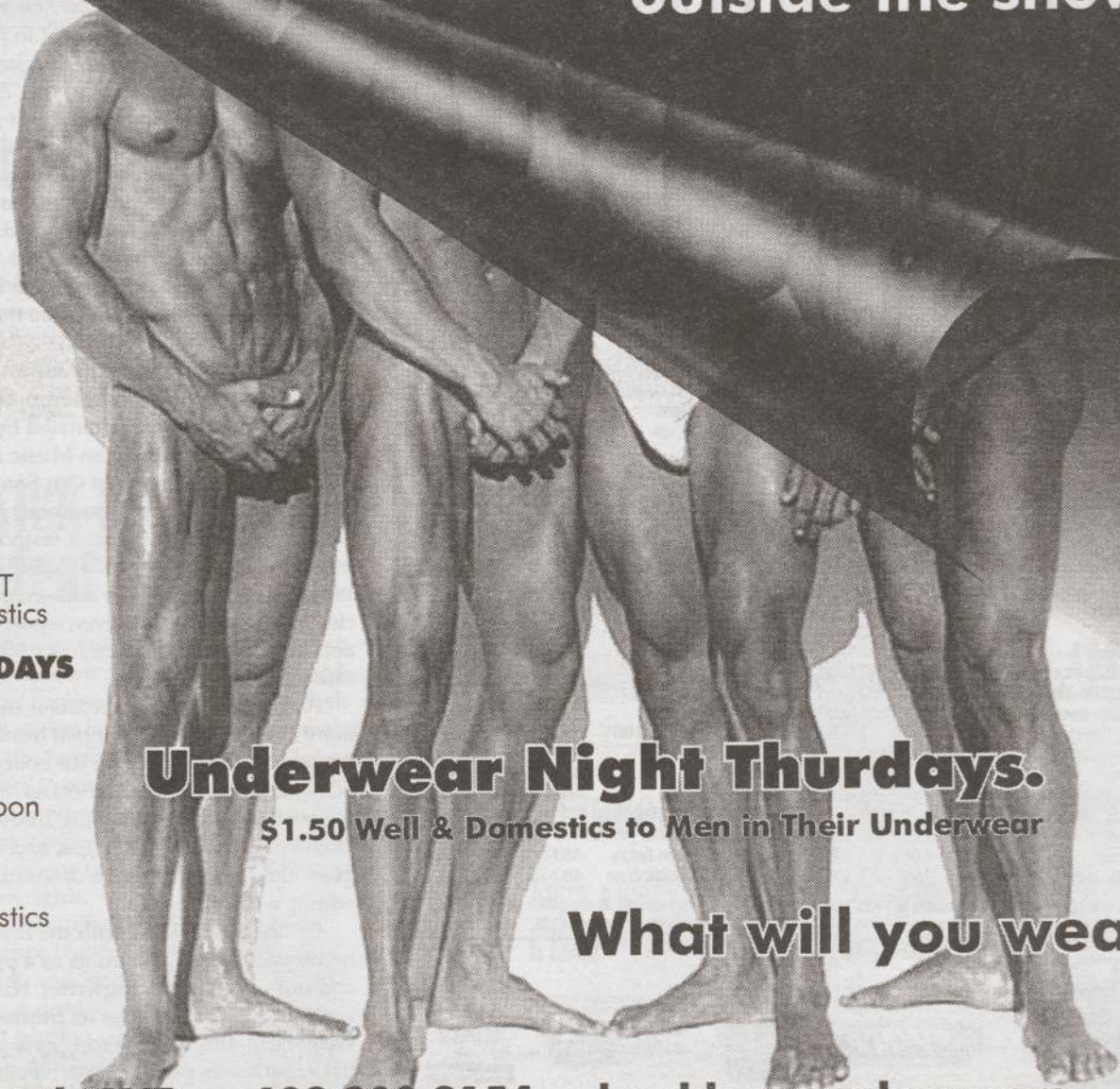
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SLOUCHING THROUGH Gomorrah

By MICHAEL ALVEAR

Lovin' El Chico Loco

Three words describe Ricky Martin: Oh. My. God.

His side-to-side double-arm waves explode into double-jointed hip checks, cueing the horns and letting all hell break loose beneath his waist. He pushes you over-the-top by hitting you under the belt—a pressure cooker blending testosterone, adrenaline and sweat into one punchy power-puckered high.

If Austin Powers put the Grrr in "Swinger", then Ricky Martin puts the ass in passion. He's got the buns for pop culture's beef and everyone wants a crack at it—teenage

girls, soccer moms, futbol fans, leather daddies, sugar daddies, twinkies, tweakers, Latinos, and oh yeah, straight white males.

Never has so much heat made so many rise.

What is it about Ricky that has our collective panties in a wad? You can understand teenage girls. And certainly their gender opposites—us. But even my mom loves him, for chrissakes. Cintra Wilson, *Salon's* meteor-flinging writer swears her husband watched El Ricky shake his groove thang and jumped to his feet, yelling "Okay! Okay! I'll fuck him!"

Yeah, well get in line, Mr. Wilson. It forms to the rear.

Martin is an uncanny sex symbol.

Normally parents are horrified by who their teenage girls wrap their hormones around. But in this case, the 'rents are as wet as their boarders. Martin-mania cuts across gender, orientation, age and national borders.

It's easy to see why. His jiggy wiggle is *Be to the Latin Bop*. He's a Rorschach test with canastas—you can read anything you want into his bump and grind.

When he asks "Do you really want it?" in his World Cup video "La Copa de la Vida," it's not entirely clear he's talking about soccer. When he waves his hands above his head in time with the staccato "Here...We...Go..." everyone hopes it's not an offensive attack he's thinking of mounting.

When we're not licking our chops over him, our tongues are wagging

about him. I've already had two friends swear, SWEAR, they have a friend who's slept with him. In the stampede to prove the all-important question—Is He or Isn't He?—America, gay and straight, betrays its provincialism.

Straight people think he's gay because he can dance, and gay people think he's gay because of the way he dances. He just may be gay, but you're wrong to look at his dancing for clues.

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Latin men move like Martin. Nobody thought he was gay until America noticed him.

Dancing with exuberance, with flair and drama is seen as fey in America. But look at Martin closely and you won't see girlie code in his dance DNA. You just think you do.

Martin's style doesn't come from dance queens or club boys, it comes from the heart of Latin culture—matadors and flamenco dancers. The high drama, the thrust-and-burst are vintage flamenco. The stylistic lunge and parry is pure bullfighting vernacular.

How feeble and thin is our experience, how dull and ignorant we are, that when we see Martin's spectacular moves, "gay" is the only category that comes up for us.

So is he or isn't he? I hope so. The road to equality will accelerate if America openly lusts for a man they know is gay.

I posed the question to my sister as we watched one of Kid Caliente's videos. She put it all in perspective. "Move," she waved me away. "You're blocking my view."



Michael Alvear writes occasional pieces for the *Advocate*, and is a contributing writer to *Salon Magazine* (he wrote the controversial cover story of AOL becoming the gay bathhouse of the internet). He is also a featured essayist for *Genre Magazine*. Write to Alvear in care of *HeatStroke*.



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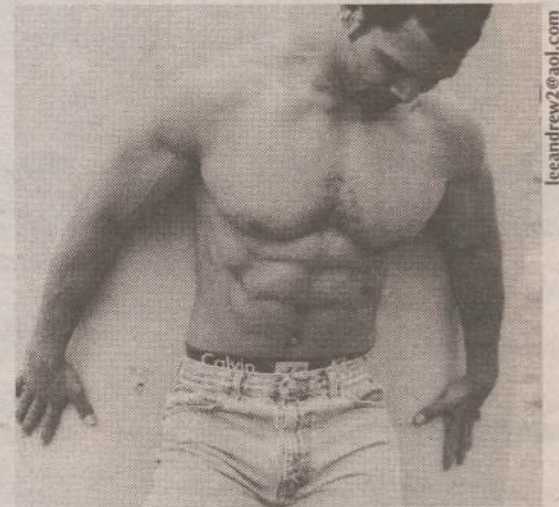
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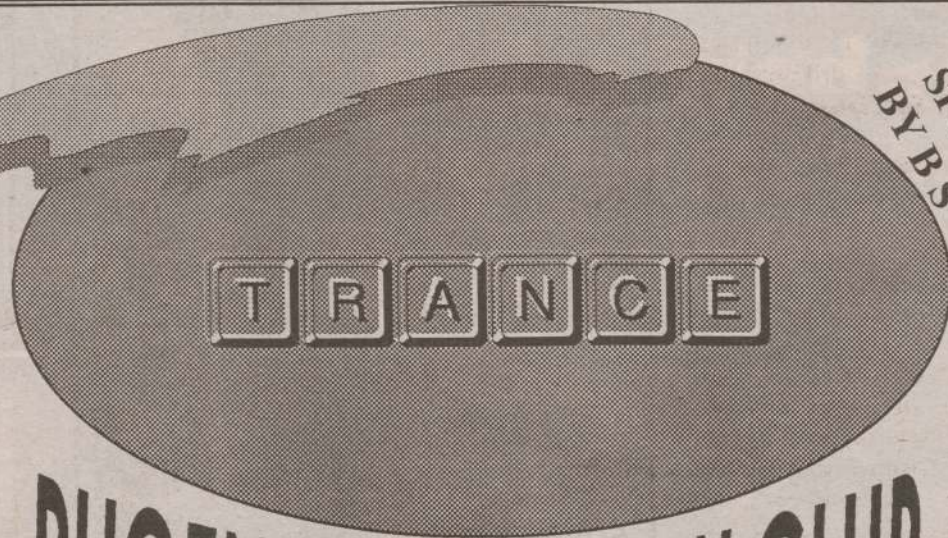
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"When I write I don't do anything except smoke pot, eat, drink and write. I become this completely hedonistic, bohemian, out-of-control, raging, abusive writer."

—Singer k.d. lang as quoted by Reuters, June 12.

"A combination of that [being openly lesbian] and my anti-meat stance has hurt me at radio [stations], because of advertisers. But, I think the heat's off me. Ellen [DeGeneres] and Anne [Heche] are bearing the brunt right now. I'm like, 'Go, girls, go,' and then I'm kind of free to do whatever I want. I certainly had a lot of pride in coming out, but I always saw it as a secondary thing to who I am or what I am. Maybe it does affect men more. Some men don't want to like or buy my music, maybe because they're afraid it says something about them. I don't know."

—Singer k.d. lang to the Los Angeles Times, June 11.

"I do resent very much that he took away Marilyn's song and gave it to Diana. Fickle son of a bitch."

—Author John Rechy on Elton John to Genre magazine, July issue.

"I probably have more sex with young men now that I did when I was younger, because either I can buy them now, which I couldn't afford when I was younger, or they're attracted to me because I'm a famous writer, which I wasn't when I was younger."

—Famed gay author Edmund White to Genre magazine, July issue.

"The gay scene is like a port in a storm where you dock for a while. As it's grown bigger and bolder, more body-oriented and looks-oriented, it's become more mercenary. I don't feel that it has much to offer me, but I try not to be too judgmental, because I do feel it has things to give to a younger generation. It's just sad

that it can't be a scene that can encompass more shapes and sizes."

—Singer Jimmy Somerville to the Advocate, June 20.

"Why, as adults, do transsexuals mutilate their bodies in order to make them conform to the fashionable version of the opposite sex and gender? That only reinforces oppressive stereotypes every bit as much as liposuction or a bimbo's boob job. If you're a man in a woman's body, then live androgynously if you're such a revolutionary. Don't conform."

—Advocate columnist Norah Vincent, June 20.

"I am astonished to be told by [Glasgow, Scotland, Catholic] Cardinal [Thomas] Winning that my sexuality is not good for me. He argues that homosexuality 'ensnares them in a lifestyle that can never respond to the deepest longings of the human heart'.

From what practical perspective does he form this point of view?

As a Cardinal and presumably a celibate and solitary individual, how can he possibly be in a position to judge? As a gay man I am perfectly happy with my sexuality and my life. I can honestly say that the deepest longings of my heart are satisfied."

—Sir Elton John in Britain's The Spectator, June 15.

"I don't look like anyone else on TV. I'm bald, and I have a beard—how often do you see that? And I think they like my theatrics—my devilish sense of fun."

—Christopher Lowell, the swishy host of the Discovery channel's home-decorating show, The Christopher Lowell Show, to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, June 14.

"Every day is my dream job. That I get acknowledged and respected and get to completely express myself in a marketplace where that's almost unheard of. The reward and the goal is what you get to do every single day."

—Actress and performer Sandra Bernhard to Cleveland's Gay People's Chronicle, June 9.

"I'm more of a person of the street. I don't live my life like a celebrity. I live my life as a person. I go shopping and I go to the dry cleaner. People see me in my neighborhood."

—Actress and performer Sandra Bernhard to Cleveland's Gay People's Chronicle, June 9.

"I've been openly gay as a comedienne since 1990. But it's like there is a 'pink ceiling,' if you've already been out. The gay community takes you totally for granted. On the other hand, if you are straight first, and then you get to be famous and then you come out, the gay community can't do enough for you."

—Comedienne Suzanne Westenhoefer to Cleveland's Gay People's Chronicle, June 9.

"I find her annoying, like a bee. Somebody swat her already."

—Comedienne Suzanne Westenhoefer on Dr. Laura Schlessinger to Cleveland's Gay People's Chronicle, June 9.

"Hundreds of my friends have died before their time [of AIDS]. The most profound effect it's had on me is that when I heard that someone had died from a heart attack it was almost like an elation. I was like, 'oh, okay.' Because you just got to the point where you couldn't take one more [death]. Couldn't take one more."

—Actress Whoopi Goldberg to the AIDS magazines A&U, June issue.

"They follow sports, wear flannel shirts, smoke, drink, belch and make crude jokes. Oh, one other thing. They're gay."

—Headline on an article about "regular guy" gays in the San Francisco Weekly, June 21. See www.regularguys.org.

"I always assumed I would be with an older writer—or a model. I mean, I'd been dating models! I didn't think I'd be going out with a punk rocker who was ten years younger! We've really just taken it a day at a time, and every day has been great."

—Singer k.d. lang on lover Leisha Hailey to the Advocate, June 20.

"I think if we call it 'marriage,' we're never going to get anywhere. I think that you're playing with something that is a tradition and an institution to a certain majority of people. Why go there? Create a new language, create a new tradition, then approach the government about tax rights and rights in hospitals. Instead of fitting into something

that's not ours, we have to build our own culture. We're historically an alternative and cryptic culture, and to me, that's one of the beautiful parts of being gay. Even though you may not want to live in the closet, it's about being discreet and being private and being a little more romantic."

—Singer k.d. lang to the Advocate, June 20.

"I hope some take it and roll down the top of their convertible and drive down PCH. I hope some people fall in love and boink to it. I hope some people cook Sunday breakfast to it. I hope that some people heal their heartbreak from it. I hope people feel love and hope when they listen to it. God, this sounds like a fucking Christian channel or something!"

—Singer k.d. lang on her new album, Invincible Summer, to the Advocate, June 20.

"We have vaginas and penises. We were biologically meant to give birth to more people. Not being able to relate normally to a member of the opposite sex is some kind of error. I do not see that as insulting at all. It is a statement of biological fact. ... Some people just don't want to hear the truth. ... I regret that my words were taken out of context, distorted and lied about so people were hurt from the lies. But that's not my action. Any time I was on the air, I had context, clarity and compassion. What is distilled out does not."

—Dr. Laura Schlessinger to Time magazine, June 24.

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Out of Town

By Andrew Collins



Seattle on a Bankroll

Seattle, a city where Birkenstocks, grunge, and coffeehouses thrive, and where locals have been known to trade in their BMWs for mountain bikes, has never been the sort of place where people spend money simply for the sake of spending money—conspicuous consumption is frowned upon.

Well, at least that's the prevailing sensibility. Check out Bill Gates' garish citadel overlooking the sparkling shores of Lake Washington, and you may decide otherwise. But for the most part, the goal of this city's dot-com millionaires and other well-heeled execs is to live, eat, and sleep well without necessarily flaunting it.

With that in mind, here's the scoop on how best to live it up in this bejeweled cultural hub of the Pacific Northwest, long a favorite vacation destination among lesbians and gay men.

The city abounds with lively diversions. First, there are the views; from nearly every elevated point in Seattle—and this is a hilly city—water is visible. Downtown, while studded with the usual blend of office towers, has great shopping, historic districts, and a couple museums. And you'll find numerous arts venues, plus acres of great hiking terrain, at the many parks around the city.

Among the hottest spots for window-shopping is Pacific Place, where Stars Bar & Dining (the local branch of Jeremiah Towers' famous restaurant in San Francisco) has opened, along with several other restaurants and numerous upscale shops—Cartier, Nicole Miller, Tiffany, and the flagship Nordstrom store—plus an 11-screen cinema with the ever-trendy loveseats.

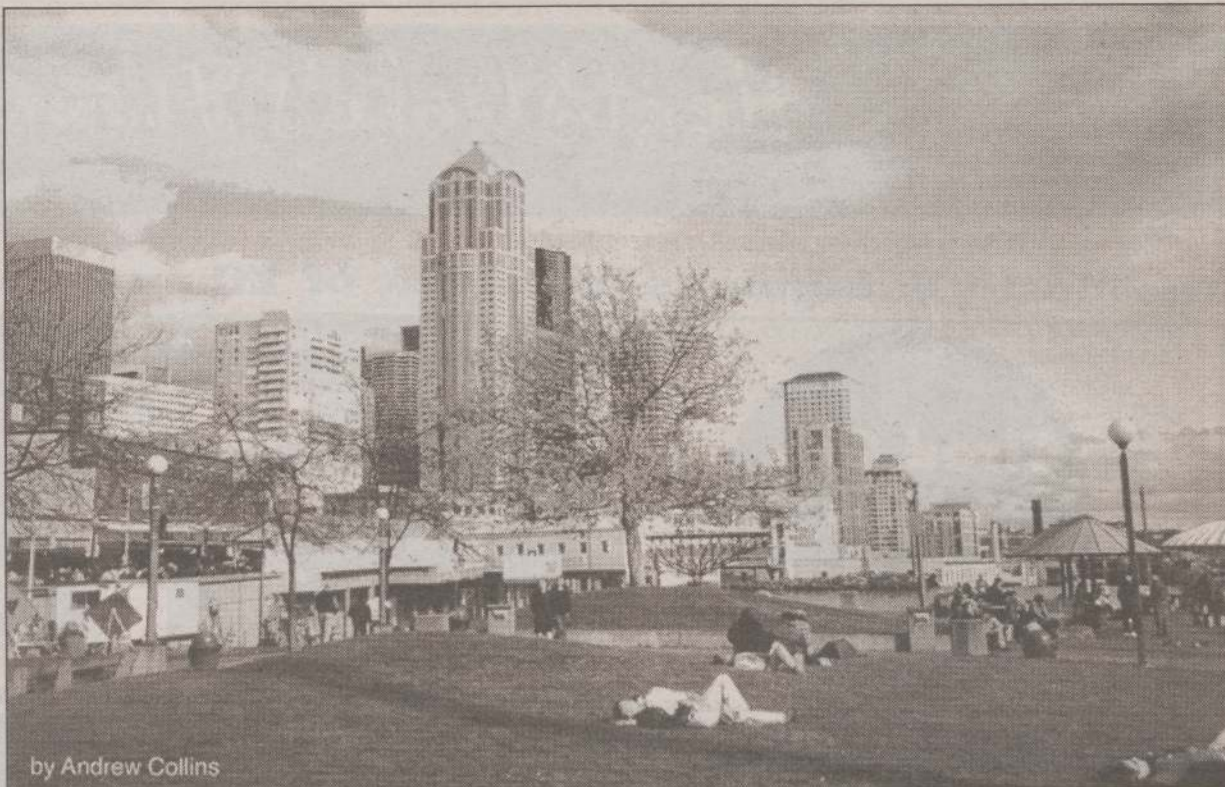
If sitcom icons Niles and Frasier Crane were real people, they'd no doubt browse for antiques and art south of downtown in historic Pioneer Square, which bustles with impressive art galleries and also contains the fine Pioneer Square Antique Mall, where you can shop among numerous dealers.

Foodies will also find some great eateries downtown. Very chi-chi but not overdone, Campagne is a terrific place to celebrate your long-term romance or kick off a new one. The country-French specialties (often game) include a starter of seafood sausage and a cinnamon-roasted quail in a carrot-and-orange sauce. Pan-

Asian Wild Ginger is on every critic's short list of top Seattle restaurants. Among the fine menu selections is yellowfin tuna wok-fried in a spicy Indonesian candlenut sauce with lemongrass and coconut flakes.

Dahlia Lounge, an early proponent of the region's creative Pacific Northwest cuisine, serves dazzlingly eclectic fare from a menu that changes often, as does its sister restaurant, the Palace. A retro-chic neon sign there may remind you of a '50s steak house, but the food is strictly au courant at revolutionary restaurateur Tom Douglas's popular venture, where same-sex couples are commonplace. There's always a special such as grilled goat cheese with curried sweet potatoes and coriander chutney, and the crab cakes always stand out here. The extensive menu of ultra-trendy Flying Fish, a contemporary fish house, lists small plates, large plates, and platters for sharing. Consider mussels with a chili-lime dipping sauce, smoked salmon cakes, tender Manila clams with sausage, or a big dish of crab ravioli with a lemongrass cream sauce—it's all fresh and well-prepared.

Brasa, a stunning Moorish-inspired space, blends Italian, Moroccan, Portuguese, and Spanish recipes to considerable acclaim. A cozy and romantic bistro north of Capitol Hill, gay-popular Cassis offers first-rate French fare—it's a neighborhood sleeper—that's a favorite of those in the know. If you're looking for guppies, yuppies, and lipstick lesbos, consider some of the swankier nightspots on Capitol Hill. Spintron is a glossy seductive spot with a cocktail bar to one side, copious lounge seating, black and gray tones, and a fun, upscale crowd. It's very female-friendly (and occupies the space of former lesbian club Easy), but you'll typically see more guys in here. The latest place to pose and look fashionable on Capitol Hill is Manray, a trendy-looking storefront with a slick, big-city ambience and a hip, well-coifed crowd. It, too, is more of a guy scene, but could any bar that serves something called a Martini Navratilova fail to attract the upscale lesbian set? A gay-friendly upscale lounge, Baltic Room has a big after-work following, with live piano many nights. Scenesters come to check out the enticing wine and beer lists and to smoke cigars. Upstairs there's a cozy bal-



by Andrew Collins

Beneath the clutch of modern skyscrapers standing guard of Seattle you'll find some of the West Coast's hippest boutique hotels, swankiest restaurants, and finest shops.

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Seattle has long had the usual deluxe chain hotels—the Four Seasons, Sheraton, et al—but far more appealing if you're looking for sumptuous-yet-hip accommodations are the several trendy boutique hotels that have opened downtown during the past decade.

Stars and dignitaries often stay at the Alexis Hotel, built in 1901 but decorated with postmodern flair. Many suites have wood-burning fireplaces and Jacuzzis, and all rooms are decorated with a mix of antiques and period pieces.

Consider two great properties operated by the gay-friendly San Francisco Kempton hotel group. The striking 1920s Vintage Park is intimate, elegant, and professionally managed—the concierge is one of the most knowledgeable in Seattle. Rooms have an abundance of windows, cherry-wood furniture and rich, dark fabrics; some have fireplaces.

Tulio's restaurant serves superb Italian fare, and there's complimentary wine-tasting each night in the lobby. Kempton also has a branch of its trendy Parisian-inspired Hotel Monaco just around the corner.

The dramatic, chateausque West Coast Paramount Hotel has stylish contemporary rooms with state-of-the-art amenities. Executive suites cost only a bit more than double rooms and have whirlpool tubs. The restaurant, Blowfish, is one of the hippest spots for pan-Asian fare around town. With the amenities and the ambience of a full-service luxury hotel, the gracious, modern, but very small Inn at Harbor Steps—by Pike Place—fills

an unusual gap among the city's lodging options. Rooms have plush carpeting, gas fire places, and a mix of contemporary and colonial-style pieces; several have double whirlpool tubs. The inn is at the base of a fancy apartment tower, however, so guests can use the building's well-stocked health club, two pools, and library, or have food delivered from the adjacent Wolfgang Puck Cafe.

Spend more than a couple days at this gay-friendly retreat, and you may just decide to buy a place in the building and live here happily ever after.



Andrew Collins authored *Fodor's Gay Guide to the USA*, as well as six gay guides covering the West Coast, New York City, South Florida, and Amsterdam. He can be reached in care of HeatStroke or at GayFodors@aol.com.

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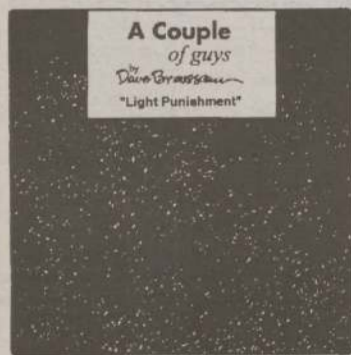


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Hollywood Deep Inside

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QUEER AS E!

Hal Sparks, former host of E! Entertainment Television's *Talk Soup*, is this close to signing as one of the lead characters in the American remake of the controversial gay-themed British television series *Queer as Folk*.

Showtime's version of *Queer* will center on two twenty-something male characters and the 17-year-old boyfriend of one of them. This isn't the first time hosting *Talk Soup* has led to a high profile job as a homosexual character—remember when Greg Kinnear got nominated for an Oscar for his work in *As Good As It Gets*?

Also committing to the *Queer* pilot is director Russell Mulcahy, who has directed the *Highlander* flicks, but is perhaps best-known for making the Duran Duran guys look hot in those '80s videos like "Hungry Like the Wolf."

MARKY MARK GOES APE-Y APE

The bear community has something to go ape about: Mark Wahlberg, the hunky star of *Boogie Nights* and *Perfect Storm*, has agreed to star in the remake of *The Planet of the Apes*.

Wahlberg will take over the role originally played by gun-toting actor Charlton

Betty DeGeneres, and others). The 30-second public service announcement has been distributed to every network affiliate and cable operator in the United States that uses such ads.

Having spent 10 years on the air with diminutive, fey husband "George" and having an interracial couple living upstairs, it's no surprise the gravel-voiced Weezie supports sexual diversity.

HWANG DOES CON OF THE CENTURY

MGM has just signed *M. Butterfly* playwright David Henry Hwang to write *Art Con of the Century* for the big screen as a vehicle for über-star (and geriatric papa-to-be) Michael Douglas.

The film will be based on Peter Landesman's 1999 investigative article about one of the biggest art-fraud scandals of the 20th century.

The story centers on John Drewe, a charismatic gentleman thief (Douglas) who teamed up with painter-slash-songwriter John Myatt in the '80s. Myatt had the ability to copy paintings by great artists that could fool art experts on a regular basis. The duo pulled the scam for nine years, getting some 200 forgeries into circulation, of which only 73 have been

in helping a section of the anthology production *Jokes*.

IT'S A GIRL-GIRL THING

Lesbians hot for saucy Aussie Elle MacPherson need to subscribe to Showtime as soon as possible!

The leggy supermodel-turned-actress has recently joined a cast of 16 other actors of the female variety for a four-hour miniseries entitled *It's a Girl Thing*, set to air on the cable network early next year.

Girl Thing will focus on the life of a woman who is connected to many other women through a therapist they all have in common. MacPherson will play a lesbian involved in a very physical relationship with blonde bombshell Kate Capshaw (a.k.a. Mrs. Steven Spielberg).

Other *Girl Thing* actresses include *The West Wing* star Allison Janney, Woody Allen's ex Mia Farrow, *Law & Order*'s S. Epatha Merkerson and the babe that rocked the cradle (and Tom Cruise in *Risky Business*), Rebecca DeMornay.

novel *Shockproof Sydney Skate* to the big screen.

Told from the point of view of a 17-year-old boy, *Shockproof* is a coming-of-age story about a young man who falls in love with a model before going off to college. But he's not the only one vying for the lovely mannequin's attention: his mother (a lesbian advertising executive who thinks her son is unaware of her sexual orientation), is also smitten with the girl.

Shockproof was first published in the early '70s and has been lingering in "development hell" for quite some time. With bigwigs Crowe and Goldie Hawn (as a producer) attached to the project, *Shockproof* may be finally gaining some steam. Let's hope the next draft of the screenplay convinces Ms. Hawn to try the lesbian thang—even if it's only on the big screen.

QUIRKY CASTING RUMORS

While every actor from Johnny Depp to Tom Cruise has been mentioned in conjunction with Philip Kaufman's upcoming *Liberace* biopic, the latest A-list

actor mentioned to be hungry for the role of the "confirmed bachelor" is Dustin Hoffman.

Hmmm... Hoffman did tickle the ivories with Warren Beatty back in '80s flop *Ishtar*, but I'd hate to think of how the *Rain Man* star looks in rhinestones.

New momma Sharon Stone has inked an über-deal to reprise her role as ice-pick-loving bisexual murder suspect Catherine Tramell in *Basic Instinct 2*. While Michael Douglas isn't expected to reprise his role in the sequel to the

1992 flick, Stone's rumored to be \$15 million payday should start a nice little college fund for her newly adopted son. *Basic Instinct 2* is expected to roll before cameras this fall.

Speaking of sequels, New Line has been itching to make one of *The Mask*. Since *Me, Myself, and Irene* star Jim Carrey isn't game to reprise his role, word on the street (and Internet) is that the studio is considering two-time Academy Award winner Kevin Spacey to fill out Carrey's mask. Wassup with that?

Romeo San Vicente knows a drag queen who bears a striking resemblance to Elle MacPherson. You can reach Romeo in care of HeatStroke or via e-mail at RomeoDeep@aol.com.



Former *Talk Soup* host, Hal Sparks, has signed to play one of the leads in the American version of the controversial British series *Queer as Folk*.

Heston in the updated version to be directed by *Mars Attacks!* veteran Tim Burton. The studio is keeping hush-hush about the film's plot, but we know that Wahlberg will play the lead—a pilot who finds himself in a strange simian-ruled culture where humans are slaves.

Planet is slated to start shooting this fall and is scheduled to open over the July 4th holiday next summer.

WEEZIE LOVES YOU

Isabel Sanford of *The Jeffersons* fame is starring in a "Choose to Understand" commercial for the Human Rights Campaign (along with Elliot Gould,

recovered.

NEW ROLES FOR SEVIGNY

Chloe Sevigny, Oscar-nominated for her co-starring role as Brandon Teena's girlfriend in *Boys Don't Cry*, has decided what to do next.

Sevigny is in negotiations to star in *Uprising*, a drama about the Jewish revolt in a Warsaw ghetto in 1943. The film is expected to go into production in Poland (and other Eastern European locations) by the end of the year.

Sevigny is also considering adding a directing credit to her resume; she's been asked to join gay director Gus Van Sant



Australian model Elle MacPherson will play a lesbian character in the upcoming Showtime miniseries *It's a Girl Thing*.

ANOTHER ROLE FOR DICK

Former *Newsradio* star Andy Dick, whose constantly changing sexual orientation is a running joke on *Saturday Night Live*, is negotiating to join *Blair Witch Project* star Joshua Leonard in the low-budget independent comedy *LArceny*.

The film is about a young Midwesterner (played by Leonard) who comes to visit his weird, slightly crazy cousin (played by Dick) in Los Angeles. When Dick's character gets mistaken for a famous New York artist, his life turns around.

LArceny is currently shooting in Los Angeles and is expected to be released in early 2001.

LESBIANS HAVE SOMETHING TO CROWE ABOUT

Jerry Maguire writer-slash-director Cameron Crowe is in negotiations to bring Marijane Meaker's lesbian-themed

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Dear Cowboy,
My boyfriend is turning into a constant whiner and it's driving me crazy. All I ever hear about is how nobody at his office ever does anything right or supports him in any way. He continually complains that he hates his job but when I ask him why he doesn't quit, he just looks at me like I'm the crazy one and says that he couldn't quit, because he makes too much money. What's your advice?
Signed, Tired of Hearing It

Dear Tired,
First off, I'm not sure for whom you're asking my advice, him or you. But since you're the one who wrote in to say you're

sick of hearing this cowpoke gripe, my advice goes to you first: Stop listening. Tell him that unless he's willing to do something constructive to start his professional life off down a happier trail, then his work situation is no longer an open topic for discussion between the two of you, period. If he needs to be counseled, let him pay a pro for it because your days as his sounding board are over. Now, if it was him I was advising—and maybe you'll pass this along—I'd suggest he take a long hard look at what he wants out of life, and what money means in the big picture. There's a lot of cowboys who have turned their lives around by getting out of jobs they hated even when it meant dealing with a lower

income for a season or two. Then there's a lot of folks who say they hate their jobs, when it turns out that there's really nothing else they'd rather be doing, and in fact constant complaining is their way of making their lives seem a little more dramatic and exciting than they'd otherwise be. Your pard needs to figure out which of these categories he fits in, and then he needs to do something about it for both your sakes.

Dear Cowboy,
What's the dating protocol for kissing people with cold sores? There's this guy I get together for sex with occasionally and he had an open sore on his lower lip, so I told him we'd better not do any kissing and he got all offended. He said it was just chapped lips but I'm not so sure.

I had a friend who got Herpes on his face just from kissing a guy with an open sore, so maybe I am just paranoid.
Signed, Worried

Dear Worried,
I'm not sure how far you should trust this guy, so I'm going to favor the "better safe than sorry" logic of steering clear. Herpes is very contagious when the person who has it is in that open-sore state, so don't put your mouth (or anything else) near what doesn't look healed.

If this guy was your long-term lover or someone you have every reason to trust implicitly, then I'd say you'd best take his word for it and get him some flavored chapstick.

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Q Puzzle

"Wanna Bette?"

15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-75.

ACROSS

- 1 Artist Bonheur
5 Actress Theda known as "The Vamp"
9 Really hate
14 Nicest Lesbians (AOL chat room)
15 Judy Garland, to many gays
16 Taking it lying down
17 "Hai" of <South Pacific>
18 Butt (sex toy)
19 One who does a rim job for Indiana?
20 1950 film with Bette
23 Radclyffe Hall's lover Lady Troubridge
24 Fa follower

- 25 Takes down the primrose path
27 Sandy's line
30 Madonna's "Don't Preach"
33 Cop flirting in a tearoom
34 Any time now
36 Fishing poles
38 Draw forth
41 Anti-gay Thurmond
43 College web address suffix
44 Cut into cubes
45 Response to "Homosexuality is wrong"
46 Six years for a senator
48 Aerosmith's (Looks Like a Lady)
49 Makes advances to, with "on"

- 51 Regard
53 Taxpayer's ID
54 Miller's In Search of Gay
57 Do Rupert Everett's line of work
59 Lang. of the cut
60 1955 film with Bette, with "The"
66 Gay
68 Bisexuality: What's It All About? author Margaret
69 The Incredibly Adventures of Two Girls in Love
70 Thus far
71 Invitation to a top?
72 Gay-friendly singer Amos
73 Cheap jewelry
74 Bottom priority of a top
75 "Time My Side"

Down

- 1 C and W star McEntire
2 Racetrack shape
3 Bear's order, on Wall Street
4 Favorite solos of gays, perhaps
5 Like an AC/DC eskimo?
6 Sometime defender of gay rights
7 Give a good beating to
8 Melissa Ethridge's "Talking to My"
9 Came out
10 Cross-dresser's T-shirt
11 1993 film with Bette
12 Bridge call, informally
13 Aired "Will and Grace" in the summer
21 Type of jazz
22 Col. Grethe Cammermeyer, today
26 "Jack" playwright Greenspan
27 The A in GLARP
28 Photo process

- 29 1991 film with Bette
31 Langston Hughes or Denise Levertov
32 Got sum
35 Refusal to a butch
37 Pansy Division's "Don't Be So"
39 Early sneaker brand
40 Site for Adam and Steve?
42 Encourage to join ACT UP, for example
47 Come slowly
50 Bio. or chem.
52 1974 John Wayne cop flick
54 Very much
55 Head-oriented group
56 Maid Marian's cross-dressing suit?
58 -frutti
61 Cause of homosexuality, according to some 62 "Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
63 Passionate love
64 Prefix with Disney or trash
65 "No" to someone who is "lesbisch"
67 Kenan's the Dead Bury Their Dead

ANSWER KEY for the crossword puzzle.

Solution to last issue's Q Puzzle: "Burning Desire"

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- 21. Paco Paco
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Phoenix 602/263-8424
- 22. Padlock
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- 41. Flex
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- 30. The Adult Shoppe
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Phoenix 602/275-0015
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- 32. Castle Boutique
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- 34. Paradise Adult Boutique
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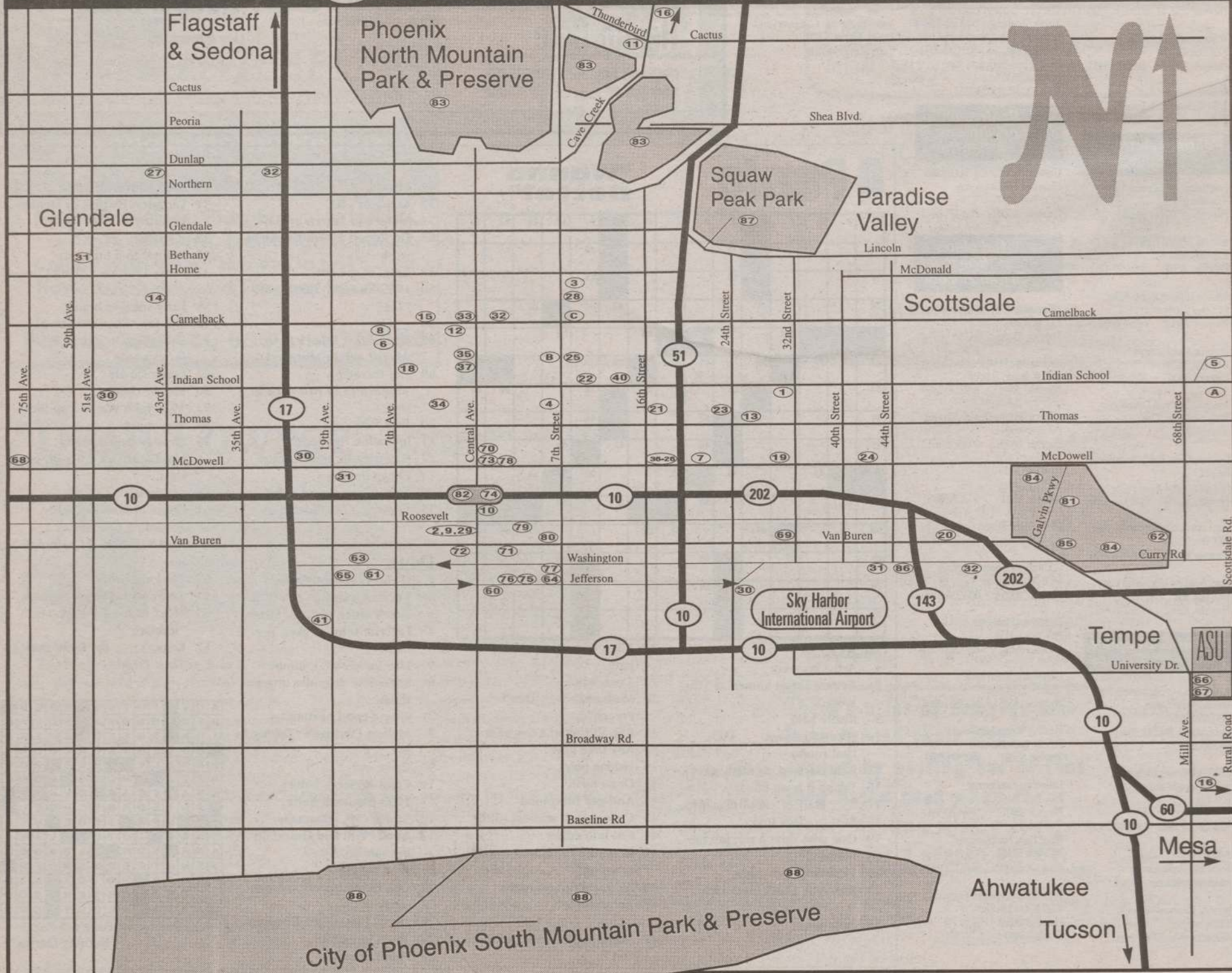
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Theatre
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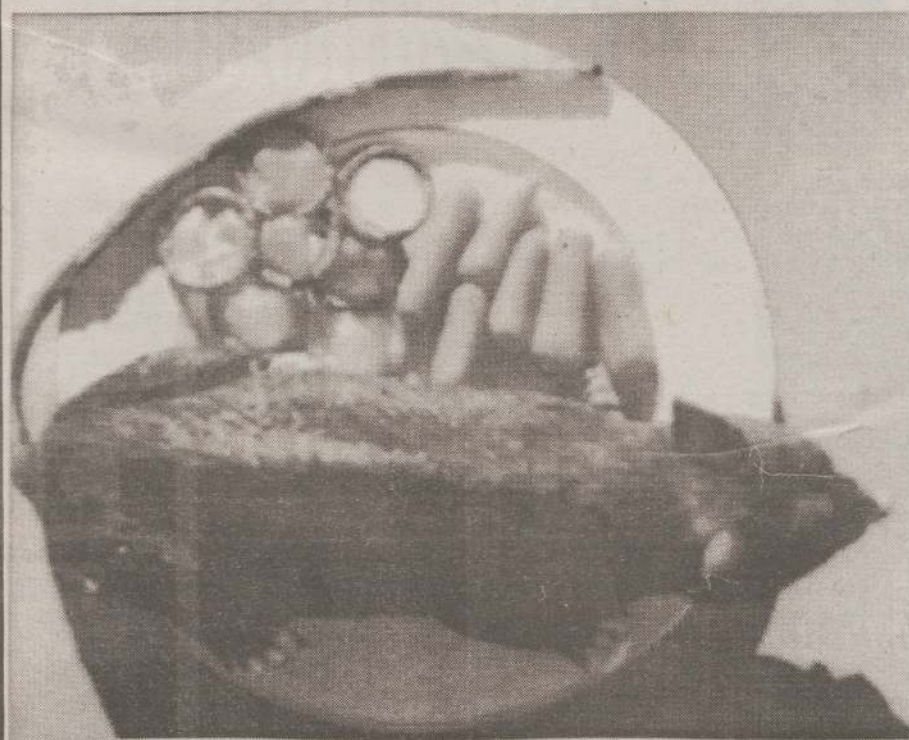
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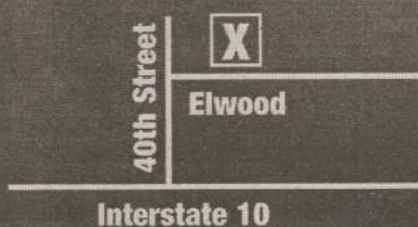
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ARIES:

Wait a full three days after July 16th's eclipse before making any bold announcements on the work front, darling. More information is coming your way, perhaps from the lips of babes, such as a certain Taurus in question. Once the Sun shifts into your creative and thrilling fifth house July 22, you can get past your fears.

TAURUS:

Get a hold of yourself, babe. Your life is more under your control than you realize. Mercury goes direct in your communication house on July 17, so there couldn't be a better time to sign contracts, wheel and deal, and meet and greet a more fascinating class of people. An Aries likes you wise, witty and wild.

GEMINI:

Don't worry so much about money. Once the Sun shifts into a lighter more fun loving sector of your chart on July 22, you'll be too busy enjoying the high life to count your pennies. Finally, people get your ideas and return your phone calls! Don't lose momentum with an Aquarius.

CANCER:

Charon is close to Pluto in your health/day job sector, which means it's time to let out your real feelings about your job and your body. The two are strangely related now. Your love life is in flux, but it's definitely getting more and more fascinating. A Virgo wants to play a key role.

LEO:

Put old business to rest, because you have a lot of new and exciting challenges to throw yourself into as July winds down. The Sun moves into your sign on July 22, and a brand new solar year begins for you. You're allowed a few more New Year's resolutions. Make 'em good. An Aries can help you discover the long-lost you.

VIRGO:

Enjoy the fact that Mercury, your ruler, is going direct on July 17. You can make up for lost time in your business dealings by setting up many mega-meetings. You can reap the wonderful benefits of investments you've made in recent months: practical and romantic. A Libra is your first dividend.

LIBRA:

The moon in your house of love on the 22nd could bring you more than one

caller, you two-timing vixen! Your friends are confused lately, and it's your fault. It's time for several heart-to-heart talks, and with one special Cancer pal, an over-the-knee spanking.

SCORPIO:

The Sun moves to the top of your chart on July 22, and you should begin to feel the excellent career vibes. This might be a good time to focus on one major goal, rather than 20 smaller ones. Choose carefully who you should reveal yourself to in a deep way. You can count on a Leo, though... for more than you realize.

SAGITTARIUS:

With your ruling planet Jupiter moving rapidly through your house of love, it's no wonder you're suddenly inundated with choices and hot new opportunities. Don't make too many rules that you know you're going to break. Live loose. Another Sag will be your partner in crime.

CAPRICORN:

The Sun moves into your serious partnership house on July 22, so it's time to get real about your love life. If you've been holding back emotionally, now's the time to come out. Clarify your own confusion by committing it to paper. You can also trust a Scorpio with your secrets and your sex drive.

AQUARIUS:


Several new cuties could enter your life at the same time, but none are what they seem. As Jupiter passes slowly through your creative sector, you can really make amazing work if you put your heart into it. This is your big opportunity to show your warmth. A Gemini is craving your heat.

PISCES:

Get your body back in shape and your life will get back in shape too. You've been a mess, honey, and it's time to put some discipline back into your world. Go to the beach, swim, and learn how to dig the simple pleasures - again. Another Pisces wants to take you on a destruct-a-thon weekend. Why go?

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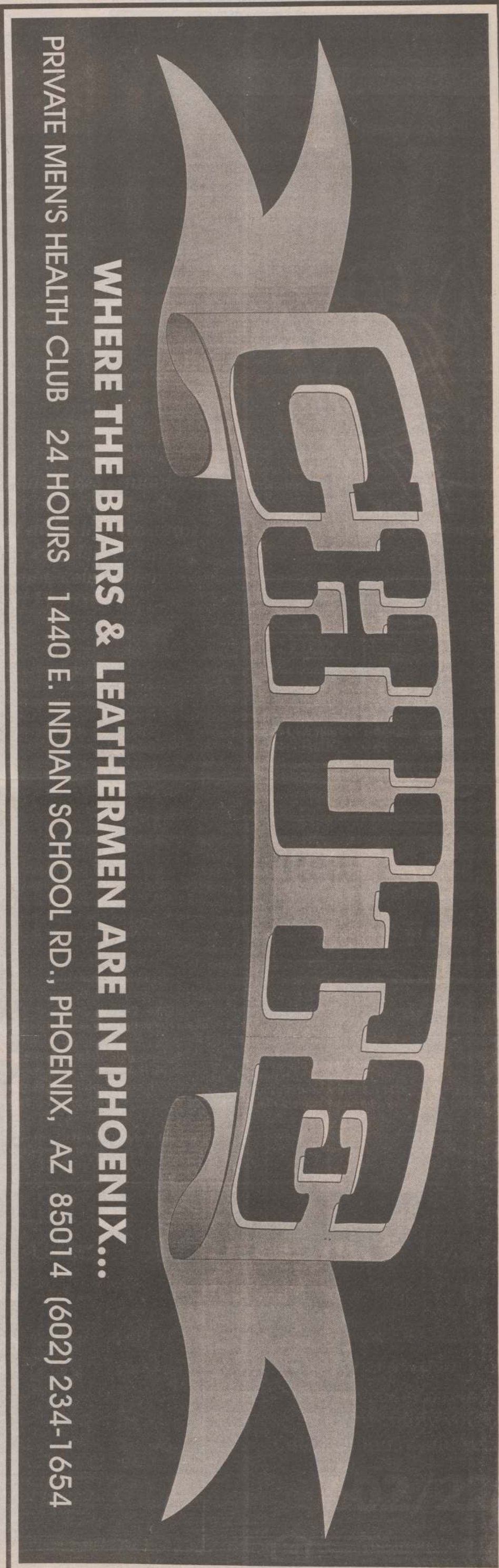
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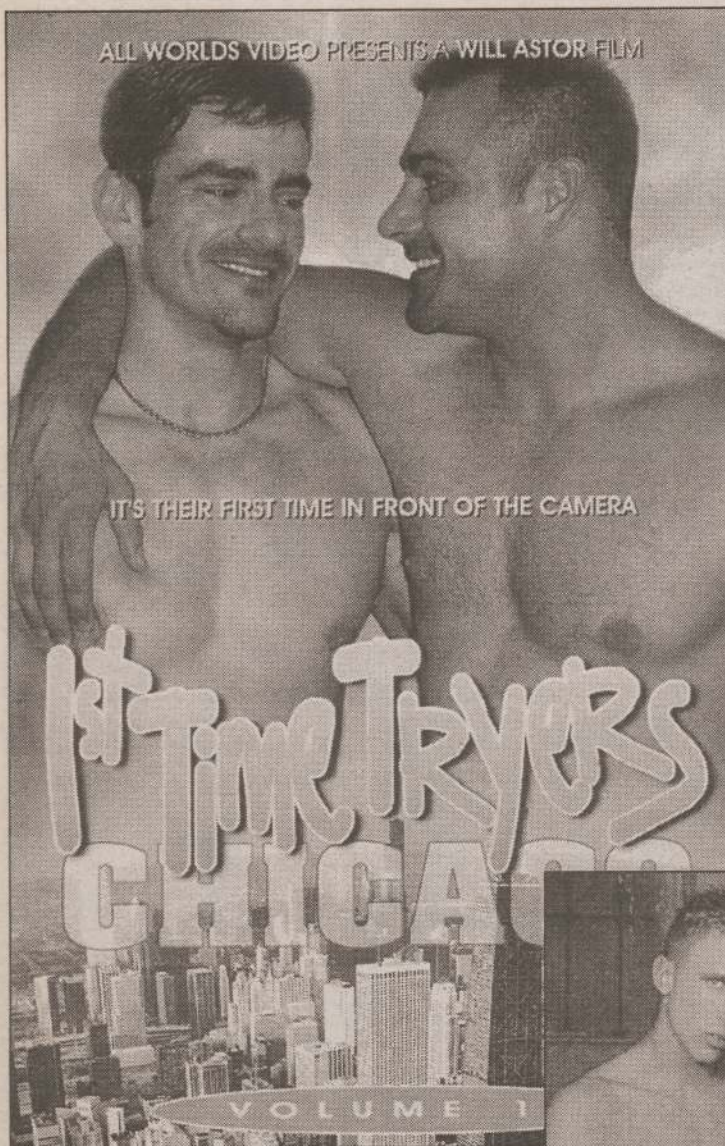


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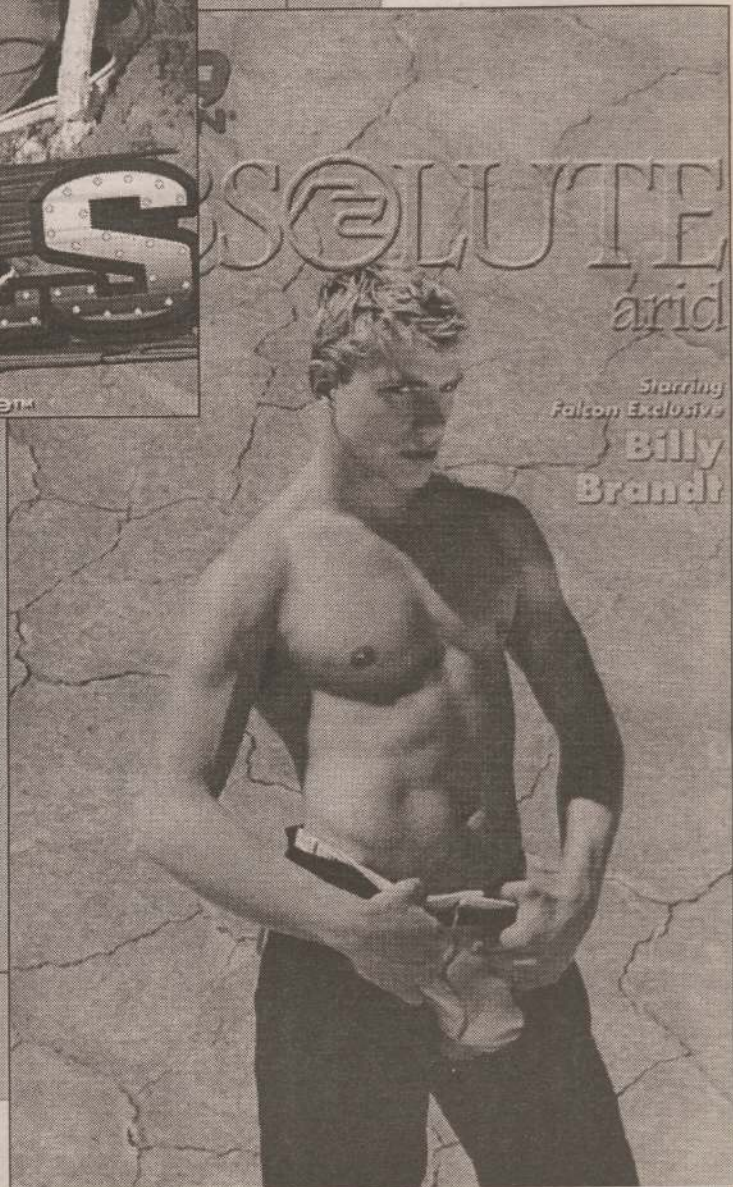
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