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Admit it: There *is* no polite society. If there were, we wouldn't be so enthralled with details about who is doing what with whom.

While Buddhist monks are being slaughtered just up the road and the gruesome Jeffrey Dahmer tale staggers on, we are engrossed in anecdotes about Pee Wee Herman pulling his pudding and busily debating—again!—whether Tom Selleck is gay (*see story, page 4*).

So we give in. You want dirt, and we, in what hopefully will not become one of those indulgent annual-issue things, are presenting an edition of *Phoenix Resource* rife with

worthless blather and odious imputation.

All is not lost. Although Don Slutes' column begins with the words "The brother of a gay friend of mine...", his essay on gay men and lesbians in the military does not contain one single line of idle chatter.

On the other hand, David Parker imparts information of absolutely no merit whatsoever ("Lipstick on My Butt," p. 7). Parker

has rubbed elbows with a galaxy of Tinseltown celebs, and has tales to tell about most of them. Who would've thought Lucy could be such a bitch?

Sorry. There's nothing here about Jackie O or Keanu Reeves or Marc Christian. Their press agents never got back to us. We had to settle for dishing local homos, whose names may mean nothing to many of you. But it shouldn't matter that you don't know most of the people implicated in this spiteful spate of twaddle. Pretend that you do, and know that those people are squirming in glee to finally—or, in some cases, once again—see their names in print.

After all, isn't that what gossip is really about?

—Pela

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Tom Selleck Settles \$20 Million Lawsuit with Tabloid

"I Have a Wife and Daughter," TV Celeb Explains

Tom Selleck has settled a \$20 million libel lawsuit against the supermarket tabloid *The Globe*, which published an "article clarified" notation apologizing for implying the actor is gay.

Financial terms of the settlement weren't disclosed. Selleck filed his \$20 million Superior Court suit against the Boca Raton, Florida-based publication one day after the article appeared in the July 2 issue of *The Globe*.

"I would normally not comment on a story as ridiculous as this one, but once when I said 'no comment' the reporter printed that I 'refused to deny' the story," Selleck said when the suit was filed.

"So let me make this crystal clear," the former *Magnum P.I.* star continued. "I have a wife and daughter. I was married once before and raised a son. I am as proud of my sexual preference as those who happen to be gay are of theirs."

As part of the settlement, *The Globe* agreed to publish a clarification of the Selleck article. The statement, in the weekly's edition on news stands last Monday, read:

"An article appeared in the July 2, 1991, edition of *The Globe* concerning, among others, Tom Selleck. By publishing the article, *The Globe* did not intend to express or imply that Tom Selleck is or ever was a homosexual, and *The Globe* apologizes to the extent that any statements made by its *Globe* editors concerning the article were construed to express or imply that Tom Selleck is or was a homosexual."

Attorney Ed MacPherson, representing Selleck, and Chicago attorney Mike Kahane, representing *The Globe*, said that the settlement was confidential and that they couldn't go beyond the clarification statement.

Pentagon Claims Gay Policy Not Under Review

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Despite leanings to the contrary by Secretary of State Dick Cheney, the Department of Defense plans no change in its policy barring homosexuals from military service.

A Pentagon reply to a letter from 32 House members who asked that the ban be lifted made clear that homosexuals may not serve in the uniformed services.

"The Department of Defense is not reassessing its policy on homosexuality," wrote Navy Capt. T.D. Keating, the Pentagon's legal policy director. Keating was replying to a letter from Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., that was signed by 29 other Democrats and two Republicans. Studds is gay.

Cheney, while making it clear he plans no change in the Pentagon policy, voiced only a lukewarm defense for the ban in recent public statements and interviews.

During testimony before the House Budget Committee, Cheney said repeatedly that he had "inherited" the policy. And he called the argument that homosexuals pose a security risk because they could be susceptible to blackmail, "a bit of an old chestnut."

"I have not spent a lot of time on the issue," Cheney told Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who is also gay. "It's a policy that I have inherited as secretary. I think there have been occasions when it has not been administered in a fair fashion, but the basic fundamental policy today has been that a gay lifestyle is incompatible with military service."

And during a nationally televised weekend news program, Cheney said homosexuals should be allowed to hold civilian jobs in the Pentagon.

Keating wrote that a document obtained in June by Studds that appeared to speak of a policy change was only one officer's opinion. The undated document with the label HQDA for "Headquarters, Department of the Army," laid out a basis for ending the practice of barring gay men and lesbians from military service.

"If military mission accomplishment is not compromised, the Army has no basis upon which to justify such continued discrimination," the document stated.

The letter from the House members was sent to Cheney urging a formal end to the policy against homosexuals. The letter mentioned the Army document, "which appear(ed) to propose its rescission."

Replying for Cheney, Keating said no such change is being considered. "The Army document," Keating wrote, "reflects one individual's thoughts on how the Army might react in the event the homosexual exclusion policy was reversed."

Keating said no senior Army officials ever considered or endorsed the document.

Studds spokesman Steve Schwadron said Cheney's comments in favor of allowing homosexuals in civilian jobs at the Pentagon "looks like progress."

But Schwadron said lawmakers seeking to change the policy were disappointed that a letter to the Defense Secretary on the issue elicited a response from a Navy captain.

"It's a low-level response which indicates the continued reluctance of high-ranking officials to sign a letter on this issue or even acknowledge it," Schwadron said.

Judge Explains Anti-Gay Remarks

HOUSTON, TX—A federal judge who said the words "queer" and "homosexual" are interchangeable has prompted gay rights advocates to lodge a formal complaint against him.

U.S. District Judge Sam B. Hall Jr., responding to criticism of one of his recent rulings, said he would not have used "queer" in a recent civil trial if he had known it was provocative, "even though there is no difference" between the two terms.

But Ray Hill, a Houston gay activist, said Hall's refusal to distinguish between the terms reinforces his fears about how the law is interpreted in Hall's courtroom.

"I'm really not as worried about what words the judge used as I am about the quality of justice in his court," Hill said. "His using those words in his court is an indication that gay and lesbian people before his bench don't get the quality of justice" that heterosexuals receive.

Hall presided last month over a Beaumont trial in which David Todd Mayes sought more than \$100,000 in damages for being placed in a Jefferson County Jail cell in which other inmates engaged in homosexual activity.

The judge asked Jefferson County sheriff's Lt. John Cassio if inmates are put in cells with "all that other bunch of queers in the tank?" Hall also asked Cassio if there was "just a whole bunch of partying going on" and later referred to homosexuals as

"their kind."

Hall explained his remarks in an Aug. 5 letter to U.S. Circuit Judge Charles Clark of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans in response to the complaint filed by Hill and his attorney, Michael A. Maness.

"I now understand that even though some organizations (including in Houston) use the word 'queer' in their title, that the term is offensive to many homosexuals," Hall wrote. "Of course, I am not in a position to know what title fits either group."

David Fowler, founding member of the Houston chapter of Queer Nation, acknowledged that his group has been criticized by some gays who consider the term offensive.

"We can use the word 'queer' if we want to in our own culture," Fowler said. "In his context, it was very downgrading and homophobic."

A member of Clark's staff said Clark could address the complaint personally, or he could refer it to the circuit's Judicial Council, a panel of 10 circuit judges and nine district judges that Clark chairs.

"I feel then and now very strongly about the sordid evidence I was hearing," Hall wrote. "I also feel very strongly that blatant, open, sexual conduct, whether heterosexual or homosexual, should not be tolerated in any context, especially in a correctional institution such as a county jail."

Officers Beaten in Gay-Bashing Sting

HOUSTON, TX—Three undercover police officers were attacked in the first five days of an operation designed to stop gay bashing in a predominantly homosexual neighborhood, police said.

Two adults and several juveniles have been arrested in the assaults. None of the police officers was seriously injured.

The sting, dubbed "Operation Vice Versa," began earlier this month in response to the July 4 beating death of banker Paul Broussard and attacks on his two companions. The three men had just left a gay bar when a gang of youths attacked them. Ten young men have been charged with murder in the attack.

The department has placed plainclothes police officers in the heavily gay Montrose area to combat criminal activity. Officers have said they travel in pairs and try to look like gay couples to attract those who have been involved in gay-bashing.

"The plainclothesmen look for people who are exhibiting aggressive, assaultive behavior against citizens in the neighborhood," Adamson said. "It's obvious that the targets are the gay community."

Later that week, two men sprayed Mace into the face of an undercover officer, Capt. John Adamson of the Central Patrol Division said. Charged in the assault were Andrew Ipock of Houston, and a juvenile male, Adamson said.

A few days after this incident, two men in a car pulled alongside a pair of undercover officers, shouted anti-gay epithets and beat one of them on the

arm with a baseball bat. Jason Hartman of Houston and another juvenile were charged in that attack following their arrest by backup officers. Hartman was charged with aggravated assault.

Later that night, a group of teens in a car threw beer cans at a third officer. They were arrested and charged with a variety of misdemeanors, said Lt. George Buenik.

Adamson declined to identify the officers because they still are involved in the undercover operation. All were treated for minor injuries and not hospitalized, he said.

"In the short time since this operation began, we've had three incidents. That shows a definite problem that needs to be addressed. I think this is the best way to handle it," Adamson said.

"We've had people attacked because of their lifestyle and sexual preference (and)...it's not going to be tolerated. The gay community asked us to help and we're responding."

The following Tuesday night was National Night Out, when area residents gathered with police in the streets to demonstrate against crime. Adamson said residents he spoke with that night were "very happy" about the operation.

The Houston Post quoted an unidentified officer involved in the operation as saying that decoys often work in single-sex pairs and hold hands. "It's hard to look like you're gay if no one's with you," he said. "I mean, gay people don't look different or anything."

Homosexuality Not an Ordination Issue, Episcopalians Say

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK—Although seeking to have two colleagues censured for ordaining sexually active homosexuals, retired Episcopal Bishop Gerald N. McAllister of Oklahoma City was frank about his own experience.

"I have ordained persons of homosexual orientation," McAllister said. "I have a lesbian in my own family."

His point at last month's Episcopal convention in Phoenix—and one often obscured—was that the question before the church isn't about respect for homosexuals or their condition itself, but about their acting on it in relationships.

Despite popular misconceptions about the issue, which has stirred heated contention in the churches, it is not about homosexuals being full church members or being admitted into the ministry.

They've always been part of it from the earliest times, religious scholars say, in Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox denominations, as well as in the Jewish rabbinate.

"People of that orientation have been ordained for centuries," says Michael K. Kinnamon, dean of Lexington, Ky. Theological Seminary, an institution of the Christian Church.

"All churches have ministers who are quite faithful and who are gay or lesbian."

Most mainline denominations have explicitly welcomed homosexuals into participation and membership, and declared they are entitled to full pastoral care and concern. But the question now agitating several Protestant denominations and causing upheavals at their conventions is whether to accept homosexual ministers who acknowledge they are sexually active.

That aspect—openly asserting such activity—is what is new and upsetting to the churches, and what has generated the turmoil, although accounts often mistakenly portray it as simply about ordaining homosexuals.

"In the past, homosexuals, whether celibate or sexually active, kept quiet about their orientation. But in modern times many have declared their sexual preference and made no secret of their sexual activity," said the Rev. William McKinney, dean of Hartford Conn. Seminary, an interdenominational institution.

He said churches historically have

accepted homosexuals in the ministry usually without inquiring about sexual activity, but now the issue is whether to make such activity "legitimate."

Conventions of both the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church this summer refused to do so, but the issue still smoldered in the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In the ELCA, two congregations in San Francisco last year were suspended from the denomination for ordaining three homosexuals—two women and a man—who asserted they were sexually active.

It was the activity—not that they were homosexuals—that caused the disciplinary action, and the door was left open for restoring the congregations' full status if church policy changed by 1995.

Indications at the Episcopal convention were that such ordinations would continue sporadically in that church.

Roman Catholic rules require celibacy in most priests, whatever their sexual orientation. Protestant and Jewish clergy may marry if heterosexual, but in most denominations they are supposed to remain celibate if homosexual.

A six-year study by an Episcopal commission, saying Christianity for centuries has ordained homosexuals and benefited from their ministries, adds: "In recent years, some of these persons have been and are sexually active."

The report, rejected by the convention, said differing church standards on sexual activity for heterosexuals and homosexuals has a "taint of hypocrisy since the presence of gay men and lesbians among the clergy is no secret."

Bishop McAllister had asked the church's bishops to censure two church officials in Washington, D.C., and Newark, N.J., for ordaining non-celibate homosexuals. The bishops said such ordinations are against church policy and erode trust in the bishops, but declined to issue the rebukes, admitting a "gap between what we profess and what we do."

In the discussion, two other bishops—Edward Jones of Indianapolis and Stewart Wood of Detroit—rose to say that should the censure pass, their names should be included as they, too, had carried out such ordinations.

He said evidence of homosexuality, even if acknowledged, had until now automatically prevented security clearance for high level overseas posts. He said this had effectively barred recruitment of homosexuals to certain areas of government employment, including the diplomatic service.

But he said this policy had now been reviewed in the light of changing social attitudes in Britain and abroad and the greater willingness of homosexuals to be open about their sexuality, lifestyles and relationships.

Pearls Before Swine

I object to James Langston's letter protesting R. Pela's editorials ("Letters," Vol. 7 No. 16). Pela's bitching is a refreshing change from the trash published in (the gay journals of) our past and present. At least the guy has an opinion, and isn't afraid to share it. My advice to Langston and others who won't take the heat is to stop being babies and open your stingy little minds. As Alice B. Toklas once said, "Blessed is he who knows his mind and speaks it."

Radie Harris
Phoenix

*And as Rosa Moline said,
"Living in Wisconsin is like
waiting for the funeral to begin.
No, it's like waiting in the coffin
for them to carry you out!"*

—Ed.

It strikes me as odd when gay people are griping about clearly gay opinions in a gay newspaper. Why not take the time to write letters to anti-gay papers like *The Arizona Republic*. I have had two letters published in the *Republic* in the past four months, and others can write and complain of their prejudiced views on gays and lesbians and our issues...

I look forward to the day when people recognize the necessity for different points of view about our community and its special needs and problems.

James Penwarden
Phoenix

*And I long for the day when a
teaming mass of humpy men*

*will arrive on my doorstep and
plead with me to choose one
from among them to be my
husband.*

—Ed.

Maybe We Want to Go to Hell.

(Your magazine) was handed down to me by a friend who recently attended the national Episcopal convention in Phoenix, and I am writing to tell you what I was not able to tell any of (the gay) people at that convention. That is, that no matter how organized or "powerful" your so-called community may become or may think you are (sic), God still finds homosexuals and homosexuality sinful. God condemns all such sinners in Leviticus 18:22 when he says, "When man should lie with a man as with a woman, it is an abomination." But it is not too late for gay people to change their ways...

...I do not know if you plan to continue to publish this misleading information (that) gays are acceptable to Christ, but I do know that I will continue to pray for you and people like you.

Barry Oringer
Portland, Oregon

*And in return I promise that,
should I ever be fortunate
enough to have another man's
member up inside me, I'll think
of you all the while.*

—Ed.

Legal Group Sides with Karen Thompson in Guardianship Case

MINNEAPOLIS, MN—The St. Louis County Probate Court exhibited prejudice against homosexuals by rejecting Karen Thompson's request to be guardian for her former lover, the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union claims.

"Throughout this case, the MCLU has maintained that the relationship of Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson should be treated the same as if they were a married couple," MCLU Executive Director William Roath said. "Thus, there should never have been any question as to who would be Sharon Kowalski's guardian."

Roath filed a legal brief early this month with the state Court of Appeals in support of Thompson, who is appealing a judge's decision appointing Karen Tomberlin as guardian.

Kowalski suffered severe head injuries in an automobile accident Nov. 13, 1983. She had been living with Karen Thompson in the St. Cloud area in a lesbian relationship, Roath said.

Karen Thompson and Ms. Kowalski's father, Donald Kowalski, shared guardianship of Ms. Kowalski until 1985. Over Thompson's objections, Kowalski was then made sole guardian. He suspended Thompson's visits and moved his daughter from a Duluth nursing home to one in Hibbing.

Following hospitalization for a heart condition, Donald Kowalski resigned his guardian's position in May 1990. Thompson asked again to be guardian, but the court appointed Tomberlin, deciding that a "neutral third party" would best guarantee Kowalski receives support from her parents and Thompson.

Roath said the probate court showed prejudice by scrutinizing Thompson's private life and relationships, but conducted no similar scrutiny of Tomberlin.

"The court has thus made clear that a chosen partner is required to meet a higher standard than an unrelated 'friend of the family,' solely because the partner is lesbian and the friend is not," Roath said.

Bar on Gays in Government Jobs is Scrapped

LONDON (AP)—The government has scrapped rules that automatically bar gay men and lesbians from some top government jobs, including in the diplomatic service, Prime Minister John Major has announced.

But he said a person's susceptibility to blackmail or pressure by foreign agencies would continue to be a factor in vetting all candidates for jobs with access to highly classified information.

He told the House of Commons in a written reply to lawmakers' questions that individual assessments would replace the automatic bar.

Despite the policy's utter lack of merit, the Pentagon continues to battle gay participation in the military.

Off-Base

by Don Slutes

the brother of a gay friend of mine was sent over to Saudi Arabia last year along with thousands of others in the U.S. military. And probably like many of them, he didn't particularly want to go. When he got there, his attitude worsened. His desire to get out became increasingly desperate; he even contemplated telling his superiors he is gay. I'm not sure whether he resorted to that. All I know is that he didn't get out of Saudi Arabia until the war ended.

The ploy probably wouldn't have worked anyway. During the buildup in the Persian Gulf, the military couldn't afford to let anyone go, not even homosexuals. However, now that the world situation has returned to semi-normalcy, the purges have resumed.

Such hypocrisy has been the rule since 1981, when the newly elected Reagan Administration decreed that the Pentagon should begin strictly enforcing the long-standing ban on homosexuality in the military.

The issue of homosexuality in the armed forces is an explosive one. Mention gays in the service to the average citizen and probably the first thing that comes to mind is a cramped barracks full of men living within inches of each other without adequate female companionship. The thought of openly gay men being allowed into that atmosphere is a

particularly unsavory prospect for most God-fearing hets. Hell, even straight arrows sometimes succumb to perversion when deprived of their normal sexual outlets; the presence of avowed homosexuals would...well, the consequences are unthinkable.

This viewpoint was eloquently expressed by the *Arizona Republic* a couple years ago when the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals was considering the case of Sgt. Perry Watkins. Watkins is an openly gay man whom the Army was trying to get rid of after more than a decade of exemplary service. In one of the most anticlimactic editorials of the year, the *Republic* wrote that homosexuals shouldn't be allowed in the service because they cause morale problems and become involved in "violent love triangles." This is just the type of clear thinking we've come to expect from the editorial offices of Arizona's largest newspaper.

Fortunately, the sexual-tension angle to gay military service becomes more and more irrelevant as females infiltrate the armed forces. No, it is true that men and women soldiers do not occupy the same barracks, as do gay and non-gay soldiers. But, then again, gay male soldiers do not become pregnant, as did a number of the women who served in the Persian Gulf.

Each branch of the military has rules regarding

fraternization. Yes, these rules are regularly violated. But the violations are not confined to homosexual conduct; and homosexual conduct in the military isn't even reserved to people who are gay. Because a person's sexual orientation has little to do with one's self-control or one's ability to follow the rules, sexual orientation should have no bearing on someone's ability to conduct him- or herself in uniformed service.

This view is gaining currency, even in the upper echelons of

policy and you remove the risk. Cheney doesn't bother much with the theory, however; he simply doesn't seem to care about people's sexual leanings whatsoever.

Unfortunately, such unbiased attitudes are luxuries that only unelected cabinet officials can afford. Cheney's boss, on the other hand, must lead a political party that still embraces a large contingent of religionist homophobes. Bush couldn't lift the ban if he wanted to (although he has the power to do so). Do you suppose

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the U.S. government. A study commissioned by the Pentagon, which it later attempted to suppress, concluded that gay soldiers perform as well or better than their non-gay counterparts. (I don't necessarily accept that being gay is somehow an advantage in military service, as some might conclude from this study. But it could be argued that, in today's environment, a gay enlistee—knowing that he or she is technically not welcome in the armed forces—may be more highly motivated than the average volunteer.)

Despite such positive data, the outright ban is not likely to be lifted anytime soon, especially by a Republican administration. But we can see a few rays of light. President Bush's defense secretary, Dick Cheney, apparently believes that homosexuality should have no bearing on military clearances (see related story, page 4). This view contradicts the long-held belief among Pentagon dwellers that homosexuals are a security risk. The argument is circular, however: The theory is that gay men and lesbians who conceal their sexual orientation are ripe targets for blackmail, but this is only true if they have any reason for concealment. If they do, it is only because of Pentagon policy. Remove the

someone like Jesse Helms would sit still for a removal of the ban on homosexuals in the military? Or that Helms would let party loyalty stop him from attacking his own president in an election year? As Keven Willey would say, don't bet on it. And while Helms is generally recognized as an extremist—even among fellow Republicans, these same Republicans also recognize that he still commands a rapt audience of Republican voters, not just in his home state of North Carolina, but across the nation.

Ironically, the military could be an ideal laboratory for homo-hetero integration. Its experience with racial integration has been one of the few success stories regarding this country's race relations since the Civil War. Its secret? Coercion. The armed forces' emphasis on discipline and a clearly defined hierarchy generally overrules personal prejudices. Privately, of course, prejudices still exist, but institutionally, the military has been rendered virtually color-blind. Homophobia could be institutionally removed in the same manner, as soon as the high command decides to do so.

True, rank-and-file acceptance won't happen overnight. But official acceptance can and should.

Your Mother Wears Combat Boots

Women on the front lines? Yes, of course women should be allowed into combat, and so should skilled female pilots be allowed to fly bombing missions over enemy territory.

The argument that women are physically unfit for combat duty is based on the false assumption that every woman is somehow more frail than any man. Yes, exemption from combat duty should be provided to women whose physical characteristics or moral beliefs make such exemption necessary. However, these same considerations should be equally extended to men.

Women who don't wish to risk being sent into combat can exercise the same option that has been available to men since the end of the draft: Don't enlist.

Lipstick on My Butt

I was on my way to
The Hollywood
Roosevelt Hotel

when I collided with
Cher on Melrose
Avenue. She was
barefoot and had B.O.

and was surrounded by
bodyguards. She'd just
woken up, but she sure
was beautiful. She said

"Hi," I said "Hi," but I didn't hang around to ask why she didn't have any shoes on or was Chastity really a lesbian or why in the world did she ever marry Gregg Allman. I was on my way to see Lorna Luft at the Roosevelt and Cher was on her way to the Disney Store and we both were running late.

Poor Lorna. Twenty-six people showed up to hear her sing Harold Arlen numbers. This pricey playhouse in Hollywoodland, where her mother and her sister wowed them, and no one there to

hear her but me and a handful of bored housewives. Wolfgang Puck told me afterwards that he only showed up because he owed Lorna a favor. "Fuck you and your frozen entrees," I wanted to tell him.

But instead I bit my lip and smiled and was brave for Lorna, who touched my hair and asked me if I was Jewish. "Steve Lawrence told me that you can always tell the difference between a Jewish man and an Italian because one of them is big on top and the other has a big bottom," I told her. (He really did tell me that once, over breakfast in Las Vegas. I can never remember which one is bigger on top. I just remember Eydie Gorme rolling her eyes and ordering more lime juice.)

I left Lorna then and headed for Eat A Pita, Julie Newmar's gyro stand on Fairfax. Barbara Eden was there, hanging out of a limo yelling into the drive-through window that she wanted extra salsa, and step on it. I used to really like Barbara until someone told me that she fired all the gay employees at one of her restaurants. I don't think that's possibly true, Barbara's just too nice for that. I'll bet she loves queens.

Mae West really loved queens. I ran into her in the produce section of Piggly Wiggly in 1977. She was squeezing kiwi and wearing a green

spandex pantsuit and her eyes went different ways. She had on eleven wiglets and four sets of false eyelashes and she was real nice to me. Big huge giant stars aren't always nice, you know.

Take Lucy, for instance. Lucille Ball cornered me on a golf course in Sedona a few years ago and screeched at me for ten full minutes. Seems she'd heard that I was selling her autograph at my Hollywood memorabilia shop and she wanted my ass in a sling in return. I didn't have the heart to tell her that I'd had to move her

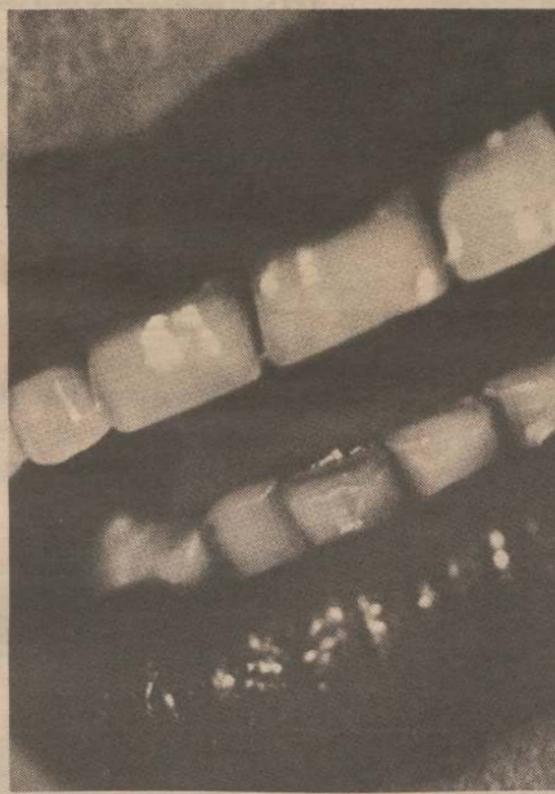
signature to the sale rack and it still didn't sell. All the same, I visited her grave after she died. Lucy is buried in the pauper's section of Forest Lawn. A friend of mine told me she was cremated, but I prefer to think of her as sliced and dried—Lucy Jerky, if you will.

We sold a lot of signatures at my shop, but some of them I kept for myself. My pal Myrna Loy sent me a photo of herself from one of the Thin Man movies, posed with Asta the dog. She signed it, "To my dear David Parker, Love, Asta." Poor Myrna—she must've passed a clot. Stuff like that happens when you get old. I loved lunching with Margaret Hamilton, who farted through three courses and dessert.

Poor thing. She was great as the Wicked Witch of the West in *Wizard of Oz*, but her sphincter had long since lost its elasticity.

Joan Crawford didn't fart once during dinner at 21, although she did reapply her lipstick after each sip of coffee. (I still have the cup, caked with Estée Lauder Coral Red Lip Gleamer Number Nine.) Joan had class, and so did Bette Davis, who gave me the end of a cigarette filthy with her own lipstick. "Don't tell anyone Miss Bette Davis has given you her butt," she told me.

I'll never forget it.



by david parker

as told to louis clemente

Three executive officers of the Arizona AIDS Project resigned from their posts earlier this month. An AAP spokesperson—who asked not to be identified—mumbled the word “disgruntled” when asked why **John Olson**, **Bill McDonald**, and **Bill Redenius** split the AAP scene...Speaking of AIDS agencies, did someone say “merger” during recent discussions regarding AAP and the **Phoenix Shanti Group**? Naaaahhhh...**Peter “Baby Jane” Hudson** is no longer managing Preston’s, Phoenix’ premiere gay dance club. Seems a buy-out by **Preston’s** partner Patrick resulted in Hudson’s ouster. Big Pete fans will be happy to hear that he’s still sitting pretty as president of the Camelback Business and Professional Association. And shame on all of you who are spreading nasty rumors that Peter’s husband has been deported!... World-renown dancer and bon vivant **Gary “I Love the Nightlife” Naylor** just celebrated his thirty-eighth birthday...

What’s this about **Charlie’s** moving to roomier digs? And whoever heard of a country-and-western gay bar with a swimming pool?!...People who say nasty things about **Kirk Baxter** are going to go straight to hell...**Dino Rosie** doffed his duds for the nationally published skin rag *Advocate Men*. The former Charlie’s Man of the Year appears sans spurs in this month’s edition—so just plain hurry to a newsstand!...**David Van Verden** was named “Most Glamorous Homo in Phoenix” by a bunch of sissies having drinks at Durant’s last week...**Martha Jones** is back at the

Arizona AIDS Project, where she is working as a case manager. We don’t know exactly what a case manager does, but we do know that it is perfectly impolite to refer to hardworking AIDS activists as “old cows”...We think Phoenix Little Theatre’s **Tom Oldendick** casts all those hot young studs in his plays because he likes the idea of an audience full of sissies wetting their pants in unison...**Melinda Brown** is a lesbian...Native American artist **Therese “I Paint Horses, Don’t I?” Bur** and longtime lovergal **Carol Dumas** are splitsville. Drat...**Neil “Give it to Me Baby” Cohen** is writing a musical-comedy based on the old

Patty Duke Show.

Who, we want to know, will Neil get to play the back of Patty’s head?...We know that he’s leaving his station as Queen of the Lesbian and Gay Switchboard at the end of the year, but is **Ron “Master’s Thesis” Barnes** really moving to Canada? Gosh, we hope so...Someone said something the

in this health-conscious age, folks
with battered lungs and towering
cholesterol counts gorge themselves
on lethal confections and toxic
tobaccos. but we’re convinced that
most people would give up
sabotaging their own bodies with
tainted treats before they would
suppress a need to handicap others
with sleazy slander.

other day about Preston’s turning their upstairs lounge into a women’s bar. Question: How many lesbians can you fit on top of a Phoenix disco?...**Robert “Love That Bob” Aronin’s** house was foreclosed on. Okay, so that’s old news. But Bob’s been behaving himself for *months* now...**Greg “This One’s For You” Lutz** is blasting off for El Lay this week, to pursue an acting career and, we presume, to break a million hearts. Will he take his horoscopes with him? We’d like that...Punk diva/ Shakespearean actress **Lucy LaMode** bought a perfectly *continued next page*



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stunning boomerang-shaped couch from **Doug "I Saw the Image of Elvis in a Mucus Stain on My Doggie Door" Patterson** of Do Wah Diddy infamy.

Lucky Lucy!...**Ed Buck** packed up his Pet Clark records (and his houseboy?) and moved to Los Angeles. We don't know why. Maybe he wanted to go somewhere and *just be a regular guy*...Ed's best pal

psssssst!!

hot single guys with really interesting jobs:

Gerry Kroll — *Editor, The Advocate*
 Randy Gorbette — *CEO, Phoenix Shanti*
 Kirk Baxter — *gay activist*
 Kirby Holt — *stage actor*
 Randy Mackey — *political activist*
 Allen Kalchick — *Managing Editor, Echo*
 Roger Rea — *lawyer/civil rights champion*
 William Inge — *dead playwright*

Charlie Harrison was seen on the arm of a real cutie at **Rick Correa's** gala for Tom "Gimme Gimme Public Office" **Volgy** last month. Does this mean that **Charlie and Randy "Gorgeous Gorgeous Legs" Mackey** have busted up? No one's talking, but **Charlie and Randy** were seen exiting Tower Video this past weekend, and they *are* still living together in the heart of Fagville... **Meg Umans** *still* isn't gay...If you can't say something nice about someone, *lie*.

Compiled by Perry Shurtz, with help from gossip-mongers Ron Barnes, Bj Bud, and Blanche Yurka.

maybe he robs banks

AIDS activist and Phoenix Shanti president **Randy Gorbette** has installed eight-hundred pound crystal chandeliers in each of the 64 rooms in his colossal Scottsdale mansion. "People expect this sort of thing from me," Gorbette explained.

he'll finally have time to alphabetize his art collection

Bob "Godfather of the Gay Community" Hegyi has left his post at the Arizona AIDS Project, where he worked off and on for three hundred years. "I'm just disgusted with the gay community," someone has quoted Bob as saying. No way.

yeah, right. and gerrie mayer-gibbons was nice to someone today.

When asked why they attended Phoenix' Lesbian and Gay Pride Event this past June, 5,600 people replied that they were there "for the stirring political speeches."

we're sorry we asked

For the first time in almost four years, the publisher of this magazine accepted a dinner invitation from a real live man. When asked about the outcome of this assignation, he replied, "That's none of your fucking business."

art smart

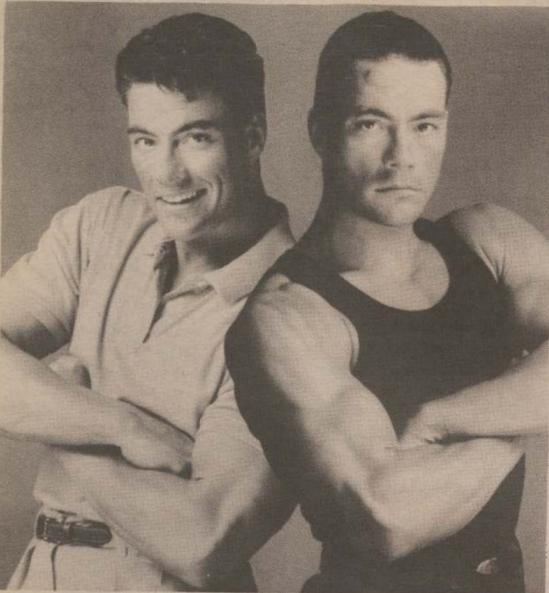
Eleven East Ashland Gallery: Mixed-media works and paintings by John Herman and sculpture and mixed-media work by Jeff Klein, August 17-September 8. 11 E. Ashland (one block south of Virginia), 271-0831 and 253-0480.

Arizona Museum of Science and Technology: "The Recycle Arcade," a hands-on exhibit about plastics recycling sponsored by the Dow Chemical Company. Through September 2. 80 N. 2nd St., 256-9388.

Crismon Farm and Heritage Museum: Operated by the Mesa Historical and Archaeological Society. Now showing are oil paintings depicting the history of Mesa, including Hohokam Indians, Roosevelt Dam, agriculture and commercial development by Bud Olson. 2345 N. Horne (at Lehi Street), 835-7358 or 834-0931

Scottsdale Center for the Arts: "Larry Rivers: Public and Private," a retrospective of 40 years of the New York artist's work, which includes elements of pop and abstract expressionism, through October 13. Through September 22, paintings that explore religious myths and symbols by Henry Leo Schoebel, assistant professor of painting and drawing at Arizona State University. 7383 Scottsdale Rd. 994-ARTS

MARS Artspace: Through August 30, large paintings by Bill Austin, Liz Lerma, Ralph Cordova, Ramon Delgado, Lennee Eller, Cate Spencer and Larry Yanez. 130 N. Central Ave. 253-3541



Dead Ringers: Jean-Claude Van Damme stars as identical twin sisters Kate and Pat Bosworth in *Double Impact*--a remake of the 1946 Bette Davis starrer *A Stolen Life*--now playing at local movie houses.

Tempe Arts Center: "Tapestry Trends in Arizona," an exhibit of contemporary tapestries created by nine Arizona artists, through August 25. Also, the Center's sculpture garden features a variety of unusual large-scale pieces. Located at Mill Avenue and First St. at Salt River Bridge, Tempe Beach Park. 968-0888

Nelson Fine Arts Center Galleries: "Face to Face: Prints From the Permanent Collection" continues through September 1. Also, "Cowboys and Indians: Life in the West," featuring works by Frederic Remington, Fritz Scholder, Edward Borein and others, through August 25. Hours: 8:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 4pm Saturday, and 1pm to 5pm Sunday; closed Mondays and holidays. Tenth St. and Mill. 965-ARTS

Alwun House: Coming soon to Alwun House is the exhibit "Carnivale," featuring high spirited works in a variety of media (monoprints/painted wood sculpture/ acrylic on canvas) by John Nelson; August 24 through September 8. Alwun House is filling up its exhibition schedule for fall and early '92, and is soliciting artists in any medium for future shows. Artists may submit up to five slides of their work along with a resume. 1204 E. Roosevelt. 253-7887

Museo Chicano: "Siete Siglos de Arquitectura en Mexico, Espana y el Sudoeste de los Estados Unidos" is an exhibition of seven centuries of Hispanic influence on architecture in Spain, Mexico and the Southwestern United States; through August 24. The Mercado, 641 E. Van Buren St.

Gallery X: The gallery celebrates its second anniversary with an exhibit of paintings and drawings by Mike Miskowski and xerography and cathode photography by Peter Petrisko Jr. Through August 26. 800 W. Madison. 420-9390

Art Walks: Through September, most of the galleries along Scottsdale's Marshall Way, Main Street, Craftsman Court,



Cowpoke Thang: The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's semi-annual rodeo takes place August 16, 17, and 18 at Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds. Yee haw.

Stetson Drive and environs are open for "Thursday Night Live" art walks from 7pm to 9pm on the third Thursday of each month. Music, dining, browsing, show openings and refreshments are on the agenda. More information by calling 948-1591.

Metropophobia: This unusual new book, magazine and audio store currently features a showing of small-scale works in various media by eight local artists. Hours: 5pm to 10pm Wednesday through Friday, Noon to 10pm Saturday and Sunday. 128 E. Taylor, 255-0668.

center stage

Guv, The Musical: Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 7pm, through September 15. Mill Avenue Theatre, 520 S. Mill Avenue, Tempe. \$12 for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; \$14 Fridays and Saturdays. 921-7777.

Six Women With Brain Death Or Expiring Minds Want To Know: The hit revival of the Summer plays through this month. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8pm; Saturdays at 6pm and 9pm; Sundays at 2pm. Extended through August. \$17 and \$19. 7223 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale. 990-1731.

Bye Bye Birdie: Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30pm, 2pm Sundays, through August 25. The theater at Metro Tech Vocational Institute of Phoenix, 1900 W. Thomas Rd. \$3.50. 255-0202

Alice In Concert: Theater Works presents this production by Elizabeth Swados, the result of a three-week workshop for high school-age kids. This rock version of "Alice in Wonderland" is set in a mental institution and explores the darker side of the Lewis Carroll classic. A multi-media mix of song, dance and wild, outlandish characters, the show touches on humor, pathos and

paranoia. Is Alice crazy? Is everyone else crazy? And who is really dreaming? Performances are open to the public. August 16-18. Friday, Saturday 8pm, Sunday 2:30pm. \$4. 6615 W. Thunderbird Rd. 486-8636.

Veronica's Room: Theater Works presents Ira Levin's popular work, August 30-September 8. Susan Kerner, a young Boston college student, is enticed to the Brabissant mansion by the Mackeys, a charming, elderly Irish couple who are struck by Susan's resemblance to Veronica Brabissant, long-dead daughter of the family for whom they work. Inside Veronica's room, kept intact and untouched by time, they convince Susan to impersonate Veronica for a little while to solace the only living Brabissant, her dying sister who is living in the past and convinced that Veronica is alive and angry with her. But once dressed in Veronica's clothes, Susan finds herself locked in the role and locked in Veronica's room. Or is she Veronica, in 1935, pretending to be an imaginary Susan? Thursday-Saturday 8pm, Sunday 2:30 and 7pm. Tickets \$8, \$9. 6615 W. Thunderbird Road. 486-8636.

appearance

Pat Benatar with Hall and Oates: August 24, 7:30pm. Desert Sky Pavilion. Tickets are \$19 and \$21.50. 2121 N. 83rd Ave., 230-9112.

Peter, Paul and Mary: From the front lines of the civil rights

movement to today's social issues, this trio's commitment is as strong as ever. Their musical legacy includes such songs as "If I Had a Hammer" and "Blowin' in the Wind" and current songs including "El Salvador" and "No Easy Walk to Freedom." Gammage Auditorium at 8pm Thursday, September 12. \$21 (\$22 day of show). 965-3434

Clint Black with Merle Haggard and Lorrie Morgan: Veterans' Memorial Coliseum, Friday, September 27, 7:30pm.

Amy Grant: With Kim Hill and featuring Wes King. Veterans' Memorial Coliseum, Sunday, August 18, 7:30pm.

Don Henley: With Susanna Hoffs. Desert Sky Pavilion, Friday, August 30, 7:30pm.

New Titans on the Block Tour: Featuring Sepultura, Sacred Reich, Napalm Death and Sick of It All. After the Gold Rush, Tempe, Tuesday, August 27.

Night on the Town Tour: Celebrity Theatre, Tuesday, August 20, 7:30pm with James Ingram, Patti Austin, George Howard, Keiko Matsui, Alex Bugnor, Kazu Matsui and Ricardo Silveira.

Suicidal Tendencies: With Armored Saint. Celebrity Theatre, Sunday, August 18, 7:30pm.

Van Halen: With Alice in Chains. Desert Sky Pavilion, Sunday, September 8, 7:30pm.

Don Williams: Celebrity Theatre, Friday, August 16, 8pm.

toe shoes

Tap Dance: Former Hollywood instructor Michael McBain, who's taught terpsichorean prowess to Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas and Farrah Fawcett, currently teaches tap classes for all ages on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Phase Four Studios, Tempe's multimedia complex at 1700 West Drake, Suite 1. For details: 345-8377.

West African Dance and Drumming: "Uncle C.K." Ganyo, master drummer and former director of the National Folkloric Company of the Arts Council of Ghana, instructs classes in West African Percussion, song and dance from 7pm to 9pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Fee is \$5 per class or \$25 per month; all ages and skill levels are welcome. For details and location, call 253-5920.

Dance-a-rama: Voted "Best Underground Scene" and "Best Dance Club" by *New Times*. Underground videos and ambient art on alternating Fridays; Post-Acid House

music, European Ambient Music that currently plays in England's "Ambiance Houses." Mutha (Tommy) Gaia and Calvin Martin take you on a musical journey beginning at 8pm. \$3. Alwun House is located at 1204 E. Roosevelt. 253-7887.

other stuff

Water Volleyball: Bare, well-tanned skin! Hyatt Regency Scottsdale offers "Summer Splash Beach Bash," water volleyball competitions each Thursday through August 29, 6-9pm. 7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, \$36 per team per week, spectators admitted free. 991-3388

Seventh Arizona Womyn's Music Festival: September 20, 21 and 22 at the Lavender Patch in Snowflake, Arizona. Emcee Slique Callahan will present artists including Jess Hawk-Oakenstar, Mary Trevor, Moonshadow, The Melanie Morrison Band, Martie Van Der Voort, Rita Buglass, Pallas Athene, Kaweah, Kathleen Williamson, Diana Gard and many others. Open mike on Sunday 10am to 1pm. Tickets \$35 in advance and \$45 at the gate. A sliding scale/work exchange is available for low-income womyn only. No womyn will be turned away for lack of funds. If you wish to sell crafts, present a workshop, or participate in open mike, contact Dianne Post at 258-7985. For more info contact CB Productions at 438-1157.

A.G.R.A. Rodeo: The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association will present a "rodeo under the stars," Friday, August 16 and Saturday August 17, with brunch and awards ceremonies at Charlie's (727 W. Camelback) on Sunday August 18. Dancing and entertainment until 11pm both nights. Contestant registration on Friday and Saturday from 10am until 2pm. For more info call A.G.R.A. at 265-0618. Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds on the S.E. corner of 29th Ave. & Baseline.

Carnivale '91: This self-proclaimed "most celebrated art event of the Summer season" comes to life with a "Celebration of Nighttime Consciousness." Featuring Guest deejays Marcus "Reggae Street" Wright and Mary "Bonemama" McCann; musical guest the Trinidad Calypso Band; and exterior murals by local artists Rose Johnson and Vicki Sherrill. Saturday, August 24, 8pm. \$10 ticket includes exotic island buffet. Advance tickets are available for \$8 at Alwun House or by calling 253-7887.

Cash Inn and Sourdough Productions River Run Tubing Trip: Ten-dollar ticket includes

charter bus transportation to and from the river, brunch at the Cash Inn before departure and a steak dinner after the run. Bring your own deflated tube. Sunday, August 25, 10am at Cash Inn, 2140 E. McDowell Rd. More details by calling Ron Smith at 244-9943, or Sourdough at 266-7897.

big screen

Double Impact: Jean-Claude Van Damme plays identically tough twin brothers who take on the Chinese mafia in order to avenge the murder of their parents and reclaim their stolen inheritance. Van Damme co-wrote the screenplay. Say "ugh."

The Doctor: A surgeon (William Hurt) who has it all—looks, brains, loving wife, great car—gets cancer and learns what it means to be a patient. Director Randa Haines worked with Hurt on *Children of a Lesser God*.

Delirious: A hapless soap opera writer suffers a blow to the head and wakes up living the life of one of his fictional TV characters. Starring John Candy, Emma Samms, and Mariel Hemingway.

Pure Luck: One good klutz deserves another. When an accident-prone heiress disappears, an equally unfortunate accountant (Martin Short) and a heavy-duty detective (Danny Glover) set out to find her. A remake of the French comedy *La Chevre*.

Hot Shots: *Top Gun* meets the Three Stooges: Lloyd Bridges is a spaced-out admiral in charge of a corps of fly-boys (Charlie Sheen, Cary Elwes, and Jon Cryer) on a secret mission.

Another You: A con man and a pathological liar discover that their mutual propensity for telling half-truths makes them an ideal team. Starring Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor.

videos

Awakenings: Robert DeNiro portrays a man stirred from a coma after 30 years. Co-starring Robin Williams and directed by Penny Marshall.

Zoot Suit: Luis Valdez's searing musical about Chicano youths wrongly sent to prison in the early 1940s is crude but powerful. Daniel Valdez, Tyne Daly, Edward James Olmos and July Carmen star.

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some people

- Robert Polk
- Edward Everett Horton
- Helen Crump
- Pontius Pilate
- Virginia Uribe
- Edisol W. Dotson
- Daisy Duck
- Carlene Carter
- Darryl Hannah
- Abu Nuwas
- Covina Norfleet
- Marcia Neimann
- Conradin
- Linda Darnell
- Brenda Brown
- Mickey Tetterton
- Lyle Alzado
- Ron Barnes
- Lisa Lisa
- Mark Kerr
- Neil Tennant
- Wali Farad
- Jeff Sears
- Robert Minor
- Anna Dooling
- Linda Leiberman
- Arlene Dahl
- Martin Chuzzlewit
- David Van Verden
- Tracy Partridge
- Erté
- Pat Califia
- John John Kennedy
- Honey West
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New AIDS Definition Could Triple San Francisco Cases

Nationwide Total May Grow by 200,000

A new plan by federal officials to more precisely define AIDS could triple the number of cases in San Francisco and overburden an already strained social services network, officials say.

The national Centers for Disease Control announced that it plans to adopt a new definition of the disease on January 1 that could add 150,000 to 200,000 people nationwide to the tally of people living with AIDS.

In San Francisco, the new definition increases the number of people with AIDS to about 8,000 from the current 3,200, according to Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of the San Francisco AIDS office.

Currently, people are defined as having AIDS if they are diagnosed with the HIV virus and have had a so-called opportunistic infection, which attacks patients with weakened immune systems.

Under the new definition, a person infected with HIV whose measure of infection fighting T-cells falls below 200 will be considered to have AIDS. A T-cell count of 1,000 is considered healthy.

Hernandez said the new definition will be felt particularly in the mental health services such as suicide hotlines, crisis intervention and mental health counseling.

Lab Says New AIDS Info May Offer Fresh Approach

LOS ALAMOS, NM—New information published by the HIV database at Los Alamos National Laboratory suggests the genetic sequences of the AIDS virus may offer a new approach for fighting the disease, lab officials said.

Certain protein sequences of HIV change little, if any, even as the virus mutates and attacks the immune system, the lab said.

"The thought is if you hone in on one of these conserved sequences, it might be a weak point and an attack could be generated," said lab

spokesman John Gustafson.

Since HIV can escape detection and thwart drug therapies and vaccines by changing rapidly, researchers may be able to target the conserved sequences for more effective detection and treatment of AIDS, the lab said in a statement.

Gerald Myers, primary investigator of the lab's HIV Sequence Database and Analysis Project, said finding the HIV conserved sequence has taken researchers six years.

Man Fined for Message on ACT-UP T-Shirt

JENKS, OK—To a member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, his T-shirt bearing a four-letter word represented his views on how to handle the AIDS crisis.

A judge thought otherwise, and fined Eric Swartz \$100.

There is a place for such activism, but "it's not here in Jenks, Oklahoma," Judge Phil Frazier said earlier this month, adding that the message constituted "fighting words" and created a public nuisance.

A state employee called Jenks police June 3 when Swartz came into a state Department of Public Safety office wearing an ACT-UP T-shirt with "Don't Fuck With Us Fellas" printed on the back, according to testimony.

The message was constitutionally protected free speech, and he will appeal the public-nuisance fine to Tulsa County district court, Swartz said.

"I wear that shirt to express my political views," he testified. "Its purpose is to incense the public to stand up and fight for an end to the AIDS crisis."

The judge said he admired ACT-UP's efforts but feared the T-shirt could lead to confrontations.

About 10 ACT-UP members chanted as they left the courtroom. "Justice, equality, it's all a fascist lie. Our homophobic government is watching people die."

More New Mothers Carrying AIDS

PORTLAND, OR—A total of 34 new mothers in Oregon have tested positive for the AIDS virus, an Oregon Health Division report says.

"While the numbers are small, the trend is disturbing," the report says.

The HIV infection rate for Oregon's new mothers doubled in the last two years, the report says. It rose from a ratio of one out of 4,200 child-bearing women in 1989 to one out of 2,000 child-bearing women in 1991.

The report also estimates that 10 babies have been infected with the deadly virus by their mothers at childbirth since 1989.

About 30 percent of the children born to women who are HIV-positive will be infected with the virus, the Health Division said.

The report shows the majority of AIDS cases in Oregon still involves bisexual and homosexual men. As of June 30, the Oregon Health Division had received reports of 1,157 cases of

AIDS, of whom 718 have died.

Dr. Katrina Hedberg, the Health Division's HIV medical epidemiologist, said the incidence of AIDS in Oregon is considered moderate, but health officials are concerned that the number of reported cases may go up.

The report summarizes results from more than 1 million blood samples taken mostly in the Portland area in the last two years.

Some samples were collected without the consent of the individuals and are called blind surveys. The blood was drawn for other diagnostic purposes.

Other samples were solicited from patients who gave their consent. Blood was drawn from a variety of people: Visitors to clinics for sexually transmitted diseases, drug treatment centers, prenatal care clinics and emergency rooms. Blood samples also were taken from prison inmates and child-bearing women.

Fire Station Closed for "Decontamination"

FORT WORTH, TX—A blood-covered man who claimed to have the AIDS virus when he broke into a fire station here has prompted the facility's closing, authorities said.

Firefighters who had to clean blood from the walls of Station No. 3 say the 27-year-old prison parolee startled them when he smashed through a station window.

"It was kind of a rude awakening," said Lt. Gary Garrett. "Some blood-covered man coming through the station."

He said he and three other firefighters had just fallen asleep when they were awakened about 3 a.m.

"It shook me up so bad. When the police finally got hold of this guy, I saw that there was blood on me. We didn't know if he had a contagious disease or what. That's when I brought out the soap and bleach," said Garrett.

The Arlington man then told a MedStar emergency crew that he had tested positive for the HIV virus. Authorities said they are running

tests, but are not taking chances in the meantime.

One firefighter said it "looked like it had been a massacre in the station. There's blood on every wall, floor, lockers, everything."

The station was closed immediately after the break-in and wasn't expected to reopen until a biological cleanup company sterilized the facility, firefighters said.

"They are treating it as a totally, super, super contamination," Fire Department spokesman Lt. Kent Worley said. "They are considering ripping up all the carpeting, closets, linens and clothing that will be taken to a special place and incinerated under controlled circumstances."

Firefighters said the man cut himself severely when he dove through the window, then began bouncing off walls, doors and lockers as he followed them through the station.

A police report said the man "left a bloody trail throughout the fire station."

AIDS Spreading in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—AIDS is spreading at an alarming rate in Ethiopia, with the number of cases in the first six months of this year surpassing the total for all of last year.

The National AIDS Control Department in the health ministry reports that hospitals reported 477 cases from January to June this year, 30 cases above the 447 recorded in all of 1990.

The 1990 figure was double the previous year's, according to the report.

The report said the HIV virus would infect an estimated 300,000 Ethiopians this year, and 14,000 were likely to eventually develop AIDS.

While researchers have said AIDS cases have reached a plateau in the United States and Europe, the U.N. World Health Organization says there is no plateau in sight for Africa.

The health organization says 5

million are infected with the AIDS virus in sub-Saharan Africa and predicts 10 million will be infected by the mid 1990s.

More than 10 percent of women in Tanzania are infected with the HIV virus, leading officials there to ask whether infected women should be allowed to conceive.

Dr. Bennett Fimbo, head of information, education and communications in Tanzania's National AIDS Control Program, said that of pregnant women infected with the virus, 30 percent pass it on to their children.

"If this trend continues, the future of this country is bleak," Fimbo said. "The only question we have is whether women infected with the HIV virus should conceive."

Fimbo said the government had prepared a five-year program to reverse the spread of the disease but gave no details.

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Eyewitness to Gay-Bashing Says Victim Didn't Fight Back

SAN JOSE, CA—Two years ago, the teenager on trial for the videotaped beating of a gay man was assaulted himself—by a homosexual who testified last week that the "skinhead" youth called him derogatory names.

Rodrick Blair, who lived on the same street as the teenager and rented a home from the victim William Kiley, said he attacked the youth after he yelled "beat that faggot" as Blair drove by in his pickup truck.

Blair got out of his truck, grabbed a 18-to-24 inch long wooden dowel and briefly fought with two other youths before reaching the accused teen-ager. Blair shoved the teen over an embankment into a river and fled, he said.

"I was anxious to put an end to what had been going on for the past few years," Blair testified, referring to alleged harassment from the teenager whom he said sported "skinhead tattoos."

The youth's attorney, John McCardle, tried to shoot down Blair's story as revenge against his client's family. The family sued over Blair's noisy dogs, forcing him to put the animals to sleep months before the alleged confrontation.

"Come on, let's be honest, Mr. Blair, you don't like the (family)," McCardle said. "You'd come in here and lie, wouldn't you?"

"No, I wouldn't," Blair said, although he agreed he disliked the family.

The teenager, who turned 18 on July 7, is on trial for three felony charges under a "hate crime" statute in connection with the June 11 videotaped beating of William Kiley.

The charges include violation of a person's civil rights, which classifies as a "hate crime," battery causing serious bodily injury, and assault with a deadly weapon—the youth's feet.

If found guilty, the youth could be held until age 25. Under juvenile laws, the teen's name shouldn't be made public unless he's found guilty.

In earlier testimony, an eyewitnesses to the videotaped beating of Kiley supported Kiley's claim that he didn't want to fight.

But McCardle said Kiley told police he felt he would have been attacked even if he were a heterosexual.

Kiley, a handyman, has filed a \$20 million civil lawsuit against the young man and his family.

Thirteen-year-old Erik Deitrick, whose aunt lives on the block where the alleged attack occurred, told the court Kiley covered his head and attempted to flee as the youth beat him.

"Bill said 'no' and was shaking his head," Deitrick testified, saying Kiley tried to block punches by holding his arms in front of his face. "He was protecting himself."

The attacking youth also hurled epithets at Kiley, calling him a "faggot" and other derogatory names, but Deitrick wasn't able to hear everything Kiley said, according to Deitrick's testimony.

Deitrick said Kiley thanked him for testifying and told him to watch out for the defense attorney "because he'll try to trip you up."

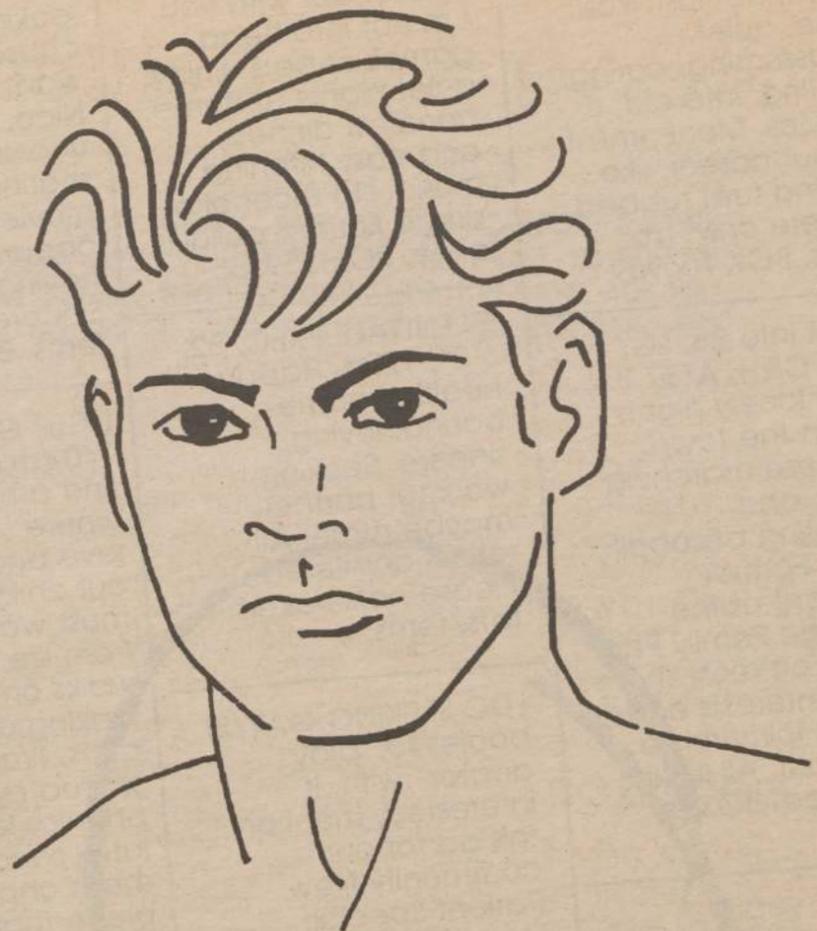
When Kiley was on the stand, he became so flustered and confused about events while McCardle cross-examined him that at one point he said, "I don't know if I'm on tape or sitting here."

Kiley said he set up the video camera in his home across the street from his rental property June 11 on the advice of an attorney who said he needed evidence of harassment from the youth and his family.

The videotape, which aired on national television, shows the then 17-year-old youth attacking Kiley with flying fists and feet after they argued about Kiley leaving grass clippings on the family's driveway. Although the sound is murky on the videotape, the teen-ager is heard calling Kiley derogatory names.

The video ends with Kiley standing in front of the camera, turning from side to side, to show the damage—two black eyes, a broken nose and cuts and bruises. Kiley still wears a neck brace.

Deputy District Attorney Jacqueline Arroyo said the videotape shows "This is a case about hatred and about violence."



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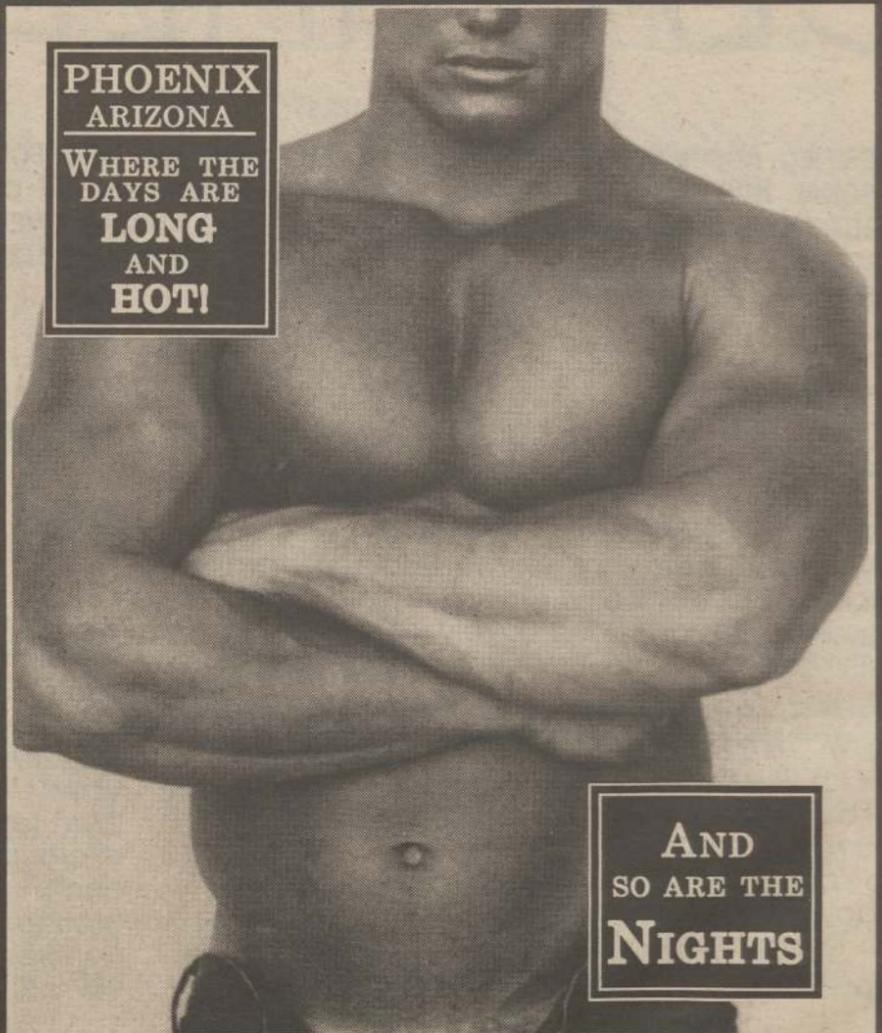
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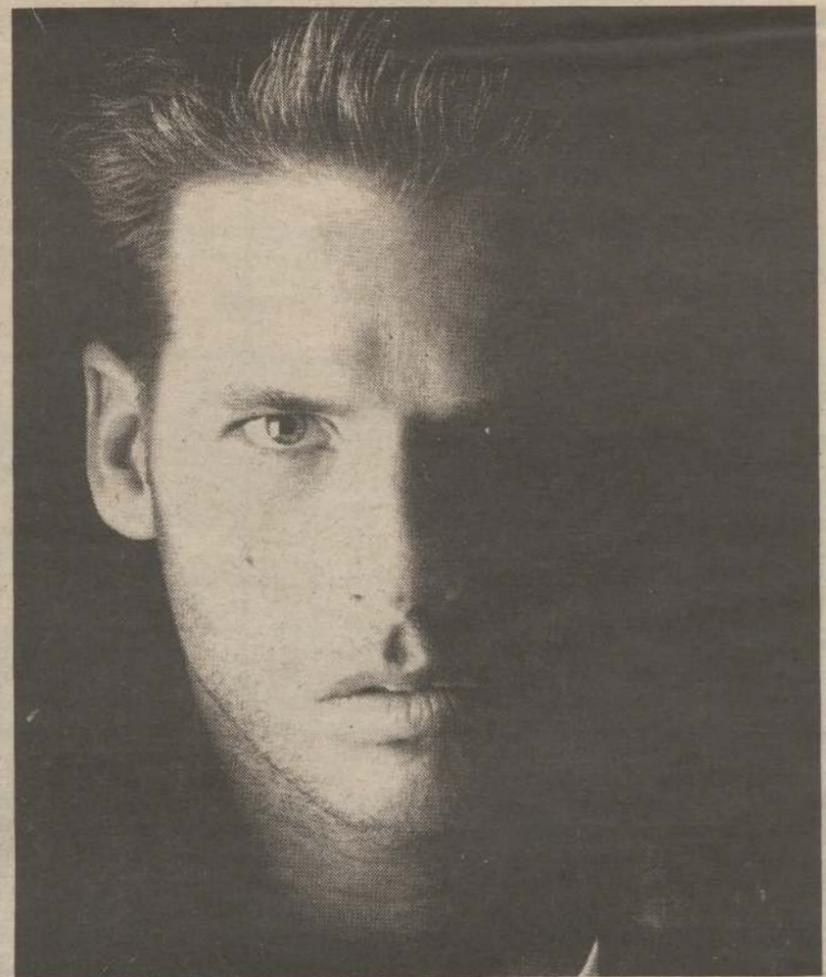
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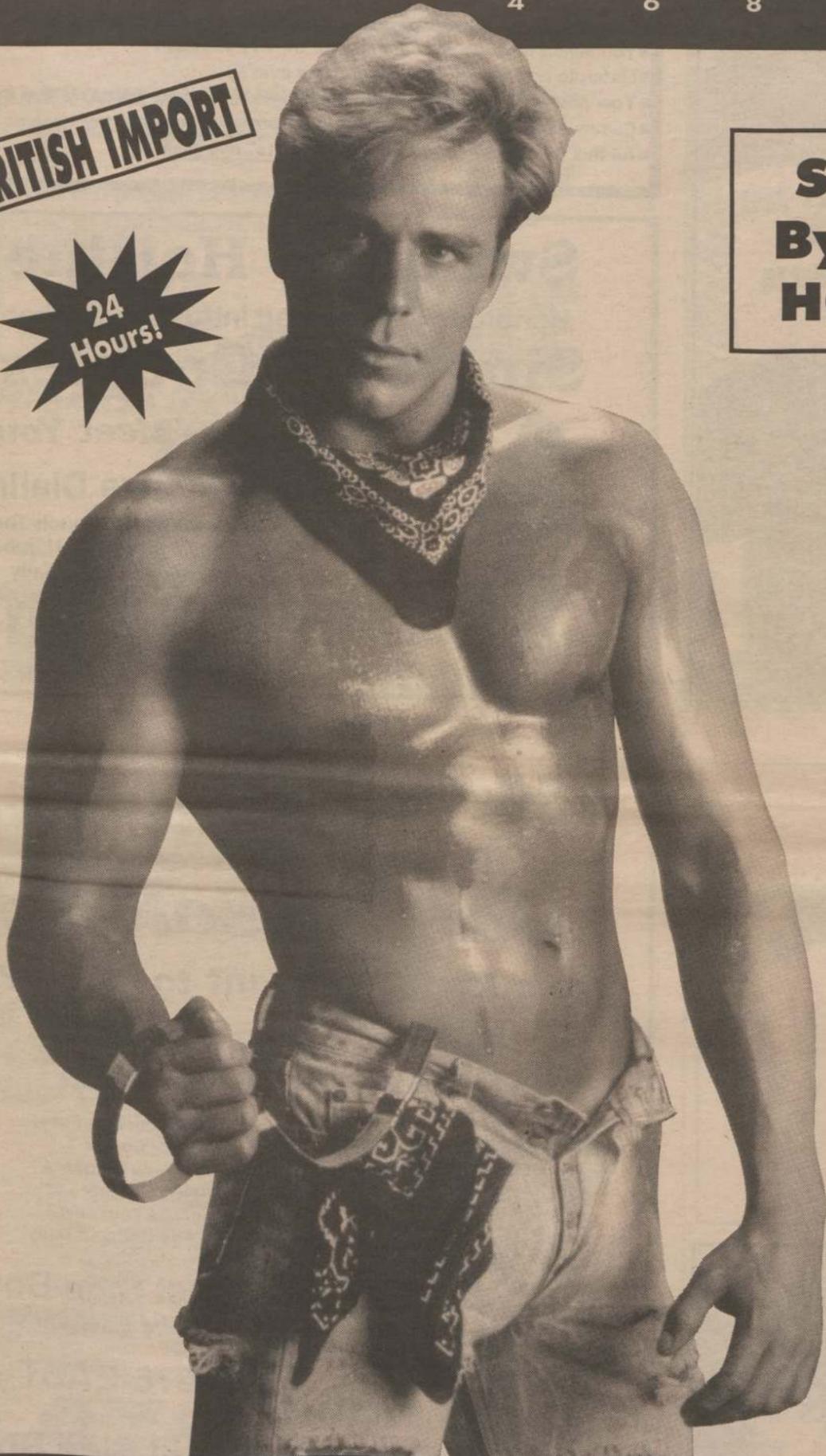


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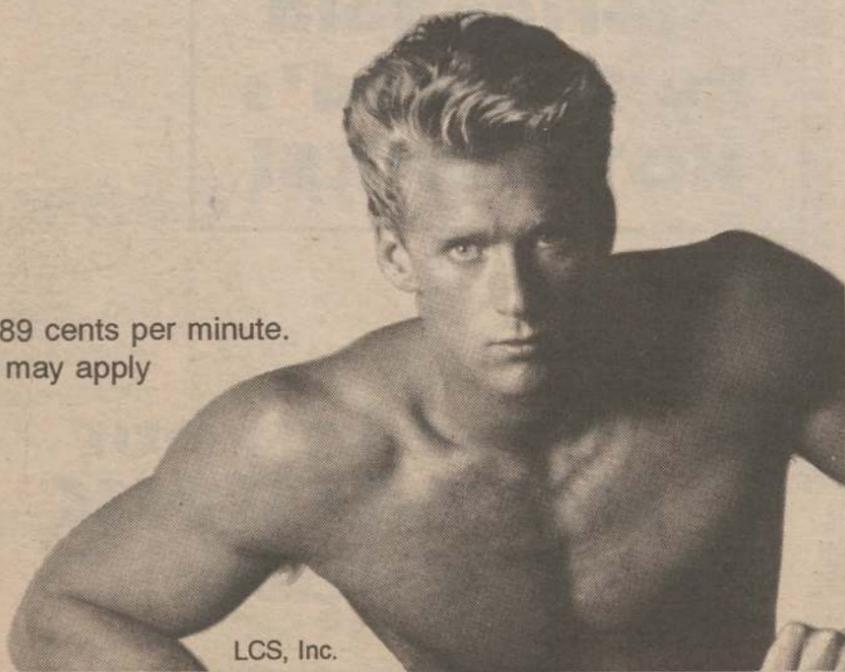
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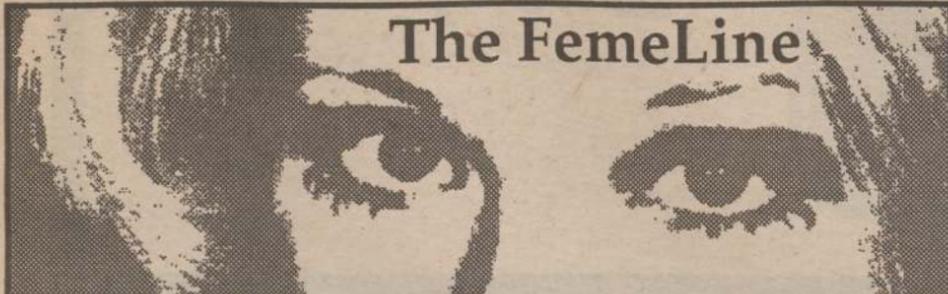
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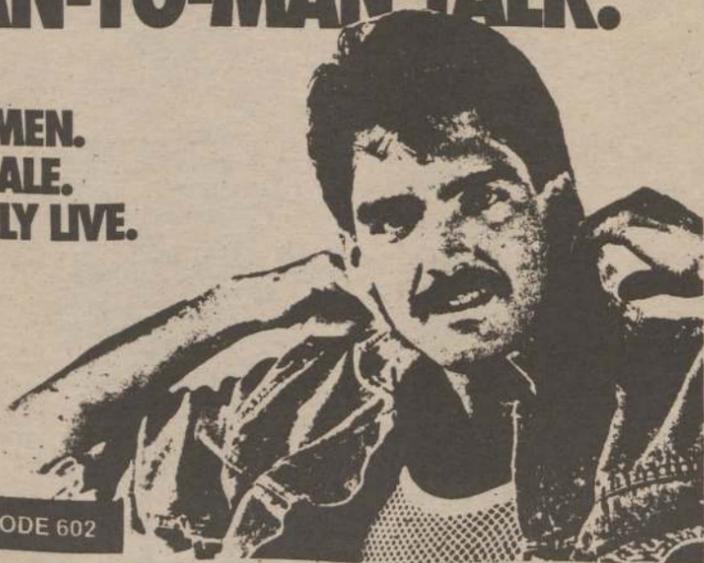
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