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Sun City Mama—

How one mild-mannered, midwestern grandmother moved to the Valley of her son and was transformed into an outspoken, gay-rights activist

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Christine Shaw's home is typical of many in Sun City, Arizona. It isn't a new house. Like most of the houses in this world-famous, planned retirement community west of Phoenix, it isn't large. But it is clean and comfortable. It feels lived-in.

Colored gravel decorates the front yard, and the home's interior overflows with religious plaques and mementos, and photos of grandchildren and other family living "back East". The dining-room chair that Mrs. Shaw directs a visitor toward still has a clear, plastic wrap covering its fabric seat. So do the others in the matched set.

In addition to her house, the lifestyle of this 64-year-old widow is probably equally typical of many single seniors in Sun City. She's energetic and active, involved in her church and numerous other social groups. In April, she traveled with 20 other Sun City singles up the Columbia River on a paddle-boat cruise.

She doesn't mind talking about her life before her husband died, and is proud of all three of the sons they raised together. She is quick to pull family photographs from her pocketbook when asked about her children.

Pretty typical.

Until the subject turns to gay rights. That's when this sweet-natured grandmother of five really lets loose. Her voice lowers, and she sits up straight. "I wear a red ribbon everywhere I go," she says. "And I make no excuses for it. If anyone asks, I tell them I have a gay son, and I tell them about P-FLAG."

Christine Shaw was instrumental in founding the Sun City chapter of the national organization known as Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. She says she asked around soon after moving from a small town outside of Chicago to the adults-only, desert suburb in 1994. She discovered that no P-FLAG group had ever been tried there.

She decided there ought to be a chapter, so she contacted the president of the Phoenix group, and together they placed ads in the Sun City newspapers. "We put an ad in the *Daily News-Sun*, *The Independent*, and a paper in Glendale. I had the first meeting here in my home, and there were 22 people in my living room."

At first, Mrs. Shaw was surprised to see so large a turnout for a gay support group, especially in a community considered rabidly conservative by many Arizonans. But it made sense after she thought about it. "We have a lot of older people, and we know there are a lot of people with gay children out here."

The group caught on quickly. "We met twice here, and then a local mortuary I contacted said we could use their meeting room. They don't charge us. We've been meeting on the last Sunday of the month now for three years. We don't have a lot of speakers, nor are we that politically active out here. We're just in the process of getting the people to come out and find us. We probably have 50 people on our mailing list."

Since its formation, the Sun City chapter of P-FLAG has taken part in a number of gay-rights causes. "I've been to the legislature," Mrs. Shaw proudly says. "When they brought up the Hate Crimes Bill, some of us were there. We've been in

candlelight AIDS walks with the churches. And I was in the pride parade."

But Christine Shaw's activism goes beyond her involvement in the organization. Her own brand of calmly outspoken advocacy has become her way of life. Whether grocery shopping, dining out, attending a church function or visiting a friend, this heterosexual senior citizen is a proactive voice for gay rights each and every day.

"I always wear the ribbon, and that is the ice-breaker." People ask her all kinds of things, she says, and she does her best to answer honestly and openly. "There are a lot of people here who just aren't enlightened. It (gay rights issues and AIDS issues) just doesn't touch them, so they don't know. So I educate them. I've done a lot of reading and research."

Once, she says, she was attending a church committee meeting when another woman referred to gay people as "those queers." She couldn't keep quiet. She rose to her feet and told the assembly in a calm voice that she was offended by that. "I said I have a son who is gay, and that kind of condemnation of an entire group of people simply is not acceptable." When she sat down, her friends flashed her smiles and gave her the "thumbs up" gesture.

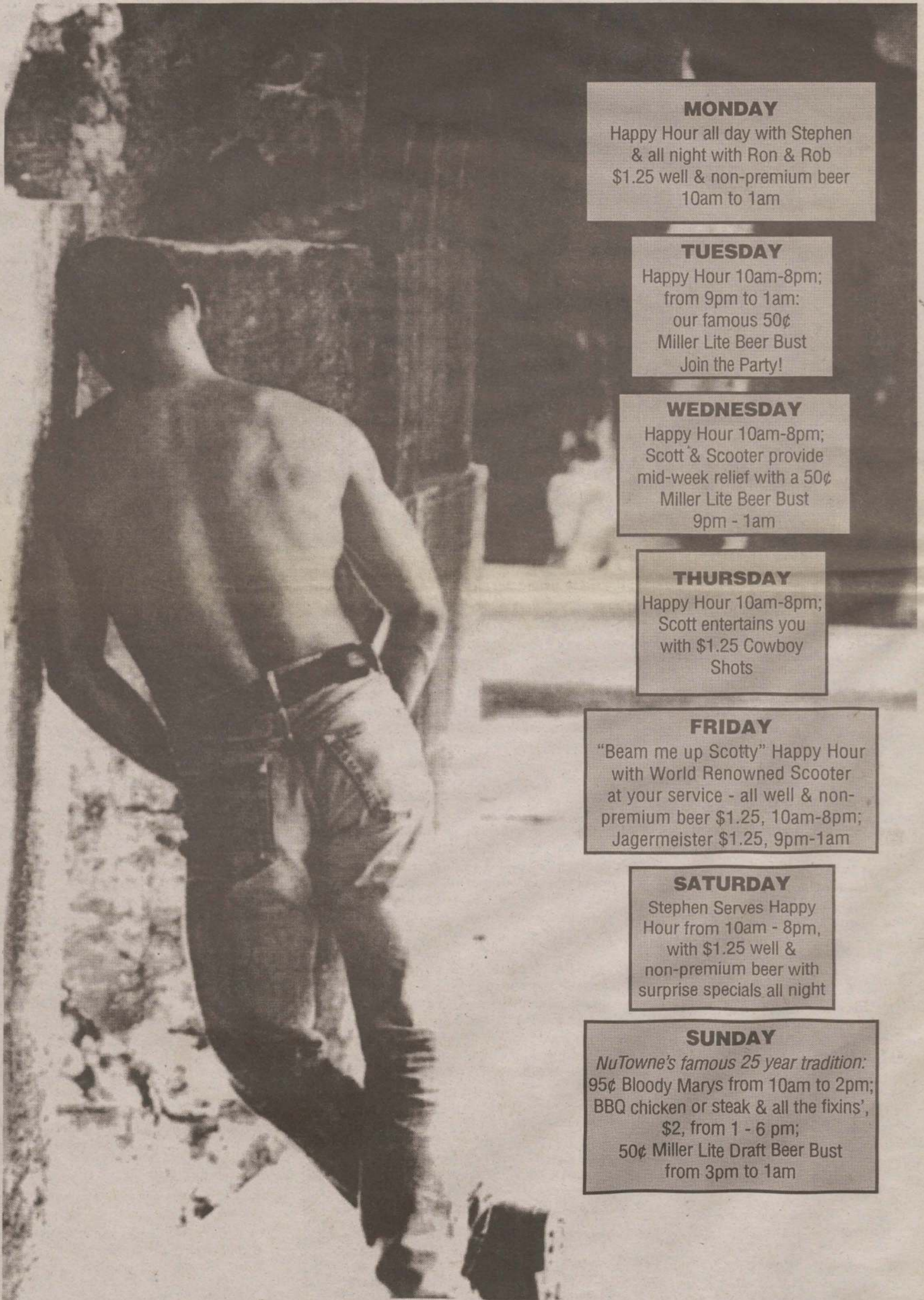
"I don't know what makes me so outspoken about this," says Mrs. Shaw. She says she wasn't always this way.

The Shaws moved to the Phoenix area to be nearer their youngest son in 1994. Christine's husband, Robert, had been diagnosed with lung cancer. Doctors told them the climate would be

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When my son told me he was going to leave his secure job to help start a specialized newspaper in the big city of Phoenix, Arizona I wasn't surprised.

I had always known he had been searching for a way to express himself and to use his many creative talents. Allen has a wonderful "knack of hoping". It is a necessary trait for anyone taking such a chance. It may have been inherited from generations of farmers in his lineage, but I suspect everyone reading this has the trait to some degree. Many of us are still waiting for the right time to test our courage.

When this idea and the opportunity to do it began to take hold of him, his father and I could see that it was important, maybe even imperative that he take the risk and put his heart, mind, and financial resources into something he believes in and enjoys doing.

We both wanted him to go for it! He could not have so willingly joined this effort to publish HeatStroke if we hadn't known he was gay.

I am pleased to know that there are a number of young, gay people throughout the world that meet regularly for support and fellowship with their parents' approval. These young people—some of them our future leaders—will have a head start when determining what they want to do. They are learning to accept their own sexuality before becoming adults. The love and acceptance of their families are valuable assets that will benefit them in their early development.

There are mothers and fathers who are unaware of the gay or lesbian orientation of their adult children. The desire, the time and the need to know is different for everyone. I wish I'd known my son was gay when he was

younger. He was an adult when I found out. I know I suspected it earlier but it wasn't a question I could ask him. What if I was wrong? Wouldn't he be hurt and offended? What would he think of me, his own mother, wondering if he was gay, if he wasn't?

Now I feel sad for the pain and stress he suffered for so long because he was unable to tell me how he felt and I was unable to talk to him about my feelings.

We are fortunate to be living at a time when people are more understanding of the unique races, diverse cultures and variety of lifestyles of our fellow adult human beings. There is still anger, fear, hate and prejudice around, but the more knowledge people have about their similarities the more we become aware of how insignificant our differences really are.

HeatStroke is a tangible resource where ideas may be expressed, ways to encourage one another can be explored, and information is shared that promotes acceptance and understanding between people.

I am proud of Allen, his colleagues and others who contribute to publications like this, and to other forms of universal media that help us realize each of us is worthwhile.

We can direct our lives by making an effort to get rid of our hurtful or sad memories and not dwell on the decisions we made in the past. We can't turn back and do anything over again but we have today and every day after it. This is our place in time. It is all we have to think, to love, to learn, to care, and to restore faith in our own "knack of hoping" that the future will continue to improve for ourselves and for others.

By clarifying our values, defining our principles, listening to others, accepting our differences and acknowledging our common bonds, we are all quietly contributing to a better world every day of our lives.

Sharon U. Kalchik
Northport, Michigan

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Tucson grants medical benefits to partners of gay employees

Council limits benefits to same-sex couples; action follows Pima County Board of Supervisor's approval last month

TUCSON (AP)

The Tucson City Council agreed to extend medical insurance benefits to gay and lesbian domestic partners of city employees April 28 but refused to do the same for unmarried straight couples.

The Council voted 6-0 to approve the measure, which is expected to cost about \$27,000.

Councilman Steve Leal walked out of the room when the vote was taken. Leal said he didn't want to vote against the proposal, but wasn't prepared to support it yet because he said it didn't include adequate criteria for who is eligible for city insurance

coverage and didn't include heterosexual couples.

Employees who want to add same-sex domestic partners to their insurance need only sign an affidavit that they are committed to a long-term monogamous relationship.

Leal said the city needs to require more of a commitment "than just having the same mailing address." He said the city should study the policies of other governments that offer insurance to unmarried couples.

Last month the Board of Supervisors agreed to extend insurance benefits to all unmarried domestic partners, but delayed final action until eligibility criteria are devised.

Leal said he feels limiting insurance benefits to homosexual couples discriminates against other unmarried couples.

Mayor George Miller supported City Manager Luis Gutierrez's position that heterosexual couples have the option of getting married to qualify for dependent insurance coverage, which is an option homosexual couples don't enjoy.

Miller said the city should approve the proposal because the amount of money is "insignificant" and the city later can adopt strict criteria for who is eligible.

Extending coverage to all unmarried domestic partners would cost an

estimated \$127,000. At the request of Councilman Michael Crawford, the city will continue to investigate that possibility.

Beverly Gin, a leader of the group of employees who asked the council to consider extending insurance benefits to same-sex domestic partners, said her group has no position on whether straight couples should get the same consideration.

But she urged the council to act quickly on the proposal for same-sex partners so they can sign up during the next open enrollment period for city insurance plans.

Was pilot gay? Air Force Denies Tucson Citizen report

Tucson (AP)

On the same day an A-10 pilot was buried, a newspaper reported that he may have purposely crashed his plane out of fear another pilot would reveal their homosexual affair.

The *Tucson Citizen* quoted an unidentified military source close to the crash investigation who said Capt. Craig Button, 32, may have crashed the \$8.8 million jet in the Colorado mountains because an estranged lover intended to reveal their affair. The Air Force said the allegation was unsubstantiated and called the May 2 report irresponsible.

In Washington, Air Force spokesman Maj. Ed Worley said nothing in the investigation so far "provides answers on what happened."

"At this point in our investigation, we have found nothing to substantiate allegations that Capt. Button was homosexual. Any reports to the contrary are irresponsible," Worley said.

The A-10 Thunderbolt was the last in a three-plane formation heading toward a bombing range in southwestern Arizona on April 2 when it veered off course and crashed near Vail, Colo.

It was two weeks before searchers found the crash site, and it was

determined that Button went down with the plane.

The alleged lover was believed to be another pilot at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, the newspaper reported.

"The Air Force really believes that this could be the answer," the newspaper reported, citing the same source.

The Air Force decided April 30 to convene a board that will look at all aspects of the case, including Button's personal life, said Maj. Joe LaMarca, spokesman for the Air Combat Command at Langley AFB in Virginia.

The newspaper has made "some very clear assumptions or accusations of a military investigator close to the source," LaMarca said. "I'm here to tell you that the board just convened, and I'm not even sure whether all the investigators are out there yet."

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is conducting its own inquiry. Button, who was single, could have faced discharge had he been found to be homosexual.

Button, of Massapequa, N.Y., was buried Friday at Long Island National Cemetery in New York. About 40 relatives and friends met at a funeral home in Button's hometown, then went to the cemetery for prayer and the burial.

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Lesbian attorney optimistic about community's future

by Karyn Riedell, Staff Writer

Lambda attorney Jennifer Pizer didn't couch her enthusiasm in any lawyerly hedging. "We had the most incredible year ever in legal-rights history," Pizer said about gay legal victories in 1996.



Law talk — Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund attorney Deborah Pizer at an April 25 gathering in Phoenix

Pizer, the managing attorney for Lambda's Western Regional Office, was in Phoenix recently to address legal issues important to gays. Speaking before a group gathered at the home of Phoenix attorney Mary Burkheiser on April 25, Pizer cited several landmark cases.

One major victory was Lambda's defeat of Colorado's anti-gay amendment, which would have prevented any laws protecting gays and lesbians against discrimination. Lambda's challenge of the amendment went all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

"We had never had a case to the Supreme Court before to see what denied equal protection under the law," Pizer said. Looking at the Supreme Court's past record of homophobic decisions, Lambda attorneys were dubious about their chances of winning, Pizer said. They were particularly nervous about Justice Anthony Kennedy, who had previously lobbied for the Catholic Church.

"He wrote a decision that was wonderful. He stated it and ended it with quotes from some of the most beautiful race discrimination cases," Pizer said. "It has very much changed the landscape for almost every case we're working on."

Pizer also cited Lambda's legal victory in the Jamie Nabozny case that addressed a school's liability for anti-gay violence in public schools. Nabozny's case stemmed from his four-year ordeal as an openly gay student in Ashland, Wisconsin, where he

was repeatedly harassed and assaulted by other students. One of the assaults included a mock rape. The school principal's response to such attacks was simply, "Boys will be boys."

Lambda sued the school on equal-protection claims based on gender discrimination and sexual-orientation discrimination. "There's nothing rational about a principal running a school saying it's OK for one of the students to be beaten up. A girl who would have been subjected to that kind of conduct would have been protected," Pizer said.

Lambda's victory in the conservative Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals led to a whopping settlement. "It cost the school district nearly a million dollars to turn a blind eye to this young man's agony," said Pizer.

Another major victory was Lambda's landmark Hawaii marriage case, *Baehr v. Miike*. In December 1996, a Hawaii court ruled that gay couples should be allowed to marry. The state is appealing the decision in the Hawaii Supreme Court. While the case is being appealed, lesbians and gays cannot legally marry. Lambda attorneys expect a decision in 1998.

"We're pretty confident that we're right here. Hawaii has an Equal Rights Amendment, which means government has to have a very good

reason for discriminating on the basis of gender. That's the point when Lambda said, 'Oh, shit,'" Pizer explained.

Initially, many Lambda attorneys weren't even sure that they even wanted to enter the battle for legalizing gay marriage, Pizer said. Before entering the fray, Lambda attorneys debated the issue. "Should we want marriage? Should we not want marriage? Patriarchy? We couldn't even agree on a consensus among staff," Pizer recalled.

Related to the legal battle over gay marriage in Hawaii is the idea that the marriage state is "portable" from one state to another, Pizer said. The federal Defense of Marriage Act, passed by the United States Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton last year, gives individual states the legal right to refuse recognizing gay marriages performed in other states—such as Hawaii.

A legal challenge to this federal bill won't be possible until a couple is legally married in one state and is then refused recognition by another state, Pizer said. She adds, "There are some people who really seem to feel that the world will quit spinning on its axis if queers are allowed to marry."

Gay vets meet with Pentagon as military explores gay rumors in plane crash

WASHINGTON (GLAAD)

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) today held a first-ever meeting with Pentagon officials. On the agenda was the appointment of an independent review board to investigate abuses of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue." "No other gay veterans organization has ever done this," said Jim Darby, national president of GLBVA. Since May 2, rumors that the pilot whose A-10

crashed recently was gay fueled further criticism of the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. According to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, "We are concerned about any ongoing investigations under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue' against additional servicemembers at Davis-Monthan or Laughlin Air Force Bases. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Button family over their loss."

SF Corporations continue to affirm domestic partnerships

SAN FRANCISCO (GLAAD)

As the deadline draws nearer for companies who do business with the City of San Francisco to commit to providing same-sex partner health benefits for all employees, two major corporations announced that they would comply and made statements supporting diversity in the workplace. On April 24, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) granted medical, dental and vision care to domestic partners of

employees, which augmented previously existing benefits such as joint pension plans and bereavement leave. Chevron Corporation announced April 30 that it will extend health, dental, bereavement and relocation benefits to both opposite- and same-sex domestic partners. "Addressing lesbian and gay issues makes excellent business sense," said Kirk Nass, chair of the Chevron Lesbian and Gay Employees Association (CLGEA).

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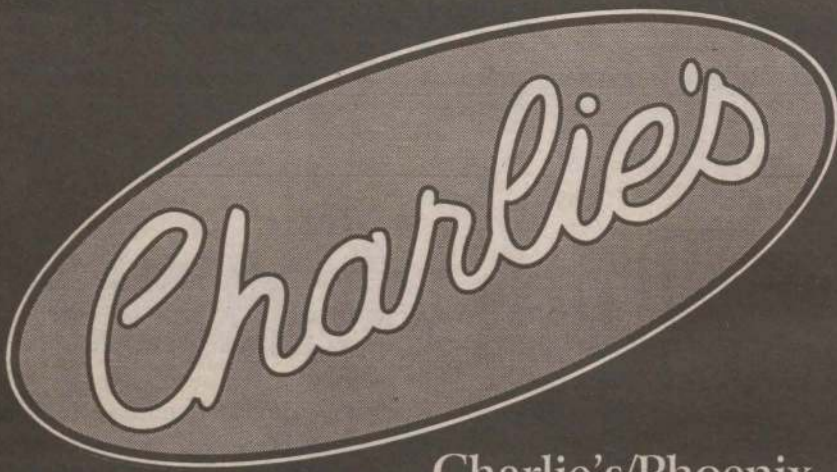


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Goings On

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The Grand Canyon Men's Chorale presents its 1997 Spring concert entitled, *All in the Family... A Celebration of Bell Bottoms and Polyester*. The final concert of the 1996-97 season will be held on Friday, May 23, at the newly-remodeled Orpheum Theatre, 203 W. Adams in Downtown Phoenix.

The Spring concert will be a musical review reflecting the moods of the seventies— from the naively optimistic to the cynical, the bittersweet to the aggressive. The chorale will also present several of the lyrical and expressive pieces their audiences have grown to love.

GCMC Artistic Director is Dr. Craig J. Westendorf. Dr. Westendorf, in addition to being an accomplished organist, has done extensive research and study in Europe. He has served on the music faculties of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign. Since 1991, he has been Director of Music for the First United Methodist Church in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Grand Canyon Men's Chorale was founded in 1990 and is a not-for-profit charitable organization. The chorale is a member of GALA (Gay & Lesbian Association of Choruses). Admission for the 8pm GCMC performance is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door, \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available through chorale members or by calling Dillard's outlets at 505-5555. For additional information, contact the chorale office at 602-340-7640.

Rodeo poster deadline approaches

The deadline for the poster contest for the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's 1998 Road Runner Regional Rodeo is Sunday, May 11. The judging will take place at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback in Phoenix, during the May AGRA general membership meeting, beginning at 5pm. The 13th annual AGRA rodeo will be held in Phoenix in January, 1998.

Entries must be 17" x 22" finished size with the only lettering being "1998 Road Runner Regional Rodeo." Exception will be made for computer-generated entries made to scale, with the artist able to enlarge if his/her entry is selected. All entries must have the artist's name and phone number in the upper right corner on the back of the design. No entries will be accepted with the artist's name on the front. The winner will be awarded \$200.

Team Arizona to meet

Team Arizona will be holding a general membership meeting at 2pm on Sunday, May 18 at the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Interested Arizona athletes are welcome to attend and to join Team Arizona.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to pre-register for the 1998 Amsterdam gay Games. The group will also discuss travel arrangements, fundraising efforts and plans for Team Arizona's participation in the upcoming Arizona Central Pride Festival.

Team Arizona was formed in 1990 to meet the needs of Arizona's gay and lesbian athletes participating in the International Gay Games held every four years. The Gay Games is an athletic festival designed to foster gay pride and the Olympic ideal. Originally called the Gay Olympics, the next Gay Games are scheduled for Amsterdam, The Netherlands, August 1-8.

VOIT to hold prom

The Valley One in Ten gay, lesbian and bisexual youth group (VOIT) will hold its first prom on Saturday, May 24 at the Community Church of Hope, 4400 N. Central Ave., at 7:30pm. The prom, *Come Taste the Rainbow*, will include a DJ and photographer taking prom pictures.

Joe Longs is a VOIT member and editor of the organization's newsletter. He said the prom will provide an opportunity for Valley youth to have fun together, without singling out one group. "This will be open to all ages, so come and have fun at a unique and interesting prom for everybody," he said.

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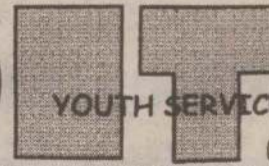
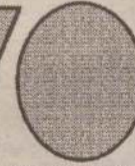
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Pride on the Red Rocks

Northern Arizona Pride Festival celebrates second year

By Karyn Riedell, Staff Reporter

Sedona's red rocks will provide a dramatic backdrop—and maybe even some good vibes—for the 1997 Second Annual Northern Arizona Pride Festival. Set for Saturday, May 17, the festival will kick off at noon at Dylan's restaurant and grounds, and continue into the evening hours with a dance hosted by Mountain Rainbow.

Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, Arizona's only openly gay mayor, will be the keynote speaker. Entertainment will be provided by the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale, the Las Vegas Men's Chorus and the Honolulu Men's Chorus. The day's entertainment will also include Phoenix drag impresario Pussy LeHoot and her Fabulous Follies, along with Native American dancers and jazz ensembles.

"This year from the amount of phone calls coming in, I have an idea it will be 1,500 to 2,000, probably closer to 2,000," said Chuck King, president of the Northern Arizona Pride Association, the group of six people organizing the event. About 1,200 people traveled to Sedona last year for Northern Arizona's First Gay Pride Festival.

"After we heard of HUMPE's demise, we organized. There's no reason for pride to fail, especially after it was such a success last year," King said. HUMPE (Humans Uniting Metasexual Practices Eternally) was the local group that organized last year's event.

King said that people are planning to come from as far away as

San Diego, Sacramento and Las Vegas. Many of them have told him they are interested because the event is a choral festival as well as a "pride" event.

"I'm kind of expecting the choral thing to start a national trend because it's not just guys in dresses and bad makeup. The three groups that are here this year will always be our hosts," King said.

He said that he would have liked to include a female chorus and a mixed chorus for this year's event, but time constraints limited his options. So, he went with the three groups with whom he already had connections. King said he does plan to get a female chorus and a mixed chorus for next year's festival.

One of the highlights of this year's event will be the song To Love and be Loved, which will be performed by all three choruses. The song was written for the Turtle Creek Chorale in Texas, which has lost five percent of its members to AIDS. Chairs containing only a tie and cummerbund will be placed on stage to signify those members who died. Mayor Giuliano will read the story behind the song before the three choirs perform.

Admission is \$10 and includes a raffle ticket. The prizes are a week-long Caribbean retreat and cruise, and a weekend for two in Toronto, Vancouver or San Francisco. The proceeds from the festival will benefit the Northern Arizona AIDS Council and Big Brothers-Big Sisters. For more information, call 282-8501.

AHRF's employment non-discrimination wrap up

AHRF urges gays & lesbians to thank legislators

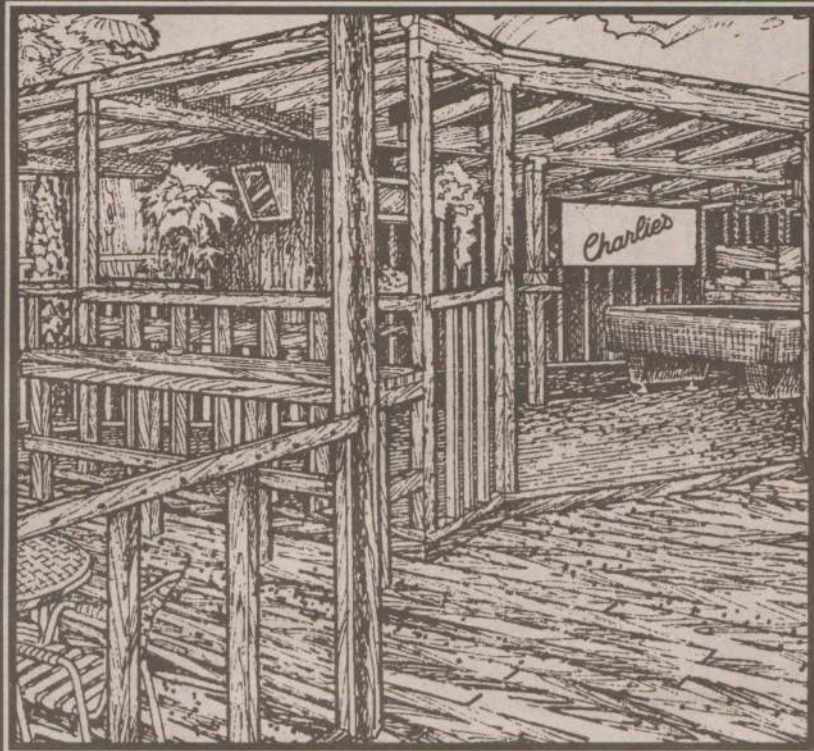
When the 1996-97 Arizona legislative season ended, a House Bill to outlaw employment discrimination against gays and lesbians had made its way to the house floor as an amendment to SB 1464.

Those voting for the amendment were Reps. Aquirre, Allen, Armstead, Cardamone, Carruthers, Chevront, Eberhardt, Fagin, Foster, Gardner, Gerard, Gonzales, Hershberger, Horton, Kyle, Leff, Lored, Lynch, Nichols, Norris,

Pickens, Preble, Rios, Salinger, Valadez, Voss, Weason.

The Arizona Human Rights Fund recommends writing a short note to each of these Representatives, thanking them for their vote and asking them to co-sponsor the bill in the next session. Rep. Shaw and Rep. Marsh should also get thank-you letters.

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better in Arizona. The couple had been making regular visits since 1986.

"We moved here permanently in August of '94, and my husband died July of 1995." For awhile after his death, says Mrs. Shaw, she was in a shell. "I would say it took nine months to a year. And that's when I really broke loose."

She says she was not always as accepting of her son's sexuality as she is today.

"Bobby came out in '78 or '79," she says in reference to her gay son, Robert Jr., who is now 37. "He was about eighteen. He had moved to Dallas with another man. They came back to Illinois for a visit six to eight months later, and that's when he told me he was gay."

"I don't remember exactly how he put it, but I looked at him and asked, 'do you know what a homosexual is?' Now if that isn't the stupidest thing I could have ever said. I never forgot it—I thought, 'oh! how dumb.'" Asked if she had wondered whether Bobby might be gay when he was growing up, she is quick to answer, "No. Never."

"He told me, and it didn't really sink in. My first reaction was, 'Ah! His immortal soul!'" The worried mother then went to the library and checked out a book called *The Church and the Homosexual*, written by a priest who was gay himself. "I snuck it home—his dad never knew it—and I read it and felt a little better."

Her Catholicism is still very important to her. She was away from the church for a long time, she says, and has come back to a new, different church. "A very open church, compared to what it used to be."

"The priest at our church is very supportive. Some of the other pastors are also supportive, like the Universalists," she says. "Then there's the church—I will not mention the name—that asked an older couple to leave the congregation because of their involvement in P-FLAG. Which I don't think was very Christian." She says that particular couple has five children, and that three of them are gay.

People will take one verse from the Old Testament, she explains, and it's completely out of context. "But they'll say, 'that's the law' and take it verbatim. There's a whole raft of things that are sins, but they pick out this one, and then take it out of context. I'd like to learn more about the Old Testament."

It is her general thirst for knowledge that drives Christine Shaw to continue to educate herself about gay issues, as well as AIDS issues and the spread of HIV. "Can you believe there are still people who don't know how AIDS is spread?" she asks, shaking her head.

"When Bobby first came out, I knew absolutely nothing about the gay world, she continues. "A lot of parents don't learn about it, because they only see their gay children occasionally." It was something new, she says, adding, "Anything new, I have to look it up and find out what I can about it. In this case, Bobby was my son."

For his part, Bobby Shaw says the decision to tell his mother he was gay when he was still quite young was easy. "We were always so close," he says. "I figured, why lie to her? I mean, when you have already moved in with a guy, or taken a vacation like we did, in a car we bought together? I figured it would be better to straighten her out and let her know."

"And I'm glad he did," his mother adds. "It cleared the air, and he wasn't holding anything back from us. We had been very close, anyway. I just never let it be a big issue. Maybe it was easier



Pink Panther: Christine Shaw, gay-rights activist and founder of Sun City's P-FLAG chapter.

because he was out of state, he wasn't under our nose all the time. It gave me a chance to find out more, gradually."

Bobby Shaw says, "I really admire her, because she didn't have to learn anything about my being gay. I mean, I lived two thousand miles away. She could have just chosen not to deal with it." Shaw says that he is very proud of his mother's activism, and yet he is often taken aback by the way she will discuss gay issues with anyone she meets.

"We'll be standing in a grocery line," he says, laughing, "and she'll be giving her phone number to some lady, so that she can make her a red ribbon or something. And I'll ask, 'Mother, what are you up to? Do you know these people?' And she never

does, but she doesn't care. This goes on all the time, every day."

It is easy to understand why such brazen, uncloseted activism can make a difference, says Christine Shaw, when you've heard some of the horror stories that have been brought up in the Sun City P-FLAG group discussions.

She tells of one woman who urged her lesbian daughter to commit suicide. Then there's the story of a lady from Laveen, who once dragged her 22 year-old son out of bed at gunpoint after learning he had been to Charlie's, a local gay bar. "She nearly killed him," says the activist, with a visible shudder.

"To disown your child—I just can't understand it." The activist grandma says that Bobby's sexuality has caused some dissension in her own family, "but that's their problem. That's my attitude, I just live my life and I do what I want."

"I love my son dearly. I feel sorry for parents who have turned against their children, because they are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to be introduced to a whole different world. A world of very sensitive, caring people."

She also finds the power of the pen to be an effective tool. Her articulate letters to Sun City's largely conservative newspapers are printed often. It may be common for widowed singles to clip coupons, but Mrs. Shaw clips the work of right-wing columnists and other anti-gay diatribes from the op/ed pages to add to her files. "I write letters to the editor of the *Daily News-Sun* whenever I see something that I don't like. In fact, I just cut something awful out last night that I might have to respond to."

She also takes part in the Meals on Wheels program, delivering hot meals to the west Valley's housebound and sick senior citizens. Well-adjusted to the role she has chosen for herself, this Sun City resident insists that the reasons behind her activism are not complicated. "I live by one rule. It's a rule that Christ gave us before he left this earth—he said, 'love each other as I have loved you.' Period. That says it all."

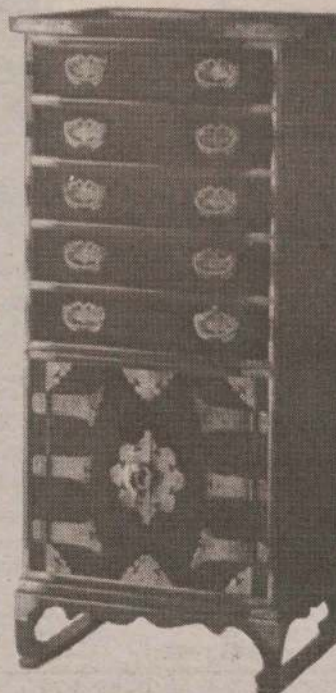
Christine Shaw was interested in joining P-FLAG and supporting gay rights well before moving to the desert enclave she calls home.

But she was unable to become active until recently, saying the death of her spouse of 41 years was the catalyst for her involvement today.

"Let's face it," she says. "Fathers don't take to a gay son as fast as a mother does.

My husband is gone, and now I have found my niche in the world. That's to be an outspoken supporter of P-FLAG and the gay community. And believe me," she says with a smile, "I'll do it as long as I'm still breathing."

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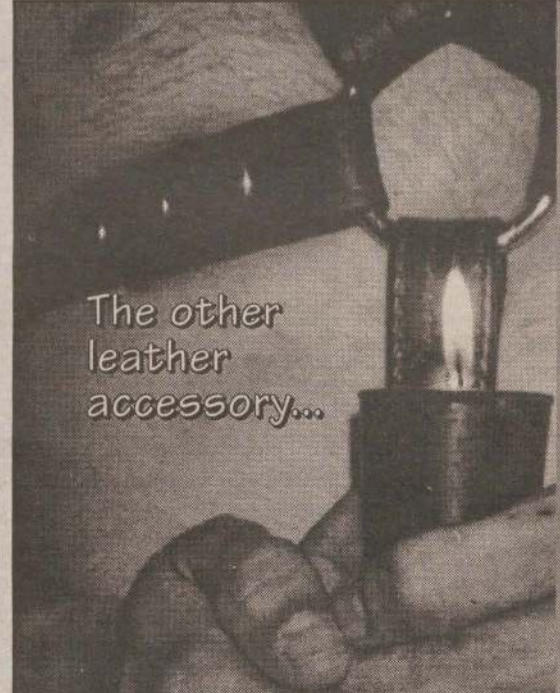
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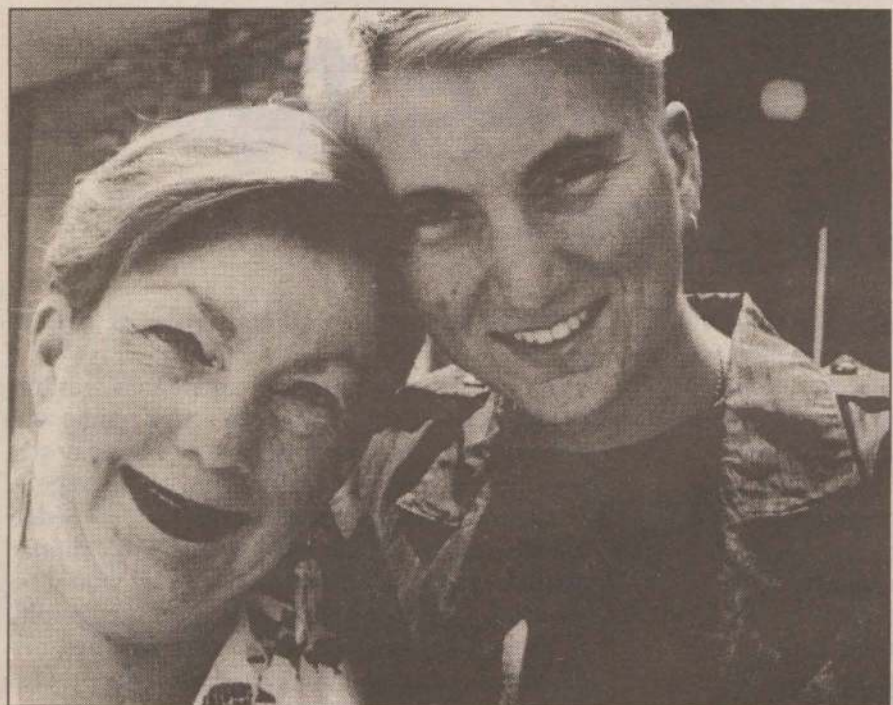
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The Valley One in Ten gay, lesbian and bisexual youth group (VOIT) meets regularly at the Community Center to offer support and provide a social setting for young people who are out of the closet. Without the acceptance of their moms, coming out as gay and lesbian youth can be especially difficult.

A couple of proud VOIT moms whose support makes life better for their lesbian daughters are Joyce Barclay, pictured left with her daughter, Jill

Coursey; and Pauline Ruiz, right, with her daughter, Rianna.

Rianna, 18, is the current chair of VOIT. She has only been involved in the organization for a few months. "I think it's great," says Pauline. "Rianna is intelligent and outgoing, and VOIT is not only good for her, but it gives her the chance to help a lot of other kids, which I think she is good at."

Joyce Barclay also says that VOIT is a great organization. Her daughter, Jill, has been involved in

the youth group since it started about five years ago. Jill is over 18 now, and Joyce says she's known about Jill's sexuality since her daughter was 14. "It's really good for these young people to get together and everything," she says.

VOIT members salute Pauline and Joyce, and all the other great moms in the Valley who are supporting, accepting and loving their gay, lesbian and bisexual sons and daughters.

Horowitz:

Symington's Surprise

When I saw an e-mail message with the subject line "Symington Signs Hate Crimes Legislation Into Law," I expected a witty satirical piece. I prepared myself for humor and got hit with a most pleasant surprise.

On April 28, comprehensive hate crimes legislation, which includes judicial discretion to impose increased penalties for hate crimes, became law in Arizona. Better still, crimes based on sexual orientation stayed on the list of those specifically covered by the law.

I thought Symington couldn't surprise me. Our governor never acts favorably toward issues important to the gay and lesbian community. During last year's legislative session, hate crimes legislation made it past both houses of the Arizona legislature, only to come up against Symington's veto.

He claimed he vetoed last year's bill because it potentially impacted Arizona's death penalty statute. Many talented and savvy people inside and outside the gay community worked long and hard to adjust the bill and work it through the legislative process.

Rick Romley, the Republican Maricopa County Attorney, championed the effort from the beginning. Representatives from the African-American, Latino and Jewish communities aided the cause. House Speaker Don Aldridge (R-Lake Havasu City) once again made asinine remarks.

This time, he went after members of the Jewish community, complaining that the legislation was being "pushed by a few Jews," and he tried to prevent the bill from going to a vote on the House floor. Representative Robin Shaw (R-Phoenix) and the bill's sponsor, employed crafty and little-used procedural maneuvering to circumvent the Speaker's intentions.

Arizona's passage of hate crimes legislation this year marks an incredible achievement. Members of Arizona's gay and lesbian political

activist community held little optimism for any progress, given the state legislature's current composition. Not only does our legislature lean to the right-it is toppled over. The talk at last year's Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) annual fundraising dinner centered on how to prevent losses, rather than achieve gains. How wrong we were!

This legislative session provided some major success stories, not the least of which is the increase in AHRF's stature and clout at the legislature. We came closer than we thought possible in getting favorable legislation passed toward employment non-discrimination, repeal of archaic laws (read sodomy), and we did an excellent job dealing with the fear-based legislation designed to make keep Arizona from recognizing same sex marriages granted by other states.

I cannot say enough about AHRF's efforts and impact. AHRF works tirelessly all year to further civil right causes based on sexual orientation. Bill MacDonald, AHRF chairman, and Dianne Post, board member and community activist extraordinaire, get the scoop on what's going on at the legislature and then act quickly, decisively and effectively. Representative Ken Chevront (D-Phoenix), Bunny Tarquinio and others from P-FLAG, and countless others manage to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles while pursuing gay equality.

AHRF deserves our gratitude and support. Each year AHRF hosts the Arizona Human Rights Fund Awards Dinner at the Arizona Biltmore, raising money and honoring outstanding individual and corporate supporters of civil rights with the Barry Goldwater and Arizona Human Rights Awards.

This year's honorees are San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, American Express, Russ Haan of After Hours Creative, and Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona. The dinner is on

Saturday, June 14th with cocktails beginning at 5:30. Attire is festive or business and includes top-notch entertainment. Tickets cost \$135.

Governor Symington surprised me by putting his signature on the hate crimes law, but he would not have had that opportunity without AHRF's tireless work. I urge everyone who can afford it, and those of you who just think you can't, to attend this year's dinner.

If we all show up, maybe we won't be surprised when gay-friendly legislators take over in Arizona, when same-sex marriages receive majority support, when Symington himself is ousted by a civil right champion, when archaic laws are a distant memory, and when we have equal employment rights.

David Horowitz is a Phoenix attorney and Vice President of the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project.

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Gay Phoenix Jews unite to create new traditions

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Through the organization AVIV, gay men and lesbians of the Jewish faith in the Phoenix area have an opportunity to meet socially and to fellowship with other members of their faith. AVIV was formed in March of 1995, by two gay men who came to the Valley from Long Beach, California.

Neil Schneider, who now serves as the vice president of AVIV, moved to Phoenix and put out a call to locate other gay and lesbian Jews in the area who were interested in meeting on a regular



AVIV's officers: Neil Schneider, left, and Gene Koenigsberg.

basis. Gene Koenigsberg had recently moved to the Valley as well, and he answered Schneider's ad. And then the two men realized they already knew each other. Both had been members of a similar organization in California.

Koenigsberg became president of the local group. He and Schneider founded AVIV, he said, because they felt there was a need for Jewish identity within the gay community here. They used the contact list from Mispachat Am, a Phoenix-area Jewish organization that had disbanded after serving the community here for about 14 years. They chose the name AVIV, from the Hebrew word for Spring. The group now maintains a mailing list of about 300 names.

AVIV provides a social connection for gay men and lesbians, said Koenigsberg. "AVIV is for Jews, non-Jewish persons who are coupled to Jews, non-Jewish singles, for those who want not only a social connection, but a Jewish base of identity." It also a way for gay and lesbian Jews to celebrate the Jewish holidays and holy days together, he said, in a safe and comfortable environment.

Koenigsberg acknowledged that tradition and family are very important in the Jewish faith, and that it is often difficult for gay men and lesbians to reconcile themselves within their nuclear family structure. "We've found that AVIV creates a family environment," he said, "by providing a place where everybody can come together as one, sharing the same ideals, feelings and needs."

On Sunday, April 27, Approximately 25 AVIV members and their guests celebrated the Jewish Passover with a Seder, held at the Temple Solel in Scottsdale. Koenigsberg himself did most of the cooking for the traditional dinner, which marked the first time the group has met in a Jewish Temple for one of its events.

The organization was invited to use the Temple facilities by the Rabbi at Temple Solel, following a seminar on modern Jewish identity that Koenigsberg attended. The building was reserved that night for AVIV exclusively, so that the gay and lesbian group could celebrate the holiday in peace and privacy.

The Seder is a centuries-old, traditional meal celebrating the Jews' emancipation from their Egyptian oppressors. The Christian Easter celebration developed from the annual Seder, and from Passover traditions. In the Christian Bible's New Testament, the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his followers was actually a Seder meal.

The AVIV Seder was modern and unconventional in some ways, but it was also rich in Jewish tradition. Ages of those attending ranged from young college students in their twenties to working professionals and retired businessmen well past sixty. There were non-Jews attending to celebrate

with their Jewish life-partners, as well as invited guests.

The most senior person in attendance was the mother of an AVIV member, an active retiree who is clearly as proud and supportive of her gay son as she is proud of her family's Jewish heritage.

There were a few people at the April 27 Seder, said Koenigsberg, who told him the AVIV dinner would be the only Passover Seder they would be attending. "Whether that's due to the geographical distance between them and their families, or emotional distance, it is nice to be able to provide that family environment," he said.

Upcoming events for the group include a Friday night Shabbat service the weekend of the gay pride festival in Tempe. The service will be held at the festival site. AVIV will also maintain an information booth at the festival all weekend. Anyone interested in joining AVIV or finding out more should call Gene Koenigsberg at 996-8622.

"In the future, we want to continue reaching out to the gay, Jewish community and to make ourselves more visible within the gay community, said Koenigsberg. "We also plan to interact more with the mainstream Jewish community, as we have begun doing over the past two years, and to continue to let people know we exist."



AVIV members gathered to celebrate Passover at Scottsdale's Temple Solel on April 27.

Rep. Steve Howard, VT Democratic Party Chair, says he's gay

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP)

Vermont Democratic party chairman Steven Howard is the latest public official in the state to say publicly that he is gay.

Howard, who is also a state representative from Rutland, told the Rutland Herald newspaper that he only acknowledged his sexuality to himself two years ago. "I just have felt for some time that it was time to be honest — with myself, with my family, with the voters," Howard said.

Howard, a lifelong resident of the town of Rutland, is the third openly gay Vermont politician.

The late Rep. Ronald Squires, a Guilford Democrat, made his announcement in 1992. Vermont Auditor Edward Flanagan announced his sexuality in August 1995.

"It takes tremendous courage for Steve to do what he did. I think Ed Flanagan took the first step so others could follow," said Kathleen DeBold, deputy director of the Washington-based Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

The organization raises money for openly homosexual candidates.

Howard, 25, has won three consecutive elections to the Legislature. And he is the nation's youngest state party chairman.

In the Legislature Howard has appeared brazen as he takes on opponents and high ranking members of his own party, most recently Gov. Howard Dean.

But appearances can be deceiving. "I've spent a lot of my life a terrified little boy. I look in the mirror and

see a total failure. At any moment, that little boy inside will jab me, will taunt me, saying that I'm not thin enough, smart enough, tough enough," he said. "I want to disarm that little boy and take away his weapon against me."

That weapon is his sexuality. "I think I've known all my life but I just acknowledged it to myself two years ago," he said.

Howard said his family had been supportive since he told them he was gay.

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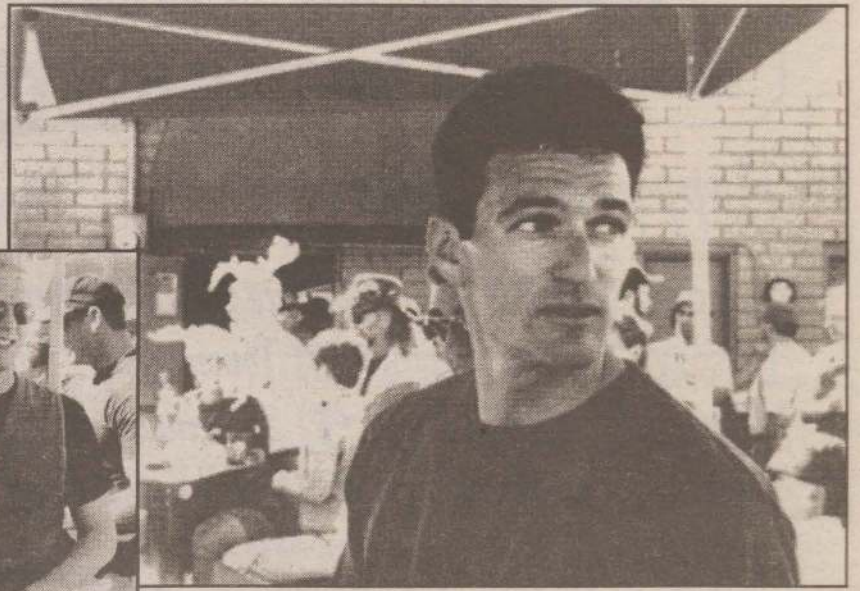
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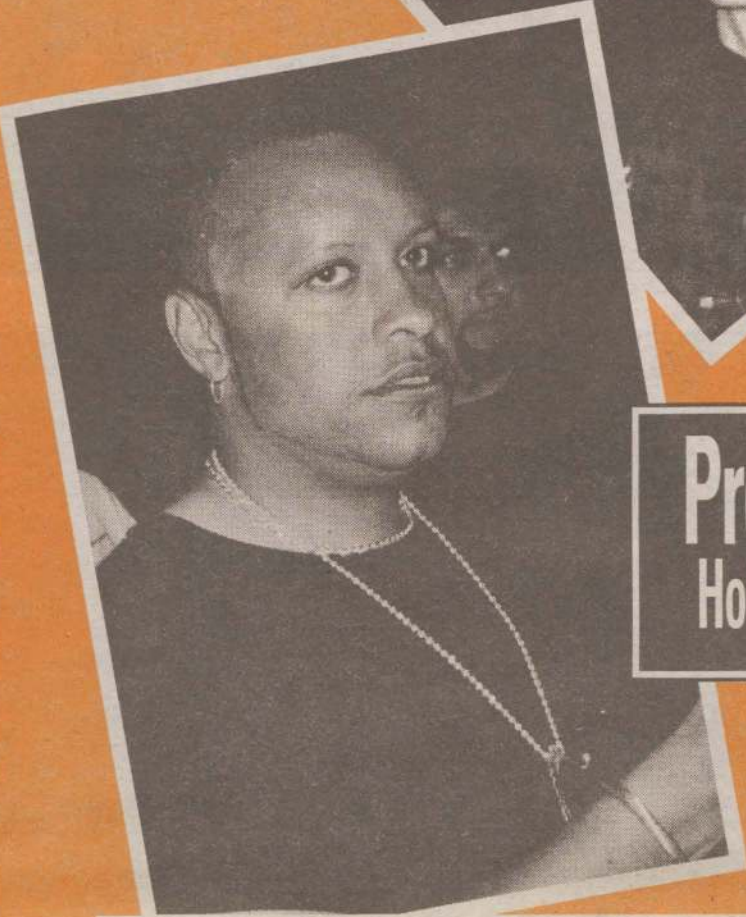
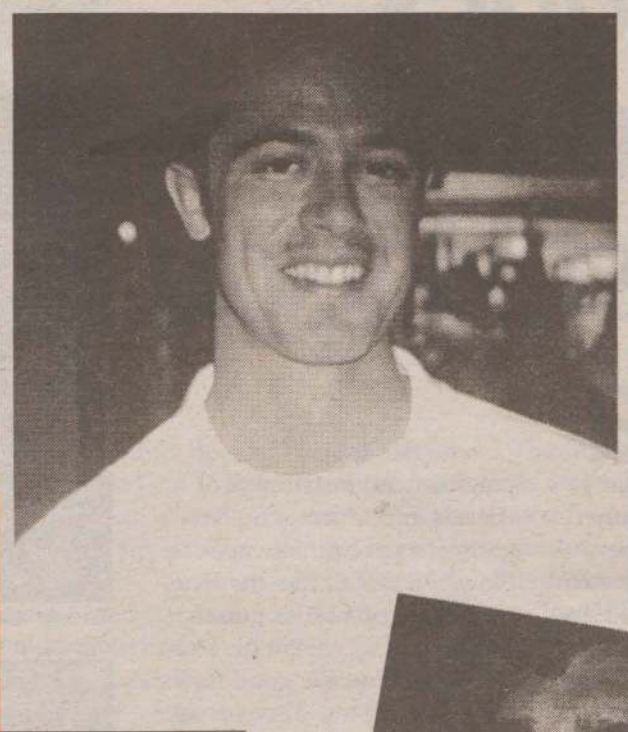
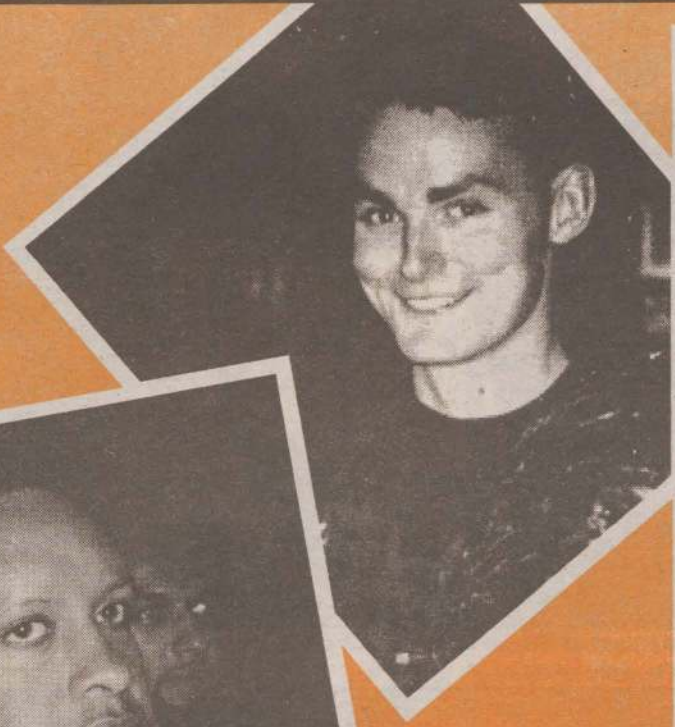
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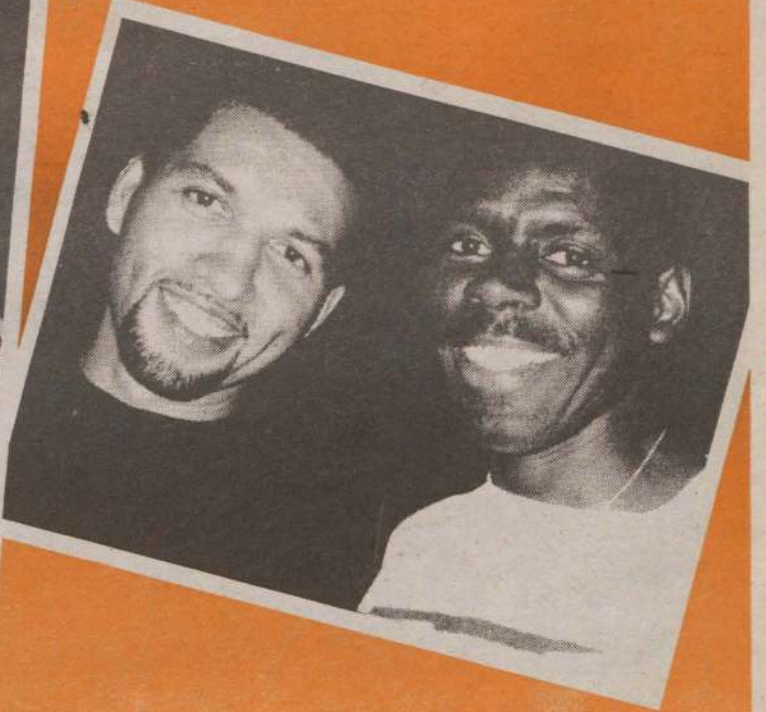
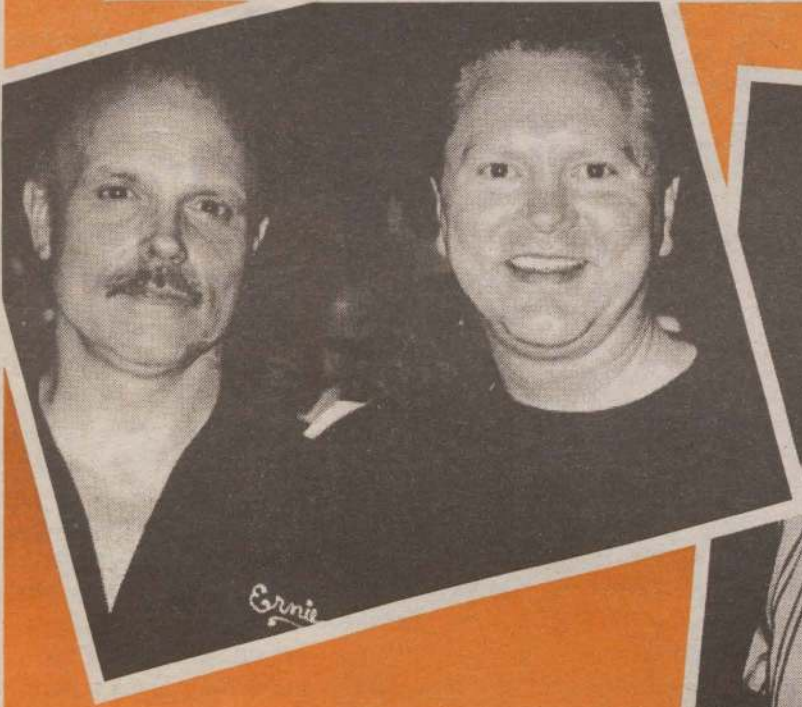
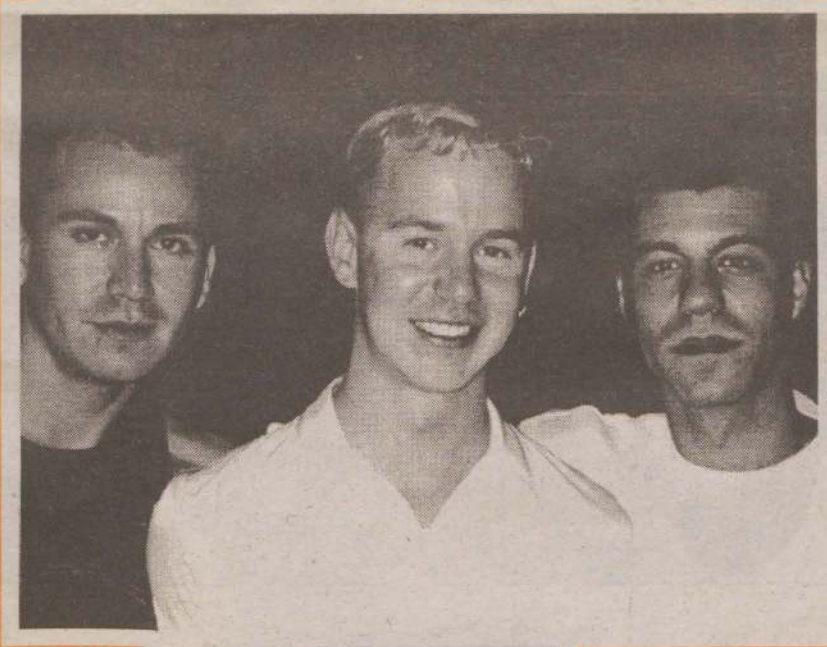
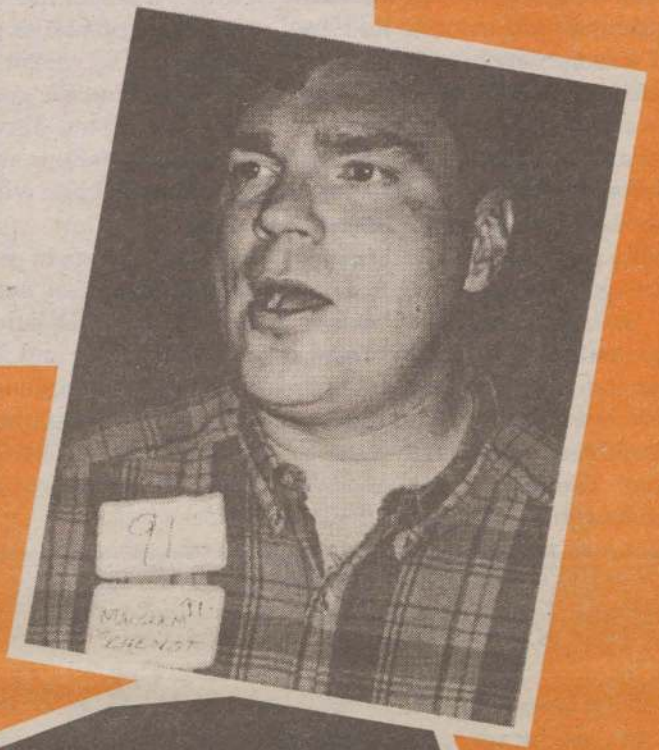
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ATC concludes season with August Wilson drama

Arizona Theatre Company presents Pulitzer Prize-winner August Wilson's stirring new work, *Seven Guitars*, as the sixth and final production of its 1996-97 season. *Seven Guitars*, nominated for eight 1996 Tony Awards, will be directed by Benny Sato Ambush at the Herberger Theatre Center, which previews May 9, opens to the press May 10, and runs through May 25.

Seven Guitars flashes back to the final days of a blues musician named Floyd "Schoolboy" Barton whose hit record has placed him on the edge of stardom. The year is 1948. In Pittsburgh's Hill district, the

laughter and heartbreak of friends and lovers who have gathered to reminisce about Floyd fill the air like the lonesome wail of a blues guitar. Together, they revisit his short life, talk about the good times they shared, and discover the unspoken passions and undying spirit that live within each of them.

Tickets range in price from \$19 to \$32 and are available at the Herberger Theatre Center, ATC Box Office and all Dillard's outlets. For information or to charge tickets, call the Herberger at 252-8497, ATC at 256-6995, or Dillard's at 503-5555.

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The Arizona cast of *Seven Guitars* steps out in the August Wilson play. ATC's production opens in Phoenix on May 9.



Blues bash to promote & benefit ATC

Some of the Valley's best blues artists will join together for a free blues bash in support of Arizona Theatre Company, May 16-18, as part of a Benefit Days weekend sponsored by Borders.

This will be a rare opportunity to see Big "Pete" Pearson, Hans Olson, Sistah Blue guitarist Rena Haus, Jay Busch and Blues Nirvana with Daryl Wright perform in a two-hour blues concert. Performance dates and times are: Friday, May 16 at Borders/Mesa, 1361 S. Alma School, 5-7pm; Saturday, May 17 at Borders/Biltmore, 2401 E Camelback in Phoenix, 5-7pm; Sunday, May 18, Borders/Glendale, 7320 W Bell, 3-5pm. Concord Jazz recording artist Dennis Rowland will make a special guest appearance at the Borders Biltmore location only.

Borders will donate 15% of all purchases made by patrons during this special weekend to ATC, when they use a Benefit Days voucher. Vouchers will be available at the ATC Information Table. While there, patrons may register to win ATC posters, T-shirts, tickets to August Wilson's *Seven Guitars*, and season subscriptions to the 1997-98 season.



Photo: © Seb Janek

Gipsy Kings to park their multicultural caravan in the Valley

The widely-acclaimed World Music artists Gipsy Kings will perform at the Mesa Amphitheatre on May 26. Hailing from the caravans of a Gypsy community in Arles and Montpellier in the south of France, the Gipsy Kings are a tightly-knit band of brothers and cousins. They have dominated the World Music genre since releasing their blockbuster single *Bamboleo* in 1987.

Their music is a mixture of Spanish, French and North African influences, reflecting their unique ethnic background. Tickets for the 7pm performance are on sale now, at \$46 for reserved and \$26 for lawn seating. The prices will increase to \$51 and \$28 on the day of show. Tickets are available at all Dillard's outlets, or call 503-5555 to charge by phone.

Princely performers — the French-born members of Gipsy Kings will headline at the Mesa Amphitheatre on May 26.

Outonfilm

Heading down a well-worn path

By Allen Kalchik

It is always disappointing when a movie that looks fresh and interesting at the outset unfolds into yet another ho-hum Hollywood drama. Such is the case with *Traveller*, a new picture from October films.

In real-life, travellers are a tightly-knit band of nomadic con-artists who are still plying their trade and rearing their next generation in the quiet byways of the rural South. Coming together periodically for weddings and funerals, these trailer-dwelling travellers spend their days running small-time scams throughout the southeastern US.

Travellers grift just enough to get by from the unsuspecting farmers and gullible homeowners they pass long the backroads. They intermarry among member families (sometimes as young as 14), and avoid such everyday American institutions as paying taxes, public education and an honest day's work. Mainly of Irish and Scottish descent, little else is known about these American gypsies.

Not much else can be learned about them from this film. Despite its intentions, *Traveller* falls far short of the colorful portrait it would like to have painted of these fascinating people. Given the richness of the subject, a quality score (it is always good to hear new music from Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Mandy Barnett), a likable cast, and the clarity with which the filmmakers seem to have approached the project, it is hard to understand how they could have botched their movie so badly.

But botch it they have. Bill Paxton stars in and serves as a co-producer of this disjointed effort. Paxton has been effective in some good roles, most notably as the hick-sheriff in Carl Franklin's wonderful thriller, *One False Move*. He is familiar to mainstream moviegoers for the hick-astronaut he played in *Apollo 13*, and for his role as a hick-tornado chaser in the 1996 blockbuster, *Twister*. In *Traveller*, Paxton expands his previously-limited range to portray a hick-con man.

Paxton plays Bokky, an Irish-American traveller whose specialty is selling worthless house trailers. He also applies bogus roofing and pavement-repair materials, snagging the cash up-front

and disappearing before his phony product does. Bokky takes on a young sidekick named Pat (Mark Wahlberg), mainly to keep the ballsy kid out of their clan boss's hair, and to teach Pat the small-time grifter's way of life.

The new guy begins to catch on, and the film has some nice comic moments as the two blow their first couple of jobs as partners. Soon, the boys encounter and con beautiful bartender Julianna Margulies, whereupon Bokky promptly falls in love with her and she with him.

There's little originality in any of these relationships, and originality disappears completely when Bokky and Pat are told that some evil Turks to the North are moving large sums of illicit green through the horse-racing industry. It's a chance to swindle another gang of swindlers out of a huge payload, and our boys want in.

Bokky is eager to get his hands on some big bucks to help his girlfriend pay for (get this!) her daughter's much-needed operation. Pat wants to impress the clan leader, mean old Boss Jack (Luke Askew). Jack's bad-girl teenage daughter has taken a shine to the hunky newcomer. So Bokky and Pat set off into dangerous territory—er, Kentucky.

This cliché-ridden twist of dramatic fate is largely the province of Double D (James Gammon), the grizzled old-timer who needs one last, major score. The plan is his. Of course, he needs our lads to help him pull it off, and it's all run-of-the-mill stuff, from Gammon's teasing the scary bad guys to his

tired fart jokes. The film heads toward a conclusion as predictable and safe as one would expect, but not without first feeding us some pretty severe and arguably-gratuitous violence.

The story behind *Traveller* was a good — maybe even great — idea for a film. It's too bad director Jack Green and writer Jim McGlynn weren't able to keep the tale focused and the atmospheric details on track.

Wahlberg's character is given a big intro., and the former rapster more than holds his own as the young outsider who wants in. He claims to have a place in the family by birthright, though Boss Jack refuses to accept Pat because his father left the clan to marry a northern woman. The movie should have been about Pat proving himself, and it nearly is. Unfortunately, by the script's midpoint, Gammon's formulaic "Big Shakedown" story has moved well to the fore and Paxton and Margulies have snatched the only bedroom scenes. Wahlberg's Pat is left with nothing to do but ask the other characters where they are going, and to wonder where his plotline went as well.

With the current trend in Hollywood to pump more big-studio money into small, independent films, audiences may be in for more mistakes like this one. It appears as though someone in the studio system took McGlynn's good idea and tried to force bland, Hollywood formula into the story. They sacrificed the smallness and originality of a simple yarn in an attempt to cash in with what they figured might be the next *The Sting*. The studio brass should have left the creative people alone, and let *Traveller* unfold as was probably once intended. In the end, *Traveller* plods so safely and steadily down the middle of the road that it takes us nowhere.

The story behind *Traveller* was a good — maybe even great — idea for a film.

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Is Mark Wahlberg reacting to the final edit of *Traveller*? The former hip-hop man and underwear spokesman stars with Bill Paxton and Julianna Margulies in the little movie that could have been.

Ellen drew solid ratings for ABC

NEW YORK (AP)

Months of hype about the coming out episode of *Ellen* paid off handsomely for ABC.

The hourlong program scored a 23.4 rating and 35 share in Nielsen Media Research's overnight measurements — more than twice its usual audience and comparable to a typical episode of *ER*, the year's top-rated show.

Advertisers tailored special messages for *Ellen* — and paid special prices. Chrysler, a regular *Ellen* sponsor that pulled out of this episode, had to set up a phone line to deal with the calls about its decision.

At "come out with *Ellen*" parties across the country, people cheered when star Ellen DeGeneres stammered, "I'm gay," into an airport microphone during the show's climactic moment. DeGeneres watched at a private party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The ratings indicated that 35 percent of the nation's TV sets on at the time were tuned to *Ellen*. In Boston and San Francisco, ratings reached 45 percent. ABC estimated 42 million people watched all or some of the show.

This compares to *Ellen*'s average rating of 9.6 with a 16 share. The show had sagged to 37th place in the ratings this season, with only two-thirds the audience it had two years ago.

"ABC was very, very successful in positioning this as not simply a gay television show but as a television event," said Betsy Frank of Zenith Media.

The ratings don't put *Ellen* anywhere near the highest-rated show ever, the final episode of *M*A*S*H*, which had a 60.2 rating and 77 share in 1983. With cable, television viewers have far more choices today.

Still, it was ABC's highest-rated program of the year.

ABC declined to say how much it was charging for commercials on the show, but people familiar with the matter said some commercials were sold for \$300,000 to \$350,000 for 30 seconds.

That was well below the \$500,000 commanded by shows like *Seinfeld* and *ER* but above the \$170,000 *Ellen* reportedly commanded before the season started.

One commercial for a home HIV test was tailored for *Ellen*. Home Access Health Corp.'s spot ran in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, San Francisco and Baltimore.

It began with the text, "Hey everybody, we came out this year, too."

Volkswagen ran a new commercial featuring two men driving in one of their cars. VW spokesman Tony Fouladpour said the men were supposed to be buddies, not homosexual lovers.

People calling for Chrysler Corp. consumer information this week were given a specific phone line if they wanted to talk about the company's decision against advertising on *Ellen* Wednesday night.

"It was a matter of efficiency to weed out the opinion calls from those we need to respond to about our automobiles and trucks," said spokeswoman Megan Giles. She said the calls "have been a wash" on the issue but could not provide any numbers.

The show was also stocked with movie ads. Richard Kostyra, who heads the media buying group Media First International, said movie companies generally seek big, youthful audiences and are not worried about controversial program content.



AHRF encourages viewers to thank *Ellen's* supporters

On April 30, people across the country gathered to watch the much-publicized coming out episode of *Ellen*, and to celebrate with a series of *Ellen* parties. One of the largest of these parties in the Phoenix area was held at the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center. It drew approximately 130 people, according to Lyle Miller, executive director at the Center.

The party was co-sponsored by the Center and by the Lesbian Resource Project. Revelers celebrated the comical coming out of series television's first gay lead character, while folks at the Phoenix-based Arizona Human Rights Fund were keeping track of the episode's product sponsors.

AHRF would like you to write and thank these national and local commercial sponsors for the steps they've taken to support cultural diversity by airing their ads on the April 30 *Ellen*. The names and addresses of these companies are as follows:

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Queer Softball News

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The Cactus Cities Softball League, the gay and lesbian softball league serving the Valley, is in its final weeks of play for the 1997 season and all divisional races are yet to be decided. Regular season play will continue

until June 1, with the playoff and league social to be held June 8.

The clearest contest is in the Women's Division, with the unbeaten team from Unique on Central/FirsTravel holding a three-game lead. A win on May 11 will clinch the regular season championship for this team, and will also earn them an automatic berth at the gay World Series of softball in San Diego.

The rest of the Women's Division teams continue to battle for season-ending placement that will determine seeding in the playoffs. The playoff winner will also earn a trip to the World Series. Desert Reproductions remains in second following the last two weeks of play, but a resurgent team from All About Destinations is only a half-game behind and riding on a three-game winning streak.

All About Destinations will face fourth-place Babe's Cabaret on May 11 and Desert Reproductions on May 18. The upcoming matches will likely determine the regular season's second and third-place teams. Roscoe's Scorpions tie for fourth and will have to catch one of the top teams in upcoming weeks.

In the Open Competitive Division, Roscoe's on 7th has extended their lead to hold first place by two games. Roscoe's will take on Wink's and Obelisk (tied for second) in the next two weeks. Those games will determine the regular season champion and guarantee a trip to the World Series. The other three teams in the

division will be vying for second, and will be looking to grab a World Series slot out of the post-season playoffs.

The early-season leaders have stumbled in the Open Recreational Division, turning regular-season play into a real race for top placing. First Family Medical fell to Wink's Juniors by one run on May 4. Roscoe's Expansion has twice lost to Fairchild Enterprise Extreme, on May 4 and then by just one run on April 27. Fairchild has ridden a three-game winning streak into third place.

Wink's Juniors played their best ball of the season on April 27 and May 4, but were unable to keep pace and fell to fourth. Upcoming play

will feature games between Fairchild and Wink's Juniors on May 11 and First Family's double-header on May 18, when they meet both Roscoe's Expansion and Fairchild Enterprises.

The next few weeks will end the regular CCSL season. Sunday games will be played on May 11, May 18 and June 1. The league plays at Monterey Park in Phoenix, on the corner of 3rd Street and Oak. Games begin at 8am and finish by 2:30pm. Fans are encouraged to attend all CCSL games, and there is no admission charge. The post-season playoff will take place on June 8 — watch this space for schedule and location.

Scores for 4/27/97

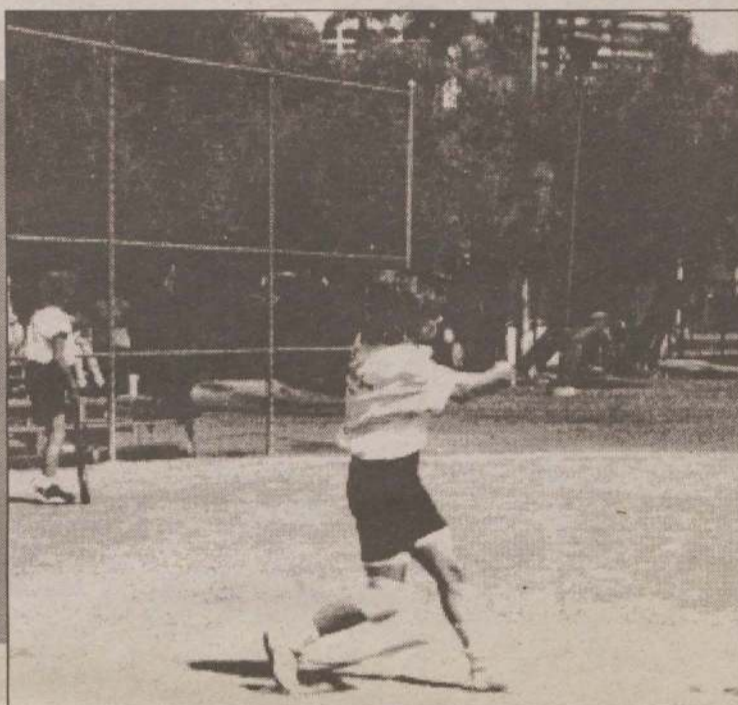
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Standings as of 5/4/97

Open Competitive		
Roscoe's	W	L
Obelisk	7	2
Wink's	5	4
Pookie's	5	4
	1	8
Women's		
Unique/FirsTrave,	W	L
Desert Repro.	9	0
All About Dest.	6	2
Babe's Cabaret	6	3
Roscoe's Scorpions	4	4
Rainbow Renegades	4	4
Movies/OutWest	2	7
2girlsgraphics	2	6
	1	8
Open Recreational		
First Family	W	L
Roscoe's Exp.	6	2
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Wink's Juniors	5	5
Wink's Toddlers	4	5
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Experimental vaccine protects chimps from AIDS

NEW YORK (AP)

An experimental AIDS vaccine made from HIV genes has protected chimpanzees for more than a year, raising doctors' hopes the approach will work in humans.

Two chimps got the vaccine and then a stiff dose of HIV — 250 times the amount needed for infection.

It's the first time that a so-called DNA vaccine has squared off against HIV in chimps.

"We're encouraged but cautious," said David B. Weiner, senior author of the study.

Preliminary tests in people have begun already to look for side effects and see how the vaccine affects the body's defenses against disease. No results are available yet.

Weiner is an associate professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He reported the work in the May issue of the journal *Nature Medicine* with colleagues there and elsewhere, including Apollon Inc. of Malvern, Pennsylvania.

The work is "another step toward developing new concepts for vaccines," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "But the success with regard to protection is not any more or less than several other concepts that we've seen in the chimp."

Harold McClure, who studies AIDS at the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center at Emory University in Atlanta, called the results very promising.

He said it will be important to follow the chimps longer to see if an HIV infection emerges. The

researchers are doing that. So far there is no sign of infection at 53 weeks after the HIV dose, Weiner said. Each chimp got two versions of the vaccine, made from certain altered HIV genes. The animals got six injections over 15 weeks, then two boosters.

Scientists gave so many shots because they were studying the immune system response. If the vaccine proves useful in people it probably won't require as many shots, Weiner said.

Two months after the last booster, the two chimps got the dose of HIV.

Researchers found signs of a slight and temporary HIV infection six weeks later in one animal and eight weeks later in the other, but there was no further trace of infection after that.

In contrast, another chimp that didn't get the vaccine became infected within two weeks of getting the HIV dose and stayed infected. Vaccines make the body's immune system build defenses against particular germs. Some vaccines use live but weakened germs; others use dead germs or germ parts. But DNA vaccines like the one in this study take a different tack.

The idea is to inject genes from the germ. The genes enter a small percentage of body cells and temporarily make those cells manufacture germ proteins.

When the immune system sees those proteins, it reacts as if it were facing a real infection. So it makes other proteins called antibodies that can attack the germ and stimulates killer blood cells that can wipe out infected cells.

WHO reserved about three-drug cocktail for HIV infection

GENEVA (AP)

World Health Organization leaders praised a three-drug combination treatment for AIDS patients April 29, but warned against excessive optimism.

Hiroshi Nakajima, director general of the U.N. agency, said the combination of three drugs including a protease inhibitor showed "impressive results" in treating AIDS patients.

But he pointed out that the longest clinical trials with the new triple therapies have lasted only two years and that there remain questions about resistance to them.

Nakajima urged policymakers not to "abandon their commitment to essential long-term activities such as prevention programs and the search for vaccines, microbicides and other effective preventive interventions."

The treatment cannot be regarded as a method to prevent transmission of the AIDS virus, he said.

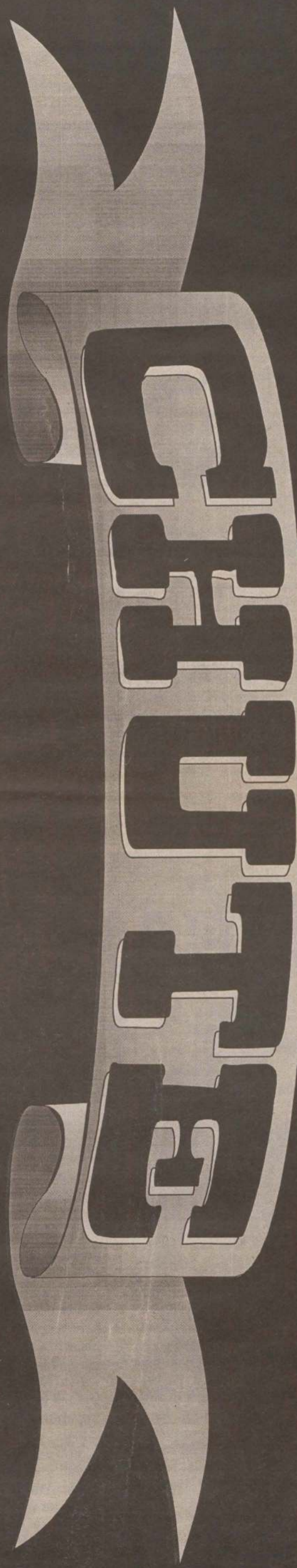
In a test run through the American National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, AIDS patients taking zidovudine, lamivudine and indinavir had half the cancer, infection and death rates of patients who were taking a two-drug combination.

An important drawback is the cost of the treatment — up to \$1,500 a month — which puts it beyond the financial means of developing countries, Nakajima said.

The treatment also requires patients to follow a strict schedule of repeated dosages during the day to avoid the emergence of drug resistance.

Nakajima spoke at a two-day meeting to discuss the implications of the triple therapy.

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Send your questions to "Dear Cowboy," c/o HeatStroke, P.O. Box 33430, Phoenix, AZ, or e-mail to alkalphx@aol.com — we'll pass it along to the wise one for you.

Dear Cowboy,

My lover is so hung up on material things, it drives me crazy. He seems to get worse as time goes on. For example, at any party we go to, he will ask at least one person how much they make in a year. He calls this making small talk, but I consider it nosy and embarrassing. He is always comparing other couple's houses and cars to ours, and never seems to be satisfied. What could be making him act like this? How can I get him to stop?

Signed, Enough Already

Dear Enough,

The Southwestern lifestyle is pretty simple — all you really need out here is one good horse and a cool place to sleep. Unfortunately, as more and more eastern folk find their way to the desert, some cowboys get lassoed into putting on airs and keeping up with the citified Jonses.

Have a frank talk with your man and discuss the things you both value in life. Would he rather have a big house, or a comfortable, caring home? A fancy car, or the opportunity to see the world? Meaningful work, or more money? Let him know what you value more. Then, steer him

toward those subjects at the next BBQ.

Remind him of this: He who owns land is owned by the land. And in the end, all we have is who we are, not what we had.

Dear Cowboy,

I am a gay woman living in a neighborhood where I'm surrounded by gay men. I have tried to make friends but it seems like whatever I try, the boys want nothing to do with me. I figured that the rainbow stickers on our cars would be a good enough reason for us to get along. So what is it with gay guys and lesbians? How can I get the guys to be more neighborly?

In my experience, gay men and women get along better than we sometimes think. Like bulls and broncs, we're different — but we're all in the same rodeo.

Signed, Livin' Alone

Dear Alone,

Being the only rooster in a hen-house has its drawbacks, but it has advantages, too. There isn't much you can do to make other folks more friendly, and it sounds to me like you might be trying too hard.

Just be yourself and sooner or later you will connect with one or more of the guys next door. In my experience, gay men and women do get along better than we sometimes think. Like bulls and broncs, we're different — but we are all in the same rodeo.

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Paradise Valley, AZ 85283 840-8400

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Goddess Womyn's Network
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Phoenix, AZ 85011 266-4111

Healing Waters Ministries
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Tempe, AZ 85281 894-8681

Lutherans Concerned
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Phoenix, AZ 85011 870-3611

Phoenix Light of the Lamb Christian Church
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Phoenix, AZ 85011 274-5202

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Phoenix, AZ 85082 275-0506

Southwest Miracles Center
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Phoenix, AZ 85008 244-9001

Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
1700 W. Warner Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85224 899-4249

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Music, Sports & Hobbies

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association
P.O. Box 16363
Phoenix, AZ 85011 265-0618

Arizona Lambda Yacht Club
951-9481

Cactus Cities Softball League
254-0648

Charlie's Renegades
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Phoenix, AZ 85013 265-0224

Desert Valley Squares
P.O. Box 34615
Phoenix, AZ 85067 252-0048

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Phoenix, AZ 85013 841-4489

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P.O. Box 16462
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Lambda Car Club
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Our Gang Bowling League
2644 E. Birchwood
Mesa, AZ 85204 969-4629

Spartan Wrestling Club-508-0199
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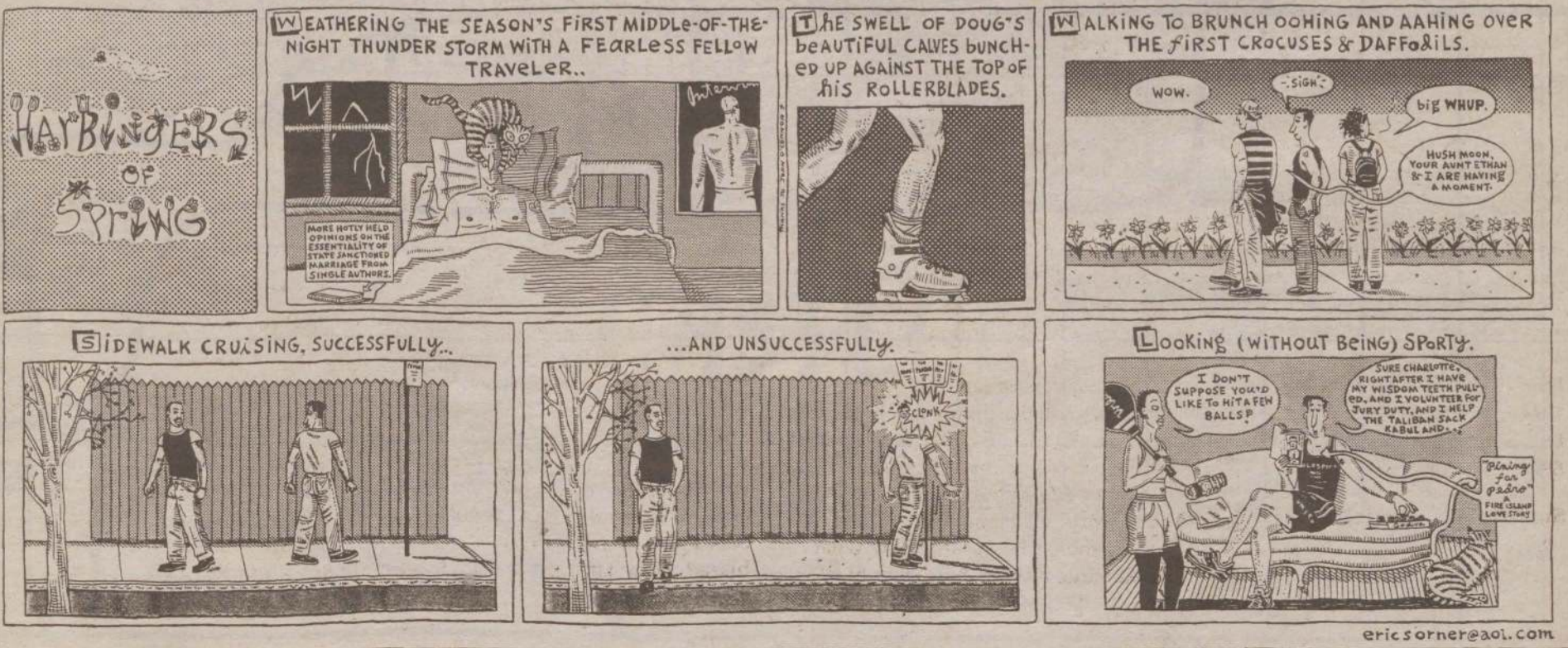
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2. Pookie's
4540 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 277-2121

Libations

3. Ain't Nobody's Bizness
3031 E. Indian School
Phoenix 224-9977
4. Apollo's
5749 N. 7th Street
Phoenix 277-9373
5. BS West
7125 5th Avenue
Scottsdale 945-9028
6. Cash Inn
2140 E. McDowell
Phoenix 244-9943
7. Charlie's
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Phoenix 265-0224
8. Country Club
4428 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix 264-4553
9. Cruisin' Central
1011 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix 253-3376
10. Desert Rose
44301 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix 265-3233
11. Foster's
4343 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix 263-8313
12. Fundy's
15601 N. Cave Creek
Phoenix 493-5123

13. Harley's Club 155
155 W. Camelback
Phoenix 274-8505
14. Harley's Too!
125 W. Camelback
Phoenix 274-7117
15. Incognito
2424 E. Thomas
Phoenix 955-9805
16. JC's Fun One
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Glendale 939-0528
17. Johnny Mc's
138 W. Camelback
Phoenix 266-0875
18. Marlys'
15615 Cave Creek
Phoenix 867-2463
19. Nasty Habits
3108 E. McDowell
Phoenix 267-8707
20. NuTowne
5002 E. Van Buren
Phoenix 267-9959
21. The Park
3002 N. 24th Street
Phoenix 957-6055
22. The Pumphouse
4132 E. McDowell
Phoenix 275-3509
23. Roscoe's
4531 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 285-0833
24. 307 Lounge
222 E. Roosevelt
Phoenix 252-0001
25. TRAX
1724 E. McDowell
Phoenix 254-0231
26. The Wave
998 E. Indian School
Phoenix 266-5640

27. Wink's
5707 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 265-9002

Staples

28. Arizona Alternatives
Gay, Lesbian & Bi
Matching & Dating
Phoenix 840-5990
29. The Barn Adult Shop
5021 W Indian Schl.
Phoenix 245-3008
30. Castle Boutique (4)
5501 W. Washington
Phoenix 231-9837
300 E. Camelback Rd.
Phoenix 266-3348
8802 NBlack Canyon
Phoenix 955-1641
8315 E. Apache Tr.
Apache Junction 986-6114
31. Chemistry
4532 N. 7th Street
Phoenix 277-8625
32. Dwellings
24 W. Camelback
Phoenix 248-4959
33. Obelisk Books
24 West Camelback
Phoenix 266-Book
34. Astro — Vintage Modern
Furnishings
2403 E. Osborn
Phoenix 957-8770
35. Movies on Central
4700 N. Central, #121
Phoenix 274-0994
36. Unique on Central
4700 N. Central, #105
Phoenix 279-9691

Tubs

37. Chute
1440 E. Indian School
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38. Flex
1517 S. Black Canyon
Phoenix 271-9011

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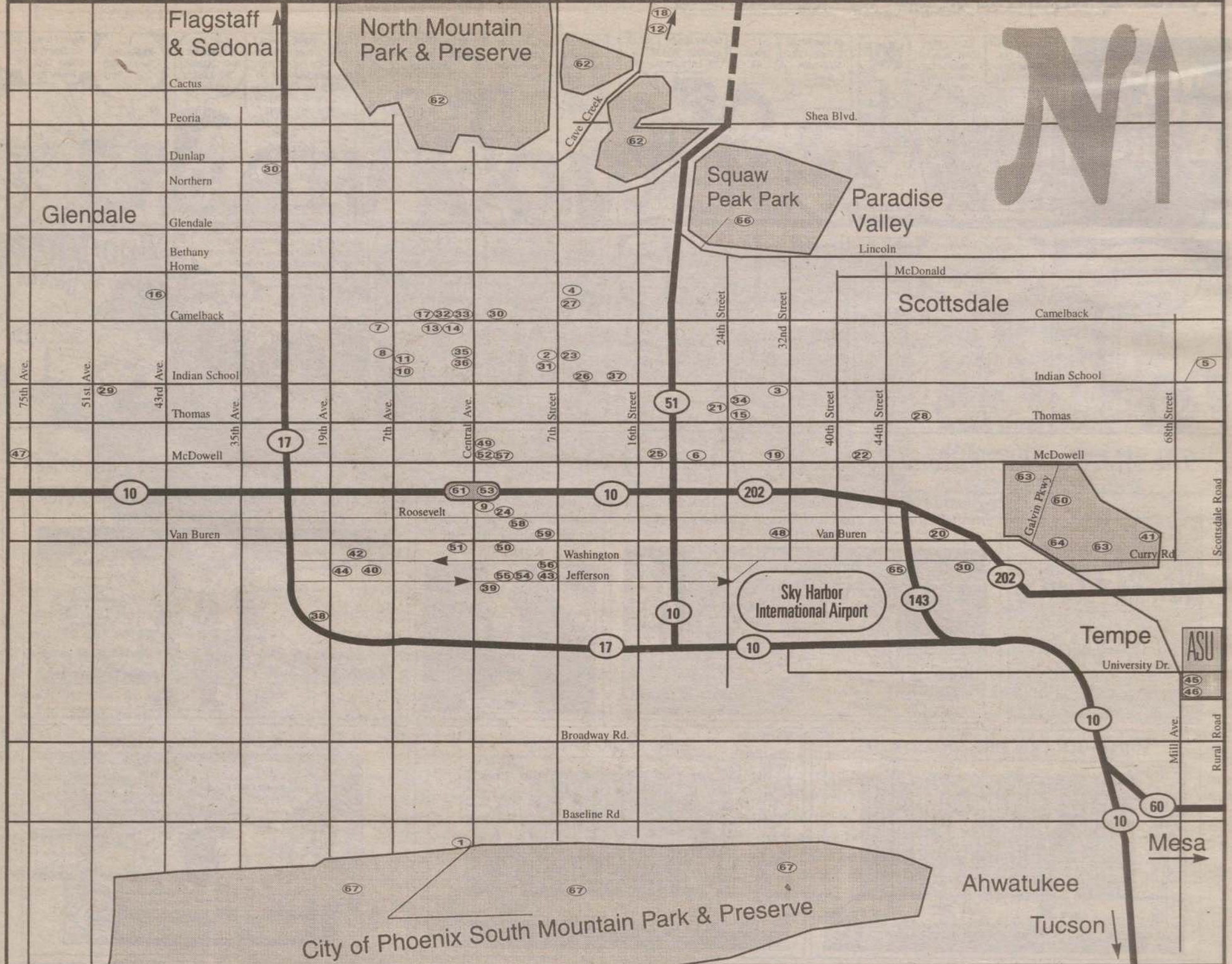
39. America West Arena
201 E. Jefferson
Phoenix 379-7800
40. AZ Hall of Fame Museum
1101 W. Washington
Phoenix 255-2110
41. AZ Historical Society
Museum
1300 N. College
Tempe 929-0292
42. AZ Mining & Mineral
Museum
1502 W. Washington
Phoenix 255-3791
43. AZ Science Center
600 E. Washington
Phoenix 716-2000
44. AZ State Capitol Museum
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix 542-4675
45. ASU Art Museum
Nelson Fine Arts Center
Mill Ave. & 10th Street
Tempe 965-2787
46. ASU Gammage Center
Apache & Mill Ave.
Tempe 965-3434

47. Blockbuster Desert Sky
Pavillion
2121 N. 83rd Ave.
Phoenix 254-7499
48. Celebrity Theater
440 N. 32nd Street
Phoenix 267-9373
49. Heard Museum
22 E. Monte Vista
Phoenix 252-8848
50. Herberger Theater
222 E. Monroe
Phoenix 254-7399
51. Orpheum Theatre
203 W. Adams
Phoenix 262-7272
52. Phoenix Art Museum
1624 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix 257-1222
53. Phoenix Central Library
1221 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix 262-4636
54. Phoenix Civic Plaza
225 E. Adams St.
Phoenix 262-6225
55. Phoenix Symphony Hall
225 E. Adams
Phoenix 262-6225
56. Phoenix Museum of History
105 N. 5th Street
Phoenix 253-2734
57. Phoenix Theatre
100 E. McDowell
Phoenix 254-2151
58. Planet Earth Multi-Cultural
Theatre
909 N. 3rd Street
Phoenix 241-1821
59. Union Hall
512 E. Van Buren
Phoenix 253-7100

Outdoors

60. Desert Botanical Garden
1201 N. Galvin Pkwy
Phoenix 941-1217
61. Margaret T. Hance Park
3rd St. to 3rd Ave. between
McDowell & Roosevelt
Phoenix 534-2406
62. North Mountain Park &
Preserve
10600 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 262-6696
63. Papago Park
Van Buren & Galvin Pkwy
Phoenix 256-3220
64. Phoenix Zoo
455 N. Galvin Pkwy
Phoenix 273-1431
65. Pueblo Grande Museum
4619 E. Washington
Phoenix 495-0900
66. Squaw Peak Park
2701 E SquawPeak Dr
Phoenix 262-6696
67. South Mountain Park &
Preserve
10919 S. Central Ave.
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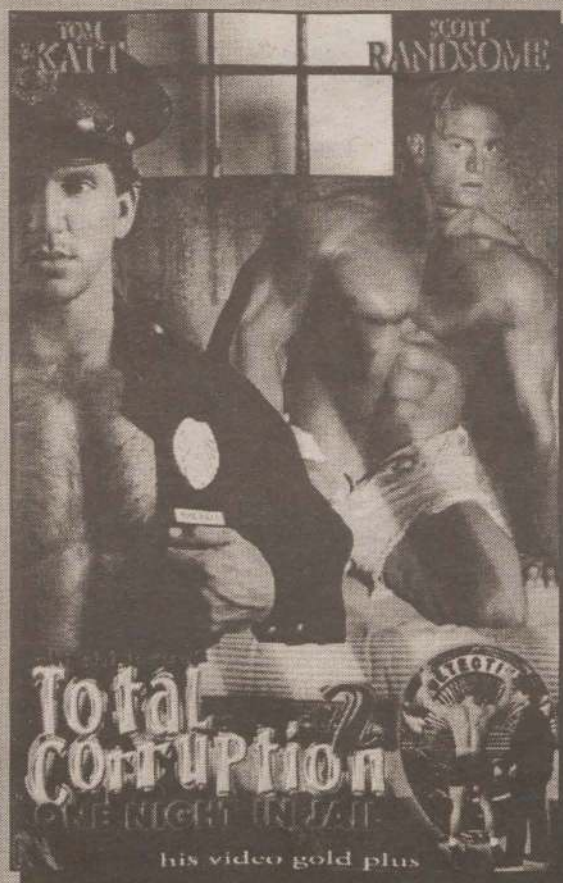
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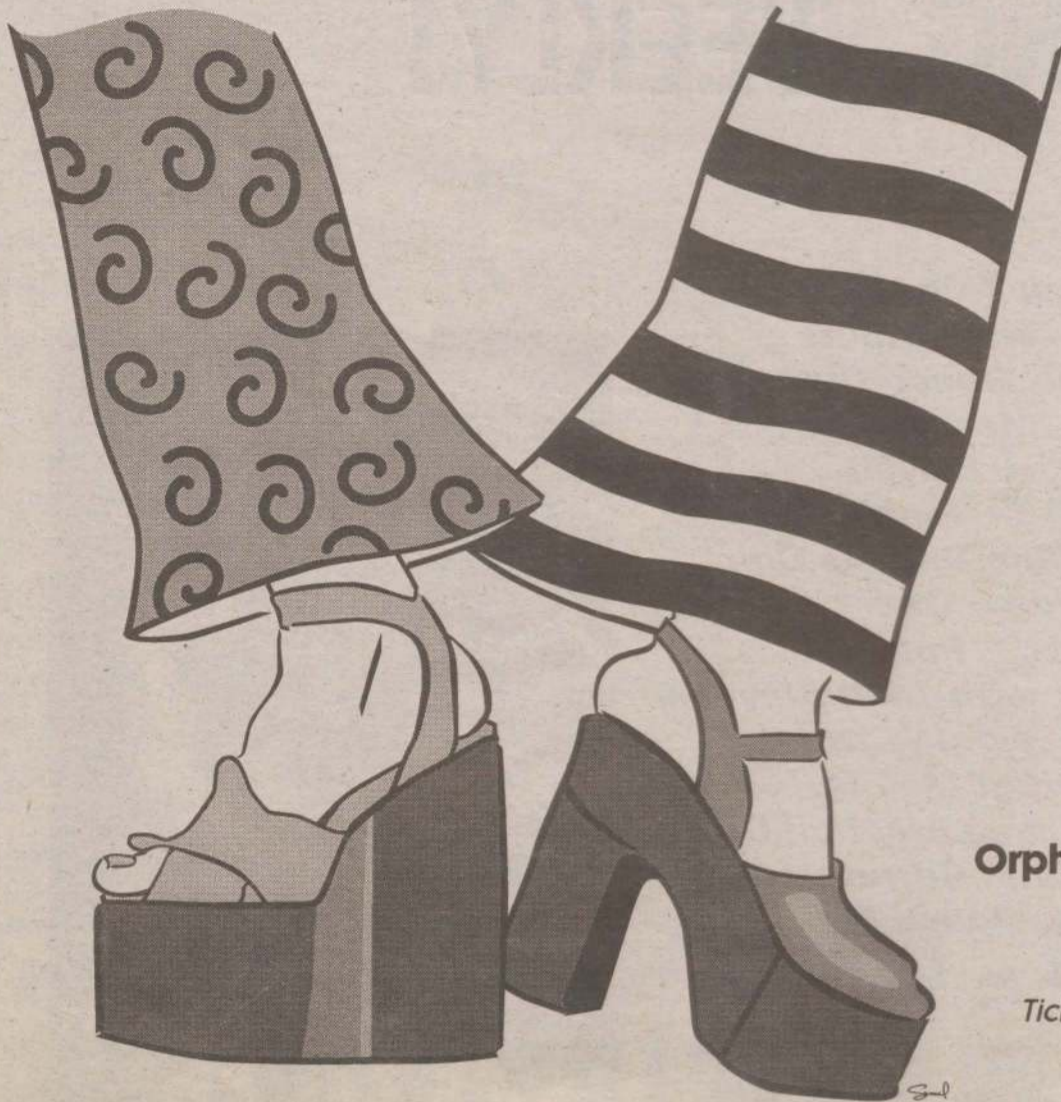
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