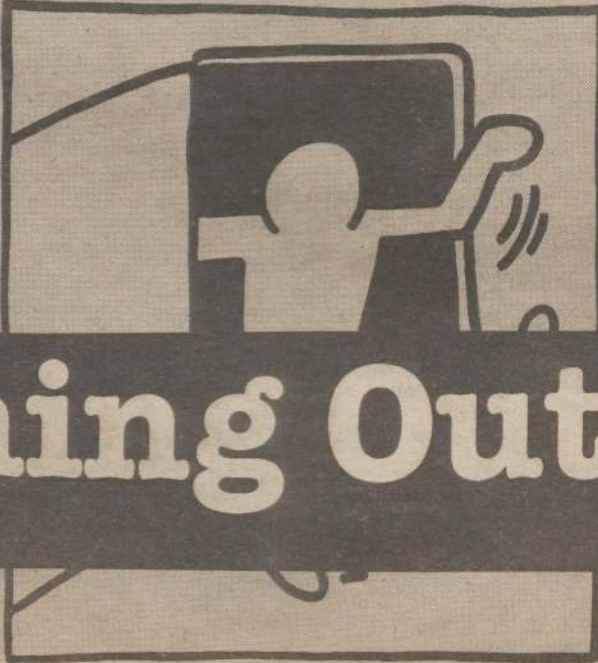


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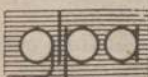
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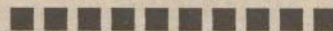


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National Coming Out Day: An Event Whose Time Has Come

Jason Serinus, C.H.

Individuals and groups across the country are formulating how they will "take their next step" as momentum builds for the second annual National Coming Out Day on October 11.

Coming out is the cornerstone of lesbian/gay liberations, and the chief means by which we can claim the rights we truly deserve. By coming out and fully accepting our uniqueness as lesbian and gay men, we gain the visibility and power that leads to our liberation. NCOD in particular presents us with the opportunity to transform individual acts of coming out into an organized political act that empowers our entire community.

"Coming Out is a process and not a singular event," explains NCOD national co-chair Rob Eichberg. "We're not asking people to do something way beyond their comfort level. We're asking everyone to look at what more they could be doing in terms of telling the truth and being open and out there."

National Coming Out Day grew out of a February 1988 ad hoc "war conference" of gay leaders from around the country. Envisioned as a follow-up to the 600,000 strong October 11, 1987 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington, it was scheduled on October 11 in order to continue the forward momentum of the historic march. As such, its message is clear: "Take Your Next Step: Take the Message of the March Home."

As Rob Eichberg explains, "It was tremendously exciting for 600,000 people to gather together and march, and to garner at least some media attention. But if those 600,000 people had all returned home willing to go to their friends and co-workers and families to tell them what they were marching about, that is, to say 'I am gay and a worthy human being who deserves my rights,' we'd have already aligned the majority of people in this country to support us."

Most people think that they don't know anyone who is lesbian or gay. And that's not because they don't. It's because we hide.

The truth is that we don't have to rely on the 'powers that be' when we have that power within ourselves. But the only way we can utilize our power is to be willing to be out there. You can't make any change from a closet.

The bottom line of lesbian/gay liberation has always been coming out. In some ways we have lost sight of this, partly because of the epidemic. A lot of gays have become activists as a result of AIDS, but they've never really focused on their sexuality itself as an issue that requires activism. We must realize that being lesbian/gay is a political issue. The only way we can de-politicize our sexuality is by coming out."

The first NCOD in 1988 was coordinated by Jean O'Leary through National Gay Rights Advocates, and by Rob Eichberg through the Experience Weekend. It garnered coverage in excess of 41 mainstream and 58 gay publications, as well as in other media. On October 11, USA Today, NCC, NPR, and The Oprah Winfrey Show all devoted four hours to people who called in and came out on the airwaves. Many organizations held NCOD open houses which introduced new people to their services. In particular, the Gay Center in Orlando, Florida went public for the first time, while Friends in Traverse City, Michigan sponsored a quarter page ad in a mainstream newspaper which generated over 200 phone calls and increased their mailing list by 650.

The Philadelphia Commission of Sexual Minorities sponsored an important survey which revealed gays in every district; the Mayor of Nashville proclaimed October 11 Anti-Discrimination Day, and 100 same-sex couples were wed on the steps of San Francisco City Hall.

1988's impact was so great that the decision was made to establish a separate NCOD organization to coordinate yearly events. Pilo Bueno has become the first full-time NCOD National Coordinator of the new Santa Fe national office, while Jean and Rob remain as national co-chairs.

While the expenses of coordinating the first NCOD were covered by T-shirt sales, contributions, and the fundraising efforts of The Experience and National Gay Rights Advocates, lesbian/gay organizations around the country are being asked to provide seed money for this year's event by becoming official sponsors of NCOD. Sponsors contribute anywhere from \$100-\$500, depending upon their size and financial base.

The impact of NCOD is in large part determined by the number and quality of individual and group actions that take place across the country, and by the ability of local and national organizations to draw media attention to those events. Individuals and organizations are urged to share their plans and successes with the National Office. The National Office will catalogue all local actions into a continually expanding base of ideas upon which further individual and group actions can be built.

1989's plans are quite diverse. In Boulder, where most residents choose public transportation over driving cars, a group of lesbians plans to reach a broad cross-section of the population by putting placards on both the insides and outsides of buses. To raise the necessary funds, they will sell the colorful T-shirts and to hold a big debutante "Coming Out Ball." And in Long Beach, young people plan to repeat their buddy/mentor system, which in 1988 united perhaps 150 lesbians and gays in pods of 3 which successfully supported their members in taking their next step.

While National Coordinator Pilo Bueno shares that one of his visions is for NCOD to grow into an official holiday which would eventually be listed on people's calendars and celebrated internationally via post-cards and greeting cards, national co-chair Rob Eichberg contrasts it with the party and festival atmosphere of many Gay Pride Day celebrations. "The message is somewhat different. Gay Pride is aimed more at the community getting together and celebrating itself, while NCOD is about lesbian/gay individuals and groups reaching out beyond the community to let others know who and what we are. It's a chance for us to look inside at what our own next step is and be willing to take it, whether it be a very private step, or quite public."

The NCOD national office can be contacted at PO Box 15524, Santa Fe, NM 87506, (505) 982-2558. They are there to help you make your next step a meaningful one for all of us.

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DANNEMEYER CHALLENGED ON FEDERAL YOUTH SUICIDE REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a letter to President George Bush delivered earlier this month, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) sharply challenged an attempt by Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA) to persuade the White House to repudiate sections of a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) report that addressed lesbian and gay youth suicide issues.

In a September 7 letter to President Bush regarding the *Report of the [HHS] Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide*, Rep. Dannemeyer asked the president to "affirm traditional family values by denouncing the portion of the *Report* that deals with homosexuality." Dannemeyer stated in his letter to the president that he had previously asked Dr. James Mason, Assistant Secretary of HHS, to denounce aspects of the report dealing with homosexuality. Wrote Dannemeyer, "I suggested to Dr. Mason that he will need to decide whether he will side with traditional family values or the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force."

Rep. Dannemeyer also stated that the HHS report and "public school programs such as Project 10 in the Los Angeles Unified School District simply add legitimacy to the heretofore crime of child molestation."

Responding to Dannemeyer's letter, NGLTF's Urvashi Vaid wrote to President Bush, urging him to place "moral leadership" over "prejudice and moral posturing," and to vigorously implement the recommendations of the report.

Noted Vaid, "The HHS report correctly identified the special vulnerability of lesbian and gay youth to suicide. By urging the president to

ignore this tragic situation, Congressman Dannemeyer shows his true colors as a cold-blooded bigot who supports the senseless destruction of young gay and lesbian lives. We are also outraged by his false and pernicious claims about 'homosexual recruitment among youth.'"

Vaid blasted Dannemeyer for setting up a "false dichotomy" between family values and measures to deal with lesbian and gay youth suicide. In her letter to President Bush, she stated that "we at NGLTF believe...as we hope you do, that suicide and violence are not family values. We believe that when sexual minority youth attempt to—or succeed in—destroying their lives, families are undermined rather than strengthened."

The NGLTF letter asked the president for a meeting to discuss the findings of the HHS report and "broader issues of discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Prepared during the tenure of former HHS Secretary Otis Bowen, the four-volume report was not released until early August, 1989. It identified gay and lesbian youth, among others, to be at "high risk" for suicide, and called for "an end [to] discrimination against youths on the basis of such characteristics as disability, sexual orientation, and financial status." The report included specially commissioned research papers by leading experts, including two papers that addressed gay youth suicide issues. One such paper noted that "gay youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than other young people. They may comprise up to 30 percent of completed youth suicides annually."

PHOENIX INTER-FAITH COUNCIL FORMED

An inter-faith council has been formed in the valley to reach out to the gay and lesbian community and provide a greater awareness of gay religious support groups.

Gay Religious Organizations of Phoenix (GROUP) will allow the various religious organizations that serve the gay and lesbian community to network together as well as learn about their respective theological outlooks.

Organizations currently participating in GROUP are Affirmation (Gay Mormons), Dignity/Integrity (Gay Catholics/Episcopalians), House of Dawn (New Age), and Mishpachah Am (Gay Jews).

"To bring together some of the gay religious organizations in the valley is quite an achievement," says Patrick Kucera, who was appointed interim director of GROUP. "I am very pleased at the progress we have made."

Kucera said GROUP will not serve as an umbrella organization for the individual groups, but present a chance for the groups as a whole to reach out to the gay community.

"We were all in agreement that the gay community does not necessarily know that there are religious organizations that reach out to gay men and lesbians," Kucera says. "I think we want people to know that sexual orientation and spirituality are not mutually exclusive terms. Many gay men and lesbians have abandoned the spiritual side of their lives because

of the often hostile actions and words of others who condemn homosexuality on a moral basis.

"I truly believe that God, or whatever the higher power is that guides us, never has nor ever will hate any of us because we are gay."

GROUP will also provide a chance for the organizations to socialize and interact to learn more about each other. Projects such as a December "Winterfest" are in the planning stages to allow the organizations to get together on a more casual basis.

"We have the means to be a great benefit to the community and provide a positive experience for gay men and lesbians," Kucera said. GROUP also plans to develop a unified outreach program to inform the gay community of the various religious organizations, the printing of an inter-faith community calendar, and an active role in seeking out the needs of the community on a spiritual basis.

The next GROUP meeting will be held on October 12.

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RICH JONES

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The results are in from an unprecedented drive to make gay and lesbian voices heard on Capitol Hill, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) Field Division has now signed up thousands of people nationwide for its Speak Out message campaign.

HRCF signed up more than 15,000 individuals for the Speak Out program at 1989 gay and lesbian pride events around the country and at Names Project quilt appearances. Approximately 400 canvassers covered between 30-40 pride events in more than 20 states.

Speak Out is a massive constituent mobilization effort that is generating tens of thousands of hard-hitting constituent messages to the U.S. Congress on gay and lesbian-related legislation.

By joining the Speak Out campaign, gays and lesbians and their supporters authorize HRCF to send one-day Western Union messages to their senators or representatives as critical legislation arises.

Speak Out currently has between 20,000 and 25,000 people enrolled in the program. Every state has Speak Out participants.

HRCF has sent messages to Congress on several important bills, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill. Mailgrams have also been used to counter various anti-gay amendments, including Jesse Helms' "no promo homo" amendment.

"We've been able to translate grassroots pressure from rhetoric to reality," said Steve Endean, HRCF Field Division director. "So often people mean to write to Congress but don't get around to it. Speak Out allows concerned individuals to bridge this gap of good intentions."

"The impact on Capitol Hill has been truly amazing," added Endean. "The current enrollment of 20,000-25,000 is staggering compared to our community's previous one-time high of just 500 letters on a specific AIDS or lesbian and gay rights bill."

The phenomenal increase in messages can be attributed to the unprecedented canvassing undertaken at Pride and other events. HRCF plans to continue its canvassing operations, and is inviting people interested in canvassing to call HRCF at (202) 628-4160 for more information.

In addition to canvassing, HRCF has produced and distributed more than

1.5 million Speak Out brochures. The brochures, sponsored by local gay and lesbian businesses, were inserted in more than 100 local gay newspapers and magazines around the country and were distributed along with mailings of other national and local groups.

For maximum visibility, 3,000 Speak Out "take one" displays are being distributed to gay and lesbian bars and businesses nationwide.

LOCAL 'COMING OUT DAY' PLANS UNDER WAY

Ellen M. Young

The Phoenix Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee is busy gathering signatures on pink triangles and mock petitions in preparation for the National Coming Out Day demonstration on Wednesday, October 11th.

The paper pink triangles, printed with the title and date of the event, are being signed or initialed by members of the community, and will be presented to a representative from the office of Governor Rose Mofford. The mock petitions are informal documents which can be signed by anyone, regardless of voter registration. They read as follows: "In recognition of National Coming Out Day, October 11, 1989, we the undersigned, support equal rights and protection under the constitution of the United States and the State of Arizona, without regard to sexual orientation." The mock petitions will be presented to representatives from the House and Senate.

Members of the Pride Committee are currently setting up tables at bars and attending organizational meetings and community events to obtain signatures. In addition, National Coming Out Day T-shirts (produced nationally) will soon be available from the Pride Committee.

The October 11th event will take place in downtown Phoenix during the evening. Following the presentations, a candlelight ceremony will recognize the contributions made to the gay and lesbian community by various individuals who have come out at various times and places throughout history. To bring further attention to the significance of National Coming Out Day, members of the community are encouraged to call the governor's office or the offices of any elected officials during the working hours on October 11th. For further information, call the PLGPC voice mailbox at 631-0350.

LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST U.S. MARSHALL FOR STRIP SEARCH OF ACTIVISTS

PORTLAND, OREGON—Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced that the Portland, Oregon chapter of ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), an international AIDS protest group, today filed suit in the Federal District Court of Oregon against the U.S. Marshall for the District of Oregon, Kernon Bagley.

The lawsuit alleges that federal marshalls in Portland strip searched ten ACT UP demonstrators following their arrest for nonviolent civil disobedience at a Portland protest regarding Food and Drug Administration AIDS policies. Specifically, bureaucratic delays in the approval of drug treatments for ailments associated with AIDS that are safe as well as promising, but which have not been scientifically proven effective to the satisfaction of the FDA in strictly controlled drug trials. Some of these drugs are licensed in Europe or Asia, but remain unapproved for use in the United States.

The demonstrators, all lesbians and gay men, claim the strip search was unjustified and that the marshalls violated their fourth amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches. The lawsuit seeks money damages and injunctive relief against future strip searches of demonstrators under similar circumstances.

The lawsuit stems from a February 27, 1989 protest at which the demonstrators blew whistles and chanted slogans in the hallway outside FDA offices in a federal office building in Portland. The FDA office had been closed in anticipation of the demonstration. Over 100 ACT UP demonstrators circled the building on the sidewalk carrying picket signs with messages critical of government policy. Twelve demonstrators were arrested. Eleven were taken into federal custody for creating the noisy disturbance in the hallway. A twelfth was taken into custody by Portland police after throwing himself in front of the marshall's van transporting other arrestees. He was held briefly in a police car, given a citation and released. He later paid a \$25 fine.

The protesters arrested on federal charges claim they were subjected to a pat search at the scene, handcuffed and transported in a van to the United States courthouse for processing by the marshall's office. There, they were charged with creating a disturbance in a federal office building, a petty offense under federal law. Each was photographed, fingerprinted, asked to present identification, given a citation and released within three hours. However, prior to their release, the AIDS activists claim that the marshalls, who were wearing rubber gloves, subjected each demonstrator to a degrading and intrusive strip search in which the men were ordered to lift their genitalia and the women their breasts. All were ordered to bend over and spread their buttocks for inspection. Several of the searches were conducted in full view of other officers and detainees.

"The question the government will have to explain to the jury is why. Why were these people strip searched? I can think of no legitimate reason," said Tom Steenson, a Portland attorney representing the demonstrators. "There was no reason to believe the arrestees would bring contraband or weapons into the

holding area. This was nonviolent civil disobedience. The government knew in advance from pre-demonstration discussions with ACT UP representatives. Those who were arrested were given a citation—more or less a traffic ticket—and released," said Wayne Harris, an ACT UP spokesperson. "The fact is that these demonstrators were perceived to be gay men and lesbians," Harris continued. "I think that's the real reason they were forced to put up with this harassment. It was designed to humiliate them, to make them think twice before speaking out again."

Most of the arrestees settled the charges by paying the government \$50. One arrestee went to trial and was fined \$50. In that trial, U.S. Magistrate George Juba rejected the federal prosecutor's attempt to force the demonstrator to pay restitution for clean up costs to remove red paint from the exterior of the building and stickers from its walls on the ground that the government failed to present evidence linking the individual defendant to any activity beyond noise making.

"The FDA limits access to potentially life-saving treatments for people with AIDS. AIDS activists are fighting for their lives and the lives of their loved ones," said David Barr, an attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is co-counsel on the case. "This case will send a clear message to law enforcement officials throughout the nation that we will not allow them to trample on our constitutional rights."

REP. FRANK APOLOGIZES TO BACKERS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Rep. Barney Frank, saying "tremendous internal pressures" led him to a relationship with a male prostitute, mailed a written apology to supporters Friday.

"What I did was wrong," the Massachusetts Democrat said in the letter mailed to home-state supporters and campaign volunteers.

"It did not affect my public decisions or any public business. But I regret that some of my past personal actions are troubling to people who place their confidence in me."

The letter was not mailed at government expense, a Frank aide said Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Frank drew some Republican support for his decision not to resign while awaiting a House Ethics Committee inquiry into his relationship with Stephen L. Gobie.

Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the House Republican whip, said at a luncheon with reporters that it is appropriate for Frank to await the committee's finding.

Gingrich himself is under investigation by the Ethics Committee over his personal finances.

"He deserves a fair hearing," Gingrich said. "I think it's prudent for any member to hold their counsel until they hear from the Ethics Committee."

Frank's letter came at the end of a week in which the five-term liberal congressman and his top political advisers moved to quell growing speculation that he will resign.

RENEGADE TESTING OF AIDS DRUG FINDS IT PROMISING, DANGEROUS

San Francisco Examiner

AIDS activists who ran an underground study of the experimental drug "Compound Q" say it shows great promise but is very dangerous and needs further study.

Two patients who received infusions of the powerful plant protein died, one after a severe seizure, the other after falling into a coma.

Three others suffered dementia or seizures but recovered. Treatment also appeared to worsen existing infections, including Kaposi's sarcoma, in some patients.

Still, many patients treated with Compound Q showed slight rises in T4 lymphocyte cells, which are crucial for a healthy immune system, and others showed drops in levels of p24 antigen, a protein the AIDS virus is thought to release as it reproduces.

"This drug has serious risks associated with it, but it's too important to be dismissed," said Martin Delaney of Project Inform, the AIDS information group that organized the experiments out of concern that government research moves too slowly. He called for accelerated federal research.

Compound Q is the nickname for trichosanthin, a protein extracted from the root of a plant in the family of the Chinese cucumber.

Project Inform initiated the study in May after Dr. Michael McGrath of the University of California at San Francisco reported that trichosanthin appears to selectively kill cells infected with the human immunodeficiency virus in test-tube studies.

Seventy-one victims of AIDS were given the drug in what originally was envisioned as a carefully structured private study by doctors in San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

But not all the doctors administered the drug the same way, and not all performed the same follow-up tests, both of which are necessary to know exactly what effect a drug will have in patients.

Consequently, Delaney said the results are tentative and need to be confirmed by other studies.

MISHPACHAT AM CELEBRATES HIGH HOLY DAYS

Mishpachat Am, the valley's lesbian and gay Jewish temple, will celebrate Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur with morning and afternoon services and a traditional breakfast at the Phoenix Shanti Center this year.

Rosh Hashana services will be held on September 29 at 7pm, and September 30 at 10am and 3pm. Yom Kippur celebrations will begin on October 8 at 7pm, with additional services the following morning. A traditional breakfast will be served following the Monday services (Yom Kippur is traditionally a fasted holiday).

The Shanti Center is located at 1314 East McDowell Road. For further information, contact Andrew at 966-5001.

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It can be done! Using a condom doesn't have to lead to the loss of spontaneity, excitement, or passion; there are some simple ways to prevent these potential problems. For example, always have an ample supply of condoms spread out around your home, so they'll be available wherever and whenever you want to have sex. Use a little water-based lubricant in the tip of the condom, to increase the sensation for the wearer. Let your partner put the condom on you, slowly, while he says those things he says so provocatively. As you put it on, tell your partner just how you're going to drive him crazy. Use condoms of various colors and flavors. Use condoms to masturbate with, so you get used to the feelings associated with their use.

These are only some of the ways to decrease the anxiety and resistance you may have developed toward condom use. Most importantly, one should not think of condoms as barriers to contact, or as necessary evils. One should think of them as love toys, as enhancements to lovemaking, and as part of the foreplay fun.

Your thoughts have a tremendous impact on your experience, and while you have no control over the many sexually transmitted diseases around, you *do* have control over your attitude. So stop telling yourself you hate those little love-gloves, and start telling yourself how much *fun* they are to use.

Another obstacle to the effective and consistent use of condoms is proper communication. Too much of the time, we tell ourselves we will bring up the subject of condom use, safe sex, or other intimate negotiations at the appropriate time; when the time comes we don't know how; it seems too late; we don't want to take away from the passion of the moment; or find the discussion doesn't proceed as we would have liked. You know what the problem is. It never went like this in the movies. It wasn't like this when we came out. None of our favorite fantasies included little breaks to discuss the intricacies of today's sexual scene. Gay or straight, male or female, too few of us have been trained in any meaningful way to make self-protection and the protection of our partners an integral part of the seduction ritual. It seems easier than it is to talk to the people we have sex with.

There are ways to make this easier. There are lines you can use, little things you can say. I discovered two books at my local branch of the Phoenix Public Library that were filled with strategies for promoting a safe and comfortable sex life. *How to Persuade Your Lover to Use a Condom...* and *Why You Should* by Patti Breitman, Kim Knutson and Paul Reed (Prima Publishing and Communications, 1987), is a wonderful little book, filled with tips about the use of condoms and the feelings we have in negotiating their use in our real lives.

Finally, I would like to point out that performance anxiety—the fear that one will not be able to perform—existed long before condoms and risk-reduction came onto the gay sexual scene. It was treatable then and is surmountable today. One of the most effective attacks against performance anxiety is the abandonment of the attitudes that make sexual performance so much a part of our self-esteem and self-worth. The pressure to perform is reduced when sex is viewed as the enjoyment of another human being, as opposed to some sort of an acrobatic work-out. But, of course, the security and self-confidence required in order to overcome the need to impress, to please at all costs, are a function of personal growth and maturity. As we learn to care for ourselves and to honor our own worth regardless of things that may happen, we worry far less about performance in any area of our lives, and focus more on enjoyment and on self-fulfillment. This makes everything easier and more enjoyable, even sex.

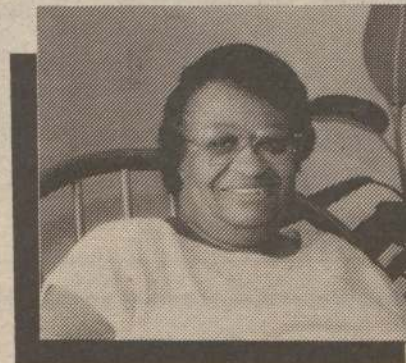
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CAMELBACK PRESENTS

"WHO'S WHO"

By Bud

The purpose of the AIDS Forum was to bring together all organizations into a room filled with cooperation. We need to understand that AIDS is not a man's issue. It is a human rights issue," stated Nita Bishop, facilitator of the 1989 Phoenix Forum on AIDS.

The forum, sponsored by Camelback Business and Professional Association (CBPA), a local business group, was held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza on Thursday, September 21. Almost 300 gay men, lesbians and interested others filled the room to hear 11 agencies discuss their purposes.

Bob Palmer, former president of CBPA, facilitated the section which followed a welcome by CBPA president Peter Hudson, and a moment of remembrance for people who have died of AIDS and related diseases. Ken Furtado then presented a brief overview of the history of AIDS.

Furtado stated that there are 869 known cases of AIDS in Arizona as of September. "Of those cases, 68% are gay men, 9% are IV drug users and 10% are both. In the United States, there are over 100,000 cases. Former Surgeon General Koop predicts that in two years there will be a quarter of a million cases diagnosed and 67% of those will be dead. He also estimates that 1.5 - 2 million people are already infected."

The only truly probing question of the evening ("Wouldn't we save money in administrative costs if CAC could open it's 'Center for the Living' at Shanti?") went unanswered.

"It used to be that the only co-factor was time," Furtado stated. In one study,

the lag time between being infected and *testing positive* for some was over three years. Furtado explained that some reports suggest that the time between being infected and *showing symptoms* has increased from 3-5 years to 7-11 years.

Two PLWAs (people living with AIDS) shared their concerns and outlooks. "Having AIDS has changed my life forever," said Dean Jones. "As a community, we all have a responsibility to each other."

Michael, another PLWA, stated his distress regarding unmet needs. "Some of my needs which are not currently being addressed include a treatment hotline, a 24-hour crisis talk line, and help with survival skills."

The forum included a Community Programs section, co-facilitated by Judith Curtis-Mardon and Ron Barnes, co-directors of the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard (LGCS). Seven organizations spoke on programs which are available for gay men, lesbians and PLWAs. Services provided by these organizations include food boxes, hot lunches, referrals, and various support groups. Bob Hegyi of LGCS outlined a new risk-reduction and prevention program, "Crystal Clear," designed to outreach to people who engage in unsafe sex after using the drug crystal.

The main forum presented a panel featuring Nancy Xaverius, Sue Dodd, Artie Michaelis, and Randy Gorbett representing the four major multi-service agencies: ARCE, AAP, CAC and Shanti, respectively; and Dr. David Payne, a local physician who treats many PLWAs. Each agency was given an opportunity to report on its origins and current services. Payne talked about developing a Statewide Community Research Initiative which would enable Arizona to "get the new AIDS drugs out of the hands of the Feds and into the hands of the doctors who want to use them."

Although cards were distributed at the beginning of the evening for specific questions from the audience, Bishop paraphrased the questions to the panel. Of the dozen questions aired, few were probing. The open mike section began after the panel left the dais; therefore, the audience could not address questions directly to the agencies. The only truly probing question of the evening ("Wouldn't we save money in administrative costs if CAC could open it's 'Center for the Living' at Shanti?") went unanswered.

Because 11 agencies were highlighted during the three-hour forum, none were able to be specific or detailed in discussing their programs. To compensate, many agencies offered printed handouts, which were available at the registration table. Dr. Payne presented a "treatment options paper" for HIV positive patients, which covered almost two dozen drugs and the status of each drug in the FDA approval process.

According to Bishop, the most important aspect of the forum was that it produced a written and signed agreement among the four multi-service agencies in which they agreed to "continue cooperating and to strengthen advocacy."

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ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLINES

WOMYN, MUSIC AND MOTHER EARTH IN THREE PART HARMONY

Sally Lynn Cardinale

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—Suellen M. Fast
"Celebrations of Daughterhood:
Poetry for Young Girls"

Songs of love, hope, and pain reached out across the Lavender Patch in Snowflake, and touched the souls of many. Nearly 200 women, a festival record, gathered beneath the Arizona skies in a musical celebration of women loving women.

The Fifth Arizona Womyn's Music Festival, held September 22-24, was a peaceful, healing event for all involved. The event showcased 13 of the state's talented female performers, as well as an open mike performance from an Albuquerque band.

Dianne Post, part-owner of the 40 acres and founder of the festival, hosts the event in order to "provide women space to share their talents, be they music, acting, dance, arts, crafts...."

Post has definitely succeeded in providing a comfortable environment where one can wander alone or with friends, be fully dressed or sparsely clad, camp in a van or in a tent; a place where total strangers come together to create a healthy, safe, and peaceful home.



The performing stage—a large, flat, natural rock formation—set just a little higher than the audience, created a natural energy which revitalized all involved.

Artemis Preeshl and the Wild Things kicked off the musical entertainment on Friday night. Once the music was underway, few people stopped to realize that months of planning went into the preparation of such an event.

Post had the responsibility of organizing the entertainment, advertising, ticket sales, road grading, and chemical toilets, but when it came to supplying the equipment and renting the generators for electricity, there were two people to thank—Beth and Melanie. These two women juggled dual roles at the festival: handling the soundboard and performing—Beth plays bass for One Track Mind, and Melanie is a member of two groups: Too Much Rouge and Limerence.

This year, for the first time, the festival was interpreted for the hearing impaired. Because of the impact of the four signers (not only on the hearing impaired, but also the rest of the festival-goers), all future festivals will have signers.

One of the weekend's musical surprises was a hot new trio out of Tucson, the Aztec Betty Combo. The three women—Andes, Lisa, and Catherine—played mostly original tunes. According to Andes, they had "only played together about two or three times" before the festival. Aztec Betty Combo was a great lead-in for another Tucson artist, Marti Van der Voort, who also performed at last year's event. Playing outside was "like playing in the world, instead of just a piece of it," explained Marti.

Limerence, a popular Phoenix band, concluded Friday's musical entertainment. Until the festival, Limerence hadn't performed together in some months, while members of the band performed with other local groups.

Several scheduled performers—including Marti, Jamie Anderson, and Michelle Marquant—took the opportunity to perform together during Saturday's open mike. Throughout this segment—and during all the breaks between band changes—the audience was entertained by the humor of comedienne Slique Callahan. Slique, who performed at the very first Womyn's Festival, also emceed last year's event. She enjoyed this gig, referring to it as "a great exercise in ad-libbing." Possibly one of the most memorable moments of this year's festival was Slique's "heartfelt" rendition of Tracy Chapman's *Baby Can I Hold You?*

After an afternoon of relaxation, the music began at nightfall with guitarist/vocalist Jan Acevedo. Jan, who appears on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at the Incognito, performed at open mike in 1988, and was glad to return this year as a performer. She found the crowd at the festival "very attentive and appreciative" of her work.

The WomEnlight Players, who followed Jan with a series of skits, poked fun at the Pro-life viewpoint and how the future would be if men's and women's roles were reversed.

Melanie, Rita, and Ruth were another addition to the music scene: these three women form Too Much Rouge, which performed after new vocalist Kaweah Lemeshewsky. Too Much Rouge has only been together since June of this year, and appeared at the West Coast Womyn's Music Festival earlier this month.

According to Rita, their opening act was born from a dream Melanie had of the

trio appearing "on the Ed Sullivan show." Extremely talented, they have become an instant hit in the women's community.

Concluding the entertainment Saturday night, and celebrating their one year anniversary, was another Phoenix band, One Track Mind. This five women band played mostly original music written by band members Sandy, Michelle, and Donna. Sandy summed up the band's anniversary performance by saying, "I'm so thrilled...more excited about tonight than any of our other performances."

Tucson resident and valley favorite Jamie Anderson led the Sunday line-up. According to Jamie, who was part of the very first festival, "over the years the festival has changed dramatically, having grown from playing by a campfire to a stage complete with lights." Anderson said she preferred the comfort of playing to an outdoor festival as opposed to playing a more formal indoor performance.

The blues style of Kathleen Williamson followed Jamie's morning performance. Kathleen, a Tucson artist who began her career in the Bronx, has performed professionally for 17 years. She has also spent the last three years putting on concerts to help the homeless and the women's community.

Kathleen was followed by the multi-talented Bibs MacIntosh; she was also the artist behind this year's festival poster.

Concluding the music and the festival was the country sound of Silver Shadow. This band's energetic style brought the Fifth Arizona Womyn's Music Festival to its inevitable close with hoots and hollers from the crowd.

Is Post already thinking about next year's festival? If there are more people, Dianne agrees she'll "need more help." And the sound crew? "Ask me again in two weeks," Melanie smiled.



DESERT VALLEY SQUARES SWINGS IN THE NEW SEASON

More than 16 new dancers were introduced to the fun of square dancing when Desert Valley Squares, Phoenix's oldest lesbian and gay square dance club, kicked off its 1990 season with a pot luck dinner and dance on Sunday, September 10.

Two dozen club members joined the newcomers to enjoy an evening of good food, kick-up-your heels dancing and good company. Two-steps, line dances and exhibition squares of more advanced dancing filled the breaks between tips.

The new class continues every Sunday from 7:30pm until 9pm at the Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th Street and Virginia, in Phoenix. Classes are open through the 24th of September, and cost \$15.00 for ten weeks of instruction. Neither experience nor a partner is necessary; the Squares provide both! Call 968-7184 for more information.

ACTORS LAB CASTS OIL CITY SYMPHONY: SEASON OPENING DELAYED ONE WEEK

The opening show of Actors Lab Arizona's 1989-90 season has recently been cast, but to accommodate cast members' outside performing commitments, the company will delay the opening night one week.

Oil City Symphony, written by the same playwrights who created the popular musical *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, was originally scheduled to open with a preview performance Wednesday, October 4 at 7223 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale. Instead, the first preview performance has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 and the show will run through November 5. Performances are scheduled for 8pm Wednesdays through Saturdays, and at 2pm and 7pm Sundays.

Mike Craver, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk and Mary Murfitt wrote and starred in the original production of *Oil City Symphony*, which opened in October of 1987 at New York City's Circle in the Square Downtown. Metropolitan-area theatergoers enjoyed 636 performances of the critically acclaimed show, which closed this past May. During its extended run, it earned both the Drama Desk Award and the Outer Critics Circle Award as the Best Off-Broadway Musical of 1988. Productions at Syracuse Stage in Syracuse, NY, the Geva Theater in Rochester, NY, and the Halsted Theater Center in Chicago also earned rave reviews; Peggy Sage, a member of the Chicago cast, will appear in the Actors Lab production.

Described by the *New York Times* as "a musical with charm and a sure sense of its own identity," *Oil City Symphony* has also received accolades from *The New York Post*, ("Better than John Philip Sousa played on massed kazoos with free ice cream sodas and bubble gum"), *Variety* ("Puts musical back in musical comedy and gives the audience a wonderful time").

Packed with rock standards, old-fashioned melodies and original songs, the season opener is a nutty celebration of small-town America and is sure to delight the nearly 65,000 devotees who flocked to see Actors Lab's last smash hit, *Six Women With Brain Death or Expiring Minds Want to Know*.

Tickets for *Oil City Symphony* will go on sale October 2, 1989, and advanced purchases are recommended. Prices are \$17.00 for Friday and Saturday performances, \$15.00 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings, and \$12.00 for Preview performances and Sunday matinees. Tickets may be purchased in person at Actors Lab Arizona, 7223 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale, or can be charged to MasterCard or VISA by calling 990-1731 between the hours of 9am and 6pm, Mondays through Saturdays.

THE COMING OUT LETTERS



"Coming Out Day isn't about screaming from the rooftops," according to NCOD Coordinator Pilo Bueno. "Many people see this as an opportunity to share one-on-one their coming out process."

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY EXCLUSIVE

On October 11, lesbian and gay people nationwide will acknowledge the second annual National Coming Out Day by "taking their next step" in the process of affirming their sexuality.

The letters that follow are examples of a more intimate coming out: communications by and about representatives of our culture, as they take their "next step."

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From Ray, age 33, Michigan

I never wrote a coming out letter to my parents, for they knew before me that I was gay. In fact, they told me when I was ready to face it they would be there to support me.

What I did have, though, was a rough time in high school. I took a creative writing class in my senior year to better assert myself. In the middle of this course we were asked to do a speech for the class on a subject we knew most about. I chose me. This was my coming out speech.

I thought long and hard to come up with a subject which I could speak about with knowledge. A topic that I knew enough of to make a speech believable and to get an 'A' in. What I came up with was—to speak about me. After all, who knows better about my life than I. Oh, I know there are some people out there who know me better than I know myself. But today I will speak on what I know.

My name is Ray and I'm—I'm gay.

Oh, I know that must seem funny to you and thank you for laughing, but you needn't any more. I know why you laugh now.

You see, for 18 years I have heard the laughter and I thought that I was being funny, somehow. People laughed so much at me that for 18 years I tormented myself with the joke. The joke that was supposed to be me.

Yeah, I heard the comments, but...I wasn't gay—I wasn't a faggot! I was so sure of it. Even my mother told me it was alright if I was. But mom, I'm not. I mean, I fantasize about girls, I'm normal.

So, why are you all laughing? What's so fucking funny? It's like I'm not getting the punch line and I feel so stupid. If you're all laughing then I must be funny.

After 17 years of being funny I still don't get it. I'm tired and I just want to go away—

So I took these pills—

I wrote a little note of guilt and I went to sleep. I can't remember what I dreamed, all I know is that the answer to the joke came to me. And when I went to school that day I laughed at you for the first time.

Now, after 18 years I can laugh. I'm happy for the first time in 18 years. And I owe it all to you. Without your laughter I never would have made it to this point. I know now that the joke isn't on me, or about me. I guess, you could say that the joke is on us all.

So, now, what do we do?

I like to hear your laughter. It's been with me for so long I've become accustomed to it. I thank you for believing in me for so long. Thank You!

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From Trina, age 15, Illinois

Dear Jamie;

This is not another ordinary letter, but I'm hoping you can handle it.

I'm writing to you because I feel you are a very mature and understanding person who can overlook stereotypes and hearsay. The fact is I am a homosexual. Please do not panic, but remember that I am still the same person. Also, remember that this

fact in itself does not change our relationship. I only hoped by telling you we could become better friends. Friendship means honesty. I cannot lie to you.

By writing I realize the risk of losing our friendship, but I hope that does not happen. I would love to hear from you.

Your friend,
Trina

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To Greg, age 32, California

Dear Greg,

I have been thinking a lot of you lately and have some thoughts that I feel must be said. So I will try to put them in this letter.

We have thought for some time now, that you were a homosexual. That you have decided to make a definite choice for your lifestyle. That, in itself is no big problem for us. But we do feel it has put a strain on our relationship, sort of an uncomfortable feeling. Probably because you did not know what we would think? How would we accept this? Well you are not a parent. "Parent Love" is a strong and mysterious thing. But it can become weakened if it isn't nurtured once in a while. So this is the point of this letter, to revitalize our feelings.

Now some thoughts:

1st—It seems a shame you felt that you had to move thousands of miles away, but we understand. It gave you a feeling of the space you needed and you were protecting us in a way. Besides, for generations, kids have been up and going off and leaving home for adventure or seeking a new life, fortunes, etc. We think it's great how well you have done, and we are very proud of you.

2nd—It is good to know you have come to like yourself more, and feel right about yourself. We can only believe you will think clearly and live a good life.

3rd—Now as for complete happiness...24 hours worth...day after day. This is not a reality. This we will all never have. You sound pretty happy to me, except when you cried at Christmas it made me feel sad and I cried too. But that is always good for us all, once in a while. It shows our humanness. Christmas can be a very blue time for many people. It has been for me for many years. We have been blessed with many happy times. You are blessed with a wonderful sister. So be good to her, for she is your family, after we are gone.

4th—I hope you find someone to share your life with for that can be a rich experience for anyone. Uncle Jack had Carl. Carl was a very kind, gentle and especially nice person. I saw Gordon last week at McDonald's and we chatted a while. He said he thought he would head back to California soon. We know you probably will not like this part—but I must be honest yet delicate. I feel at this time, for you and Gordon to be together would not be the best thing. I can't say why, it's just a gut feeling. Of course it's none of my business. It's your life and you're old enough to make your own decisions.

I hope this letter will help to make us all feel better and help you to realize that we are trying to understand. I would be fooling us all if I did not say it isn't easy for us. But we are all separate and individual human beings unto ourselves. We are all different in God's creation of us. And the bottom line in the strange scheme of things is that we love one another. Life is not easy—so be happy with the life you have. (Hey that ain't half bad!!!) Get it laminated!!!

Love Always,
Mom and Dad

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From Harriet, age 30, Indiana

Dear Mom and Dad,

I hope all is well with you and you are both in good health. Life is well with me and I would like to share some of what that is about with you. It's funny, I am your daughter and yet I feel like we do not know very much about one another. Part of that, I know, is my fault. I really have never shared with you large parts of my life. I apologize for that. You are both very important to me in many ways. Too important for me

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How does your service work?

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Computerized Application Form

Dear Buddy: Please read the instructions carefully so that your match list is not delayed due to errors on your application. Your application must be complete or it will be returned to you for correction. For best results, please indicate at least one of your own traits in each of the main sections of the application form (*i.e.* Age, Build, Race).

Membership Information

Please provide the following confidential information to help us service your membership. (All correspondence to members is mailed in plain envelopes.)

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Address _____

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Phone _____

Fill out the form completely and mail, along with a check or money order for \$35 payable to **Buddies 'n' Pals 'n' Partners**, P.O. Box 33578, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

Note: Mailing address required for sending match lists. Please allow one to two weeks for us to process your application.

Geographical Area

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Denver Boulder
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Albuquerque Santa Fe
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO El Paso Las Cruces
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Salt Lake City Ogden
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Las Vegas
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Reno Carson City
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Phoenix Mesa
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Tucson

Type of Relationship

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Lover (monogamous)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Lover (nonmonogamous)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Buddy (sexual)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Buddy (platonic)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO One night stand
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Romantic fling
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Affair
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Pen-pal

Age Range

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 18-21
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 21-25
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 25-30
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 30-35
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 35-40
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 40-50
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 50+

Build

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Bodybuilder
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Muscular
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Average
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Slim
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Stocky
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Heavy
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very Heavy

Height

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 5'6" or less
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 5'6" - 5'9"
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 5'9" - 6'
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 6' - 6'3"
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 6'3" or taller

Hair

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Black
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Dark Brown
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Light Brown
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Auburn
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Red
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Strawberry Blond
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Blond
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO White/gray
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Bald

Eyes

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Blue
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Green
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Gray
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Hazel
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Brown
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Black

Facial/Body Hair

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Smooth
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Clean Shaven
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Mustache
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Beard
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO No body hair
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Smooth chest
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Hairy chest
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very Hairy

Race

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Caucasian
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Asian/oriental
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Black
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Latin
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO East Indian

General Appearance

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very goodlooking
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Attractive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Average
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Below average
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Yuppie/preppie
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Young executive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Mature executive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Trendy
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Collegiate/jock

Dress

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Casual (t-shirt, jeans)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sometimes sloppy
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO High fashion
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Semi-formal
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Drag

Occupation

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Financially independent
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Self-supporting
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Nonsell-supporting
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Unemployed
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Student
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Office/clerical
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Service/hospitality
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sales
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Construction
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Technical
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Self-employed/entrepreneur
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Managerial
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Professional
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Health Care
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Entertainment arts

Substance Use

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Smoker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Non-smoker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Heavy drinker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Social drinker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Non-drinker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Non-drug user
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Light drug user

Personality

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Assertive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Easy-going
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Outgoing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Publicly affectionate
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Not publicly affectionate
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Shy/reserved
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very masculine
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Fairly masculine
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Somewhat feminine
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very feminine
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Closeted

Sexual Activities

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Doorway
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Openly gay
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Spectator sports
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Working out
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Movies
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Live theatre
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO TV/video
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Concerts
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Arts events
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Dining out
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Parties
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Bars/dancing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Cooking
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Travel
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Camping/hiking
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sailing/surfing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Skiing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Tennis/racquetball
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Swimming
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Cycling
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Music
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Photographer
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Painting art

Beliefs

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Catholic
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Protestant
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Jewish
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO New age
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO MCC
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very religious
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Somewhat religious
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Not religious
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Politically liberal
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Conservative
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Social democrat

Sexual Preferences

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Kissing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Cuddling
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO J O
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO French active

French passive

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO French passive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Greek active
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Greek passive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO SAFE SEX
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Toys
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Leather
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO S/M top
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO S/M bottom
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Heavy S/M
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Experimental
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Three-ways
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Group sex
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very experienced
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Average experience
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Inexperienced
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Virginal
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Small to average endowment
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Average to large
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very large endowment
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Cut
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Uncut

Special Considerations

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sensory/speech handicap
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Movement handicap
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Have no privacy
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Have no transportation
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO HIV negative
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Bisexual
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Transsexual

What else do I need to know?

Members agree that the information they provide is complete and accurate. As well, that any information they receive from us is confidential, *for their personal use only*, in accordance with the objectives of the service.

We reserve the right to decline applications for any reason, if an application is declined a full refund will be issued. We also reserve the right to terminate any membership without refund if the information provided is found to be deliberately incomplete, untrue or deceptive.

How do I fill out the Application Form?

We know you hate reading instructions, but in order for us to provide you with the best possible service, please read these instructions carefully before filling out your Buddies 'n' Pals 'n' Partners Application Form.

At first 191 questions may seem a bit overwhelming, but, in fact, filling out the Application Form is really not that difficult if you follow these four steps:

STEP 1: Fill in the section entitled **Membership Information** (For office use only). Enter your name, full mailing address, zip code, phone number. (*We will contact you by phone only if you include a phone number here.*) A mailing address is required for sending match lists.

STEP 2: Complete the **Contact Information** section and sign the disclaimer. The contact information you provide here will be given to members who match with you. The contact information should include your first name and phone number or a contact address. Use this section to tell members something about yourself, information that would not normally be included in the mini-profile. The use of this section is entirely up to you. However, giving out work phone numbers or home address is strongly discouraged!

STEP 3: The Boxes on the left hand side of each column are *used when the indicated attribute applies to you.* Check at least one box per section, only one box in sections which are mutually exclusive (*i.e.*, Age, Height, Hair, Location).

STEP 4: The words YES, OK and NO to the left of the attribute name describe the type of person you would like to meet. Circle YES when the attribute is *strongly desired* in a match. Indicating a YES will never disqualify a potential match. Circle OK if it doesn't matter one way or the other. Circle NO if you would *not like* this attribute in a match. A NO acts as a vote against the person, it does not automatically disqualify them.

Contact Information

☐ Option 1: Contact information written below will be given out to members matching up with your profile. Contact information should include your first name and a phone number or some contact address. Work numbers and home address are discouraged!

(please print) _____

Disclaimer

By signing I agree that neither the computer dating service nor its agents has any liability and cannot be held responsible for any actions of its members as a result of the release of the authorized contact information indicated above. I also state that I am of legal age.

Signature _____

Date _____





MEGUMANS REVIEW

When Someone You Know is Gay. Susan and Daniel Cohen, authors. New York, NY: M. Evans and Company, Inc., 1989. 170 pages. \$13.95 hardbound.

The jacket flap of *When Someone You Know is Gay* tells us that the book was written for straight teenagers about homosexuality, and the jacket flap is the only place we're given those two bits of information. If this book is teenagers' first source of information about homosexuality, they're not likely to be familiar with the word "straight" (often used by gay people to describe nongay people), and find it alien or derogatory. Neither the outside jacket nor the cloth spine tells us that the book is for teenagers, and shelving it in the teenage section of libraries and bookstores may or may not improve matters...its physical form is intimidating. If you like this book, keep it on your shelf and offer it to shaken teenagers.

I had trouble liking it, but I'll admit that it's the least judgmental book on the subject written for teenagers. The Cohens have impressive qualifications for writing for teenagers, and it's apparent that they've done research and are acquainted with gay people, and I can't fault the technical accuracy of any of the information they present. Trouble is, it doesn't hang together right.

Chapter 2, "Is It Catching and Other Questions You Would Be Too Embarrassed to Ask?" does an excellent job of posing relevant questions in appropriate language ("Isn't all this disgusting?"—p. 21), and generally avoids answering them by turning the question around—good psychotherapy, but out of place here. To their credit, the Cohens do give a simple and accurate answer to "How do they do it?" (p.20). In this chapter, and several others, stereotypes, prejudices and assumptions are introduced by the authors; images and ideas that wouldn't have occurred to many teenagers (or adults), are acknowledged as sometimes but not always applicable. Unnecessary information of this kind can create and reinforce negative impressions that might otherwise have been skipped.

The authors present bits and pieces of the history of homosexuality, of limited interest and use at best to nongay teenagers, and a chapter about all varieties of crossdressing...again, I found the extent of information inappropriate at best.

So what's good about this book? The anecdotes and quotations from and about gay teenagers ring true, are offered without comment, and express emotions that are recognizable to all of us. This collection of information has never been assembled in this way for this audience. It's a first, and it's okay, and that's saying a lot.

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stance (these issues are not gay specific), members of the Arizona Committee for Progress are encouraging specific votes on a number of these propositions:

- Proposition 102 would raise city council salaries to match those of Maricopa County supervisors, with the mayor making 25 percent more. The actual dollar effect (craftily omitted from the wording of the proposition) would be to raise council salaries from a piddling \$18,000 to \$38,367. The mayor's salary would jump from \$37,500 to \$47,958. Anyone who follows politics knows that the adage "you get what you pay for" is often a truism in local government. Some worthy candidates, it is believed, stay away from the work they could do best because they can't live on the small salaries offered. Individual members of the Arizona Committee for Progress favor this pay raise for Phoenix's council members, as they favored the ill-fated legislative pay raise on last year's general-election ballot. (State legislators make a ridiculous \$15,000.)

The proposed salaries for Phoenix's council, it should be noted, would still be far below those earned by counterparts in other larger cities.

- Propositions 106 and 200 were born in the recent uproar over the council's plans to build an amphitheater in northwest Phoenix. Proposition 200, which resulted from a voter initiative, would force the council to seek voter approval for any expenditure of more than \$3 million of public funds to be used for sports, entertainment, or convention facilities. But the reactionaries behind Proposition 200 defeat their own purpose with this measure. Its genesis, the amphitheater controversy, was handled successfully and cheaply through simple citizen activism. Had it been put to a vote, no telling what the result would have been or how much an election campaign would have cost each side of the issue.

Proposition 106 is the council's own answer to the controversy and is just as flawed. This version concerns only amphitheaters (defined as holding 5,000 or more people), sports arenas or a "downtown" stadium. In other words, the council could decide to build a stadium in Moon Valley and not need to seek voter approval.

Most opponents of these measures say we should let the council do its job and decide these funding questions without having to engage in costly election campaigns. Meanwhile, citizen activism is always an effective policy instrument in a "open government."

Phoenix City Election '89 Arizona Committee for Progress Endorsements

Mayor: Terry Goddard
District 1: no endorsement
District 2: Thelda Williams
District 3: Paul Johnson*
District 4: no endorsement
District 5: no endorsement
District 6: Linda Nadolski
District 7: Mary Rose Wilcox*
District 8: Calvin Goode

(* unopposed)

Other than Williams, all endorsees are incumbents.

COMING OUT LETTERS

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to just shut out.

This is not an easy letter for me to write. I know it will probably not be an easy letter for you to read. Please read it. What I have to share may be painful for you, but it has been painful for me not to share it with you.

I am a lesbian. I have been for many years. I know how hard that may be to hear. We have all been taught that homosexuality is wrong and somehow evil. It took me several years to find out that that was not true.

I guess no one said growing up would be easy. I always felt differently than most people I knew while I was growing up. I suppose a lot of people have felt that way for a variety of reasons though. I now know that part of that feeling for me was because of my connection with women. I never had words for my feelings though. All I knew was that homosexuals were people that you made fun of and that somehow these people were something you did not want to be. For several years, my feelings were a Pandora's Box that I did not want to open. Well, I discovered that you can not deny large parts of yourself and your feelings without hurting yourself in some way. Coming out took me about three years. By that I mean, it took me three years to learn to accept that part of myself and to be proud of my identity as a lesbian. Well, all of that took place almost four years ago.

You probably are wondering why I did not share this with you sooner. To be honest, I was scared. A lot of people do not like gays and lesbians. Certainly, discrimination is a fact of life all gays and lesbians live with almost daily. I have been frightened that if I told you I was a lesbian, you would reject me; you would not love me any more. Well, who knows, that may happen. If it does, I'm sure I'll experience a great loss. I cannot change who I am, however, nor do I want to. I am happy with my life.

The past three years have been the best years of my life. I've grown a lot, experienced my share of good times and bad times, and discovered depths of caring and serenity that I did not know were possible. For the past two years, I have been sharing my life with someone I care about and love very much—Janey. As you know, she has a little boy, Jason, who I also love and through whom I have discovered the joys of parenting.

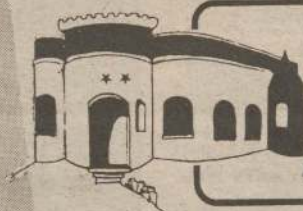
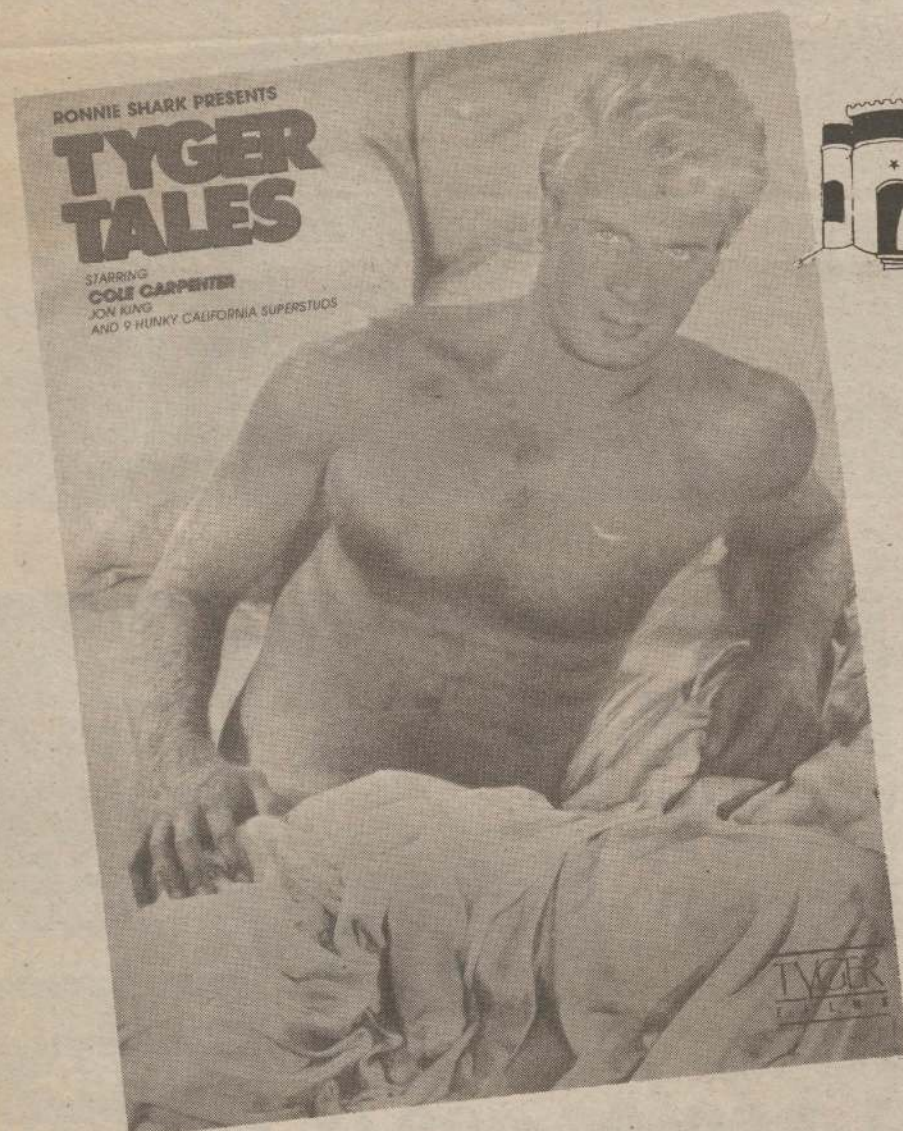
I tell you about Janey for a couple of reasons. First, no matter how hard you try, sometimes relationships end. If this were to happen, I want you to know that it would not change who I am. I was a lesbian before I met Janey and if something happened I would continue to be a lesbian. It is important for you to know that she did not in any way convert me. That's not the way it works. Secondly, Janey and Jason are my family. I want you to know how important they are to me in case something were to happen to me. I love them both more than I can describe with words. Not that I'm planning on anything happening to me, but if something did, I just wanted you to know the commitment and love we have for one another.

I had several years to work through my feelings. I know I have thrown a lot at you very fast. I hope you will call if you want to talk. I will be home in the evenings.

I want to give you all the support I can, if you want it. I want to let you know again that I am okay and I'm happy.

Hope to talk with you soon.

I love you very much,
Harriet



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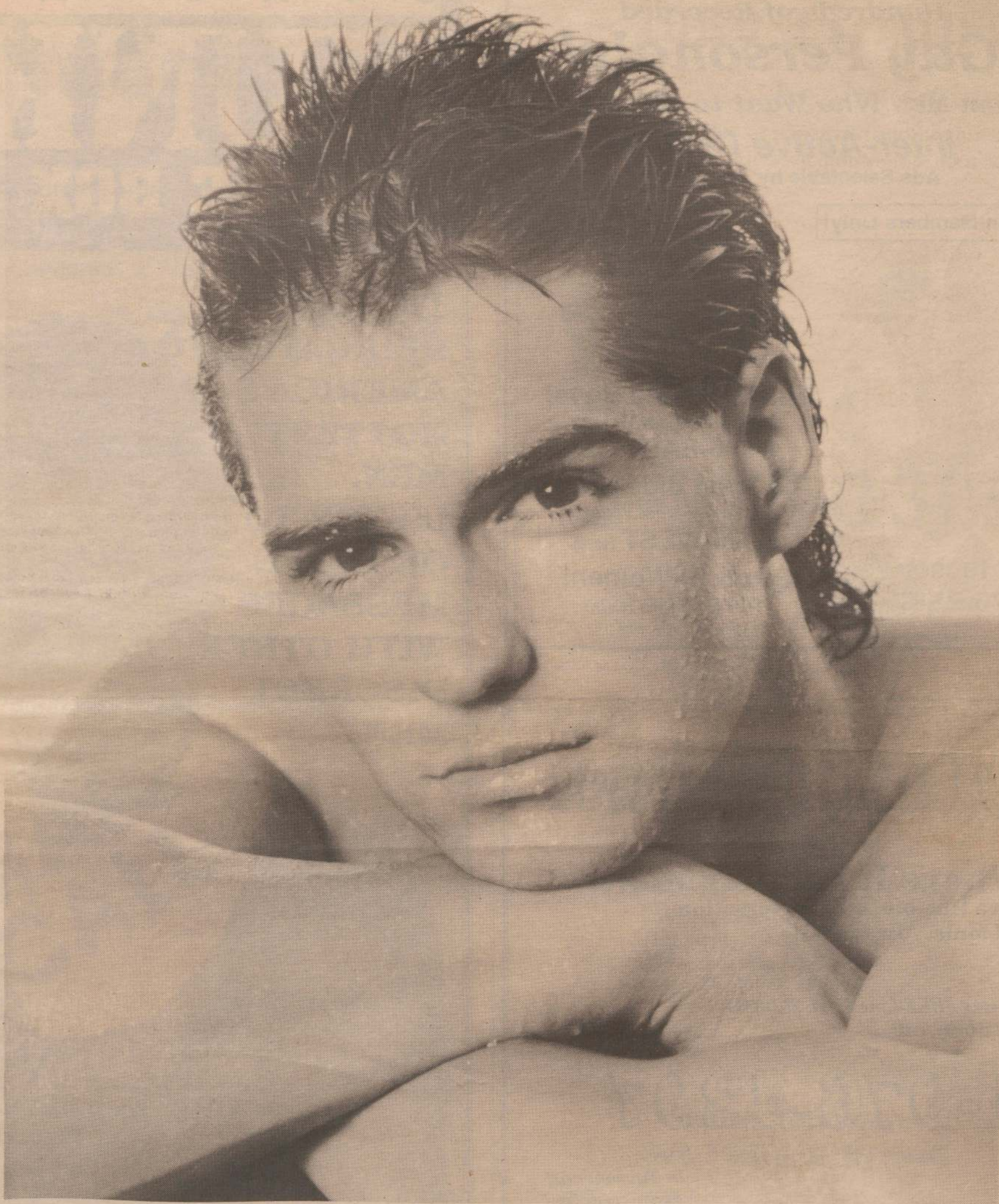
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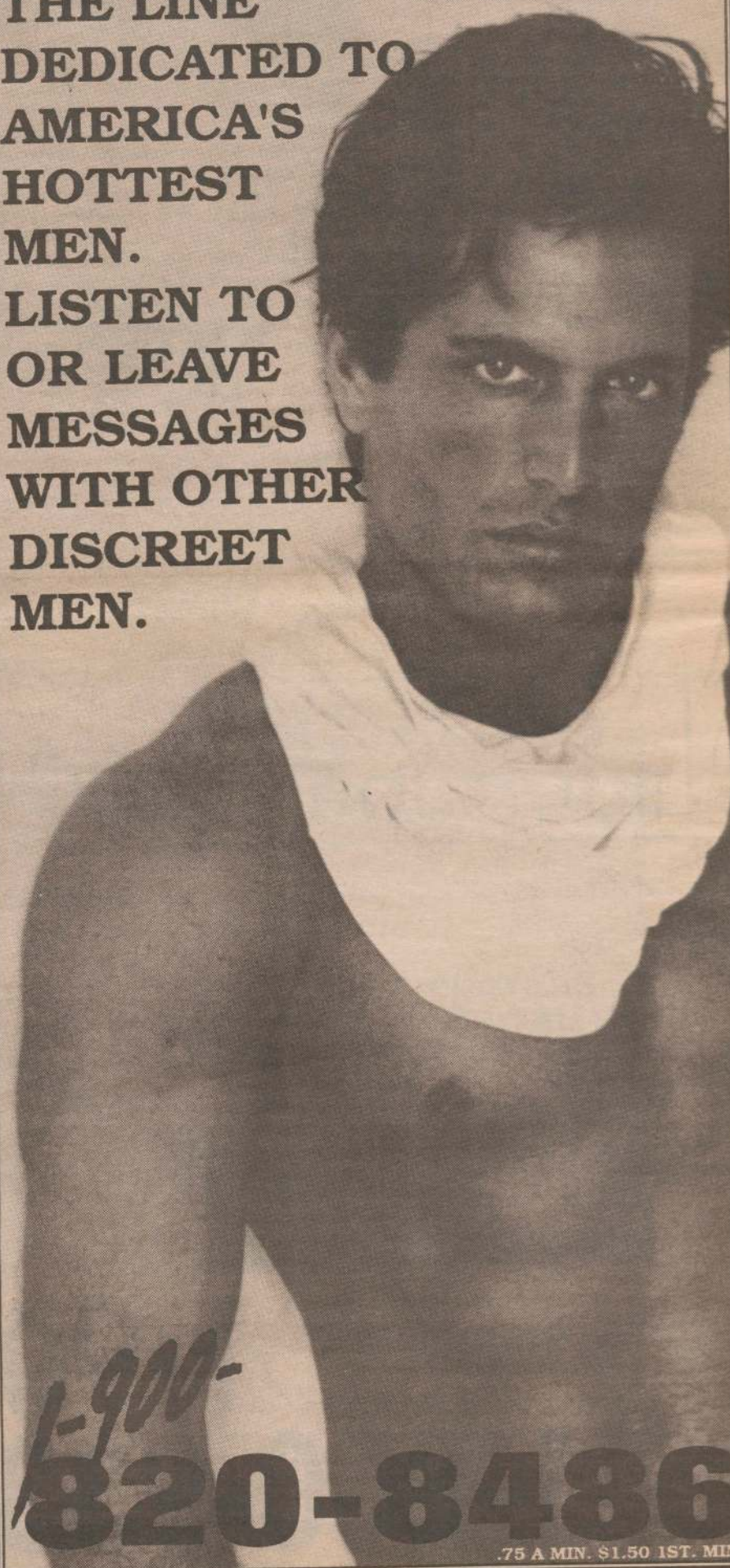
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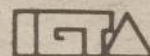
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