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I used to think I knew shopping. I believed for the longest time that both my raging desire to purchase heaping sacks of useless merchandise *just because it was on sale* and my immediate willingness to pillage my savings accounts *for just one more bargain* meant that I was a dedicated, insightful shopper. That was before I went shopping with Lucy LaMode.

A couple of weeks ago I followed Lucy, her fave hairstylist, and a *Phoenix Resource* photographer on a chauffeur-driven tour of wacky boutiques and forgotten department stores. Many hours spent in search of illusive treasures resulted in the photo layout you'll

find on page 10 of this issue. Lucy got her Xmas shopping done and I got thrown out of a lingerie store for saying the word "gay" out loud—my mistake, expecting a purveyor of underwear to be cosmopolitan and impartial. Who knew?

Don Slutes knows. For a third consecutive year, Don brings us an astonishing peek at what the immediate future holds in store for all of civilization. There's something oddly comforting in knowing that as long as there's a new year, Don will be here to comment on it.

There is absolutely no solace, however, in Buffy St. Germain's reflections on the Christmas season.

Buffy's acrid wit rips Christmas a yuletide asshole—it's no wonder he's alone during the holidays. Who'd want *him* under their mistletoe?

Even bitchy Buffy's curdled eggnog can't sour our frivolity as *Phoenix Resource* begins its seventh year of publication. I've been hearing for years that support for queer projects like this one is remote in suburban villages like Phoenix; that alternative media must cater to the lowbrow in order to succeed.

I'm pleased to announce that sometimes people are mistaken.

—Pela

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**on the cover**

Joan Crawford as Father  
Christmas, c. 1927



# Hall Quarrels With Activists On-Air

## Calls Audience Members "Stupid"

A pair of gay activists confronted an enraged Arsenio Hall on his Friday night talk show, demanding to know why he didn't interview more gay guests.

Hall shot back, "There are a lot of gay guests on this show, but it ain't none of your damn business that they are gay!"

The nearly 10-minute debate, which at times turned into a shouting match, appeared to run uncut on Friday, Nov. 14's installment of Hall's talk show.

The show was taped early in the evening for broadcast later that night.

The protesters, one of them wearing a T-shirt with the words "Queer Nation" stenciled on it, argued with Hall for nearly 10 minutes of the late night syndicated show.

Hall appeared enraged, dismissing the hecklers as "stupid" and "rude."

One of them told him he should book playwright Harvey Fierstein who wrote the gay-themed play *Torch Song Trilogy*.

"I'll have Harvey Fierstein on when he's got something that interests me," Hall declared. "It's my show!"

The entertainer asserted that as a black he is keenly sensitive to the plight of all minorities. Still, the argument continued. The hecklers protested humor aimed at gays done by Hall.

Angrily, he responded, "I do black jokes. I do gay jokes...I'm a comedian." Hall was still fuming minutes later when his first guest, actor Paul Hogan, joined him in front of the cameras. Hogan urged him to relax.

Calls to the Paramount studios where the show is taped earlier in the evening went unanswered.

## Gays Excluded From Hate Crimes Bill

INDEPENDENCE, MO—Homosexuals are not a legitimate minority deserving of protection against hate crimes, a city council member said before the council voted to exclude them from a new law.

After nearly two hours of debate in packed chambers, the council voted 5-2 early this month not to retain the words "sexual orientation" in a law that would impose stiffer penalties for crimes committed out of hatred for certain social groups.

The revised bill, which faces another council vote Jan. 7, would impose an extra minimum penalty of \$300 and 15 days in jail for any crime committed on the basis of a victim's race, color, religion, age, national origin or ethnic heritage.

Council member Penny Bennett said other groups were more deserving of protection than homosexuals.

"This does not take away anything (from homosexuals)," she said. "It only gives special rights to special groups of people."

However, council member Bob Clothier disagreed, saying, "I do not call freedom from hate crimes a

special treatment or a special right."

The bill was prompted by a cross-burning and other acts of intimidation in the area this year.

Council member Lysle Weeks argued the debate was not about the morality of homosexuality but equal protection under the law.

"This issue is not about how we feel or how the Bible feels about homosexuality, we are discussing civil rights," Weeks said.

By excluding homosexuals the council was "taking a giant step down the road toward a tyranny of the majority," he said.

But William Fontaine, a local pastor seeking the 5th District seat on the Kansas City Council, said that including protections for homosexuals would be "an insult to the civil rights struggle."

Connie Cierpiot, an organizer of FIRED UP, a coalition that fought recently approved anti-discrimination laws in Kansas City, said homosexuals choose their sexual preference, while people cannot choose their race or age.

## Prison Inmate's Hair Shorn, Given to Jailer

PANAMA CITY, FL—Shoulder-length hair cut from the head of an AIDS-afflicted transsexual prison inmate has been given to a jailer he was convicted of attacking, authorities have confirmed. Robin Krakow asked for and received strands of hair shorn from Dennis "Rhonda" Smith at a state prison reception center Nov. 18, sheriff's Sgt. Johnny Johnson said.

Krakow and another female employee of Corrections Corporation of America accused Smith of biting and scratching them while they were trying to book him July 30 at the Bay County Jail. The company, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., operates the jail in this Florida Panhandle city under a contract with Bay County. It is the first privately operated jail in Florida.

Smith told *The News Herald*, a Panama City newspaper, in an interview from Martin Correctional

Institution that a barber at the North Florida Reception Center in Lake Butler had been told to put his hair in a paper bag so it could be taken back to Bay County. Inmates are brought to the reception center before being transferred to other facilities in the prison system.

"It was really sick," Smith said. "I was appalled."

Johnson acknowledged the request for the hair was unusual.

"Weird, huh?" said the deputy, who had transported Smith to the reception center.

Smith was convicted on two counts of aggravated battery against Krakow and Doris Haymon. He also was convicted of criminal mischief and sentenced to six years in prison.

Smith, who legally had his name changed to Rhonda in Louisiana, said the hair cutting hasn't been the only indignity he has suffered in prison.

## University Attempts to Ban ROTC

ALFRED, N.Y.—The Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps has until the fall of 1992 to stop discriminating against gay men and lesbians or be banned from Alfred University.

The Alfred faculty last week overwhelmingly approved a resolution urging the university to enter negotiations with ROTC in an effort to persuade it to change its policy of refusing scholarships and enlistments to those identifying themselves as gay. If the policy is not dropped by the fall of 1992, the resolution said, Alfred would not accept any more students on ROTC scholarships. Those ROTC students still at the university, however, would be allowed to graduate.

The issue now goes to the college's student senate, its alumni council and the board of trustees, said Alfred Provost Richard Ott.

"The irony is that we have a number of people who want to serve their country, but are told they can't because of their sexuality," said Vicki Eaklor, a history professor and a staunch supporter of the resolution.

There are now an estimated 30 to 40 campuses where action is being taken against ROTC, Eaklor said.

"Barring gays violates the very ideal of higher education and everything imaginable about tolerance and

personal freedom," she said.

Lt. Col. Dave King, commander of ROTC at Alfred and St. Bonaventure University, declined to comment on the matter, as did Jack Delaney, the ROTC's faculty liaison at Alfred.

The subject became an issue at Alfred this year, after the school, which is 65 miles south of Rochester in Allegany County, amended its general anti-discrimination policy to bar discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

But not all Alfred faculty members are happy about the move against ROTC.

Robert Heineman, a political science professor, said the issue brings to light further evidence that universities have become vulnerable to organized, "politically correct" interests.

"It seems to be a use of the faculty and the name of the university to endorse narrow interests of the moment," he said.

The issue was "foreclosed" before any real discussion took place, Heineman said.

"What bothers me is that the people supporting it are not suffering at all. They haven't invested in military careers," he said.

At most area colleges, the ROTC controversy has not surfaced.

## New Journal Offers Sexuality Studies for the Scholarly

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.—There is sex galore in this magazine.

There is homosexuality and bisexuality and bestiality and miscegenation and just about every other permutation of sexual conduct known to men and women.

But don't contact the authorities. The treatment these sensational topics receive in the gray pages of the *Journal of the History of Sexuality* is more likely to send the average reader to a thesaurus than a cold shower.

"It's scholars talking to other scholars about research and important scholarly studies using all of the methodology and approaches that are used in social science research," said Robert Shirrell of the University of Chicago Press, publisher of the journal. "It's not going to be, nor would it serve its function if it were, a publication for a general audience."

Articles in the first two issues covered such subjects as "Holy Harlots," a study of prostitute saints in medieval Europe; the homosexual habits of actors on the 18th century London stage; and early writings and research on syphilis in 15th and 16th century England.

Studies of Old Norse sexuality and marriage rituals in modern-day Morocco have been lined up for future issues.

The quarterly journal is edited by John Fout, a professor of modern European history at Bard College, a small liberal arts school 100 miles north of New York City.

While researching sexual politics topics such as the forced sterilization policies of Nazi Germany, Fout said he discovered no journal on sex was devoted to the works of scholar-authors like himself.

Studies in the field were dominated instead by sexologists—researchers like Masters and Johnson doing medically based studies of sexual behavior—or

by psychologists working on the mental aspects of sexuality, Fout said.

He said he decided to start a new journal that would "publish the best and the newest and the most critical theoretical scholarship from scholars around the world."

The journal, which debuted in July, is the 51st scholarly publication produced by the University of Chicago Press.

Fout said the works in his journal represent a largely new and unconventional way of looking at the sexual history of mankind.

Most of the study of human sexuality during the past generation has centered on "how the body works," he said. The studies in his journal examine instead the way sexual behavior has been molded by the influences within society and culture, such as religion, politics and government.

For instance, an article in the second issue of the journal explores the condom's struggle for legal and social acceptance in 20th century America. Author Joshua Gamson said his research only "peripherally" deals with sex, and that it might have been difficult to get his piece published in a science-based sexual journal.

"There aren't many places where I could have placed an article on condoms," said Gamson, a doctoral student at the University of California, Berkeley.

The journal does not pay contributors. Scholars whose articles or book reviews are published are offered 10 free copies of the issue or a year's free subscription, an arrangement that Fout said is standard for such publications.

So far, the journal has about 1,000 paid subscribers, respectable for a first-year publication, Shirrell said. Most copies can be found in college libraries. Fout said a few bookstores have agreed to sell the journal.



## Lawmakers Asked to Toss Anti-Gay Law

HELENA, MO—An official of the State Bar says Montana lawmakers will be asked next month to strengthen the state's rape law by making it a crime for someone to intimidate a person into having sex.

Under the present rape law, a rapist must use force or threaten a victim with "imminent death, bodily injury or kidnapping" to be convicted of rape.

Lawmakers also will be asked to repeal a rarely-used statute making homosexual contact a felony punishable by 10 years in prison.

These are among bills being finely tuned now for presentation to the Legislature, which convenes Jan. 7, said Holly Franz, a Helena lawyer. She is president of the Women's Law Section of the State Bar.

She said the bar, the Montana Women's Lobby, health organizations in the state and the attorney general's office are putting final touches on the proposed changes.

The change in the rape bill is being drafted for the Montana County Attorneys Association.

The proposed law, which redefines "force" to include the intimidation clause, was prompted by a recent Supreme Court decision that upheld the dismissal of two charges of rape against a former Hobson school principal accused of getting sexual favors from a female student by threatening that she wouldn't graduate, said Assistant Attorney General Beth Baker.

She said lawyers are still wrangling with the wording of the bill but it will cover the threat of retaliatory action made by the offender against the victim or another when the offender is in a position of authority over the victim. That threat must cause the victim to reasonably believe that the offender has the ability to follow through.

The University of Montana Law School is also helping draft the bill, Baker said.

A second bill contains the same clause, but adds a provision that would repeal the deviate sexual

conduct law that makes even consensual homosexual contact and sex a felony punishable by 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

"Only a handful of states have laws like this and I am told Montana has the most stringent penalties of any state," Franz said.

The proposed repeal is supported by her group, health organizations and AIDS education groups, she said.

As it stands now, the law says anyone who knowingly engages in or causes another to engage in deviate sexual relations commits the offense of deviate sexual conduct, which is defined as sexual contact or intercourse between two people of the same sex or with an animal.

While the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld states' rights to keep such laws on the books, Franz said she questions whether the law would stand up to a challenge under the Montana Constitution, which has a stronger personal privacy section than the federal document.

The law may be causing a public health problem, said Donna Davis, a Billings attorney who has been active in AIDS education programs.

She said by talking with gay friends, she has learned that some people with the HIV virus may be reluctant to inform health officials about their sexual partners because they don't want to open them to criminal charges.

Davis said she expects the proposal to come under fire at the Legislature.

"There are some people who, for whatever reason—whether it's homophobia or because of their belief in old testament admonitions or whatever—simply do not want to appear to be endorsing homosexuality as an alternative way of behaving sexually."

She said she hopes the state health department, the Women's Law Section of the State Bar and AIDS groups will lobby for the proposal's passage, since there "is an overriding medical necessity to do away with that statute."

## Archdiocese Fined For Evicting Gay Catholics

MINNEAPOLIS, MN—The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has been fined because it evicted a group of predominantly gay Roman Catholics from the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota.

A three-member panel of the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights ordered the archdiocese to pay a \$15,000 civil fine to the city of

Minneapolis and \$8,500 in punitive damages and \$100 in actual damages, plus \$10,850.38 in legal fees, to Dignity Twin Cities, a group that seeks acceptance for gays within the church. In addition to the civil fine, the archdiocese was ordered to "cease and desist from its discriminatory conduct" against Dignity.

## California Legislature Urged to Allow Same Sex Marriage

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urged California legislators to end discrimination against gay people by changing state law to allow marriages of same-sex couples.

The board's action made it the first government body in the nation to call for the legalization of gay marriage, said Supervisor Richard Hongisto.

Existing marriage laws are "antiquated and hurtful" to lesbians and gay men, said Hongisto, author of the resolution advocating the change.

"The Board of Supervisors abhors discrimination of any kind and finds the present California law on marriage to discriminate against lesbians and gay men and denies same-sex couples substantial legal, economic and social benefits and obligations that accompany marriage," the resolution stated.

Various studies show that about half of gay people are in "primary relationships" that often last as long as those of their heterosexual counterparts, the resolution noted.

Currently, marriage of two men or two women is legal only in Denmark.

Hongisto's resolution, which passed on a 7-0 vote by the 11-member board, endorses a proposal by the Bar Association of San Francisco and California Bar Association to legalize same-sex marriage.

San Francisco voters last month passed "domestic partners" legislation allowing unmarried couples, homosexual and heterosexual, to register their relationships with the city. The

measure did not extend any specific rights to such partnerships.

While Californians struggle to rewrite laws governing same-sex unions, Hawaiian citizens are experiencing a victory of sorts over the same issue. Although it remains illegal in Hawaii for gay couples to be legally married in a church, some parish officials are allowing same-sex couples to hold "symbolic" marriages in their churches.

While some gay and lesbian couples plan to legally challenge the state ban on church marriages, many are permitted to get married in church so they can be wed in "spirit."

Rev. Shoji Matsumoto of Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple says marriage is a social matter as well as a personal matter.

Officials from other denominations were less enthusiastic about encouraging gay couples to marry in their churches, with officials of the Roman Catholic and Southern Baptist Conference churches saying such same-sex marriages are prohibited by church policy.

Rev. Frank Chong of the United Church of Christ says he hasn't been asked to perform a gay marriage, but would evaluate each request separately, basing his decision on talks with the couple.

## Bishops Laud Sexuality

### Temper Gay Rebuke

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A summary of the Christian heritage in America was modified by U.S. Roman Catholic bishops in order to recognize abuses that occurred in the early days.

The document, "Heritage and Hope: Evangelization in America," was drawn up to mark next year's 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' landing on these shores.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami, head of a committee that drafted the pastoral letter commemorating the coming of Europeans to America, said it has undergone major revisions.

It deals with concerns of "native Americans, Hispanics, blacks, Asians," he said, adding that putting it together has been a "learning experience."

"We do not glorify every act of the church," he said. "We do not excuse our mistakes." But the document also brings out Christianity's positive contributions in early America.

McCarthy said it is urgent that the positive side be heard in marking the anniversary. He told the annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops:

"Already strong forces have gathered to characterize Christianity in the ugliest terms while the reality of the church's commitment in the Americas is unparalleled in the annals of human history."

"For good or bad, our history is as it was, but the future opens before us and beckons us to bring Christ into generations born and unborn."

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# blessing in disguise

BY BUFFY ST. GERMAIN

**D**ear Buffy: This year, like every year, my family of twelve and I will be getting together for a lovely Christmas at my brother's resort cabin in Vermont. But I wonder: What does a lonely old tramp like you—with no family in the valley—do for Christmas?  
—Wondering in Glendale

Dear Wondering: Fuck you. You belong in Glendale.

Why is it that people who are positively glutted with family assume that being alone during December holidays is a hellish

experience? As all of us who are alone at Christmas know, there are a great many advantages to holiday solitude.

Not least among them is the joy of *not traveling*. Tennessee Williams wrote, "There are two types of travel: First class, and with children." This precious pearl of wisdom is never truer when one considers that commercial air travel did not exist in Williams' day. Not visiting family at Christmastime means not having to endure being trapped in an airplane, where there is no escaping an objectionable child passenger. In such a situation, substance abuse is the only means of survival.

The horror of being airborne alongside a clump of squalling brats can be heightened when traveling on a sub-standard airline which discounts tickets in exchange for a lack of service. There's something not quite human about stranding groups of people twenty-seven thousand feet in the air with no cocktail waitress in sight. Up there in the clouds, I often fear that I am going to die in an insane asylum that smells like dirty diapers and sour milk. The endless, screaming nightmare of barfy,

**Alone on Christmas Day? Don't sit and stew over what fun you're missing. Think about the mayhem which ensues at a typical family gathering.**

obnoxious children on airplanes is inescapable and is central in my worst nightmares of Christmastime jaunts.

Those of us who don't have to travel this holiday season will no doubt be mixing ourselves one of several alcoholic holiday concoctions right this very moment while spinning *The Johnny Mathis Christmas Album* and gloating over the boon of being alone this time of year. The other privileges are slight by comparison but still impressive in number:

**Holiday Baking:** There's less of it to do and singles get maximum satisfaction from what they do bake by not sharing it. If you are pressured to contribute a baked good to some ridiculous party, try gluing jujubes to a brick and tell everyone it's a fruitcake. They'll never ask again.

**Holiday Decorating:** Forget it. You want to see lights? Drive through Guadalupe.

**Economics:** Fewer gifts to buy, and fewer gifts that you don't need/want to receive. (Don't you hate it when some witless relative gifts you with a "decorative piece" because he/she thinks it "goes with your decor?" What do you do with it? What if he/she comes to visit and asks to see it? Who needs this stress?)

Not having family to visit means saving big on travel expenses. What does a round-trip ticket to anywhere cost? There is also no obligation to pick up the check at public family gatherings.

Being single means more money on hand to help console you while shopping for yourself. (Now there's an idea.

Christmas shopping is great fun in crowded malls. Lots of cheap feels, seamy eye contact and *queer-o-rama* part-time sales help. It's all one step closer to that universal gay fantasy: Luring the young clothing store sales clerk into the dressing room for more personal assistance. 1991 could be *our* year.)

**Alone on Christmas Day:** Don't sit and stew over what fun you're missing. Think about the mayhem which ensues at a typical family gathering.

At my folks' house, there are always at least two altercations going on. Children are always in tears. Who can remember their little names anyway? The average conversation is going faster than anyone can keep up with in a drunken state—who needs it? One holiday visit every three or four years is plenty. Besides,

Christmas evening is a great night to hit the gay bar circuit: it's easy to get a great, pathetic lay.

**Alone on New Year's Eve:** Big advantage. Brave the crowds and go to a popular breeder bar. All the amateur drinkers are out loading up on this annual slosh-fest. Repressed homosexual tendencies among all the people you've ever suspected are out in full and living color.

In fact, I think it would be an admirable national gay New Year's resolution to sleep with at least one closeted individual in 1991, ideally in the wee hours of January 1st. Help the poor bastards start this year off right!





What bodes 1991? Wonder no longer.

# surmise attack

by DON SLUTES

**A**t this time of year, most hack columnists usually waste valuable newspaper space with superfluous retellings of the past year's events. Not I. For the third year in a row, this hack columnist is offering something unique: I will be using this valuable space to tell you what to expect in the coming year.

That's right—in the cherished tradition of Jeane Dixon (except with less makeup), I am once again offering my nearly psychic predictions for 1991.

(A note to our readers: Like Bible prophecy, these predictions are not meant to be taken literally. For instance, when I predict that the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City will be invaded by a swarm of locusts during Memorial Day weekend, you should allow several interpretations; that is, it could be said to mean either Memorial Day weekend or Labor Day weekend. See how it works? OK. Read on.)

- Saddam Hussein will suddenly agree to all U.N. demands when it is leaked that Roseanne Barr, in preparation for a visit to entertain the troops, is busy learning the words to the Iraqi national anthem.
- During the Senate Ethics Committee hearings investigating the alleged improprieties of the so-called "Keating Five," Arizona Sen. John McCain will produce several crumpled up cocktail napkins that he claims are receipts for drinks he paid for while aboard Charles Keating's private jet. Meanwhile, during another session of the hearings, Dennis DeConcini, defending his actions on behalf of Keating, will offer the theory that he was under a "hypnotic spell" that he succumbed to when Keating dangled a 50-cent piece in front of his eyes.
- After the unexpected success of "Millie: The Book" (the story of the First Family's dog "as told to Barbara Bush"), the First Lady will be tapped to ghostwrite another autobiography, "Milli Vanilli: The Book."
- Consumers who took advantage of America West's infamous half-price ticket sale will riot outside the airline's Tempe headquarters after learning that the bargain fares take them only halfway to their destinations. The riot will be initiated by a group of disgruntled Phoenix-L.A. passengers who were dropped off in Indio.
- The pop music industry will suffer another blow in the wake of the Milli Vanilli lip-synching scandal: Madonna will be forced to return an MTV video award after it is learned that, in the video for the song "Like a Virgin," the squeaky-voiced singer faked her orgasms.
- The City of Phoenix will bring new meaning to the words public service when, during an evening's presentation of the new laser beam display downtown, three people standing atop Valley Bank Building are treated to complimentary cataract surgery.
- Several onlookers will be injured when one of Gov. Rose Mofford's eyelashes comes unglued and crashes to the pavement.
- Despite renewed public approval, the downtown laser beam display will be shut down after a malfunction causes the beam to slice off the tail section of an America West jetliner. The plane was returning from a point halfway between Phoenix and Washington D.C.
- After winning the gubernatorial runoff election, Democrat Terry Goddard will make a conciliatory gesture to his Republican opponent, Fife Symington, pledging to let the developer work on a project for the new Central Avenue Deck Park—"probably a gazebo of some kind," Goddard will say.
- Immediately following the runoff election, lawsuit-happy David Eisenstein, a former Mechamite candidate for Attorney General, will file suit to have the election result overturned, claiming that Arizona voters who approved the runoff-election concept originally intended for a Republican to win.
- Sensing he has yet failed to offend some segments of Arizona's population, ex-Gov. Evan Mecham will launch a petition drive to make Gen. George A. Custer's birthday a paid state holiday.
- The practice of "outing" will reach a new low: *Outweek* magazine will publish an article which points out that right-wing Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) "has a pretty high voice."
- A measure aimed at repealing Arizona's ancient "crimes against nature" statute will pass the state Legislature, but an unfortunate typographical error in the bill will have the effect of making sodomy mandatory for consenting adults.
- A similar measure ensuring protection for gays against discrimination in housing will be misread by a confused populace, and before the confusion is cleared up, more than half of Arizona's households will have been redecorated.
- Fearing he is going to be dropped from the Republicans' 1992 ticket and wishing to boost his poor opinion-poll ratings, Dan Quayle will fly to Belgium to stage a dramatic hostage rescue. Unfortunately for the vice president, Belgium is not holding any American hostages.
- The Supreme Court will uphold an Ohio law that requires that minors, before obtaining an abortion, must seek the permission of both parents and at least three dead ancestors. The law, according to the Court's majority opinion, does not place an undue burden on the minor, citing the existence of "many well-qualified mediums" in Ohio.
- New Orleans legislator and former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke will continue aspiring to higher office under the Republican Party banner, forcing mortified Republicans to change the party's name and move into a new office building, leaving no forwarding address.
- Ronald and Nancy Reagan, continuing their love affair with Japanese consumers, will rake in \$1.5 million for endorsing Geritol on Japanese television.
- David Duke will lead a march of fellow white supremacists, and, demonstrating the superiority of the white race, will get lost, never to be heard from again.
- The frenzy of product licensing surrounding the Simpsons phenomenon will reach a climax of sorts with the introduction of Bart Simpson condoms, emblazoned, of course, with the words "Don't have a cow, man!"
- Ronald and Nancy Reagan will appear in the nude in a Japanese bath soap commercial, to the tune of 3.4 million big ones.





# big screen

*Kindergarten Cop:* Arnold Schwarzenegger is among Hollywood's rarest bits of merchandise: We defy you to name one other musclebound cutie who has made the transition from action dramas to comedy. What a career. Now playing.

*Bonfire of the Vanities:* At a time when the nation's attention is drawn to a surge in violent crime and racial tension, in New York City, this little opus ought to sweep into movie theaters this month in a blaze of controversy. The piquant \$45 million comedy stars Tom Hanks, Bruce Willis, Melanie Griffith and Morgan Freeman; is directed by Brian De Palma and based on the novel by Thomas Wolfe. Now playing.



*Mermaids:* Cher's big follow-up to her Oscar-winning turn in *Moonstruck*. Wynona Ryder co-stars. Fun stuff, cool performances. Hurry. Now playing.

*Hamlet:* Bring in the new year with Shakespeare, Franco Zeffirelli, Mel Gibson and Glenn Close simultaneously. More fun than getting lost on the Superstition Freeway. Now playing.

*Misery:* Stephen King's book, Rob Reiner's direction. James Caan is the imprisoned novelist at the mercy of his biggest fan. Horror at Christmas? A gamble that's paying off big at the box office.

*Godfather III:* Francis Ford Coppola's long-awaited, \$50 million-plus sequel almost didn't make its Christmas deadline. Early on considered a guaranteed blockbuster, but doubts are growing in movie marketing circles. Do young moviegoers care about the Corleones? Opens Christmas Day.

*Alwun House: A Twenty Year Reflection:* Through Dec. 30, Tues.-Fri. 12-6pm. \$2 donation non-members. 253-7887.

*Phoenix Art Museum:* "An American Master in Taos," featuring paintings by Victor Higgins, through Feb. 10; "Paintings: 1935-1955," by Philip C. Curtis, featuring recently discovered works from the Arizona artist's early years; "Japanese Prints from the Frank Lloyd Wright Archives," featuring examples of Surimono, the privately commissioned and colorful prints from late 18th and 19th century Japan, through Jan. 27; "Japanese Textiles from the Frank Lloyd Wright Archives," through Jan. 13; "Face 2 Face," portraits from the museum's collection, in the Art Attack youth gallery, through May 19. 1625 N. Central Ave.

*With Hammer and Chisel: The Berlin Wall* continues through Jan. 13. The timely multi-media installation incorporates large-scale photo/text collages by ASU School of Art faculty member Tamarra Kaida and Pulitzer Prize-winner poet Rita Dove, with videotapes by German novelist/artist Fred Viebahn.

*Elsa B. Gallery:* Paintings and coordinating bola ties by Ilza Hahlo. 7100 Main St. 947-9807

*Solomon Fine Art:* An exhibition of paintings and graphics by Malaysian artist Eng Tay through January 3. Also works by Erté, Hisashi Otsuka and Itzhach Tarkay are on view. 7236 E. 1st Ave. 481-9404

*Terra Firma in Focus: The Art and Science of Digital Satellite Imagery:* Sixty-three mounted satellite images of the Earth! More fun and surprises. Arizona Museum of Science and Technology, 80 N. 2nd St. 256-9388

# culture club

réy hoffman

*Amahl and the Night Visitors/The Snow Queen* will be performed by the Center Dance Ensemble and guests Thurs. through Sun. at 7pm and Sat. and Sun. 2pm; through December 23 at the Herberger Theater Center. Ticket information: 252-TIXS.

*The Nutcracker*, presented by Ballet Arizona in special holiday performances at Phoenix Symphony Hall. Dec. 23, 26-30 at 7pm and Dec. 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 2pm. Original choreography by Jean Paul Comelin with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Sedares. Tickets are \$24, \$19, and \$14, on sale at Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-3434

*Dance-a-rama:* Winner of *New Times*' "Best Dance Club 1990" award continues as the most unique alternative to the Valley's dance scene. Groove to post-industrial new beat dance music, underground videos and visual arts too. \$4 at the door. Must be 18.

Note: Keep the downtown beat going on alternating Fridays at Gallery X/Club ID, 800 W. Madison.

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**Vanilla Ice:** Fri., Dec. 28, 7:30pm at Celebrity Theatre. Tickets on sale at the box office, Tower Records, Smith's or by calling 244-0404.

**Paul Simon:** Sat. Jan. 19, 5:30pm at Desert Sky Pavilion. Tickets through Ticketmaster, 230-9112.

**The Judds:** Sun. Mar 3, 7pm at the Sundome. Tickets through Dillards. 975-1900

**Mel Tormé and the McGuire Sisters** will take the Sundome stage at 2pm Sun. Jan. 6. The velvet-voiced Tormé joins those swinging siblings famous for their three-part harmony in what can only be an elegant musical entertainment. Tickets are \$20, \$15, and \$10, on sale at the Sundome, Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900

**Bernadette Peters:** The Tony award-winning singer/ actress will appear at the Sundome at 8pm Sat., Jan. 12. Tickets are \$22, \$19 and \$16, on sale at the Sundome, Gammage, ASU Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900

**Danny Williams with Slique Callahan:** The San Francisco comic gabs about being queer in North America. Williams and local fave Slique Callahan will be laughing all the way to the Kerr Cultural Center Sat., Jan. 26. 6610 N. Scottsdale Rd. Tickets are available at Kerr and Dillard's box offices. 965-5377

**Frank Sinatra:** Ol' Blue Eyes' publicist announced recently that Sinatra will perform Thursday April 18 at the Desert Sky Pavilion. More info when it becomes available.



## LONGTIME COMPANION

Longtime Companion hits the video racks this week.

## in/out

### in

Leather

Shopping "After Christmas" Sales

Freedom of Speech

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### out

Furs

Frivolous spending

Warning labels on LPs

Arsenio Hall

## video

**Longtime Companion:** The first mainstream film dealing with the impact of the AIDS crisis on the gay male community. Stephen Caffrey, Patrick Cassidy, and a scene-stealing turn by Bruce Davison. Available Dec. 26.



Wacky Wimples! Nunsense concludes its lengthy run this month.

**Oliver:** Musical Theatre of Arizona presents Charles Dickens' classic tale of an orphan boy's struggle in 19th century London's underworld. Memorable score includes "Consider Yourself" and "As Long as He Needs Me." Performances at 8pm Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 10 and 11; 2 and 8pm Sat. Jan. 12; and 2pm and 7pm Sun. Jan. 13. Tickets are \$24 and \$22 for adults, \$21 and \$19 for children, on sale at the Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-3434

**Loot:** Joe Orton's outrageous comedy fills Arizona Theatre Company's second slot of the season. A brilliant parody of detective stories, *Loot* targets several of society's holiest grails: religion, police authority and its abuses, death and dying; and will play Jan. 4 through the 19th at the Herberger Theatre Center. 252-8497

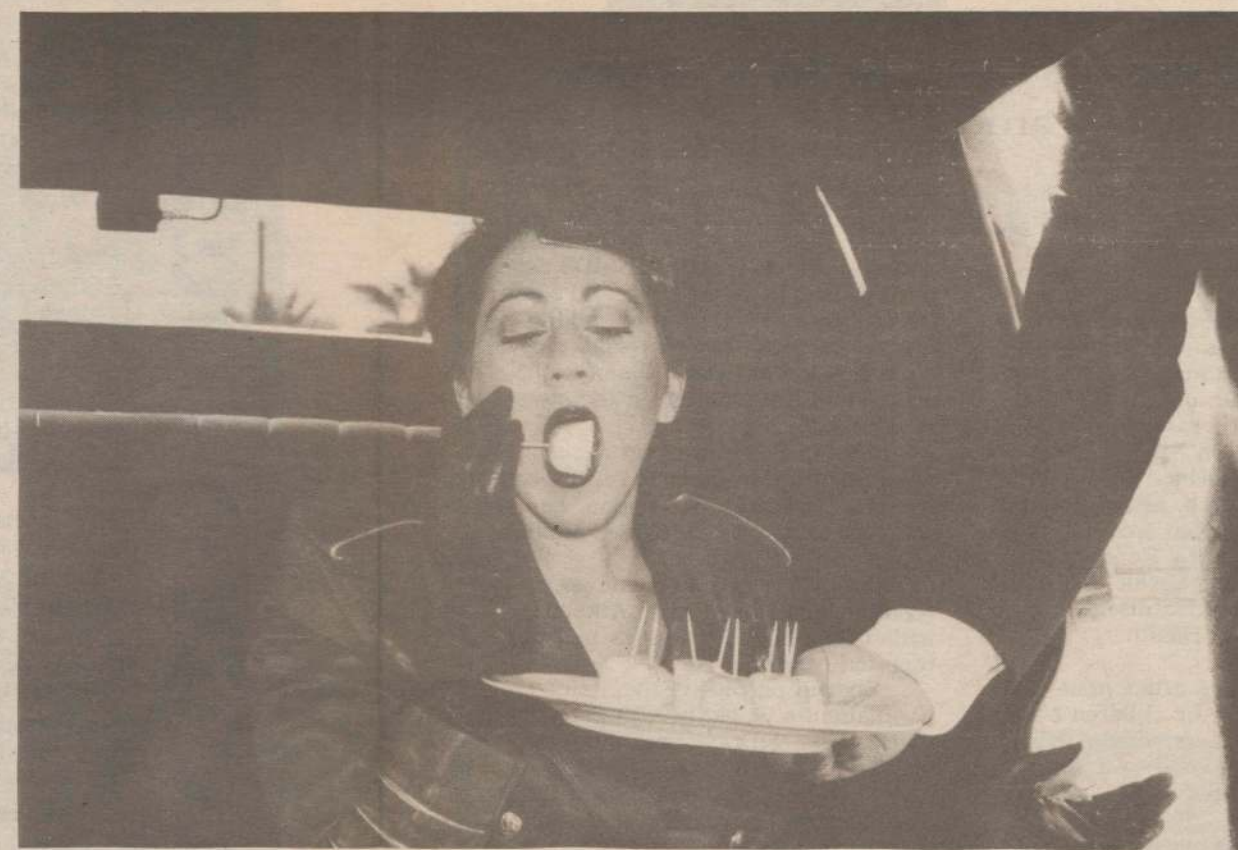
**Otello** will be performed by the Arizona Opera Company at Phoenix Symphony Hall on January 17 and 19, 1991 at 7:30pm and on January 20, 1991 at 2pm. Tickets are on sale now by calling the Civic Plaza box office at 262-7272 or Dillard's box office at 829-5555. *Otello* will be sung in Italian with English surtitles. Arizona Opera's production will feature heldentenor John Frederic West in the title role along with Metropolitan Opera star and Tucson native Richard Clark as Iago.

**Nunsense:** Closes end of this month! Wed. through Fri. 8pm; 6pm and 9pm Sat.; 2pm Sun. through Dec. 30. Tickets are \$15 for Wed., Thurs. and Sun. shows; \$17 Fri. and Sat. Actors Lab, 7223 E. 2nd St. 990-1731

**El Grande de Coca Cola:** This spanish-language musical comedy by Mill Avenue Theatre will play through Dec. 30. Showtimes 8pm Thurs. through Sat. and 7pm Sun. Tickets \$12 Thurs. and Sun., \$14 Fri. and Sat.

**Skimpies:** Temporarily on hiatus; this neo-musical jab at Greek muses and game show romance is scheduled to reopen in January. Playwright Terry Earp's production celebrates the things that matter most in the world: rap music, sex, and Lucy La Mode. A must-see. Gowns by Robert X. Planet. Playwright's Workshop Theatre, 21432 N. Central.





# shopping

## à la mode



**P**oor Lucy LaMode. She's been so wrapped up in rehearsals for *Skimpies*—the neo-musical theatrical farce in which she's currently starring—that she hasn't had a moment to spare for Christmas shopping.

Ever the resourceful lass, La LaMode is spending her one day away from the greasepaint in a chauffeur-driven limousine, sussing out truly fab buys and scaring hell out of unsuspecting sales clerks.

Like so many young wives, Lucy plans to gift her new hubby with a tattooed bosom. Alas, she leaves Peter's unmarked. "The blind guy ahead of me couldn't decide what he wanted," she whines.



- 1 Lucy can't resist a whole wall of Geraldo reruns. "I'll take them all!" She exclaims. "I just love Sears!"
- 2 Don't axe me: Always prepared for obstreperous critics, Lucy checks into Crawfordian cutlery. "Can I bring it back if it doesn't fit?" she wonders.



Lunching en route: Time is at a minimum, but a girl's gotta eat. Lucy knows that Twinkies are full of important nutrients, and they're so elegant diced into mini hors d'oeuvres. "Hostess is forever," she sighs.

I Saw Lucy Deep-Frenching Santa Claus: "Quick!" Lucy instructs St. Nick. "Put your tongue in my mouth!" "Thank God," her publicist remarks, "She has an understanding husband."

- 3 There are a lot of queens on Lucy's Christmas list, so she heads straight for Riches of the Past in Scottsdale. "I'll take seven thousand paste brooches!" she screams.

- 4 At Do Wah Diddy, Lucy chats up a life-size cardboard Marilyn. "Parochial school made me what I am today," she tells Norma Jean. "So of course I'm sending flamingo whirl-a-gigs to all the Sisters back home."

The Subject Was Chain Saws: Lucy dreams of someday starring in a modernized musical biography of Winnie Ruth Judd. "Power tools are so sexy!"



### Where Lucy Shopped

- Do Wah Diddy**, 3542 E. Thomas. Retro-collectibles, celebrity autographs and fun furniture. Groovy personnel.
- Castle Boutique**, 5501 E. Washington. Sex videos and rubber body parts. Open eternally for last-minute Xmas shoppers.
- Peter Tat-2**, 1434 E. McDowell. Tell 'em Lucy sent you.
- Riches of the Past**, 7013 E. Main St., Scottsdale. Vintage jewelry like you've never seen before.
- Sears**, several valley locations. Lucy bought an axe, but you can find just about any old thing at this perennial fave.
- Zorba's Adult Shop**, 2924 N. Scottsdale. Love-Love Dolls and Jeff Stryker genitalia.



Exhausted, Lucy scopes out the men's lav at Arizona Center before heading home. "I don't care how many restaurants they have here," she scoffs. "The johns suck."

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Lucy's millinery and hairstyles by planet x research laboratories  
limousine courtesy of hollywood limousines, inc.



# Tests of Possible AIDS Vaccine Planned

## First Trial With Human Subjects

A new potential AIDS vaccine will be tested in the United States for the first time in humans at San Francisco and Los Angeles hospitals, researchers said.

The synthetic vaccine HGP-30 will be tested at San Francisco General Hospital and at Los Angeles County University of Southern California Medical Center. A dozen volunteers will be tested at each hospital.

"We want to get people into the study as rapidly as possible," said Dr. James Kahn, assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco. Kahn will direct the study at San Francisco General, which is affiliated with UCSF.

The Phase I tests will evaluate the safety of HGP-30. Later tests would evaluate the vaccine's effectiveness in protecting against infection with the AIDS virus.

HGP-30 previously was tested in 18 people in England in a yet-unpublished study, Kahn said. It was reported to be safe, but additional studies are needed to see if it works, he said.

Kahn said volunteers must not be infected with HIV. There is no risk of becoming infected with HIV as a result of the test because the vaccine was synthesized and not taken either from live or dead virus, he said.

## Number of AIDS Cases and Deaths Leveling Out in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—After a steady rise during most of the last decade, reported AIDS cases and deaths in the city are leveling out, new statistics show.

By the end of November, a total of 1,338 cases and 1,211 deaths had been reported to city health workers this year. But officials warn that figures for the first eleven months of the year likely are lower than the number of actual cases because of the slowness of gathering data.

Still, the number of new cases for 1990 is expected to reach 1,750, slightly more than the 1,702 new cases reported last year. About 1,400 San Francisco residents are expected to die of AIDS this year. Last year, there were 1,349 AIDS deaths in the city.

The newest figures contrast sharply

with those of the early to mid-1980s, when figures rose 30 percent to more than 100 percent each year.

A trend toward a flattening-out of figures that began in 1987 is expected to continue, and by the late 1990s, the figures may drop to one-fourth to one-half of current levels, said George Lemp, in charge of AIDS data for the city's Department of Public Health.

Behind the slowdown in the growth of new cases is a lower rate of new infections compared to the early 1980s and new drug treatment that delays the appearance of the disease among people infected by HIV.

Health officials warn that the figures remain grim despite the slowdown.

"We are in a plateau or stall, but it is at a high level. It's not like the epidemic has gone away," Lemp said.

## FDA Blocking Vital AIDS Drug, Suit Says

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—An AIDS drug classified as experimental by the Food and Drug Administration was extraordinarily effective, according to a Dallas man who is suing to regain access to the drug.

Ron Woodruff said in his suit filed in U.S. District Court that he got the drug, Peptide T, from a Belmont, California laboratory from December 1989 until earlier this month. It allowed him to fend off dementia and keep control of his mind, Woodruff said.

The drug is available in the United States only to researchers for clinical testing. A federal research coordinator reported encouraging results from an initial three-year study but said another one to two years of research was planned.

Woodruff said the Belmont lab wrote him on Nov. 19 that no more could be sent because of "greater constraints" from the FDA, and it returned his \$1,800 check.

Woodruff said he was diagnosed in 1988 as suffering from dementia and progressive brain atrophy related to acquired immune deficiency syndrome. A letter from his doctor said the dementia improved and stabilized after use of Peptide T and worsened without it. Woodruff said he has run out of the drug and has no other supply.

Without Peptide T, Woodruff will

suffer "inability to think, process thoughts, and have motor control and skills," the suit said. It said the FDA's restrictions violated Woodruff's constitutional "freedom of thought."

Noting that the initial FDA studies have found Peptide T to be non-toxic and deserving of further research, the suit said the government's interest in protecting the public could be satisfied by allowing "compassionate use" of the drug or requiring a doctor's prescription.

His lawyer, Michael Cascino, said Woodruff is about 40 and a former electrician. Because of dementia, "he was at a point where he could not even stand up," Cascino said. "Since he's been using the Peptide T these things have seemed to decrease, at least that's what his physician tells me."

FDA spokesman Brad Stone said the agency considers Peptide T "an experimental drug" available only for clinical testing.

The coordinator of the first stage of federal testing of Peptide T, Dr. Peter Bridge of the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland, said his three-year study found an "improvement in neuropsychological testing" in patients with the AIDS virus who used the drug. Peptide T also is manufactured outside the United States.

## Children Replace Gay Men as Fastest-Growing Segment of AIDS Carriers

LITTLE ROCK, AR—It's children, not gay men, who represent the fastest-growing segment of the population with AIDS, Arkansas' state Health Department said.

The reason for the increase of the disease in children is related to intravenous drug use by women of child-bearing age, said Dr. James Buehler, epidemiologist for the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Children are infected with HIV while still in the womb, at the time of delivery or during breast feeding, according to a report by Henry Masters, medical director for the AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases program at the state Health Department.

Masters said in his article that about 21 percent of the children born to HIV-infected mothers will die in their first year, compared to 3.8 percent of children born to uninfected mothers.

Citing figures from the World Health Organization, Masters said that now

some 700,000 children are infected with HIV and by the year 2000, the number will have grown to 10 million.

Ten of the 428 reported AIDS cases in Arkansas between 1985 and Nov. 30 of this year occurred in children and adolescents, Masters said. The virus has led to the deaths of 253 adults and five children in the state, he said.

Arkansas has moved up two notches in the number of AIDS cases reported, based on population, he said. Arkansas was 28th two months ago. Now, it is 26th.

Pulaski County had the most reported cases of AIDS in Arkansas with 157, while 18 counties had no reported cases.

Sixteen percent of the state's population is black, but 23 percent of the reported AIDS victims are black. Masters said studies are being conducted to determine the reason for the disproportionate number of blacks with AIDS.

## Safe Sex Shop Opens

### Provides "Humor With Education"

MADISON, WI—AIDS is no laughing matter at the Safer Sex Boutique, but the unique shop offers such light-hearted gifts as condom-shaped candy and boxer shorts adorned with smiling condom cartoons that glow in the dark.

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The unusual store, open this holiday season, is a commercial experiment to market both silly and serious products that promote safe sex and draw attention to the needs of those who have acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"This is designed to talk about and promote safer sex by making it more fun and exciting," said Dave Rompa, executive director of the AIDS Support Network in Madison, an advocacy group that helped develop the business.

"Some stores will have a safe-sex corner or cute little condom section, but there's never been a whole store devoted to it," he said.

Since the boutique opened last month, it has drawn about 2,000 people—both shoppers and the "simply curious"—ranging from teenagers and their parents to divorcees returning to the dating scene, Rompa said.

In addition to shelves of books, magazines and videotapes about the dangers of AIDS and ways to minimize exposure, the store sells cards containing condoms, comic books promoting and explaining their use and T-shirts urging contraceptive use "because it's condom sense."

The store was funded through donations and fund raising by the support group, Rompa explained. Many of the products were donated by manufacturers and merchants throughout the United States, Great Britain and Canada.



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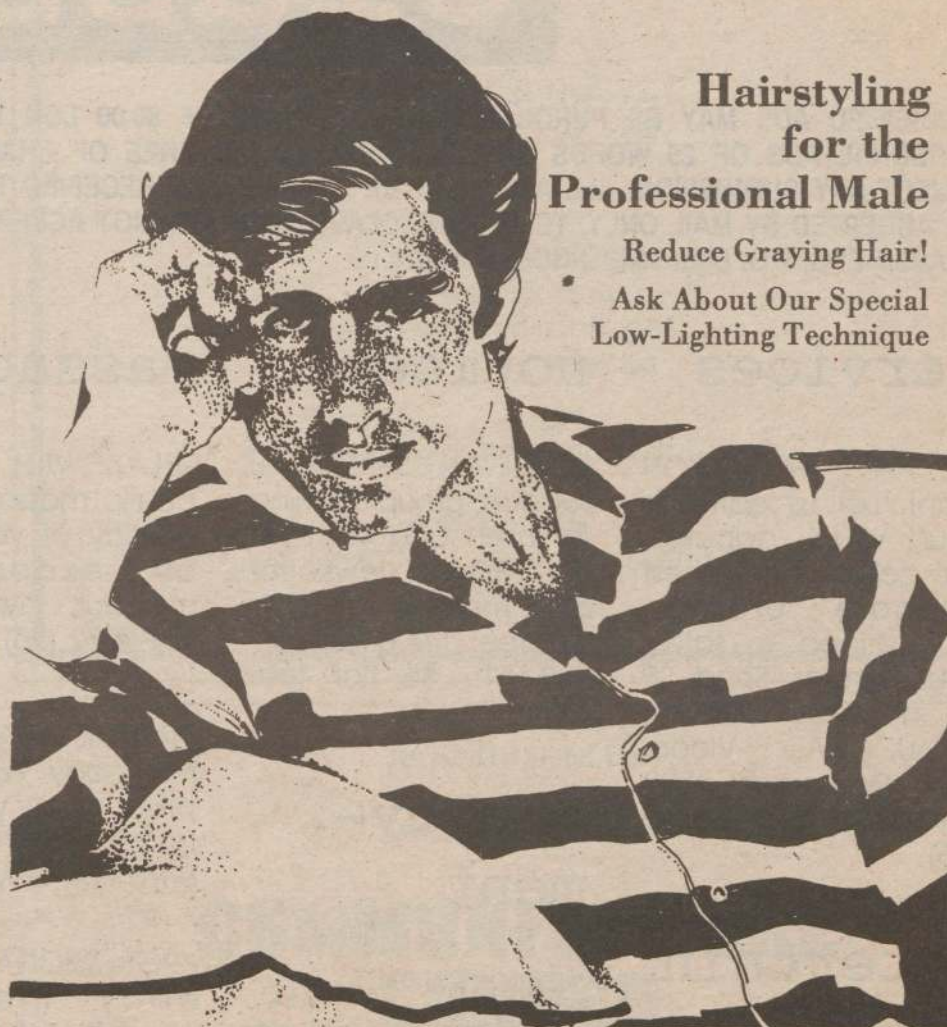
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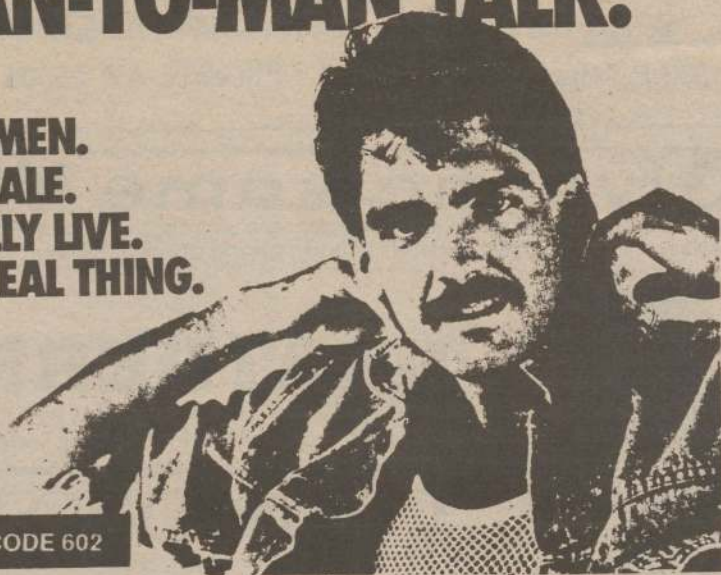
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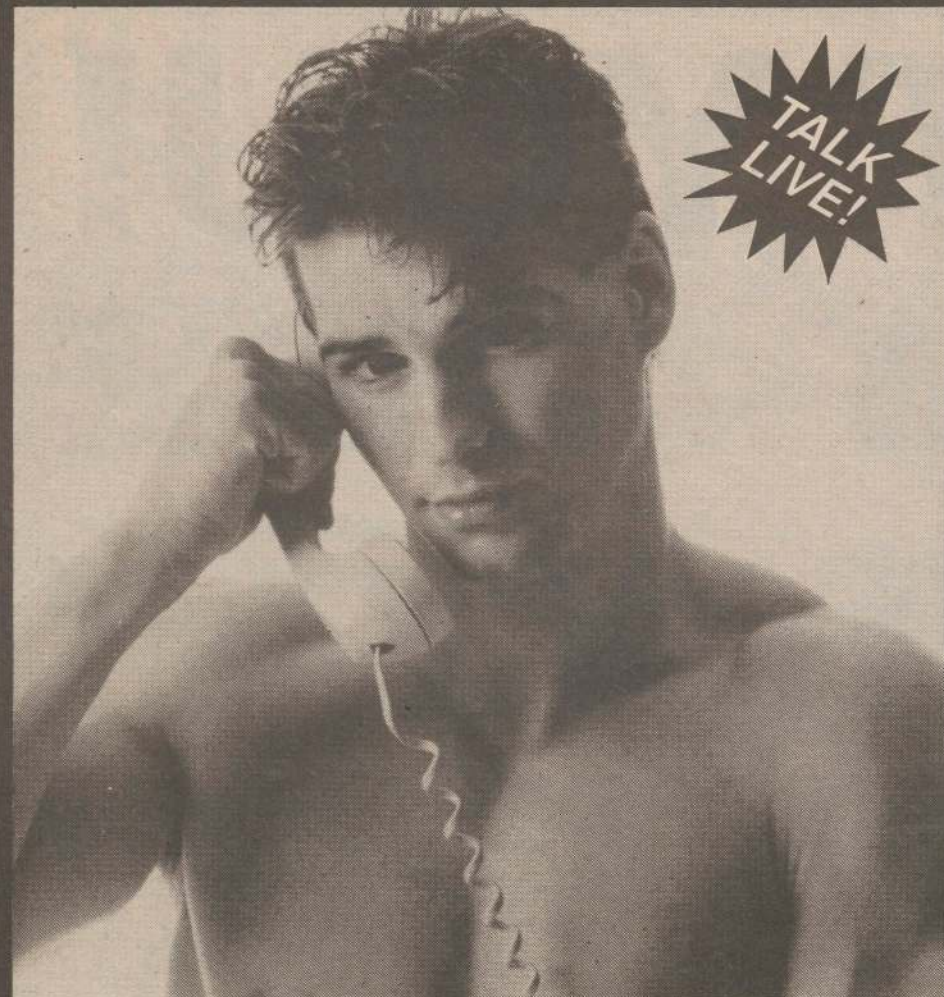


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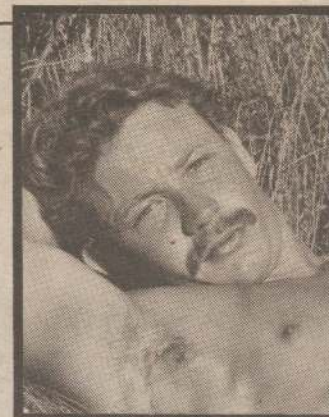
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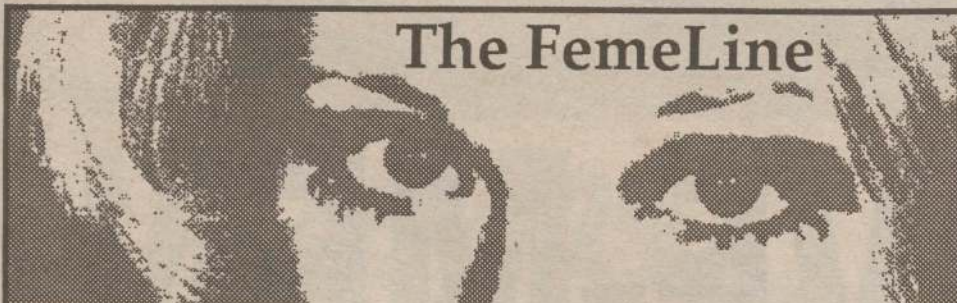
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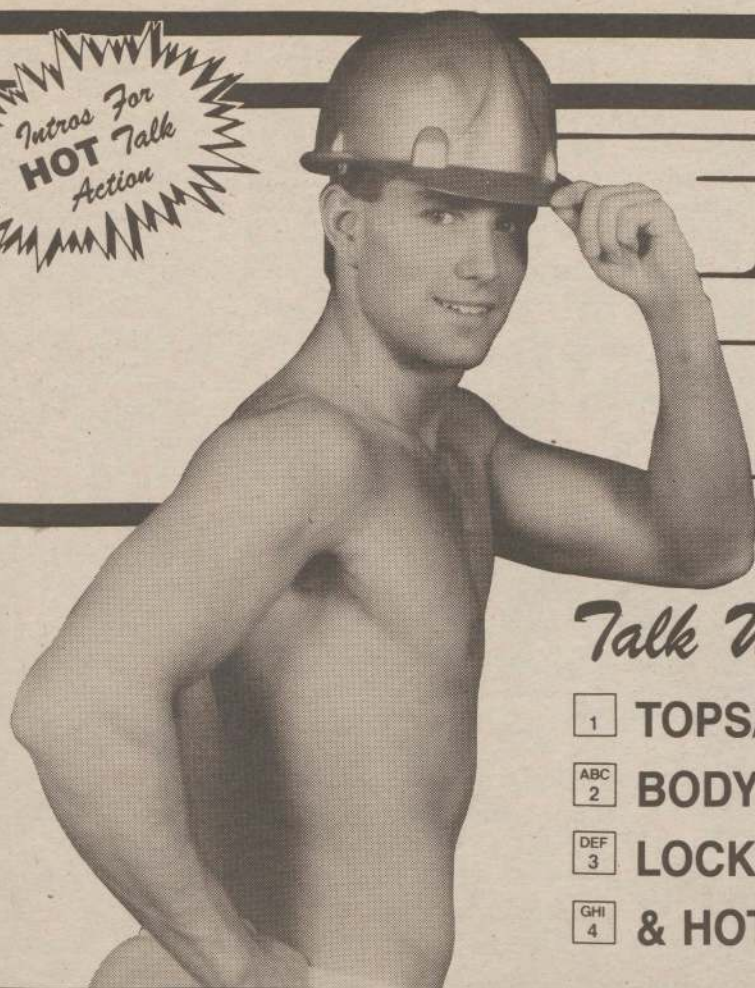
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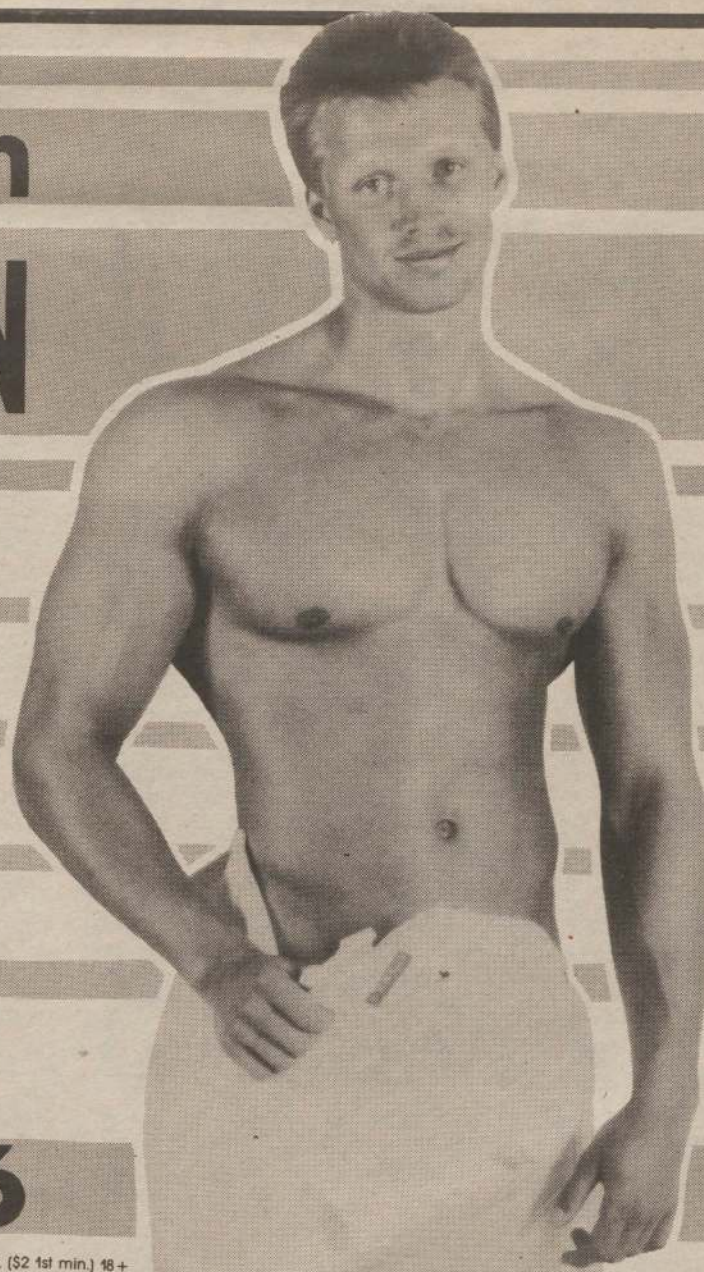
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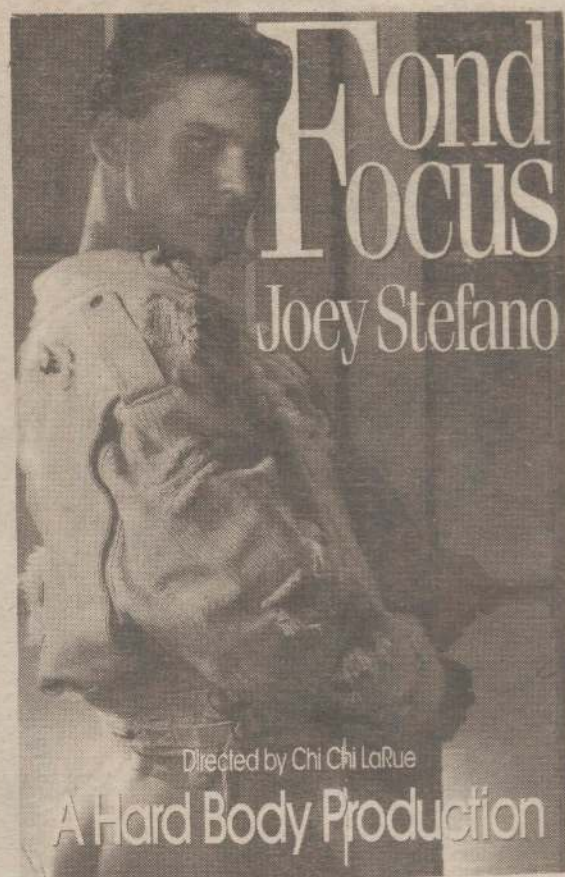
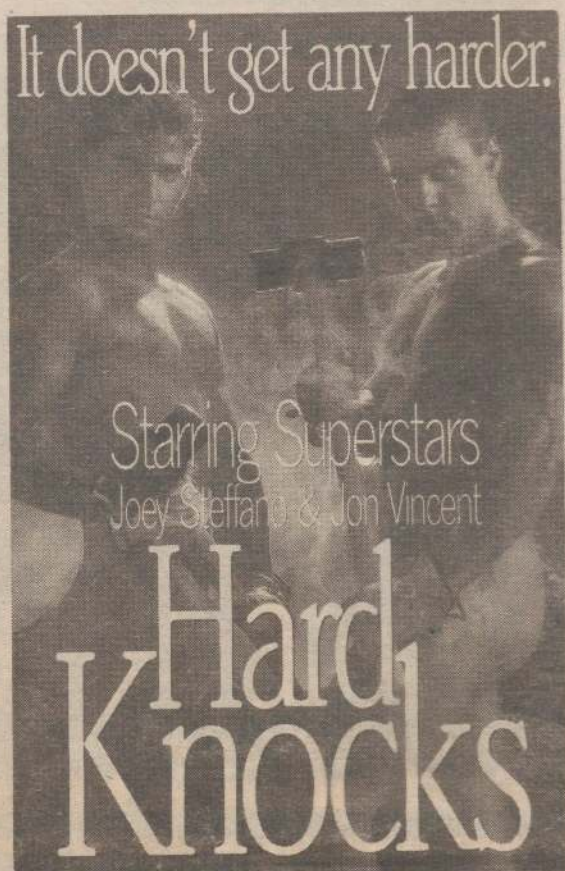
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