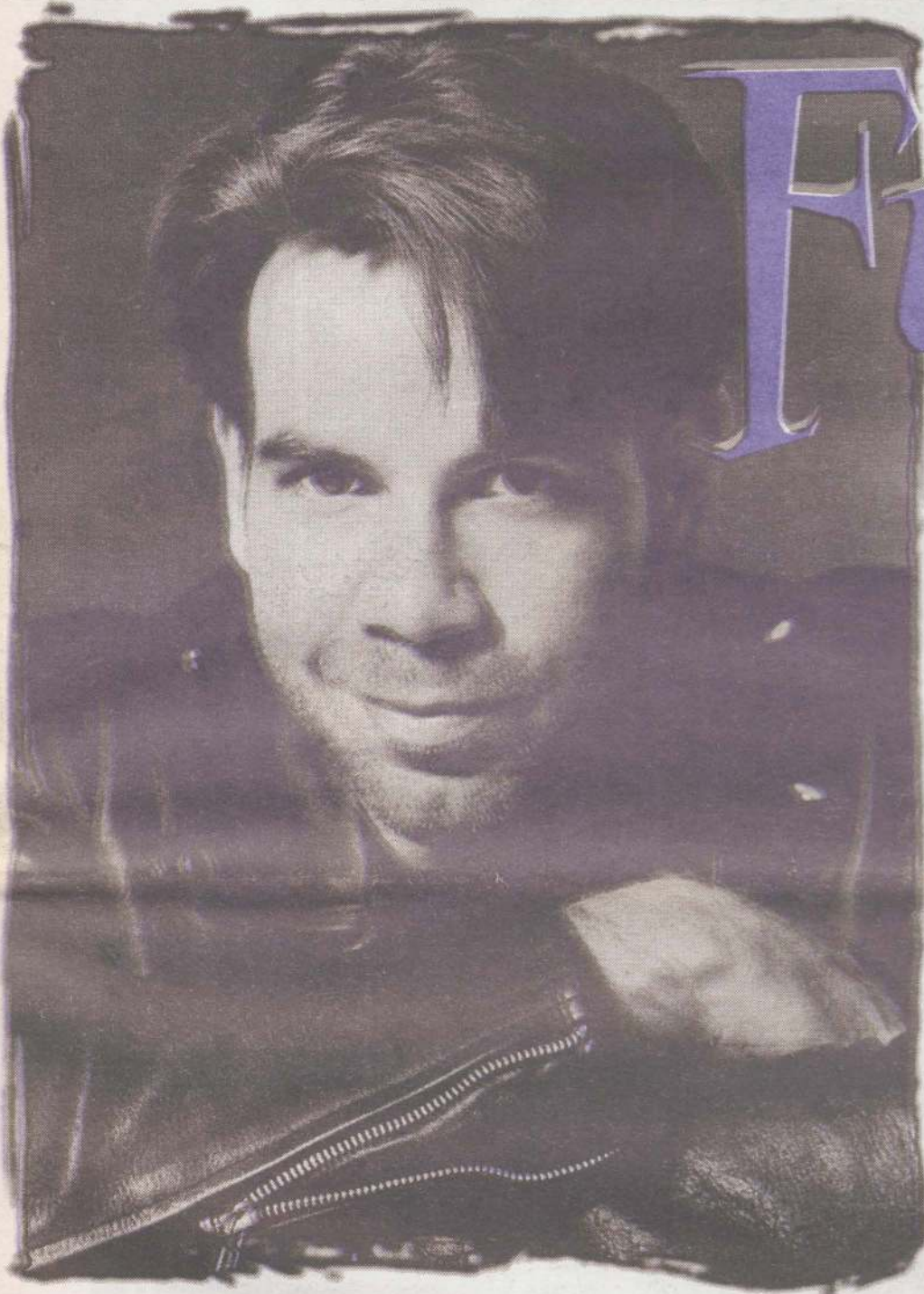


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One of them

# Funny Boys

By Karyn Reidell, Staff Writer

Comedian Jason Stuart describes himself as a "general gay guy—smart, funny, good taste, good person, a little neurotic."

Speaking to *HeatStroke* from Los Angeles, Stuart also seems like the general LA Guy as he holds the interview while simultaneously: 1) Putting in some miles on the Celebrity Gym's treadmill and 2) Exchanging periodic repartee with Academy Award nominee Tess Harper, who is also working out.

Stuart, who will appear with Kate Clinton in Phoenix on Aug. 29, is definitely moving in the fast lane these days.

In addition to his stand-up career, he also keeps busy as an actor. In fact, he just wrapped his latest film—*Lost and Found* with Scottsdale native David Spade, playing a jewelry store clerk who tries to sell Spade an engagement ring.

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## A woman of the '90s

Kate Clinton's "fumerist" comedy helps define the moment

By Karyn Reidell, Staff Writer

It's been a busy year for Kate Clinton. She spent seven months as a writer on Rosie O'Donnell's show. She just published her first book, a collection of humorous essays entitled *Don't Get Me Started*.

She recently returned from an exhausting promotional book tour that covered 16 cities in 17 days. She writes regular columns for the *Advocate* and the *Progressive*. And she will soon release her fifth comedy album, *Comedy You Can Dance To*.

On Aug. 29, Clinton will take a break from her daily stand-up performances in her home of Provincetown, Mass., to perform at the Orpheum Theater in Phoenix.

Clinton told *HeatStroke* she's looking forward to her Phoenix performance because of the "raucous" crowds she's experienced here.

Those who come to Clinton's show can expect to hear one of the few political satirists performing today. Clinton describes herself as a "fumerist," a feminist humorist. As such, she takes jabs at the obvious right-wing targets such as Trent Lott and Jesse Helms. But she also goes after Bill Clinton with a vengeance.

Consider this excerpt from *Don't Get Me Started*:

"The first strains of 'Inhale to the Chief' had not even died down, though,

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# Horowitz:

## On closets & kids

I am an ex heterosexual. When I came out of the closet, people expressed complete surprise. In many instances, our families and friends figured out we were gay long before we did.

My personal closet, however, was incredibly well established and guarded. I brilliantly threw people off track when it came to my own sexual orientation despite my willingness to volunteer in the gay and AIDS communities. I played the role of the straight man who understood.

Today, I readily renounce my straightness. I see the light. I know what God intended me to be, and today I embrace God's will for me.

I follow my heart's passion—pursuing homosexual love and vigorously fighting for gay and lesbian civil rights. No one seems to have any trouble believing my transformation. No one points to my relationship with my former fiancée as evidence that I'm truly straight and that I was born that way.

So why all the uproar about the group called Exodus—a religiously based program designed to support people to become ex gays?

People from that organization participated in recent advertisements in *USA Today* and other publications forwarding the notion that it's possible for gay people to change. The right wing contends that gays and lesbians don't deserve equal rights because we choose our sexual orientation.

Many gay people argue back that sexual orientation is inborn and ask why anyone in his or her right mind would choose to be gay when all we face is discrimination, bigotry and threats of violence.

Growing up, I never would have chosen a gay man's life because we do face more challenges. These obstacles to happiness, however, don't come from being gay, but from society's heterosexism.

Gay children don't have the same role models for peace, love and tranquility that heterosexual marriage and family life provide—you know, those heterosexual marriages with the sixty percent divorce rate and family life with more abused and neglected kids than ever before. I believe there is a basic human need to fit in, and without examples, gay kids don't fit in anywhere.

For this reason, I agreed to make a pitch in this column to encourage volunteers for the youth services programs at The Community Center. The programs for gay and lesbian kids face dramatic shortages of funding and volunteer support.

I met with Donna McHenry, the youth services coordinator several weeks ago, and she honestly didn't know what the ultimate fate of the programs would be. So I specifically encourage everyone reading this column to make yourself and/or your money available to help support our community's youth.

I would like to promise that your volunteerism will be quickly embraced, and that you will be called to work with the youth programs almost as quickly as the ink dries on your application. In all likelihood, that will not be the case.

The professional staff doesn't have much administrative support, and details often fall through the cracks or take a very long time to handle. Phone calls may not get returned promptly or at all. Correspondence may languish for weeks. It took me a very long time to receive requested information for this column.

Once you do get through the administrative process, there will be background checks and a screening process that may send many volunteers screaming into the night. Don't be discouraged. Our children are worth the effort and the paperwork. After all, there are a lot of crazy people out there, and we want our youth volunteers to be fully qualified and screened.

I don't think that people can change sexual orientation simply because they want to. I think the ex gay movement is hogwash.

I don't like The Community Center's new name. For anyone who doesn't know, it used to be called The Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

I won't even get into the argument as to whether the new title is more inclusive, simply shorter, or implies that the place is now the Ex Gay and Lesbian Center. I just hope that the folks involved get to spend their time helping the kids instead of replacing the signs.

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

**Editors:**

In your last issue (#45, July 30-Aug. 12) there were several references to the recent attacks on the gay community by some religious right members of the Republican party. I am aware that not all Republicans agree with this hateful rhetoric. But the Republican party has done nothing to distance itself from it. Their only concern has been that they may lose more votes than they win.

President of Log Cabin Republicans of Central Arizona John Barr's only concern about fellow Republican Rep. J.D. Hayworth's "disparaging reference" about homosexual activists was that he didn't mean GOP gays. Apparently Mr. Barr finds those kinds of remarks acceptable when referring to any gay activist that isn't a Republican.

Conservative Republican Steve May, who is homosexual, has had direct contact with this anti-gay rhetoric in his door to door campaigning. Members of his own party are

slamming the door in his face or telling him that they won't vote for him because he is homosexual. Republicans, including Steve May and John Barr, have only themselves to blame for this. It just proves the old adage, "what goes around, comes around."

Michael Miles  
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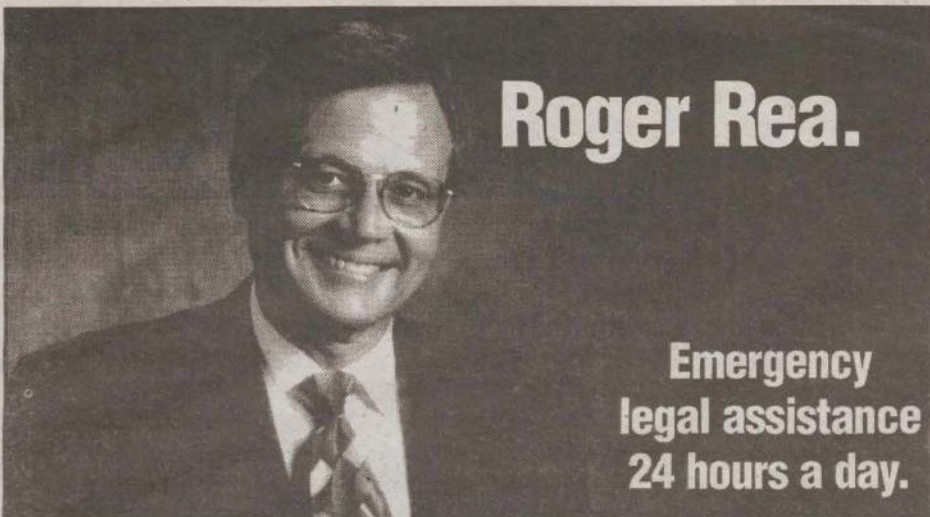
Comedians Jason Stuart and Kate Clinton will share the bill in a benefit for The Center— August 29 at the Orpheum Theatre.

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**NM detectives compare notes on gay murders**

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)

Detectives investigating five gay killings in Albuquerque plan to compare notes with Santa Fe police looking into the death of a former county commissioner who was also gay.

The five Albuquerque killings have occurred since 1994, and while there are similarities, there also are differences that make police suspect there were different killers, Sgt. Bev Sandoval said.

"We don't think we have a serial killer," Sandoval told The Associated Press.

But a serial killer has not been ruled out, she said.

"We had it profiled at Quantico," she said of the FBI psychological profiling lab in Virginia. "It was inconclusive. They didn't say 'You have a serial (killer) working here.'"

The differences are significant. One victim was beaten, one was shot, a couple were stabbed.

"Normally a serial (killer) is someone who follows the same pattern," Sandoval said.

On Aug. 6, Albuquerque detectives conferred with Santa Fe detectives to study any similarities between their cases and the murder of former Santa Fe County Commissioner Herman Rodriguez, whose body was found in Iowa late July.

"Based on this homicide, we want to see how far it goes," Santa Fe Police Chief John Denko said. "We're going to stick our tentacles out as far as we can and see what develops—whether there is a link between what happened in Santa Fe and what happened in Albuquerque."

Denko made his comment during an Aug. 5 news conference to announce the arrest of two men found driving Rodriguez's car in Columbia, S.C.

Agents said they were being held initially on charges of credit card fraud and transporting the 1992 Oldsmobile Bravado belonging to the victim, Herman Rodriguez, across

state lines.

Rodriguez was last seen alive at a Santa Fe night spot called the Drama Club on July 29. His credit card and cellular telephone have been used since.

There are some similarities among Albuquerque victims, Sandoval said.

"We have had their (victims') vehicles taken, money taken out of their accounts, too—things that were kind of similar," she said.

The FBI was called in on the Rodriguez case because it was deemed a carjacking, a federal crime.

Agents have said Rodriguez was shot in the back of the head. His body was dumped near Modale, Iowa. Investigators believe he was killed before the car got to Iowa and his body was dumped in a roadside ditch.

One of the Albuquerque victims also was shot—Anthony Maes, killed in his town home in October 1994.

Maes and three other Albuquerque victims, Larry Dean Baca, Jerry Lueras and Richard Brodbeck had been at the same Albuquerque bar, Foxes Lounge, the nights they died, Sandoval said.

The most recent victim, Barry Scott Brewster, 26, whose nude body was found this summer in an arroyo, was beaten to death. He had not been at Foxes—a gay bar—that night but had patronized the place in the past.

Brewster's father was quoted by KOAT-TV as saying he did not believe his son was homosexual, but Sandoval said Brewster lived with a gay man. She said his family has acknowledged they suspected he might be gay.

Sandoval said police are looking at a particular suspect in the Brewster case who doesn't fit the other cases.

She would not elaborate other than to say: "We don't think it is related at all (to the other four killings). We feel very strongly about that." She said the bar caters to "a wilder crowd."

"All kinds of people go into that bar. They're not all gay," she said.

She said some may be preying on gay men.

**CA Assembly Speaker hires gay/lesbian liaison**

SACRAMENTO

Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles, announced the hiring of long-time lesbian activist Laurie McBride to provide outreach to the gay and lesbian community.

McBride, formerly the Executive Director of LIFE Lobby, California's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender lobby, is based in the Speaker's Capitol office. In addition to public policy development, she will focus on insuring positive communications between the Assembly Democratic Caucus and the gay communities.

"I am very pleased that Laurie has joined our team," said Villaraigosa. "Her experience and expertise in working with the lesbian and gay communities will greatly assist me and the Caucus in serving this important constituency."

"As Speaker, one of my goals is to provide the people of California with better access to and understanding of legislative policymaking. In order to best do that, we must have an increased presence beyond the walls of the Capitol."

Speaker Villaraigosa plans to fur-

ther enhance legislative outreach in a variety of communities statewide. A number of community liaison positions are being created for this purpose, including Asian Pacific Islanders, African Americans, Jewish, and women's communities.

"By creating these community liaison positions, Speaker Villaraigosa is standing up for the inclusion of all California residents in political and public life. I am so proud to be part of this principled and moral stand against wedge politics. It is my honor to continue working with and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in this way," said McBride.

A native of California, McBride has been active in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) politics since 1978. She has served as the first woman president of the Golden Gate Business Association, Co-Chair of Mobilization Against AIDS, political vice-president of Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, and Executive Director of LIFE Lobby from 1990 to 1998.

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# Despite Republican backlash, SF at forefront of gay rights

## Supervisors defy Congress on health policy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

Despite a Republican offensive against gays, San Francisco has solidified its stance on gay rights by asking private businesses to extend special deals to domestic partners.

A year after the city inaugurated its domestic partners ordinance, the Board of Supervisors is expanding the controversial law. The proposal was

***"Banning discrimination is no new concept. We're talking about inalienable rights here."***

unanimously approved by a second vote on Aug. 10 and Mayor Willie Brown says he will sign it.

It will make San Francisco the only city in the nation to require private businesses—such as gyms, car rental companies and insurance agencies—to extend discounts they offer to married couples to domestic partners as well.

The vote followed on the heels of a political backlash against gays that may cost San Francisco millions in federal housing funding and a prominent gay philanthropist an ambassadorship.

Less than two weeks ago, the House voted 214-212—most of them Republican votes—in favor of blocking San Francisco from federal housing money because of its gay-rights policy.

The pioneering Equal Benefits Ordinance requires businesses with city contracts to extend health benefits to its workers' partners. Since its introduction a year ago, the city has battled corporations unwilling to recognize gay partnerships—including major airlines, Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army.

"We should not force or coerce (businesses) to adopt policies they find morally objectionable," Rep. Frank Riggs, who represents the rural North Coast in Congress, said in a heated

debate.

Not long before that, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.,—who likened homosexuality to a treatable condition like alcoholism or kleptomania—said it was unlikely James Hormel would become the nation's first openly gay ambassador.

Hormel, a San Francisco philanthropist who has supported gay causes, has been criticized for what opponents call his "gay agenda."

And Republicans—unsuccessfully—sought to overturn President Clinton's order barring discrimination against gays and lesbians at federal agencies.

Still, supervisors are expected today to send the newest domestic partners proposal to the mayor in an act that suggests a determination to set a standard for human rights.

"Banning discrimination is no new concept," supervisor Mark Leno, the proposal's sponsor, told the *San Francisco Examiner* last month. "We're talking about inalienable rights here."

The plan, backed by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Network, has faced little opposition from business owners.

"It makes good business sense," said Leno. "It gives business an additional marketing tool and could help them compete with other businesses."

It's expected to have more impact as a symbolic gesture than as a business measure. Most car rental agen-

(City Hall) certificates are nice," said Rick Hernandez, a sales manager. "(IDs) that show both names are nice, too."

24 Hour Fitness, which has clubs up and down the coast and in other states, is simply adjusting to San Francisco life by recognizing gay couples, he said.

"We sponsor the Gay Pride Parade. We're pretty big in the community," Hernandez said. "It just makes sense. Otherwise we'd be shooting ourselves in the foot."

Laura Gilleran, 23, says she and her live-in girlfriend, T.C. Myers, are more excited by the import of the ordinance than by the discounts.

"It's important, since (gay) marriage is not legal. It's important to do what it takes until it becomes such," Gilleran said outside a bar

***"The ordinance makes good business sense. It give business an additional marketing tool and could help them compete."***

in the city do not offer special rates to married couples, and some gyms already include domestic partners in its "family" categories.

At 24 Hour Fitness near City Hall, domestic partners already fall under the club's "couple membership" category.

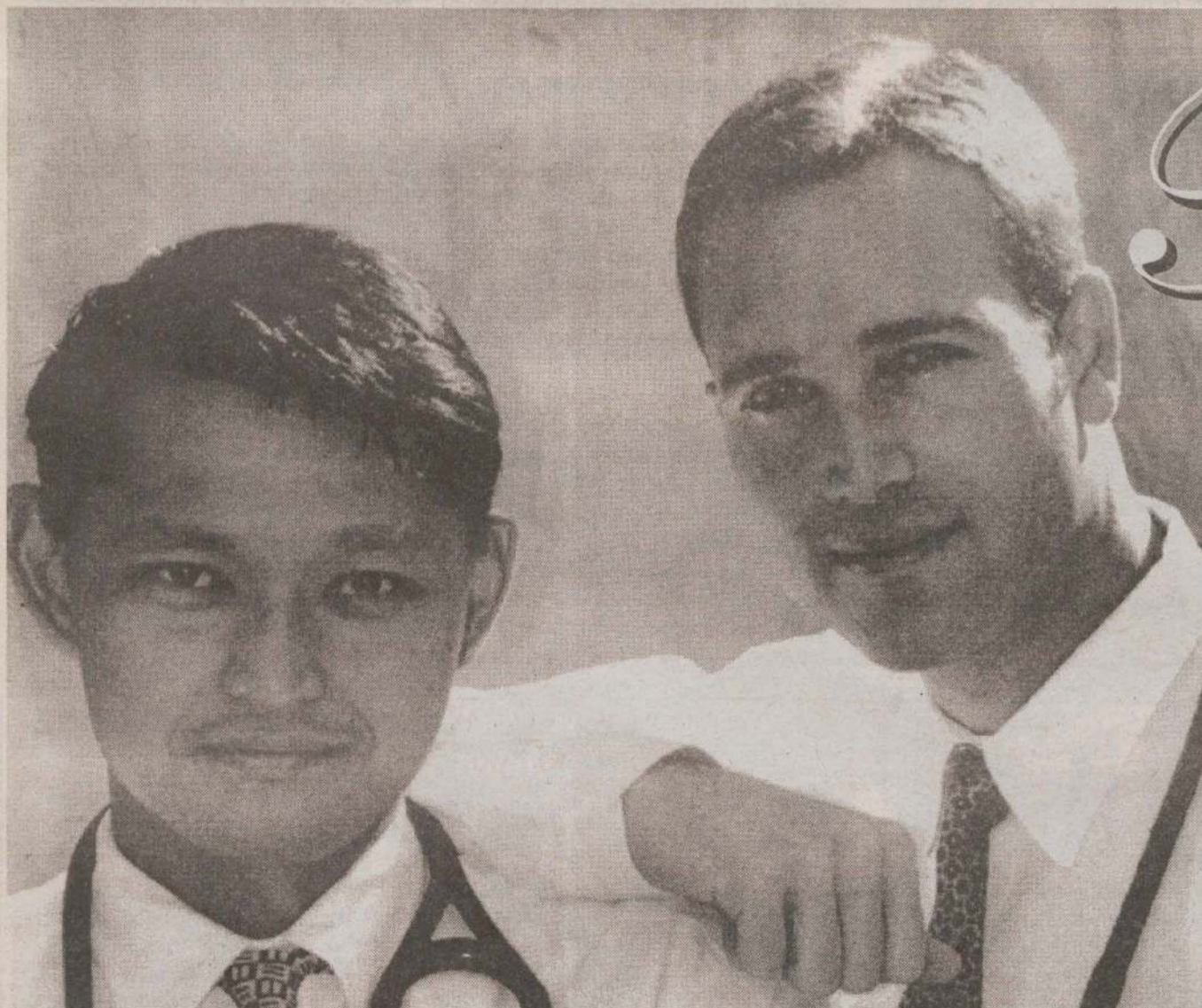
But there's a hitch: live-in couples—straight or gay—have to bring in proof that they're more than just roommates looking for a good deal.

"Joint bank accounts are nice, and

in the Castro District, the heart of gay San Francisco.

And it was gay pride—and the chance to live in city that recognizes lesbian partnerships—that brought Myers, 20, to San Francisco. She, her brother and their mother, who is also a lesbian, were moving from Arizona to Oregon when they stopped in San Francisco.

"My mom got into San Francisco and said, 'We're staying here. This is the gay city of the world!'"



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# International Gay & Lesbian News Briefs

Compiled by Rex Wockner

## 45,000 at EuroPride, 60,000 at Vienna Pride

The EuroPride parade in Stockholm drew 15,000 marchers and 30,000 spectators July 25, reports correspondent Bjoern Skolander.

Motorcyclists led the three-hour procession followed by a contingent carrying the flag of each European nation.

After the parade, a four-hour Rainbow Music Extravaganza featured Nordic gay/lesbian artists and transsexual Israeli pop diva Dana International, winner of this year's Eurovision song contest.

In Vienna, meanwhile, 60,000 people crowded the historic Ringstrasse to demand equal rights for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people, organizers said.

They called for repeal of Penal Code Article 209 which prohibits gay men from having sex until age 18 while allowing heterosexuals and lesbians to do so at 14.

Marchers also stressed the need for a registered-partnership law and a national ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation.

## Brit age-of-consent change postponed

The British government postponed plans to lower the age of consent for gay-male sex from 18 to 16 after the House of Lords vetoed the House of Commons' approval of the move.

The measure was an amendment to an important crime bill that the government was not willing to see delayed any further, said Home Secretary Jack Straw.

But Straw promised the matter will return full-force next session and will be formulated in such a way that after the Commons passes it again, the Lords will be unable to delay it for more than one year.

A spokeswoman for the gay-lobby group Stonewall pronounced the new plan acceptable. "The Government is determined to see that the huge vote for equality by MPs is translated into legislation," said Angela Mason.

The Commons' vote to allow gay sex at the same age as lesbian and heterosexual sex was 336-129. The Lords' vote against it was 290-122.

Members of the House of Lords are not elected and the new Labor government has plans to rid the chamber of hereditary seats. Some

other seats are held by the nation's Anglican bishops.

Austria is the only other European Union nation with an unequal age of consent.

## Outrage! Zaps Bishops

Forty gay activists organized by the group OutRage! zapped 800 Anglican bishops at London's Festival Pier July 28 as the prelates boarded a boat to cruise the Thames.

The bishops were attending the Anglican Church's once-every-10-years Lambeth Conference.

The protesters castigated the bishops for supporting anti-gay discrimination and demanded the church launch a "Queer Reformation." They



chanted, "Church of hatred, church of fear, stop crucifying queers!"

Some protesters were dressed as bishops, priests or nuns. Two OutRage! "bishops" kissed each other while a gay-male nun sprinkled the real bishops with "homo water ... to cleanse them of the sin of homophobia"—a takeoff on "holy water" used in the Catholic and Anglican faiths.

"Dr. Carey and many of his bishops are acting like the leaders of the Afrikaaner Church in South Africa during apartheid," said OutRage's John Hunt. "They are opposing equality and endorsing discrimination."

## New Zealand recognizes gays in labor law

New Zealand modified its labor laws last week to allow same-sex partners to take off work to care for each other.

Labor Minister Max Bradford said the change brings labor law into line with the Human Rights Act, which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation.

## Toronto mayor enjoys gay stroll

Toronto's new mayor, the quotable Mel Lastman, was impressed during a recent stroll through the city's main gay neighborhood.

"I've never seen a community as friendly as this one," Lastman said. "Everybody knows everybody and everybody waves to everybody and

talks and everybody is friendly with everybody.

"This tour has taught me a lot. I've lead a very sheltered life. I didn't know anything about gay or anything else. But they're our community, and I'm the mayor and it's my job to make sure I understand them better and understand the community better."

## Aussie gay sex guide locked up

The Australian Health Department has instructed medical clinics and sexual-health centers to hide the nation's official gay health guide in a cabinet and show it only to selected individuals.

The 100-page booklet—called "out there!"—was produced with Health Department funds by the Australasian College of Sexual Health Physicians and the Australian Federation of AIDS Organizations. Among much else, it offers descriptions of anal and oral sex and tips on visiting tea rooms and bathhouses.

The new policy says the booklet should not be displayed in waiting rooms or community venues. "Copies of the book will be kept in a cupboard away from the public gaze, preferably under lock and key."

## Homo info axed from Ontario curriculum

Ontario's first "Health And Physical Education Curriculum" for grade-schoolers makes no mention of homosexuality.

The power to set curriculum recently was wrested away from local school boards by the Tory provincial government.

The guidelines will not prohibit teachers from discussing homosexuality "but its absence makes it an easy topic to drop," said the Toronto gay paper *Xtra!*

Required topics include abstinence and symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases.

## Gay soldier sues croatian military

Soldier Aldin Petric sued the Croatian military last week for firing him for being gay.

When word of Petric's homosexuality got around, he was forbidden to leave his barracks "to avoid problems which might arise from meetings with other soldiers." Then he was removed from his job at the officers' restaurant and other enlisted men starting beating him up, sometimes in front of officers who did not respond. Finally, Petric was fired.

Petric is seeking compensation for psychological abuse and physical pain.

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# Gay fundraiser nets \$10K for District 18 incumbent

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

An Aug. 6 fundraiser for Rep. Susan Gerard, R - District 18, brought in more than \$10,000 in gay and lesbian contributions toward Gerard's re-election bid.

The evening reception, held at Gerard's home in Phoenix's upscale central corridor, was sponsored by the Arizona Human Rights Fund in conjunction with Log Cabin Republicans of Central Arizona.

"Sue Gerard is so appreciative of our community," said Bill Lewis,

AHRF board member and chief planner of the fund-raiser. She's considered a leader among moderates in the house, he explained, and her ties to Gov. Hull make her a crucial ally.

Gerard is seeking a sixth term in the Arizona House of Representatives. She presently chairs the Health Committee and holds several other key committee positions within the Republican majority.

Following the event, Lewis said

he and other AHRF board members have grown increasingly pleased with the amount of money the gay and lesbian community has contributed to local campaigns this year. "People have been more responsive than I've ever seen, and it just keeps getting better," he stated. "The community keeps giving and it's going to make a difference."

AHRF is a Phoenix-based, non-partisan political organization that works to influence legislation on behalf of human rights issues and

other issues affecting the gay community. The group also contributes campaign money to candidates that are considered favorable to AHRF issues.

Log Cabin Republicans is a national organization made up of gay men and lesbians belonging to the GOP. The Central Arizona chapter has supported the campaigns of several Republican candidates for state office this year, in addition to Susan Gerard's race.

## Financially troubled Gay Games end with fanfare and emotional farewell

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)

With fanfare and emotional farewells, the 1998 Gay Games ended Aug. 8 as tens of thousands of athletes gathered for a last round of dancing and freewheeling celebration.

On a hot summer night, up to 28,000 people thronged the Arena Stadium for the bash that ended the week-long Olympics-styled games spotlighting gay athletes, culture, and boisterous street parties.

Sniffling and teary-eyed, participants bid farewell to each other, promising to meet up again at the next Gay Games in 2002 in Sydney, Australia.

Kicking off the closing ceremony, jubilant and dancing athletes entered the stadium and ran the gauntlet of flag-waving supporters.

With rave music pounding in the background, same-sex couples entered hand in hand while transves-

titles in cheerleader outfits bobbed to the beat, their pom-poms swaying in the air.

"Jesus loves us" read one poster raised by an athlete. "Out and proud in Zimbabwe" read another.

"I am crying. This is brilliant," said tennis competitor Dominic James of London.

"I came with no expectation

except for a game of tennis," he said. Instead, he walked away with a second place in mixed doubles and a new best friend.

The mirth contrasted with the somber moments of the previous days when financial woes threatened to end the games, which have attracted 15,000 competitors and even more visitors.

The event's managing director was fired Aug. 2 for overspending, prompting Amsterdam city officials to intervene with a \$2.5 million bail-out loan to keep the games alive.

Some also asked whether the games, which

included less-Olympian categories like ballroom dancing and bridge, have veered too much from its earlier intentions.

The first Gay Games, held in San Francisco in 1982, aimed to encourage and showcase gay athletes. These days, more and more non-sporting activities and parties are clogging up the line-up, said Hunk Krol, the editor of the Netherlands' gay newspaper.

"The original games are over," he said. "I love big parties, but they have nothing to do with the original aim of the Gay Games."

"They should change the name to Gay Pride Week or Tolerance Fair," he added.

Whatever you call it, Dale Zink of San Francisco said he'll be there in Sydney.

"It's just a lot of fun," said the 35-year-old swimmer.



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## Goings On News & Events of Interest to the Phoenix Queer Community

### New group at Community Center

The Community Center in Phoenix has announced the formation of a new group for members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities. The Community recovery Support Group, a facilitated, directive, interactive, revealing group process will begin meeting on Monday, August 17 at 7 pm at The Community Center, 24 West Camelback Road, Suite C.

The Community Recovery Support Group is of a 12-step program, but its purpose is to operate like group therapy. Participants are asked to commit to at least six weeks of the program, which will focus on relapse prevention, maintaining recovery, relationships, homophobia, family dynamics and grief.

Space is limited and those interested should call (602) 265-2783 or stop by The Community Center to sign up.

### Free BIA tests offered

AIDS Project Arizona will again be offering a day of free BIA testing and nutritional consultation on Thursday, August 27 from 10 am - 2 pm at APAZ headquarters, 111 East Camelback Road in Phoenix.

BIA stands for Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis and it's a quick & effective way to measure body composition. Call (602) 265-2437 for information.

APAZ is also offering another installment of Face to Face, a Monday evening workshop facilitated by Dr. Gerrie Mayer Gibbons. Face to Face IV, "Healing the Shame that Binds You" will begin August 8 and continue for six weeks from 6 - 8 pm at APAZ. Call (602) 265-2437 to register.

### CBPA Upcoming events

The Camelback Business and Professional Association is the Valley of the Sun's Gay, Lesbian and gay-friendly chamber of commerce and the active group has several activities scheduled for August and into September.

The CBPA NetMix and General

Meeting will be on hiatus for a month due to the heat and many vacationing members, but the August Lunch Bunch gatherings will continue at Pookie's every other Tuesday. Lunches are slated for August 25, September 8 and September 22—meet at 11:30, buy your own lunch and plan to network and socialize.

Some East Valley CBPA members have put together an East Side Lunch Bunch on alternating Wednesdays at Minder Binders, 715 South McClintock. This group will meet at 11:30 on August 26, September 16 and September 30. CBPA members and friends from Scottsdale, Mesa, Chandler, Tempe and Ahwatukee are encouraged to attend.

Next month's NetMix will be held September 9 at the Phoenix Art Group, hosted by Kathleen DeFloria. The address is 4125 North 14th Street in Phoenix and the event will begin at 6:30 pm. cost is \$10 and food and drink will be provided. This will be a great chance to network and socialize.

The General Meeting for September will be held September 17, when CBPA members attend the Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Atlanta Braves game at Bank One Ballpark. Meet at the main gate at 6 pm. The cost will be \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. RSVP by August 15th to CBPA, PO Box 2097, Phoenix AZ 85001. Or call in with your VISA or Mastercard numbers to (602) 225-8444.

### Jump into LifeGuard's pool: 2 jobs open

Project LifeGuard, a program of AIDS Project Arizona, has two positions open.

The organization is looking for a Volunteer Specialist, who will recruit train and supervise volunteers to help with HIV prevention education programs for gay and bisexual men. Duties include scheduling and evaluating volunteers to help with bar outreach, telephone scheduling and workshop facilitation. Also responsible for coordinating recreational and social interventions, including house parties and special events, special event outreach, group facilitation, fund-raising, and assisting in workshop enrollment. Night and evening hours are required. Four-year college

degree with a minimum of one year experience working with gay and bisexual men in a health related field required.

LifeGuard is also looking for a qualified Outreach Specialist, to conduct outreach in bars and other venues to educate gay and bisexual men about HIV prevention education. Duties also include special event outreach, group facilitation, fund-raising, and assisting in workshop enrollment. Night and evening hours required. College degree or experience working with gay and bisexual men in a health related field required.

To apply for these positions, send a letter explaining your qualifications along with a resume to Program Manager, Project LifeGuard, 4700 North Central # 204, Phoenix AZ, 85012. Detailed job descriptions are available by calling (602) 266-7233.

### County Bar Ass'n: drive for violence victims

The Maricopa County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Domestic Violence Committee is sponsoring its Seventh Annual Necessities Drive in October, in conjunction with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The goal of the drive is to obtain money and/or items necessary to meet the needs of women and children currently in domestic violence shelters. Needed items include children's items (diapers, baby food and formula, school & craft supplies, etc.), household items (pots & pans, cleaning & laundry supplies, small appliances, etc.) and personal care items. All monetary donations are used to purchase necessities for women and children in shelters and are not used for administrative costs.

For information or to donate, call (602) 257-4200, ext. 294.

### Alternative Health Fair returns to Valley

Dr. John Kaiser's HIV Health Fair will be presented in Phoenix on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 pm in the Cullen Auditorium on the campus of St. Joseph's Hospital, 350 West Thomas Road.

The San Francisco-based M.D. will lecture on Rebuilding Your Immune System and Healing From HIV. He's the author of the popular book,

*Immune Power* and a renowned expert in the field of mixing holistic and herbal therapies with conventional medicine in the treatment of HIV.

When Dr. Kaiser first lectured in Phoenix last August, more than 150 people attended his evening seminar. This year's event will feature free massages and acupuncture, information and exhibitor booths, and a light buffet supper. And once again, it's all underwritten by drug companies and local service organizations, so there's no charge to attendees.

For more information call (800) 514-7197 or call Mark Hoffman at Phoenix Body Positive, (602) 955-4673.

### Gay frat rushes into Fall

Phoenix's chapter of Delta Lambda Phi, a national gay fraternity, has announced their fall rush events schedule.

There will be a Pajama Jam Party kicking things off on Aug. 29, followed by bowling at the ASU Memorial Union on Monday, Aug. 31.

Saturday, Sept. 5 will feature a Pizza Party, and a dinner will be held at Pookie's Sept. 9. The final rush event will take place at Hooter's on Sept. 11.

Call (602) 248-5270 for more information.

### Gay Vets prepare to march

The Phoenix Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (PGLBVA) is making plans to join the 1998 Veterans Day Parade sponsored by the City of Phoenix and the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center. It will be the first time a G/L/B contingent has marched in the Phoenix Veterans Parade.

"Veteran's Day is a time to pay respect to all veterans who have served our country patriotically and courageously," according to Phoenix Chapter President Wally Straughn. "Our goal is to show respect for all veterans and to show that we have in fact always been there for our country. We have members who served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, so as patriotic veterans we've earned the right to march. The fact that we march behind a Gay and Lesbian banner is no more separatist than the Vietnam Veterans' banner, or the AMVETS banner."

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Straughn points out the irony that this year's parade slogan is "Let Freedom Ring" and still the US Military prohibits freedom of expression with its Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. "Imagine fighting for the freedom we enjoy in this country, yet having to be careful not to mention any reference to the gender of your partner. We don't want anything extraordinary, but we do want the same freedom we fought to secure for everyone else."

The chapter's first event was this year's Gay Pride Festival where uniformed veterans provided an Honor Guard. Straughn said the April event created a "great deal of interest" in the gay and lesbian community. He hopes their presence in the Veterans Day parade will promote respect and acceptance in the straight community.

### New foundation kicking off with Health Fest

The John M. Lehman Foundation, Inc. is presenting "A Celebration of Life!" at Bud Brown's Barn, 909 East Northern in Phoenix on Sept. 20 from 2 to 7 pm.

The Health Festival is the kick off party for the foundation, which was formed to aid terminally ill and life threatened individuals. There will be a number of Arizona non profit agencies participating in this event and the public is encouraged and invited to attend.

Live entertainment, raffles, surprise guests and food & drink will all be part of the festivities, and there is no

admission fee. Call (602) 275-3352 for information.

### Bowling for BBQ at the Cash

The Phoenix United Gay Bowling Association is sponsoring a Bowlers Kick Off party and BBQ at the Cash Inn on Saturday, Aug. 16 at 4 pm.

Seven different gay and lesbian leagues, bowling for fun and competition at four different Valley locations five days out of the week, make up the association. If you're interested in joining a league, the BBQ party will be a great way to find out which time & lane location are best suited to you.

Cash Inn Country is at 2120 East McDowell in Phoenix. Call Dan at (602) 503-0974.

### Ohh Ohh Waterworld

Phoenix Body Positive's Family Support Services program will be holding a fun family gathering at Waterworld on Saturday, Aug. 22.

The group will depart from PBP's headquarters near 32nd Street and Indian School at 10 am for a special day of fun in the sun (and the swim). PBP sponsored a day trip to Waterworld last year and this year they've booked just over 100 tickets.

You and your loved ones are considered part of PBP's family, and the folks at the Phoenix service organization want you to know everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Call Miranda at (602) 955-HOPE to register.

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**Fall Rush Schedule**

Saturday, August 29th	9:00 PM
<i>"Pajama Jam Party"</i> Fall Rush Kick-Off Party	
Monday, August 31st	7:30 PM
Bowling at the ASU Memorial Union	
Saturday, September 5th	8:00 PM
Pizza Party	
Wednesday, September 9th	7:00 PM
Dinner at Pookies	
Friday, September 11th	7:00 PM
Final Rush Event at Hooter's	

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- Sunday Aug 16:** Phoenix Unified Gay Bowling Alliance (PUGBA) sign-up party: everyone interested in joining a bowling league come on down for a \$5 Steak Fry, 4-8pm, along with door prizes, drink specials & other fun stuff!
- Friday Aug 21:** LADS Variety Show—the fun starts at 9pm!
- Friday Aug 28:** Anita Cocktail's Party: come support Anita, candidate for Miss Gay America! With Devina, Ms. Markus, Phaedra & Tiffany Rose. The fun starts at 8:45 with door prizes, a 50/50 raffle & more!



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# HIV education/information expo draws 500

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

The POZ Life Expo, held at the Embassy Suites in North Phoenix on July 31, drew more than 500 people according to organizers of the event. Conference attendees came to learn and share ideas about living with HIV and AIDS and to network with representatives of local agencies.

"We were very pleased, really happy with the Phoenix turnout," said POZ magazine's James Dale, Expo Coordinator. The event was produced by POZ and co-sponsored by AIDS, Medicine and Miracles, a Colorado-based organization.

A highlight of the day-long expo was the address given by the current Miss America, Kate Shindle, who has made the issue of HIV prevention the major part of her platform at speaking engagements and promotional opportunities throughout her reign.

Also appearing at the expo was HIV positive Playboy Playmate Rebekka Armstrong, who signed copies of the June, 1998 issue of POZ that featured her picture on the cover and in the centerfold.

Representatives from most of the AIDS/HIV service organizations in the state participated in the expo. A number of pharmaceutical companies, insurance agencies, viatical companies and other businesses interested in reaching the HIV/AIDS community also took part.

The event was preceded by a dinner meeting on July 30 that was hosted by POZ which brought together about three dozen leaders and activists from various local agencies to share ideas and discuss their frustrations about treatment and education in the continuing pandemic.

"The whole idea is to learn from other people and to get that sense of



Reigning Miss America, Kate Shindle, addressed those attending the POZ event.



Playmate Rebekka Armstrong (l), met with ADAP Coordinator Laura Kroger at Phoenix's Poz Life Expo.

community going in all these cities, all over the country," said Miguel Alvarez, one of the expo's coordinators. "Because we really believe that it's the people out there who are living with HIV every day who are going to make the difference and find the answers."

POZ Life Expos have been planned for more than 15 cities from June through October. The production

of the events is largely underwritten by drug companies and by The Playboy Foundation, so that attendance is free and open to anyone.

POZ magazine was founded in 1994 by Sean Strub, an HIV positive activist. The premiere issue featured Arizona resident Ty Ross, who was in attendance at the July event. Ross is the HIV positive and openly gay grandson of the late Barry Goldwater.

## Michigan Supreme Court: demand for AIDS test of waitress legal

LANSING, Mich. (AP)

A restaurant owner who demanded a waitress rumored to have AIDS be tested for the disease did not violate state civil rights laws, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled.

The court said the owner of Paradise Family Restaurant, Kostas Lagoudakis, was required by the state's public health code to be sure his employees were not infected with communicable diseases.

In the court's 6-1 decision released July 31, it said that some of the "opportunistic infections" to which AIDS patients are prone can be food or airborne. Because Lagoudakis' suspicion about waitress Dorene Sanchez wasn't unreasonable, there was no violation of her rights, the court said.

Ms. Sanchez was a waitress at the Coldwater restaurant in 1989 when a false rumor spread that she was infected with the AIDS virus. Tests confirmed she was not infected with

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

In the majority opinion, Justice Patricia Boyle stressed the decision addressed narrow circumstances and does not authorize discrimination against those "affected or suspected of being affected by AIDS."

But in her dissent, Justice Marilyn Kelly said the majority's decision "permits discrimination against those who have or are suspected to have AIDS," and sanctions forced medical testing of employees "because of a suspicion, based alone on rumor and innuendo."

Sanchez is entitled to \$491 in lost wages and tips.

Jay Kaplan, an attorney whose Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service has an HIV/AIDS legal service program, told the *Detroit Free Press* that the decision was "faulty."

"We know the virus can't be transmitted through casual contact, through food handling," he said.



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# Diamond backers & players heading to Atlanta

## Softball World Series in 22nd year

By Ty Robins, HeatStroke Contributor

**Y**ou're attending a ball game in the Valley. It's the bottom of the ninth, the bases are loaded and your favorite team is at bat.

But before the next batter even approaches the plate, he's already out. You don't mind, because the pitcher is out, too. Not to mention the catcher, the infield, the outfield and most of the spectators.

No, you're not tripping on a nitrate-laced weenie at Bank One Ballpark. This is Cactus League softball, where gay men and lesbians come together in the spirit of competition, fun and preoccupation with cup size.

And just like that team named for a certain variety of rattlesnake, these players hope to someday go to the World Series.

The gay World Series, that is, being held Aug. 11-15 in Atlanta. This year two Phoenix teams will be making the trip—Roscoe's Extreme and the Castle Boutique Players.

According to Cactus League

Pruitt, who is also a player, has been with the league since its beginning six years ago. "A man by the name of Don Welfh created this league by just putting up flyers one spring in all the different bars," he explains. "He had created a league in Pittsburgh so he had the type of experience to do this. That first year we had five teams. Over the years we've grown to have twenty one this year."

In addition to Pruitt, who has been Commissioner for the past two years, the current board of directors consists of Monty Fairchild as Assistant Commissioner of the Open Division, Secretary Chris Christensen and League Treasurer Mark Hoover. Charise Simpson is the current Women's Commissioner, with Assistant Debbie Teter and Secretary Deb Moyer. After the World Series, a new governing board is elected for the following year.

Pruitt plans to step down from his post this year, focusing his efforts on the Cactus Cup Tournament by serving as co-director of the annual April event. "It has actually become one of the top tournaments in the country, and one of the biggest," he says. "A long range goal is to look at possibly bidding for a World Series in the future. That's part of the reason I'm going to be a co-director for this tournament, so I can get the experience of running one."

Funding for the league is provided in part by player's fees, team sponsors and Cactus Cup proceeds. Travel expenses that the league is not able to cover are the

responsibility of the players themselves, who often hold fund-raisers with the help of their sponsors.

"We're looking at somewhere in the neighborhood of 127 teams," says Atlanta's Gregg Daugherty, making this the largest World Series ever. Daugherty is Director of Publicity for the Gay Softball World Series, now in its 22nd year.

"The skill level of play is phenomenal," Daugherty adds. "We're really thrilled to have everybody coming



here and we have lots of events planned. The designer genes are definitely kicking in!"

Coming on the heels of the Hotlanta River Expo, Daugherty expects the World Series to draw approximately 3100 players and several thousand spectators. "So we have

country club is not just used lightly. The fans will be able to sit inside in air conditioning. Full service bar, restaurant, waiters, pro shop—it's a country club to every extent." In addition to the logistical advantages, Daugherty expects the facility's nine fields to foster increased camaraderie to sustain a high energy level.

Nightly bar parties and circuit-type events will cater to the Atlanta attendees, while corporate sponsors like Miller Lite, Avis, United Airlines and Sports Authority will add to the visi-

bility of the tournament. Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell will throw the first pitch.

"Pick a day," Daugherty says, there's something going on—whether it's the opening ceremonies, women's parties or the Miss World Series drag pageant.

Back in Phoenix, Jack Pruitt reminisces about his first experience at the Gay Softball World Series. "I was just in awe at the size of the organization. I had no idea," he says.

"It was thrilling. You walk into this huge banquet room in a hotel and you have every major city in the country represented, and Canada. It's this huge gay organization, all gay teams. It's such a great sense of global community."

**"I have very high hopes for both of these teams. The Castle Boutique team is the highest caliber women's team we've ever sent to the World Series."**

that large circuit contingency, and a lot of folks who have just made vacations of it. They have the friend or whatever playing softball so they've planned an Atlanta vacation. Our hotels are booked. Rental cars are at a premium."

While no economic impact estimates have been done, Daugherty puts it this way: "The hotel and rental people are worshipping the quicksand we walk on!"

The World Series is hosted by the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA), which has member leagues in 35 cities.

This year, for the first time, the tournament will have the advantage of being held at a single venue. "It's called the Softball Country Club of the South," Daugherty says, "And



Commissioner Jack Pruitt, both teams have the potential to take home a title. "I have very high hopes for both of these teams. [Castle Boutique Players] is the highest caliber women's team we've ever sent to the World Series. I feel that they stand a really good chance of doing well."

Pruitt also feels that Roscoe's Extreme is the strongest team to represent the Cactus League in the men's C division. "They've both been working very hard," he said of the teams.


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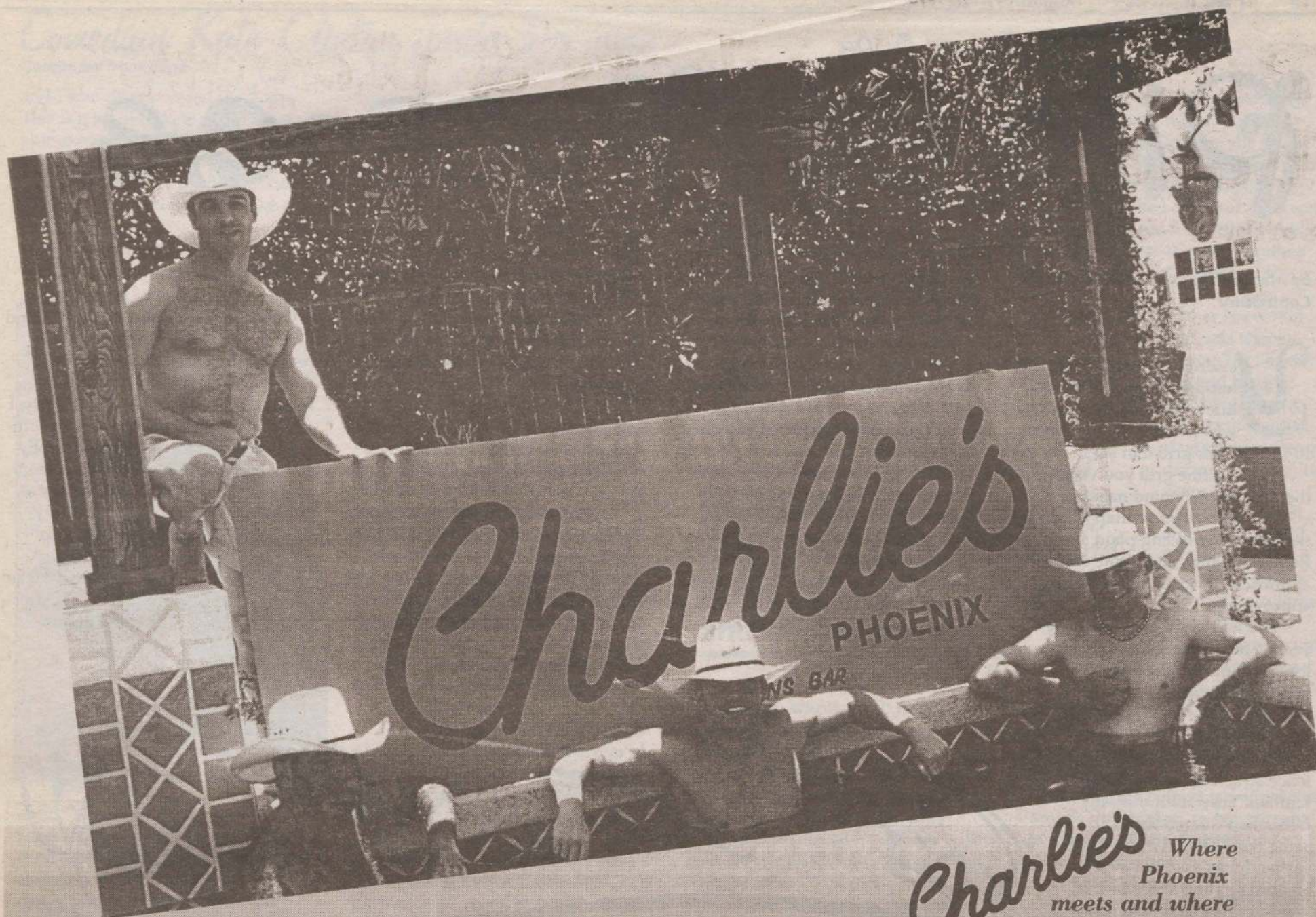
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My Queer Life

# Rite of Passage

By Michael Thomas Ford, HeatStroke Contributor

Yesterday I became a man. It happened in the checkout line of Home Depot, where I was waiting to pay for the 18-inch Weber grill that sat in my cart. "That's a fine grill you've got there," a voice behind me said.

The speaker was a man in his sixties. He was wearing plaid shorts, a Red Sox T-shirt, and white socks. He appraised my grill and nodded approvingly.

"I've had my Weber for thirty years," he told me. "You'll get a lot of use out of that baby if you treat her well."

"Yep, I can't wait to fire her up," I said proudly.

Something about that sentence struck me as sounding familiar. Then it hit me—my father had uttered the exact same words twenty-five years earlier. I was five. We were standing in line at K-Mart. It was summer. And he'd just purchased a new grill.

I still remember that grill. As soon as we got home, my father set it up in the back yard. He loaded it up with charcoal, ordered us all to stand back, and set a match to it. We all oohed and aahed as the flames leapt up, burned brightly for a few minutes, and then settled down to a dull glow.

From that moment on, the grill was the center of my dad's life. Every night that summer we waited patiently as he stood over the fiery embers, turning the hotdogs, flipping the burgers, and moving the pieces of chicken to just the right spot.

Like some kind of suburban alchemist, he mixed up secret barbecue sauces and developed his own peculiar rituals for getting the various items to cook just so. The rest of us were forbidden to touch the grill, or even to go near it.

"Get away from that!" my father would shriek as one of my sisters attempted to take another hot dog. Racing over, he would snatch the tongs from her hand. "You have to do

it a certain way," he explained patiently, carefully lifting the frank and setting it on her plate like an angel descending from heaven.

I was not, of course, the only boy whose father knew the magic of the grill. All across my neighborhood there were men who stood on patios at dusk, filling the skies with the thin smoke of roasting food. For those of us who stood by and watched, the grills became holy grails of sorts.

Sometimes during the day, while our fathers were at work, the boys of the neighborhood would congregate in a back yard. Unlocking the shed or garage where the grill of the house

ing of the all-important driver's permit.

For many gay men of my acquaintance, some of these modern-day manhood rituals were at least somewhat traumatic. The purchasing of a jock strap, for example, may have coincided with the discovery that one was not at all skilled in dribbling a ball from one end of a court to another.

The first school social, carrying with it the necessity of asking a girl to attend, might have brought terrors of enormous proportion as a young man realized that he would quickly need to develop a repertoire of excuses to

in hand, and I liked what I saw.

So off I trundled to Home Depot. It wasn't until I was in line and found myself discussing the merits of my new purchase that I thought of my father. When I did, I realized that finally, on the cusp of turning thirty, I felt like a grown-up. And it had nothing to do with the IRAs I'd dutifully contributed to, the books I'd written, or the many other little trappings of adulthood that now decorated my life. It was because I had my own grill.

I decided to invite my friend Jackie over to celebrate my manhood. After setting up the grill, I filled it with



was kept, we would stand around it, looking at this symbol of manhood whose secrets were as yet unknown to us. Even empty of glowing coals, they fascinated us. Their steel bowls held the promise of adulthood. The tools that hung from their specially-designed racks gleamed seductively. We dreamt of the day when they would be ours to wield.

Various cultures have their own special ways of marking the passing from childhood to adulthood.

Some send the young person out into the forest for a few days to fend for himself. Others mark the transition with dancing, and perhaps the killing of the largest goat.

In our society, the celebrations are usually less dramatic. Graduation parties. Trips to the mall for training bras or athletic supporters. The secur-

explain why he would prefer to stay home watching *Now, Voyager!* to dancing the night away with his peers.

As for myself, my own transition to adulthood went largely unnoticed.

I left high school before graduation. My first shave occurred while I was at camp. Because we lived in farming country, I was driving our truck long before I was legally allowed to, and only got a license years later, when I needed one for identification purposes.

No, for me becoming an adult was a journey with murky road marks. One day I was playing with blocks; the next I was paying my own rent on a studio apartment in New York. Somewhere in all of it, I forgot all about the grill. After all, gay men don't grill. We broil.

At least until yesterday. Warmed by the summer sun, I suddenly pictured myself standing by a grill, tongs

charcoal and lit it, just as my father had before me.

I waited until the coals were glowing warmly, then brought out the platter of steaks. Lifting one gently with my new tongs, I set it onto the grill and heard the beautiful sizzle that signaled my newfound status. I felt like howling in some primal way.

My euphoria lasted approximately thirty seconds. Then Jackie came over and snatched the tongs from my hand. "Get out of the way," she said, setting her sights on my steak. "You're doing it all wrong."



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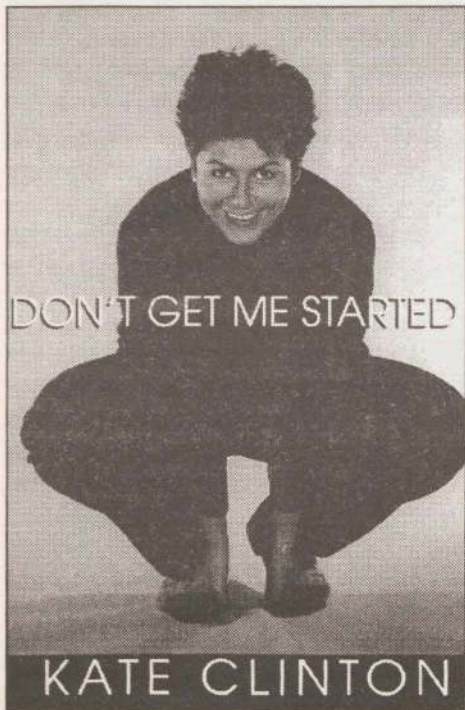
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## Comedian Kate Clinton speaks her mind

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and I was disappointed in Clinton. This is a lot like saying, 'I'm so disappointed in patriarchy.' . . . When he signed a bill eliminating welfare, just before his second presidential campaign, he made Nixon look like a liberal."

About Trent Lott and the right wing's recent attacks on gays, Clinton



says, "The economy's good. So, they need an issue, and we are it. They need a new enemy." To attract such attention, Clinton says that "we (gays) must be doing something right." Ultimately, Clinton feels that

Lott's efforts will fail because of the "profound fair-mindedness of most Americans."

But gays aren't the only ones under attack. "It's just not going so well for straight people," Clinton says, referring to the Monica Lewinsky scandal. This scandal illustrates the biggest challenge facing comics today—it's harder to be funnier than the truth, Clinton observes.

Clinton's theory is that one problem with America right now is that people are more interested in cultural than in political events. She believes that people have lost the ability to analyze.

"What we get is communication with facts and no analysis, or cockamamie analysis that comes out of nowhere," she observes. Other problems include materialism and the increasing speed of change. Today's mania is "millenium driven," Clinton speculates, and people are drinking more and more coffee just to keep up.

"Everybody's drinking too much damn coffee and working 90-hour weeks," she observes.

To escape this coffee-fueled craziness, Clinton spends half the year in her Provincetown home, far away from the frenetic pace of her New York home, which she refers to as the "office."

Clinton shares both homes with writer and activist Urvashi Vaid, her partner of 10 years. In her latest comedy album, Clinton jokes that she and

Vaid recently tried couples therapy, something she had always ridiculed in her previous skits. The therapy was a success, she reports, but there has been a down side—the "annoying skills" they picked up have "ruined fighting for life."

Whether she's talking about her personal life or politics, Clinton view of the world is irreverent and satiric. This viewpoint is at odds with her innocent appearance.

Clinton, a former high school English teacher, describes herself as

**"After Mary Matalin introduced me, she warned me that she was a practicing conservative, Republican and Roman Catholic. I paused and said, 'I'm wet.'"**

"annoyingly wholesome" in appearance. One friend calls her the "Campbell's soup kid."

She may look innocent, but her words are anything but. In her book, Clinton gives this account of her guest appearance on *Equal Time* with political opposites Mary Matalin and Jane Wallace:

"Mary was like every cigarette-smoking, Catholic high school bad

girl in a rolled-up school uniform skirt that I'd ever had a crush on. After she introduced me, she warned me that she was a practicing conservative, Republican and Roman Catholic. I paused and said, 'I'm wet.' Old Jane blew out a mouthful of her beverage and never really regained her composure for the rest of the interview."

Clinton says that her irreverent response to the world was shaped during the 60s watching *The Smothers Brothers* and *Laugh In* and reading *Mad* magazine.

Addressing sullen classroom audiences during her teaching years (what she calls "the hardest work I ever did") further developed her comedy skills and ability to forge ahead, she says.

Clinton has come a long way since she quit teaching

and started performing in 1981. Her book, published by Ballantine, is now in its fourth printing and has sold 27,000 copies.

Whether the subject is politics, her Catholic upbringing, or her personal life, Clinton can be counted on to deliver the laughs.



## Actor and Comic Jason Stuart set to play the Orpheum

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He has also played a rude kitchen worker in *Vegas Vacation* and an aggressive waiter in *Cross My Heart*. Of his role in *Kindergarten Cop*, Stuart says, "I played the hairdresser because that's what gay people do. I laughed. I cried. I teased their hair."

Recently, he guest starred on *The Drew Carrey Show*, playing the "officious" manager of an appliance department.



Jason Stuart and cast members on the set of *The Drew Carrey Show*.

Stuart also has his serious side. Due out next year is a dramatic film, *Southern Man*, in which he plays a "sweet, shy country boy," a teacher who is murdered after he is accused of being gay. He also

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had a dramatic role in the critically acclaimed HBO movie *Gia*, now out on videotape. His acting career also includes roles in a number of theater productions.

The thespian cum Laugh Man describes his comedic style as "stream of consciousness," in the manner of Sandra Bernhard and Richard Lewis.

Using a conversational technique, Stuart discusses his feelings about his personal and professional life in what he calls "gay comedy for the whole family."

Stuart says his comedy is less risqué than that of some other comics. "Some people think you're risqué just for being gay. I talk about dating. I'm more romantic. I want dinner. Mine is more about the food and the going out than the actual act. I want to do the act."

His material is less political than Ms. Clinton's, Stuart says, and "more about how things affect me." Stuart, who started on the mainstream comedy circuit 15 years ago, says that he was "scared to death" when he first began appearing before gay audiences and that Clinton helped to reassure him during one of these early appearances—at San Diego Gay Pride.

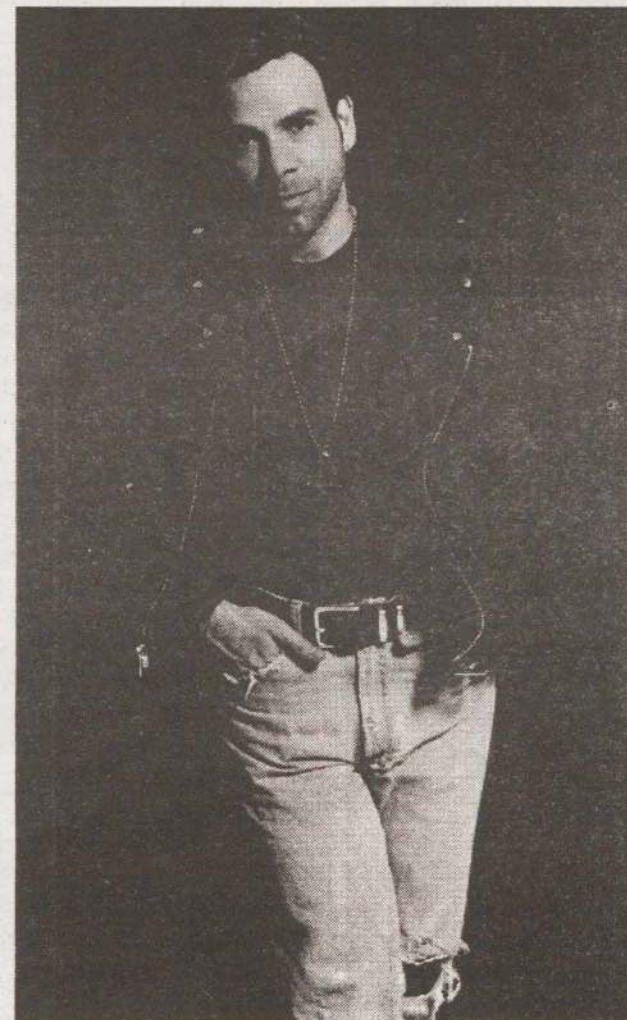
"It's a different set up,"

Stuart says, explaining the difference between the Pride audience and a mainstream crowd. "The jokes are the same, but the set up is different. And it's also outside, so you have to compete with God and naked boys."

Stuart wasn't even out as an entertainer until four years ago while appearing on *Geraldo*. Since then, he has been performing as an openly gay comic. Last October, he appeared on Comedy Central's *Out There in Hollywood*, an annual program showcasing gay and lesbian comics.

Stuart, who has hosted Human Rights Fund dinners and AIDS benefits, says that the current tour is sponsored by The Experience workshop. He credits the organization with introducing him to a network of supportive gay people.

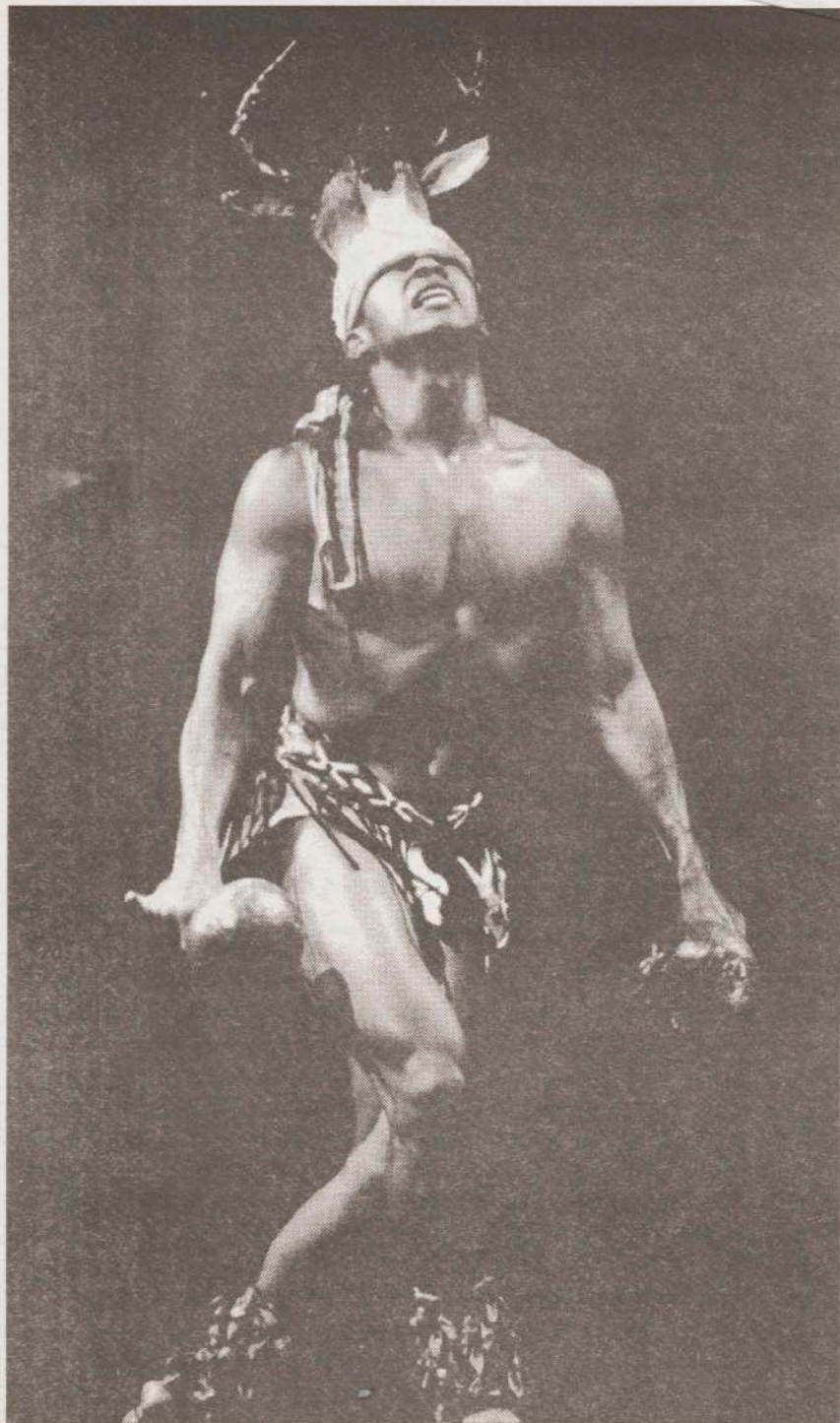
Stuart also has a web site—[www.jasonstuart.com](http://www.jasonstuart.com)—for anyone wanting more



information about him or The Experience. Now, that's a guy in the fast lane.



Stuart and Clinton will be appearing at 7 pm Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix. The performance is a benefit for The Community Center. For information, contact the center at (602) 265-7283. Tickets are also available through Dillard's and Obelisk: The Bookstore. They are \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door or \$40 for both the performance and a reception with the comics.



## Film festival will showcase pair's 30-year collaboration

Fourteen films produced by Ismail Merchant and directed by his longtime collaborative companion James Ivory will be screened in the Valley during Harkins Theatres' summer film fest, *Views of Merchant Ivory*, beginning Aug. 21.

The program spans the years 1963 to 1995, and will showcase the scope and variety of Merchant Ivory productions—including their celebrated period dramas and a sprinkling of obscure, independent projects—from Europe, India and the U.S.

U.S. films presented will be *Slaves of New York*, *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*, *The Bostonians*, *The Europeans*, and *Roseland*. European works on the schedule are *Jefferson in Paris*, *The Remains of the Day*, *Howards End*, *Quartet*, and the 1987 gay classic, *Maurice*.

Rarely seen in America (and for the most part, never shown in Phoenix) are the pair's Indian films. Included in the Harkins program will be *Heat and Dust*, *Shakespeare Wallah*, *In Custody*, and the duo's first effort from 1963, *The Householder*.

The festival will run exclusively at the



Harkins Camelview 5 Theatres at 7001 East Highland in Scottsdale and runs through Sept. 3. A full festival pass will cost \$40 and individual screenings will set filmgoers back \$6 apiece.

## A world of dance heading to Phoenix for 1998-99 season

Southwest Dance has announced its seventh season and the Phoenix-based company will be bringing "Seven Wonders of the World of Dance" to the Valley from all corners of the Earth.

The new season will begin in September with Ballet Folklórico de Mexico on September 25 & 26 at the Orpheum in downtown Phoenix. Internationally acclaimed Ballet National du Senegal will perform in October, at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts October 2 & 3.

The fall lineup will continue in November with National Acrobats of China at Symphony Hall on November 9. This will be the Chinese troupe's Arizona debut.

In January, the season contin-

ues with the Paris Opera Ballet Ensemble at Symphony Hall on January 11. Tango Buenos Aires will follow on January 25 at the Orpheum.

The Russian National Ballet will appear on February 5 at the Orpheum, performing Bizet's "Carmen Suite" and Minkus/Petipa's "Paquita".

The season will conclude in March with a truly American presentation when the BYU Folk Ensemble performs at the Orpheum on March 13. This Brigham Young University company has performed all over the U.S. and in more than 30 countries.

For more information on these dance events or for a season brochure, call Southwest Dance at (602) 482-6410.



## And the contest continues

This summer's hottest rerun has just been extended by three weeks. It's live, lovely and loaded with laughs, and you won't find it in your TV guide.

In Mixed Company's reprisal of *Pageant*, that hair-sprayed sendup of beauty contests featuring six unlikely dolls competing for the "Miss Glamouresse" title, continues downtown at Phoenix's Herberger Theatre Center through August 30.

The production drew a huge response and sold out the Herberger's Stage West during its first Valley run in the summer of '97, so IMCO's honchos brought back the same cast and crew for this re-staging.

The fun continues at 8 pm Wednesdays through Saturdays and at 2 pm & 7 pm on Sundays. Tickets are \$15.50 - \$22.50 and available by calling (602) 252-8397.



## Rocket Man to touch down in Valley Aug. 17

Gay Brit piano plunker Elton John's three decade career in pop music will be showcased when he brings a bit of his legendary flamboyance to the America West Arena in downtown Phoenix on Aug. 17.

He's been a consistent chart topper since the '70s and today represents a scant handful of uncloseted international superstars—his tribute to England's Princess Di was last year's top selling song. Tickets for the show are \$49.50.

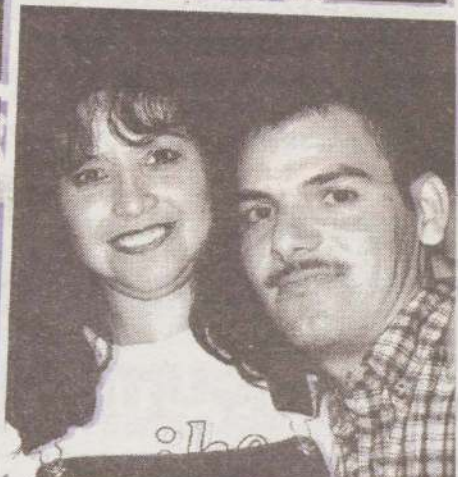
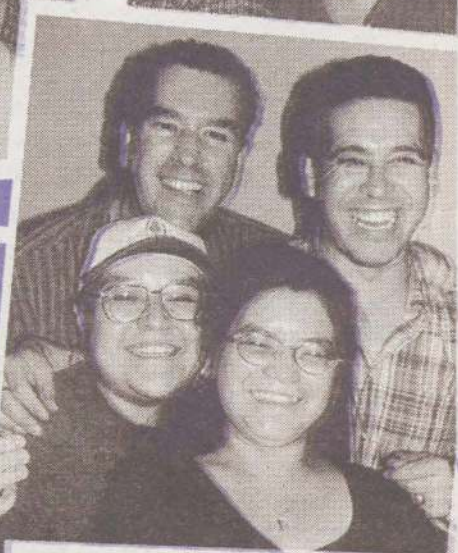
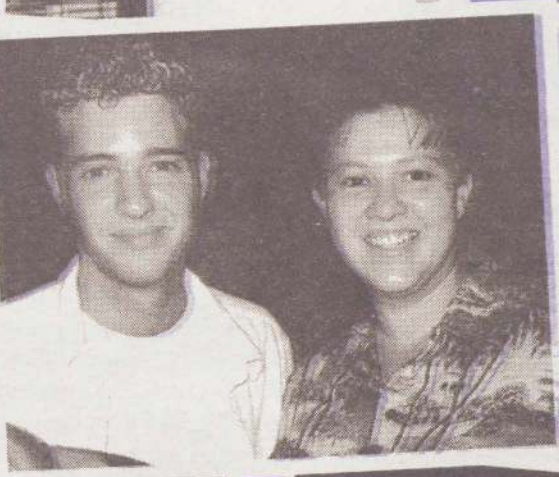
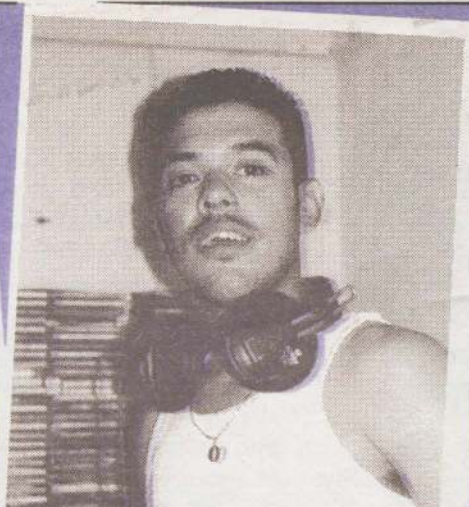
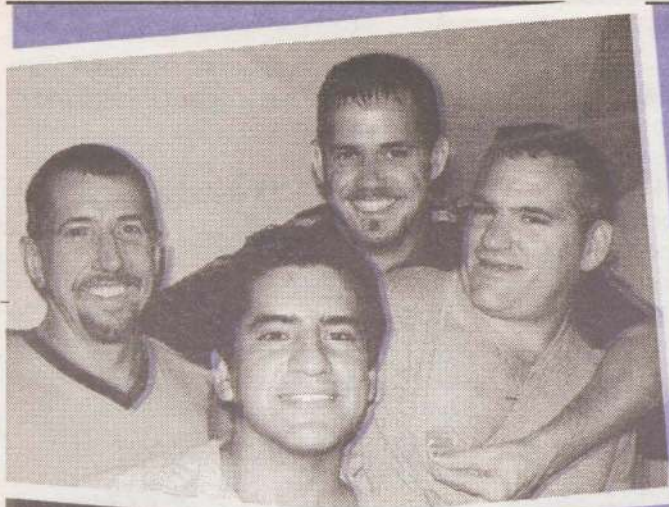


## Velvet Rope swinging into Phoenix

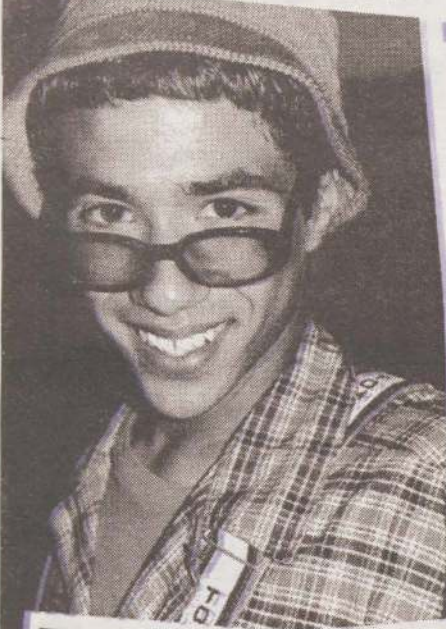
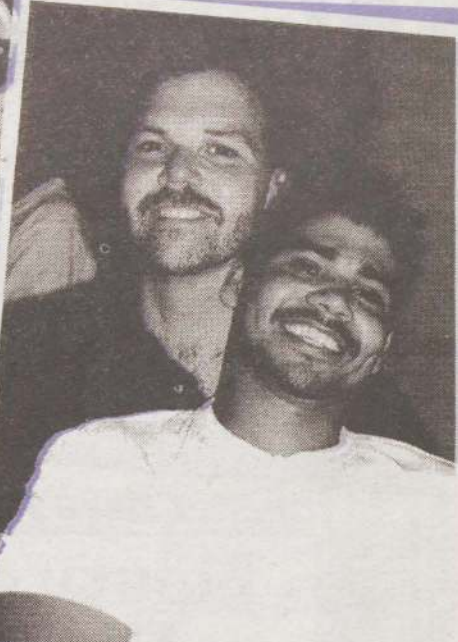
Conventional Wisdom said big solo shows like this wouldn't sell in the summer of 1998, that Janet's trademark R&B dance/production numbers with her sultry come-ons and upbeat lyrics were all "too '80s."

But they forgot who was in control. Miss Jackson's Velvet Rope Tour has packed houses and astonished critics throughout the U.S. since she brought the new act to our shores earlier this year following a successful preview in Europe and Asia.

The lady with the moves and the 16 gold singles will bust into America West Arena for one show on Aug. 26 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$26.95 - \$75.05.



**Paco Paco**  
Photos by Mario Rodriguez



# Notable Quotes

## Newsmakers, Celebrities & Others Speak Out

Compiled by Rex Wockner



"I really want to thank you for being here because your being here gives me the chance to help my daughter love whoever the fuck she wants."

—Actress Kathy Najimy (*Sister Act, Veronica's Closet*) from the stage of San Diego gay pride, July 25.

"Being Jewish, would I have to go through a 24-step program instead of a 12-step program?"

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., on the full-page ads in national daily newspapers featuring "ex-gays" who claim to have turned straight with Jesus' help, to the *San Francisco Examiner*, July 17.

"They have to convert our agenda into something aggressive. Two guys wanting to be happy together are invading their marriages. Helping a kid who's getting beaten up in school is promoting homosexuality. If you gave me a million dollars, I wouldn't

know how to promote homosexuality. Do I hire Don King?"

—U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., on anti-gay activists, to the *San Francisco Examiner*, July 17.

"Much of the vocal criticism of muscle boy culture is being put forward by men who are approaching or who have entered middle age. Members of a generation of gay men who were in their twenties and thirties in the 1970s and early 1980s are now in their forties, fifties, and sixties. A generation gap has emerged and a clash is occurring—baby boomers against generation Xers. Rather than address their own misgivings about aging, ageism, and the gay sexual cultures they inhabited in the 1970s and 1980s, some men may be transferring a powder keg of fears, disappointments, guilt, and rage onto young gay men and their emerging post-AIDS cultures."

—From Eric Rofes' new book *Dry Bones Breathe: Gay Men Creating Post-AIDS Identities and Cultures*.

"My concern with [author Larry] Kramer's guilt-trippy screeds is not only the profound hatred for gay men that suffuses his analysis and oozes out of his mean-spirited prose, but the ineffectiveness of constructing public health strategy around such harangues. Kramer performs as our community's neighborhood bully as he aggressively strong-arms lesbians to sever their ties to gay men, threatens AIDS organizations who dare lend their name to circuit parties, and attempts to coerce gay male youth into embracing his paranoid visions of apocalypse now."

—From Eric Rofes' new book *Dry Bones Breathe: Gay Men Creating Post-AIDS Identities and Cultures*.

"I have to admit that I was one of those who initially found [lesbian writer] Camille Paglia—college professor, professional loose cannon and author of *Sexual Personae*—to be amusing. I found her fascination with Madonna to be interesting and quirky. Her bombast on other topics seemed genuine and harmless, despite entreaties from friends and colleagues of mine who warned that, while Paglia seemed dedicated to countering cherished PC dogma, she was really only about promoting Camille. Dear Everyone: I'm sorry. Sometimes one is so wrong, those two words are about all you can say—except perhaps to add emphasis: I'm sorry I was so *absolutely* wrong. And to the critics of this newspaper who warned me about giving Paglia a platform: You were right. What an utter screwball Prof. Paglia has

turned out to be."

—Jeff Epperly, editor of the Boston gay newspaper *Bay Windows*, in a July 2 editorial.

"Recent Republican attacks on homosexuality point to an urgent need at the GOP homestead for some new electronics. When President Clinton seeks a picture of national attitudes, he uses his built-in satellite dish. He gets excellent reception. By contrast, Republican leaders rely on an old TV antenna. They get maybe three channels."

—*Providence (R.I.) Journal-Bulletin* columnist Froma Harrop, July 16.


"Even the founders of these ex-gay ministries aren't 'cured' of anything, and often go right back to being gay. Ultimately, these groups have no interest in loving gays—they just want to exploit the hatred of homosexuals through fundraising. We are the modern-day 'red scare,' and the easiest buck in town."

—Tracy Baim, editor of *Chicago's Nightlines*, in her July 15 "Off The Cuffs" column.

"Homosexuality is not a disease and needs no 'cure.' For all the tough-love sentiments, the real agenda of this \$200,000 Christian Coalition-Family Research Council media blitz is not to heal but to divide Americans for political advantage. By pushing the false premise that homosexuality is not an innate human condition but a sinful choice that can be reversed

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through prayer and counseling, the ad's sponsors are putting it in the same category as kleptomania and alcoholism, much as did Senator Lott (whose name is invoked in the ads)."

—New York Times columnist Frank Rich, July 22.

"Treating gay and lesbian people as if they are sub-human is a violation of the gospel. It is a dagger aimed at the heart of the gospel. We would have the church bless and the state recognize faithful, committed lifetime gay and lesbian relationships. Unless the church blesses gay and lesbian relationships and encourages them to be faithful, the church will encourage them to become promiscuous because that is the only alternative."

—Newark, N.J., Episcopalian Bishop Jack Spong at the once-a-decade gathering of Anglican bishops in Canterbury, England, July 20.

"The Anglican communion has had gay archbishops, gay bishops and gay priests since the dawn of time. The only difference is that we are now being honest about it. I have got 30 out-of-the-closet gay and lesbian priests in my diocese, which is a minuscule one."

—Newark, N.J., Episcopalian Bishop Jack Spong, July 20.

"The use of the term 'practicing homosexual' is pejorative. That is almost as bad as using the 'N' word to describe colored people. Christian groups have insulted gays so often and for so many years with such negativity that my only hope is that we don't issue an insulting statement about gays at this conference. ... It is a justice issue that is just as compelling as being opposed to apartheid in South Africa or to genocide in Rwanda."

—Newark, N.J., Episcopalian Bishop Jack Spong, July 20.

"This is a very touchy situation. I wouldn't think it would go over well, a player in this clubhouse saying he was gay. It would be uncomfortable, for sure. At least at first."

—Chicago Cubs second baseman Mickey Morandini, when asked how a teammate would be received if he came out as gay, to the *Miami Herald*, July 19.

"A gay person would probably get into a lot of fights in the clubhouse. Taking showers with people, having them look at you, it would cause a problem."

—Chicago Cubs center-fielder Lance Johnson when asked how a teammate would be received if he came out as gay, to the *Miami Herald*, July 19.

"There's always Sigourney Weaver; I love a girl you can shimmy up. She's one tall drink of water, that one. She's my go-to girl, definitely. And I've been getting a thing for Uma Thurman lately. A total thing. Her and Cameron Diaz—I've just been losing my mind over her lately. ... It's hard for me to separate the talent from the beauty. Except for

Sandra Bullock, because I don't find her talented at all, but I'd bang her in a second! I'd do her in front of my parents."

—Actress and comedian Lea Delaria to Oregon's *Just Out*, July 17.

"What's happened is I've become a Broadway star. Everyone is saying I'm the hot new thing. ... The industry is banging down my door. And when you get your start running around a stage swinging a double-headed dildo, you don't think anyone will ever give you a chance. Right now I'm like, I can do anything."

—Actress and comedian Lea Delaria to Los Angeles' *Frontiers*, July 24.

"I've been where Ellen's been, I've been at that place where I thought I was doing good and that the world should thank me. And I got high and mighty. And I look back at that time, especially some of the work I did at the time, and I see it as flawed. As an artist, I see it as flawed: I see the politics overwhelming the comedy, and comedy is good on its own. I do have an agenda, I do have a goal, I'm not about nothing, right. I saw about three [episodes of *Ellen*] this year and I think I liked one, and my feeling was that it was doing good."

—Gay actor Scott Thompson (*Kids In The Hall*, *The Larry Sanders Show*) to Los Angeles' *Frontiers*, July 24.

"My work turns over the rock and looks at the worms and the maggots underneath. Ellen's show turned over the rock and pretended there were candies underneath. A lot of that kind of work, to me, ignores the ugliness. I'm sort of a pariah because I try to tell the truth, and historically, people aren't always really interested in the truth. Not to shit on Ellen. I think she's hilarious. But I really do think the show got caught up in activism and became hijacked by those—I don't even know how to describe those people—by the fascists ... GLAAD."

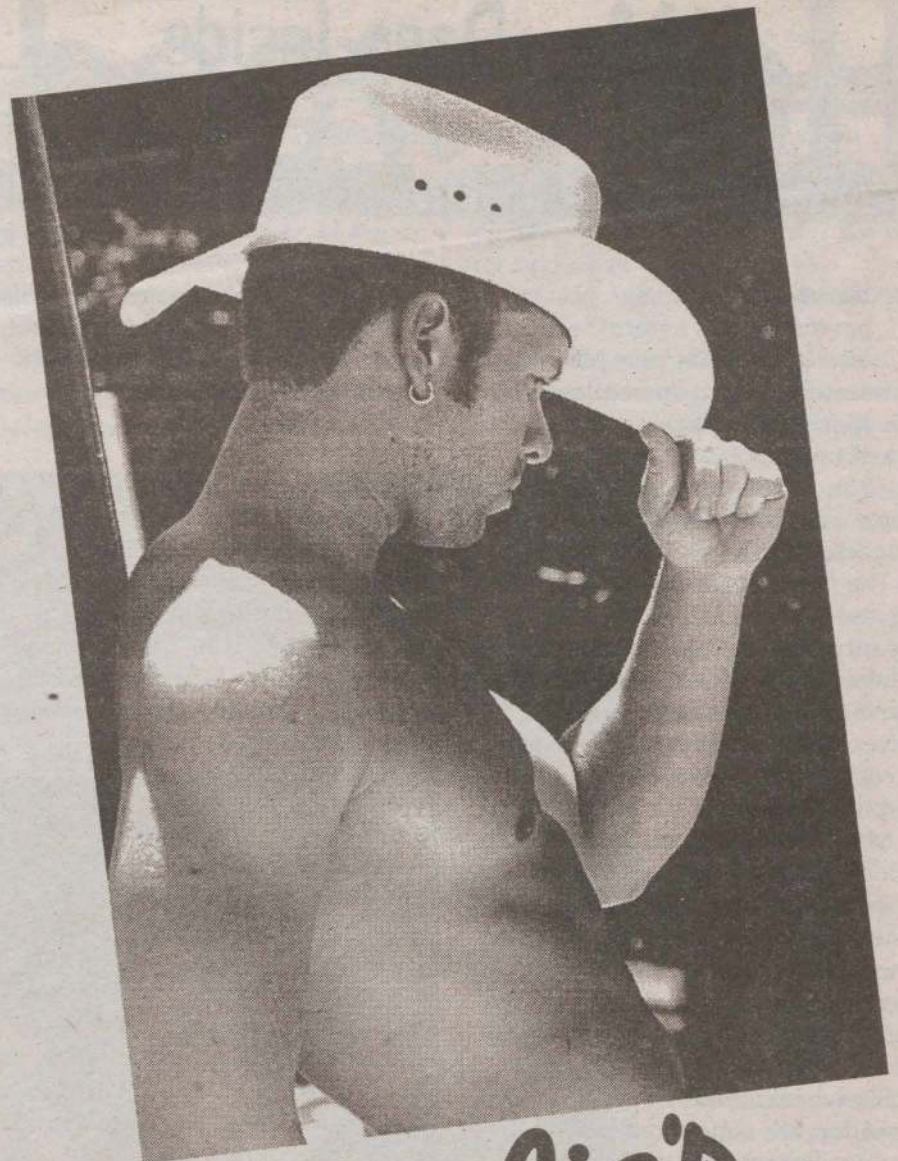
—Gay actor Scott Thompson to *Salon* magazine, July 23.

"Never, never work. I've lived in New York for 18 years and I've never worked. Like Blanche DuBois, I rely on the kindness of strangers."

—Gay writer-actor Quentin Crisp, 89, to the *San Antonio Express News*, July 13.

"The Pride committee ... needs to preserve the parade's community integrity. It's a Pride parade, after all, and it's not too much to ask that floats have a vague association with the event. Or perhaps, in order to have a float, corporate participants would be required to contribute to a fund for community floats. The parade could be truly stunning if some of the creative ideas you see at Pride — obviously produced on a shoestring budget — had the resources for a grander production more befitting a parade."

—Editorial in Toronto's *Xtra!* written by Publisher David Walberg, July 16.



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# Hollywood Deep Inside

By Romeo San Vicente, HeatStroke Contributor

## Breakout hit?

*Will and Grace*, the new NBC sitcom featuring a gay man (played by Eric McCormack) living with a straight woman, is generating positive buzz among critics, many of whom are calling it the best of the peacock network's fall originals.

The pilot was described as touching and humorous, though "Will" is, big surprise, portrayed as more asexual than queer. However, his best friend (to be played by Sean P. Hayes, "Billy" in the hit independent movie *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss*, is said to be a flamer.

Meanwhile, Nathan Lane's new sitcom, *Encore!*, is in trouble. One of the biggest problems is said to be Lane, who critics found less-than-convincing as a womanizing former opera singer. That would be kind of like asking John Goodman to play the lead in *The Kate Moss Story*.

Elsewhere on the TV front, Susan Sarandon has announced plans to produce *Prayers for Bobby*, for airing on NBC sometime next season.

The movie, based on pioneering gay journalist Roy Aarons' book of the same name, tells the true story of Mary Griffith, a mother who prays her homosexual son will be "healed" only to have him commit suicide. Griffith went on to become a gay rights activist.

NBC loves those cheap "ripped from the headlines," movies-of-the-week, but bravo for this one, which couldn't be more timely in the face of the far right's media campaign advocating that homosexuals and lesbians can be "cured."

Meanwhile, you may have watched *Philadelphia* when it aired for the first time on network television August 9th on CBS. Wonder why it took so long to get to free TV?

Well, CBS has owned the rights to broadcast the groundbreaking film for two years, but, due to "sensitive subject matter," the movie remained shelved.

Disney's ABC may have received the most attention for its homo-reticence, but this incident is further proof that no network shies from controversy as aggressively as CBS.

And speaking of reactionaries, the folks over at the Parents Television

Council recently announced their list of shows depicting "bad family values." Topping the list: *Ellen* and the Kevin Williamson-produced *Dawson's Creek*.

## The Indecisive Girl

What's up with Madonna?

First she wavers about playing Maggie the Cat in a London stage production of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Now she has bowed out of director Wes Craven's next film, *50 Violins*.



Susan Sarandon has announced she will produce Roy Aarons' *Prayers for Bobby* for NBC.

The decision was said to be mutual, though rumors had her being dropped because of excessive demands. Her departure is strange, though, considering she spent three months learning to play the violin for the role of the real-life Roberta Tzavaris, a New York instructor who taught inner-city children how to play the instrument.

Craven (*Scream*) and Madonna reportedly disagreed on how the character should be played

On the personal front, Madonna was recently spotted in Manhattan dining with Sony recording honcho Tommy Mottola, Mariah Carey's ex-husband. Strictly business, they say.

Meanwhile, Madonna's brother, Christopher Ciccone, is said to be dating openly gay actor Wilson Cruz, of *My So-Called Life* fame.

## The Queen's English

Rapper Queen Latifah said recently she doesn't care if people think she's gay, adding that she'll never answer that question.

The rumors have always circled the rap goddess, who played a lesbian in the 1996 film *Set it Off*. They were inflamed by her new sexually explicit single, "Get off Minez," which is lyrically ambiguous as to the object of her affections.

In other diva news, the bid to find a cure for homosexuality was taken to

episode entitled "Big Gay Al's Big Gay Boat Ride."

Trey Parker and Matt Stone now take their warped (and I mean that in the best way) view of tolerance to the big screen in the just-released *Basketball*.

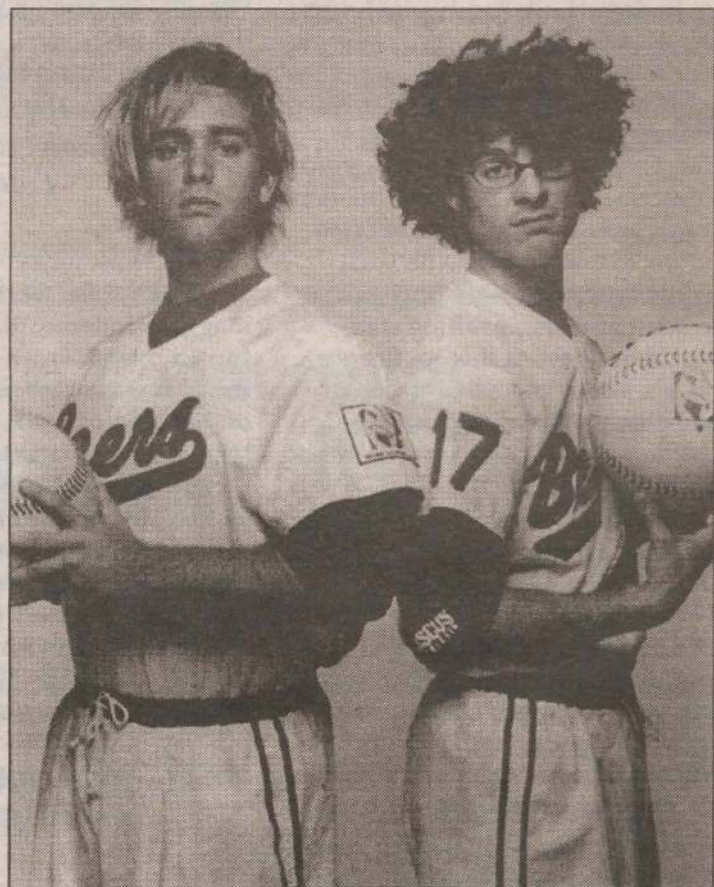
Though the film is clearly aimed for the Adam Sandler set, one scene features the animators turned actors in a full-out, deep-tongue kiss. And one of the teams in this sports parody is named the San Francisco Ferries, whose male cheerleaders are well-endowed and appear nearly naked.

The duo's next movie is *Orgazmo*, a porn industry spoof scheduled for release in October by October Films. The producers are trying to lobby the Motion Picture Association of America to reconsider the NC-17 rating given to the film.

## Stardust Memories

David Bowie is returning to his roots, bringing back his old Ziggy Stardust ambisexual persona for a new movie and double-disc soundtrack.

The glam icon was created in 1972 and led to a top-selling album, a sold-



On our team? *South Park* creators Trey Parker (l) and Matt Stone trade saliva in *Basketball*.

new lengths recently by a San Rafael, Calif. psychiatric patient who believes Fleetwood Mac songstress Stevie Nicks is a witch and can cure him of his desire towards other men. Nicks has been granted a restraining order against the man.

## Acting is the Best Revenge

Is revenge best served on stage? *Cybill* co-star Christine Baranski may be thinking just that in her bid to play an aging sitcom star in a new play to be directed by Mike Nichols.

Baranski reportedly never got along with series star *Cybill* Shepherd, and she wasn't the only one to have such problems. The writer of the play is former *Cybill* executive producer Howard Gould, and of course everyone speculates the character he's written is based on Shepherd.

Baranski picked up yet another Emmy nomination for her role on *Cybill*, as did the creators of *South Park*, who received a nod for outstanding animated program for their

out tour and a film of what was then said to be the *Spiders from Mars*' final show.


Bowie has not said whether he will play Ziggy in the new movie, and his age, 51, may lessen those prospects. Especially since "Major Tom" has made such a big deal recently of his devotion to heterosexuality.

## For the Record

If you've been wondering, like me, whether Brad Rowe, the studly boy-toy of *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss* is as sexually ambiguous as the character he portrayed in the movie, here's the word. Rowe, a Milwaukee native, is a breeder.

Typical Midwestern blond!

Romeo San Vicente, who would've gladly volunteered to save Private Ryan, can be reached in care of HeatStroke or at RSVicente@aol.com.



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# Out of Town

## New Orleans —by Day

By Andrew Collins, HeatStroke Contributor

For gay tourists, New Orleans has long been a hot spot. Not only does it have an infamous bar scene, but also streets packed with historic homes (many open to the public), antiques shops and quirky galleries, and generally tolerant residents—it's the tourists from conservative neighboring regions that same-sex couples might want to be cautious around.

The occasional run-in with the occasional "bubba" notwithstanding, gays and lesbians will always be among the most loyal defenders of the city's unofficial motto: *Laissez les bons temps rouler* (Let the good times roll).

The layout of New Orleans is tricky for newcomers. Locals don't use such directional cues as "east," "west," "south," and "north," so leave your compass at home.

The city is sandwiched between Lake Pontchartrain and the murky Mississippi River, whose shore curves around the city—hence the nickname, the "Crescent City". So listen instead for directional references to the lake, the river, or a particular neighborhood.

Some of the nation's finest examples of late-18th-century and 19th-century residential architecture line the streets of the French Quarter, which fringes the river.

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Virtually every restaurant in the French Quarter (a.k.a. Vieux Carre, which residents pronounce voo-cair-

eeh) is gay-popular, as is every hotel and bar or music venue.

Bourbon Street is the Quarter's most famous address, but Decatur Street is a better walking thoroughfare; it's less chaotic and commercial and more diverse, still touristy, but home to good, cheap eateries and off-beat shops.

Off Decatur is the entrance to



Ancient live oak trees punctuate Uptown's gracious Audubon Park.

Jackson Square, the historic center of the French Quarter. Behind the gloriously landscaped square is the stunning late-18th-century St. Louis Cathedral. William Faulkner once resided at 624 Pirate's Alley, which is one of two alleys (Pere Antoine is the other) that cut beside the cathedral between Chartres (pronounced "Charters") and Royal streets. At 632 St. Peter Street is the house (now private) in which Tennessee Williams lived when he penned *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Many antiques shops and galleries can be found along Chartres and Royal streets, as can the wonderful open-air French Market, where you can buy everything from local crafts to regional culinary specialties—hot sauces, bits of "jerked" alligator, gumbo mixes, etc.

Across from the entrance to Jackson Square are steps leading to

the Mississippi River and Woldenberg Riverfront Park, which is a relaxing place to explore day or night. The park leads to the Aquarium of the Americas, a state-of-the-art facility where marinelife swim in some 60 exhibits.

The neighborhood just downriver from the Quarter—across tree-shaded Esplanade Avenue—is Faubourg

that has become the center of an avant-garde arts scene.

From Canal Street, you can take the streetcar along St. Charles Avenue for several miles clear out to Carrollton Avenue. This trip takes in the city's Uptown and Riverbend neighborhoods and reveals house museums, churches, and the exteriors of beautiful private homes (many of which form the setting for Anne Rice's creepy gothic and queer-popular novels).

Such attractions as Audubon Park and Zoo; Loyola and Tulane universities; and the courtly Garden District round out this part of town.

To see the homes and gardens that give the Garden District its name and allure, alight at the Washington Avenue stop and walk a block down Washington to Prytania Street. Follow Prytania back toward the Quarter all the way

to First Street (about five blocks).

Not far from the Garden District, Magazine Street is an outstanding antiques and art-gallery row. A walk along this engaging street reveals a side of the city rarely encountered in the touristy French Quarter.

Here you'll discover both restored and dilapidated homes, mundane and exotic businesses, a workaday commingling of gay and straight subcultures, and all the evidence you'll ever need that New Orleans is indeed an authentic working metropolis and not merely the wild sideshow it is perceived to be by visitors who never get beyond Bourbon Street.

Andrew Collins recently authored the greatly expanded second edition of *Fodor's Gay Guide to the USA*, as well as six gay guides covering the West Coast, New York City, South Florida, and Amsterdam. He can be reached in care of *HeatStroke* or at [gayfodors@aol.com](mailto:gayfodors@aol.com)



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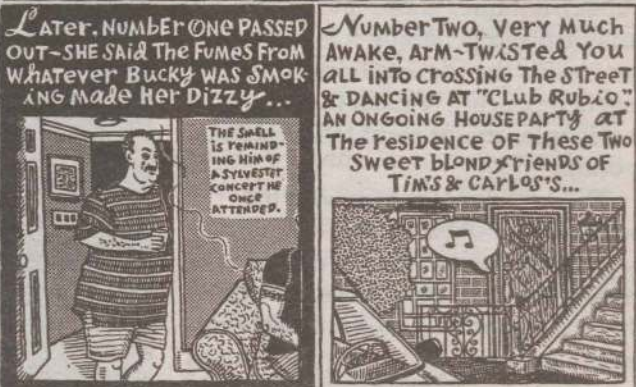
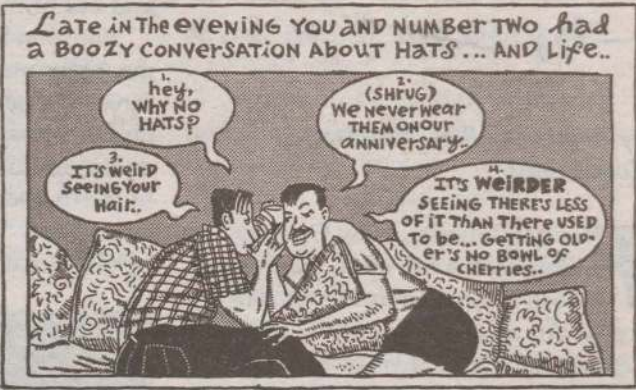
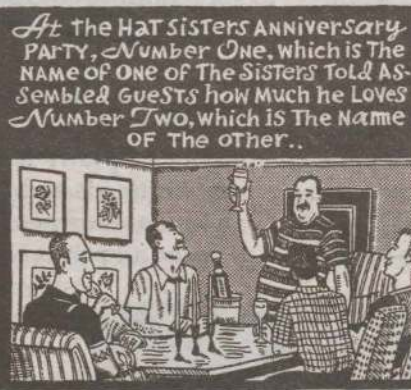
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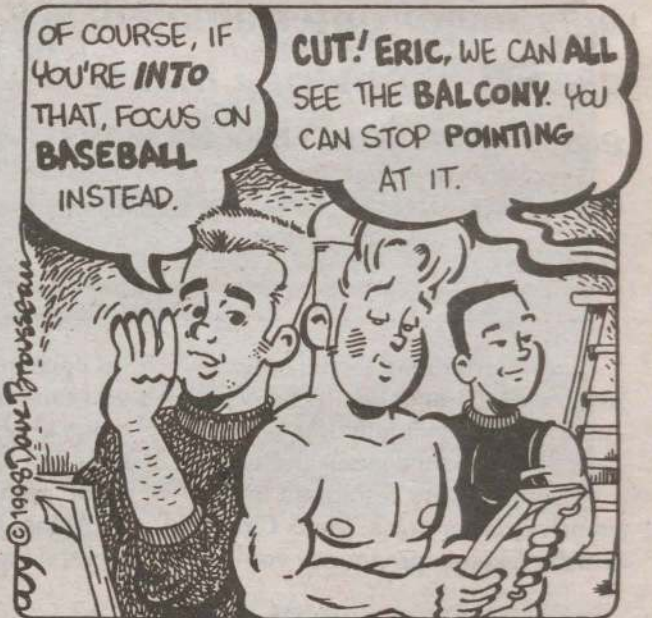
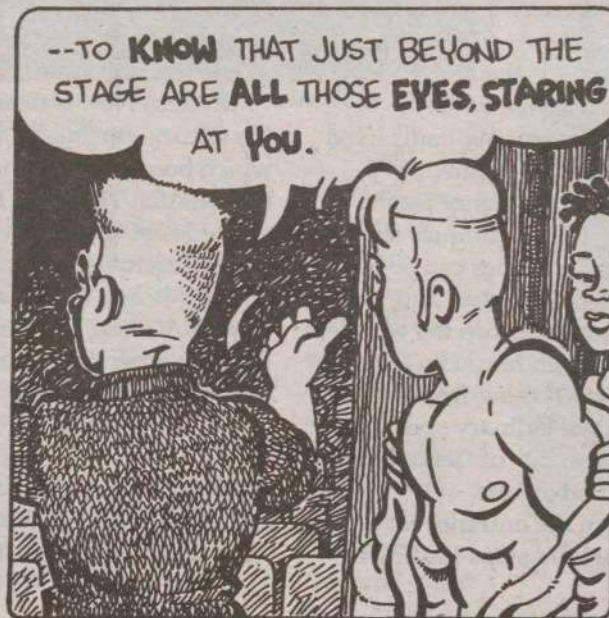
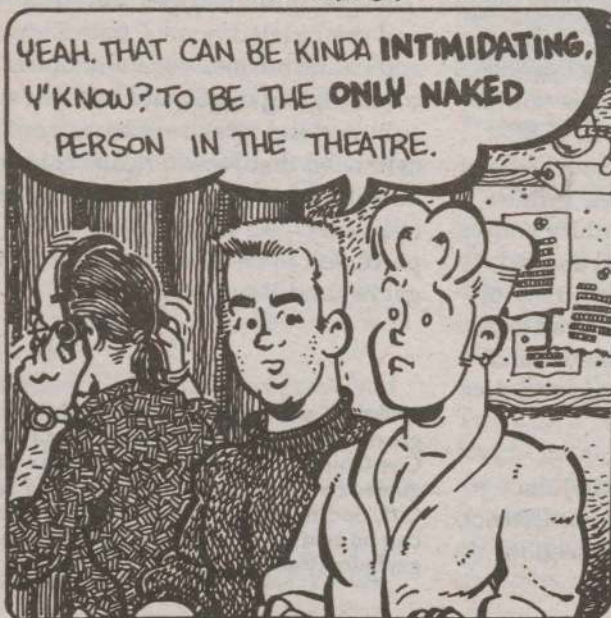
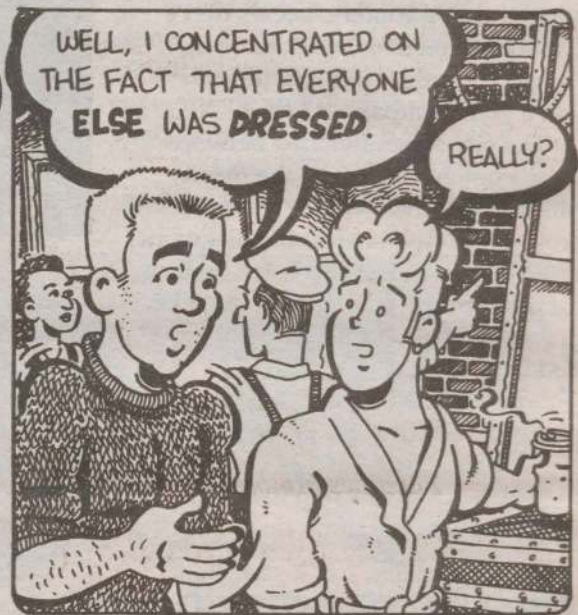
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Dear Cowboy,

What do you think about a man who returns or exchanges everything his lover gives him? My other half says I shouldn't take his gift exchanging habit personally. He's always been very picky about presents, he tells me, and so this just the way it is with him.

For holidays and his birthday (it's coming up), he says I should either follow the lists he gives me or else give him money so he can get what he wants. I generally try to put a lot of thought into gifts and I don't understand where he's coming from. Am I crazy or is he?

Signed, Slighted Santa

Dear Santa,

What do I think about his habit? I think it stinks like a road-killed skunk in July. What you think about it is what's important—so is figuring out how you guys can compromise.

I, for one, would rather drop gift-giving altogether than concede to the degree he suggests—handing him the bucks and telling him to shop for himself. No way, Jose.

One idea is to go shopping together, knowing you're going to be treating him to a pre-determined gift, say a watch or a shirt. Pick it out with him and see if that works for you both. Another way to go is with gift certificates—not very personal, but

they do allow you some creativity in the giving.

If he still isn't happy, the problem goes deeper than you think and I'd say he needs some help dealing with control issues and his desire to make people feel inadequate.

Dear Cowboy,

How can I find out if a guy from the office is straight or gay? This cute guy works for the same company but on another floor, so I don't see him a lot. When we do cross paths he acts friendly and interested. I've done some discreet asking around and I haven't found out much.

I don't know if he knows I'm gay and I don't want to shock him if he's just a friendly guy who's straight. But the chance he's interested in me romantically feels like a real possi-

bility. What should I do?  
Signed, Hard at Work

Dear Worker,

Sounds like you need to hitch up your chaps and take a risk, buddy. If you know this guy even a little, it can't hurt to ask him something basic like how he spent the weekend, or whether he knows of any good hoedowns where you can hear music and

dance. His answers to questions like that could provide helpful clues.

Fear of rejection is normal, and so is the fear of being outed to

the "wrong" people at work. So take it slow—and don't ask him flat-out for a date before you know more. You might use a social situation away from the office (a company party or after-work happy hour) to get your point across more clearly.

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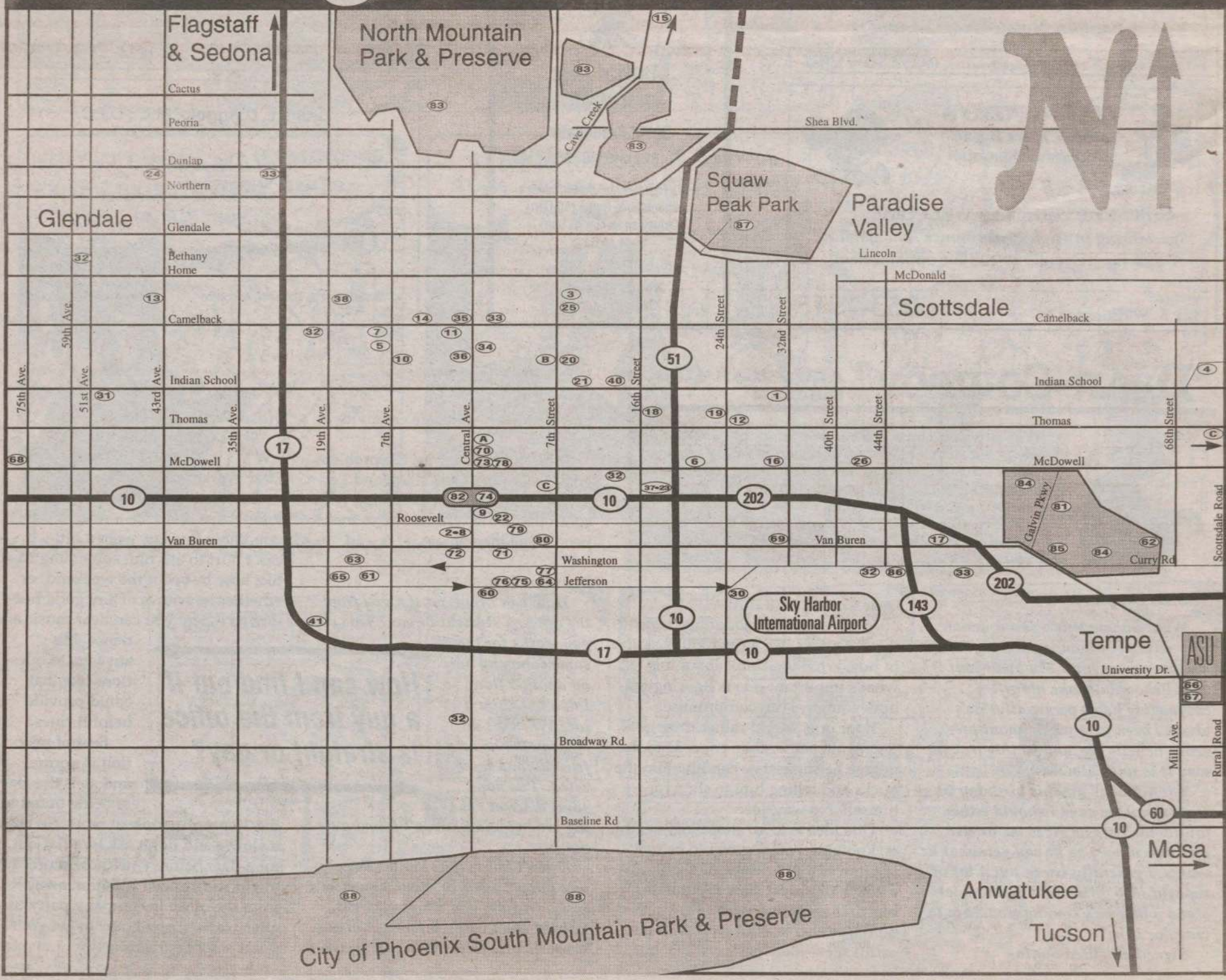
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# Q Puzzle

## "The Pretenders"

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### ACROSS

- 1 Emulate Alison Bechdel
- 5 Cher film
- 9 "\_\_\_ that special!"
- 13 I \_\_\_ to Be in Pictures
- 15 A Streetcar Named Desire director Kazan
- 16 Use a swizzle stick
- 17 A straight person may pretend to be gay to

20 Has \_\_\_ with (knows the right people)

- 21 Mid 2nd-century date
- 22 With 31-Across, tuba's repetitious sound
- 23 Engaged in anilingus
- 26 Lecher
- 27 "Sayonara!"
- 28 A straight person may pretend to be gay to
- 31 See 22-Across

- 32 \_\_\_ Miserables
- 33 Made waterproof
- 36 Establish as law
- 39 Drops on the lawn
- 41 Not as humid
- 42 Satan personified, in *The Omen*
- 44 Wasn't careful during oral sex, perhaps
- 46 Day-\_\_\_ colors
- 47 A straight person may pretend to be gay to
- 51 *The Drag* playwright West
- 53 \_\_\_ is Out (1978 gay documentary)
- 54 \_\_\_ d'hotel
- 55 Hardly a spring chicken
- 56 Santa \_\_\_, California
- 57 Word in a Doris Day song title
- 58 A straight person may pretend to be gay to
- 64 *Heche of Six Days, Seven Nights*
- 65 Trillion (prefix)
- 66 Roof overhangs
- 67 Minus
- 68 God's little acre?
- 69 "Smooth Operator" singer

### DOWN

- 1 Beethoven, for one
- 2 McClanahan of *The Golden Girls*
- 3 FBI employee
- 4 "\_\_\_ kidding?"
- 5 "You're putting \_\_\_!"
- 6 Otherworldly 7-Down?
- 7 *Roseanne* or *Ellen*
- 8 Liqueurs often served with cream
- 9 "The Lady \_\_\_ Tramp"
- 10 Disco blinker
- 11 *In Search Of...* host
- 12 "Let's see if I can answer your question"
- 14 Like a good-sounding guitar
- 18 \_\_\_ wave
- 19 Smoothed (out)
- 23 Committed a sex crime

- 24 Donald's ex
- 25 Muslims
- 26 Spring sight
- 29 Rainbow flag color
- 30 Place for a pink triangle sticker
- 34 Moray catcher
- 35 Suffix with motor or hippo
- 37 Cloak-and-dagger org.
- 38 William Shatner novel
- 40 Get the gold
- 43 Infant
- 45 *My Cousin Vinny* Oscar-winner Marisa
- 48 What Roger Rabbit was
- 49 *The Birdcage*, for one
- 50 They top queens
- 51 Not major or minor, as a scale
- 52 What Garbo wanted to be
- 57 Laughable Laurel
- 59 Michael \_\_\_ Barres (portrayer of Leon's lover on *Roseanne*)
- 60 Johnny Mathis's "Chances \_\_\_"
- 61 Caesar's breakfast order?
- 62 Conducted
- 63 Dir. from San Francisco to Albuquerque

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# H O R O S C O P E S

By Deane Jaye, *HeatStroke* contributor

## Leo (July 21 - August 20)

Curious George's constant poking around got that cute lil' monkey into a heap of trouble—but he always had that nice looking man in the pith helmet nearby to pick him up and bail him out. Unless you're watched over by a similar guardian, you kitties need to be more cautious about where that curiosity leads you. Be particularly good towards the tail of the month when the rest of your party may wander off, leaving you unattended.

## Virgo (August 21 - September 20)

Big changes may be appropriate right now, provided you aren't bullying others into accepting updates and transitions based on your whims—updates they may not be thoroughly prepared for. Compromise doesn't always come easy to you Virgans, but you'll drive your most sensible allies away unless you're willing to soften a little bit, just around the edges. Embrace home cooking and family-recipe "comfort foods" as the month closes.

## Libra (September 21 - October 20)

Time to get up, get out from under (just like Linda Lavin) and look for you! Find new vistas while blazing new trails—don't worry, this doesn't mean you'll end up waiting tables in Phoenix diner. Magic may be in the air around the 22nd but if you're not watching where you're headed you may miss out on the effects of the spell. Try varying your diet around mid-month, with an emphasis on hot & spicy.

## Scorpio (October 21 - November 20)

Frustration abounds as your endeavors seem to be defeated at every turn by forces outside yourself. Back up and take a deep breath—maybe your energies were being funneled in the wrong direction in the first place. A casual encounter on or near the 16th might make for a stimulating afternoon, one that could last until the next morning. Family ties will prove important by month's end: phone home for needed encouragement.

## Sagittarius (November 21 - December 20)

You may soon experience one of those introspective moments, possibly later this month, when your purposeless wanderings suddenly seem rather, well, purposeless. Stand back. Take a look at whether any real damage has been done in the past year before you decide to commit to change. What others deem recklessness is often the source of your charm—don't be swayed by the jealousy of those who can't pull these things off as smoothly as you can.

## Capricorn (December 21 - January 20)

It's generally quite unlike you to neglect everyday concerns, but you may find yourself preoccupied by the middle of this month, causing things around the house to slide into disrepair and disorganization. A burst of energy over the weekend of the 15th should help you whip things back into shape. Around the 25th, you may be invited to participate in a physical exercise or

sport that's outside your regular routine—play carefully.

## Aquarius (January 21 - February 20)

What once seemed mysterious, exciting—even sacred, may appear mundane and uninteresting as boredom and a curious lack of willpower overtake your persona in coming weeks. This lackadaisical mood should shove off by the 24th, when you discover a new set of impulses generated by further exploring a creative bent that you've previously only dabbled in. Give a partner your full attention when insensitive implications surface.

## Pisces (February 21 - March 20)

Your innate kindness and your general fear of causing a stir may have combined to back you into an emotional corner. You've been giving more than you've been getting for some time now and the only way it's going to change is if you're willing to make your voice heard—so clear your throat, collect your thoughts and get some attention. Vibrations in your sign from the 18th through the 21st should provide a welcome upswell of support.

## Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Your sense of right and wrong may be tipped off-kilter, as (once again) you are accused of breaking hearts when your true intent was merely to charm, cajole and offer friendship. Don't back down around the 21st and 22nd, when someone you don't altogether trust tries to foist his/her way of doing things upon your precious weekend. You rams know that your leisure is your own—those who try to control your Saturday sundial will be met by head-butting.

## Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Be careful telling tales these next two weeks—your tendency to exaggerate and embellish may lead you into a degree of trouble with someone who wants only the facts. Don't be bullish about your position once you're foibles are discovered—a quick and graceful apology will suffice. Pay attention to the road when travel enters the picture around the 14th. You'll need to know your bearings if you're tempted to stray.

## Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

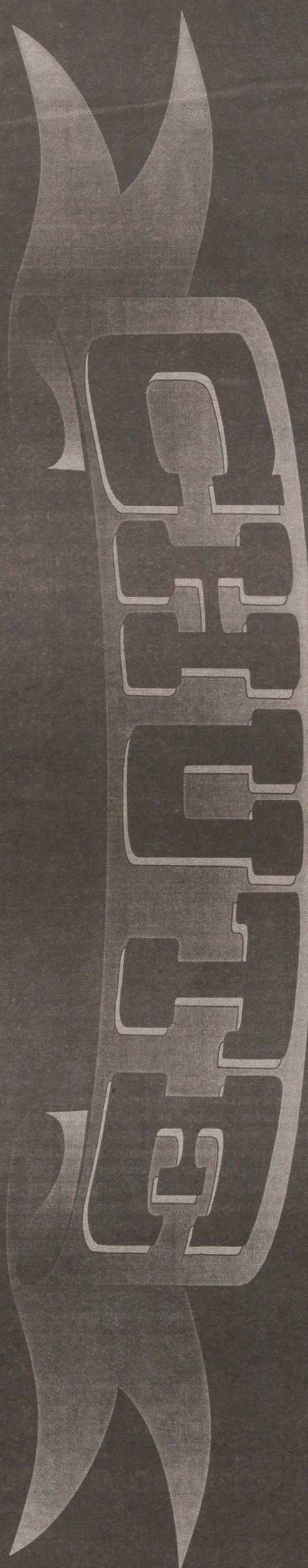
You are operating at a level that's the emotional equivalent of big screen home theater with stereo surround sound. Meanwhile the people telling you to, "Shhhh..." can best be likened to static transistor radios going "buzz buzz buzz" in your ear. Ignore them and turn up the bass. Your desire to seduce will manifest itself physically later in the month, whether that means extra time in the gym or showing off on a diving board—it's your move.

## Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

The gravitational pull of the group is being exerted on you crabfolk as the summer progresses. Whether it's the family reunion, a timely gathering of high school or college pals, or the company picnic, you feel the need for communal experiences. Whatever the celebration, you'll be in your element if you are allowed in on the planning. Baked goods could be the way to someone's heart on or around the 20th, so stir it up with love & care.

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# GLAAD Alert *Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation*

## GLAAD Media Round-Up: Same Facts, Different Takes

Two weeks after 15 religious political extremist groups launched an ad campaign claiming lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people could change their sexual orientation, several major media outlets have examined that egregious claim at some length—with varied results. Here are some of the highlights:

- *Nightline*: Forrest Tucker, substituting as host of ABC's *Nightline* on July 30, moderated a debate between Andrew Sullivan, editor of the *New Republic* and Center for Reclaiming America Director Janet Folger, who engineered the ad campaign.

Sullivan asked repeatedly whether Folger supports laws allowing imprisonment for having sex with someone of the same gender. After Folger gave several non-responsive answers, Sawyer pressed, "Ms. Folger, forgive me. He is asking the direct question, 'Do you support laws that advocate the imprisonment of people who engage in homosexual behavior?'" Folger answered, "I guess if you're looking at sodomy laws, there are sodomy laws on the books that I very much support."

- *USA Today*: An Aug. 4 Life section cover story examines various aspects of the so-called "ex-gay"

movement—while firmly stating that the bulk of scientific opinion questions its effectiveness. Reporter Kim Painter writes that the American Psychological Association "says that there's no evidence such therapy works and that it may do more harm than good."

Sadly, the piece carried a thoughtless headline on one of four accompanying sidebars. The headline, about an "ex-gay" couple, reads "Once gay, now they're a family"—giving the incorrect impression that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals do not have families.

Overall, however, Painter makes strong points about the true nature of the ad campaign, and points out the potential dangers of "conversion therapies," noting that they can do active harm to individuals and their families.

- *Washington Post*: A July 31 article examining Washington, D.C.-area "ex-gay" groups leads with a vignette of "ex-gay" Corey Welch, who "escaped from what he considers the clutches of a depraved underworld and entered the welcoming arms of the Transformation Christian Ministries"—a group that reporter Hanna Rosin says, "shepherds gay men and women away from the 'devil's temptation.'"

- *The Village Voice*: An Aug. 11 article by Mark Schoofs, entitled, "Straight to Hell: When Gays Go Hetero, the Consequences Can Be Anything But Redemptive," says some survivors of the "ex-gay" pro-

grams call them 'psychological terrorism.'" Yet they've "suddenly gained media credibility, simply because conservative political groups, such as the Christian Coalition and the Family Research Council, shelled out \$200,000 for a high-profile ad campaign."

- *Philadelphia Inquirer*: "Christian gays caught in a conflict," reads the front-page headline. "Some in Phila. choose faith over sexuality." Like the *Washington Post* report, the article describes a support group for persons unhappy with their sexual orientation. Despite of a brief quote from GLAAD Communications Director Jennifer Einhorn, the *Inquirer* devotes only perfunctory space to telling the other side of the story.

- *New York Times*: In the Aug. 2 "Backtalk" column, former Green Bay Packer David Kopay—the first professional football player to say he's gay—tells current Green Bay Packer Reggie White that "Sexual repression, alcoholism, spousal abuse, child abuse, drug addiction, loneliness, hate and ignorance are the real enemies we face. Lighten up on gay folks, because we are not the enemy." White repeatedly has made homophobic comments and is featured in one of the conservative ads.

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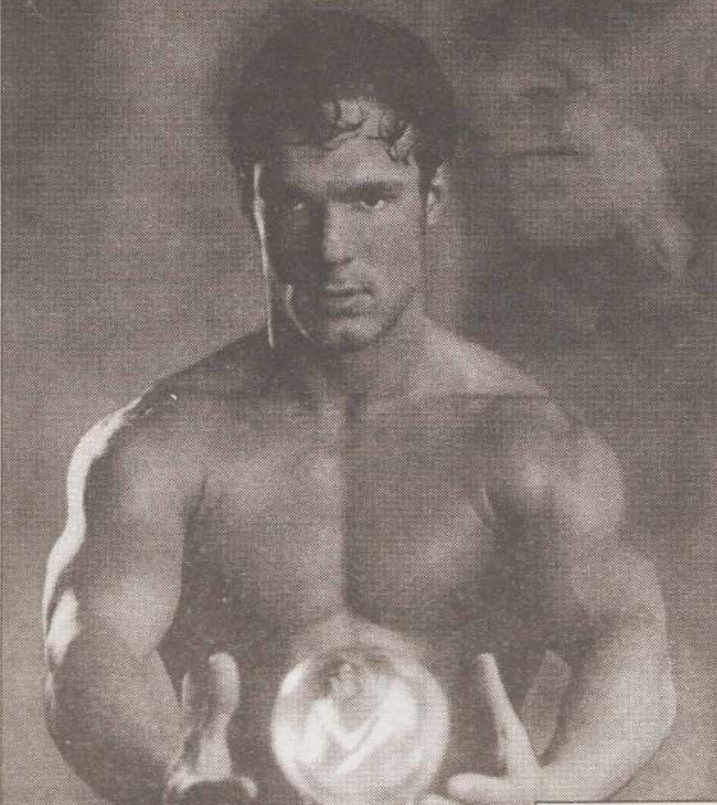
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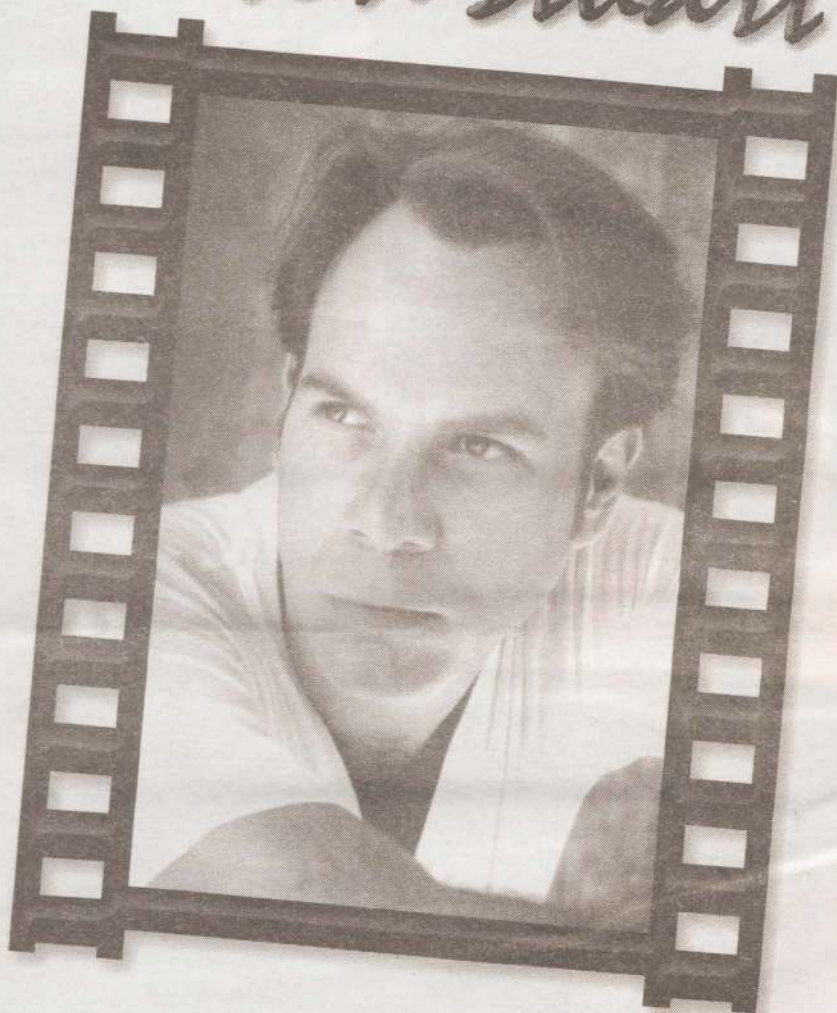
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