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Queer Caucus perks up the party

New director, new group helping Arizona's Democrats get organized for 2000



By Karyn Riedell, Staff Writer

President Bill Clinton officially declared June as National Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.

On June 4, the White House appointed James Hormel ambassador to Luxembourg, making him the first openly gay US envoy. On June 22, the Arizona State Democratic Party (ASDP) held a hate crimes rally at the state capitol attended by about 250 people, including many gays.

And now there's talk that the White House is preparing to re-introduce the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, federal legislation that would ban workplace bias on the basis of sexual orientation.

Nationwide, including Arizona, it appears the Democratic Party is becoming increasingly supportive and vocal whenit comes to gay rights. Just last summer, state Democrats formed the "Q" caucus to work on behalf of gay and lesbian rights in Arizona.

Recently, Gwen Carr took the helm as executive director of the ASDP, becoming the first Native American to head a state Democratic Party.

Carr says she is appalled at Republicans' attitude toward gays and lesbians. "Anyone who is elected to serve the public has no right to say anything that disparages any one of their constituents. It doesn't matter who you are, who you want to hold hands with, or what your religion or color is."

Carr, a New York native who moved to Arizona from Washington, DC last month, says she is "having a damn fine time" so far. One reason she likes the state so much, she says, is the diverse population that includes Native Americans and Hispanics.

Her goals are to build the party's infrastructure, bring in new people, raise money and elect Democrats—"it's not rocket science," she jokes. She also wants to convince as many people as possible why the Democratic Party is the right one for them. And that includes gays and lesbians.

"Anyone who is elected to serve the public has no right to say anything that disparages any one of their constituents. It doesn't matter who you are, who you want to hold hands with, or what your religion or color is."

"The Republicans? There's no place for you there. If you look at what comes down from the Republicans, there's nothing there. We have the American people represented in the Democratic Party, not a small segment."

Carr says she is impressed with the Q caucus. "The gay and lesbian community takes its politics seriously, and I admire that. I'm a political animal myself. The gay and lesbian caucus has really done a lot of good work on getting the message out."

Amy Kobeta, chair of the Q caucus, agrees with Carr that the Democratic Party is the one for gays. "As members of the queer caucus, we really see the Democratic Party as the one that most represents our issues and stands for equality and diversity. The (national) hate crimes bill of 1999 is an example of that. It was introduced and supported by Democrats."

The Q caucus has three priorities at this time, Kobeta says: to repeal the state's "archaic" sex laws, to support the Employment Nondiscrimination Act and to support parenting issues for gays and lesbians by passing legislation and increasing awareness.

Kobeta says she is impressed by what she has seen of Carr so far, including her appearance at the hate crimes rally. "I thought (the rally) was just marvelous. There were so many different groups there, and you usually don't see that in Phoenix. Gwen Carr's energy and enthusiasm were impressive from the moment I met her. I'm just so glad she's on board.

"She has done a great job in reaching out to the Q caucus to introduce herself, to find out what we're doing and to see what she can do to help us achieve our goals."

Kobeta says that the purpose of the Q caucus is to advise the Democratic Party about concerns to gays and lesbians and to get gays to vote and become politically active.

The name—the Q caucus—came about because the group wanted to include more than gays and lesbians, Kobeta says. The group consists of 25 members, including 10 core members, and 75 people on the e-mail list.

This year, the group marched for the first time in Phoenix Gay Pride on April 17 and set up a booth at the rally following the parade, registering 150 people to vote.

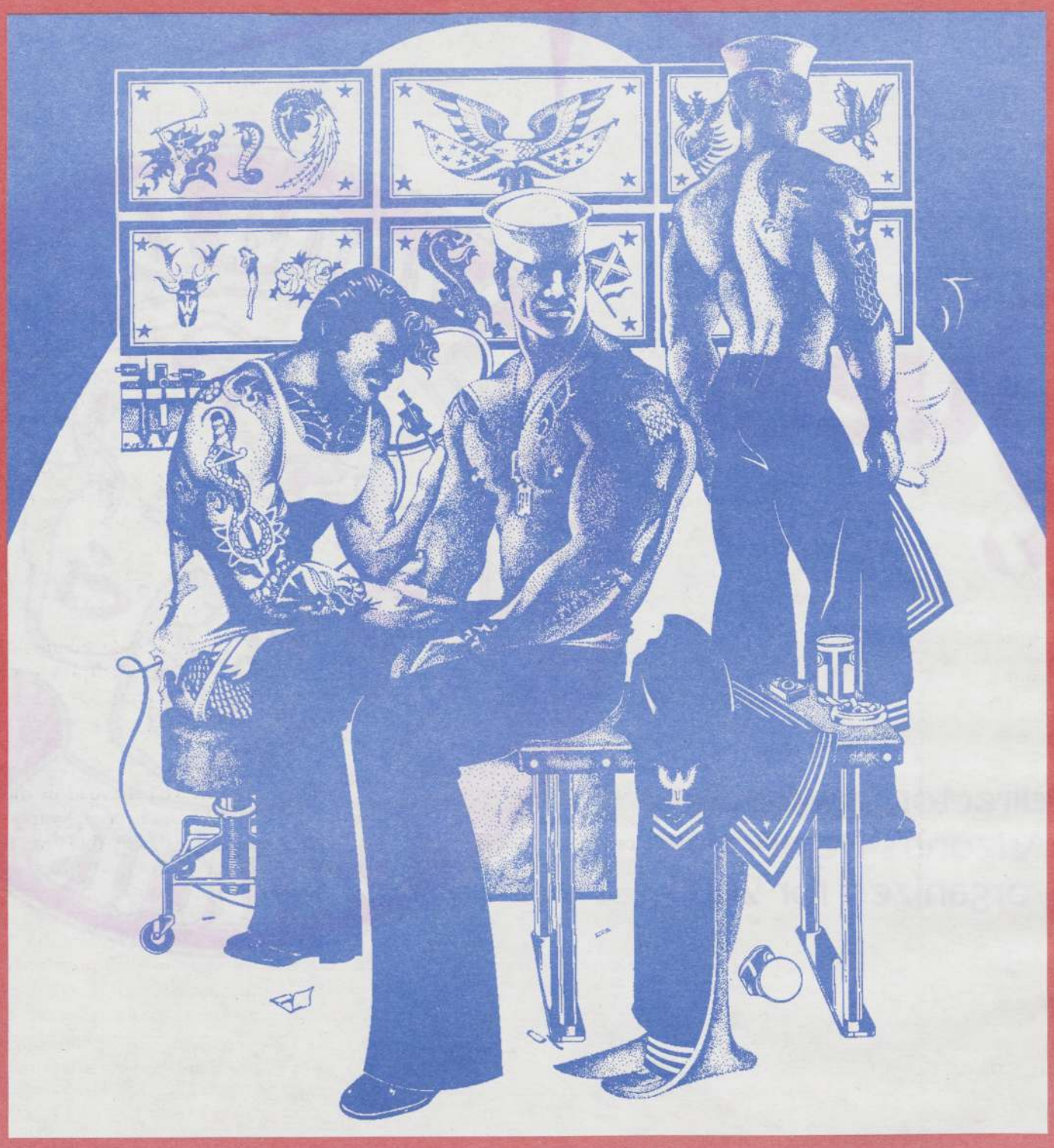
"Phoenix is about 15 years behind what's going on elsewhere in the country," observes Michael Miles, a Q caucus member who moved to Arizona a year ago from New York City. "Amy and I both moved here within a few months of each other, and we're both East Coast in-your-face kind of people, and maybe that's what's needed."

Miles says he was impressed with the public response at the April Pride parade and at the recent hate crimes

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Kudos & Criticisms

After attending the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) 1999 annual dinner on June 19, I have both praise and criticism to offer.

I am usually never critical of the event or its speakers because the dinner consistently raises money for one of the most worthwhile causes I can think of. The Camelback Inn provided a spectacular setting, and the dinner itself didn't drag as awards dinners often do.

Approximately 800 people attended, including Attorney General Janet Napolitano and U.S. Congressman Jim Kolbe. The Phoenix Police Department had a table, and corporate participation reached an all-time high. A mid-evening silent auction raised over $23,000 to assist AHRF in its fight for our civil rights.

I think we need to be more adult with our criticism at public functions and reserve our negativity for those who truly deserve it. We cannot win in Arizona without Republican support. I really hope that our moderate Republican friends in attendance will return to the AHRF dinner next year.

Each award recipient received long overdue recognition. Durant's Restaurant and Honeywell Corporation received corporate awards while Phoenix Police Detective Pat Boyd and Representative Ken Cheuvront received individual kudos.

Virginia Apuzzo accepted the Barry Goldwater National Award and gave a fiery and inspiring speech. Susan Goldwater presented the accolades with a dignity and grace befitting the occasion. The audience was treated to videographies of the award winners and a review by AHRF co-chair Amelia Craig Cramer of AHRF's accomplishments throughout the last year. A string quartet and a women's chorus entertained us.

Ritchie Leitner and Gerrie Mayer Gibbons received recognition for chairing the event for the last several years. Both have put in long hours to ensure the event's continued success.

I'm sure there's more good stuff and good people involved that I've forgotten to mention, but at the risk of vilification for criticizing such a fine evening, I have some concerns.

AHRF attempts to remain in word and deed consistently non-partisan. While a Democratic candidate is generally more likely to have sympathetic views on our issues, a number of Republican candidates and legislators have also shown themselves as gay-friendly.

Representative Steve May and the Log Cabin Republicans have produced remarkable results among moderate Republicans in the Arizona legislature. A significant number of republican state legislators attended the AHRF dinner, and Susan Goldwater gracefully reminded those present of her GOP party affiliation.

Yet an evening celebrating AHRF's bipartisan victories often degenerated into unpleasant Republican bashing. The event's emcee, Jana Boomersbach, continually took snipes at Republicans in general and a few in particular who were present in the audience—not a great way to win friends and influence people.

As a registered Democrat and longtime AHRF supporter and volunteer, I was embarrassed at the way some of our guests were treated. Boomersbach also took pot shots at Senator John McCain. While McCain has never carried the torch for gay rights, many of us believe he supports fundamental fairness and employment non-discrimination.

When I visited Washington for ENDA hearings, McCain spent almost an hour with our delegation from the Human Rights Campaign. McCain offers gays and lesbians seeking equality much more hope than Senator Jon Kyl and Representative J.D. Hayworth, yet the real villains in the Republican Party were not mentioned at the dinner.

I think we need to be more adult with our criticism at public functions and reserve our negativity for those who truly deserve it. We cannot win in Arizona without Republican support. I really hope that our moderate Republican friends in attendance will return next year.

On another unfortunate note, a representative of one of the corporate award winners got drunk and belligerent. His words were caustic and loud enough to disturb many people around him and to interrupt more than one speaker. We certainly don't make a favorable impression on the community at large when we behave as he did that night.

Finally, while corporate attendance and support increased dramatically this year, there was no appreciable increase in overall dinner attendance. This means that individual community support for this event took a dramatic downturn.

We cannot expect to continue to achieve great victories without more support from the gay and lesbian community itself. There were thousands of queer people at the Cher concert earlier in the same week. Her tickets were almost as expensive and didn't include dinner. Higher priced human rights dinners in other cities sell out months in advance. Our dinner should be a sold-out event as well.

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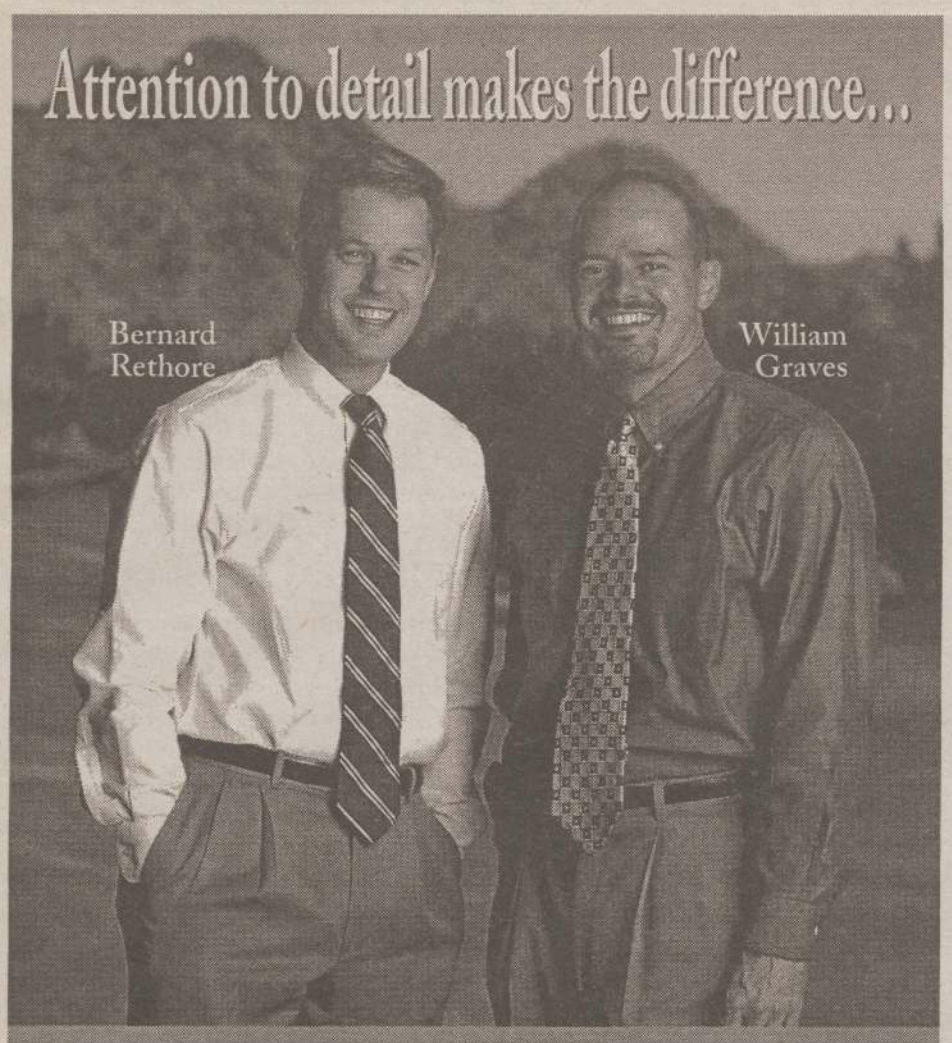
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Global gay community celebrates Stonewall with pride parades

NEW YORK (AP) — Some marched in evening gowns, some in leather thongs, some danced to disco music and some had political messages.

On the 30th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, when patrons of a gay bar in Greenwich Village fought back against a police raid, members of the gay community turned out Sunday to celebrate their pride with parades in Manhattan, San Francisco, and elsewhere.

In New York, some parade-goers complained of heavy-handed treatment by police officers who ejected a group with a slogan criticizing Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and forced another set to cut short a moment of silence.

Floats rolling down Fifth Avenue carried gay gospel singers, AIDS activists, and a disc jockey named Billy deMace who told spectators: ``We're going to play a song in memory of our friends who died of AIDS and hate crimes.''

As Celine Dion's ``My Heart Will Go On'' began to play, a drag queen dressed in a black evening gown lip-synched the words.

Among those watching was a group called Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. ``To have my mom out here is a joy,'' said Frank Jump, 40, with his arm around his mother. ``I came out to her at a young age, and we've been coming to the parade together for 20 years.''

The 1969 Stonewall Riots are commemorated around the world as a watershed for gay rights, and the bar, the Stonewall Inn, is being added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The Gay Pride Parade began in 1970.

In Berlin this weekend, rainbow flags flew, marchers threw feathers to the crowd and half-naked men wearing bird costumes danced in the street.

In Manila, Phillipines, marchers carried placards reading: ``Same sex, same love.'' One Filipino gay man, Edgar Mendoza, told reporters: ``We are doing this event because we are proud of what we are, we are proud of how God made us to be.''

In San Francisco, leather clothes, feather boas, and platform shoes mixed with shorts and T-shirts. A half-million spectators stood five-deep along the parade route, and marchers ranged from members of a gay veterans' group to a contingent from an antique auto club for gays.

The parade was interrupted early by an unscheduled contingent from Act Up! The activists carried signs including ``Sex Doesn't Kill'' and ``Open the Baths,'' referring to the city's recently revitalized controversy over public bathhouses.

Back in New York, Giuliani marched, as he always does, with Log Cabin, a gay Republican group. The group's legislative director, Robert Hasek, heralded New York City's domestic partnership policy, which provides health insurance and other benefits for same-sex partners of city employees, as ``the best of any in the nation.''

The mayor waved and smiled as he walked the route, saying: ``It's a wonderful celebration. I'm here every year.'' Some in the crowd applauded, but others booed. Gay activist Bill Dobbs complained that City Hall has spent too much time shutting down porn shops and too little time fighting AIDS. He handed out cards reading: ``Stop Giuliani's Sex Police!''

Across from St. Patrick's Cathedral, a dozen members of Dignity—a group for gays who are Roman Catholic—prayed for acceptance by their church.

``In every other parade, the cardinal is on the steps greeting people,'' said Brendan Fay. ``It's always sad for me to see the doors shut.''

A block away, Randall Terry, leader of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, protested.

``If you repent, God will forgive you!'' he shouted. Drag queens blew him kisses in response.

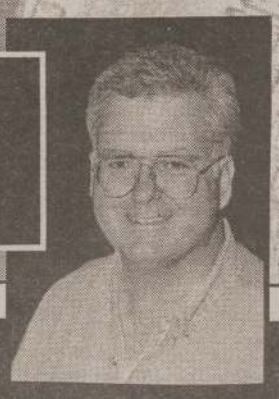
A group of gay firefighters called Fireflag marched for the first time as a fraternal organization officially recognized by the city. A half-dozen male ballet dancers leapt their way down Fifth Avenue, while square dancers swung their partners. The Brazilian Rainbow Group featured towering Carmen Miranda-style headdresses made from fruit and flowers, and men in colorful saris walked with the South Asian Lesbian and Gay Group. Salim Patel, costumed as Ra the Sun God, was covered head to toe in gold body paint.

``The freedom to be different,'' said Grand Marshal Joan Nestle, ``is a freedom for all of us.''

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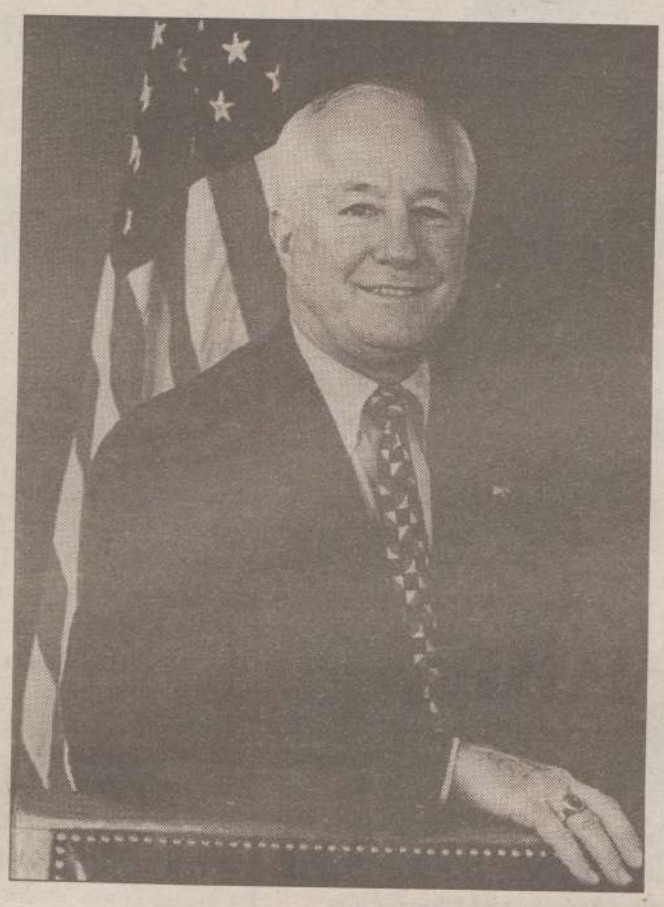
Kolbe gets Victory Fund's early endorsement

National group says only openly gay Republican in Congress deserves re-election.

WASHINGTON—The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund on June 16 announced its endorsement of U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., in his re-election bid for Congress representing the state's 5th District.

"Congressman Kolbe has proven himself to be an invaluable advocate for ending discrimination," said Victory Fund Executive Director Brian K. Bond. "His record is strong, and his role as the only openly gay Republican in Congress is indispensable."

Rep. Kolbe's leadership has made a key difference in efforts to hold the line against discrimination in Congress. In 1998, Rep. Joel Hefley of Colorado introduced an amendment that threatened to overturn President Clinton's executive order banning sexual orientation discrimination against federal civilian workers. Kolbe teamed up with Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and led dozens of thoughtful House Republicans in a bipartisan effort to strongly defeat the amendment and uphold job fairness for millions of federal employees.



Kolbe is a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) to protect Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation, as well as the Hate Crimes Prevention Act to protect Americans from hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender and disability. In addition, Kolbe has advanced sound and compassionate public health policies to address the needs of Americans living with HIV and AIDS.

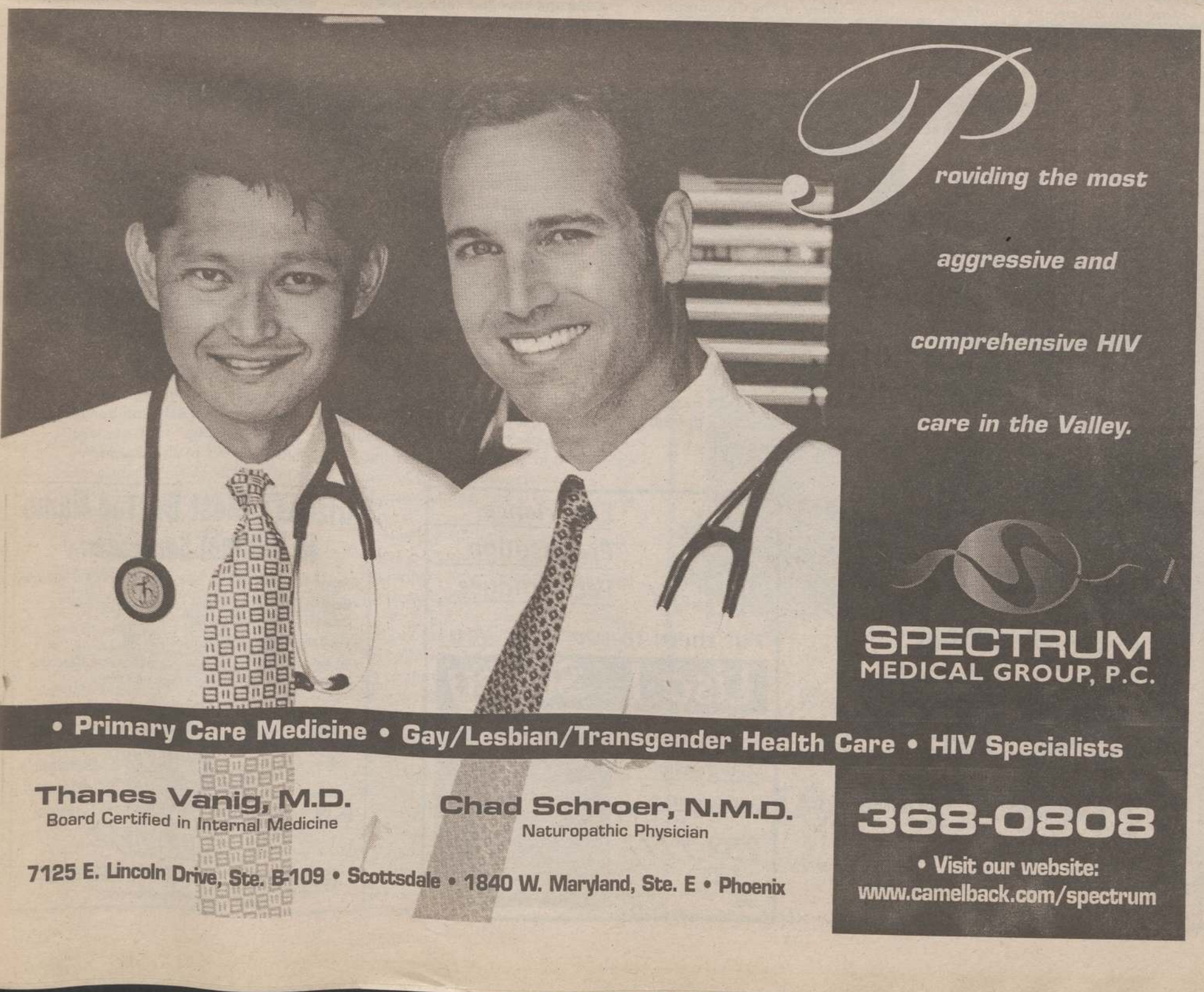
"Congressman Kolbe is a champion for civility and fairness in the face of irrational fear," added Bond. "Since he came out publicly in 1996, Rep. Kolbe has been crucial in building bipartisan support against discrimination. He is living proof of why our movement to secure equal rights for all Americans regardless of sexual orientation must rise above the bitter partisanship of the past."

"Since he came out publicly in 1996, Rep. Kolbe has been crucial in building bipartisan support against discrimination."

The Arizona Republican is facing a strong challenge in this election as he fends off threats on multiple fronts. Anti-gay extremists are targeting Kolbe for defeat as never before. Anti-gay forces cannot abide his courageous honesty in acknowledging his sexual orientation and standing up to discrimination – and they are gearing up for a serious attack on his re-election bid.

Kolbe has been active in politics since he was a young man. At the age of 15, he served as a page for the late Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz. Kolbe earned his bachelor's degree in political science at Northwestern University and his MBA from Stanford. A Vietnam veteran, Kolbe was commissioned in the Navy in 1965. He retired from the military in 1977 with the rank of lieutenant commander. After serving in Arizona's state Senate, Kolbe was first elected to Congress in 1984. His local community involvement earned him Tucson's 1997 "Man of the Year" award, and he has also received numerous awards for his national service in Congress. Rep. Kolbe is widely respected on matters of international trade and fiscal responsibility, and he has earned a leadership role on the House Appropriations Committee. Kolbe's district includes the city of Tucson and its surrounding counties.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is the only national organization whose sole mission is to increase the number of outstanding openly gay and lesbian public officials. As the nation's 14th largest nonconnected political action committee, the Victory Fund has generated more than $2 million for qualified openly gay and lesbian candidates at all levels of government.



Arizona Democrats reach out to community with Queer Caucus

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rally. The rally was initiated by the Democratic Party, not by the Q caucus, Miles points out. "We didn't have to create it. I think that says a lot about the Democratic Party."

Miles is also pleased about Carr's appointment. "I am thrilled that she is Native American because of our location here, and I think Native Americans are too often overlooked, if not forgotten. Because she is a woman and a Native American, she's certainly going to understand discrimination."

The Democratic Party is the "people's party," Miles says. "Without a question, Clinton has done more for the queer community than any other president ever has. On the gays in the military issue, he was really backed into a corner. But, for me, he's done more than any other president. I'll never forget that Reagan was in office for eight years and never once said the word 'AIDS.'"

Miles says he would like to see Democrats become stronger in Arizona. " I want the Democratic Party to be more visible. This is definitely a conservative state. But conservatives are losing ground."



"The gay and lesbian community takes its politics seriously, and I admire that," says Gwen Carr, the new executive director of the Arizona Democratic Party.

Gwen Carr has served in several key positions within the Democratic Party:

- Now serving as executive director of the Arizona State Democratic Party
- Served as American Indian Outreach Director at the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C.
- Worked on the Chicago '96 Convention Host Committee and organized American Indian activities during the 1996 Presidential campaign
- Organized national coalition building with reservation urban Indian directors, launching more than 10 White House meetings involving reservation and urban American Indians in the political process
- Helped to bridge the gap between federally recognized tribes, non-federally recognized tribes and urban American Indians by working with the White House in establishing joint meetings with the three groups.

AZ Dems hold rally against Hate Crimes

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

More than 200 people including a significant number of gay, lesbian and transgendered supporters turned out for an evening rally and candlelight vigil at the State Capitol on June 22.

The rally was organized by the Arizona Democratic Party to call local attention to hate crimes against gays and other minorities and to call on participants to contact members of congress to urge support for passing federal hate crimes legislation.

Speakers included Rabbi Robert Kravitz, County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Phoenix City Council members Cody Williams and Phil Gordon, and Representatives Ken Cheuvront and Herschella Horton, among others.

Ms. Wilcox pointed to Arizona's recent passage of hate crimes statutes and urged people to contact their US congressmen, saying "Federal law must support state laws."

Lyle Miller of The Community Center in Phoenix called for an end to hate crimes against gays and lesbians, saying Matthew Shepard's murder last fall was, "an attack on the entire gay community."

City Council candidate Rosie Lopez said, "We want the republican congressional delegation to hear us tonight, to go back and debate the issue and vote and silence hate for good.

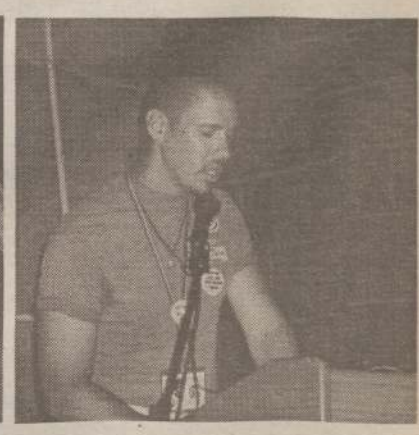
Additional speakers touched on issues of concern to Native Americans, Hispanics, African Americans, the transgendered community, the handicapped and other groups affected by crimes motivated by bias.

As the event drew to a close, a letter of support from President Clinton was read to the crowd and AZ Democratic Party Chair Mark Fleisher reminded the gathered supporters that approximately four hate crimes were committed across the country during the length of the vigil.

Finally, a rousing speech by former state legislator Art Hamilton wrapped up the evening.







Rep. Ken Cheuvront is joined by Tucson Rep. Herschella Horton at the rally and vigil.



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Three decades after riot, gays and lesbians take stock of progress

NEW YORK (AP)—Thirty years ago, police raids on gay bars were a fact of life.

``You took them for granted the way you took being hated for granted,'' says Joan Nestle, a writer and activist who started going to Greenwich Village bars as a teen-ager in the 1950s.

So when the patrons of a bar called the Stonewall Inn fought back June 27, 1969—attacking police with rocks, bottles and fists—that startling act of defiance became an instant watershed event. Gay activists consider it akin to the Montgomery bus boycott or the lunch-counter sit-ins that galvanized the civil rights movement.

Over the weekend of June 26-28, parades and rallies in New York, San Francisco and dozens of cities worldwide commemorated the Stonewall riot and marked three decades of remarkable change.

While gay people are not universally accepted—a Time/CNN poll last fall found that 48 percent of Americans believe homosexuality is morally wrong—lesbians and gay men are becoming increasingly integrated into American society.

"We've made a sea change in not just public opinion but public policy as well."

``We've made a sea change in not just public opinion but public policy as well,'' says Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, a lobbying group based in Washington, D.C. ``We see that in areas like civil rights, hate crimes, family issues and sodomy repeal, we have more possibility of legislative change than ever before.''

Lobel cited Nevada, whose Legislature recently banned job discrimination against gays, and New Hampshire, where lawmakers repealed a 1987 law that barred gays from adopting children or serving as foster parents.

``You can sort of pick the state and measure progress in every state on the legislative front,'' she said.

Unimaginable in 1969 was the visibility of gay people today in politics, entertainment and everyday news coverage. Think Ellen DeGeneres, k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge, Elton John, Ian McKellan, Rupert Everett. Three current members of Congress are openly gay—Democrats Barney Frank of Massachusetts and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin and Republican Jim Kolbe of Arizona—as are scores of other elected officials around the country.

``The love that dare not speak its name now won't shut up,'' says Tom Ammiano, president of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors.

In 1969, Ammiano was a 27-year-old special education teacher and not yet ``out'' as a gay man, although, he says, ``it wasn't hard to surmise—the wrists and everything.''

He subsequently became a stand-up comic and a member of the Board of Supervisors, where three of 11 members are openly gay. President of the board since November, he's considered a likely challenger to San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown Jr.

The progress made by lesbians and gay men has been accompanied by setbacks as well.

Eighteen states still have sodomy laws on their books, five of which single out homosexual sodomy. Efforts to include gays in federal civil rights and hate-crime laws have stalled. Current law prohibits crimes based on race, color, religion or national origin.

Recent murders of gay men—Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was beaten and tied to a fence last October, and Billy Jack Gaither, an Alabama textile worker who was beaten with an ax handle and set on fire—raised awareness of the persistence of anti-gay violence.

AIDS has decimated a generation of gay men, and nearly 20 years into the epidemic there is no cure.

Still, few could dispute that lesbians and gay men in 1999 enjoy rights undreamed of in 1969.

Karl Rusterholtz lives in Mission Viejo, Calif., with his partner and their two foster sons. They are active in their church, where Rusterholtz and his partner celebrated their union with a commitment ceremony.

``I would say that we're just pretty average,'' says Rusterholtz, 36, a microbiologist. ``We've gone to pride marches and stuff, but it's not our cup of tea.''

Rusterholtz says he ``would like to see federal protection, that gays and lesbians would not worry about losing their jobs or losing their homes or losing their children.'' But his own experience negotiating the foster care system in conservative Orange County has been ``nothing but fabulous.''

Margaret Blankenbiller, 21, works in a florist's shop in Provo, Utah.

``I'd like to be able to hold my girlfriend's hand when we go out to dinner and not worry about someone slashing our tires,'' she says.

Still, her family is supportive and her co-workers—many of them members of the socially conservative Mormon church—treat her lesbianism ``like it's pretty normal.''

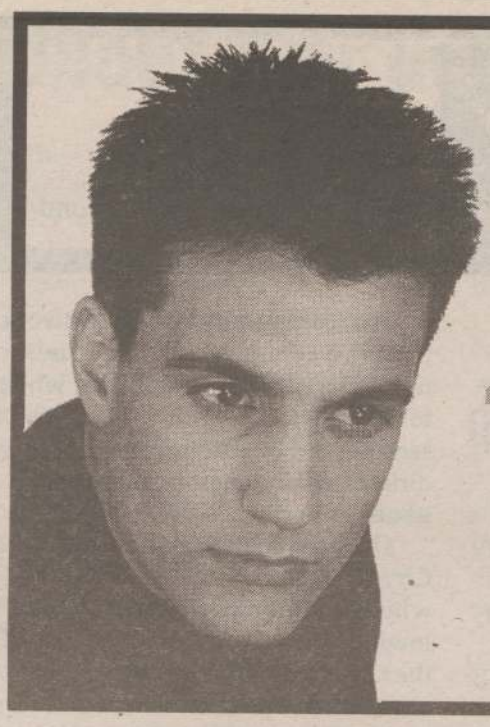
Nestle, who founded the Lesbian Herstory Archives and is now 59, remembers when being a lesbian was anything but normal.

At one bar she frequented, Nestle and her friends had to line up to use the bathroom one at a time ``because we couldn't be trusted'' not to misbehave inside together. Toilet paper was doled out sheet by sheet.

``Something in me was moving from knowing I was a freak to saying that someday I will refuse this moment of humiliation,'' she says.

Nestle has been chosen one of two grand marshals for the June 27 gay pride parade in New York.

``It'll be a very special moment,'' she says. ``I see it as the largest grassroots demonstration in the world.''



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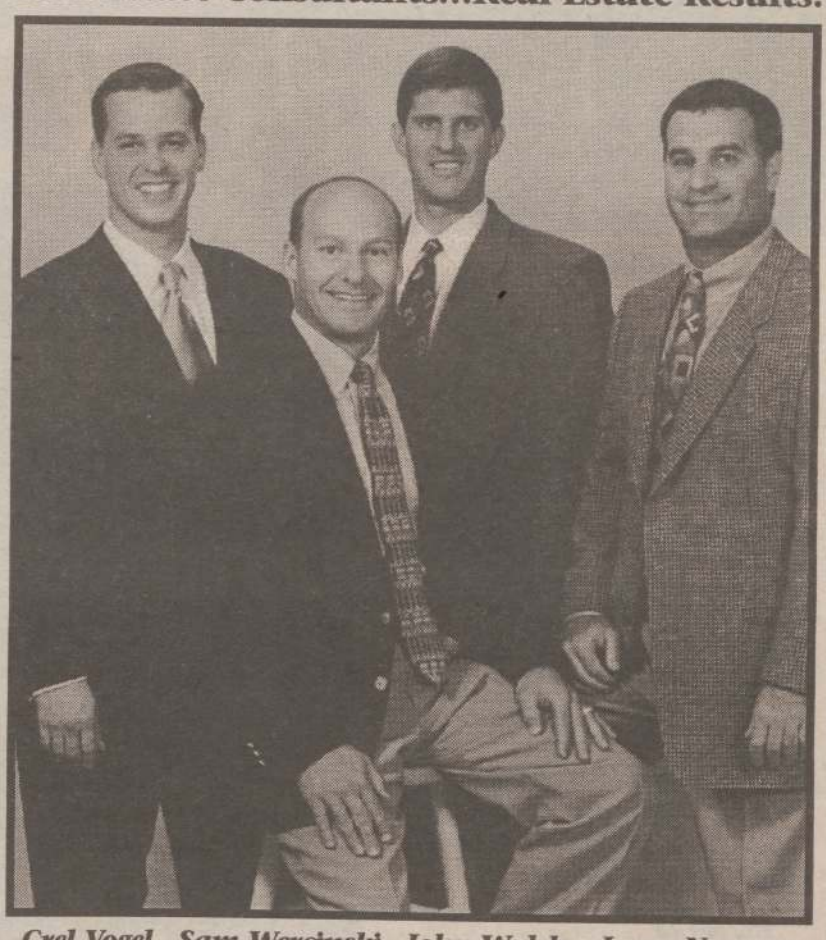
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Arizona Human Rights Fund

By Kathie Gummere, **HeatStroke** ***Contributor***

Important City Council Races Coming Up.

The Arizona Human Rights Fund Annual Dinner on June 19 was a big success. This is the main fund-raiser for AHRF and raises much of the annual budget funding the work for the rest of the year.

Approximately 800 people were there, including many local and state officials. Virginia Apuzzo gave a great speech that inspired many of us to continue our work in changing the face of politics and legislation on the local and state levels. Much-needed funds were raised and everyone had a great time. All of us at AHRF thank all of you who came to the dinner and/or helped to make the dinner a success.

Now, however, it is time to get back to work. This year there are no state legislative races, but there are many local elections. One of the races that AHRF is most interested in is the election of council members and mayor for the City of Phoenix, slated for Sept. 7. I am asking *HeatStroke*'s readers to help us evaluate the candidates for City Council.

The Community Action Network (CAN), a committee of AHRF,uses a multi-step process in deciding whom to endorse for any office. One step is sending out questionnaires to all candidates, asking their positions on issues important to our community.

The questionnaires sent recently to City Council candidates included whether or not they support the following: 1) the spirit and the letter of the City Ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in City employment and by businesses that have contracts with the city; 2) enactment of an anti-discrimination ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in non-governmental employment, housing and public accommodations; 3) extension of employee benefits to domestic partners of city employees; and 4) increased efforts by the Phoenix Police Department to identify and arrest perpetrators of hate crimes.

Only a few questionnaires have been returned. If you know any of the candidates listed below, please call them or their campaign representatives and ask them to return the survey. When the AHRF-supported candidate list is released, those candidates who have not returned surveys will not only not get our support, but will be listed as having not bothered to return the survey.

Another step of the process is to get input from everyone in the community who has information regarding the candidates. This is an area in which you can help. If you know any of these candidates, please call the AHRF office at 650-0900, fax information to Kirk Baxter, Political Director at 650-0901, or email me at kgrn@goodnet.com, and give us your opinions—particularly if you have information such as incidences of previous support of our issues or our community (or their opposition to our issues). These facts are vital in making our decisions as to who to support.

The City Council races are hard fought, and our community can make a big difference in who gets elected, and therefore who is making policy for the Phoenix area. Tucson has made great strides in recent years and there is no reason that Phoenix cannot do the same, but we need council members who are supportive.

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One issue affecting hundreds of people who work for the City is the extension of employee benefits to domestic partners. Tucson has it, Tempe has it, Phoenix should have it. In order for that to happen, we need supportive people on the Council. Help us ensure that happens. Call your friends, ask your neighbors, and then call us with your input. Thanks for your help.

Candidates for Mayor: Anthony Aleman Abril, Jr., Ryan Jenkins, Gerard Myers, Skip Rimsza; Phoenix City Council: District 1: Dave Siebert, Yolanda Strayhand; District 3: Peggy Bilsten, Barry MacMurray; District 5: Norman Jester, Claude Mattox, Felipe Zubia; District 7: Armando Arias, Jr., Doug Lingner, Rosie Lopez, Laura Prendergast.

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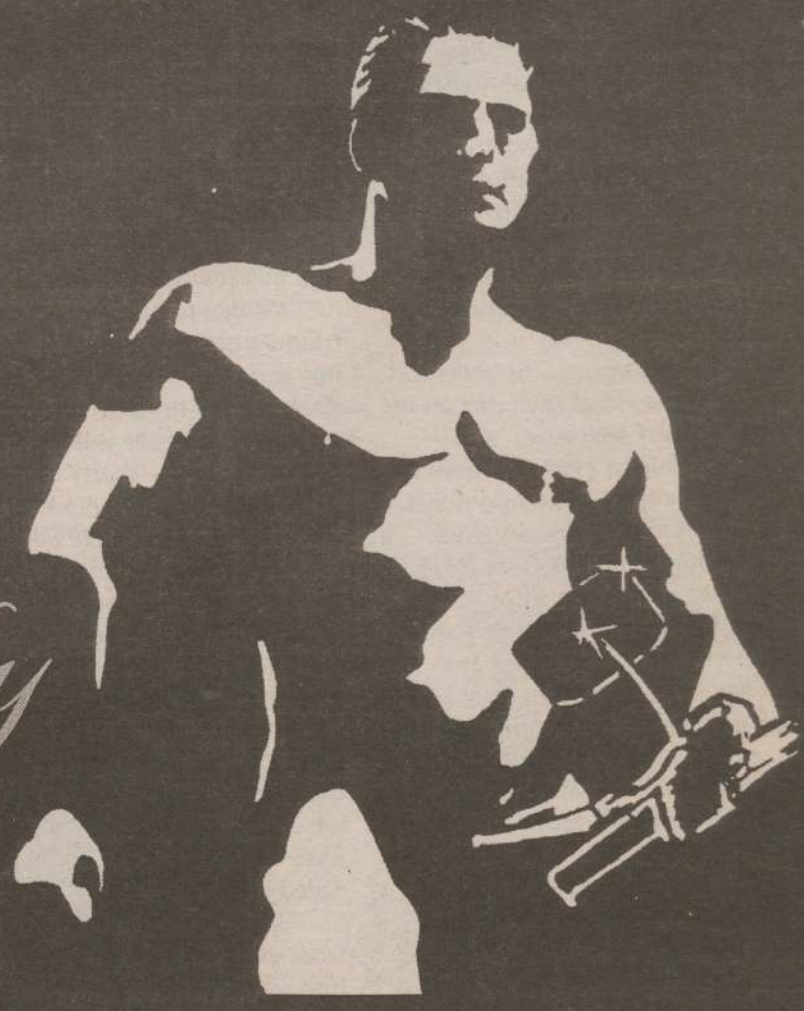
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Boston ads raise awareness about gay domestic abuse

BOSTON (AP) It's a public awareness campaign on domestic violence, with a twist.

The words ring familiar—``He loves me not.'' But accompanying them is the face of a man.

The ads have been plastered across buses and subway stations in Massachusetts to spotlight a grim statistic: one in four gay men has been abused by his partner.

The statewide campaign highlighting gay abuse is believed to be the nation's first.

``People think it's not possible for a man to be a victim of domestic violence,'' said Adam Heintz, education director for the Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. ``Men are told, `If you're being abused and you tell people about it, it's showing that you're not a real man.''

With a $120,000 grant from the state public health department, Heintz's group launched the ad blitz at the beginning of this month, to coincide with Gay Pride festivities around the state.

At Boston's Gay Pride march two weeks ago, the project handed out 5,000 palm-sized versions of the ad, including a toll-free hotline number. They even stocked the porta-toilets with them.

The ads, which are running in gay newspapers as well, aren't just in Provincetown and Boston, where large numbers of gay men live. They also appear in Fall River, Worcester, Northampton and Springfield.

Over the last three weeks, the number of hotline calls to the project has doubled, and Web page visits have increased by 500 percent.

Organizers won't say how many hotline calls they have received. The Web had 570 visitors last week, compared to about 50 weekly before the campaign began.

On the posters and billboards, only half the man's face is shown in an intentionally ambiguous image. The man—one black, one white in two different versions—could be either the battered or the batterer, said John Lawler, who photographed the image.

Lawler and his partner, David Ekizian, who designed the ad, opted against showing a man with a black eye or swollen lip.

``It seemed too obvious,'' he said.

The Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project was started about five years ago by a victim of gay abuse. At the time, there was nowhere for abused gay men to turn for help.

This spring, the group launched what they believe to be the nation's first emergency shelter program for abused gay men. Victims can stay in the guest rooms of volunteers for up to two weeks.

The organization hopes eventually to set up a long-term shelter.

In the mid-1980s, many gay organizations in big cities like Boston, New York and San Francisco set up programs for victims of violence, expecting the clients to be men beaten up by gay-bashers. They were surprised to find up to 30 percent of their clients were beaten by their own partners, Heintz said.

By the beginning of this decade, domestic violence among gays was finally recognized as a problem, he said.

In three annual surveys of some 2,000 men at Boston's Gay Pride marches, one in four said they had suffered physical abuse at the hands of a lover.

The percentage is similar to that in the heterosexual community. Studies show anywhere from one in three to one in five women has been beaten by her boyfriend or spouse.

Men beat up their male partners for the same reasons that men beat women—control, jealousy, power. But the gay male victims have other social stigmas to face.

To outsiders, gay abuse can be seen as a ``boys will be boys'' type of incident. And gay men themselves often deny abuse is a problem in their own community, said Heintz.

Moreover, gay victims are afraid to speak up, in part out of fear of being ``outed'' by their partner. Gay victims rarely turn to police, he said.

In surveys at Boston's Gay Pride march, fewer than 1 percent of the 2,000 men interviewed each year said they viewed police or the district attorney as a resource for battering help.

When the police do come, they often don't know which of the two men to arrest, and throw both in jail.

Survey finds NYC gay men trying to reduce risks of HIV infection

NEW YORK (AP)—A new study of gay men in New York City finds that 39 percent don't use condoms but that most of the men who are having unprotected sex are trying to reduce their HIV infection risks in other ways.

Thirty-five percent of those surveyed say they use condoms every time they have anal sex, while 15 percent say they abstain from anal sex altogether.

The survey of more than 7,000 gay men was conducted last year by volunteers from Gay Men's Health Crisis canvassing their peers in bars, in clubs, at beaches, in bathhouses and at other venues.

The survey was released June 28 and has been accepted for presentation at an AIDS conference to be held this summer by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study's finding that 39 percent of gay men reported having unprotected anal intercourse in the last year was similar to recent surveys in other cities with large gay populations.

But the survey also determined that two-thirds of those men having unprotected sex were reducing their risks in other ways, such as limiting the number of partners they have, having sex with partners whose HIV status matches their own or engaging in certain sexual practices that reduce the risk of infection.

The GMHC survey found that only 11 percent of men had sex with a partner whose HIV status was different from their own or whose HIV status they did not know.

Only 2 percent of those surveyed admitted being HIV-positive and having unprotected anal sex with someone whose HIV status they did not know.

About 5 percent of those surveyed also acknowledged having unprotected sex with women.

Thirteen percent of those surveyed said they are HIV-positive, 73 percent said they are negative, and 13 percent said they didn't know their status.

The 13 percent infection rate is in line with city Health Department estimates. But no firm data is available because although New York State passed legislation last year that required HIV testing sites to report their infection rates, a controversy over how the regulations were to be carried out has kept them from being implemented.

The survey is not as scientific as a random poll that is then weighted to reflect the actual population by age and ethnicity. White, middle-aged, educated men were overrepresented in proportion to their actual numbers. Young black and Hispanic men were underrepresented.

But the methodology—using volunteers enlisted by a gay organization to reach out to their peers—has been used in other cities.

In January, the CDC cited as significant the findings of a similar street survey by STOP AIDS, a San Francisco-based advocacy group. That survey of nearly 22,000 homosexual men found that 39.2 percent reported having unprotected anal sex in 1997, up substantially from 30.4 percent in a 1994 STOP AIDS survey.

The GMHC study will be done annually to track trends. This year's volunteers have already begun interviewing and intend to include 1,000 women in the survey.

APAZ hosts open house at new space

AIDS Project Arizona employees and volunteers opened their offices to the public the afternoon of June 29 in order to show off the nonprofit agency's new home at 1427 N. 3rd Street in Phoenix.

The roomy new setting lets the organization house its various programs under one roof and provides more space for client services like BIA testing, the buyer's club and the meal delivery program.



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International Gay & Lesbian News Briefs

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Irish pop star comes out

Fearing he was about to be outed, teen heartthrob singer Stephen Gately of the Irish band Boyzone announced he is gay June 16.

Gately, 23, said he is in love with Eloy de Jong, 26, a former member of the Dutch boy band Caught In The Act.

"This is the hardest thing I have ever had to do but I owe it to our fans, as well as to myself, to be completely honest," Gately told the *Sun*. "I know this may come as a bombshell to our followers. Many of them may be upset. I only hope they understand how important it is for me to reveal I am gay."

Gately came out to himself at age 15 but decided to keep his identity under wraps when he was chosen by club owner Louis Walsh in 1993 to form the five-man Boyzone, he said.

Band member Mikey Graham told the *Mirror*: "We're all very proud of him. This is good news. I'm glad Steve has decided to do this. This is about his happiness and being able to live his life with honesty and pride. It changes nothing between us."

Boyzone's Shane Lynch said: "In this day and age, it is no big deal to be gay. There is no problem here. In fact, we are really happy Steve has decided to make this step."

Boyfriend de Jong told the *Sun*: "I will always be there for Stephen. We will get through this."

Boyzone has had six number-one singles, and their greatest-hits album is at the top of this week's UK charts.

Irish lesbians advertise

Irish lesbians have erected billboards in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Belfast and Derry advertising a helpline and urging parents to accept their lesbian daughters.

The project was funded by the European Union's New Opportunities for Women program.

"It's a visibility campaign that's about trying to encourage some thought for those who are lesbian and their families," said Anita Thoma of the Lesbian Education and Awareness group.

Speaking to Cork's *Examiner* newspaper, Thoma said: "There are huge issues for anyone who is lesbian. We still have people trying to lead double lives and no human being should have to do that. ... Lesbians are your sister, your aunt, your shopkeeper, your taxi driver, so it's about all kinds of relationships in society."

Male rape up in Australia

A third of sexual-assault victims seeking help from the largest victims' support service in the Australian state of Victoria (where Melbourne is) are male, the *Herald Sun* reported June 16.

"We have found the number of men who are victims that we really didn't know about to be absolutely amazing," said Liz Bishop, a governmental ministerial adviser working with the Victims Referral and Assistance Service (VRAS). "It really has surprised everybody."

VRAS Victim Services Supervisor George Halkias said men have become more willing to discuss sexual attacks.

"There's been a change in that macho mentality and a lot of guys are willing to open up a bit more these days and have a chat about it," he said.

Victoria Police recorded 809 rapes on females and 105 on males during 1997-98. There were 3,664 non-rape sex offenses of which 955 were on boys or men.

Taunted worker wins settlement

In what is believed to be Britain's first such case, London's Euromoney Publications was ordered June 17 to apologize and pay about $40,000 to an employee who was harassed and apparently fired because he is gay.

An industrial tribunal found that journalist Anthony O'Connor, 29, who worked for the company's *Airfinance Journal*, was subjected to "unacceptable," "offensive" and "abusive" comments because of his sexual orientation.

Royal Bank sponsors Toronto Pride

Canada's large Royal Bank donated $10,000 (US $6,800) to Toronto's gay pride celebration this year.

Other corporate sponsors included Labatt Brewing, Molson Breweries and Air Canada.

Royal Bank's vice-president for small and medium enterprises, Edmee Metivier, told the Globe & Mail: "You don't always do sponsorship for the rewards, you do it for a good cause. Talking about diversity ... goes beyond recognizing that it's there, or tolerating.

"Some Canadians remain uncomfortable with the acceptance of gays and lesbians into mainstream society," Metivier added. "We respect our customers' right to reject this idea. But we see ourselves as leaders."

More than 700,000 people turned out for the June 27 parade.

Council of Europe President is anti-gay

The new president of the Council of Europe is a homophobe, says Homosexual Initiative Vienna.

Walter Schwimmer was elected June 23 by a vote of 138-136 over Brit Terry Davis.

In 1996 in the Austrian Parliament, Schwimmer voted against repeal of Penal Code Articles 220 and 221 which prohibit gay groups and positive information about homosexuality.

In 1996 and 1998 he also voted against repeal of the discriminatory age of consent for gay men, Article 209.

The Council of Europe is a grouping of 40 nations pledged to uphold human rights and cooperate in a variety of activities. Its judicial organ is the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. The court enforces the 1952 European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. The Council is governed by the foreign ministers of its member states (the Committee of Ministers) and by representatives from national parliaments (the Parliamentary Assembly).

Quebec equalizes gays

Quebec's National Assembly unanimously passed a law June 10 that gives gay and lesbian couples the same rights as common-law heterosexual couples.

Law 32 alters 39 provincial laws and regulations to recognize same-sex pairs in areas such as taxes, workplace standards, car insurance, pension benefits, retirement plans and social assistance.

"With the passage of Bill 32, Quebec has become the first province in Canada to remove all discriminatory distinctions between same-sex couples and opposite-sex common-law couples," said Carmen Paquette, spokesperson for the national lobby group Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere.

"The passage of this bill marks another giant leap forward in the struggle for equality."

Buckingham palace bans gay couples

Domestic partners—gay or straight—were banned from Queen Elizabeth's get-togethers at Buckingham Palace in mid-June after two male priests kissed at a recent reception for her chaplains and former chaplains.

According to the *London Times*, the Duke of Edinburgh and Lord Camoys, the lord chamberlain, were particularly outraged by the incident.

Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, had been the driving force behind a liberalization of palace policies that allowed the male partners of Culture Secretary Chris Smith, singer Elton John, actor Sir Ian McKellen and others to attend royal functions.

MP acknowledges bisexuality

British Member of Parliament Ron Davies acknowledged he is bisexual June 13 following hounding from tabloid newspapers after an incident last October in which he was mugged in a well-known gay cruising park.

In a statement Davies, 52, said: "[I]n order to put a stop to the intolerable stream of lurid and inaccurate stories, I am left with no alternative but to confirm that I am, and have been for some time, bisexual.

"I am saddened that I have been forced into making this statement and I hope that it will end the continued intrusion into my private life. I hope that I will now be allowed to concentrate on my political work and to deal with the difficult personal issues involved where they belong, within the confines of my family."

Davies—a Labour MP and Member of the Welsh Assembly—issued the statement after the *News of the World* ran a two-page spread with photos allegedly showing Davies cruising a wooded area near his home in Draethen, Caer-philly, South Wales.

Davies called the report false and claimed he was merely taking walks and watching birds.

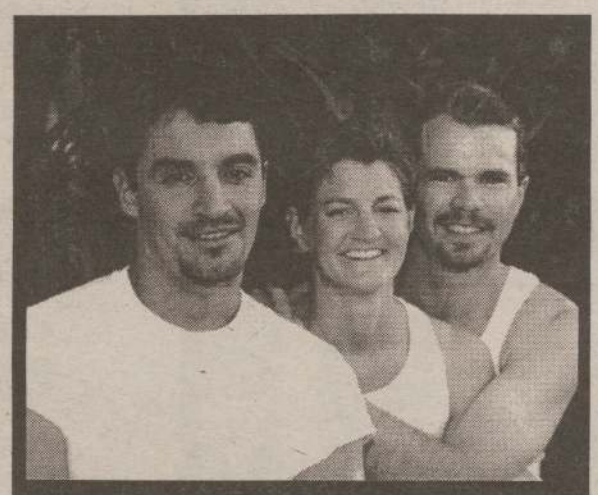
"During the last week while walking and bird watching near my home I was approached by individuals who, on two separate occasions, attempted to engage me in conversation of a sexual nature. I ended the conversations and walked away," he said. "I now know that these were tabloid journalists who were clearly trying to entrap me. ... I deeply regret this invasion of my privacy."

However, reporters said they observed Davies in the cruisy area on four consecutive days and that he carried no binoculars or notepad. News of the World editor Phil Hall said: "Acting on information from a concerned parent we sent investigative reporters to the scene. On two occasions Mr. Davies approached our reporters and the conversations were taped."

The paper is believed to have turned audio and video recordings over to police, who said they will investigate Davies for "importuning."

"Importuning" means "to beg, urge or solicit persistently or troublesomely."

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NYC Cathedral hosts Stonewall commemoration

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, speaking on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the Stonewall riot, urged gays and lesbians Saturday to bring their fight for equal rights to the ballot box.

The congressman, who was greeted with a standing ovation at a Manhattan celebration of the 1969 incident, told the crowd that the gains made by the gay community were substantial. But he stressed that the struggle continues.

"No one should ask us to be grateful because there's less bigotry. It never should have been there at all."

``We have fought on our terms,'' said Frank, D-Mass., one of only three gay members of Congress. ``But I urge you to take the next step. Use our political power. You have to vote. Your friends have to vote.''

Frank was one of about two dozen speakers, performers and activists appearing at ``Stonewall 30: A Sacred Celebration.'' Some 1,500 gays and lesbians turned out at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for the event, which commemorated the start of the gay rights movement.

On June 28, the Christopher Street site of the Stonewall Inn was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Angry gays fought with police who had rousted them from the Stonewall on June 27, 1969.

Frank, who took pot shots at closeted gays in Congress and the Rev. Jerry Falwell, said that there should be no complacency among gay rights activists.

``No one should ask us to be grateful because there's less bigotry,'' Frank said to rousing cheers. ``It never should have been there at all.''

The rest of the ceremony was by turns solemn and comical. The New York City Gay Men's Chorus sang a requiem for the late Matthew Shepard, the Wyoming youth killed by gay-bashers, and a group called Lavender Light performed ``We Shall Overcome.''

"As a gay boy growing up in the Bronx, I never dreamed I'd be in the world's largest Gothic cathedral, in the pulpit, in full drag."

But actor Jay Goede did a hilarious reading of a 1969 *Daily News* article on the Stonewall riot, opening with its homophobic headline: ``Homo nest raided. Queen bees are stinging mad.''

Later, drag performer Miss Coco Peru—in red wig, matching lipstick and sequined purple dress—stood in the pulpit with gay police Sgt. Edward Rodriguez.

``As a gay boy growing up in the Bronx,'' Miss Peru said, ``I never dreamed I'd be in the world's largest Gothic cathedral, in the pulpit, in full drag.''

She smiled, and the audience applauded.

Protestors burn gay pride flag at Ohio Statehouse, two arrested

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Two protesters were arrested at the Statehouse after one of them took down the rainbow flag that represents gay rights and burned it, authorities said.

Charles Spingola, 43, of Newark, and Donald Richardson, 63, of London, Ohio, were taken into custody during an altercation June 27 between the protesters and gay rights advocates, said Lt. John Born of the State Highway Patrol.

``Sometimes we take for granted that we live in a tolerant community. Today we learned that bigotry is alive and well in central Ohio.''

Spingola, accused of taking down the flag and burning it, has been charged with rioting, criminal damaging and disorderly conduct, authorities said. Richardson has been charged with disorderly conduct and misconduct in an emergency, said a Franklin County Municipal Court clerk who declined to giver her name.

Spingola and Richardson were both released from the Franklin County jail on bond and were to be arraigned today in municipal court, the clerk said.

No other arrests were made and no one was injured.

The incident, reported about 1 p.m. Sunday, occurred a few hours after the gay-rights flag was hoisted at the state Capitol as part of a celebration of gay pride in Columbus.

Amid cheers from about 30 protesters, Spingola climbed the William McKinley monument next to the flagpole and cut down the flag, Mark Narens, a Columbus lawyer, told The Columbus Dispatch.

An argument between gay activists and protesters ensued and, during the argument, one of the protesters burned the flag, Narens told the newspaper. More people entered the fray and the groups had to be separated by Columbus police and highway patrol troopers before a fight occurred, police said.

Most of the protesters were members of the Coalition of Bible Believing Churches, a group from various central Ohio churches, said protester Steve Bro, 29, of Waverly.

The group said it burned the flag in protest of the homosexual lifestyle, which they believe is denounced in the Bible.

``Jesus Christ died for them. If they repent, they can be saved,'' Bro said.

Members of the gay support organization Stonewall Columbus, which sponsors a parade and arranged to have the flag raised at the Statehouse, said they were disappointed by the flag burning.

``It's extremely demoralizing to see that type of behavior against any group,'' Jose Rodriguez, a board member of Stonewall Columbus, told the Dispatch.

``Sometimes we take for granted that we live in a tolerant community,'' he said. ``Today we learned that bigotry is alive and well in central Ohio.''

Flying the rainbow flag shows that gays are an accepted part of the community, said Jeff Redfield, executive director of Stonewall Columbus.

The flag burning left a burn mark on the pavement outside the Statehouse.

By evening, a second gay-rights flag had been hoisted at the Statehouse and flew below the American flag.

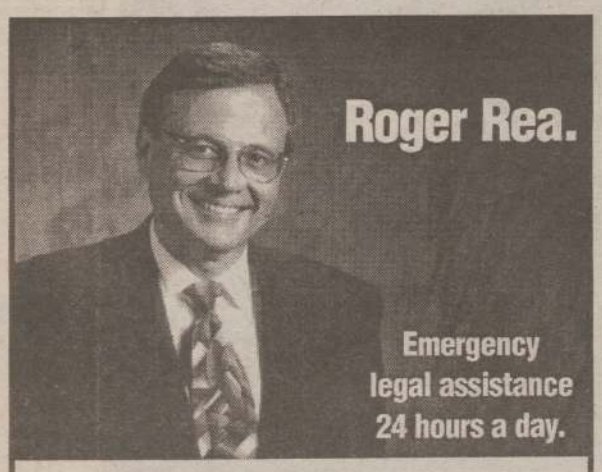
Another lesbian bookseller closes its doors; Pennsylvania owner cites chain stores

HALLAM, Pa. (AP) A feminist bookstore that thrived here in the early 1990s is closing Wednesday, with the manager blaming competition from chain stores and online booksellers.

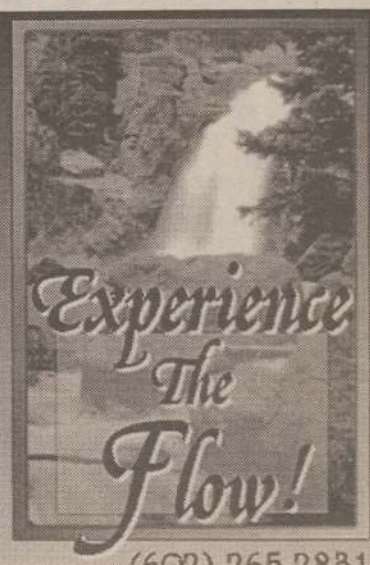
``I've got Borders on my left and now Barnes & Noble on my right,'' said Kathy Weems, the manager of Her Story Women's Bookstore. ``That nailed the casket shut. That stopped all my Lancaster traffic.''

Ms. Weems and a silent business partner opened the 1,500-square-foot store in 1992 with 200 book titles. In the past nine years, the store's title list grew to 10,000. Over time, a feminist and lesbian clientele, based on word-of-mouth references, soon encompassed a wider base of customers.

Not once did the proprietors or customers receive negative feedback from the small-town community, Ms. Weems said.


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Goings On

News & Events of Interest to the Phoenix Queer Community

Rainbow Families planning July outing

Rainbow Families, a program of The Community Center for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered parents and their children, is putting together a list of social activities for the hot summer months.

On Saturday, July 24, the group will tour the Arizona Museum for Youth in Mesa. The 3 pm outing will be followed by a picnic supper at a nearby park.

Rainbow Families is always looking for new members and new ideas for group social activities for both parents and kids. For information contact Heather at 602/439-922, or call the center at 602/234-2752.

Center sponsoring women's dance in September

A Tea Dance for women will take place Sunday, Sept. 12 from 2 - 5 pm at the Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Ave. in central Phoenix.

The dance will be the first in a planned series of new events for women sponsored by The Community Center/Women's Community Project. There will be ballroom dance lessons, door prizes and refreshments for a cost of $15.

Call the center at 602/234-2752 for information.

Hand of Love on summer break

Hand of Love Ministry's monthly Alternative Healing Workshop & Networking Meetings have been suspended for the summer, set to resume in the fall.

In the meantime chiropractor Dr. Michael Solomons will be hosting free health talks on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at his clinic, 402 W. Roosevelt, Suite C, in Phoenix. Call 602/254-2454 to take part.

Regional Leather Contest set for Aug. 14

The 1999 Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer and Drummer Boy Contest will be held August 14 in Phoenix. This event will select the regional representatives who will compete in the 1999 International Mr. Drummer and Drummer Boy contest to be held Sept. 25 in San Francisco.

The Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer competition will pit the winners from local contests to be held throughout the summer in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

Since 1979, the Mr. Drummer title winners—whether local, regional or national—have served as diplomats representing the leather community, and are called upon to serve in many ways. Mr. Drummer displays the finest values of the leather tradition: discipline, honor, tolerance and the celebration of individuality.

Bob Le Jardine, owner of Tuff Stuff Leatherware and the sponsor of the Southwest Regional event, encourages all leather enthusiasts to pick up a contestant packet at Tuff Stuff, 1714 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix. Call 602/254-9651 for further information.

Baptists end national meeting deeply divided over gay issues

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—The convention of American Baptist Churches USA ended with discord caused by the decision to cast out four churches for their pro-gay leanings.

Even in worship, the strife in the denomination was evident June 25. Following the program's opening procession of local, regional and denominational leaders, protesters entered the arena at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

As a 200-voice choir and the assembly sang, marchers held high four crosses, representing the four California churches severed from the denomination this week for ``welcoming and affirming'' gays and lesbians.

Carrying banners and ribbons and holding aloft stones, about 200 members and supporters of the exiled congregations walked to the front of the arena, then filled the center aisle.

After the song ended, the marchers quietly left or returned to their seats, to delayed and scattered applause.

The American Baptist Churches USA board's votes expelling the churches were held June 19-20, just before the denomination's biennial nationwide meeting began.

An Ohio church narrowly escaped being thrown out of the denomination.

Expelled in separate votes were Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church in Oakland, First Baptist Church of Berkeley, New Community of Faith in San Jose and San Leandro Community Church in San Leandro.

First Baptist Church in Granville, Ohio, maintained a tenuous tie to the denomination.

Supporters of the decision to banish the churches said the denomination had to uphold its view on authority of the Bible and homosexual practice as sinful.

``Our denomination was a church of the Bible and held it strong and held it true. Now it's being falsified,'' said Pastor Gerald Feulmer of First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tenn. ``Sin is sin.''

Others called for peace.

``I would like to believe that we could all humbly seek Jesus' face together,'' said the Rev. David Frey of Iowa City.

The delegates debated calling on the General Board to reconsider its votes to uphold a regional decision dismissing the churches. The assembly does not vote on such statements, but records the debate and forwards it to the General Board.

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My Queer Life

Ah-Choo!—a Guide to the New Hankie Code

By Michael Thomas Ford,
HeatStroke ***Contributor***

For years, gay men searching for sexual fulfillment have been aided by the convenience of the hankie code.

For the unfamiliar, this extraordinary cultural invention involves the wearing of different colored handkerchiefs in the back pocket of one's jeans or, in some circles, leather pants. Depending on the color of the handkerchief and its placement on the left or right side, observers can tell at a glance what one's particular fetish is and whether one enjoys being the top or bottom when partaking of this activity.

For example, a gentleman sporting a navy blue handkerchief in his left pocket would not be at all unhappy to find a nice fellow with one in his right, as it would mean the two of them could soon be in bed with the righty requesting the lefty to, "Pound me harder, you big stud." You get the idea.



While this code has worked nicely in the sexual arena, those of us who would like to identify potential partners by means other than what they do in the bedroom (or back room) have not been so fortunate. Left to our own devices, we frequently choose badly because, quite frankly, there is no "buyer beware" sticker on the package. This is not fair.

So in an attempt to right this wrong, I have developed a hankie code for the rest of us. It is based not on sexual proclivities, but on general personality traits that often have a great effect on the outcome of a relationship. As with the other hankie code, when worn on the left the color implies that the wearer meets the assigned description; when worn on the right it is a signal that the wearer is looking for such a person. Curiously, the code applies almost equally well to lesbians as it does to gay men, so finally there is something we can all agree on.

Green: Eats only organic produce.

Will drag you around for hours in the co-op searching for locally grown cilantro and pesticide free lemons. Takes a multitude of vitamins, but is oddly tired most of the time, requiring numerous visits to acupuncturists, herbalists, and crystal healers, none of whom are covered by a health plan. When on a dinner date, will complain loudly about how the non-organic lettuce in the salad will surely result in a sore throat, but has no problem eating the entire piece of chocolate cheesecake you order for yourself.

Yellow: Amateur activist.

Has a membership in every gay group you can imagine, from the Human Rights Campaign to the gay swimming club. Has memorized every acronym imaginable, believes in the educative power of the bumper sticker, and leaves articles clipped from the newspaper on your kitchen counter with salient points underlined. Frequently unavailable for dates due to a heavy schedule of petitioning and volunteering for local gay political candidates.

Red: Processing junkie.

Enthusiastically codependent, and will not hesitate to reassure you that all of your personality defects are completely normal and most likely the fault of your parents. Has an entire library of self-help books and knows the schedule and meeting location for every conceivable 12-step program. Generally has a degree in social work. Dates will involve talking about how you feel about the previous date.

Blue: Enjoys foreign films.

Particularly when playing in a theater situated in an inconvenient location with no parking and ethnic restaurants of ill repute. Will frequently tell you that anything made in Hollywood is crap and insist only on attending movies featuring arcane or nonexistent plots, actresses with three names, and children carrying balloons. A typical date will consist of sitting through three hours of subtitles and an additional three hours of exposition during which you are told as many times as possible that you "just don't get it."

Lavender: Overly fond of Siamese cats.

Probably has at least two, who will assuredly sport completely unsuitable matching names like Melissa and kd or Joan and Bette, even if male. Will not understand when you insist the cats do not sleep on your face at night, and will frequently cancel dates because one or the other of them is sneezing. Dates will involve neurotically-prepared dinners followed by looking at high school yearbooks and hearing endless stories about all of the people in them.

Pink: Writes extremely bad poetry.

Has an entire shelf filled with notebooks dating back to the sixth grade, and will spend hours reading them to you if you're not careful. Easily breaks into tears and says, "Can you believe how deep that is?" while listening to Elton John or Jewel albums. Dates will always center around poetry slams and art installations involving black and white photos of body parts with accompanying text taken from the work of Sylvia Plath.

Orange: Tanning booth aficionado and gym bunny.

Insists that every day is swimsuit season, and always looks the part. Spends hours in the gym buffing, then even more time in front of the mirror perfecting the look. Comes with a startling array of hair and face care products, and considers the Abercrombie & Fitch catalog acceptable bedtime reading. Dates will involve shopping at J Crew and repeatedly answering the question, "Does this make my ass look big?"

Black: Prozac queen.

Has an entire medicine cabinet filled with half-used prescriptions for every mood-altering medication known to science. Only stays on each one for a month before announcing that it just isn't working and trying another. Dates will consist of recounting everything said at last therapy session and therapist's reactions.

White: Virgin martyr.

Never does anything wrong, but makes sure you know when you have. Is adept at sighing and looking disappointed, particularly on birthdays and anniversaries. Dates will revolve around discussions of exes and everything they did to ruin the relationships.

Michael Thomas Ford won a Lambda Literary Award for his book *Alec Baldwin Doesn't Love Me.* His new book, *That's Mr. Faggot to You,* is in stores now. He welcomes e-mail at Shopiltee@aol.com.

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Time: Learning from the Past

Last year, *Time* magazine released two special retrospective issues which were the subject of substantial GLAADAlerts, one commemorating its 75th Anniversary, the other, a year-end review.

In spite of the growth of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights movement in the last fifty years, and the impact of the AIDS pandemic throughout the last 15 years, the 75th Anniversary issue ignored the community.

Similarly, such noteworthy 1998 events as the highly-covered October murder of Matthew Shepard; developments in the struggle for equal marriage rights; and pertinent legislative actions across the country failed to receive appropriate attention in the year-end review.

Following the publication of the latter issue, GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry and other GLAAD staff representatives called for a meeting with members of the magazine's senior editorial staff including *Time* Managing Editor Walter Isaacson.

At that time, Garry shared GLAAD's concerns with Time and expressed its disappointment with the omissions, especially since GLAAD had long recognized the news magazine's outstanding and regular coverage.

Time has obviously paid closer attention in its more recent issues. In April, 1998, it began its five-issue series of the "100 Persons of the Century." In the series' penultimate issue, on "Scientists & Thinkers," mathematician and computer scientist Alan Turing was featured in a piece which made mention of the influential thinker's homosexuality.

But more importantly, in its June 14 issue, on "Heroes & Icons," *Time* answered the call for inclusiveness, featuring as one of its 20 heroes the late San Francisco City Supervisor, Harvey Milk, assassinated by a fellow city official in 1978.

Written compellingly by *Time*'s John Cloud, the two-page piece examines Milk's life and struggle to achieve his position, noting that "[w]hile assassination offered Milk something then rare for openly gay men - mainstream empathy - it would have been thrilling to see how far he could have gone as a leader…Instead, he remains frozen in time, a symbol of what gays can accomplish and the dangers they face in doing so."

Time follows the piece with a full-page timeline of highlights in the history of the lesbian and gay community.

Milk's inclusion is not the only notable one in the "Heroes & Icons" issue, the last in the "100 People" series. In a piece by syndicated columnist Liz Smith, subtitled "The five romances that, for better or worse, captured our imagination this century," Smith singles out authors Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas as one of the century's most fascinating couples.

And now openly lesbian tennis legend Billie Jean King - best known for her victory in a "Battle of the Sexes" match against Bobby Riggs - is named as one of "The 10 Most Influential Athletes of the Century," while Martina Navratilova is included as one of "Three Women Who Rocked the World of Sports," specifically because of her courage in being open about her sexual orientation.

Furthermore, in a section on contributor profiles entitled "When the Writer is the Hero," *Time* highlights its selection of openly gay playwright and screenwriter Paul Rudnick as its choice for writing about Marilyn Monroe.

Please thank *Time*'s staff for a truly remarkable turnaround. Let them know you valued their attention to detail and the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community issues in what indeed proved to be a special issue.

Contact: Walter Isaacson, Managing Editor, *Time Magazine*, Time-Life Building, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, fax: 212/522-8949, e-mail: letters@time.com (include phone and address)

Sandler's *Big Daddy* is Gay-Friendly

Adam Sandler's latest opus, *Big Daddy*, opening June 25, includes positive portrayals of gay men.

In the film, two law school pals of Sonny Koufax (Adam Sandler) passionately kiss goodbye, revealing themselves as a gay male couple. While their sexual orientation occasionally lends itself to sight gags, Sonny's response to a friend's unease is disarming in its honesty: "That's what gay guys do, they kiss."

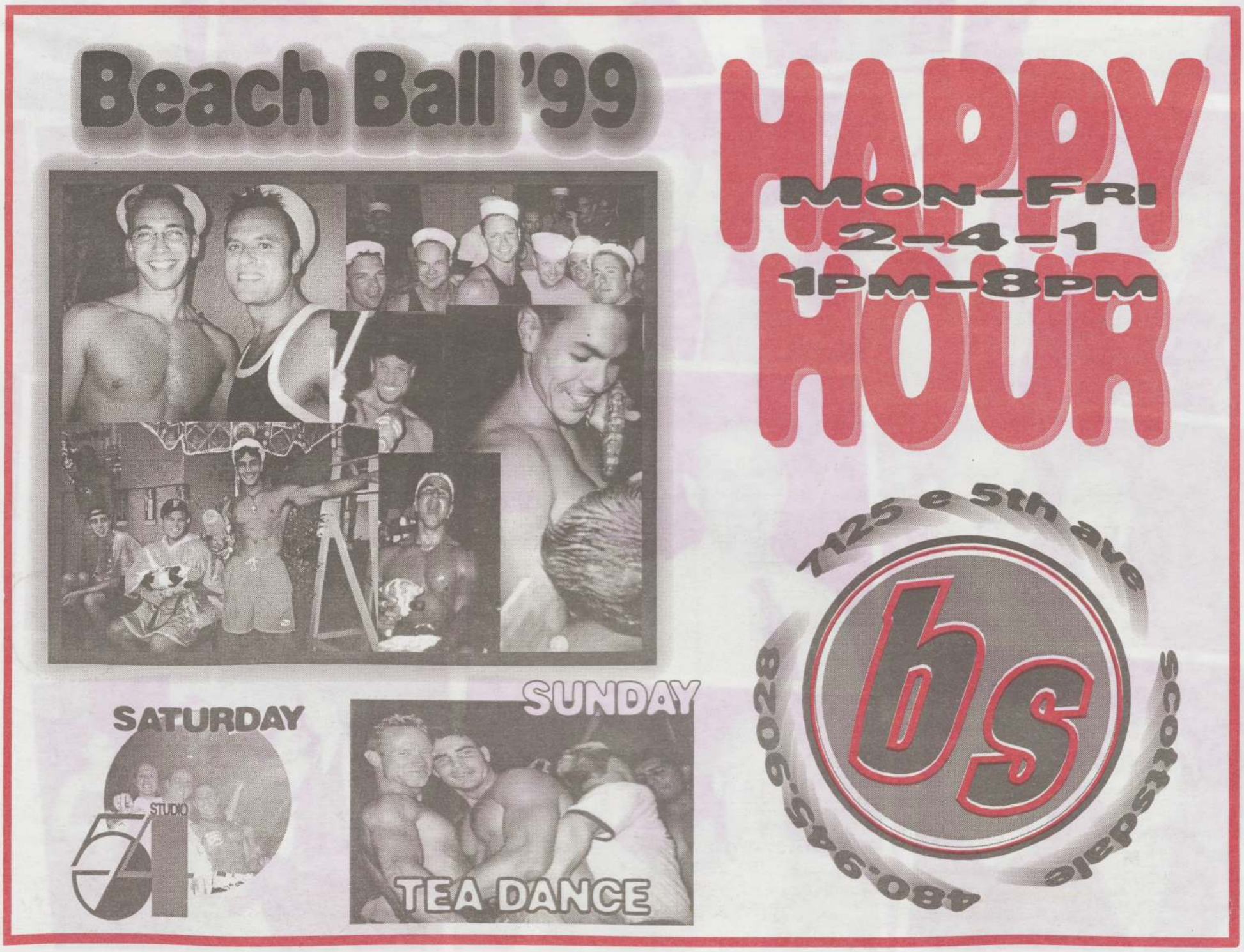
Later in the film, Sonny's love interest Layla (Joey Lauren Adams of *Chasing Amy*) asks him if it was strange having his pals come out and reveal their love for each other. Sonny explains that it wasn't, and notes that the only difference now is that "they watch different porn."

Since Adam Sandler's core audience consists of teenage boys, *Big Daddy's* impact reaches an audience that rarely sees positive portrayals of lesbians or gay men on screen at all.

Please contact Columbia TriStar and the producers of *Big Daddy* and thank them for teaching audiences of all ages an important lesson about acceptance and friendship in such a frank and refreshing manner.

Contact:

- Adam Sandler, Executive Producer, *Big Daddy*, 100 Universal Plaza, Building 507A, Penthouse 1, Universal City, CA 91608
- Sid Ganis, Producer, *Big Daddy*, Out of the Blue Entertainment, Sony Pictures, 10202 W. Washington Blvd., Hepburn East, 2nd Floor, Culver City, CA 90232-3195
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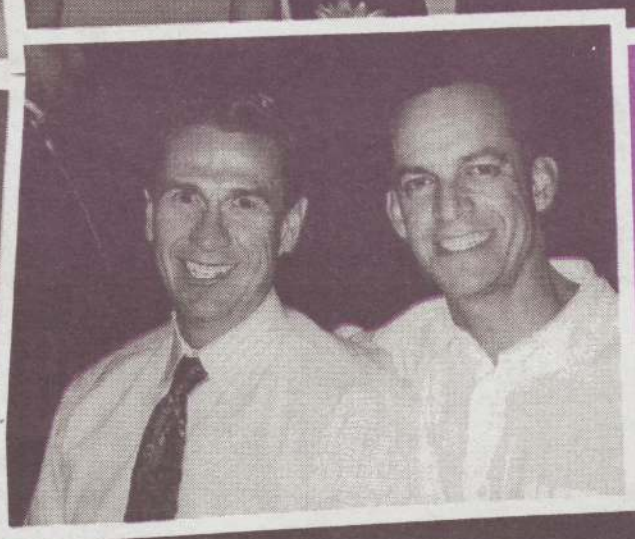


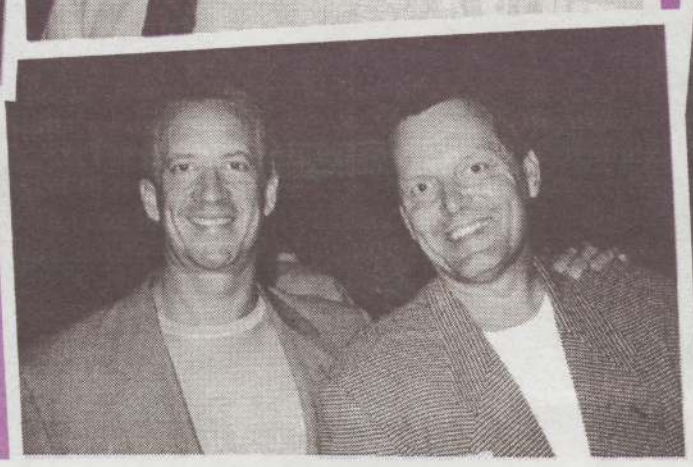











Lilith Fair in town July 18

Shhh. Don't tell Jerry Falwell's followers, but Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Martina McBride, Luscious Jackson and several other female music acts are heading to Phoenix July 18 for a Valley stop on the third—and last— annual Lilith Fair tour.

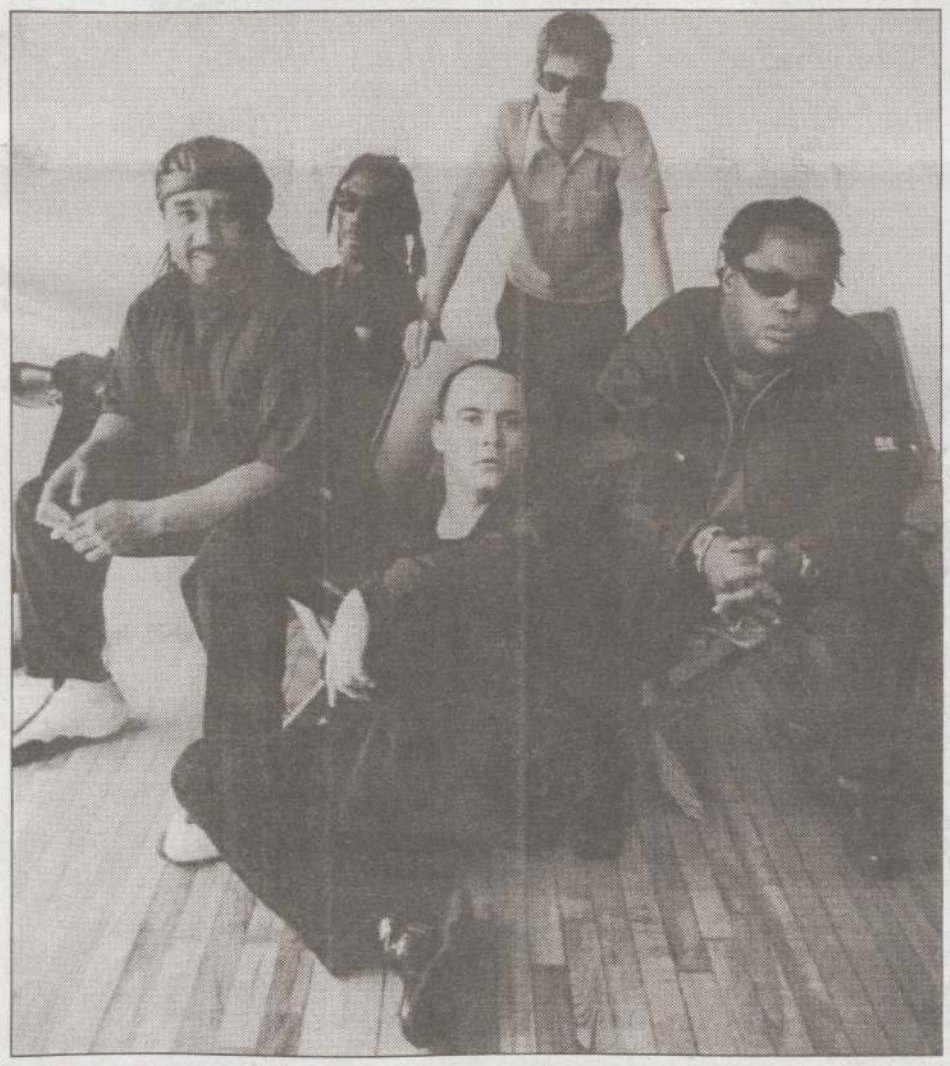
The revered reverend's hyper-Christian Internet news magazine recently insisted that the tour, which attracts its fair share of lesbians at every concert stop, was named to honor a pre-biblical lady demon. McLachlan & Co. say otherwise.

Tickets for the 4:30 pm show at Blockbuster Desert Sky Pavilion are $29 - $54 and are on sale now through Ticketmaster or the Desert Sky box office.

Crazy thinkin' about Dave Matthews

Among the best things to come out of South Africa since the end of apartheid, The Dave Matthews Band has a reputation for sounding as good live as they do on their complex and polished (not to mention platinum selling)cds.

A newly meatier Dave will be fronting his namesake group at Blockbuster Desert Sky Pavilion July 6, with Reggae legend Jimmy Cliff opening the 7 pm show. Tickets are $28.50 - $39.50.



On the verge of a Tucson excursion?

ASU Playwriting prof Guillermo Reyes is directing the Arizona premiere of his play *Men on the Verge of a His-Panic Breakdown* at Tucson's Black Box Theater, 2202 W. Anklam Rd., opening July 7.

The one-man comedy was an off-Broadway hit in 1997 starring Hollywood hunk Felix A. Pire and directed by Joseph Meigle.

The new Tucson production, presented by Borderlands Theater, will feature Oregonian Andres Alcala playing eight gay Latinos in separate monologues ranging from a tinseltown call boy to an aging Cuban restaurateur.

No stranger to Reyes' work, Alcala just wrapped a Pride Month run of *Men on the Verge* in Portland. He recently picked up an Best Actor award for his featured role in the 1998 Portland production of another Reyes comedy, *Deporting the Divas*.

The comedy will run in through July 18 as part of Pima Community College's Summer residency Program. Call 520/882-7406 for reservations or information.

ATC season to include crossdressing *Irma Vep* & '99 Tony winner *Side Man*

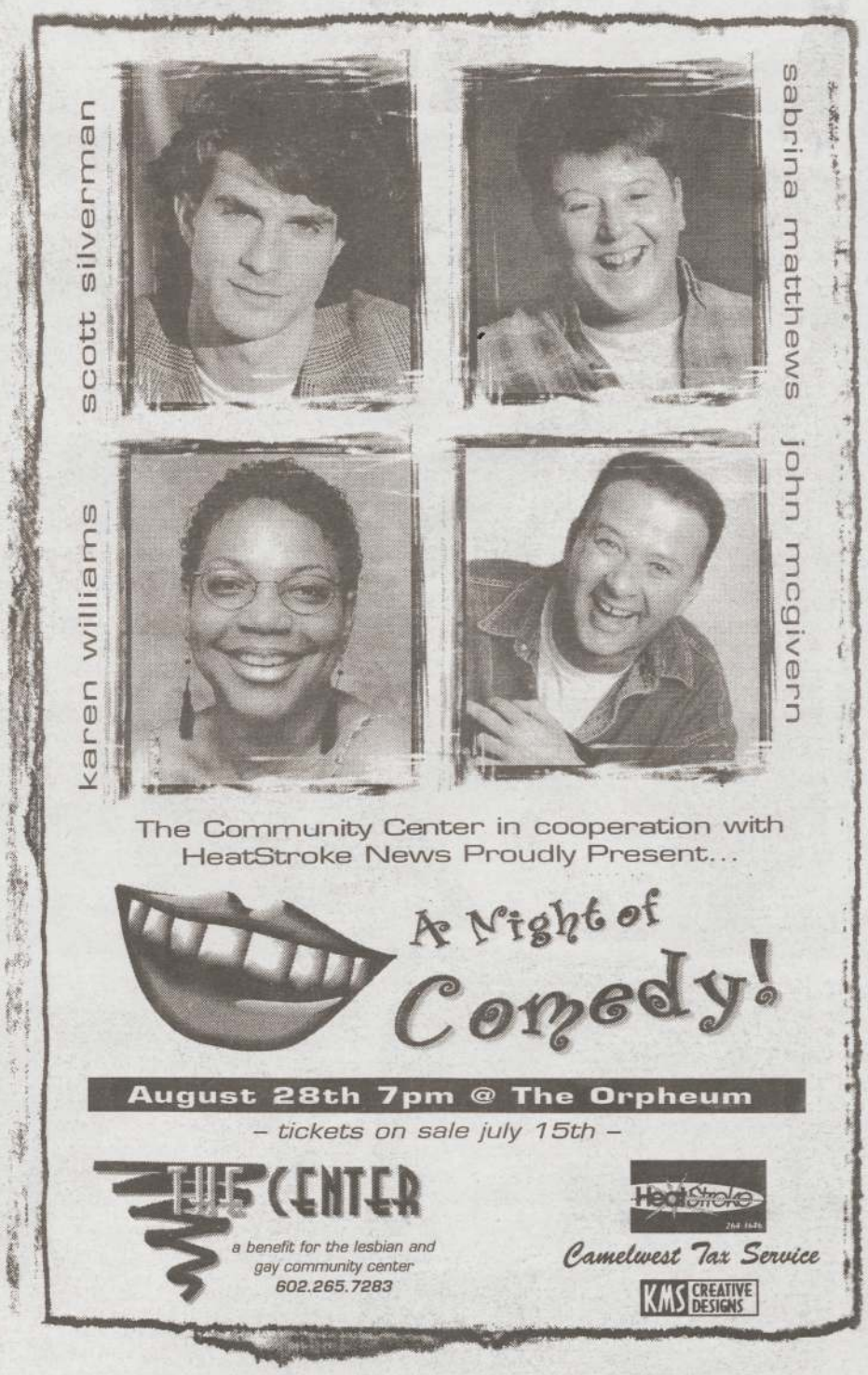
Arizona Theatre Co. has announced the roster of plays for its upcoming season at downtown Phoenix's Herberger Theatre Centre.

Kicking off the '99-00 season will be the jazzy Duke Ellington musical *Play On!* , opening in the Valley Oct. 7. Gay master playwright Terrence McNally's *Master Class*, a bio of opera diva Maria Callas, will follow with a Nov. 16 opening date.

The Mystery of Irma Vep, a hilarious, two-character camp farce by Charles Ludlam,will run Dec. 30 through Jan. 16, followed by the Arizona premiere of this year's Tony Award winner for Best Play, Warren Leight's *Side Man*, a paean to the greats of the jazz era.

ATC will then turn to the bard for inspiration with a new production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* running March 23 through April 9. Rounding out the season will be the one-character comedy *The First 100 Years* , a world premiere play written and performed by Geoff Hoyle.

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Outonfilm

The Loss of Sexual Innocence

This disturbing, semi-erotic indie release written and directed by Mike Figgis feels a lot like a film school experiment instead of a deeply felt feature by an accomplished director.

Figgis connects a series of short stories—some plot driven, others not—by basing most of them on different stages in the life of a British filmmaker named Nic, played as an adult by Julian Sands and as a teen by Jonathan Rhys-Meyers.

The chronology and diversity of the stories and characters is often confusing. Long passages with little or no dialogue, abrupt locale changes and an Adam & Eve allegory that's spliced into the action at regular intervals add to the film's pretensions and test the limits of a moviegoer's patience.

Figgis' heterosexist anger toward women is as palpable here as in his lauded 1994 film, *Leaving Las Vegas*. In *Sexual Innocence*, redheaded Eve tops ebony-hued Adam and steals his virtue much the way prostitute Elizabeth Shué straddled and raped Nicholas Cage to end the director's earlier film. Unlike Cage's addled alcoholic, Adam doesn't die from his



orgasm. Nevertheless, Figgis' point seems to be that a woman who dares exercise her libido is the cause of much trouble in the world.

And yet *The Loss of Sexual Innocence* has its merits. It's well acted, at times visually engrossing and, as in a final segment beautifully shot in the Tunisian desert, occasionally strikes an emotional chord.

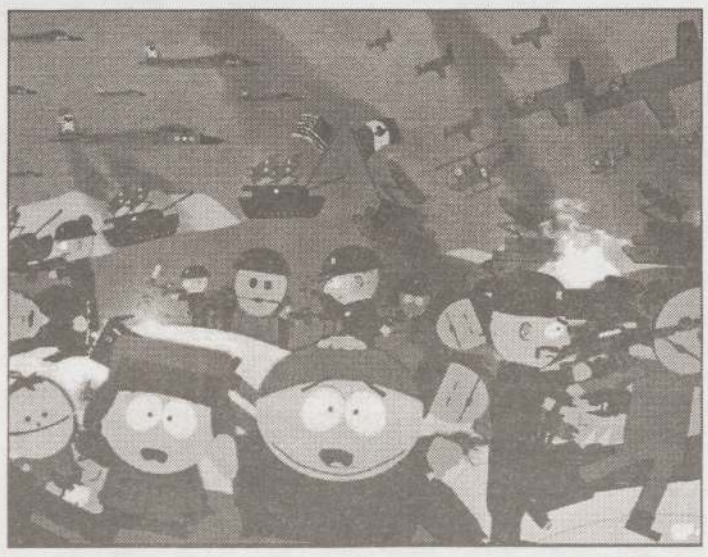
For hardcore film buffs, Figgis' latest is worth viewing if only as a full scale exploration of nonlinear storytelling. But if you're looking for entertainment, look elsewhere.

South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut

Comedy Central's foul-mouthed suburban third graders head to the big screen in this R-rated, animated musical comedy from series creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone that never stops pushing the envelope and then throws up in it.

The movie is as socially irresponsible, provocative and dependably funny as the duo's hit TV show—and about ten times more vulgar. As with last summer's surprise hit *There's Something About Mary*, you're apt to laugh your ass off while simultaneously wondering how disturbed you must be to find this stuff humorous.

The musical numbers are camp beyond description, with song titles like, "What Would Brian Boitano Do?" and "Kyle's Mom is a Big, Fat, Bitch." The gay sensiblity that nearly surfaces on the South Park TV show bubbles right over the top in the movie, where a singing/dancing gay Satan and his neglectful lover, Saddam Hussein, plot a world takeover while arguing about sexual positions.



South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut is lewd, rude, and definitely not for the squeamish. It's also riotously funny and well worth seeing, especially for fans of the TV show and those who don't mind a lot of crudity with their comedy.

Notable Quotes

Newsmakers, Celebrities & Others Speak Out

Compiled by Rex Wockner



"I do love dyke marches—in the bigger cities they're usually scheduled to happen a few days before the bigger, all-inclusive gay parade. They're a frisky and fierce occasion for a bunch of topless women to march down the street, chanting, 'What do we want? Pussy! When do we want it? NOW!'"

—Author Susie Bright writing in *Salon Magazine*, May 29.

"Quarantined from female rhythms and scruples, the male sex drive functions at fever pitch. ... Perhaps the male homosexual, uncushioned as he is by society's circumambient encouragements to breed, feels the isolated, disquieted human condition with a special bleakness: he must take it straight."

—Author John Updike in a negative review of Alan Hollinghurst's new novel, *The Spell*, in *The New Yorker*, May 31.

"'Gay Pride' is mainly a form of PR propaganda aimed both at the large number of gays who have yet to fully accept themselves, and at those heterosexuals who still find themselves able to feel a smug, disdainful superiority to gays."

—Syndicated gay columnist Paul Varnell in an early June filing.

"Straight people are—I think they're in trouble, quite frankly. I don't think it's going well for them. When they took out those ads for the ex-gays—remember that, sponsored by Focus On The Family?—you know, I saw those and I thought, God, it can't be going well for straight people; they have to advertise now."

—Comedian Kate Clinton on the all-lesbian episode of Roseanne's talk show, May 27.

"I just find it so much easier not to have one [a boyfriend]. I'm a bit too demented to maintain a relationship. I've been single for a few years now. A good few years...The minute I get insecure about a relationship, a little demon in me sets out to destroy it. I seem to go down that road every time."

—Gay pop singer Jimmy Somerville to London's *Pink Paper*, May 28.

"I go out on the scene a lot, but there are so many other ways to meet nowadays. Chatlines, they're hilarious, and a great way of getting knobbed. My biggest treat is when someone I've chatted to on the phone lines turns up and doesn't suss who I am. 'You look familiar,' and I go, 'Ah, maybe you've just seen me somewhere.' Once, one guy came to the door and said: 'I can't shag you—you're too famous.' Another time, somebody must have recognised my voice because he started playing Smalltown Boy down the phone. But I won't be able to go on the chatline now. I've just blown it."

—Gay pop singer Jimmy Somerville to London's *Pink Paper*, May 28.

"I want to tell you something, members: This is very much about me. This is about me as a little girl. This is about me in high school. This is about me getting kicked out of my sorority at UCLA. This is about me losing my series on *Dobie Gillis* because of my sexual orientation."

—Lesbian California legislator Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, on the floor of the state Assembly June 3 as a measure that would have protected public-school students from discrimination went down to defeat by one vote.

"It's important for me to speak openly about my sexuality to help educate people. Forty years ago, when there was a lot of anti-Semitism, it would have been important for them to know that I'm Jewish. Today it is not a big deal that I'm Jewish. Where there is prejudice, it is important to be open. Then people can see for themselves that their prejudices are unfounded. It is important for gay people to let the rest of society know the fact of discrimination and the pain of discrimination."

—U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to *Playboy* magazine, July issue.

"I had a hard time meeting people. I hired men for sex, then tried to make a friend out of them. Being a prominent person in the closet meant it was hard not only meeting people but also developing emotional relationships. I thought there was something the matter with me, some flaw: 'Why can't I relate to people better?' I finally realized it was because I was keeping this secret. I couldn't be myself, and I was afraid. I had to be careful who knew. I couldn't be seen in many places. I had to be careful who I called. Relationships are difficult anyway, but I was multiplying the difficulty."

—U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass, on his days as a closeted congressman, to *Playboy* magazine, July issue.

"After he [Harvey Milk] defied the governing class of San Francisco in 1977 to become a member of its board of supervisors, many people—straight and gay—had to adjust to a new reality he embodied: that a gay person could live an honest life and succeed. That laborious adjustment plods on— now forward, now backward—though with every gay character to emerge on TV and with every presidential speech to a gay group, its eventual outcome favoring equality seems clear."

—Time magazine, June 14, naming Harvey Milk one of the Top 20 Heroes and Icons of the 20th Century.

"The whole idea of having a child has made me much more of an activist, more concerned about the world. I mean, I used to be concerned, but it was sort of finite. Now I want the world to be better—perfect—because my children are going to be here after me. Things mean more. Things matter."

—Rocker Melissa Etheridge to the *Advocate*, June 22.

"I am very clear that a part of my personality is what some people might call a bitch. And I am very comfortable with that. I accept it both as a personality asset and as a personality defect. And I think as I've gotten more mature—$500,000 worth of therapy later—I know when to be a bitch and I know when not to be a bitch. I make a conscious decision about when I'm gonna, you know, open up the bitch tap and let the water run. It can be really effective when I need it to. I've gotten through to people who are far more important than me by being, you know, a real bitch to their staff on the telephone."

—Lesbian New York City Council member Christine Quinn to the *New York Observer*, June 14.

"Star Wars is a fantasy movie set in a galaxy far, far away. ... To dissect [it] as if it has a direct reference to the world that we know today is absurd."

—A statement from George Lucas in response to media speculation that the character Jar Jar Binks in *Star Wars: Episode 1 The Phantom Menace* is a homosexual.

"I can't work it out, but I've always felt that mentally I am in some bizarre way between the sexes, and that that gives me insight into both sexes and all sexualities. This belief of mine happens to annoy gay men immensely, incidentally. As a child I didn't like being a girl. I was a small, dowdy tomboy. I used to dress up in vaguely transsexual costumes for parties. I guess some would call this a type of gender dysphoria, but I don't know what it is."

—Author Camille Paglia to London's *Pink Paper*, June 4.

"The drag queen has triumphed in the 90s. This has been helped along by the fact that a very female style has become in again—high heels and lipstick are back in, lipstick feminism is in. The war between the drag queens and the feminists is over."

—Author Camille Paglia to London's *Pink Paper*, June 4.

"I'm not a conservative. I am involved in the struggle in the States for the reduction of the gay age of consent to 14—which, believe me, is a big thing in America."

—Author Camille Paglia to London's *Pink Paper*, June 4.

"I was 13 when I saw two women kissing on screen in the movie *Personal Best*. I don't think anybody saw it, but a lightning bolt went through the theater. It took a movie to help me realize what I was."

—Activist Chastity Bono in a speech at the Tucson Convention Center, June 10.

"As far as the gay community is concerned, I don't differentiate that much personally between sexual preferences. I know politically one has to maintain a sexual identity to protect people that might be in a more vulnerable position, but for me I don't really give a fuck. ... I care about [people] for their sense of humor or their kindness or their wit."

—Rocker Deborah Harry to the *New York Blade News*, June 4.

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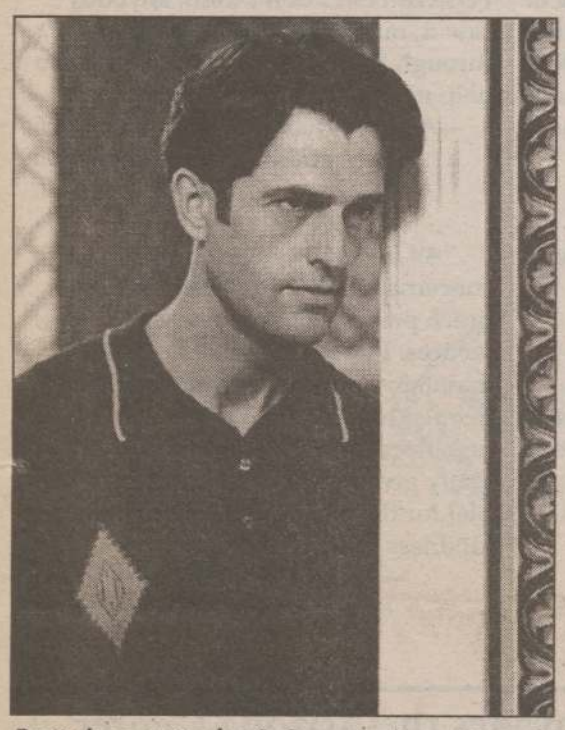
By Romeo San Vicente, *HeatStroke* Contributor

Queen of the Fairies?

Homo hunk and movie star **Rupert Everett** should have his own VH-1 special, because rumors are swirling that the fellow is a major diva.

It's been reported that the über-demanding Everett has been throwing tantrums fit for a queen on the set of the film *The Next Best Thing*, which is currently in production. His childish behavior makes co-stars **Madonna** and **Benjamin Bratt (Julia Roberts'** handsome Latino paramour and ex-*Law & Order* cop) look easy to work for.

Everett, recently seen as the fairy king in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, stars in several other films this summer, including the just released *An Ideal Husband*. And later this month, you can check him out in *Inspector Gadget*, where he plays the evil Dr. Claw.



Pretty is as pretty does? **Gay actor Rupert Everett is gaining a reputation as a bad boy for his on-set tantrums.**

But Everett doesn't limit himself to the big screen—or to pants roles. This winter, he'll don a dress in an off-Broadway production of gay playwright **Tennessee Williams'** *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore*; he'll play dowager Flora Goforth, who, in this updated version of the 1964 play, has lost her husband to AIDS. Everett had a successful run with the show in the U.K., where he performed it for charity.

See Dick Run

Bisexual comedian **Andy Dick** has been keeping himself busy since his sitcom *NewsRadio* was switched off.

He's been spotted working out with former Motley Crue frontman **Vince Neil** doing the treadmill thing at a swanky gym near the ocean. It's part of his drug rehab stint at Promises, a chi-chi dry-out joint for the too-hip-for-Betty-Ford crowd.

While Dick is attempting to kick controlled substances, apparently nicotine's not one of them. Dick and Neil take periodic respites from their cardio regime for smoking breaks.

Later this summer, the comedian will hit the road, starring in an autobiographical musical called *The Big Dick Show*.

Go Fish *Director Goes for Guys*

Rose Troche, who directed the 1994 lesbian-themed film *Go Fish*, has a new romantic comedy hitting the art-house circuit later this summer.

Set in London, *Bedrooms and Hallways* focuses on two gay flatmates on a quest for romance. When the two men join a New Age therapy group to deal with their issues, they cause mass confusion as other group members start questioning their own sexuality.

The openly gay **Simon Callow** (from *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Room with a View*) and *Trainspotting* actor **Kevin McKidd** star in *Bedrooms*, which will be released by First Run Features in August.

Hoping to Be Touched by an Angel

Director/choreographer **Matthew Bourne**, who won a Tony Award last month for his gay *Swan Lake*, recently admitted he's having difficulty raising funds for his next project, a re-tread of the classic *Cinderella* (this time with a fairy godfather/angel); the cost of mounting the production is prohibitively high. Hopefully, the Tony will help convince prospective investors to write a big check.

Gina Gershon: Head Dick

Sexpot **Gina Gershon**, who gained lesbian icon status with her turn as the butch plumber who checked out **Jennifer Tilly**'s pipes in *Bound*, has scored another macho role.

The actress will star in *Snoops*, a new one-hour drama created by *Ally McBonehead* überproducer, **David E. Kelley**. Gershon plays the lead character, named Glenn Hall, who runs a private investigation agency. The role was originally written for a man—until Kelley figured out that Gershon was Mr. Right and performed a gender-change on the gumshoe (the name stayed the same).

Actress **Paula Marshall**, who was the best thing about the short-lived *Cupid* series, plays angel to Gershon's Charlie. *Snoops* will air Sundays this fall on ABC.



Perennial dyke favorite, actress Gina Gershon, will star in *Snoops*, an ABC series that is scheduled to debut this fall.

Homo Box Office

Cable powerhouse HBO knows that sex sells. The network is in negotiation with Britain's Channel 4 to make an American version of the controversial series *Queer as Folk*, which follows the relationships of young gay men in Manchester, England.

This ain't no *Will And Grace*—the first episode focused on the homosexual seduction of a 16-year-old school chap, featured sexually explicit scenes, and was greeted with the requisite outcry in the British tabloids.

Hmmm... not surprising in a country where folks find it scandalous that the **Queen** has to lick **Freddy Mercury**'s backside when moistening her stamps (the Royal Mail recently gave the late gay Queen-rocker his own postage stamp).

Queer as Folk went on to gain kudos from critics for its funny and honest portrayal of gay youth. Maverick programmer HBO already has a solid relationship with Channel 4, which broadcasts the American company's chicks-on-dicks hit, *Sex in The City*, in England.

Oh, Behave!

In the new *Austin Powers* flick, Dr. Evil's sidekick, Number 2 (played by **Robert Wagner**), originally displayed some homo tendencies.

Left on the cutting room floor was a shagadelic scene where Wagner frolicked nude between the sheets with Brat Packer Emeritus **Rob Lowe** (who, in an incestuous twist, portrays a younger version of Wagner's character).

While the scene got big laughs, it was deemed too randy for a PG-13 flick and was axed. Next time, we'd like to see more than mojo rising.

Scream*ing for a Script*

Well it's finally happened. Gay wonderscribe **Kevin Williamson** seems to have writer's block.

Rumors swirl that Williamson's script for *Scream 3*, which is supposed to begin shooting next month, is far from finished. This could cause major grief for key *Scream*ers **Courteney Cox** and **Neve Campbell**, who both have to return to their television jobs in the fall.

Williamson may just have spread his commitments thin. As one of the hottest writers in Hollywood, he has a lot on his plate, including a new ABC series, *Wasteland*.

Or maybe he's been too busy spending the ridiculous amounts of money he's made. The cameras are expected to roll—as scheduled—on July 7.

Romeo San Vicente plans to audition for *The Big Dick Show*. You can contact Romeo care of this publication or by e-mail at RomeoDeep@aol.com.



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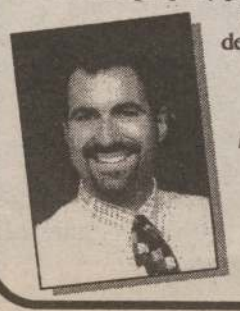


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Out of Town

By Andrew Collins



San Francisco —on a Bankroll

While Los Angeles has long cultivated a reputation for glamour and glitz, San Francisco has always maintained a low-keyed, unpretentious demeanor.

Perhaps its legacy of flower children, queer-rights activists, environmentalists, and grungers suggests to big-spenders and luxury-seekers that this town is not the kind of place to plan a decadently lavish vacation.

In fact, few cities in the world possess a more alluring roster of sumptuous hotels. A-list restaurants serving mouthwatering contemporary fare abound, as do designer clothiers and upscale department stores. America's quintessential gay getaway has much to offer the well-heeled traveler.

For many years, if you sought the finest hotel room in San Francisco, you chose one of the elite properties atop Nob Hill—probably the Fairmount (the setting for the TV series *Hotel*) or the Mark Hopkins.

These places aren't bad, but in recent years, the quality of room furnishings and service have slipped a bit, while several newer competitors have come on the scene (and a brand-new Four Seasons is slated to open on Market Street some time in 2000).

If you're seeking a rarefied traditional hostelry with a gracious staff and flawless dining and athletic facilities, book a room at the Ritz-Carlton, which opened about a decade ago inside an arresting 1920 neoclassical building on the lower slope of Nob Hill. The health club here is state-of-the-art, and the Ritz-Carlton dining room offers one of the finest culinary experiences on the West Coast.

The Ritz is steps from elegant shopping downtown, most of it set on the blocks around Union Square. You may remember that a fairly ordinary pet store faced the square in Alfred Hitchcock's eerily campy flick *The Birds*, but these days you're more likely to find Neiman-Marcus, Saks, Gump's, and Nordstrom, plus a formidable array of upscale boutiques and shops.

While the neighborhood around Union Square has an abundance of fine Old World hotels, be sure to consider the several smaller avant-garde properties that have become all the rage in recent years.

The Kimpton Group, which has more than a dozen hotels in San Francisco, pioneered the concept of boutique European-style accommodations—properties with highly personalized (and gay-friendly) service, typically fewer than 200 rooms, intimate public areas, intriguing bath and room amenities, and distinctive design schemes.

The gay and lesbian market has been quick to embrace this philosophy; Kimpton properties such as the Triton, the Sir Francis Drake, the Prescott, and the Vintage Court have been particularly popular with "family."

The jewel of the Kimpton empire, however, is the whimsical Hotel Monaco, whose distinctly Parisian flair has made it the talk of the town.

The lobby, with its soaring vaulted ceilings, trompe l'oeil murals, and sweeping staircase, is magnificent. The rooms are no less captivating, with faux-bamboo writing desks, high-back chairs, four-poster beds, and wallpaper striped in bold colors. As part of a program called "guppy love," a goldfish in a bowl will also be supplied to your room.

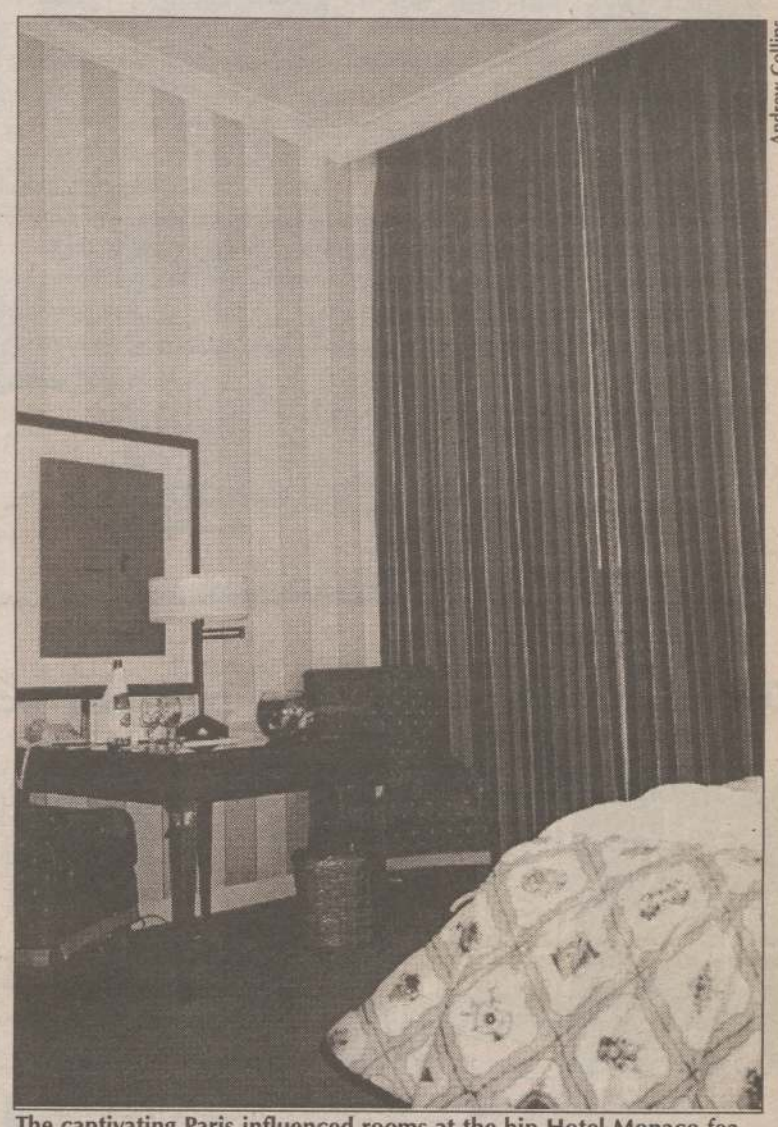
Kimpton hotels have some of the best restaurants downtown. Gourmands should put Masa's, at the Vintage Court, atop their list; despite the constant praise this restaurant receives, the service remains refined and its ambience unstuffy. You can opt for the degustation menu or the menu du jour, which is slightly less costly. A sample degustation might include foie gras ravioli in a pheasant consommé with truffles, and a dessert of chocolate-pistachio terrine.

Another boutique-style hotel company in San Francisco—also with a strong following in the gay community—is Joie de Vivre, which has properties for every budget.

If you truly want to be pampered, check in to its chic Nob Hill Lambourne, a small contemporary property whose rooms have kitchenettes and whose guests receive the most personalized attention imaginable. You can request a personal computer and laser printer for your room, partake of an herbal wrap or massage at the state-of-the-art on-site spa, or even talk out your troubles with the hotel's in-house licensed therapist.

For a completely different but no less plush experience, consider another Joie de Vivre property a bit west of downtown, close to the Civic Center and within walking distance of the Castro and Mission neighborhoods. Now a popular backdrop for many gay commitment ceremonies, the Second Empire-style Archbishop's Mansion was built in 1904 for the city's Roman Catholic archbishop.

It's one of the most romantic properties in California, with enormous rooms filled with Belle Epoque furnishings; many have separate sitting areas and fireplaces. The Don Giovanni suite has a seven-head shower.



Andrew Collins

The captivating Paris-influenced rooms at the hip Hotel Monaco feature bold striped wallpaper and cushy furnishings—they even come with a goldfish in a bowl (upon request).

The nearby Civic Center is the city's central complex of municipal buildings and cultural institutions, and also a hot spot for fine restaurants. Tops among these is Jardiniere, where award-winning lesbian chef Traci Des Jardins prepares superb French-California cuisine. The dishes change monthly; Virginia wild striped bass with a lobster saffron broth and potato gnocchi with chanterelles were on a recent menu.

Nearby you'll find the San Francisco Public Library, which houses the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center (the recently appointed, openly gay ambassador-philanthropist established a $500,000 endowment to fund the center).

The exhibits, books, and documents here trace local gay history but also provide an excellent overview of queer culture around the world.

San Francisco's world-class ballet and opera companies perform at the War Memorial Opera House. A block away is the newer Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, where gay conductor Michael Tilson Thomas leads the band (a.k.a. the San Francisco Symphony).

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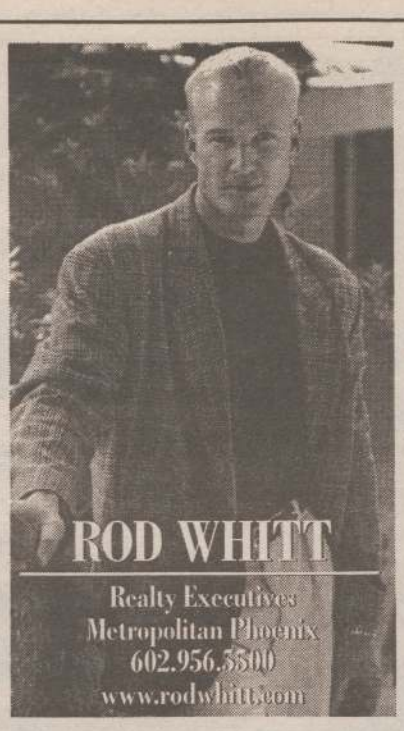








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An old friend recently moved back to Phoenix after several years spent in Los Angeles. He calls me a lot and wants to hang out, even though we were hardly in touch when he was away. We've already gone to a couple movies and happy hours together. I enjoy his company and I've been cordial so far, but I have a big problem.

He acts as if he has completely forgotten a huge, nasty incident that happened right before he left. I, on the other hand, can't stop thinking about it and it's driving me crazy. Without going into detail, let's just say it involves a boyfriend cheating on me, drugs, a visit to my workplace from the police, and falling out with another friend of both of ours who has since died. The whole mess was caused by this guy, which is part of why he left town.

I want to ask him about that past event and hash it out once and for good. My friends say if he's cleaned up his act and wants to forget about it, then I should be willing to let it go, too. What would you do?

Signed, Sick of Making Small Talk

Dear Small Talk,

There's some horse sense evident in the advice you're getting from your pals, but they may not see how much it's bothering you to keep steering around a conversation you think it is important to have. It's also clear you like the guy for who he is—otherwise, you wouldn't have written.

Getting over the past is one thing—pretending it never happened is another. I think you should confront your old pal and tell him how much you were hurt by his actions. Don't be too judgmental. He may be ready to apologize, or he might have a side of the tale that you need to hear, too.

If he gets ornery with you for bringing it up, that's his problem. At least you'll get to say your piece, and get some peace from doing it. Your friendship should proceed more smoothly down the trail once this brush is cleared away.

Dear Cowboy,

When I advertised for a roommate six months ago, I said right in the ad that I was looking for another lesbian. The woman I ended up renting to identified herself as bisexual and said she was single.

She and I get along okay, but it turns out she is not single—she has a boyfriend. I am not comfortable having a straight man in and out of my house. I'm not a man-hater, I just feel like I've been lied to. We don't have any kind of contract. Should I kick her out?

Signed, Tempe Homeowner

Dear Homeowner,

You have a right to be comfortable in your own bunkhouse and to live with whomever you choose. If the benefits of having a roommate you get along with are outweighed by having her male partner around, tell her you're sorry things didn't work out and give her a reasonable amount of time to find a new ranch. You might compromise by asking her to stay over at his place when they bed down together, but don't hold it against her if she'd rather move than agree to that. At least you have learned to screen your applicants better next time out.

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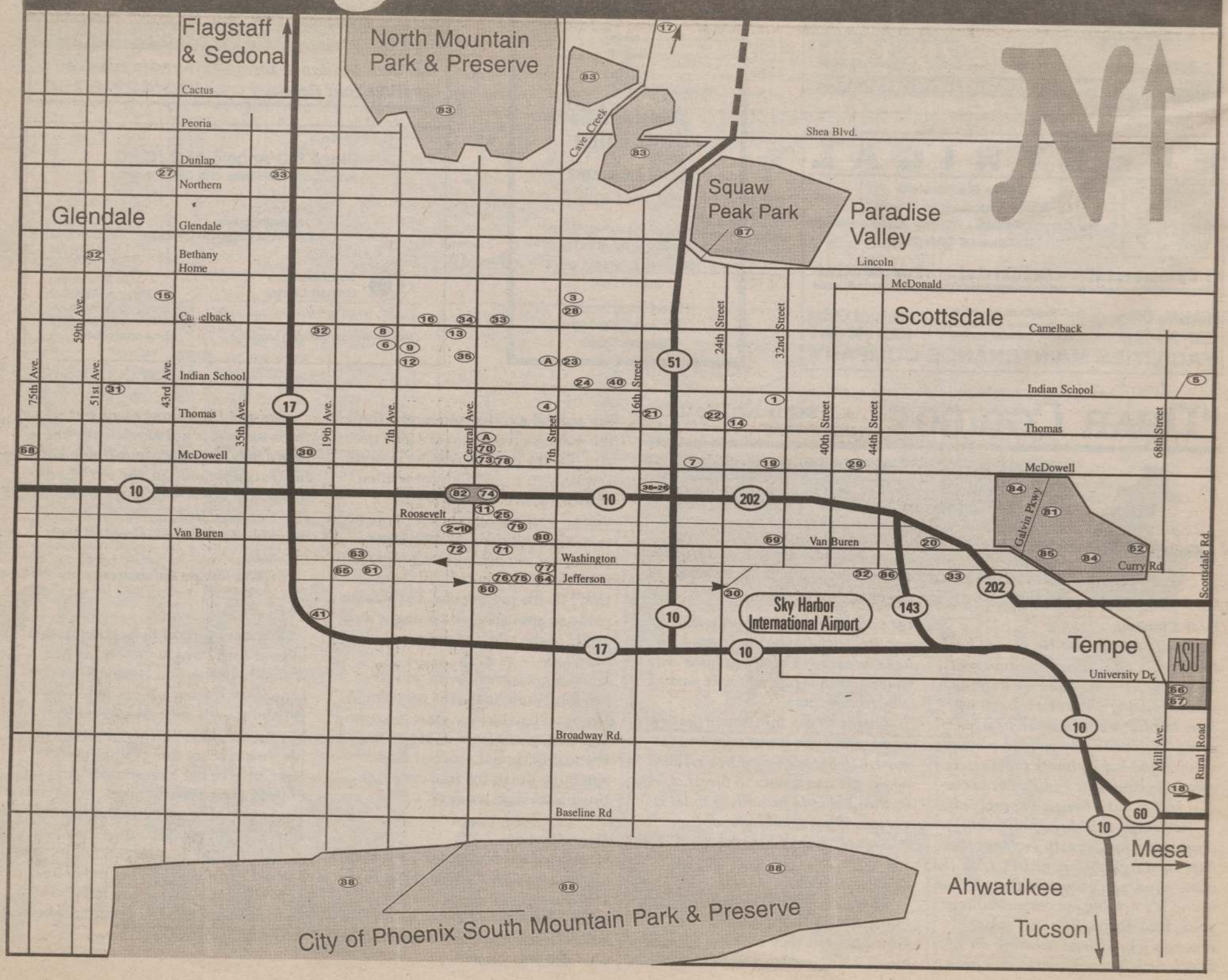
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Aids Services

AGAPE Network
P.O. Box 32778
Phoenix 85064 602/234-6143

AIDS Project Arizona
1427 N. 3rd Street, Suite 125
Phoenix 85004 602/253-2437

A Place Called Home
3431 W. Thunderbird #13-403
Phoenix 85023 602/942-1572

Arizona AIDS Information Line
24 W. Camelback Rd., Suite C
Phoenix 85013 602/234-2752

Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance
6523 N. 14th St., #112
Phoenix 85014 602/279-4805

AZ AIDS Services for the Deaf
111 E. Camelback
Phoenix 85012 602/265-9953

Aunt Rita's Foundation
5501 N. 7th Ave#215
Phoenix 85013 602/279-0716

Coalition of Meal Providers
992-6593

HIV Care Directions
1366 E. Thomas#105
Phoenix 85014 602/264-2273

Native American Community Health Center
3008 N. 3rd Street, Suite 302
Phoenix 85012 602/279-5262

Joshua Tree Feeding Program
P.O. Box 7056
Phoenix 85011 602/264-0223

Maricopa County Health Dept.
1825 E. Roosevelt
Phoenix 85006 602/506-6900

Planned Parenthood
5651 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 85016 602/277-7526

Phx. Body Positive
4021 N. 30th St. #2
Phoenix 85016 602/955-4673

Phx. Shanti Group
2020 W. Indian School Rd.#53
Phoenix 85015 602/279-0008

Terros, Inc.
320 E. Virginia Ave.
Phoenix 85004 602/234-8900

Volunteers in Direct Aid
P.O. Box 40476
Phoenix 85067 602/279-8432

Wellness Center
1840 W. Maryland, Suite E
Phoenix 85016 602/864-0710

Political Action & Education

American Civil Liberties Union
P.O. Box 17148
Phoenix 85011 602/650-1967

Arizona Central Pride
P.O. Box 16847
Phoenix 85011 602/279-1771

Arizona Human Rights Fund
P.O. Box 25044
Phoenix 85002 602/650-0900

Arizonans for Fairness
P.O. Box 34766
Phoenix 85067 602/265-7283

AZ Democratic Party
Gay & Lesbian Caucus
2005 N. Central #180
Phoenix 85004 602/257-9136

Feminist Lesbian Activist Coalition
P.O. Box 26031
Tempe 85285 480/966-4521

Lesbian & Gay Public Awareness Project
P.O. Box 60881
Phoenix 85082 602/351-3080

Log Cabin Republicans
P.O. Box 60994
Phoenix 85082 602/428-3596

Maricopa Cty. Libertarian Party
P.O. Box 501
Phoenix 85001 602/248-8425

Social & Support Groups

Alpha Zeta—Crossdressers Supp
A Rose—Transgender Support
P.O. Box 1738
Tempe 85280 480/488-0959

APEX-AZ Power Exchange
apex@xroads.com
602/415-1123

Arizona 2-somes 602/277-8796

Arizona Nude Dudes
www.aznudedudes.org
andes@swlink.net

Bears of the Arizona Desert
PO Box 25951
Tempe 85285 480/345-8755
www.bearsazdesert.com

Copperstate Leathermen
P.O. Box 40472
Phoenix, AZ 85067

Delta Lambda Phi - Phoenix
903 S. Rural Rd., Suite 101-317
Tempe 85281 602/248-5270

Desert Adventures
P.O. Box 2008
Phoenix, 85001 602/266-2267

Entre Nosotros
546 E. Osborn, #22
Phoenix 85012 602/285-0970

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, Phoenix
602/864-6092;
pglbva@aol.com

Girth and Mirth of AZ
P.O. Box 16605
Phoenix 85011 480/655-8229

The Leatherlords 602/254-9651

Lesbian & Gay Alanon
2622 N. 16th Street
Phoenix 85006 602/548-0936

Lesbian & Gay Overeaters Anon.
480/607-7640;
cave4bear@hotmail.com

Los Amigos del Sol (LADS)
PO Box 27335
Phoenix 85061 602/997-2411

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays
P.O. Box 7625
Phoenix 85011 602/843-1404

The Phoenix Bears
PO Box 9627
Tempe 85068 602/216-8000

Project LifeGuard
Project Q
TRIBE
1427 M/3rd Street, Suite 120
Phoenix 85004 602/254-3233

The Community Center and Youth Services 602/265-7283
Lesbian & Gay Community Switchboard 602/234-2752
24 W. Camelback Rd., Suite C
PO Box 33367
Phoenix, AZ 85067-3367

Professional Organizations

Greater Phoenix Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2097
Phoenix 85001 602/225-8444

Religious & Spiritual Organizations

Affirmation (Gay Mormons)
P.O. Box 26601
Tempe, AZ 85285

Asbury United MethodistChurch
1601W Indian School
Phoenix 85015 602/279-2369

AVIV of Arizona (Jewish Group)
PO Box 66904
Phoenix 85082 602/952-1612

Casa De Cristo
1029 E. Turney
Phoenix 85014 602/265-2831

Community Church of Hope
4400 N. Central
Phoenix 85014 602/234-2180

Dignity and Integrity
P.O. Box 60953
Phoenix 85082 602/222-8664

Gentle Shepherd MCC
7810 N. 27th Ave.
Phoenix 85051 602/864-6404

Goddess Womyn's Network
P.O. Box 17312
Phoenix 85011 602/266-4111

Healing Waters Ministries
225 W.University,105
Tempe 85281 480/894-8681

Lutherans Concerned
P.O. Box 7519
Phoenix 85011 602/870-3611

Presbyterians for Lesbians & Gays
P.O. Box 61162
Phoenix 85082 602/275-0506

Southwest Miracles Center
3644 E. McDowell
Phoenix 85008 602/244-9001

Unitarian Universalist Congreg.
4027 E. Lincoln Dr.
Paradise Valley 85283
602/840-8400

Valley Unitarian Universalist Ch.
1700 W. Warner Rd.
Chandler 85224 480/899-4249

Music, Sports & Hobbies

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association
P.O. Box 16363
Phoenix 85011 602/265-0618

AZ Women in Tune
PO Box 37855
Phoenix 85069 623/878-5430

Cactus Cities Softball League
PO Box 45101
Phoenix 85064 623/848-8562

Charlie's Renegades
P.O. Box 17602
Phoenix 85011 602/277-9142

Desert Adventures
PO Box 2008
Phoenix 85001 602/266-CAMP

Desert Valley Squares
P.O. Box 34615
Phoenix, AZ 85067 480/990-2562

Gay League Association of Darts
P.O. Box 63251
Phoenix, AZ 85082

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Social Tennis Club 602/279-0709

Grand Canyon Men's Chorale
P.O. Box 16462
Phoenix 85011 602/340-7640

Lambda Car Club
P.O. Box 36211
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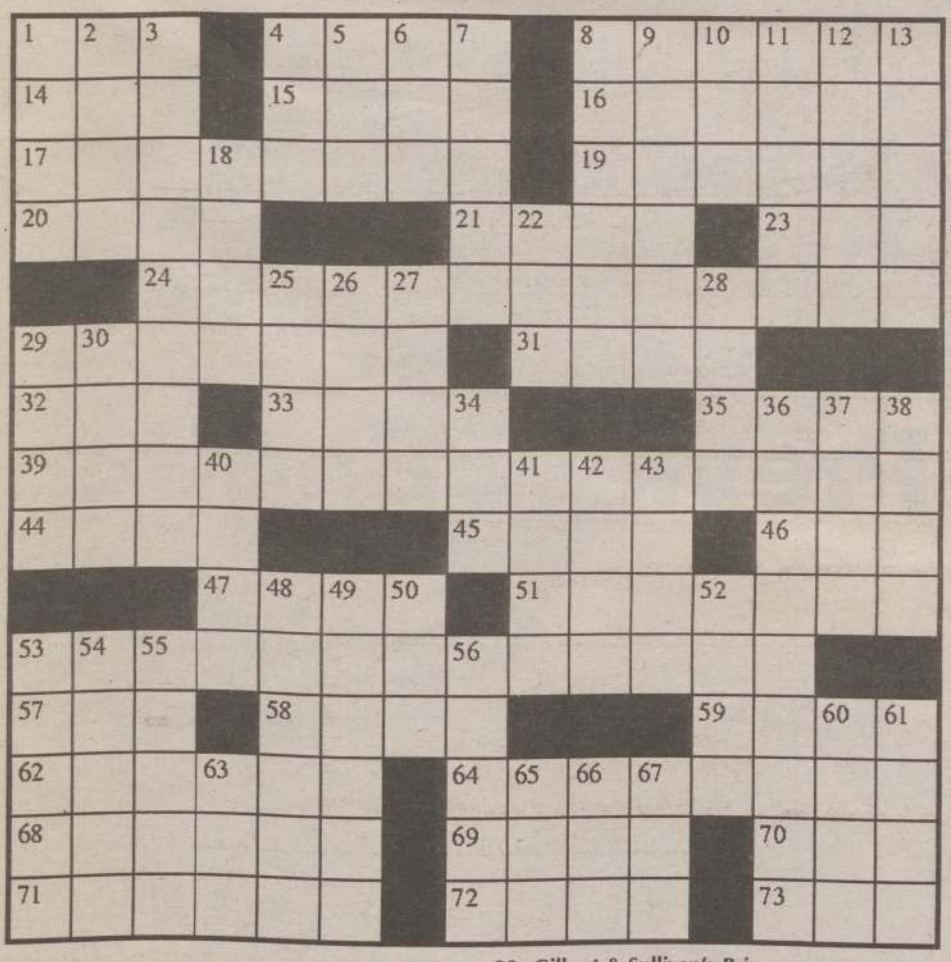
Phoenix Unified Gay Bowling Alliance (PUGBA)
PO Box 44422
Phoenix 85064 602/246-9643

Spartan Wrestling Club-
602/340-8070
mattbirns@aol.com

Team Arizona
P.O. Box 36431
Phoenix 85067 602/408-4311

Valley of the Sun Comm'ty Band
Jayne: 480/947-0907;
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Q Puzzle "Gay Vocabulary 101"



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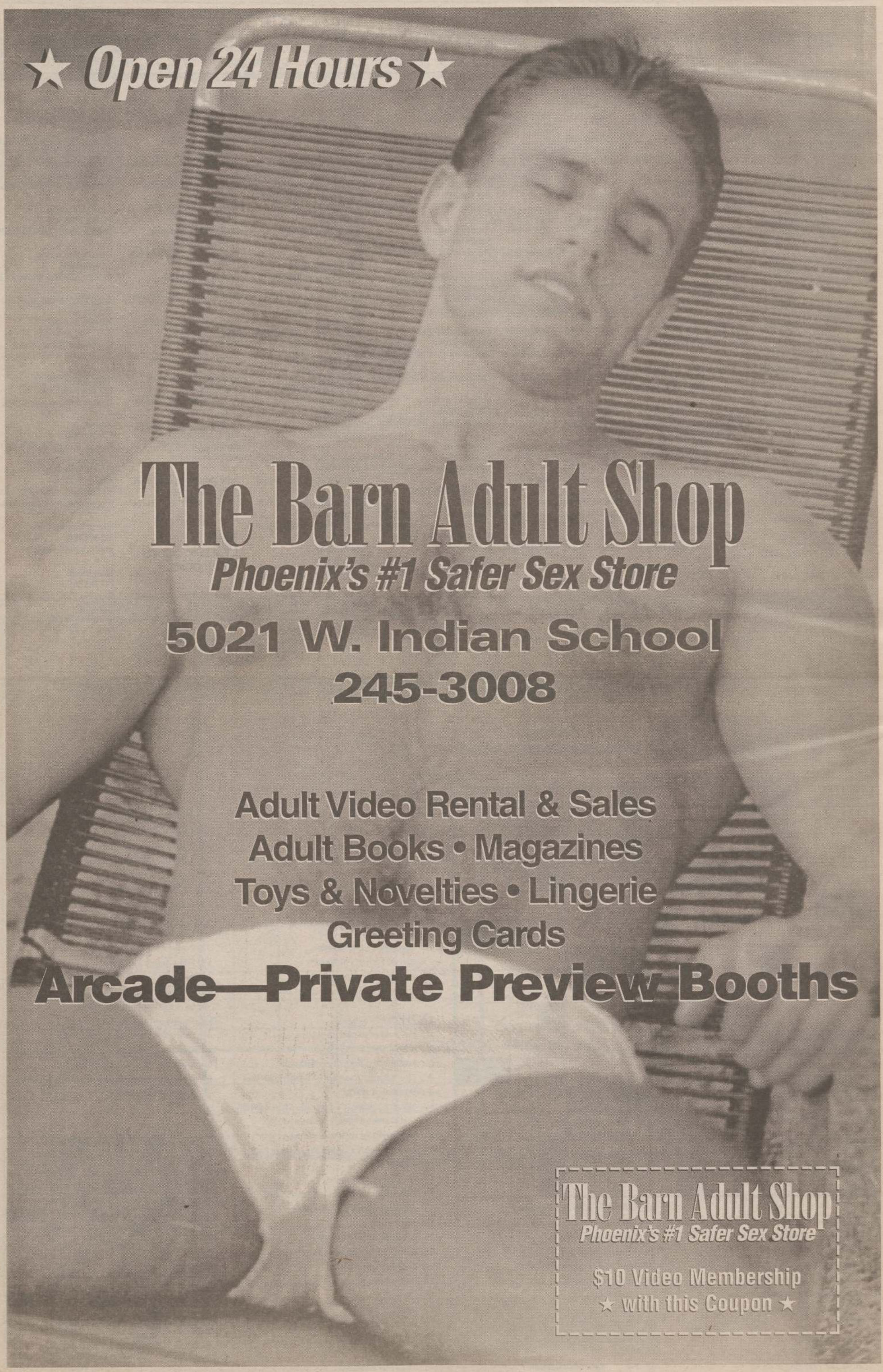
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4 Theater director Bentley
8 *Picture Mommy Dead* star Don
14 Feature of a Swiss skyline
15 Kudrow in *The Opposite of Sex*
16 Dancer/choreographer Mark
17 BEAR
19 Some are reproductive
20 Supermodel Taylor
21 *Boys For Pele* singer Amos
23 Gilbert & Sullivan's *Princess ___*
24 NELLY
29 Shakespeare tragedy
31 Venetian blind piece
32 *Sons and Lovers* actress Mary
33 First name in scat
35 Man Friday
39 CRUISE
44 "Don't ask, don't ___"
45 "Ooh ___!"
46 Pussy
47 Pit-___ (heartbeat sound)
51 Solution for the balding
53 TRICK
57 One of the Village People
58 "Let's Get It On" singer
59 HIV ___
62 Looks for a 53-Across
64 VANILLA
68 They run the show
69 ___ gin fizz
70 Woodman's composition
71 Part of French Polynesia
72 *Flaming Star* actress Barbara
73 San Francisco-to-Los Angeles dir.

DOWN

1 Jim Bakker paramour Jessica
2 Jai ___ (handball relative)
3 Feature of a drag queen's shoe
4 *Doc Savage: The Man of Bronze* star Ron
5 Work on a crack?
6 "Rose ___ rose..." (Gertrude Stein quote)
7 Last words of "Over the Rainbow"
8 Indifferent to right and wrong
9 *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* actor Pat
10 Unit of work
11 Food critic Claiborne
12 One who may be having Tantric sex
13 Alexander Pope's ___ *on Man*
18 Abounding
22 Follower of hard or come
25 It might jump on your boxers
26 Architectural annexes
27 It digs holes
28 Coup d'___
29 Give the boot to
30 Where you might find hung fruits
34 Rock star whose full name anagrams to "oral sex"
36 Affairs to remember
37 Bisexual screen star James
38 Flamboyant Art Deco designer
40 Racist group, familiarly
41 Uses an average number of strokes
42 Reams
43 12-Down's music
48 Milne's pink character
49 Tennis star who once dated Streisand
50 Gay Talese's *Honor ___ Father*
52 Prefix with discrimination
53 Eight maids a-milking, e.g.
54 Actress Shearer
55 Geologic time period
56 In need of a backrub, maybe
60 Equipment for Picabo Street
61 Sharon's *Cagney & Lacey* co-star
63 Garland of flowers
65 Undesirable to a chicken hawk
66 Body part enjoyed by a coral hanky wearer
67 Ryker of gay porn

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Q SCOPES

By Jill Dearman, Contributor

ARIES: As Jupiter finishes up its first transit of 1999 in your sign, make the most of this benevolent planet's powers by doing something daring (but purposeful). A Libra is waiting for a sign of affection—or not—so do what you do best: be obvious.

TAURUS: A lot of planetary activity is taking place in your very social third house, so make the end of Gay Pride month as raucous, sexy and intellectually scintillating as you can. At work, don't talk yourself into taking another dead-end job; an Aries has a more exciting job for you, anyway.

GEMINI: The Sun moves out of your sign and into your house of money, so start thinking about what kind of dough you need to make your dreams come true. With Pluto (the planet of self-transformation) still opposing you *and* moving in retrograde, you must push yourself. Another Gemini wants to help you.

CANCER: Finally, your time to revel in the spotlight has arrived. Pick out a cute outfit for every last day of Gay Pride month, and pursue all the career goals and romantic conquests your little heart desires. Sex and money are yours to enjoy right now. A Leo wants to contribute to the general fund.

LEO: Mars is stirring up your desire to flirt with danger (most likely in the shape of a Scorpio), as a very psychic phase in your life is beginning. Turn inward for answers to your deepest dilemmas and focus on the things that matter.

VIRGO: Your ruler Mercury is joined by the Sun in your friendship house, so stick close to your dearest pals. During this cycle, you may be tempted to get involved with a friend. A Capricorn won't kiss and tell.

LIBRA: An important relationship is on the line, so make it your first priority, even as you're thrust into the public eye. But once you are at peace in your personal life (with an Aquarius?), you'll emanate a new confidence, and that will benefit your career in a huge way.

SCORPIO: You've got an adventurous gleam in your eye, Scorpio, and everybody can see it. Play the part of the rogue, but be cautious: a past love might pop out of the woodwork and try to tempt you to come back. A new Gemini in your life may have more to offer.

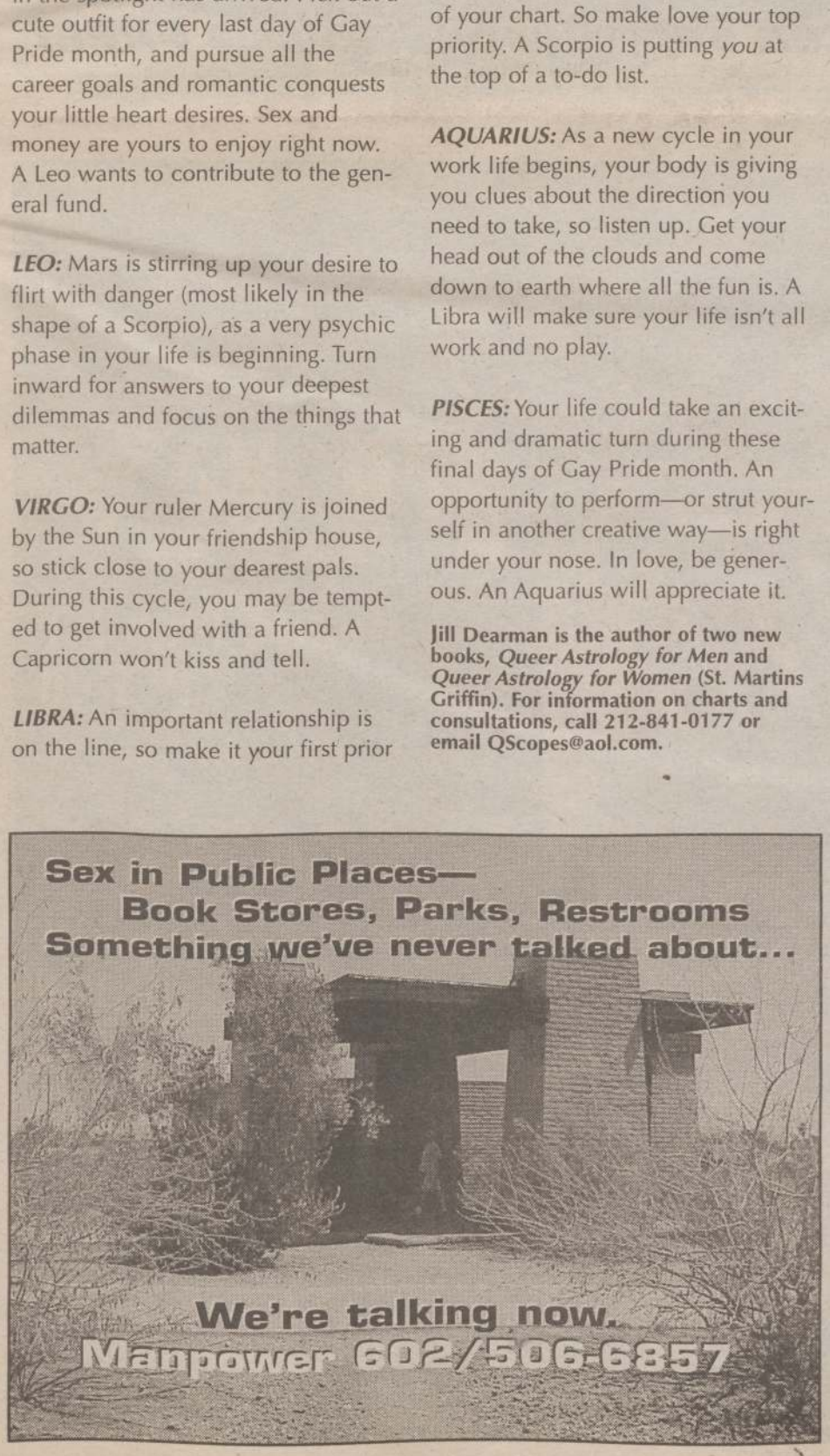
SAGITTARIUS: If you've been craving more freedom, now's the time to take steps to get it, my sweet. In business, take a risk that allows you to work for yourself. In love, take a risk by telling a Taurus how you feel. Artistic people find you irresistible.

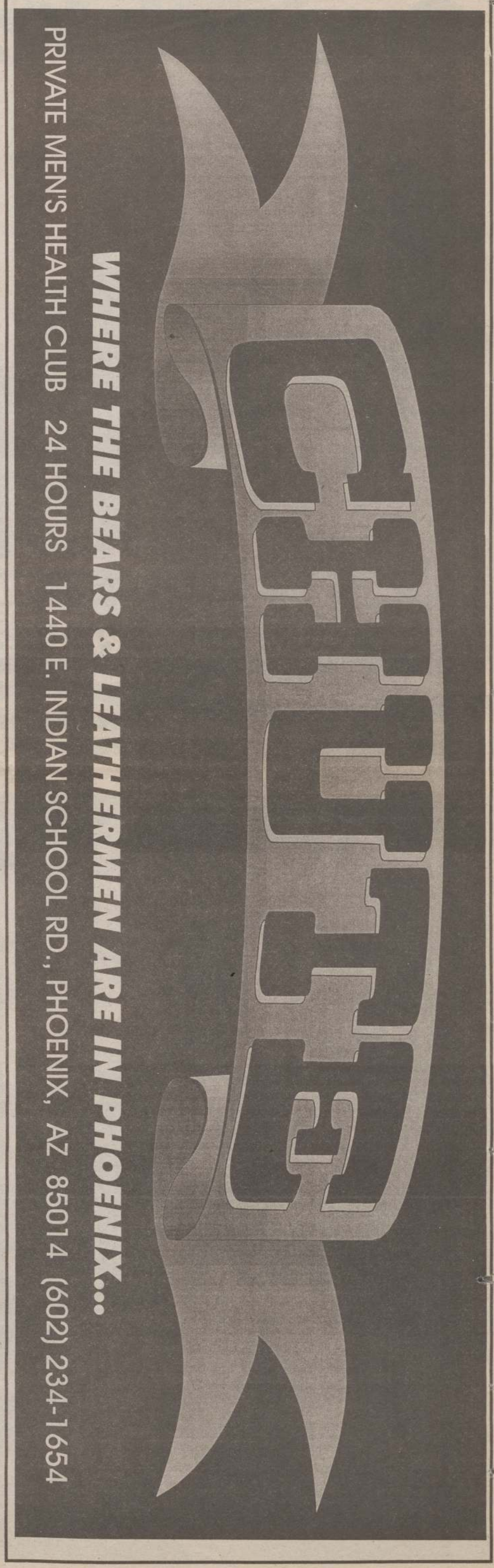
CAPRICORN: Don't put so much pressure on yourself, doll. This is a stressful time of year for you but also a highly amorous one as the Sun joins Mercury in the most romantic sector of your chart. So make love your top priority. A Scorpio is putting *you* at the top of a to-do list.

AQUARIUS: As a new cycle in your work life begins, your body is giving you clues about the direction you need to take, so listen up. Get your head out of the clouds and come down to earth where all the fun is. A Libra will make sure your life isn't all work and no play.

PISCES: Your life could take an exciting and dramatic turn during these final days of Gay Pride month. An opportunity to perform—or strut yourself in another creative way—is right under your nose. In love, be generous. An Aquarius will appreciate it.

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A. Pookie's
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Phoenix 277-2121

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Phoenix 224-9977

2. Amsterdam
718 North Central Ave.
Phoenix 258-6122

3. Apollo's
5749 N. 7th Street
Phoenix 277-9373

4. Boot Camp
3702 N. 7th St.
Phoenix 212-9888

5. BS
7125 5th Avenue
Scottsdale 945-9028

6. The Bunkhouse
4428 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix

7. Cash Inn
2140 E. McDowell
Phoenix 244-9943

8. Charlie's
727 W. Camelback
Phoenix 265-0224

9. Club Roxy
4343 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix 285-9200

10. Crowbar
702 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix 258-8343

11. Cruisin' Central
1011 N.Central Ave.
Phoenix 253-3376

12. The Rose
44301 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix 265-3233

13. Harley's Club 155
Harley's Too!
155 & 125 W. Camelback
Phoenix 274-8505

14. Incognito
2424 E. Thomas
Phoenix 955-9805

15. JC's Fun One
5542 N. 43rd Ave.
Glendale 939-0528

16. Johnny Mc's
138 W. Camelback
Phoenix 266-0875

17. Marlys'
15615 Cave Creek
Phoenix 867-2463

18. Millennium 2001
3300 S. Price Rd.
Tempe 756-2445

19. Nasty's Sports Bar
3108 E. McDowell
Phoenix 267-8707

20. NuTowne
5002 E. Van Buren
Phoenix 267-9959

21. Paco Paco
3045 N. 16th St.
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22. The Park
3002 N. 24th Street
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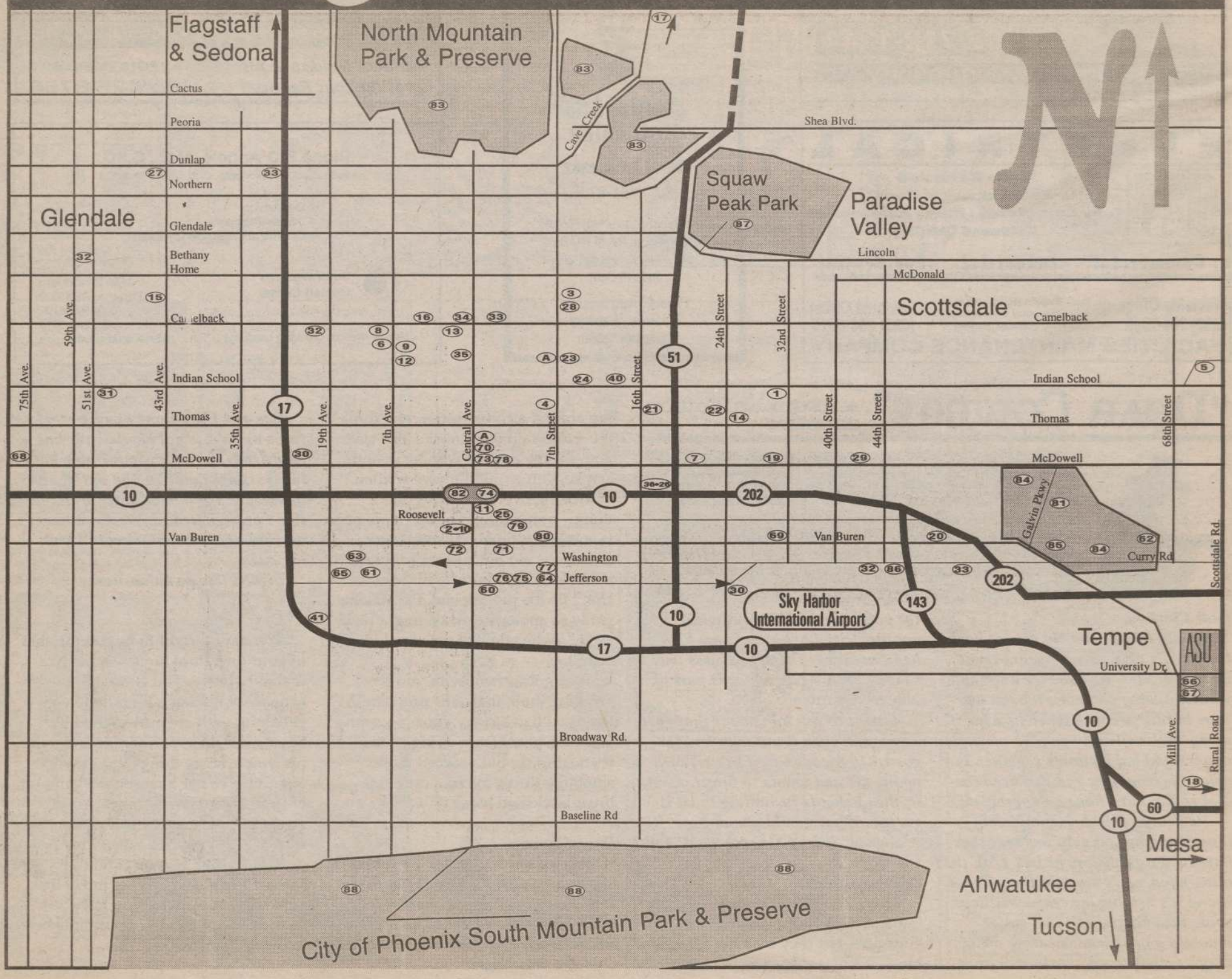
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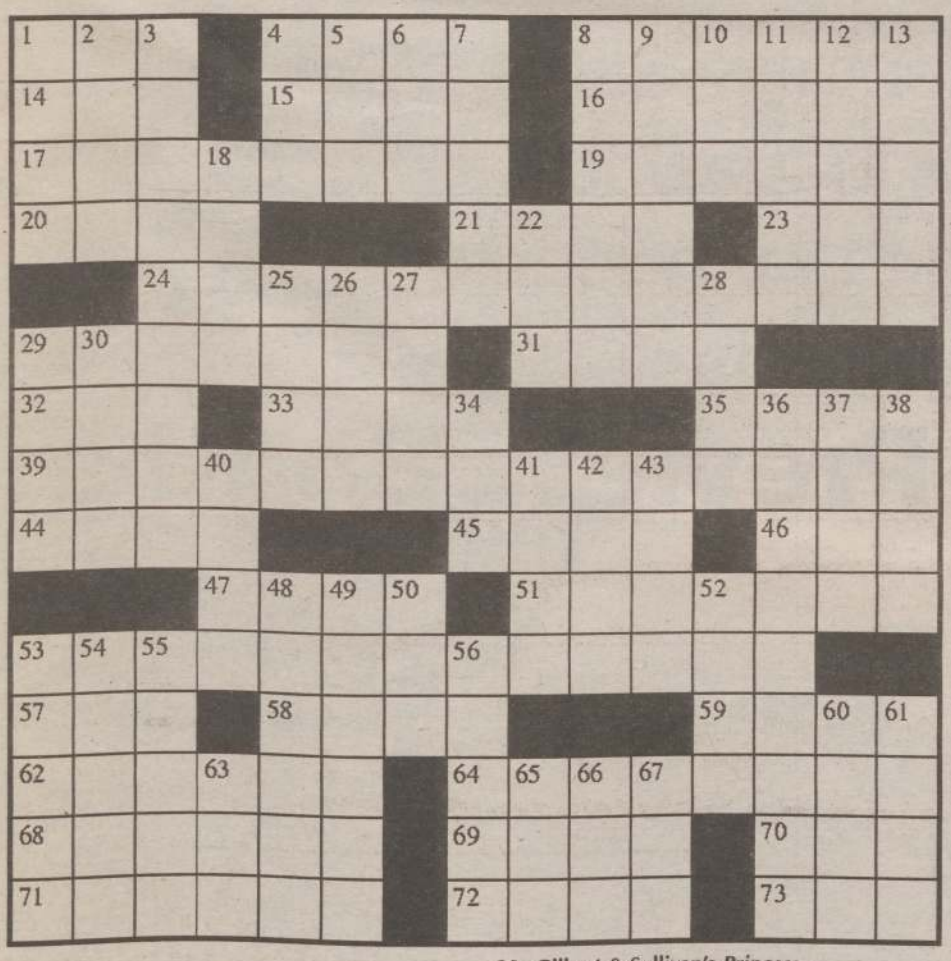
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Q Puzzle "Gay Vocabulary 101"



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1 *Heather ___ Two Mommies*
4 Theater director Bentley
8 *Picture Mommy Dead* star Don
14 Feature of a Swiss skyline
15 Kudrow in *The Opposite of Sex*
16 Dancer/choreographer Mark
17 BEAR
19 Some are reproductive
20 Supermodel Taylor
21 *Boys For Pele* singer Amos
23 Gilbert & Sullivan's *Princess ___*
24 NELLY
29 Shakespeare tragedy
31 Venetian blind piece
32 *Sons and Lovers* actress Mary
33 First name in scat
35 Man Friday
39 CRUISE
44 "Don't ask, don't ___"
45 "Ooh ___!"
46 Pussy
47 Pit-___ (heartbeat sound)
51 Solution for the balding
53 TRICK
57 One of the Village People
58 "Let's Get It On" singer
59 HIV ___
62 Looks for a 53-Across
64 VANILLA
68 They run the show
69 ___ gin fizz
70 Woodman's composition
71 Part of French Polynesia
72 *Flaming Star* actress Barbara
73 San Francisco-to-Los Angeles dir.

DOWN

1 Jim Bakker paramour Jessica
2 Jai ___ (handball relative)
3 Feature of a drag queen's shoe
4 *Doc Savage: The Man of Bronze* star Ron
5 Work on a crack?
6 "Rose ___ rose..." (Gertrude Stein quote)
7 Last words of "Over the Rainbow"
8 Indifferent to right and wrong
9 *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* actor Pat
10 Unit of work
11 Food critic Claiborne
12 One who may be having Tantric sex
13 Alexander Pope's ___ *on Man*
18 Abounding
22 Follower of hard or come
25 It might jump on your boxers
26 Architectural annexes
27 It digs holes
28 Coup d'___
29 Give the boot to
30 Where you might find hung fruits
34 Rock star whose full name anagrams to "oral sex"
36 Affairs to remember
37 Bisexual screen star James
38 Flamboyant Art Deco designer
40 Racist group, familiarly
41 Uses an average number of strokes
42 Reams
43 12-Down's music
48 Milne's pink character
49 Tennis star who once dated Streisand
50 Gay Talese's *Honor ___ Father*
52 Prefix with discrimination
53 Eight maids a-milking, e.g.
54 Actress Shearer
55 Geologic time period
56 In need of a backrub, maybe
60 Equipment for Picabo Street
61 Sharon's *Cagney & Lacey* co-star
63 Garland of flowers
65 Undesirable to a chicken hawk
66 Body part enjoyed by a coral hanky wearer
67 Ryker of gay porn

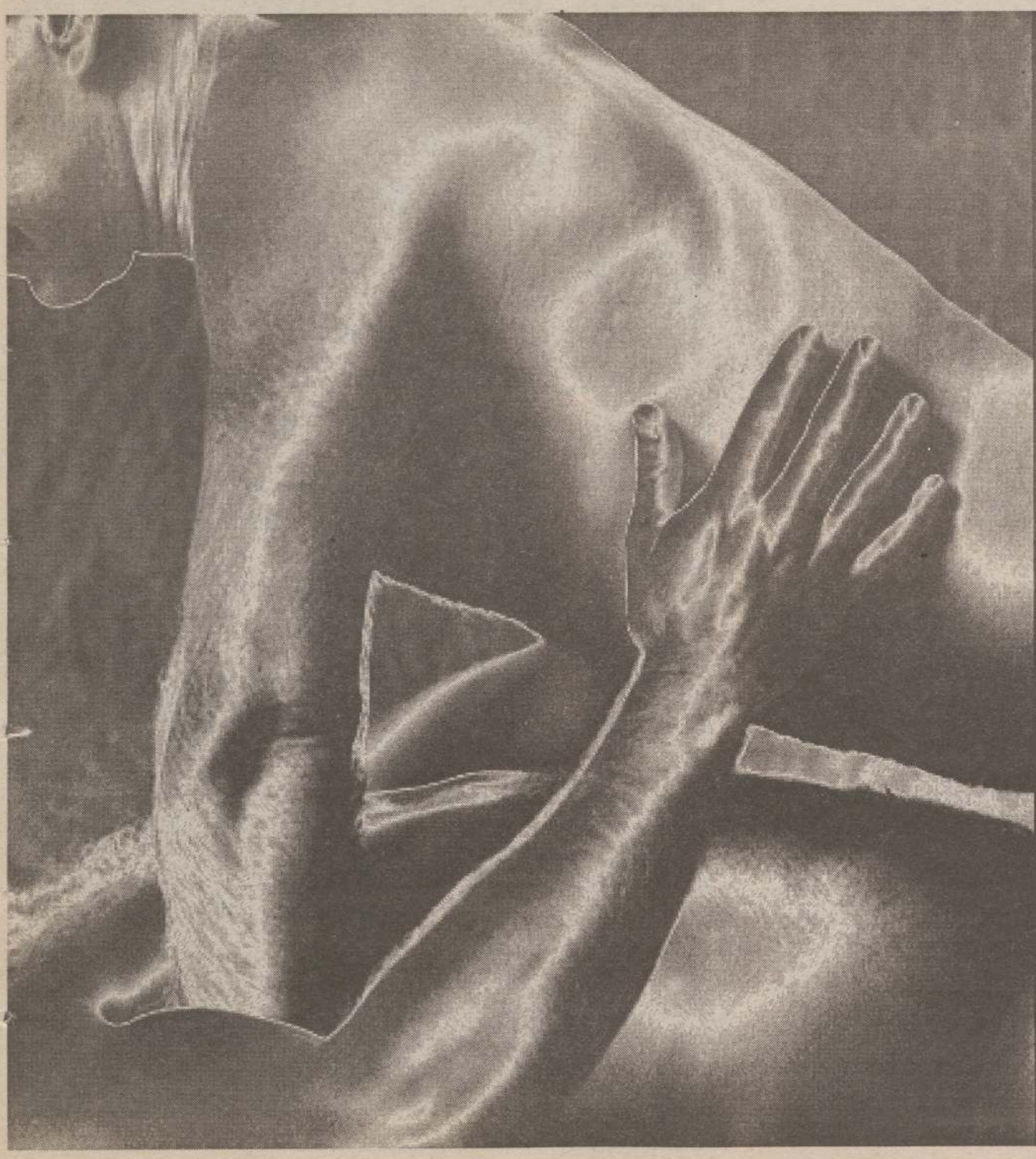
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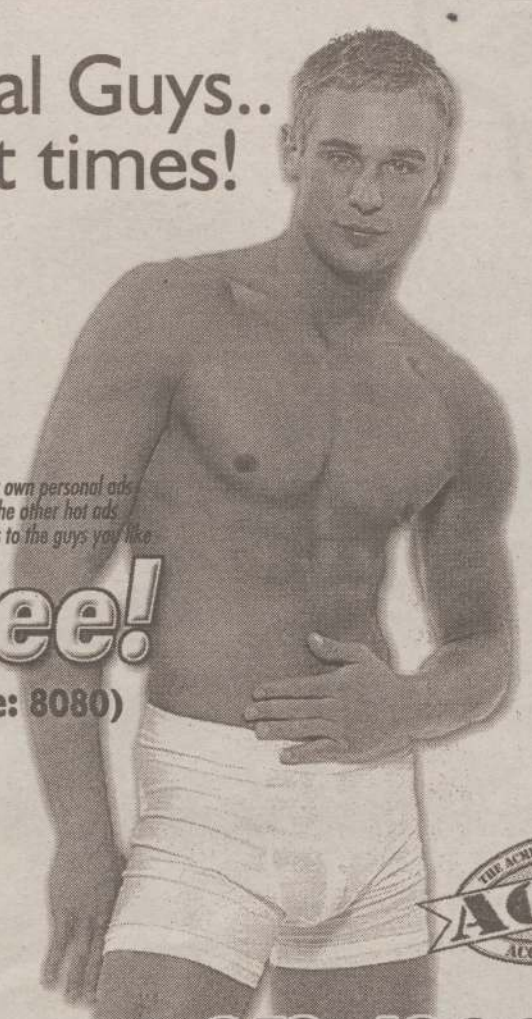
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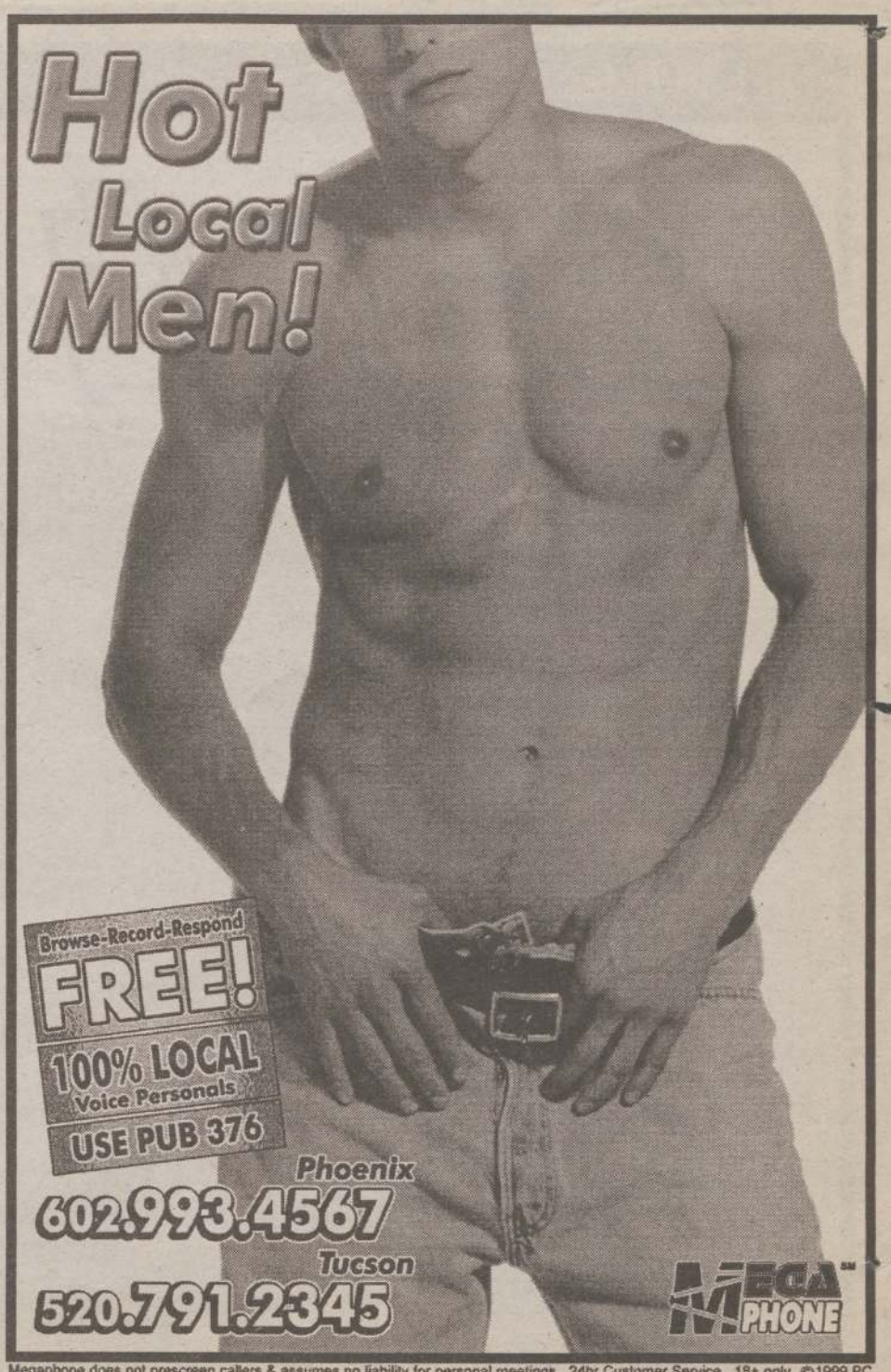


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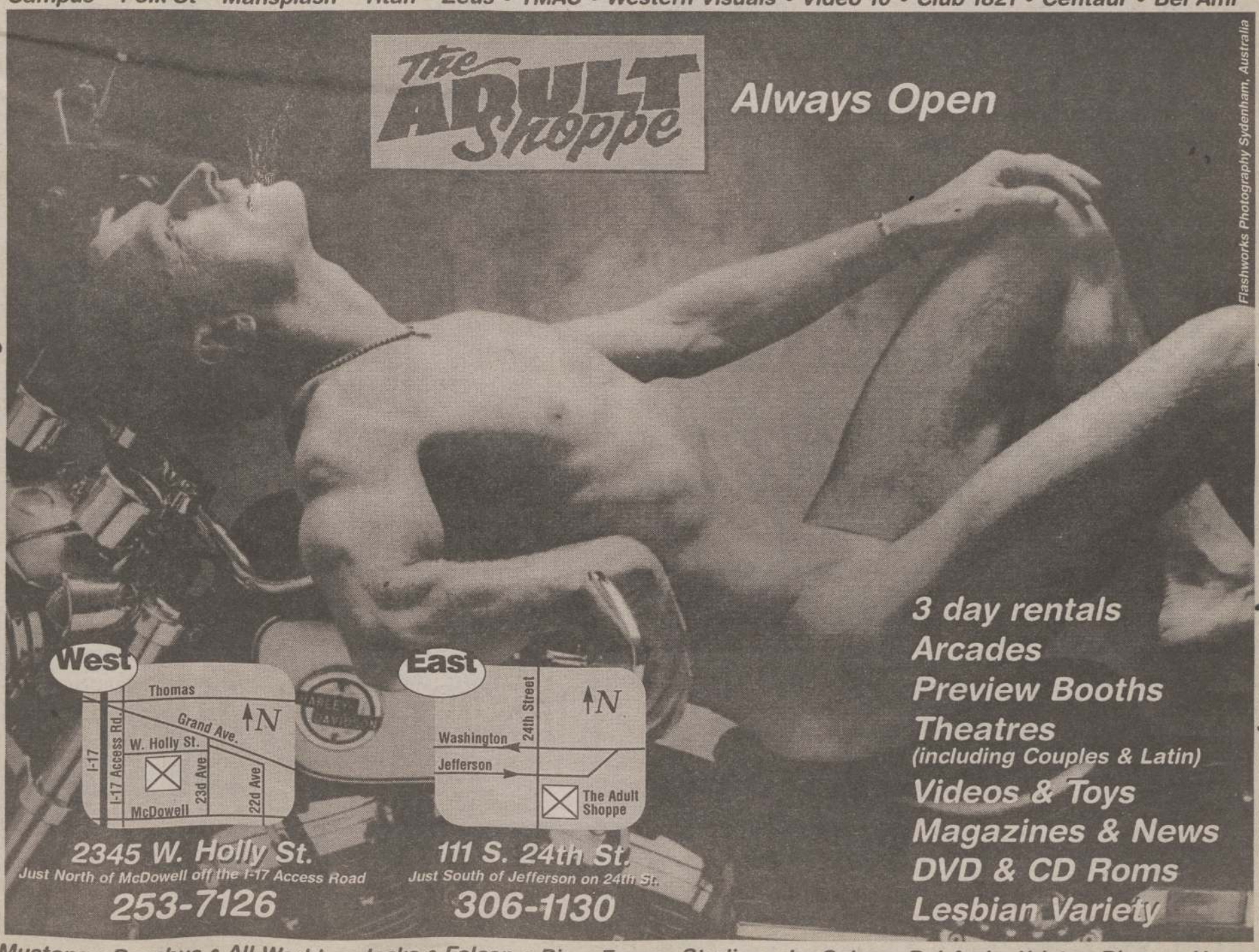
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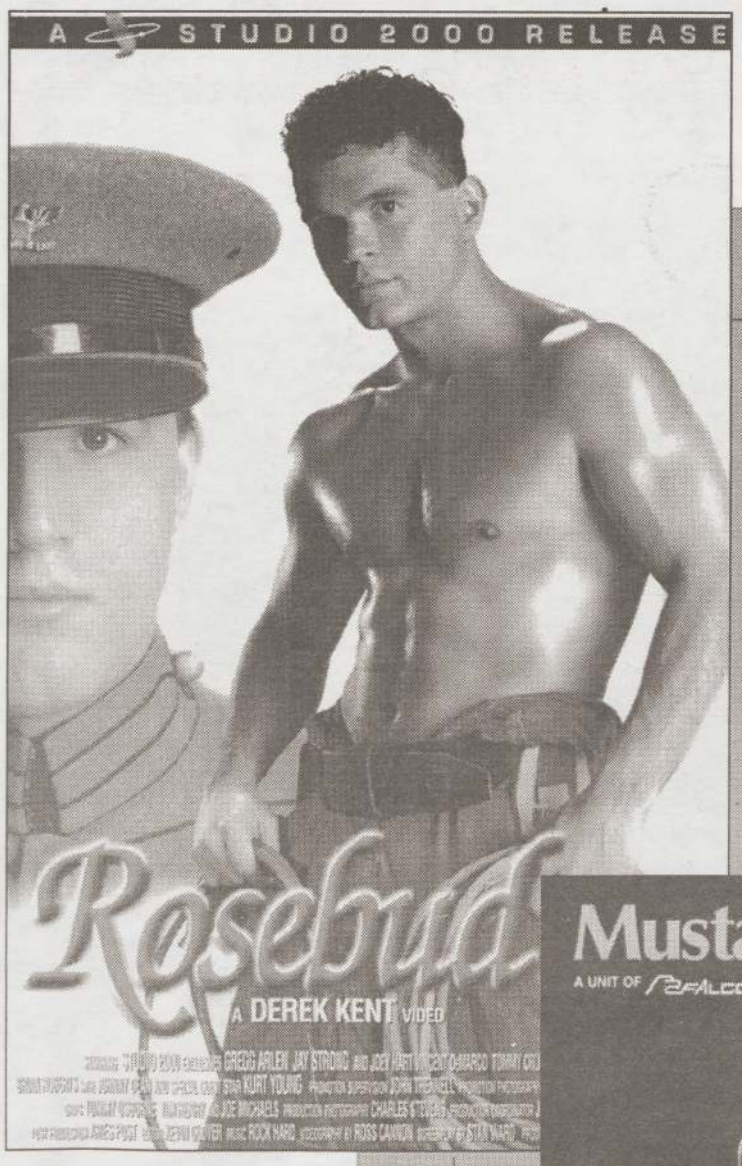
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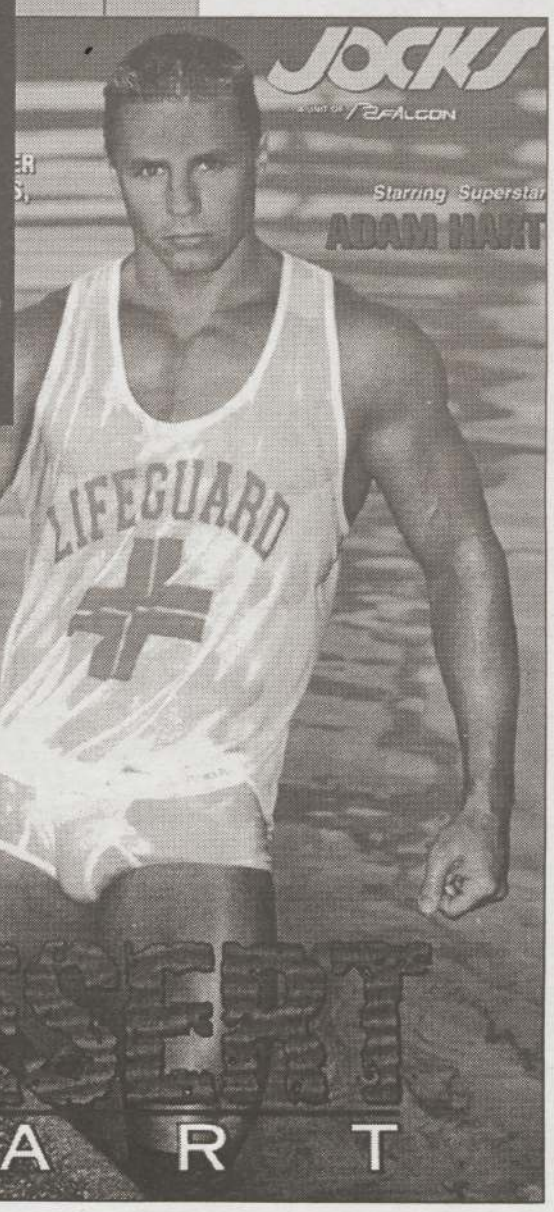
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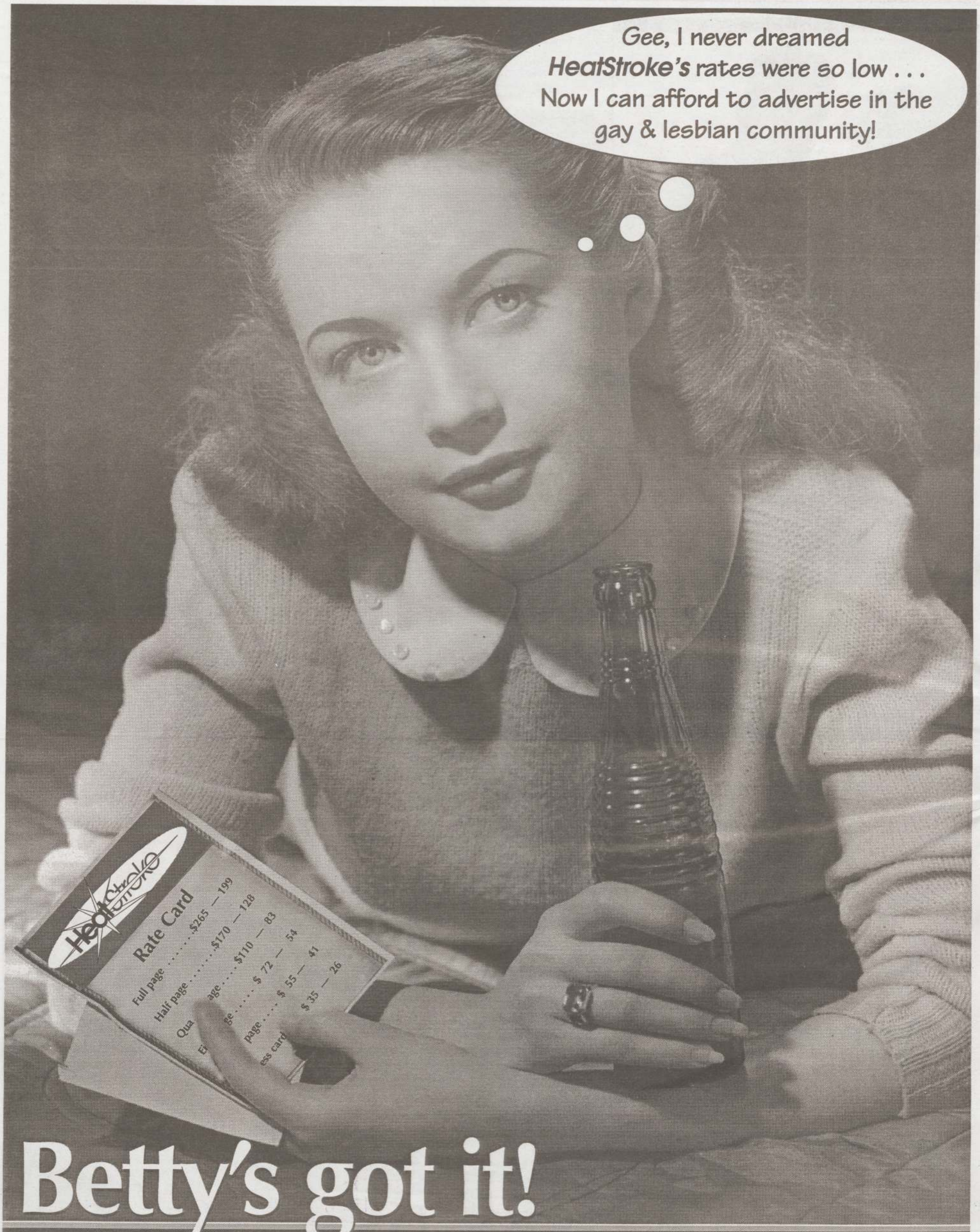
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