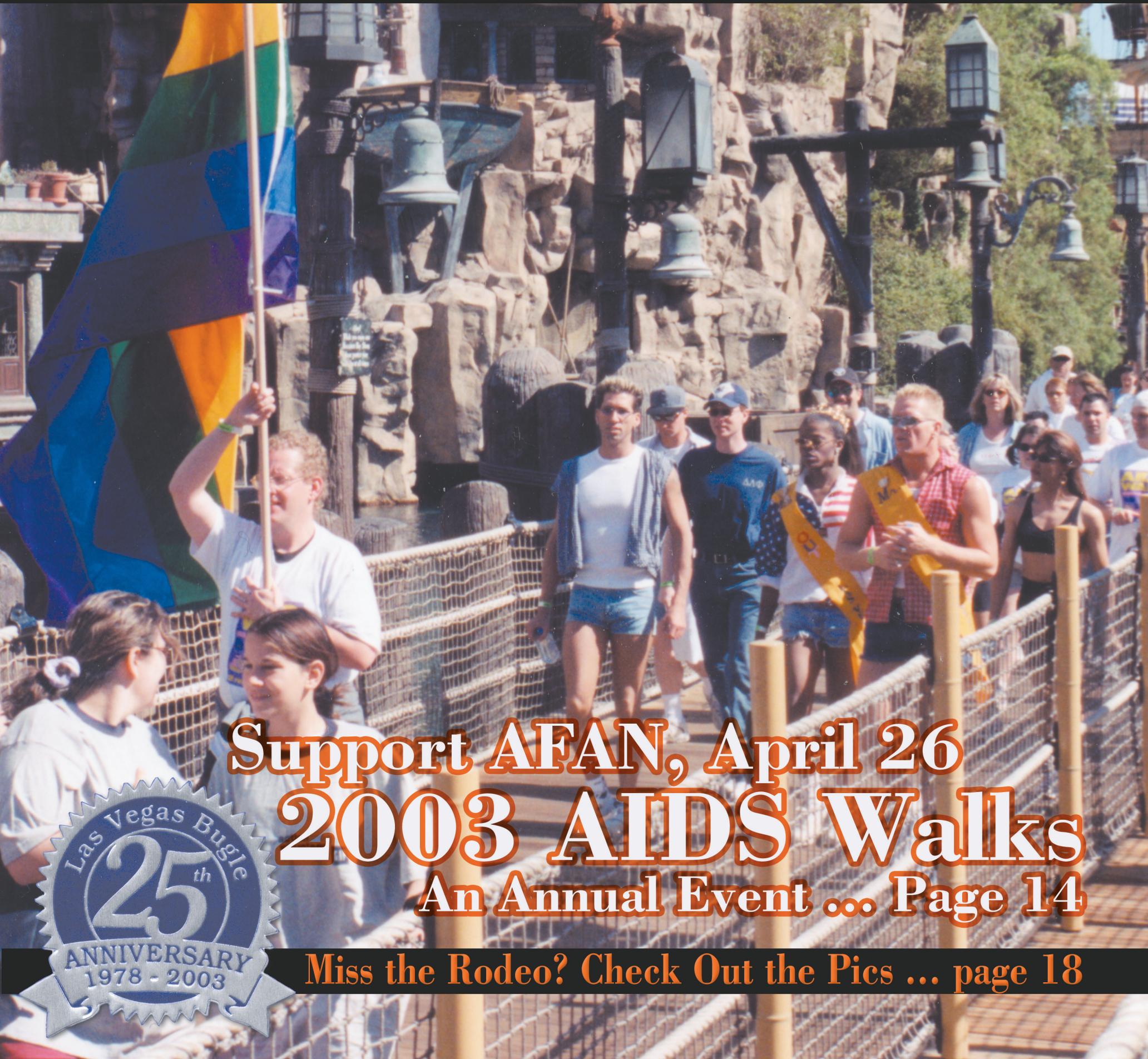


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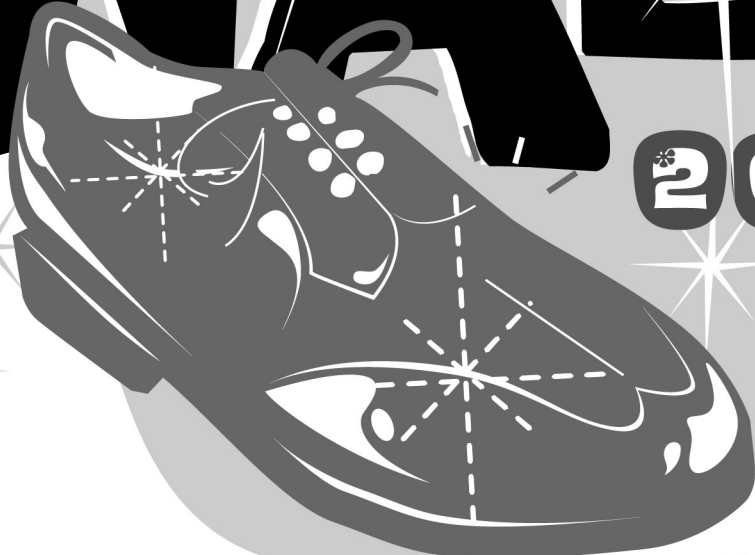
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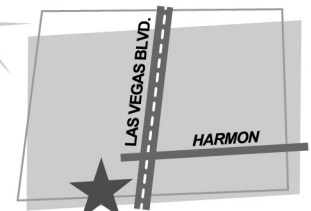
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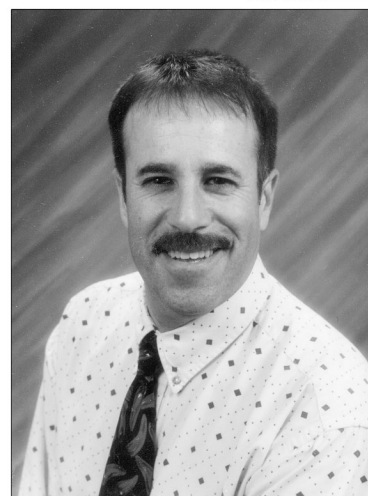
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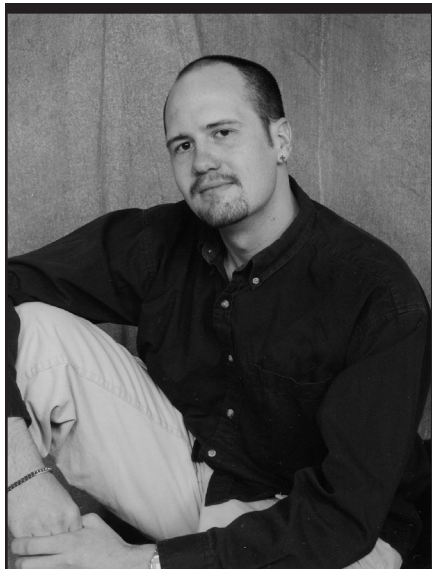
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"Walk With OUT" Team members from AFAN's 2002 AIDS Walk.

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by Jere Keys
Editor

Okay, folks, I honestly intended to give my anti-war ranting a rest in this issue, but y'all just won't let me (see the letters to the editor on the following page). Since I spoke out on the war in the last issue I've met a handful of nearly violent supporters of the war who have suggested that I'm anything from deluded to unpatriotic to Jane Fonda (see the letters).

Here's how I break it down. 1. I opposed the US making military moves against Iraq before the war began. It would be disingenuous if I changed my tune now that the bullets are flying. 2. I oppose war whenever there is not a clear and urgent need to protect our own country. 3. I oppose any and all situations where the government makes the decision to take someone's life (from the death penalty to casualties of war to war criminals) since I don't believe we should grant our government that kind of power over the precious gift of human life.

Is Saddam Hussein a maniacal, ruthless dictator who butchers his own people? Yes. But the US helped to make him the man he is today (many of those weapons of mass destruction came from us during the conflict with Iran in the 1980s). But declaring war on a Muslim country means a whole lot more than just cleaning up a foreign relations mistake from two decades ago.

It's a little like poking a stick into a beehive to kill the queen bee. This will not lead to an easy peace with the Muslim people of the world, inside or out of Iraq.

And let me make this perfectly clear before I get one more "you don't support our troops" comment. I do. I wish them grace and luck and courage in fulfilling the jobs they've been called to do. (And at press time, it looks like they may be in the final stretch of wartime) I just really, really wish they had never been called to do those jobs.

And for the people who've accused me of wishing to deny the people of

Still a Pacifist

Volunteer This Summer; The Mayor's Challenge

Iraq the same freedoms we enjoy, do you really think a couple months of war are going to end thousands of years of inequality for women, children, queers, the poor and other social outcasts? And how can they enjoy any of those freedoms when they've become an innocent casualty of war? It's hard to express your right to free speech when a bomb has dropped on you and your entire family.

I have always believed that diplomacy and the cooperation of all free countries would be a much more effective means of eradicating dictatorships, oppressive cultures and destructive social systems. Not war, which only begets more war.

And finally on this topic, thanks to the friends with whom I've enjoyed debate in mutually respectful and civilized manners. I can agree to disagree, I can even admit if I'm wrong. I can't stand knee-jerk fanaticism, even if it looks like patriotism.

The Busy Season

Wasn't the BigHorn Rodeo fantastic! Despite some wind on Saturday, I'm told that this year's rodeo was the most successful to date. Congratulations to the entire NGRA team.

Now that I've been heavily active in the gay Las Vegas community for about four years, I see the gay rodeo as the beginning of "the busy season" for our humble community. There are so many events, fundraisers and opportunities between now and October that it's a race to keep up with it all.

Next on the entire community's agenda is, of course, the AFAN AIDS Walk, April 26. It's not just a great fundraiser, a reminder of the work we still need to do in fighting AIDS, and a chance to stretch our legs with the beginning of summer, it's a massive social gathering!

Which, of course, is followed by Gay Pride on Mother's Day weekend. This year, Pride will be the biggest, best and most fun its ever been. Wait till you read more about it in our next issue!

The summer continues on with big events like Golden Rainbow's Ribbon of Life, and into fall with AFAN's Black and White Party, National Coming Out Day, and much more!

But why do I bring all this up, you ask? Simple. This is the beginning of *your* chance to contribute to the growth of the Las Vegas gay community.

I'm sick and tired of hearing people

bitch "there's no community here in Vegas." There is! Look around you, people! There is at least one major event every month through October. Hundreds, if not thousands of volunteers will devote countless hours to raise money for great causes, coming together in huge parties, and working to further issues that directly affect the GLBT community.

So volunteer! I happen to know (since I'm intricately involved in it) that Gay Pride needs over 400 volunteers to make this year's event the success it should and can be. Go online to www.lasvegaspride.org or call the Pride hotline at 615-9GAY.

Golden Rainbow, AFAN, NGRA, the Royal Court, The Center, Equal Rights Nevada, and all the other diverse and charitable organizations in town need your volunteer time, too. How will you make a difference?

Oscar Goodman's Challenge

During the Martinis with the Mayor function sponsored by the Stonewall Democrats Club last week, Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman issued a challenge to the Bugle via our publisher Kelly McFarlane-Smith.

Oscar said that we needed to hold our political representative more accountable for our interests. He said we need to get more gay and lesbian people to vote. He said, in essence, that we need to stop acting like second-class citizens and demanding that our voices be heard.

He's right.

Okay, Mayor Goodman, here's what I want. I'm voting for you and telling all my friends to vote for you, so start representing my interests.

Champion a bill through the Las Vegas City Council that bars discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in matters of employment, housing, credit, education and access to public facilities.

But you thought we were already protected? Think again. The only protection granted under the Nevada Employment Non-Discrimination Act was for sexual orientation in employment. There are absolutely no laws in this state that bar an employer from discriminating on the basis of gender identity.

And while we may be able to get and keep jobs, that doesn't mean we can't be denied credit, housing, education or access to public facilities for doing nothing worse than being gay. Let me

explain this.

If a landlord doesn't like homosexuality, he or she can deny an application from any gay or lesbian individual or couple. A store owner could legally put up a sign saying "No fags allowed" (at least for shopping, he might have to hire them). Police officers could stop a male-to-female transgender person from using a public women's restroom. Casino owners or employees could do the same. You were at the BigHorn Rodeo, do you really want to piss off that many tourists?

A loan officer can deny credit based on nothing more than the sexual orientation of the applicant. And, of course, transgender people have absolutely no protections when applying for jobs, promotions, or anything else related to employment.

Are these things common problems? Some are, some aren't. Whether housing discrimination is common or not is a bit beside the point, don't you think? If even the chance exists, it should be stopped, since even one instance is one too many.

And it would be easy to pass this off as the responsibility of Clark County, or even the state, but let's face it, one municipality can set a great example. Show us that you're the leader who truly supports the GLBT community.

And it might interest you to know that we wouldn't be the first municipality to take these steps. No, we'd simply be joining the ranks of some of the largest, most successful and most inclusive cities in the nation.

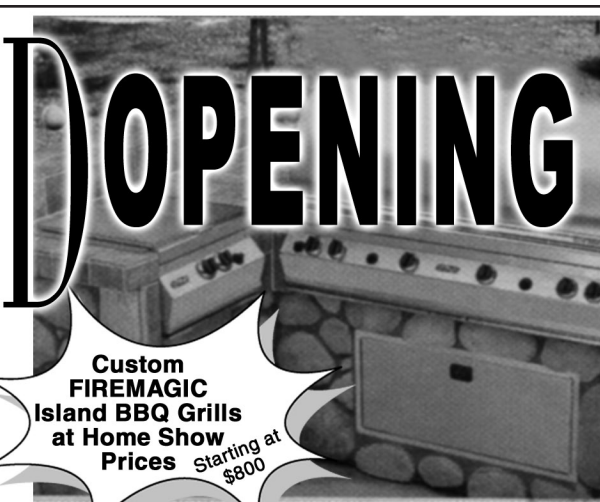
So there's my challenge back to you, Mayor Goodman. And it's not just for you. It's for all my city councilmembers, county commissioners, and state legislators.

And I'll sweeten the pot. You won't be alone in championing this type of bill. I'll be there to testify, to advocate, and to support anyone who will back us up. And I've got tons of friends who will join me in the fight (right, guys and gals).

Mayor Goodman, you've been a fine friend to the GLBT population of Las Vegas. We've appreciated how often you've attended our events, shown your support and expressed an interest. Now, can you be an advocate for us as well?

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Editor's Note: *Traditionally, I refuse to run letters that aren't signed, even if the writer requests that I don't use their name. However, these two letters touched my heart in a special way. Perhaps it was the name calling, the inane misunderstanding of my recent editorials, or the fact that both letters came to me in similar type, on similar paper and with similar grammar. The letters appear here as written. But never let it be said that I won't give time to opposing viewpoints.*

Hey Jane Fonda!

Dear Out in Las Vegas/Bugle

I have just read your recent publication that is out in the bars. Please tell your editor, Jane Fonda, that his opinions of the war are not only unnecessary, But a shame to the American people. Obviously he is not a fan of history or has failed to remember like most americans, that freedom and liberation, always comes at a cost. I cant imagine the numbers of our forefathers that paid the ultimate price for freedom. Yes, bombs are falling in Iraq, and yes, innocent people will perish. But thousands more have and will perish under the current regime and dictatorship they live under than will die by a coalition bomb. We are taking a leader that has murdered hundreds of thousands of his own people.

War always has a cost and is very

unfortunate. I do agree with your editors opinions on the need for more funding on aids research, I also have lost friends to Aids and will lose many more. But unlike you, I still support the troops and the mission they were called to do. I hope the people of Iraq can learn to love the freedoms that have made our country as great as it is, and give us the freedom of speech as seen in your publication, Which is just another Example of the extremely liberal media. Do us a favor JANE, if you want to speak about my country in the future, Im sure France or Germany would love you to take up residence there And write for one of their media publications.

Sincerely,

A Las Vegas resident and Out/Bugle reader!

Send Jere to Iraq

Dear Jere,

After reading your last article, I had to write a letter. I understand your dislike for the Presidency, however, your writing and opinions should also reflect possibly a support for The troops who are only doing there duty. Ask yourself a question, If you could replace the president of the united states would you? Now ask yourself, is not the president of Iraq a whole lot more menacing than bush. Don't you feel the people of Iraq deserve the same freedoms you do. Probably not, as your statements are very selfish.

If you have such a distaste for this country and our leadership. LEAVE!!! Try living in Iraq For awhile. Im sure they share the same freedoms of speech that you so love to share with The gay community of Las Vegas.

Signed,

An ex advertiser of the BUGLE...

Editor's Note: *Not to get defensive or anything, but I have always supported our troops, it's the decisions of our nation's leaders I do not, cannot and will not support. This war is wrong. I hope for a quick and peaceful end to the war with a minimum number of casualties and deeply regret that it was begun in the first place.*

Dancers and Gay Unite!

Dear Editor;

Under another email from me (see story on page 29) you will find a Press Release from Las Vegas Dancers Alliance about the raid on Deja Vu Showgirls. This raid shows how little respect Metro has for civil and human rights. They harassed honest, hard working dancers for no reason but to harass and throw their weight around. This is reminiscent of an incident that happened in NYC; in 1969 now called Stonewall.

This is only the begining. Metro already throws it weight around in unsafe matters. When they target you on the streets because you look different or they

don't like your vechile; they will pull you out and put you on the curb and leave your car in the middle of the road; just to show you they can. In any other major city they would have you pull over to the side of the road.

Profiling is another illegal tactic that they use to run a background check on you which is also against your civil rights. Now for the gay, lesbian, and transgender community the actions that happen in Deja Vu should be a wake up call. I urge everyone to rally behind the Las Vegas Dancers Alliance and Deja Vu to stop this injustice now before it happens to others. It is very appearant that the casinos are against the gentlemen's clubs and the LVDA. It's a shame that certain political figures can be paid off to look the other way while outcall services are illegal but are a mainstay in Las Vegas and honest dancers are illegally harassed.

Joy B. Jet

Editor's Note: *Well said, Joy! I mentioned in an editorial several issues back that the GLBT community needs to understand and defend against the apparent attack on civil liberties facing the adult entertainment industry in Las Vegas. Your letter reminds us that these issues have not been resolved and we should all be aware and active against any attempt to single out a group for harrassment. Connect with LVDA at www.nevadastrippers.com. ▼*



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AFAN'S

Story and photos by Jere Keys

Now in its 13th year, Aid For AIDS of Nevada's (AFAN) annual AIDS Walk is shaping up to be the most successful on record. With an anticipated 3,000-4,000 participants registering to help raise money for the service organization, a new route, new title sponsors and celebrity entertainers joining in, AFAN is excited about the event which takes place this Saturday, April 26.

Every year, thousands of volunteer Walkers collect tax deductible donations to sponsor their participation in the early morning Walk on the Las Vegas Strip. All Walkers need to register to Walk at the event, and registration forms can be picked up at a variety of locations including AFAN officers and all local Starbucks.

This year, magical funnymen Penn & Teller are among the celebrities lending their names to the cause. The world-famous duo will kick off the AIDS Walk. Lillian McMorris is scheduled to be the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Other guest celebrities are being confirmed to appear before, during and after the AIDS Walk.

This year's Walk begins on Harmon and Las Vegas Boulevard (behind Seven Nightclub). Registration begins at 8 am and the Walk officially begins at 9 am. Participants will Walk from Harmon to Tropicana, cross the east side of the strip, Walk down to Flamingo, cross again and return to Seven Nightclub.

Parking for the AIDS Walk will be available in the MGM Mirage employee parking area located off Harmon, behind Seven.

"This is the first year that the Walk takes place in the real heart of the Las Vegas Strip," according to AFAN Volunteer Coordinator Earl Shelton. "From Bellagio to Tropicana, the whole Walk is about 2 miles long."

For the second year, AFAN will host an after-Walk party. This year, the party will take place inside Seven Nightclub and will feature light snacks and beverages, live entertainment (including Tommy Rocker) and a chance to mingle and make friends.

People can register as individuals or as members of

Earl Shelton recruiting volunteers for the 2003 AIDS Walk.



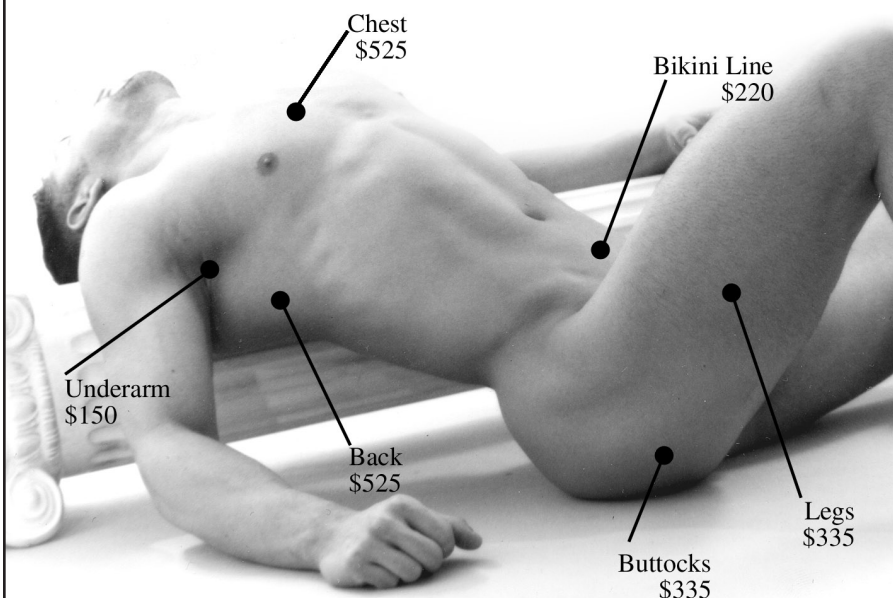
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a team. Any Walker who raises over \$35 in donations will receive a "spiffy" t-shirt commemorating the event and trophies will be given out to various teams and individuals who raise a lot of money or have a lot of Walkers.

In addition to the many Walkers, about 200 volunteers are needed to run the event. According to Shelton, the event is only about halfway staffed at this time.

"I still need about 100 volunteers," said Shelton, "I'm approaching some of the larger groups."

Anyone who wishes to volunteer for the event should call Earl Shelton at 382-AFAN. Shelton admits to loving his job and hopes that volunteers will turn out to assist with the event. "It's so great, seeing how people open up. It's really phenomenal," he commented.

For the first time, the AIDS Walk is being coordinated by an outside event planning firm. In the absence of a Director of Development, AFAN has hired Meehan & Associates to produce the event. The Director of Development position has been vacant since Michelle Toffany left the organization several months ago, and Acting Executive Director Tiffany Hesser says that the position will remain open until after they have hired a new Executive Director.

Addressing concerns that hiring an event planning company cuts into the profits for the charity organizations, Hesser points out that in the past they have spent a similar amount of money retaining a full time employee in the Director of Development position.

"There is no impact on profitability," commented Hesser, "when you look at the numbers, it's not really all that different."

Last year, the annual AIDS Walk raised over \$200,000 through donations and corporate sponsorships. Around 3,000 people participated in the Walk, making it one of the premier fundraiser events of the year. The proceeds from this year's event will be used to support all areas of AFAN.

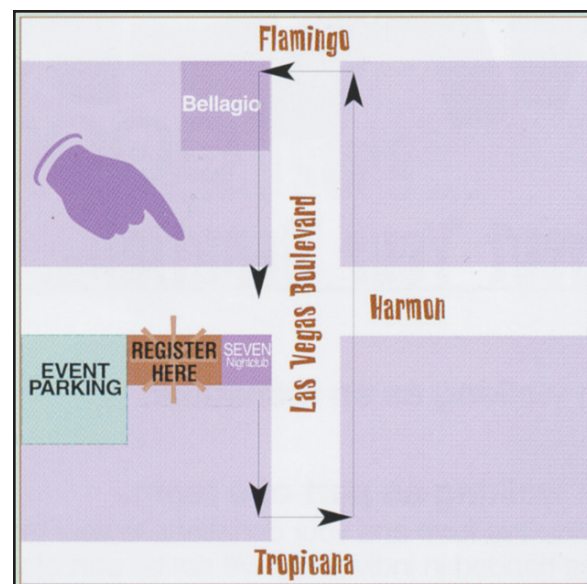
AFAN provides a variety of services to people infected and affected by AIDS. From case management to housing assistance, nutritional counseling to meal delivery for homebound clients, prevention and education to professional referrals, AFAN remains a primary source of support for most HIV/AIDS patients in Southern Nevada.

AFAN is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization. It is AFAN's mission to provide support and advocacy for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS in southern Nevada in an environment of understanding, compassion and acceptance. ▼

When: April 26, 2003, 8 a.m.

Where: Meet behind Seven Nightclub just off Harmon and Las Vegas Boulevard.

More Info: (702) 382-AFAN



The route for AFAN's AIDS Walk 2003.

FreeZone Celebrates 5th Anniversary

A Look Back At How Businesswoman Kaye Taylor Turned FreeZone into a Success



Freezone celebrates its five-year anniversary the week of April 17 through the 21, 2003. Shortly after Kaye Taylor, owner of FreeZone, celebrated the club's first anniversary, *Las Vegas Bugle* sat down with the entrepreneur and interviewed Taylor for a special *Women's Series* in July 1999. Not much has changed since the first year celebration.

Taylor is still the only lesbian bar owner, she tends bar several nights a week and runs the day-to-day operations of the club. FreeZone recently underwent a new face-lift (Taylor said that she wanted FreeZone to be the cleanest bar in Vegas.) In keeping with Taylor's vision for the club, she just recently expanded the dance-floor, put in a new DJ booth, painted the walls and reupholstered the booths. Many of the popular nights that Taylor implemented five years ago are still going strong like Boys Nite, the longest running drag show on Friday and Saturday nights, and recently she has implemented new nights like Flirt on Mondays, Fondle on Tuesdays

and the Friday Martini Mixer
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Kaye Taylor, single, stands 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs in at a mere 122 pounds. Her brown hair, permed and lying soft against her tanned face, frames her wide, expressive brown eyes. She smiles brightly and her face lightens.

Hers is the taught, hard body of an athlete. Of one who has known sacrifice and work. Diminutive, but scrappy. Tough, but soft - just not around-the-edges soft. Taylor's softness is an inner, have-to-get-to-know-her soft and getting to know Kaye Taylor is an easy task.

"I don't feel comfortable doing this," She tells me. "It's not my thing."

I nod understandingly as she sips a glass of wine. I explain this story is part of a series on lesbians in the gay community and ask what it's like to be the only lesbian bar owner among Las Vegas' fifteen gay bars.

"Well," she shrugs her tanned shoulders, "It's not like I'm a pioneer or anything." But Taylor is modest and self-

effacing. "I look at a pioneer as someone who has done something no one has done before them. And running a bar isn't exactly a new idea," she explains.

But Taylor's not giving herself credit. Her tavern-restaurant-dance club The Free Zone, located at 610 E Naples Road (2 blocks south of the Hard Rock Hotel) in the "heart of gay Las Vegas" is one of the more recent additions to the gay bar scene in the city. The Free Zone recently celebrated its first year of operation, which is particularly challenging for a gay business. First, The FreeZone overcame the obstacles all new business face: surviving the first year (over 50% of businesses close within the first year.) Second, as a gay-owned business the FreeZone had to compete for the patronage of a relatively small consumer base.

For Kaye Taylor success didn't come easily.

"At first, everyone wanted to say this was the 'lesbian bar.'" It was a way of marginalizing the business and not taking me seriously. So, I really tried to listen to my customers and change the stereotype because we've always

had a mixed crowd," Taylor claims. Taylor began simply by starting "Boys Nite," a widely successful Thursday night show featuring The Men of Adonis Male Revue. She also instituted a free beer bust and appetizer specials. Gay men flocked to the FreeZone and now there are standing room only crowds on Thursdays.

"I also knew there were lots of popular drag performers who had shows after 2 am that were missing audiences who wanted to see shows but at a more reasonable time," Taylor continued. "We began offering our drag shows on Friday and Saturday nights - and we got the right entertainers." The show (called "Diva Las Vegas!") features former cast members of Boylesque, La Cage and the current 1999 Miss Las Vegas Gay Pride. Friday and Saturday nights instantly attracted a wide audience - including a decent percentage of straight customers to the shows.

Taylor also opened Las Vegas' largest gay and lesbian restaurant, instituted a popular gay karaoke night, expanded her club's dance floor and made sure the FreeZone "was the cleanest bar in



said. "While nothing's wrong with that, it's different when you're behind the bar serving three nights a week and directly involved with the customers.

You hear what they want. You get to hang out with them (the customer) and it makes you feel really good."

Taylor's enthusiasm is sincere. She sits back against the booth seat, crosses her arms and takes another sip of wine. I ask her about the bars owned by men in the community. She smiles and continues, "I feel male bar owners look down at gay women in general and at first they didn't take me seriously. They thought, 'Oh she she's just a little lesbian who won't be here tomorrow.' But I've proven them wrong and they're opening their eyes now and understanding that I and the FreeZone are here to stay." She closes her eyes and grins. "It makes me feel good to have it," she nods.

So, what's Taylor's secret for success?

"Simple," she starts, "it takes hard, hard, hard work."

She hesitates and then says, "You know my mother is my hero. She is almost 70 and has worked nearly every day of her life. She raised five kids. In the past four years she's never been sick and will probably always work because it makes her happy. I love that about her," she says. I love the fact she never whined or complained. I love that she just did it."

Taylor has done it, too. She's survived the challenges of motherhood, scaled the obstacles of marriage. She's discovered, embraced and celebrated her lesbianism. She's achieved success in a field dominated by men while keeping her sense of self (and her humor) intact. But, she's no pioneer.

She adds, "My philosophy is to be happy with what you do, try and make enough money, stay healthy both physically and mentally, and follow my dreams." Simple advice. The kind of advice pioneers follow. ▼



town." The combination of shows, special events, food and the right atmosphere has resulted in solid profits and made Taylor the reputation of being a tough shrewd businesswoman.

"Don't call me a business woman," she tells me. "I am a business person," she explains. Then elaborates, "When my vendors come in here, I sincerely don't believe they look at me as a woman - nor as a lesbian. They look at me as a person who does a good job, who places smart orders and pays her bills on time. My vendors respect me for the job I do." Taylor says this matter-of-factly, yet her pride is evident.

Not bad for a single mother who started pressing linens at Western Linen nearly 20 years ago. Her early work career was nothing glamorous. She worked as a bus girl at the Silver. She worked at Pier One Imports for several years and then became pregnant and made the decision to stay home.

"My husband at the time thought it was a good idea," Taylor explained, "But I'm not what you call a 'stay at home' type," she concluded. Within two years she started back to work and one hot summer day playing softball a hard-bodied, athletic woman caught her eye.

"It was that day I knew being lesbian was right for me. I had been separated from my husband for some time. I always had feelings and the opportunity came available to explore them," Taylor stated. I can still remember the morning after my first lesbian experience," she grows animated and her brown eyes sparkle with the memory. "I wanted to run to all my straight lady friends and tell them what they were missing," she said. "Right then and there I came out," Taylor laughs as she finishes her story.

Taylor went on to manage 13 tour and ticketing outlets on the famed Las Vegas strip. She then began working at the Gipsy, arguably the most successful gay nightclub at the time. "I began working on Saturday nights and after about six months, began managing the club."

Taylor's success is unique to the gay scene. While she is the only lesbian bar owner, she is not the only woman to own a gay bar in Las Vegas.

"Flex, the Backdoor and the Eagle are all owned by women," she explained. "But because these women are straight, they depend on others (their bar managers) to run their businesses," she

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2003 Rodeo Round-Up

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association's BigHorn Rodeo 2003 was reportedly the most successful ever in terms of attendance and profit. If you missed the annual event on April 3-6, we've collected some of the best images from the weekend to show you exactly what you missed.

From exciting rodeo events to outstanding entertainment, social parties to festival shopping, the BigHorn Rodeo had something for every attendee.

Drag Race photo by Lynn R. Norman

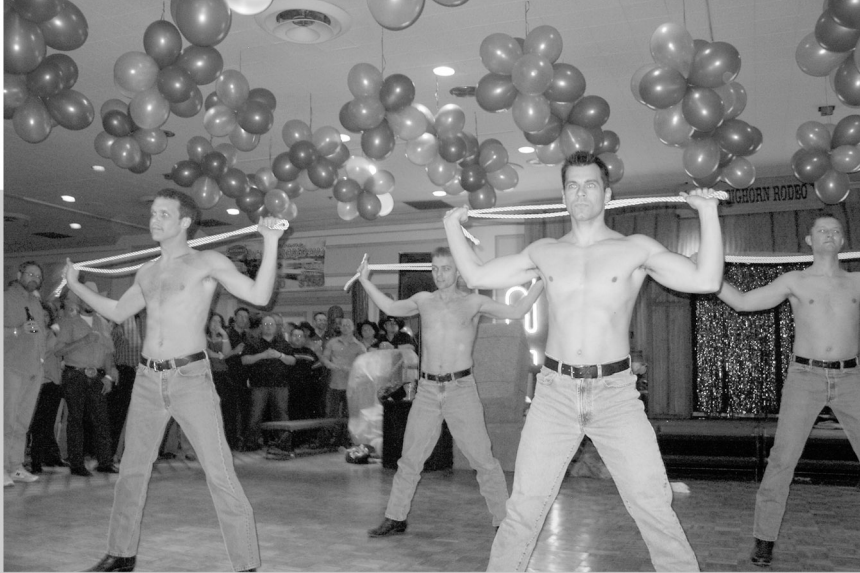


Rodeo weekend kicked off on Thursday night with the Cowpatty Bar Crawl. As nearly 100 cowboys, cowgirls and cowpatties dashed from bar to bar, the booze kept flowing and the crowd kept dancing and having fun.

Miss Cowpatty 2003, Fresh Step Litter, accomplished her goal of getting everyone sh*t-faced, as you can see in the photo of Assistant Rodeo Guy Puglisi at the bottom of the page after he took a short "nap."

Cowpatty Bar Crawl pictures by Fresh Step Litter and Ricki Carasquillo.





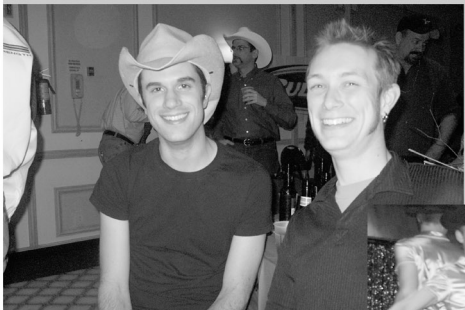
Each night of the rodeo, the Castaways was the center of action for anyone seeking entertainment, dancing or more socializing. With acts like Karen Quest, Cowboy Jack, local and visiting drag queens and singers - broken up by country line dancing to the tunes of DJ Rosa - everyone was entertained.



The runaway favorite act of the entire weekend, however, was the appearances by the D.C. Cowboys. This precision dance team of *hot* gay men from the nation's capital had pulses racing and everyone drooling.

As the Host Hotel for out of towners, Castaways was also the sight of Rodeo registration and the winner's circle awards ceremony at the end of the weekend. But more than anything, it was the place to be for socializing after the sun went down.

Castaways pictures by Jere Keys.



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Rodeo Event photos by Jere Keys and Lynn R. Norman.



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But the favorite pastime of the weekend was watching cowboys and cowgirls strut around in those oh-so-tight jeans.



Festival and Crowd photos by Jere Keys and Lynn R. Norman.



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What's So Special — About Pride — — This Year? —

Every year, organizers of Las Vegas Pride make the claim that the annual event will be better than ever, more fun and offer more than the previous year. This year, with some truly unique innovations in planning, it's true. So what's so special about this year?

Well, first off, the venue. For the first time in its 20 year history, Las Vegas Pride will be held in an indoor/outdoor facility. Over the last two years, the Pride Festival has been held in the soccer fields outside Sam Boyd Stadium. Both years, the community has complained to the Board of Directors that the venue is too far away, lacks shade, and can become a disaster with a bad turn of the weather. In answer to those complaints, Pride has moved the Festival into the Las Vegas Sports Center, located on Sunset Boulevard - just East of Las Vegas Boulevard.

The complex offers more benefits than just shelter from the elements and a more central location. With a variety of attractions such as Indoor Rock Climbing, Mini Race Car Driving, Golf and Batting Cages. Pride has arranged to have three different entertainment stages at the event and will keep the Pride Festival going until the early hours of the morning with dance music and DJs in the main arena.

Of course, Pride will still have many of the things we've all come to know and expect: indoor and outdoor vendors, informational booths, plenty of entertainment, food and drinks, etc.

This year, the vendors will be arranged into different areas inside and outside the building. The second floor will be a central hub for non-profit and service organizations, also housing the bohemian stage, a art house/bookstore sponsored by Starbucks and Borders, and Parent & Child Play Area coordinated by We Are Family and PFLAG, and free HIV testing.

"We converted the second floor to the non-profit/service organization area to keep costs down for smaller organizations." Commented Logistics Chair Jere Keys. "We wanted to make sure that all they would be able to present their information at Pride while remaining on budget."

To cover the costs of the event, Pride charges all vendors a fee to be at the festival, but the special section minimizes the costs.

"I don't want money to be an obstacle to anyone in the community," said Pride President Sasha Scarlett in a recent board meeting, "If we have to discount

things and make alternate arrangements, we'll find a way."

Similarly, anyone who volunteers for a 4 hour shift at the Festival will receive free admission to the festival. Volunteers **MUST** sign up in advance to take advantage of the free admission, which can be done at www.lasvegaspride.org or by calling 612-9GAY.

Beyond the Festival itself, Pride will be a full five days of parties and activities.

On Tuesday, May 6, Pride hosts the first Girlz Circuit Party at SRO. Entertainment will include Shann Carr and Nurse Ratchet, along with a drag king contest and plenty of fun and games.

On Wednesday, May 7, the Boys Party will be held at Ibiza. Previously announced for Studio 54, Pride board members changed the venue recently after concerns about the entertainment at the party.

"Ibiza is a terrific location and very friendly. It should be a great fit for [us]." said Scarlett.

Boys Party entertainment will include adult film stars Caesar and Mark Dalton, along with diva Pepper Mashay.

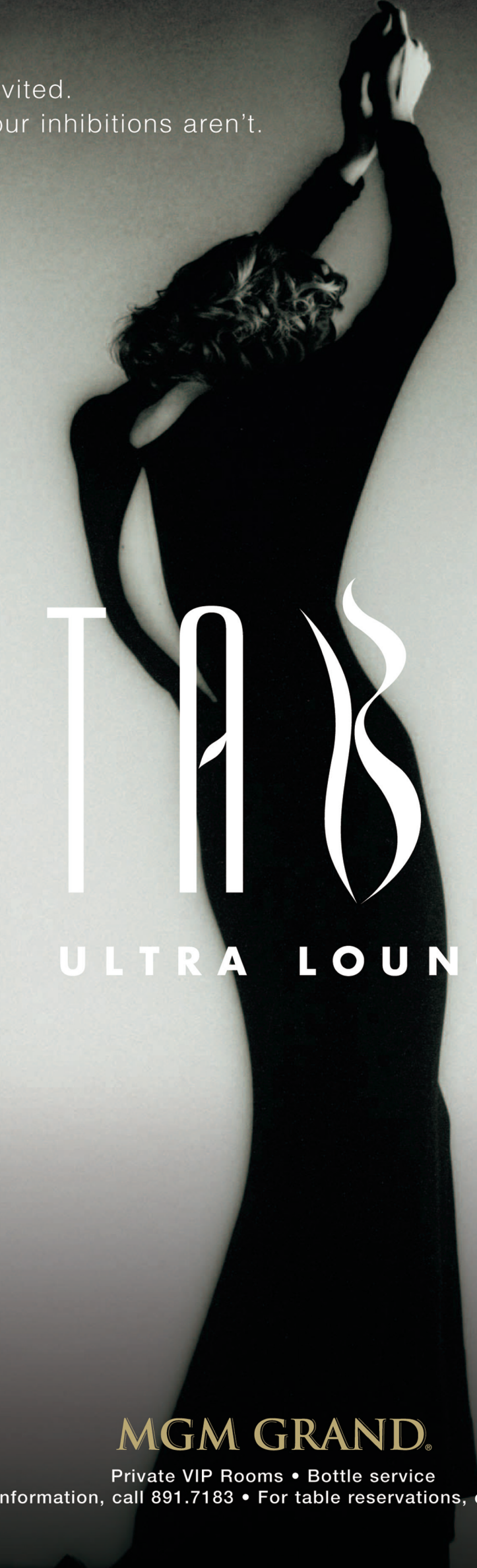
Pride, The Center and Las Vegas Bugle team up to present the "Come Together" Anniversary Party on Thursday, May 8 at New York New York. Held in the Staten Island Room, this catered, semi-formal affair will celebrate the 10th anniversary of The Center, the 20th anniversary of Las Vegas Pride, and the 25th anniversary of Las Vegas Bugle. The event will also feature the annual Pride Royalty Pageant finals and the first annual Foundation Awards presented by Las Vegas Bugle, honoring 25 pioneers in gay Las Vegas.

Friday Night will once again see the unique Las Vegas Nighttime Pride Parade in downtown Las Vegas. Beginning in the evening of May 9, the event is a celebration of our community in lights, music, floats and costumes. The route, for the third year in a row, takes the parade down 4th Street and directly past the Fremont Street Experience.

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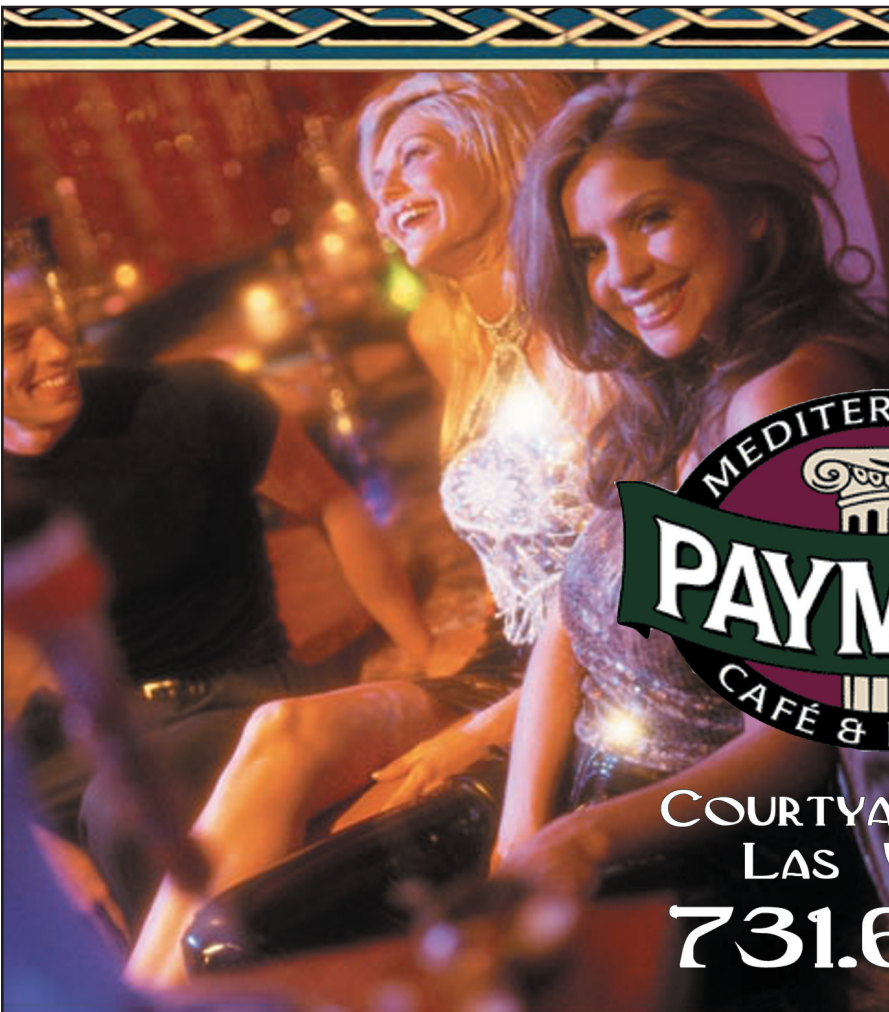
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by Jere Keys

Tiffany Hesser

AFAN's Acting Executive Director

Tiffany Hesser keeps telling me that there are very few people who would call her overly modest or reserved, and yet her discomfort over being profiled is apparent. "Are you sure you wouldn't just rather write about the agency?" She asks me for the third time as I prepare to snap a few pictures.

Hesser is the Acting Executive Director of Aid For AIDS of Nevada (AFAN), a position she has held since early this year. After Randy Reinoso resigned from the non-profit service agency, Hesser has been managing things as the Board of Directors searches for a permanent Executive Director.

That won't be Hesser.

"It was something I seriously considered," is Hesser's reply to my question about whether she wants the E.D. position, "But going into that kind of full-time administration takes me further from my own career goals. I thought about what's best for myself and for the agency."

Hesser first became involved with AFAN as an unpaid college intern in 1996. After earning her Master's Degree in Social Work, Hesser spent two years at Community Counselling Center before returning full-time to AFAN.

Hesser isn't sure if it was the

"chicken or the egg" when it came to her interest in working with HIV/AIDS services.

"I've had a lot of friends and loved ones infected and affected by HIV, and I've lived with it a long time," she explains, "But I'm not sure if it became important to me before or after I started working with AFAN."

Her most recent title, and the one she will return to once a new Executive Director has been selected, is Director of Client Services. Hesser has been overseeing AFAN's multiple programs like case management, housing assistance, managing interns and coordinating the collaborations with other agencies such as the Clark County Health District.

Hesser is easy to talk to and a lot of fun. We spent as much time exchanging stories and tidbits of gossip as we did discussing AFAN, but I did my best to find out how her turn at the command has gone.

"I think anytime there's a change, it makes people nervous, but this has been a smooth transition," Hesser comments about her move into the Acting E.D. role. "You get all sorts of different information, and then even the clients are hearing different things, but we've got a strong staff and there hasn't been a big upheaval."

Currently, there are 14 employees at AFAN, 2 interns and approximately 50 active volunteers on a regular basis. Hesser, while continuing her duties as Director of Client Services, has been placed in charge of overseeing the day to day operations of the agency as well.

"At the time I came in, it was easy. Grant writing season was done and I was just waiting for responses, getting responses, responding to responses," Hesser jokes, "But the hard work was done and I didn't have to do all that."

Hesser has also been very involved in planning for the annual AIDS Walk, which takes place on April 26. She also says that, despite rumors, while a final date has not been set, the AFAN Black and White Party will be taking place again this September at The Palms Hotel and Casino.

Hesser is also glad to report that the Board of Directors is nearing a decision on a new Executive Director.

"They've got it narrowed down to a few candidates and they're approaching a final interview," She says, "But I can't give you a date on when they'll make that decision."

Hesser is pleased that the current staff has been involved in the process of

finding a new E.D.

"Anytime you've got a staff as close as ours, they have to be."

I ask what she does for fun and she smiles and gives me a faux-tragic "what's fun?"

"Whenever I interview someone, I always ask about self care," she continues, "Working with AIDS can be stressful. Working in a non-profit organization is always stressful. You have to make time, no matter how hectic things are, for friends, family and my little chihuahua."

She points out the picture of her little dog, Gitana, which is prominently displayed on her desk along with several chihuahua calendars, cartoons and pictures. She tells me that Gitana, named after the Spanish word for "gipsy," ran into her house and into her life about two years ago.

I ask where she sees herself in 10 years, but Hesser can only say that she's sure she'll be working with people in need. "That human connection fits comfortably for me."

When asked about a piece of advice she would give at this stage in her life, she responds, "Always move forward and know that there are always answers out there." ▼

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First LGBT Health Fair to be Held at The Center

"OP for Care," a lesbian breast cancer outreach program, is sponsoring the inaugural *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Health Fair* on Saturday, April 19, 2003. This event will be held at "The Center," 953 East Sahara Avenue, located in Commercial Center. Community health care professionals and health related companies will participate from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m. Vendors participating will offer free and discounted products, procedures and services.

Most of the health concerns of LGBT people are no different from those of anyone else. Some health concerns, however, are specific to the LGBT community. For example, many LGBT people are subjected to discrimination and outright violence, and this increases stress and can take a toll on mental health. Not only are gay and bisexual men at greater risk for HIV, there is also mounting evidence that they are more likely to smoke than heterosexual men, and this could increase gay and bisexual men's risk for lung cancer, emphysema, and heart disease.

In addition, LGBT people generally receive less health care than the population as a whole and the quality of their care also suffers. Due in part to negative past experiences and mistrust of the med-

ical profession, they tend to visit health care providers less often. Finally, LGBT people often have less access to health insurance, as most workplace policies do not cover unmarried partners.

The Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund has made the "OP for Care" project possible by a one-year grant to Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The "OP for Care" project provides culturally sensitive and accurate educational information and outreach to the lesbian community in Clark County about breast health and the benefits of early detection.

The 2000 census indicated Clark County same-sex households increased at a rate of over 8% from the previous 1990 census. Given this increase, Southern Nevada AHEC, understands the importance of addressing the health needs of the LGBT population. Barriers to healthy behaviors and health care can be societal, rooted in the LGBT community or attributed to the health care community.

A focus on health promotion and preventative medicine such as regular check-ups, pap smears, and patient education will provide the LGBT community with a first step to focusing on the continuum of care. Key to achieving this is developing and promoting LGBT spe-

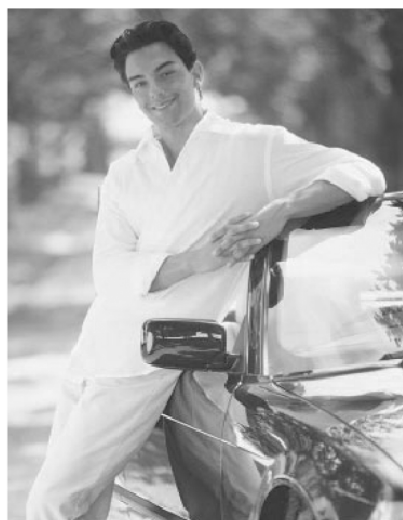
cific models of wellness and primary prevention. Providing a safe, comfortable and nonjudgmental environment for the LGBT population, such as this health fair, promotes preventative health and wellness, which is the intent of the "OP for Care" project.

In addition to this health fair, monthly events that focus on breast cancer education, breast cancer screenings, clinical and self-breast exams with early detection education, are held in safe and comfortable surroundings within the lesbian community.

According to Sharon Jaffe-Johnson, "OP for Care" Outreach Coordinator, "Knowing that the LGBT community has had societal barriers with health care, including rejection, previous negative experiences, and other factors, this program is designed to eliminate fears and promote wellness."

Jaffe-Johnson adds, "Opportunities such as these events allow us to continue working to bridge the gaps that prevent educating the community."

For more information about the LGBT Health Fair, or other events sponsored by Southern Nevada AHEC, please contact Sharon Jaffe-Johnson at 318.8452 or sharonjj@med.unr.edu for information on The Center, call 733-9800. ▼



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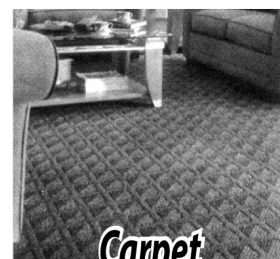
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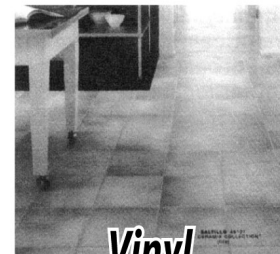
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Adult Entertainers See Increase in Police Raids and Crackdowns

Undercover vice officers stormed Deja Vu Showgirls on April 3 in a display of power and arrogance reminiscent of Nazi Germany. Customers fled on foot and in cabs, many vowing never to return, and the club was virtually shut down for two hours.

Failing to find any criminal activity, the police lined up every dancer in the club to check their "work cards" (unconstitutional licenses required by the police in Nevada for the right to perform a constitutionally-protected activity) and handed out citations left and right. One dancer was cited because her buttocks barely brushed against a customer, another was cited for asking the officers for their names and badge numbers. Another dancer was told if she said anything at all she would be taken straight to jail. Yet another dancer was cited because the name that appeared on her work card was spelled differently than the way it appeared in the club computer. When she tried to explain that she had nothing to do with data entry at the club she was told "shut up or you're going to jail." Many other citations were issued because dancers had "failed" to register new addresses with the police.

The raid was the fourth this week and ratchets up the war between the adult entertainment industry and local police.

Commenting on the raid, Andrea Hackett, Executive Director of the Las Vegas Dancers Alliance said, "This will not stand. We will not be intimidated by this police department. We will not buckle under to their harassment and intimidation. And we will not abide by their interpretation of morality. This police department has no credibility with the people of this valley."

Las Vegas Dancers Alliance has called an emergency meeting for this week and is meeting with their lawyers, club owners, the ACLU, and a consortium of organizations from around the state.

"It's a frightening day in America when honest, working women with no criminal histories are threatened with incarceration for failing to register their address with the police or for asking an officer for his badge number," said one club owner who insisted on remaining anonymous.

"Folks who plan to visit Las Vegas need to know that Las Vegas is no longer Sin City," added Ms. Hackett. "Las Vegas is now one of the most conservative, uptight cities in America and our organization is calling a nationwide boycott on travel to Las Vegas until the police back off."

Las Vegas Dancers Alliance is an organization of adult entertainers who live and work in Southern Nevada. ▼

Bellis Joins LVMPD Committee

Bob Bellis, Executive Director for The Center, has been chosen by Sheriff Bill Young to represent the GLBT community of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee. The committee exists to help make sure LVMPD is sensitive to the various communities that make up Las Vegas.

The advisory committee is being headed up by Mujahid Ramadan and includes members from a variety of minority communities.

Bellis describes his duties as helping to solve problems between police and the GLBT community and facilitating a greater understanding of our needs, concerns and lives. ▼

Goodman Wins in Landslide

Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman was reelected to another 4 year term last week by a landslide majority of Las Vegas. The popular mayor has been well liked and his reelection hardly comes as a surprise.

In recent weeks, Goodman has been campaigning directly to the GLBT community through events such as the MARTinis with the Mayor social at FreeZone, as Grand Marshal for the BigHorn Rodeo, and with a special appearance in last December's "A Very Gay Christmas Carol."

Goodman has a long history of supporting and showing concern for the GLBT citizens of Las Vegas. He campaigned to the GLBT community during his initial bid for the position, and has maintained that interest throughout his first term.

Critics complain that Goodman hasn't actually accomplished much for the GLBT community, but he is one of the few local politicians to actively seek out the GLBT community during the recent election.

Another candidate who campaigned strongly among GLBT people was Stefany Miley, who was running for the position of Municipal Court Judge, Dept. 6. Miley ran against 6 other candidates for the position, and took 4th place in the primary run-off. Now, Abbi Silver and Bill Henderson will face off in the general election in June.

Win or lose, however, more and more fair-minded candidates every year are realizing the value of courting the gay vote by supporting equality, fairness and human rights. ▼



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ACLU Files Suit Against Anti-Gay School Policies

The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit in federal court against the Pulaski County Special School District for its treatment of an openly gay 14-year-old student. The lawsuit contends that school officials violated Thomas McLaughlin's rights to free speech, equal protection, and privacy, and that they violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment by preaching to him and forcing him to read the Bible as punishment.

"We tried to work with the district to reach a settlement that would protect Thomas McLaughlin's Constitutional rights and allow him to be open about his sexual orientation," said James Esseks, litigation director for the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "They were offered ample opportunity to do the right thing here, but the district refused to meet our demands so we're taking them to court to ensure that other lesbian and gay students in the district wouldn't face similar discrimination."

In papers filed with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, the ACLU is seeking an injunction to prevent Jacksonville Junior High School from further restricting McLaughlin's speech with

regard to his sexual orientation or past discipline he's been subjected to by school officials.

"All I want out of this is for me and other gay students to be able to go to school without being preached to and without being expected to lie about who we are," said Thomas McLaughlin.

"My school forced me out of the closet when I should have been allowed to come out to my family on my own terms and when I thought it was the right time. And now the school has been trying to shove me back into it ever since," McLaughlin said. "I'm through with being silenced, and I don't want this happening to other gay kids at my school."

The ACLU sent a letter to the district on March 13 describing how Jacksonville Junior High School faculty and administrators had "outed" Thomas McLaughlin to his parents without his permission, preached to him, made him read the Bible, and disciplined him for talking about his sexual orientation and later for talking about that punishment.

McLaughlin's disciplinary record confirms these allegations.

"Our demands are fairly simple. The district needs to acknowledge students' First Amendment right to talk

about their sexual orientation during non-instructional time," said ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project staff attorney Leslie Cooper, adding, "We want the district to expunge Thomas's disciplinary record, and we want them to say in their district policies that they won't violate the Constitutional rights of lesbian and gay students."

"This young man's story has really touched a nerve - we've received a tremendous outpouring of outrage over Jacksonville Junior High School's behavior and supportive messages for Thomas from all over the world," said Rita Sklar, Executive Director of the ACLU of Arkansas. "Schools everywhere need to learn from this example that they aren't above the Constitution, and they can't get away with silencing gay students and violating their rights."

McLaughlin is represented by the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and attorney Kathy Hall of Little Rock, who is volunteering her services for the ACLU of Arkansas.

For more information about issues facing LGBT youth in America's schools, visit <http://www.aclu.org/safeschools>. ▼

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Court Rules Schools Must Protect Gays

In a case brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the Federal Court of Appeals for the western states issued a historic decision this week which holds school officials liable for failing to protect students from anti-gay harassment. The court held that a school must take steps to eliminate harassment when it learns that lesbian, gay and bisexual students are abused at school.

"This decision is long overdue. Finally, it's clear that schools can no longer stand back and turn a blind eye to the kind of debilitating harassment that so many lesbian, gay and bisexual students face everyday," said Kate Kendall, NCLR's Executive Director.

Matt Coles, Director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the ACLU added, "The court made it very clear that going through the motions is not enough. Schools have to really deal with the problem of anti-gay harassment."

The decision comes in a lawsuit brought on behalf of five high school students in Santa Clara's Morgan Hill Unified School District who charged that school officials refused to take any action to protect the students from ongoing anti-gay harassment. The students, four girls and one boy, were repeatedly

abused both physically and verbally. One student was hospitalized after a group of male students shouted "faggot" and other homophobic slurs while hitting and kicking him at a school bus stop in full view of the bus driver.

A female student, Alana Flores, found a pornographic picture taped to her locker. A handwritten note attached to the photo read, "Die, Die, . . . Dyke bitch, Fuck off. We'll kill you." When Flores sought help from the school and asked for a new locker, the principal said, "Yes, sure, sure, later. You need to go back to class. Don't bring me this trash anymore. This is disgusting."

The case, Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District, will now return to the federal district court for trial.

The students are represented by James Emery and Jill K. Ginstling, of Kecker & Van Nest, LLP, for the ACLU and the NCLR.

This is the second ruling on the subject to make national news. Last fall, Derek Henkle sued the Washoe County School System in Reno for failing to protect him from anti-gay harassment and won.

Between the rulings, it appears that courts are coming down strongly on the subject of stopping school harassment. ▼

Diane and Rosie Honored by GLAAD

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) honored Diane Sawyer, Rosie O'Donnell, and the best in journalism, film, music and theater April 7, 2003 at the 14th Annual GLAAD Media Awards in New York City.

At the ceremonies held at the New York Marriott Marquis, Betty DeGeneres presented Diane Sawyer with GLAAD's Excellence in Media Award, honoring a member of the media community who has made a significant difference in promoting equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

"I just want to say thank you so much, and it means the world to me," Sawyer said during her acceptance. "Because I really do believe that every time you care about someone and respect someone and love someone for what they entirely are, in every way, it's like inventing fire for the second time. Anything can happen. And we're not done yet."

Also at the ceremony, Cyndi Lauper presented Rosie O'Donnell with GLAAD's Vito Russo Award, which honors an openly gay or lesbian member of the entertainment or media community for their outstanding contribution in combatting homophobia.

"Everybody would tell me [coming out] would change my life," O'Donnell

said as she accepted the Vito Russo Award. "But I never thought when they were telling me -- whether it was Ellen or Nathan or Harvey, or any of my friends who are out -- I never thought for a moment what it would change in my own life. I always thought it would be about the public perception, the adjective assigned to your name for eternity: 'lesbian Rosie O'Donnell, lesbian Rosie O'Donnell.' It's like 'Aries Rosie O'Donnell' or 'size-10-shoe Rosie O'Donnell.' What I didn't realize is that would change everything about my life. And for the first time I'm really, really, really happy."

The evening opened with a performance by k.d. lang and Tony Bennett from their GLAAD Media Award-winning album, "A Wonderful World."

"The work of our nominees and honorees has helped broaden understanding of the diversity of the world around us," said Joan M. Garry, GLAAD's executive director, in her speech at the event. "Tonight we celebrate them and thank them for their responsibility, their commitment, and their actions."

GLAAD Media Awards were also handed out in 13 of this year's 23 media categories. Additional awards will be presented in Los Angeles on April 26 and in San Francisco on May 31. ▼



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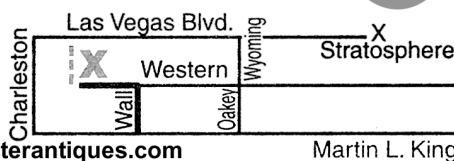
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Funny thing, this free speech business. It's never mentioned by name in the Constitution. And it's most important when it's protecting the worst among us. But a free press and freedom of expression are America's greatest contributions to the world.

In a Hudson Valley shopping mall, a man and his son were thrown out of a shopping mall and arrested for wearing t-shirts with anti-war slogans. Personally, the way I feel about this war was best expressed by Oscar Wilde's description of fox hunting: the unspeakable in pursuit of the inedible.

But however you may feel about the war, arresting people for wearing the wrong message on a t-shirt definitely sends out the wrong signal. And don't think this isn't a gay issue. Who's to say that "gay is good" or any number of Don't Panic messages aren't insulting to large number of shoppers?

The exact status of a shopping mall is something that the courts are still actively mulling. The ultimate verdict is out, but with most Americans having abandoned traditional downtowns, large enclosed regional malls are de facto places of public assembly, regardless of who owns them or collects the taxes.

Free speech also entails the right of any commercial medium to allow anyone to speak his or her mind, regardless of how small that mind might be. MSNBC has come under fire from GLAAD and others for hiring West Coast professional rabble-rouser Michael Savage.

GLAAD can pressure

national sponsors to pull out of Savage's program. But don't ask MSNBC to pull the plug on the program. Because that's a two-way street that ultimately will come back to haunt us. How can we complain when homophobic groups mount campaigns to pull gay content or pro-gay commentators if we do the same thing?

Let Savage be heard; his own outrageous stupidity will provide the noose for his own hanging.

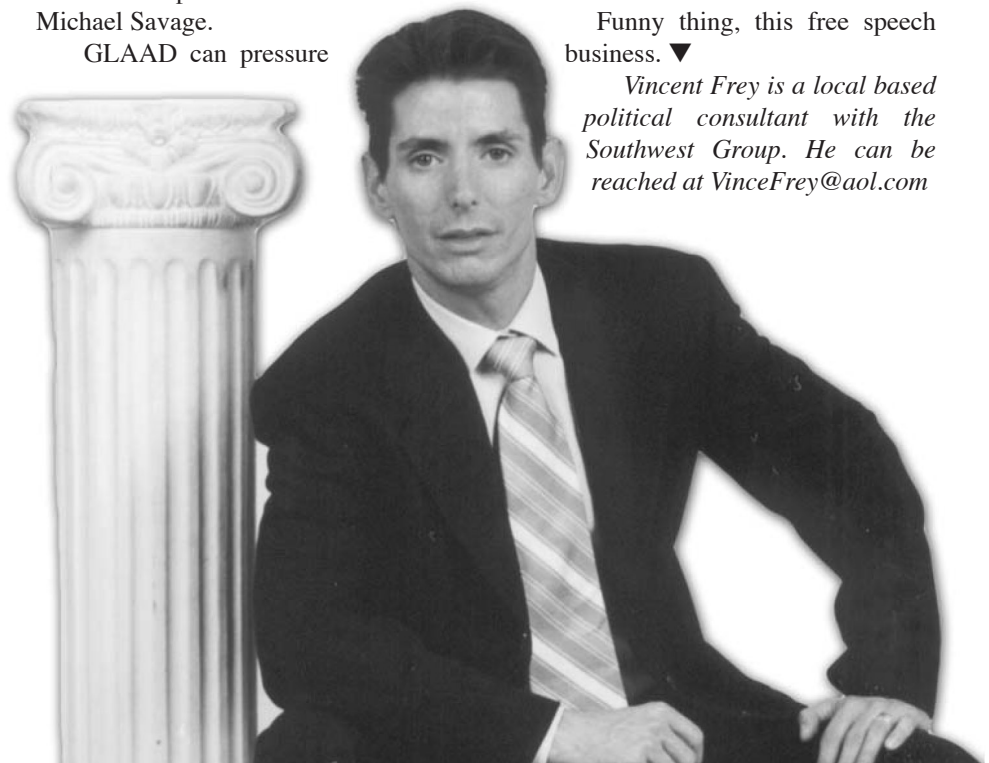
Well, we've been waiting for years for people to tire of the original big fat idiot, Rush Limbaugh. But it's also true that Al Franken's book exposing the same was a huge success, as was Michael Moore's aptly named "Stupid White Men." (Would that MSNBC had the guts and foresight to give one of these outsized personalities his own show instead of Phil Donahue!)

Bernard Goldberg and Ann Coulter both contend in their books that the media is dominated by the left. Hilary Clinton's bald assertion of the existence of a "vast, right-wing conspiracy" is probably closer to the truth.

Most importantly, no one should be fooled into believing that MSNBC is a legitimate news organization. Executives at the network — along with Headline News, sister cable channel CNBC and, increasingly, even stalwart CNN — have been frantically retooling from "news" to "views," in the wake of the phenomenally successful bombast of Fox News.

Funny thing, this free speech business. ▼

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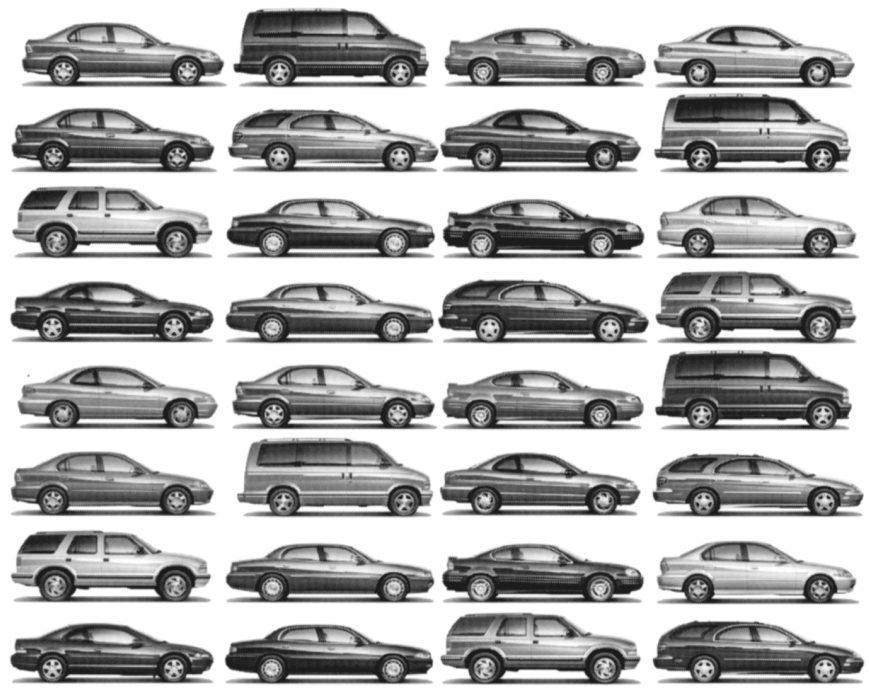
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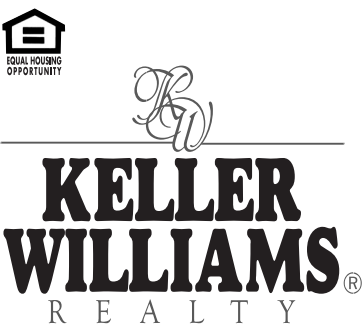


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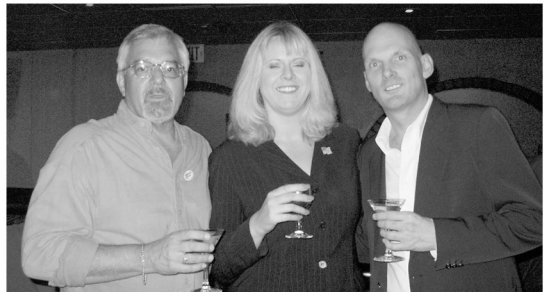
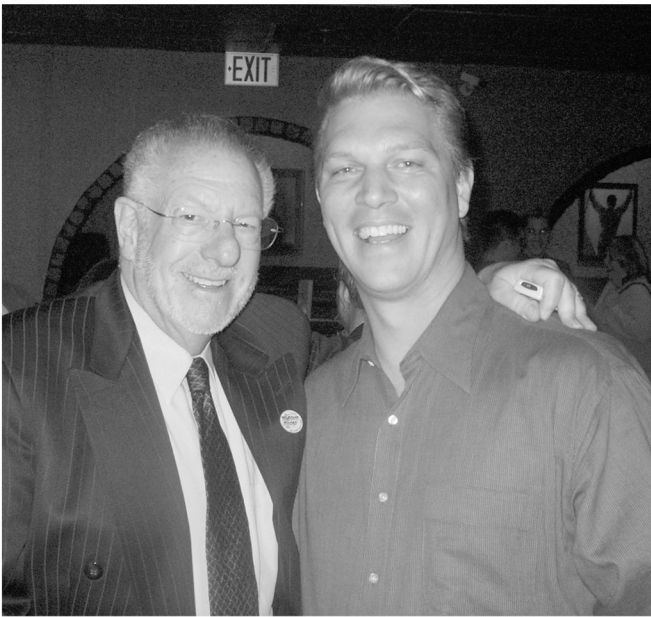
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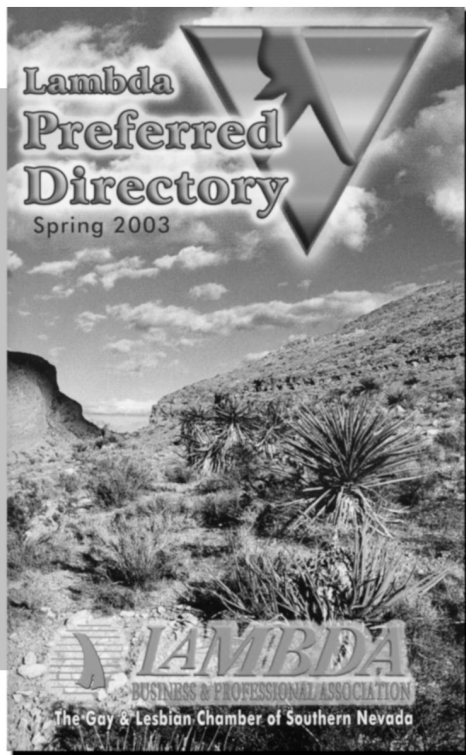


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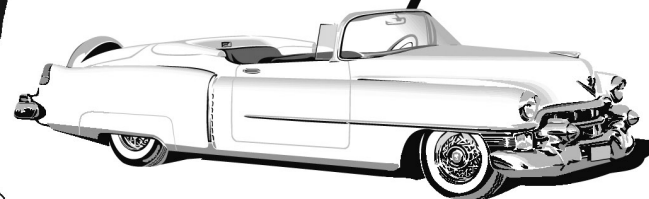


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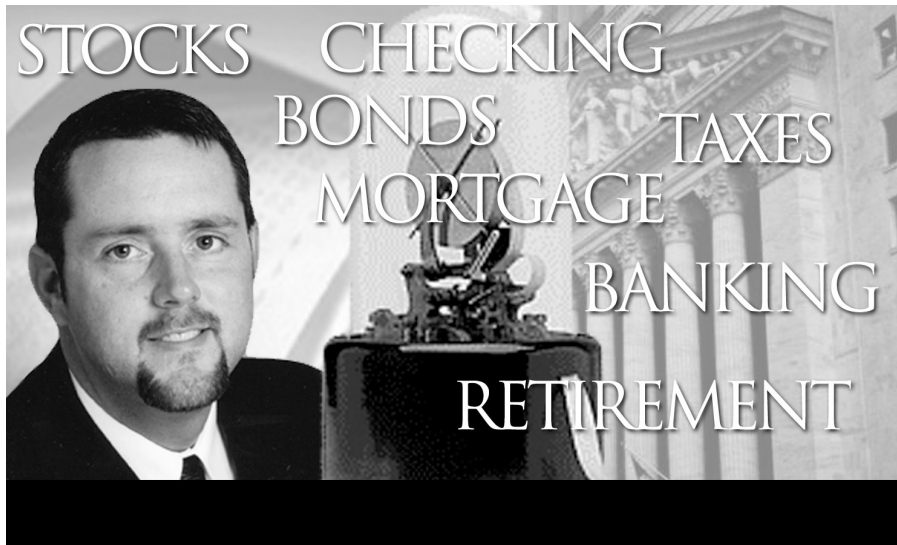
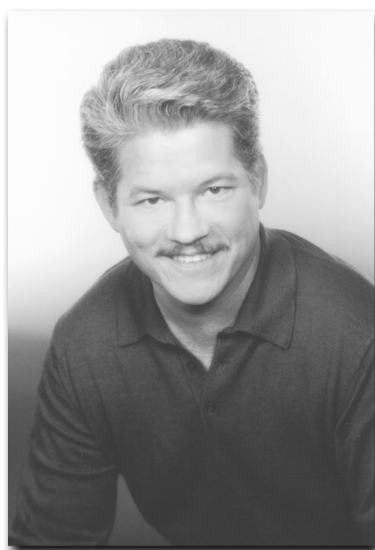
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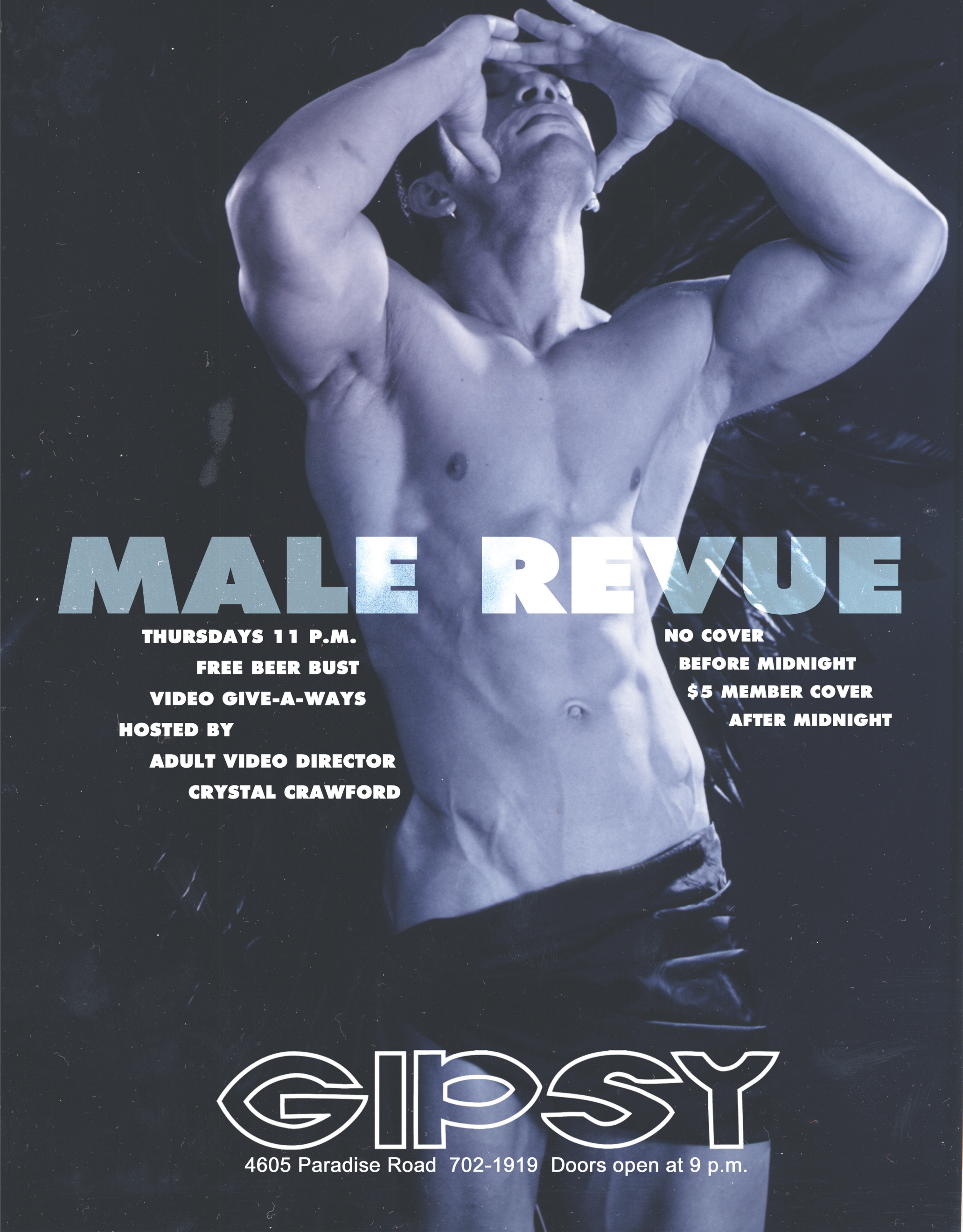
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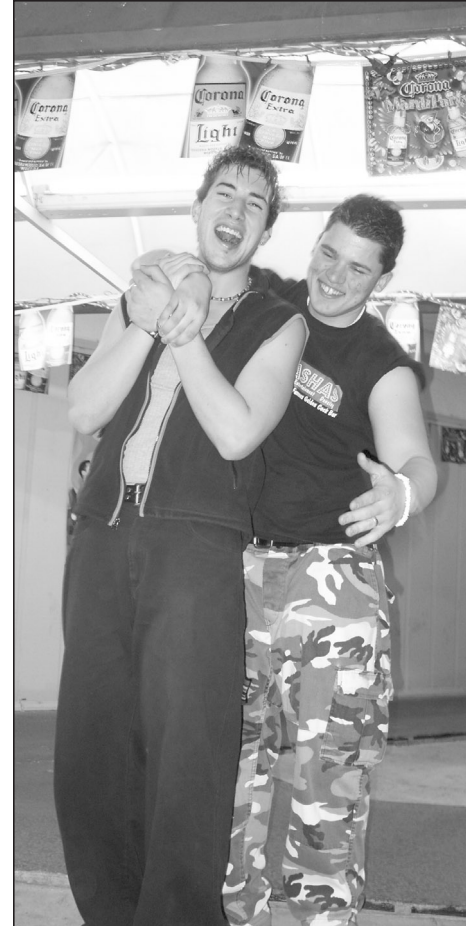
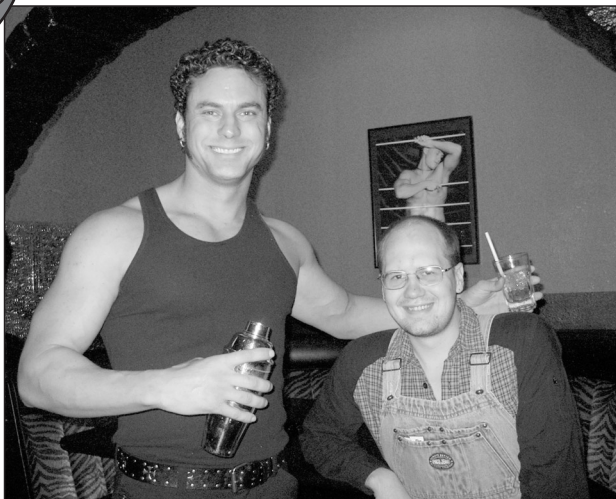
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Above Left: Miss Frankie and Kitty Litter terrorize Mayor Goodman at the Martini Social at FreeZone. Mayor Goodman was not alarmed, and chatted cordially with the gals.

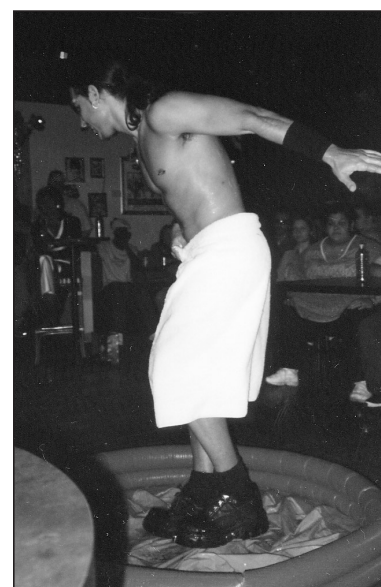
Above Center: Bugle Editor Jere Keys and Tooter Boy/Bartender Brian (a.k.a. "The New Meat") at FreeZone.

Above Right: Justin and Wesley hang out at the valet parking area outside Sashas, which was voted by the R-J "Best Alternative/Gay Bar in Town."

Left: John Smith and Fresh Step Litter chat by the bar during the Cowpatty Bar Crawl kicking off NGRA's BigHorn Rodeo weekend. Dozens of cowboys and cowgirls toured the city's bars.

Right: Tommy competes for the Bacardi Beefcake Contest at Hamburger Mary's on a Wednesday Night. Manager Troy tells us that the county has forced Mary's to become a 21 and over club.

Below Right: Mike and Brian kick back at Gipsy.

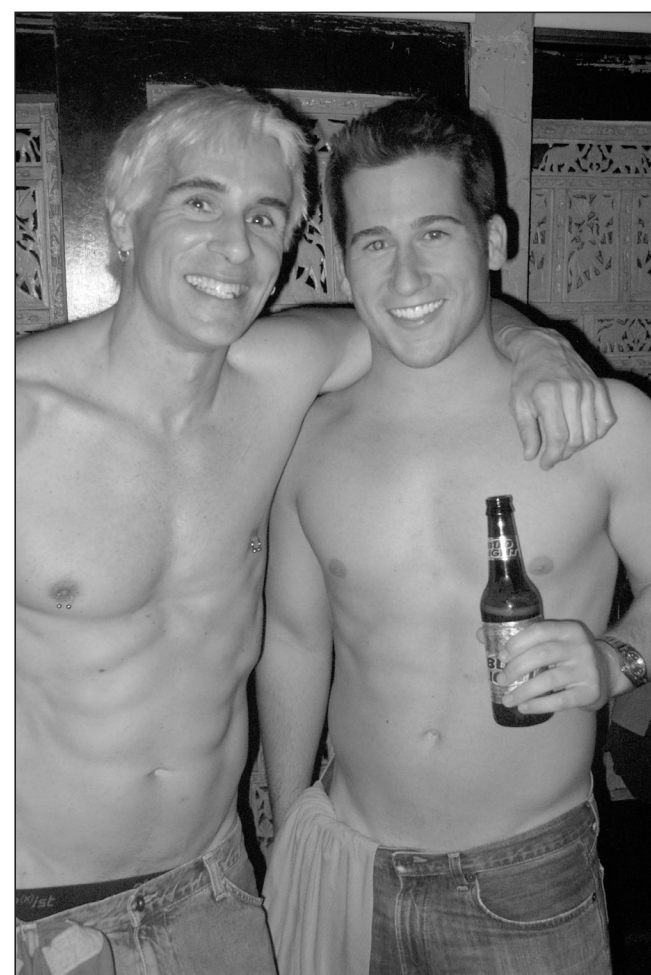
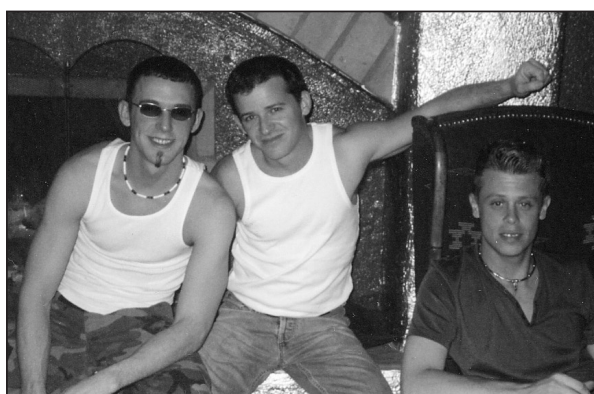
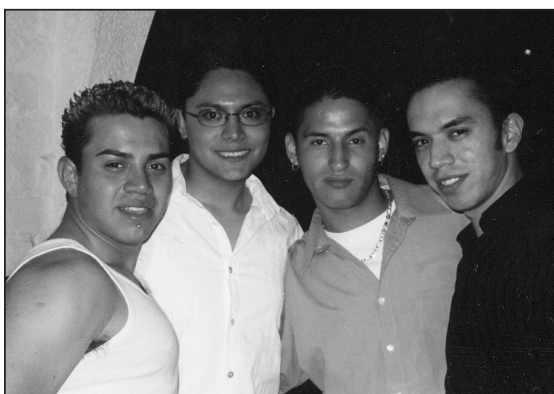


Right: Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman poses along with Bugle Editor Jere Keys at the NGRA's BigHorn Rodeo. Goodman served as grand marshall at the event, while Jere used the opportunity to chat briefly about gay rights.

Close Right: Dawn Taylor and Ms. NGRA Helen Motl take a short break from their busy schedule during Rodeo Weekend.

Below Right: Hanging out at Icon on Thursday Night.

Below: Hanging out at Goodtimes on Monday Night.





During the countdown to Las Vegas Pride 2003 I can't help but feel excited and yet a bit frustrated. Since coming out of my lesbian closet I have always looked forward to gay pride...our time to rejoice in how far we have come with our rights to love whomever we wish to love. A day to celebrate with one another, hand in hand, as the world watches and either joins in or prays for our "sinning souls." When I moved to Las Vegas, I imagined Pride as being as extravagant as the shows on the strip. A massive parade with hundreds of people! A day of entertainment, food, and shopping! I imagined a parade filled with fun and music balanced out with contingents that reminded us that the fight to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in our community is not over and our brothers and sisters are still suffering and dying.

I was shocked and saddened at my first Las Vegas Pride Parade. I was not upset about the lack of people, or the lack of floats, or the lack of enthusiasm.

I tried to have a positive outlook and told myself that what I witnessed was better than nothing and perhaps it would get better in the future. I was shocked and saddened that not one sign, or one car, or one t-shirt, or one float reminded us that the spread of HIV continues. No one even mentioned that AIDS is still the number one killer among gay men. Not even a whisper of the lack of support and services for our gay/lesbian/bi/tran brothers and sisters. Even at a party, our one day to "come out", we still need not forget that we have much work to do and community support is needed. We need not forget that so many of our brothers and sisters are no longer alive to celebrate with us because they lost their lives to AIDS.

During a conversation with some friends we decided that we needed to do something and our journey to rally a group of concerned citizens to make sure that the next Pride parade make mention of HIV/AIDS began. Because of HIV/AIDS agency in-fighting, agendas, and egos, it

was made clear that we would be completely autonomous and try to build a new group with no bad history. Why agencies that get paid to serve people living with HIV/AIDS had never, or even stopped attempts to use Pride Parade as a way to educate and get others involved baffles me.

This wonderful group that was started called "cocktails & t-cells" organized an amazing float that showed the crowd that the spread of HIV is not over. It reminded others that people living with HIV/AIDS need support and those that have passed must be remembered. We had signs that said, "Get tested." People carrying large paper mache HIV pills that told of the expensive cost and the large number of pills needed, t-shirts that said "I am HIV positive" or "my friend is HIV positive" and so on. We had a large trailer decorated with streamers and balloons with people dancing to loud music reminding everyone to have fun but remember to be safe. We handed out hundreds of safer sex kits. We

did all this with volunteers, our own fundraising, and donations! No agendas, fighting, or backstabbing!

With compassion, hard work, love for people and the cause, we won a trophy for best unity in the community. This was odd considering we are not an HIV/AIDS service agency getting salaries and government and private dollars to do what needs to be done.

With vision, anything is possible! It felt wonderful to finally be involved in such a successful group that sought out to do something that other agencies failed to do. Had "cocktails & t-cells" not evolved and entered the Pride Parade, no mention of HIV/AIDS would have happened and another opportunity would have been missed.

So, this year we are meeting and fundraising to enter the 2003 pride parade because we must not forget and we must not stop fighting! This year our entire focus is on coming out of the AIDS closet. So many people living with HIV/AIDS in Las Vegas are in the AIDS closet telling no one or very few people they are HIV positive. I am convinced that I have lived with HIV for nearly 21 years because I have done it out, loud, and proud. Don't get me wrong. I have a great deal of compassion and understanding for people living with HIV/AIDS who are afraid to come out.

I remember when I tested HIV positive, many thoughts raced through my head, and one of them was, "I am not going to tell anyone." Because of a shame based climates, it often feels easier to stay in the closet. Fear of losing jobs, insurance, friends, partners, family, housing, and so on forced people to stay in the AIDS closet where it is lonely and

often detrimental to ones health. It is up to you, part of the community, to create a safe place for people to come out about their HIV status. It is up to you to reach out physically and verbally and stop discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS. When I came out, I will not lie. I lost many friends, couldn't find a doctor, and lost a job. But, what I learned from my HIV positive gay brothers in my first support group was to never let another person, especially someone I don't know, make me feel shame or like a piece of trash. I learned to stand up for myself, which was not only empowering but also dramatically improved the quality of my life.

We need you! If you are interested in getting involved in "cocktails & t-cells," and helping with our float, e-mail me at BeckyRtrotter@aol.com. If you are too busy, march with us or say hello when we pass you at the parade. Have a wonderful Pride because life should be celebrated! ▼

Becky Trotter is a nationally exhibited artist, writer, and an engaging motivational speaker, recognized in national and international conference circuits for her fierce activism in HIV treatment and other issues effecting PWA's. She is the former editor of *Newsline* and the director of publications for *SIDA Ahora*, the monthly magazine published by the New York People With AIDS Coalition. Becky, a long-term survivor, has served on the Board of Directors of various key organizations. She is a well-seasoned consultant having directed workshops dealing with governmental HIV policies, as well as an effective trainer for numerous AIDS Service Organizations.

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The guys I've been with have been akin to boys, in that they haven't lived up to being the MEN I thought I was get-



More Randy As I Go

by Randy Lloyd

ting. That brings on it's own kind of rationale. Do I expect someone to behave in a manner that suits me or should I behave in a manner that suits them? Am I being the woman that they want / need or am I fantasizing that I am the one who's being the truthful one?

I'll use my experience as an example, Bob was a really cool guy. He had a sense of humor that wouldn't quit. This man made me laugh all day long. Of course I was attracted to him. He was kind to me and considerate of my size. I'm six foot two at around one fifty. He is about two eighty or so at about six foot four or so. He could do with me as he pleased. That scared me. Really, he could have made me do what I would have done without force. Can you spell R A P E !!! But yet I still would do JUST ABOUT anything for him. That was my first experience with a BIG man.

Nowadays, I deal with big men and have to put up with boys.

Mike was a hunk and a half. Six foot, at about two fifty and a black belt in whatever. Gorgeous as the day is long. Dressed to the nines, owned his own house, worked for a living and actually had a car of his own.

This man actually told me that the bar I frequented had too much drama. So when I saw him there, after he walked out of my house,

without as much as a F#@%&k you, I told him off and went to my own business. When I got home, I found a ten minute message on my machine of how he would kick my ass. The next day when he called, we argued how much of a kid he was. Still, I was a bitch and he was the little boy. But yet, I still am and he isgone.

I met a young man who aspired to be an Elvis impersonator, who was fun for a while. You won't find him in the clubs. He's not around any longer. Kind of like Rudy. Santa Clause, or so the crowd rationalized. As long as I was naughty, it was nice. Then he fell off the wagon with drugs and booze. I don't believe I deserve that kind of man. I'm not going to say I'm Miss Perfect or anything close to that, but I'll say I don't deserve to be treated as a derelict and abused because of it.

Still the search goes on. It took twenty years or so to find Las Vegas, or should I say paradise. I have my house, my puppies and my friends. I think I'm ahead of the game.

I'm still going to dream of the perfect man and the life of perfection. That's what gets most of us through. I know that all I have to do is be seen at the right place at the right time and all my troubles will be done. Do I hear horse hooves approaching? Look for me next month. TTFN *Randy* ▼

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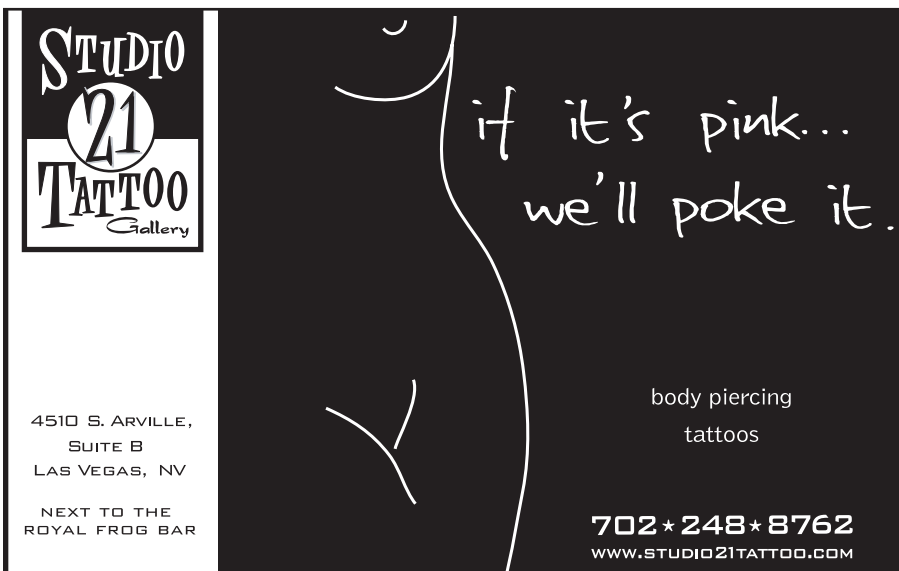
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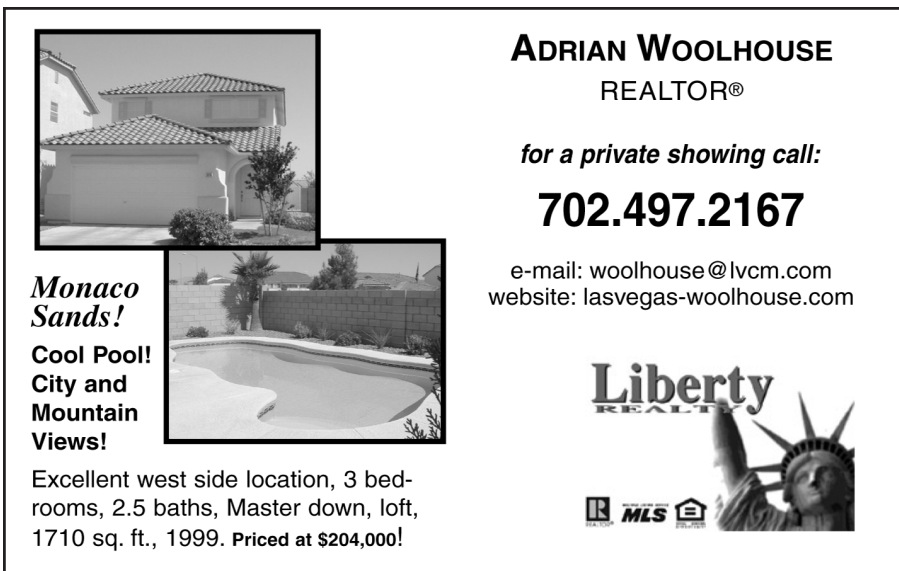
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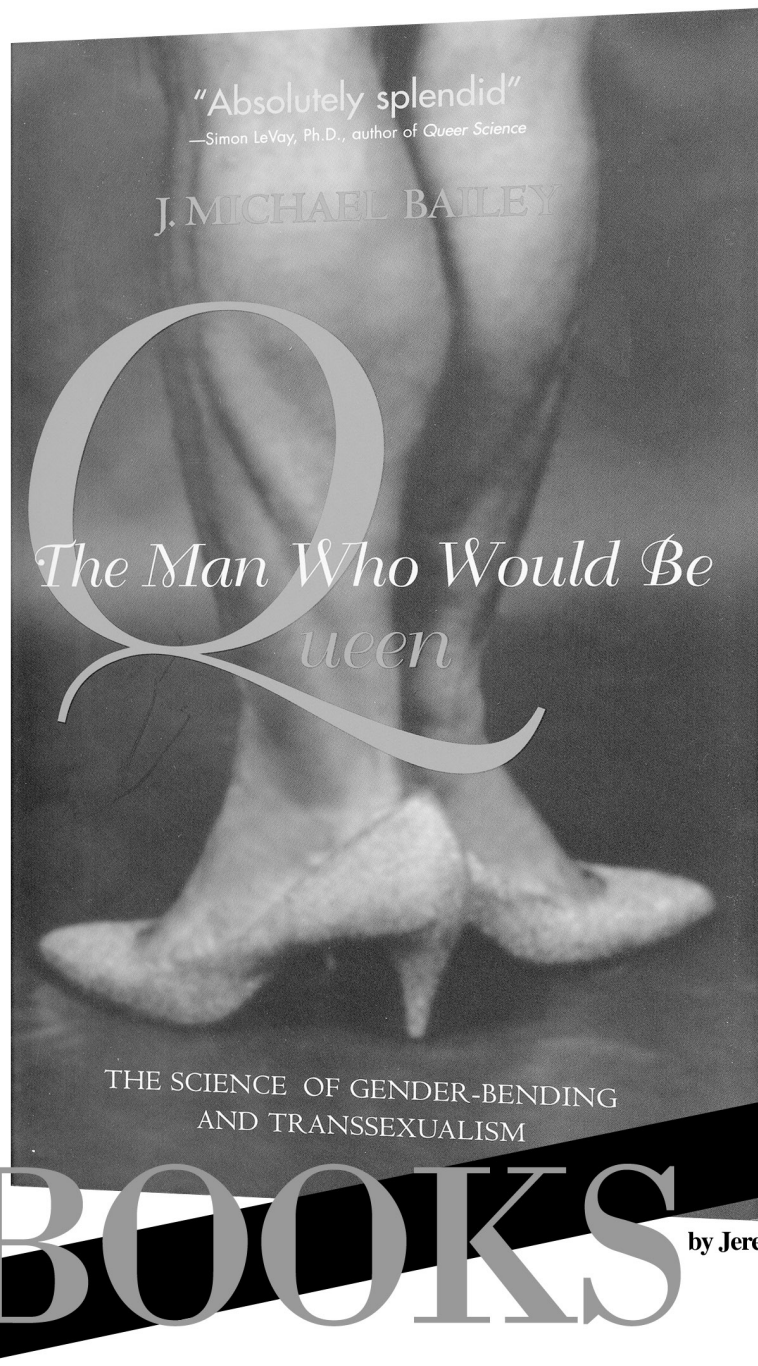
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BOOKS by Jere Keys

Non-fiction books don't usually catch my attention, but "The Man Who Would Be Queen" by Psychologist and Journalist J. Michael Bailey seemed interesting. The book relies on research, science and surprisingly sensitive human observation to discuss and explore ideas related to sexual orientation, gender identity, masculine/feminine behaviors and transsexualism.

Bailey is unapologetic about proposing some very politically incorrect concepts. He argues that gay men are genuinely more feminine than other men, gay men are drawn to more feminine professions, and that some male transsexuals are just guys turned on by the idea of becoming women (as opposed to women trapped in men's bodies), that feminine boys will become gay men, and that bisexuality is much rarer than popular thought suggests.

People may not like what Bailey says, but it's hard to argue against his research. I'm sure that others will. Like his ideas or hate them, the book will generate discussion among many segments of our community.

As many know, I'm a strong advocate of strengthening the understanding between the different groups under the GLBT umbrella. This book offers a great way for gay men and transsexuals to learn a lot more about themselves and each other.

And don't think that because the book is non-fiction and scientific it'll be a tough read. Instead, the book is not only easy to understand, it's entertaining, compelling and tells stories with more ease than many fiction writers.

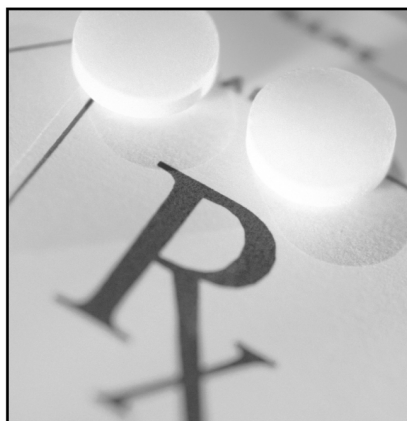
Bailey's "The Man Who Would Be Queen" is published by Joseph Henry Press. The author is a professor of Psychology at Northwestern University and an internationally recognized researcher. His studies of sexual orientation in twins have been widely cited in scientific literature and are mentioned in virtually all introductory psychology textbooks. "The Man Who Would Be Queen" may make us rethink, once again, everything we thought we knew about being gay. ▼

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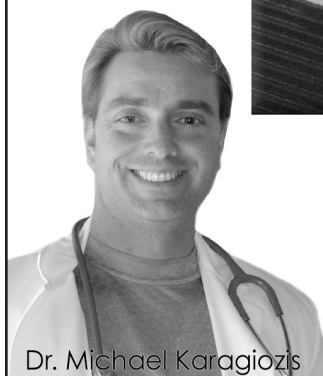


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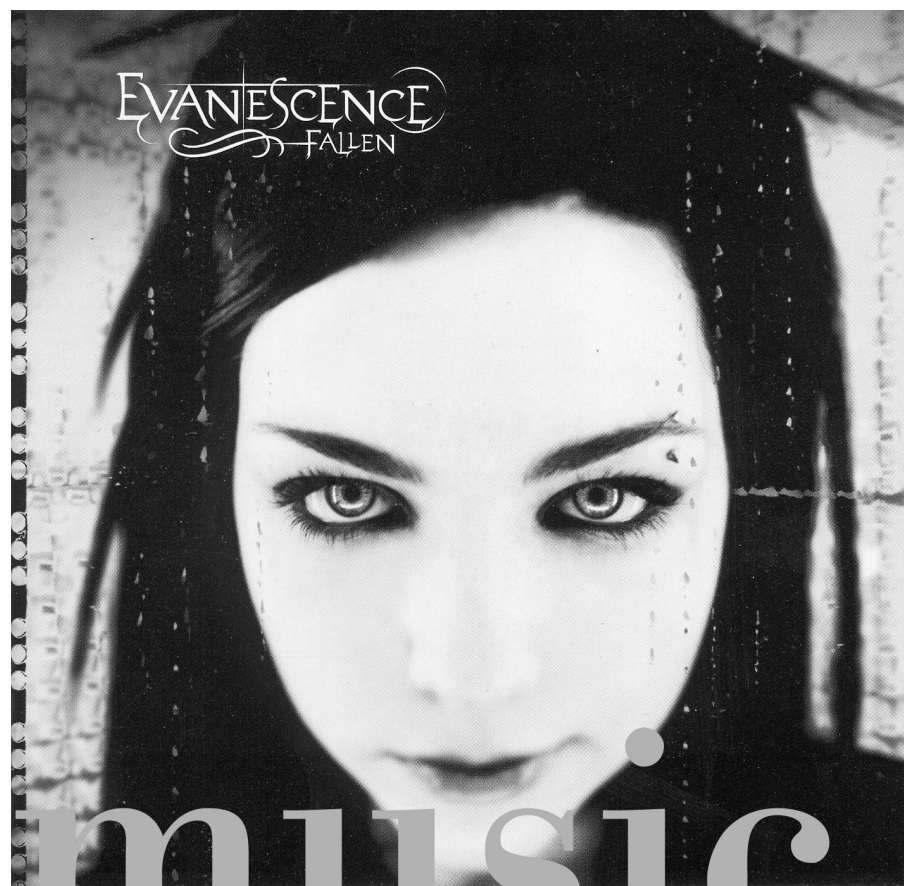


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music review

EVANESCENCE Fallen

by Jere Keys

Assuming for one second that you haven't heard Evanescence's breakthrough single "Bring Me To Life" on the radio or in the movie *Daredevil* with Ben Affleck, you need to run (don't walk) to pick up their full album CD *Fallen*. I have been listening to the album non-stop in the office, the car and at home for over a week now.

The remarkable album from this Little Rock, Arkansas band features Amy Lee on vocals with co-founder of the band Ben Moody leading the guitars. Lee's vocals are at turns haunting, jarring, soaring and graceful. The first six tracks on the album are especially powerful and it's only after the seventh or eighth song that you start to realize how alike many of these songs sound, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

While the single "Bring Me To Life" has enjoyed hours of radio play, it's hard to say why producers and executives chose this track over other equally great numbers. "Going Under" reminds me of Alanis Morissette in a really pissed off mood. "My Immortal," the closest thing to a ballad on the album, captures the same ghostly mood heard at the opening of "Bring Me To Life." "Haunted" may be my candidate for favorite song on the album because of its eerie look into relationships we've all known.

With any new group, the critics and the skeptics will be wary of "one-hit wonder" phenomenon, especially with such mega-success of a freshmen release, but I sincerely hope that Evanescence has more to offer us in the years to come. Not since Nirvana have I responded so strongly to music of this type.

Lyrical, Evanescence explores dark, introspective themes of love, desperation, and despair. But the group insists its fundamental message is a positive one. "The point of this whole record and band is to let people know that they're not alone in dealing with bad feelings or pain or anything that they go through," says Lee, who pens most of the words. "That's life and that's human. They're not alone, and we're going through it, too." ▼

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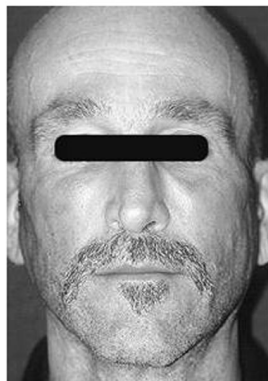
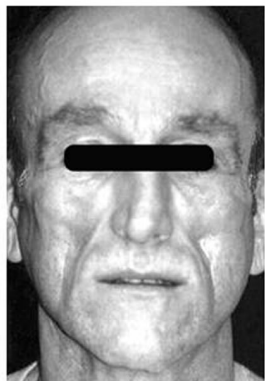
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Far From Heaven

Dick and Jane get real in Stylish 50s Homage

It's a film that lovingly re-creates the claustrophobically lush look of such '50s movies as "All That Heaven Allows" but then peels back the layers to reveal what's beneath all that lushness. "Far From Heaven" asks why all those self-sacrificing moms in '50s movies were so obsessive about keeping a clean house, why those driven '50s dads spent so much time at the office. "Far" says that a lot was sacrificed to make life look so pretty.

Cathy and Frank (Julianne Moore and Dennis Quaid) have a beautiful life and a beautiful family in the beautiful suburbs. It comes at a cost. As the movie opens, Frank has been arrested for an unnamed offense that soon becomes clear, because Frank can barely conceal his unhappiness during his politely shallow conversations with his wife and kids.

Most of those '50s melodramas were about divisive subjects — sexuality, race — that you couldn't talk about in '50s popular culture. But "Far" takes the subtext and makes it text. Cathy, whose emotions are so carefully contained for most of the movie, explodes on a couple of occasions, both having to do with her whispered-about friendship with Ray, a black gardener whom Cathy's neighbors don't think should venture beyond the zinnias. And Frank finds that he must be frank about his feelings.

"Far" says there are some parts of humanity so strong and true that they can't be tamped down, that these feelings are part of our nature and, as such, they are beautiful. Not that everyone in Connecticut would agree. The setting is ironic, because connect is what these people don't do. It's as if they agree to support the illusion of happy, placid suburban life because confronting their own messy needs would tramp truth all over their indoor-outdoor lies.

Although most of the people in "Far" would rather be neat than happy, Cathy and Frank take tentative steps toward the truth. Their lives are so hermetic that these steps are shocking — when Frank weeps in the living room in front of his children, he might as well be an alien landing on their Danish modern sofa — but their world needs to be shaken up.

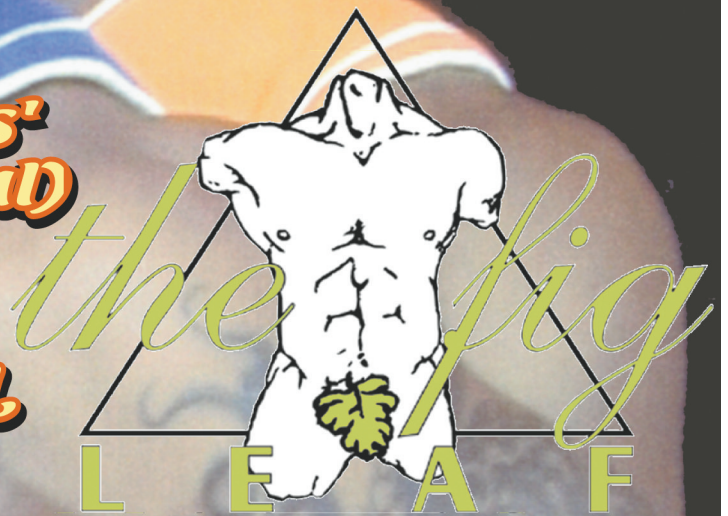
Writer/director Todd Haynes makes this clear at the end of this beautifully acted, intelligent film. During the credits, spring gives way to summer and then to fall, hinting that our natural human messes are far from heaven, and that's just the way it should be. ▼

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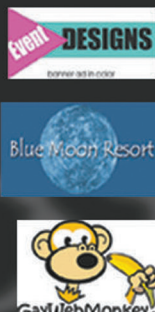
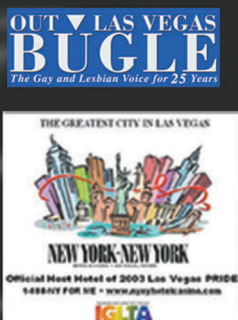
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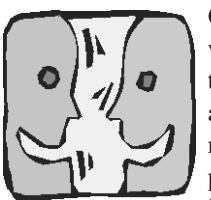
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Aries (March 20-April 19) Career momentum is decidedly in your favor, especially on the 16th when that Libra Full Moon hits. Start whatever new projects you can before the Sun transits to Taurus on the 20th. You'll likely be burning up the phone and internet lines on the 17th. Try not to overdo the "party scene" on the 18th & 19th.



Taurus (April 20-May 20) Lingering turmoil within your family continues to linger. It won't simply vanish overnight. Don't try to take on all of the burden by yourself. You need to get away from it all on the 18th. Sun's shift to your sign on the 20th will help financial/insurance matters. Seek out the "ear" of a trusted friend to help you unload.



Gemini (May 21-June 21) Staying busy will keep you from getting into trouble, particularly on the 15th. Be careful how you approach the boss on the 17th. Travel plans need to be put on hold until mid May. Sleep patterns continue to be screwy. Accept an invite to brunch on the 19th. It could lead to a wonderful romantic episode.



Cancer (June 22-July 22) Finances have rebounded nicely and should remain strong for quite a while. Watch that "impulse buying" though, Gemmy. Ideas are best "pitched" on the 16th and 18th. Hold off on buying a newer vehicle until summer. That special friendship is inching towards commitment. Does that scare you, Cancer?



Leo (July 23-August 22) Some of the incredible concepts you come up with are simply ahead of their time. Don't take minor setbacks personally. It's better to leave that "ego" in check. Haven't you noticed the adorable Capricorn who can't take his eyes off you? Important contract signed on the 20th guarantees increased income.



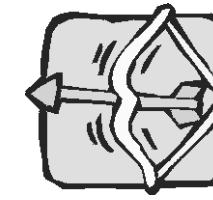
Virgo (August 23-September 22) You're entering a period of less frustrations and obstacles. This will help soothe those poor nerves. Don't put off that dental exam any longer, Virgo or it's liable to get expensive. You still need to get more exercise on a regular basis. Even if it's just involves power walking and light weight work.



Libra (September 23-October 22) When will you finally learn that worrying solves absolutely nothing? Don't allow a parental figure to push your "buttons." Keep to yourself on the 16th if possible. Extra cash come your way on the 19th. Try to save some of it. Be more open to the suggestions of co workers on the 22nd, okay?



Scorpio (October 23-November 21) Since you've been working so hard these last few months, it's time to treat yourself to a few luxuries. Don't allow a difference of opinion to spoil that weekend getaway on the 12th & 13th. Higher ups will be impressed with your feedback on the 20th. Get in on a new cell phone package deal.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) The next two weeks shall move along at a remarkably fast pace. Travel plans should go like clockwork. Get to the airport two hours early, just to be safe. Multiple sources of income continue to manifest for you. This will make for a wonderful trip. It'll be nice to not have to cut corners for a change.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Planetary energies look difficult right up until the 18th. Desired results will be obtained, but it'll be like pulling teeth. The Sun's transit to Taurus on the 20th turns the cosmic red light to green and all systems will be a go. Keep after deadbeat clients who are constantly late paying their accounts.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Getting your point across using facts & figures works a lot better than shouting. Your mind is bright but at times very disorganized. Learn to keep track of your time. Dinner date on the 17th goes well, but doesn't create any sparks. It's a good time to refinance your home & save serious bucks.



Pisces (February 19-March 19) Marvelous career and financial aspects have been somewhat dampened by your lack of a love life. Maybe this would change if you got out once in a while. Ask a good friend to set you up on a blind date. The 19th would be perfect for this. Go buy some new clothes as well. Ones with actual "colors."

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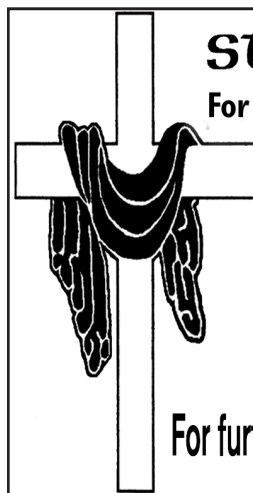
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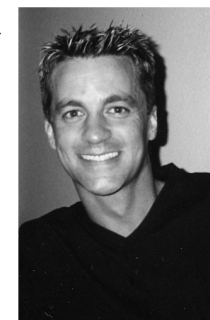


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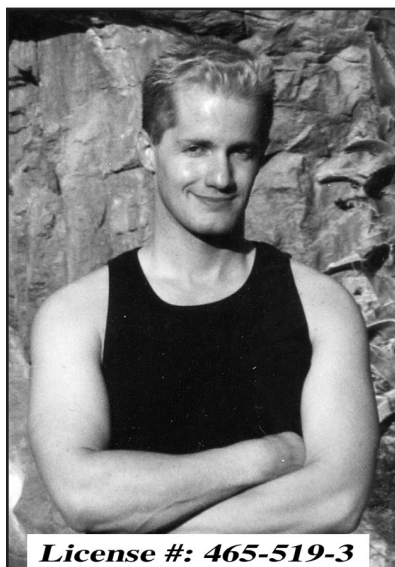
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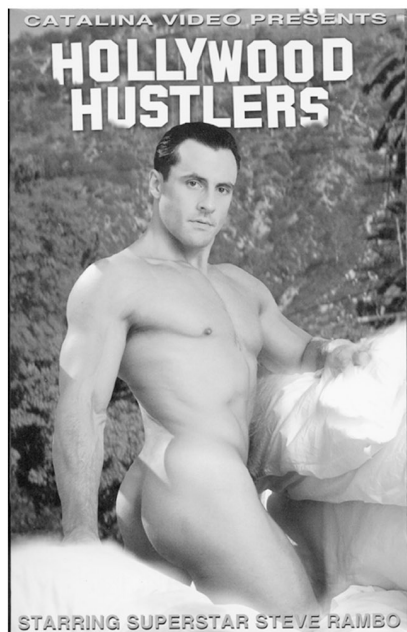
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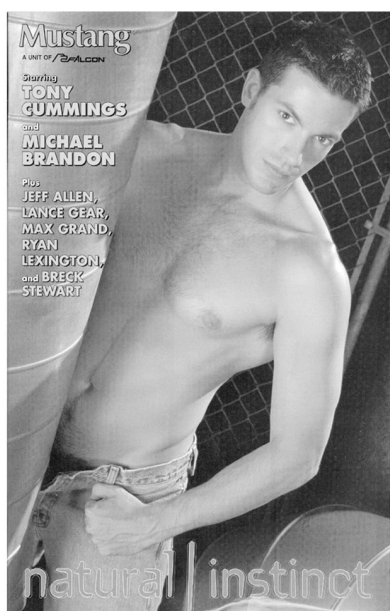
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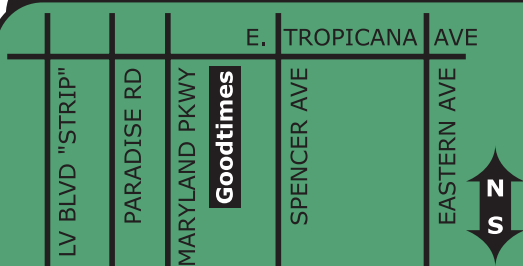
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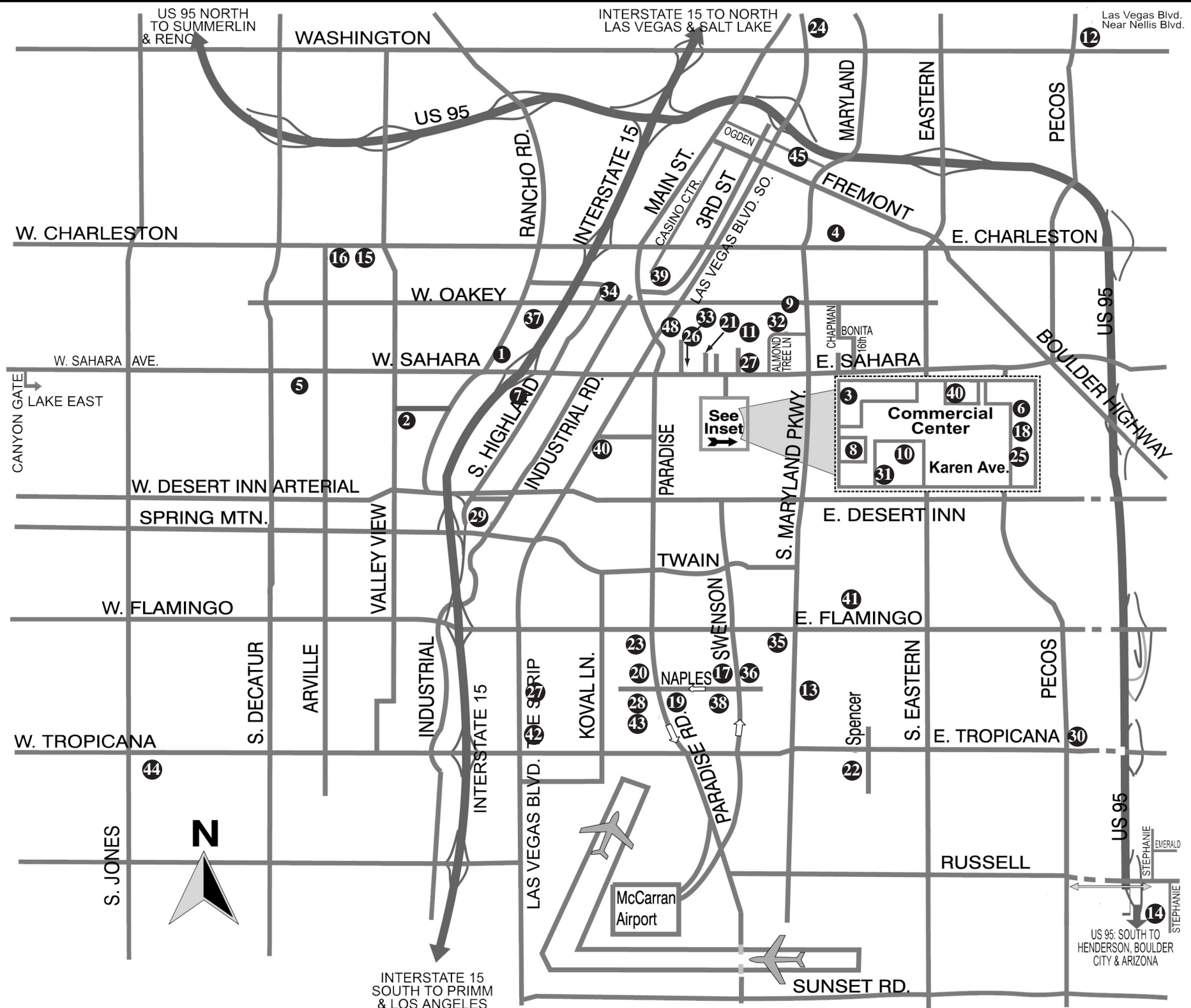
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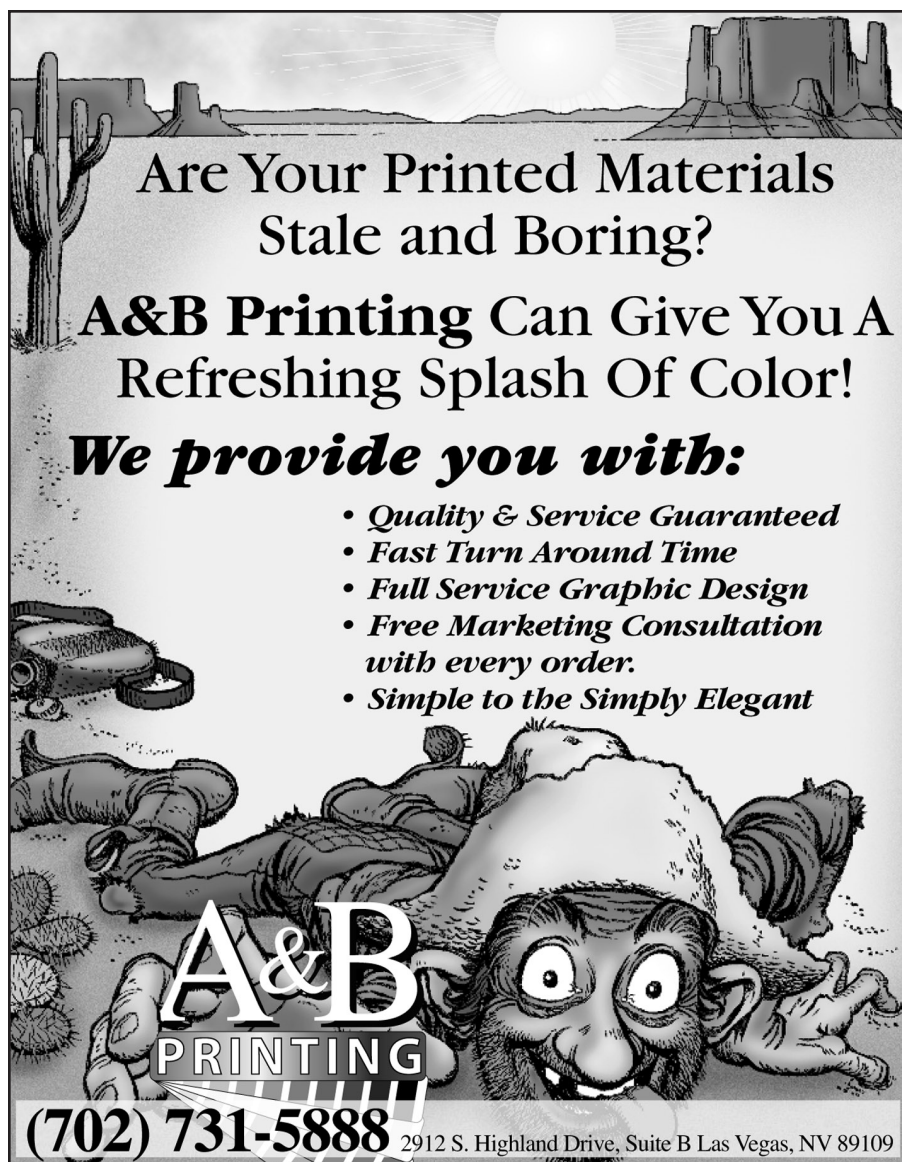


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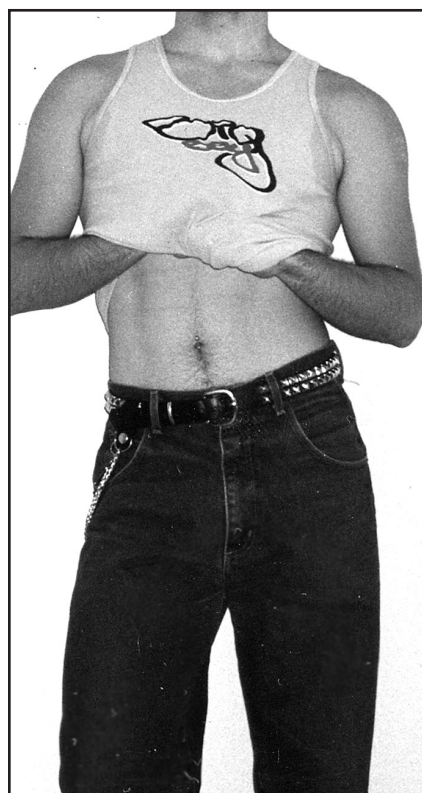
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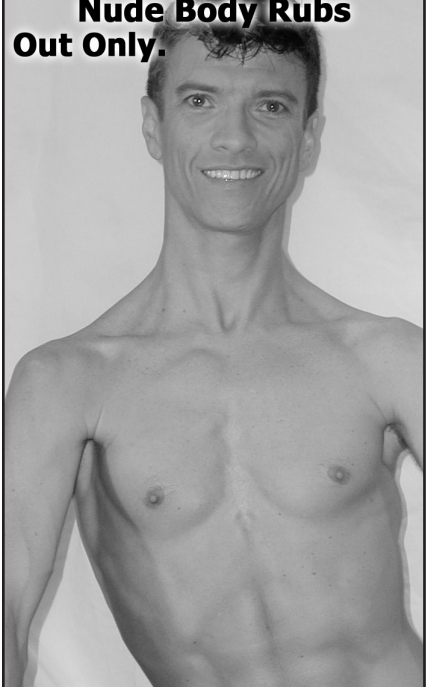
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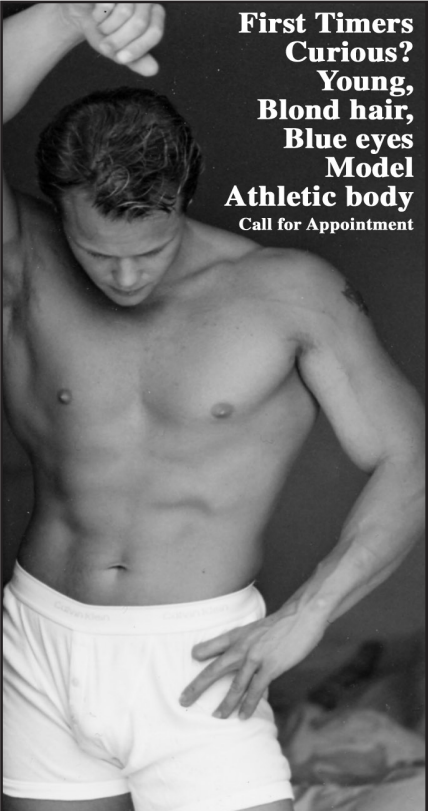
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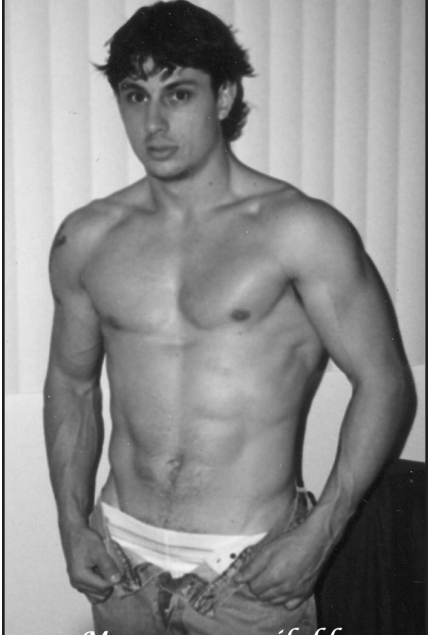
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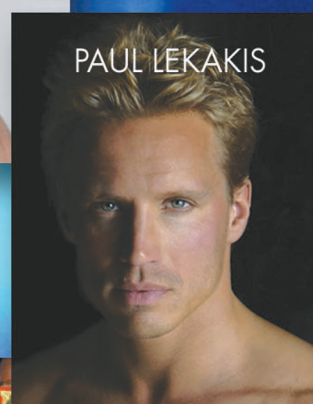
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