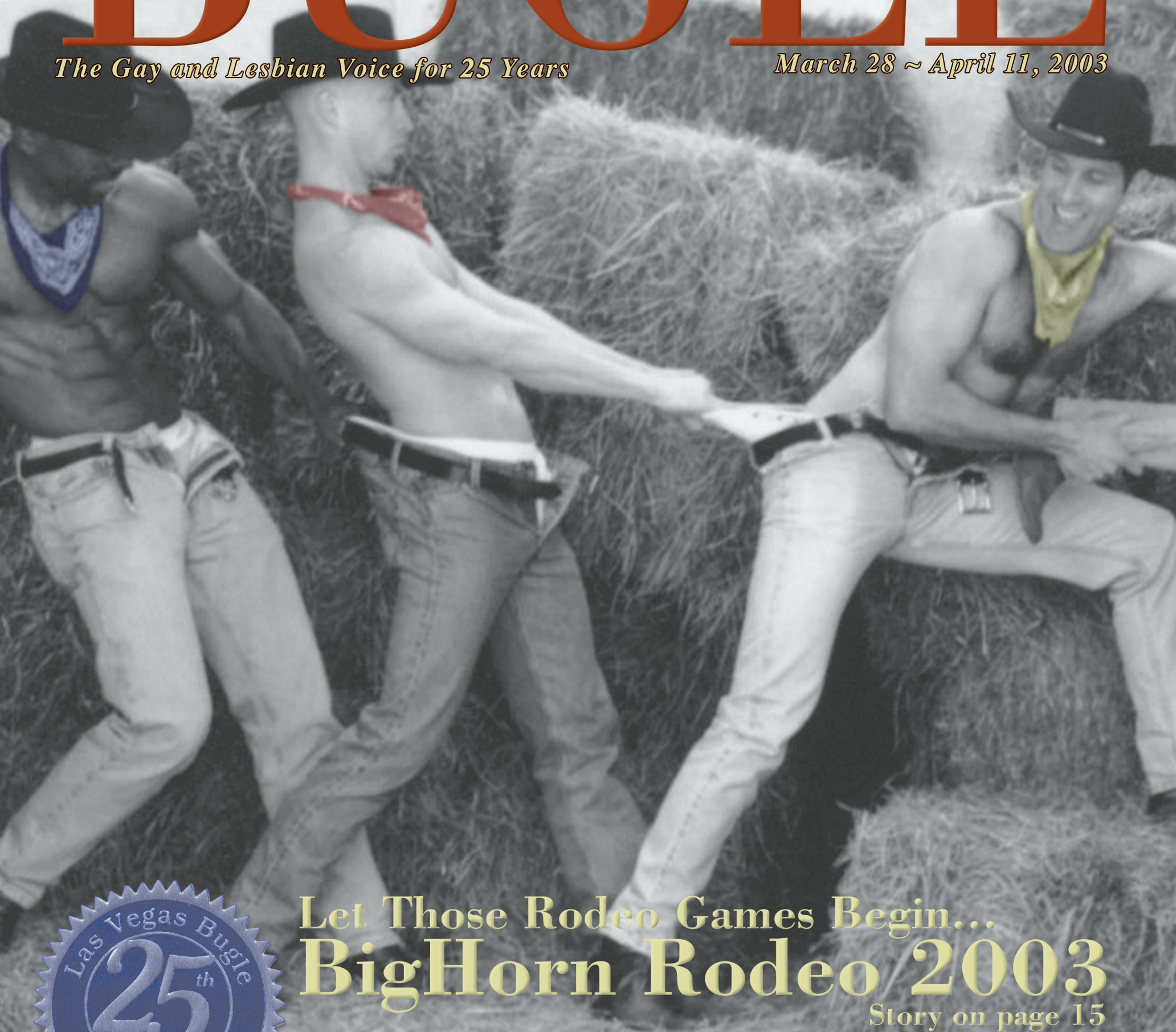


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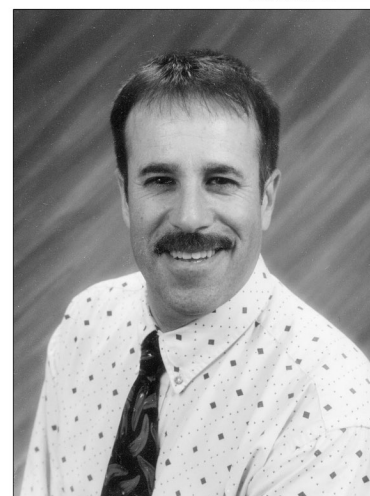
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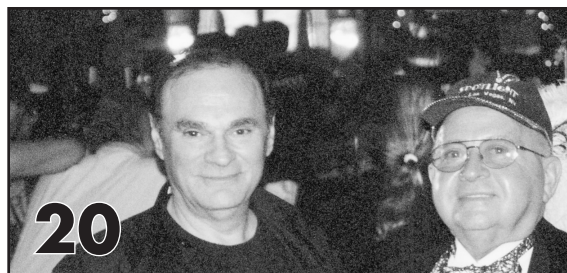


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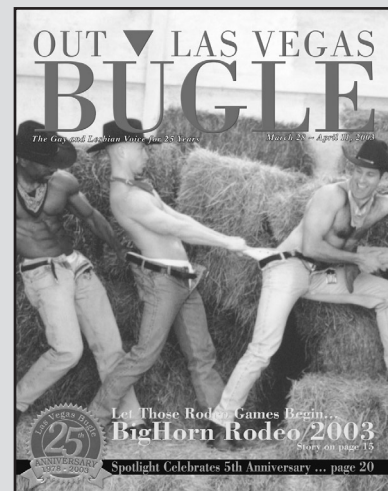
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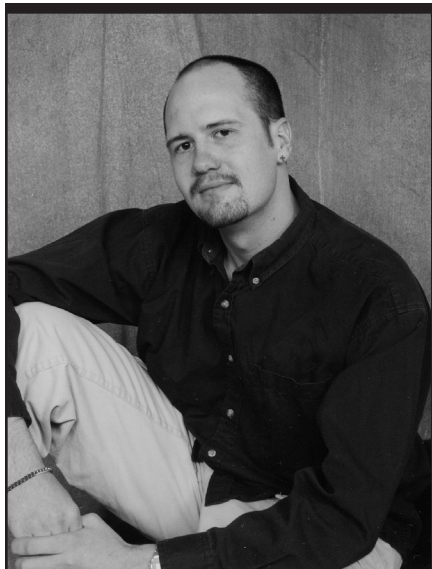
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by Jere Keys
Editor

The “War with Iraq” has been building for about a week as I write this. We’ve heard of our first casualties, we’ve seen the images of the bombing, we’ve listened to the endless hours of military experts and advisors discussing strategy and technology.

And yet, I haven’t heard one news reporter, one political official or even many of my friends who’ve mourned over the murder of the citizens of Iraq. In fact, one news reporter described Dubya as “glib and almost giddy” about the progress of the war this morning.

Let’s face this one reality folks, we are killing people in Iraq. Call it what you like – casualties of war, elimination of hostile forces, even a necessary protection of our own security – but don’t try to tell me that dropping bombs onto a crowded city isn’t murder.

And so far, no one has been able to tell me why murder under the banner of war is acceptable. In our own courts, there are few ways you can murder someone and not be held responsible for your actions: self-defense and insanity are about your only guilt-free options. Okay, I might believe George W. Bush to be impulsive, stupid, arrogant, and ignorant, but we all know he’s not insane. So he’s left with making the case for self-defense.

I’m not a lawyer, but I’ve seen actors play them on TV, and my understanding is that to prove you were acting in self defense, you must prove that you perceived a clear threat of danger for your own life and well-being. I’m also not the president, but I’ve seen George W. play one on TV, and I understand that he has access to military intelligence, top-secret espionage reports and the best military analysts in the world – information, in short, that he will never share in full with the rest of us. But here’s the bottom line: I. Don’t. Trust. Him. If anyone could make the self-defense argument, it’s the average citizens of Iraq who have been sucked into this war by their dictator.

If he were placed on the stand today and asked to defend his murder of people

War is Murder

There Is No Such Thing as a Bloodless War

in Iraq, could he prove to a jury of twelve that he was acting out of a real fear for the safety of himself and his people? Luckily for him, he’ll never have to. Might makes right, you know?

Why am I so bent out of shape about this, some have asked. Last week, as the bombings were beginning, I lost a friend to AIDS. I never knew Juan well, but I knew him well enough to feel a hole in the world when he was gone. A needless death, an unnatural death brought on by a disease that our government should be doing everything possible to stop, treat and prevent.

Meanwhile, our government is spending 60 to 80 BILLION dollars to kill people halfway across the world under motives that (to me anyway) are dubious at best. The real enemies aren’t people of a different religion and a different way of life found on the opposite end of the globe. They aren’t defined by geographic borders and governmental leaders. The real enemies are here, in our own country and around the world: homelessness, racism, AIDS, hate crimes, cancer, drug addictions, poverty, domestic abuse...

Hey, Georgie Boy, spend 60 to 80 billion MORE to fight a real war on AIDS. As Becky Trotter pointed out in her first “Positive Living” column a few months ago, more people (worldwide) died of AIDS than from the combined terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

BigHorn Madness 2003!

On a lighter, and hopefully less controversial subject, the BigHorn Rodeo is back in town!

Last year was my first Gay Rodeo experience. I’ll admit, I was apprehensive at first. Like many of the gay guys I know around my age, I find country music generally repulsive. I’ll never understand country-western fashion (well, the shirts/boots/buckles/hats anyway, I kind of “get” the tight jeans thing) and as a strong believer in animal rights (7 year vegetarian), I just wasn’t sure if I was going to enjoy the whole cowboy-crazy experience.

Rarely in my life have I been so pleasantly surprised. Rodeo people are great people. If you get past the ugly shirts, the slide guitar filled melodies and the smell of livestock, anyone can have a blast.

Being a member of the press and part of a sponsoring business for last year’s BigHorn Rodeo, I was able to get a behind-the-scenes look at how the animals are treated, and I’m happy to report that it was humane indeed. The entertainment is always, well, entertaining – the vendors

and booths are interesting – the weather is hot and so are the guys and gals, (if you’re into that kind of thing) – the events are exciting and amusing. Well, despite all those things, the biggest reason I’m looking forward to the Rodeo again this year is because of the people.

I remember a particular moment at the beginning of last year’s rodeo. I was at the Castaways, watching all the cute cowboys two-step with each other and feeling like I didn’t belong. I slipped out to the lobby and bumped into Benjamin Avant, NGRA’s president. I told him I felt out of place with my baggy jeans, a top that leaned toward clubwear and sneakers instead of cowboy boots. I told him that I didn’t know any of the music, and didn’t really like country-western music anyway, and I wasn’t having a very good time. He sized me up and commented that I really should get to know some of the people – that I’d find out that a lot of them have very different tastes and that the only common denominator was that they wanted to have some fun. And then he said that Rodeo people are the greatest people in the world. He said that they’re friendly, polite, and just a lot of fun to hang around with.

Well, he was right. And a year later, I’m a badge-carrying member of the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association. I’ve competed in two NGRA sponsored drag contests and have the sash and tiara as Miss Closet Ball 2003. I’ve even (grudgingly, I still don’t like it much) learned some country-western songs. I’ve traveled to an out-of-state Gay Rodeo and can tell you the rules of several of the competitive events. I still don’t fit in completely – the only cowboy hat I own is a snakeskin number from WVN/Café de la Mode, I refuse to wear cowboy boots, and I haven’t got the slightest idea how to ride a horse – but I don’t feel like an outsider anymore. You wouldn’t look at me in a club and think “cowboy,” but the people of NGRA have made me feel welcome and wanted just the same.

And so, I encourage everyone in Las Vegas to take advantage of the BigHorn Rodeo while it’s in town April 4-6. You can’t ask for a better opportunity to meet great people.

Citylife’s Stereotypes

Some of you may have seen the email I sent out last week about the March 13, 2003 edition of the *Las Vegas Citylife*. The lead article of the ‘alternative’ weekly promised a story about a straight man who spends a week ‘playing gay’ by visiting the bars and nightclubs of Las Vegas. The cover depicts the journalist, Mike Zigler,

flanked by local drag queen Toni James and a young gay man who acted as the guide for Zigler’s week leaning in for a kiss. In the photo, he looks squeamish and uncomfortable. Apparently, that’s how he felt all week long.

I’m told that the article was supposed to be a light-hearted look into gay nightlife. Instead, the story is a voyeuristic “ick”-fest recounting the most sexual aspects of his time in gay clubs. The piece details accounts of promiscuity, excessive alcohol, being propositioned by drag queens and transgendered people, and even drug use.

The article reinforced the worst possible stereotypes about gay men. Rather than gaining any understanding of what it means to be gay, the author spent the week with his eyes bugging out as men (gasp) made sexual advances on other men – including the author. I wonder what he expected to have happen when he went to gay clubs?

I feel betrayed by Las Vegas *Citylife*. In the past, the weekly magazine has always been an ally of sorts to the gay community. They routinely take stands against discriminatory policies (such as Question 2), report on news that involves the gay community, and maintain a positively liberal stance on the issues of gay rights.

Matt O’Brien, editor of *Citylife*, responded off-the-record to me about the article and assured me that there would be more sensitivity in the future. I hope so.

What upsets me is that the author missed the perfect opportunity to sincerely get to know and understand the gay community. He was too busy worrying about the guys standing at the urinal next to him to actually get to know anyone gay. His experience of the ‘gay lifestyle’ was limited to a minute fraction of the overall community.

And it hurts when an ally of acceptance for gays and lesbians falls, however accidentally, into writing something that perpetuates the worst possible stereotypes about us. It only proves to me how important the Bugle is for this community. ‘Alternative’ magazines still write their gay-themed articles to the straight community, and that will always be a skewed point of view. Our advertisers tell us that they get solicited by these magazines all the time, claiming that they can still reach the gay community through the liberal, but more mainstream publications. I sincerely hope that many of them now see that the ‘alternative’ weeklies do not speak to the gay reader directly. But you can still count on us to write stories *about* gay people, *by* gay people, *to* gay people. ▼

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*The steer looks up fast.
My skirt flaps and snaps in the
Hot, dry desert breeze.*

by Jere Keys
photos from BigHorn 2002
Rodeo Haiku by the Bugle staff

Cowboys and cowgirls across the valley are polishing off their belt buckles, cleaning off their hats and practicing their two-steps in anticipation of one of the biggest events in gay Las Vegas of the year. The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) is presenting the seventh BigHorn Rodeo on April 4-6.

The BigHorn Rodeo is a weekend long combination of parties, entertainment, rodeo competitions, and festivities. For some, the BigHorn Rodeo is all about the party. For others, they travel from the far reaches of the North American continent to compete for cash and belt buckles in the rodeo events. Many locals come out to see the vendor booths and entertainment, and still others just want to watch the exciting and unique sporting events.

This year's rodeo is themed: It's not just for cowboys anymore.

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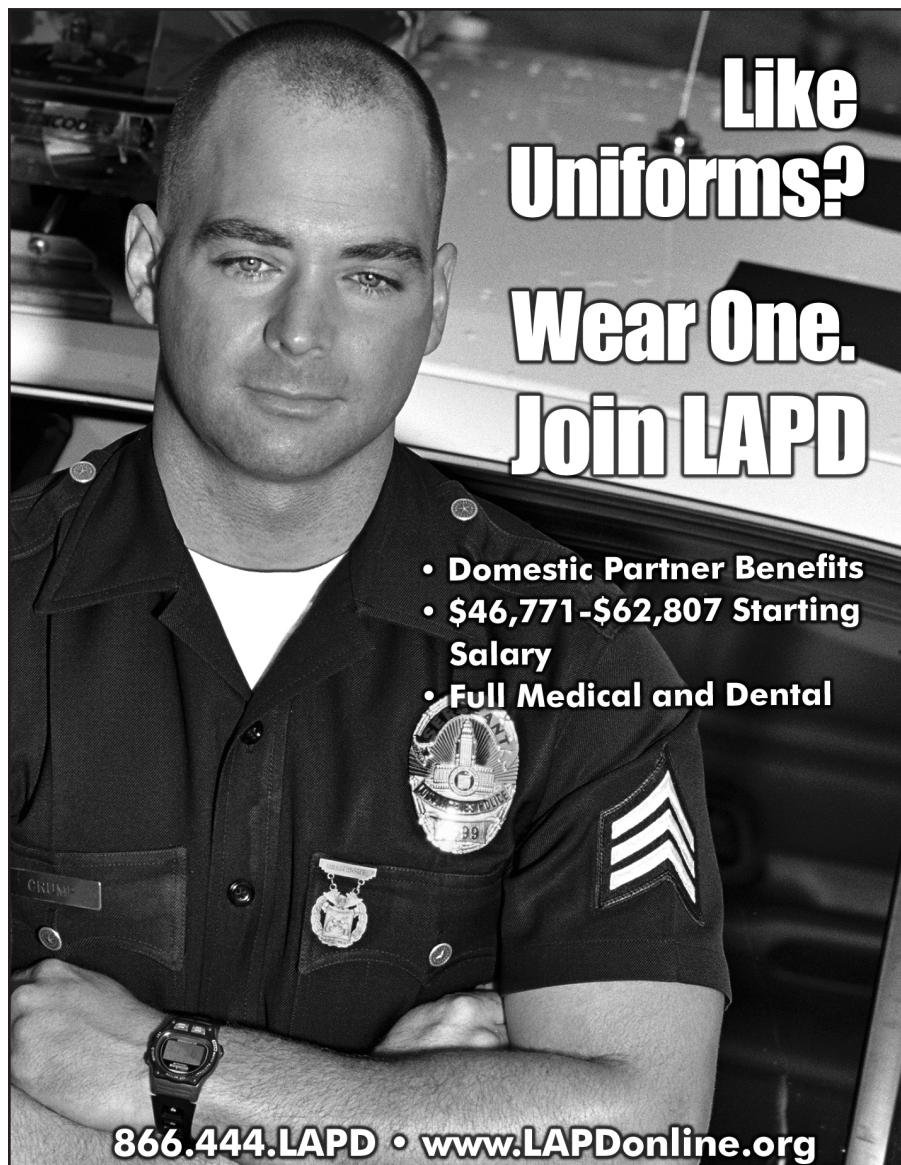
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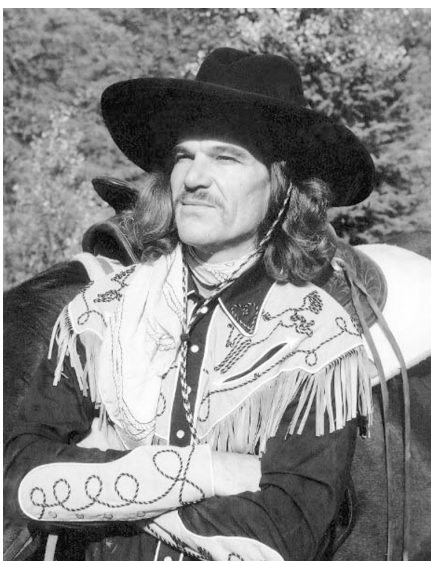
anyone can enjoy, even if they don't like country music. We have an array of vendors, and even a live band (Nurse Ratchet). So there really is something for everyone."

Of course, a healthy dose of socializing is also a part of any cowboy or cowboy-lover's routine, and the NGRA has cooked up plenty of exciting opportunities to meet, mingle and make friends.

It all begins with the Rodeo Kick-Off Party at Spotlight on March 29. The party marks the beginning of the week when most NGRA members will be busy making the BigHorn Rodeo happen and will be the last fundraiser event prior to the actual Rodeo weekend.

On Thursday night, the NGRA is introducing the newest part of the BigHorn Rodeo, the Cow Patty Bar Crawl. Hosted by Fresh Step Litter, Miss Cow Patty 2003, the buses will depart from the host hotels (Castaways and Blue Moon Resort) carrying locals and visitors to several bars across the city over the course of a few hours. The NGRA's annual Cow Patty competition (held in February) is an "ugly drag" competition that picks the best (or worst) of the camp contestants.

"We've only got one objective for the bar crawl, to get sh*t-faced." Commented Fresh Step Litter. "We're making quick stops in several of the nightclubs that have supported NGRA throughout the year, mingling for a little while, then setting off for the next bar."



What to Expect at the Gay Rodeo

Friday night marks the beginning of the official entertainment at the Castaways Hotel, in the grand ballroom. While contestants register for the competition, the ballroom will begin the dance music for locals and visitors to get to know each other. Following the registration, Entertainment Director Sasha Scarlett has lined up the first of many shows for the

among fans of the gay rodeo. A team of three (one man, one woman and a person in drag – male or female) fight with a steer, trying to move it to a certain point, mount it and return it across the finish line. Another popular camp contest is goat dressing, where two people put a pair of underwear on a goat. The steer decorating contest involves tying a ribbon



weekend. The show is entitled "An Evening of Royal Entertainment" and will feature our local NGRA royalty as well as the many visiting royalty members from gay rodeo associations around the country.

Every year, in November, the NGRA holds a competition to select a woman, man and drag queen as ambassadors of the organization (Mr., Miss, and Ms. NGRA). Often times the royalty selected from the local organizations will go on to compete for the IGRA royalty titles, to represent the entire International Gay Rodeo Association.

Saturday morning will be the beginning of the rodeo competitions. Out at Horseman's Park on Flamingo and Stephanie, the rodeo opens up at 8 am. Vendor booths, games and events are the order of business for Saturday morning.

There are thirteen competitive events in the BigHorn Rodeo. Divided into four categories (Rough Stock, Roping, Speed and Camp), both men and women compete in all areas for cash prizes and specialized belt buckles for the top winners. Events include classic rodeo competition such as bull riding, calf roping and barrel racing, but the gay rodeo also hosts several unique competitions in the Camp category.

The wild drag race is a favorite

around a steer's tail.

While the competitive events are happening in the main arena, rodeo attendees can also browse through the vendors in a festival-like atmosphere. Good food, informational booths and tons of gay or country western shopping are to be found. *Out Las Vegas Bugle* plans to be there selling novelty foam cowboy hats (the proceeds will be split between the Gay and Lesbian Community Center and the NGRA).

"Because the Las Vegas area is a different market than many of the others that host gay rodeo, special planning and consideration has been made to

appeal to the local market and to give folks what they want." Commented Assistant Rodeo Director Guy Puglisi, "Some rodeos have spectators that are more into the rodeo than the parties and some vice versa. It appears that Las Vegas wants to party! Well, let me assure you, there will be lots of partying going on!"

Of course, throughout the weekend, there will be plenty of opportunity for drinking. Bud Light returns as one of the top level sponsors for BigHorn Rodeo, but for those whose taste runs fancier than a cold brewski, DIAGEO brands is also sponsoring the rodeo with liquor labels such as Smirnoff, Cuervo and Crown Royal. Soda and water will be readily avail-

*His legs around the
bull, it bucks, he falls. Do you
think he might like me?*

Parties, Entertainment and Fun

able for anyone who doesn't drink or who might be underage.

Approximately 1 pm on Saturday will mark the Grand Entry. Grand Entry is a formal procession introducing the participating organizations, sponsors and grand marshals. This year, the grand marshals are Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman and Judy Shepard, founder of the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

"The Mayor of Las Vegas, the Honorable Oscar Goodman, through his leadership and high visibility in support of our community, is helping making Las Vegas a more tolerant and diverse place to live for GBL&T people." Explained Brian Rogers, Rodeo Director for BigHorn 2003, "Judy Shepard, Executive Director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation, has devoted her life to promoting tolerance and is an active advocate for PFLAG (Parents, Friends, and Family of Lesbians & Gays) and GLSEN (The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network). It is the selfless efforts of people like this that are making our world a better place to live."

Also a part of the Grand Entry is the Ceremony of the Riderless Horse. A horse is led around the arena carrying only a blanket and flowers to commemorate the memory of NGRA members who have passed on. This year, the BigHorn rodeo is dedicated

specifically to the memory of Robert Council, a bartender from Spotlight

who has volunteered at several rodeos over the past years. It is also dedicated to Andy, the horse that local NGRA

member Richard Armstrong rode to many IGRA championships.

Following the Grand Entry, the rodeo events will begin again and the vendors will continue their trade. Sasha Scarlett has arranged for an afternoon full of entertainment in the Bud Light Dance and Show Pavilion. Between line dancing lessons, a dancing competition and several dance breaks, there will be dozens of entertaining shows. Including local performers and more of the out-of-towners, the NGRA is also bringing special touring acts like the DC Cowboys, Cowboy Jack the trick roper, and Karen Quest and her cowgirl tricks. Among the shows planned for Saturday afternoon is the infamous "Drag Roulette," where female impersonators draw a CD and track number from a hat and have to perform whatever song comes up.

As the festivities wind down at Horseman's Park on Saturday, the day is far

from over. From 9 pm to 3 am, Castaways will be the location of "Dirty Dancing" a party full of drinking, dancing and drag queens! Los Angeles' DJ Rosa, one of the best coun

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swig from my cold Bud Light and
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try-western DJs anywhere, comes to town to keep the toes moving.

Sunday will be a lot like Saturday at Horseman's park. The contestants will compete for a second time in each event (best scores from each day determines the winners) and the festival atmosphere is still in effect. Sunday afternoon's entertainment will include several "Best of BigHorn" shows, recalling the top performances seen earlier in the weekend.

Sunday night is "The Winner's Circle," a presentation of awards and buckles to the top contestants in each event. All Around buckles will be presented to the cowboy and cowgirl with the best scores in several events.

In addition to the contest results, the evening will continue to offer entertainment and dancing with DJ Rosa until the good people just can't dance no more!

The NGRA was formed in 1992 by a group of friends who were traveling to gay rodeo events and decided that they wanted to bring an event back to Nevada, which is where the whole concept of Gay Rodeo began. The first ever gay rodeo was held in Reno back in the 1970s. The NGRA is an affiliate of the International Gay Rodeo Association, which has nearly 20 member associations across the country and sponsors over 18 rodeos each year leading up to their finals

rodeo at the end of the season.

The NGRA is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization which raises money to contribute to local charities. After the BigHorn Rodeo meets its expenses, any additional money is donated back into the community.

The BigHorn Rodeo is pulled together by a team of approximately 20 individuals who work year-round on the Rodeo Planning Committee. In addition to these 20 hard-working committee chairs, hundreds of volunteers assist in every minor detail of the Rodeo weekend. Often times,

these volunteer positions are filled by guests from other local gay rodeo associations and members of the community.

Despite protests from animal rights activist that rodeos continue to receive, the BigHorn Rodeo has a strict animal welfare policy. Every consideration possible is taken to be sure that animals participating in the rodeo are treated humanely and with respect.

"The IGRA has laid down very specific rules about animal welfare," commented Laura Scott, who served as Rodeo Director for last year's event, "In fact, our rules are more strict than those on the mainstream rodeo circuit."

Treatment of animals isn't the only thing that differentiates the gay rodeo circuit from mainstream rodeo events. They allow both women and men to compete in all categories, they have the unique "Camp Events" and

**Camp events? What's that?
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they have rules for competitions that allow new and inexperienced cowboys and cowgirls to learn the skills of rodeo. For instance, someone who hasn't mastered horse riding can still compete in the calf roping on foot contest.

For more information about the BigHorn Rodeo, pick up a BigHorn Rodeo Guide published by Out Las Vegas Bugle at many nightclubs and businesses around town or log on to www.bighornrodeo.com. Tickets for the rodeo can be purchased at Get Booked, Sashas, the Out Las Vegas Bugle office, or on-line at www.getbookedlv.com.

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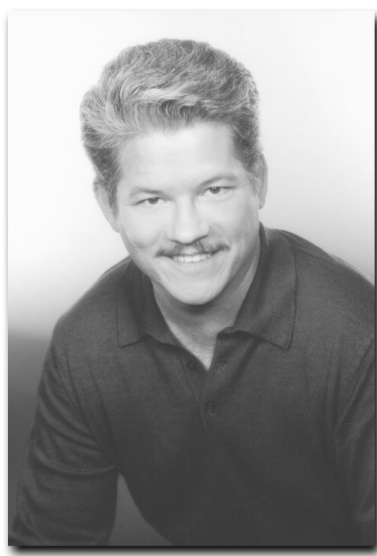
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Bob and Jack Reveal the Secrets of Their Success

I spent a pleasant morning recently chatting with Bob Gervasoni and Jack Novick, owners of the Spotlight Lounge, about the fifth anniversary of this Las Vegas gay neighborhood institution. In 1997, Novick, then an executive recruiter, and Gervasoni, a Los Angeles CPA, began discussing the idea of opening a bar in Las Vegas. Already frequent visitors to Las Vegas, the two checked out the gay scene for over a year to get a sense of what type of bar would work here.

"We wanted the type of bar we could hang out at ourselves," Gervasoni said. "We were looking for a more mature, friendly, community oriented place. The 'Fruit Loop' is the place where all the gay tourists are going to go, but we wanted to cater to Las Vegas gay locals."

Don Samuels, a friend and the owner of the Spotlight bar in Los Angeles encouraged them in their business start and so

commissioner, Myrna Williams has been supportive, Novick says.

From the beginning, Gervasoni and Novick saw the potential of the Commercial Center on East Sahara becoming a center for the local gay community since it sits on the cusp of the 'Gay Burb' of Las Vegas, the John Park neighborhood and the Huntridge District, two of Las Vegas' gayest residential neighborhoods. The Apollo and Badlands were already in the Commercial Center when the Spotlight opened and Gervasoni and Novick encouraged the opening of the Cobalt. Other gay community businesses in and around the Commercial Center now include Café de la Mode/WVN, the Las Vegas Lounge, Marc Anthony Productions, Hawk's Gym, a branch of Get Booked and, of course, *Las Vegas Bugle*. With the grand opening of the new Gay and Lesbian Community Center last fall, Gervasoni and Novick's



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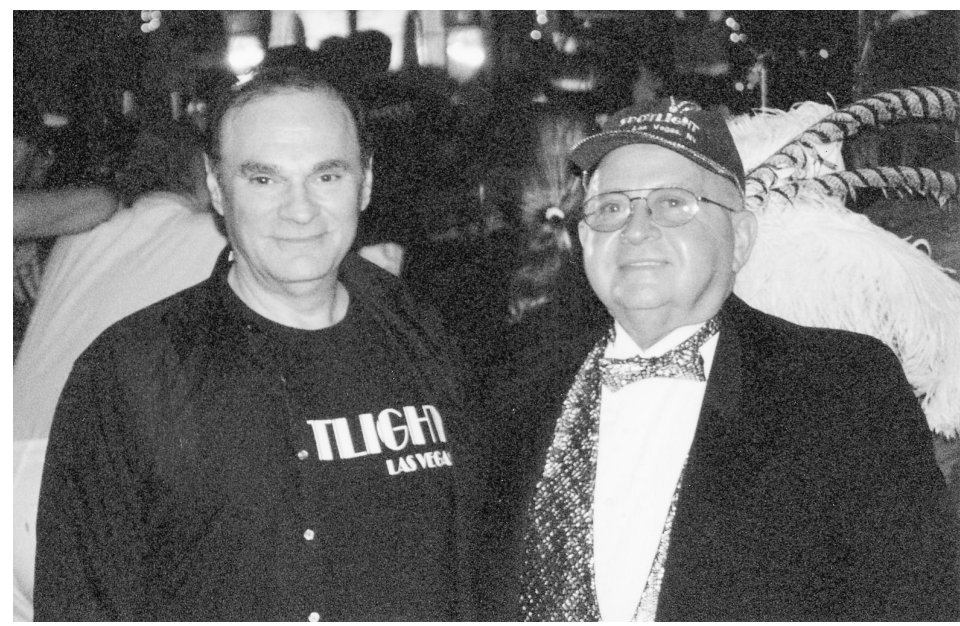
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when the bar finally opened on April 1, 1998, they named it after the Los Angeles original.

"Well," Novick says, "We got our local license to open on April 1st, but we actually opened the doors about a week later, that's why our official fifth anniversary party weekend kicks-off on Friday, April 11th and keeps going the whole weekend."

Gervasoni explains the delay, "We'd understood that Las Vegas was a business friendly city, but to be blunt the most difficult aspect about getting started was all the government bureaucracy. Sahara divides the city from Clark County, we're on the county side, in the township of Winchester. Our state license came in four months before our local license. I think if we'd been across the street in the city things would've gone smoother." Current county

vision for the Commercial Center seems to have come true.

Gervasoni's and Novick's community sensibility was born in the New York gay bar scene of the late sixties. "They called it the Bird Circuit, all the bars were taken over by the mob," Gervasoni said. (He says they have felt no similar pressure from the underworld currents of the old Las Vegas). They were in New York for the Stonewall Riots and the following decades have seen them involved in a number of groundbreaking gay community organizations.

Gervasoni served as president of Christopher Street West (LA's Gay Pride organization) as well as the California Association of Pride Coordinators, while living in Los Angeles. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of Celebration Theater and the Valley Business Alliance. He spearheaded the completion of "Casa Del Sol,"

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a low-income housing project for persons living with AIDS. Novick was involved in AIDS Project Los Angeles, the Big Brothers AIDS Food Bank and the National Conference for Community Justice.

Here in Las Vegas the two men have been equally involved, with the Spotlight hosting a long series of important community fundraisers. Both are members of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center's Founders Circle and Jack is on the Board of Directors for Golden Rainbow. He'll be performing his popular comedy schtick in Golden Rainbow's upcoming variety show. They both are sponsors of the Victory Fund, which raises money for qualified gay and lesbian political candidates ("Not 'gay-friendly,' but gay," Novick emphasizes).

Gervasoni served on the board of Equal Rights Nevada and Novick is involved with the Stonewall Democrats Club. The Spotlight was the scene of fundraisers for Shelly Berkeley and Ed Bernstein, as well as other political candidates and community groups. April's fifth anniversary celebration will include three fundraisers for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. On Saturday, April 12, the Spotlight is throwing a free community barbecue along with a \$5 Beer Bust for the Center. On Sunday, April 13, there will be a fundraising raffle for the Center at the Absolut Vodka Party. Finally, on Palm Sunday, April 13 the Rev. Wilhemina Parsons will be on hand to host the popular Drag Queens for Jesus Gospel Brunch featuring Las Vegas's most well-known drag performers. All the proceeds from the Brunch will go to the Center.

Gervasoni still commutes regularly to Los Angeles where he maintains a CPA practice, but his home is here in Las Vegas's John Park neighborhood where he lives with his two Siberian Huskies (a third recently died). Novick has also established solid roots in Las Vegas where he has become the "adopted" grandpa for his best friend's ("he's like a son") 16-month old baby.

Even though the Spotlight caters to Las Vegas locals, they were affected by 9/11 just the same as the rest of the city. But they avoided laying-off any of their popular bar staff, preferring to absorb the financial hit to their own incomes. They have found that the Las Vegas gay community is more closeted than the gay scene in Los Angeles, which makes for a quieter gay social life.

"But the fact that this isn't WeHo is what is attractive," Gervasoni says. "When LA gays move to Las Vegas they are ready for a more laid back life." Also the bars

are not as segregated between lesbians and gay men as in Los Angeles. "We have a lesbian clientele, mostly couples, looking for a fun place to have a drink," Gervasoni said.

Novick added that gay men felt comfortable bringing their lesbian friends to the Spotlight, as well as dropping by after 5 with straight co-workers. "We've even had guys bring in their parents." When I ask about special times at the bar over the past five years, Novick responds, "Every day is a special moment here." They decline to name the several well-known gay faces who have shown up for a drink over the years.

One memorable event however was last year's chili cook-off. They had over 30 entries "and each one was different. They went from mild to killer hot" Gervasoni said. "Jack set up a table with Mylanta and Tums."

The event was so popular that they are going to repeat it this July 27th. The Spotlight also hosts a meeting of LUC (Las Vegas Uniform Club) every 3rd Friday, and every Friday evening is Leather Night with free fresh baked pizza. Other community groups sponsored by the Spotlight are bowling and pool leagues, as well as the Royal Court. Since the Spotlight has a huge kitchen they have featured free buffets, munchies and holiday dinners from the very beginning.

As part of their April anniversary celebration, the Spotlight will be hosting their annual free traditional Easter Dinner for the community. The Spotlight has a special connection with the National Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) in town in April. Long-time Spotlight bartender, Robert Council, who passed away last year, will be honored at the opening of the rodeo during the Ceremony of the Riderless Horse. The Spotlight will also be hosting the BigHorn Kick-Off Party on Saturday, March 29. The NGRA's Cow Patty Bar Crawl stops at the Spotlight on Thursday, April 3.

With the summer heat just around the corner, you'll be relieved to know that on Saturday nights you can strip to your skivvies and get a free beer at the Spotlight. And should you meet Mr. Right in his boxers there, you can celebrate your commitment ceremony next Valentine's Day at the Spotlight's annual commitment ceremony party.

Still, I'm searching for that defining moment in the Spotlight's history that I can center this story around, so I press again, "What was one of your most significant events?" Gervasoni laughs, "We survived five years!" ▼

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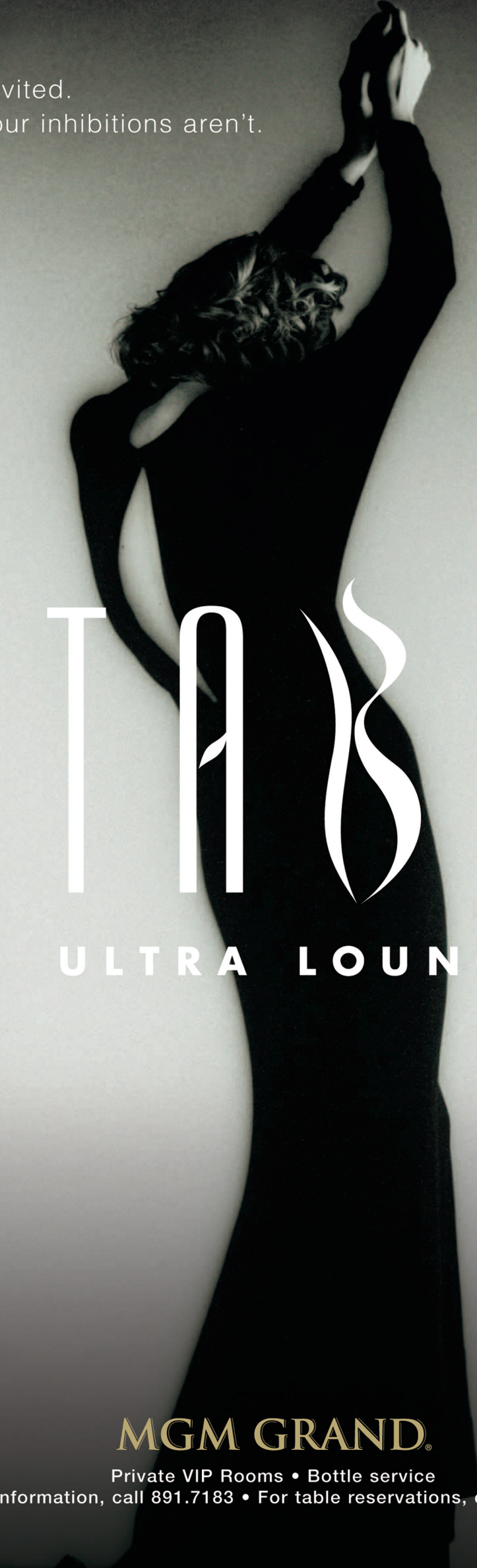
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This is from a 1994 tobacco company-sponsored report on reaching the gay market. A report from another tobacco company detailed marketing specifically to gay and homeless people. The report was called Project Sub-Culture Urban Marketing. Also known as Project SCUM. Was that just a harmless acronym? For more information, visit www.projectscum.org.

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Troupe members Keith Hixson and Ron Coleman. Photo courtesy DC Cowboys.

DC Cowboys

by Jere Keys



The DC Cowboys at the finale of "Moulin Rouge." Photo courtesy DC Cowboys.

When Kevin Platte, Artistic Director, founded the DC Cowboys in 1994, he never expected to see the group take off like it has. Originally, Kevin and some line dancing friends from the Country-Western gay bars of Washington D.C. just wanted to put together a one-time show for the D.C. Gay Rodeo, but when the audience went wild for the sexy men's dance group, the decision was made to form a permanent dance group.

"We're very excited to be coming to Vegas," said Kevin, "It'll be the first time many of us have ever been to Vegas and we're really looking forward to it."

The DC Cowboys will be among the headliner entertainment for the BigHorn Rodeo on April 4-6. 14 of the 21 total dance troupe members (the "best and brightest" according to Kevin) will perform their unique dance routines for Sin City to enjoy.

Their dance style can be described as combining The Gay and Lesbian Voice for 25 Years.

a little traditional country-western with jazz, musical theater, cabaret dance, and masculine sex appeal. Definitely not your typical line-dancers or cloggers, the group brings a varied and professional set of innovations to country-western entertainment.

One thing Kevin is proud of is the diverse representation of the DC Cowboys. "Our diversity goes across all sorts of things, we have a variety of races, backgrounds, our members come from all over the country, and work in all kinds of different jobs." Kevin commented, "That's why our tagline is 'celebrating diversity through dance.'"

Kevin jokes that the all-gay, all-male group is becoming even more diverse. "For the first time, we're working with a lesbian stage manager."

Kevin holds auditions once a year for people in and around the DC area to try out for the group. Over the past nine years, he's become more and more selec-

tive, picking people with strong dance backgrounds or just a lot of raw talent.

The group rehearses weekly and performs frequently. They have a standing monthly fundraiser, and perform at a variety of special events and functions outside their regular schedule.

"Our big travelling gigs this year [beside Vegas] are Calgary in Canada and San Francisco," said Kevin.

Kevin works with four choreographers within the group and helps to find new ideas, fresh performances and innovative concepts for the troupe. "Last year we worked on emphasizing non-country numbers and adding them to our routine," Kevin explained, "we added the divas like Cher and Madonna and a song from Moulin Rouge to our routine."

Another recent innovation for the group was to include singing with their performances. The Aggies song from *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* is among their new numbers that includes singing. Kevin suggested that it might be performed in Vegas.

The DC Cowboys are a non-profit group that has assisted in raising money for dozens of national and local groups. From the Human Rights Campaign to a variety of HIV/AIDS causes, they have supported many groups over the years.

After nine years, Kevin is the only original member of the group still involved, but two or three members are in their 7th year as a DC Cowboy.

"What I've learned after all this time," commented Kevin, "is that we're about more than just dancing and entertaining. We're a family. It's unusual for younger people to be able to meet other gay men outside the gay bars, and it gives them a chance to learn different ways of interacting."

"So there's a lot more than just the show, we're a group of guys who really enjoy each other's company." Kevin concluded. Learn more about them at www.dccowboys.org ▼

Community

▼ Briefs



Sasha Scarlett, President of Pride, says that many volunteers are needed for this year's festival.

Las Vegas Pride Seeks Entertainers and Volunteers

As Las Vegas Gay Pride draws nearer, the Las Vegas Association of Pride, Inc. is seeking out volunteers, a variety of performers and anyone else who'd like to get involved.

Singers, Dancers, Drag Queens, Comics – whatever your talent is – Pride wants you to participate in the biggest Las Vegas Pride Ever!

Needed are: Female Dancers for The Girlz Party – Tuesday, May 6

Male Go-Go Dancers for the Circuit Party – Wednesday, May 7th

Parade Participants & Performers for Friday, May 9th

All Kinds of Acts for the Pride Festival – May 10th

There will be three stages at Pride this year: The Outdoor/Youth Stage, which needs all kinds of performers, models and bands. The 2nd Floor Bohemian Coffee House Stage, for which Pride is seeking out poets, acoustic musicians, etc. And of course the Main Stage, which is reserved for headliner acts and experienced bands.

Deadline for submission is April 5. Please send tape or promotional information to: Entertainment Chair, Las Vegas Association of Pride, Las Vegas, NV 89109

Las Vegas Gay Pride moves to an indoor/outdoor venue this year and will offer more excitement, more food and

more bars than ever before. LVAPI is also seeking food servers and bartenders to work Saturday, May 10th from 11 am to 2 am (Sunday morning). This is your opportunity to participate in Las Vegas' Biggest Pride Celebration – EVER! You must have a health card for food service and BOTH a Health Card and Tam Card to serve alcohol. 4-hour shifts are available – volunteers receive FREE admission, Volunteer gift bag and the joy of participating in this awesome city-wide event!

Individuals interested in volunteering must attend a volunteer training session in advance of the actual festival. To sign up, visit www.lasvegaspride.com or look for volunteer forms in many local bars and businesses.

Of course, this year's Pride promises to be the most unique event in years. LVAPI president Sasha Scarlett has released several teasing tidbits about Pride 2003.

Las Vegas Pride Factoid #1

The Las Vegas Gay Pride Festival is a City-Wide Event. FREE Shuttle service will run throughout the day with stops at The Fruit Loop, Commercial Center and NY-NY Hotel (the official Pride Hotel) all day Saturday, May 10th.

Las Vegas Pride Factoid #2

The Las Vegas Gay Pride Festival has moved indoors at the All American

Sports Park. However, the celebration also is OUTSIDE and will feature a Country-Western Dance Tent, Mini-Grand Prix Race Track, Batting Cages, Picnic Area, Outdoor/Youth Stage, Live Remote Radio Broadcast and much, much more!

Las Vegas Pride Factoid #3

The Girlz Party at SRO kicks-off Las Vegas Gay Pride on May 6th. Scheduled to appear are Lesbian Comic - Shann Carr, Lesbian Band - Nurse Ratchet, 5-Star Fantasy All-Female Revue, Drag King Kontest and the 1st Ever All-Girls Foam Party!

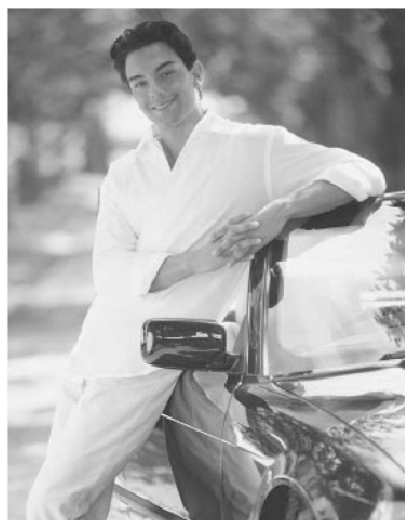
Las Vegas Pride Factoid #4

On Thursday, May 8th - The Las Vegas Bugle celebrates its' 25th Anniversary, Las Vegas Gay Pride Festival celebrates its' 20th Anniversary and The Gay and Lesbian Center celebrates its' 10th Anniversary at a black-tie formal dinner at NY-NY Hotel in the Staten Island Ballroom.

Las Vegas Pride Factoid #5

Gay Las Vegas Artists will display their art at the Las Vegas Pride Festival. Check out great art along with Border's Books and Music Store, Starbucks Coffee and enjoy the Bohemian Coffee House Stage for poetry readings, author signing and acoustic music performances.

To find out more about Pride, visit www.lasvegaspride.com or watch for the April 25 issue of Out Las Vegas Bugle. ▼



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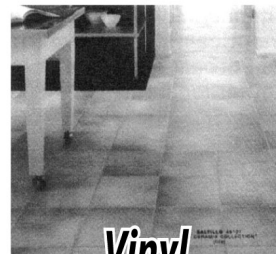
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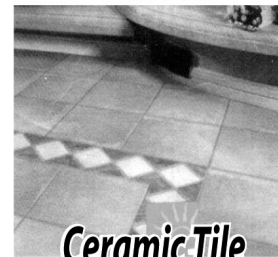
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Many Campuses Participate in Day of Silence

Get ready for things to be a little quieter. On April 9, 2003, students across the nation will join together in a Day of Silence to protest the discrimination, harassment and abuse - in effect the silencing - faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies.

The Day of Silence will be held throughout the day as students and other activists take a 9-hour vow of visible silence. Participants will be silent on April 9, wearing stickers and passing out 'speaking cards' that read:

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices. Think about the voices you are not hearing today. What are you going to do to end the silence?"

On campuses such as the Arizona State University, informational tables will be available throughout the day, and participants of all sexual orientations and gender identities expect to convene for a silent lunch, silent seated protest. The day's events cul-

minate with a "Shout Out." Genesis Moss, from "The Real World--Boston" will join in the reception at ASU and discuss important topics addressed in the Day of Silence action.

In what has become the largest single student-led action towards creating safer schools, the April 10th, 2002 Day of Silence was organized by students in more than 1,900 schools across the country, with estimated participation of more than 100,000 students. Representative Eliot Engel introduces the first ever resolution on the Day of Silence in Congress, which received support of 29 co-signers; additionally, Governor Gray Davis of California issued an official proclamation making April 10, 2002 the National Day of Silence. Local Day of Silence organizing efforts appear in over fifty media stories across the country, including USA Today, MSNBC, CNN, Voice of America and a live broadcast on NPR. Breaking the Silence rallies are organized with tremendous success in Albany, NY, Kalamazoo, MI, Missoula, MT, Ft. Lauderdale & Sarasota, FL, Eugene, OR, Boulder, CO and Washington DC, among other places.

Founded in 1996, students organized the first Day of Silence, its original name, at the University of Virginia. With over 150 students participating, those involved felt it was a great success. The Day of Silence received extensive local press

coverage and a positive response from the UVA community members, motivating Maria Pulzetti to take the Day of Silence nationally.

In 2001, the Gay Lesbian Straight Educators Network (GLSEN) and the United States Student Association (USSA) signed on as event sponsors to provide funding and support materials for the annual event.

The Day of Silence Project is a nationwide, student-led event during which hundreds of high schools and colleges protest the oppression of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth. For more information about the Day of Silence Project organized nationally, visit the Day of Silence Project website at www.dayofsilence.org. ▼



Penn & Teller to Headline AIDS Walk

Las Vegas headliners Penn & Teller will lead the 2003 AFAN AIDS Walk on Saturday, April 26. The award-winning magic and comedy team will kick off the walk, which begins at 8 a.m. at Harmon and Las Vegas Boulevard.

"Penn and Teller bill themselves as 'a couple of eccentric guys who have learned how to do a few cool things,'" noted AFAN Executive Director Tiffany Hesser. "Well, this is one of the coolest in my book."

To sign up for AIDS Walk pick up a registration form at any area Starbucks, from AFAN's offices. You can also register at the Walk itself, which will start at the corner of Harmon and Las Vegas Boulevard in the Bellagio employee parking lot behind the Seven Nightclub.

Currently in its 13th year, the Las Vegas AIDS Walk is one of the city's most prominent charitable events. Last year's walk drew some 3,000 participants to the Las Vegas Strip and raised in excess of \$200,000 through donations from individuals and corporations. The walk is sponsored by AFAN, the local non-profit agency dedicated to providing HIV/AIDS assistance, education and prevention programs for residents of the Las Vegas Valley. ▼



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Gay Military Discharge Numbers Down



C. Dixon Osburn, Executive Director of the Service member Legal Defense Network.

According to Pentagon statistics, during fiscal year 2002 the armed services reported 906 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" discharges, down from 1273 in 2001 and the fewest discharges since 1996.

Conduct Unbecoming, a new report from Service members Legal Defense Network (SLDN) notes that, "During any time of war or conflict, gay discharges have dropped. Gay discharges decreased during the Korean War, the Viet Nam conflict, the Persian Gulf War, and now again during Operation Enduring Freedom."

SLDN estimates thousands, if not tens of thousands, of lesbian, gay and bisexual troops are serving in the current Middle East conflict. "When they need lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans most, military leaders keep us close at hand," said SLDN Executive Director C. Dixon Osburn. "The time has come to do away with the Pentagon's charade and make sure no one loses his or her career at the hands of anti-gay discrimination."

Though the specific reasons for the reported decrease in discharges is unknown, the report finds that two factors may be responsible:

Commands are increasingly reluctant to discharge openly lesbian, gay and bisexual personnel. A recent memo from Twenty-nine Palms Marine Base, cited in the report, states that "Homosexuals

can and do serve honorably in the Marine Corps. Homosexuals can and do make some of the best Marines. Homosexuals are capable of Military Service and can and do perform as well as anyone else in the Military."

More and more service members are serving openly, undermining arguments that known lesbians and gays undermine unit cohesion and morale. The report cites, among other examples, the case of Marine Corps Captain Kira Zielinski. Zielinski's command, who learned she is a lesbian in April 2001, delayed her discharge for more than a year. In another case, the Navy attempted to retain openly gay Hospitalman Roy Hill after learning about Hill's sexual orientation.

Lesbian, gay and bisexual discharges continue, however, at a rate of nearly three per day.

"The absurdity of the military's gay ban is vividly illustrated by its recent discharge of lesbian and gay Arabic linguists," Osburn said. "Even though the Army faced a 50% shortfall in trained Arabic linguists, they continue to fire qualified and trained linguists who happen to be gay."

SLDN also reports that, while reports of harassment have declined as well (from 1075 in 2001 to 802 in 2002), anti-gay harassment remains a serious problem across the services.

Typifying the harassment faced by lesbian, gay and bisexual service members, SPC Brad Powell reports in Conduct Unbecoming that a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) instructed his unit, during hand grenade training, to visualize "blowing up a gay bar." SPC Powell also tells SLDN that he heard NCOs tell soldiers that "the only way to decrease our nuclear arsenal is to put all fags on an island and nuke it," and "the only thing a good fag needs is a good fag bashing."

SLDN also criticizes each of the services, and Pentagon leadership, for failing to implement an Anti-Harassment Action Plan adopted in 2000. "The Department of Defense has failed to issue a single Department-wide directive on harassment as required by the [plan]," the report says. "During time of war, when good order and discipline is vital, it is irresponsible for the Pentagon to not take its commitment to end harassment seriously."

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" discharges in both the Navy (218) and the Air Force (121) reached their lowest levels since the law's implementation. The Army led all services in gay discharges (429 in 2002, down from 638 in 2001), while Marine Corps discharges dropped slightly, to 109 from 115 in 2001. The Coast Guard had the only increase in discharges, rising from 14 in 2001 to 29 in 2002. ▼

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Gay Parents on Birth Certificates

A Mississippi judge ordered the state to issue a birth certificate for a 5-year-old boy who was born in Mississippi and adopted by a lesbian couple from another state. Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund filed a lawsuit against the state in 2001 for refusing to issue a birth certificate listing the child's two parents, leaving him without any legal documentation of his name, the names of his parents or the date and place of his birth.

"This is a very significant victory," said Greg Nevins, the staff attorney in Lambda Legal's Atlanta-based Southern Regional Office who handled the case. "This child was punished because his parents are gay. A birth certificate is a basic and important document for every child, and today's ruling means this young boy should finally have his."

Cheri Goldstein and Holly Perdue took their son into their Vermont home when he was discharged from a Mississippi hospital, eight days after he was born. In April 2000, the adoption was finalized in Vermont and a request was made to have Mississippi amend the child's birth certificate to include his adoptive parents' names and his new name.

The Mississippi Board of Health repeatedly denied requests to reissue

the certificate because the child's parents are lesbians. In a lawsuit filed in state court, Lambda Legal argued that the state was in violation of its own law requiring officials to honor valid out-of-state adoptions and provide amended birth certificates. Lambda Legal also argued that the state's actions violated the Mississippi Constitution's guarantee of equal protection of the law.

The ruling comes just a week after a New Jersey court ordered that state to list both lesbian mothers on the birth certificate of a child they intend to raise together. "All across the country - from the Northeast to the Deep South - courts are increasingly recognizing that children with gay parents are entitled to the same protections as every other child," Nevins said. "Today's ruling is an important milestone in this trend."

Goldstein and Perdue live with their son and other adoptive children. The couple have been sought out by Vermont officials when special-needs children have needed adoptive homes.

Jackson attorney J. Cliff Johnson is Lambda's cooperating attorney of the case.

Equality Mississippi, Mississippi's statewide Gay and Lesbian civil rights organization, also worked with Lambda Legal on the case. ▼

Book on Gay Witchcraft to be Released

For the first time, a study of the Gay Witchcraft tradition (in theory and practice) will be published in June 2003 by Weiser Books. There has been no other book published that presents a practical handbook on Wiccan tradition for the GLBT community, or explores world history and folklore from a homocentric perspective for the Wiccan community. Gay Witchcraft by Christopher Penczak is a unique blend of historical notes, mythological theory, personal observations, and instructional advisories on the theory and practice of Wicca—from a gay practitioner's viewpoint. Author Christopher Penczak is a spiritual healer trained in the Western Mystery Traditions of Wicca, European shamanism, flower essences, energy healing, intuitive reading, and guided meditation.

Gay Witchcraft serves many purposes. In the book, the author crafts a sketch of the gay presence in religious practices beginning from antiquity, and revisits and examines homoerotic (and homophobic) occurrences and their ramifications in world history. Gay Witchcraft is also an outline of the practice of Wicca as it affects those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (and straight). Gay Witchcraft can serve as an introduction manual for gays (and people of all sexual orientations) who have felt displaced in more structured

religious settings, and seek to explore and embrace alternative modes of spiritual practice.

Gay Witchcraft can also be read by pagans seeking a different look at the Wiccan tradition. And for novices and practitioners alike, Gay Witchcraft also contains spell-casting recipes and instructions to enhance the gay sexual experience, and offers exercises and instructions for carrying out year-round rites of passage in the Wiccan tradition. Author Christopher is a Reiki Master/Teacher in the Usui-Tibetan and Shambhala traditions, ordained minister, ceremonial leader, owner of HelioLuna Flower Essences and publisher of The Second Road Newsletter of Alternative Spirituality.

Christopher's articles have appeared in magazines such as Green Egg, Genre, Kaleidoscope and Horns and Crescents. He is the author of City Magick: Urban Ritual, Spells and Shamanism (Weiser Books), Spirit Allies: Meet Your Team from the Other Side (Weiser Books), and The Inner Temple of Witchcraft: Magick, Meditation and Psychic Development (Llewellyn). Gay Witchcraft will be published in June 2003 and early orders can be requested directly through Red Wheel/Weiser by calling (800) 423-7087 or by visiting their website at www.redwheelweiser.com. ▼



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I learned a valuable lesson today. Never try to write an entertainment article after watching the news. By the time this hits print we could be awash in camel dung, but as of right now we're sitting at orange-plus security status awaiting what could be the commencement of WW3. Please forgive my cynicism, but orange-plus? It sounds like a children's drink - "Gimme two raspberry slurpees, a lemonade, and an orange-plus, please." Who the hell came up with this anyway? Fred Rogers?

Try as I might, this one's going to be a ball buster. Someone flipped off my humor switch, which theoretically should not be a problem as I am accustomed to being flipped off. But struggle I do and struggle I will, in a sincere effort to bring you sex with a smile. Usually my sincere sexual efforts are met with gut-splitting, knee-slapping laughter, so I oughta be able to pull this off. Let's give it a whirl.

Chi Chi LaRue's Rascal Video just released a little number called Starting Young. The critic's quote on the box cover reads: "Twink heaven! Robbie Angel and Julian Pierce are electrifying. If you feel like chicken tonight, get a load of Starting Young." Pardon me, but I scoured this thing with a magnifying glass and I couldn't find anyone that fits my definition of 'twink.' (Please, out of sympathy, keep any further 'magnifying glass' comments to yourself.)

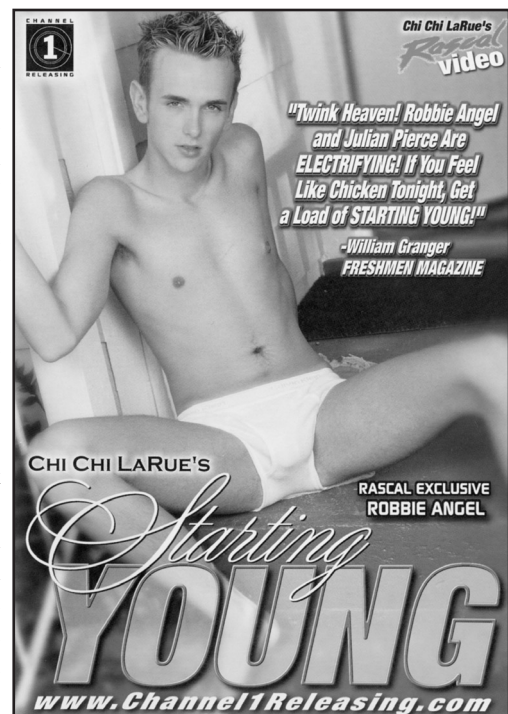
The funny thing is, I met Robbie

Angel. He is a total twink. But in this flick (it's his first, by the way) they have him done up to look older than he is. Maybe I'm not the sharpest pencil in the drawer, but I just don't get it. Even Jason Sizemore, who has been in a zillion twink flicks, looks about thirty. Then they go and throw Julian Pierce and Danny Hunter in there, both of whom are approaching 'daddy' status. There's a market for that stuff, so why not advertise this accordingly?

So how's the flick otherwise? At the risk of providing a formulaic response - it's very formulaic. Maybe I'm jaded after seeing so much of this stuff, but it's all starting to look the same to me. There is nothing formally wrong with the technicianship or the

eroticism - Chi Chi is enough of a pro to keep her little ducklings in a row in that regard - but the only thing that could be considered 'electrifying' here is if you stuck your hand inside the television set with the power on.

I could continue rambling on about dialogue and set-up and how a strong climax requires equally strong tension, but I'd be wallowing in an ocean of redundancy. (Not only that, but I'd be repeating myself.) So what's the ticket? Perhaps new models, new situations, and new directors. I have a musician friend in Nashville who tells me the record companies refuse to try anything different out of fear of financial failure, so that may very well apply to the porn industry, too.



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by Tom Moilanen

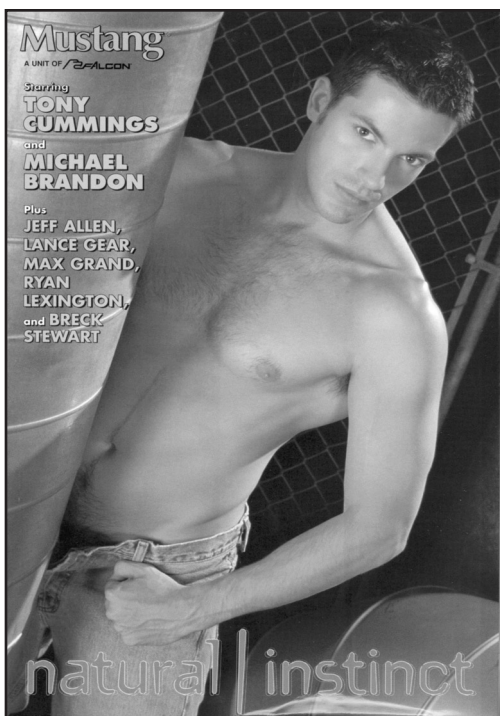
Starting Young; Natural Instinct

But oddly enough, it is always originality that sets the standard. It is the people who color outside the lines that get the glory, so why not leave the comfort zone and go nuts?

I would love to see Robbie Angel spread his wings (as well as other extremities) and be the naughty little boy he could so easily be. Stick him on a playground. Make him stay after school. Frame the thing so he's typecast in a real role that emphasizes his boyiness. And for goodness' sake, if he's supposed to be 'starting young,' then include an element of apprehension and fascination. Let the big head control the little head for a change. Two of 'em are better than one.

Good old John Rutherford and the boys at Falcon/Jocks/Mustang recently veered down the road to raunch with Mustang's latest offering called Natural Instinct. Now pardon my ignorance, but I fail to see what's natural or instinctive about leather pants, harnesses, slings, and chains. (Of course, I'm so naive that at one time I thought a dungeness crab was a temperamental dominatrix, so what do I know?) And what's worse is that the guys who fiddle with this stuff are invariably old, hairy, and hideous, which perpetuates a stereotype in a community so vehemently opposed to them.

Big leaguers Michael Brandon, Lance Gear, and Max Grand lead the pack in this dark, nasty, nipple-twisting foray into kink and humiliation.



There is enough fur in the combined ensemble to warrant a protest from the happy-go-lucky folks at PETA, and the tattoo factor conjures up memories of third grade art class. Throw in a couple of piercings and a shaved head and you have Johnny Rotten meets Mr. Clean. Egads! And here I thought porn was about sexual stimulation, not gastronomical regurgitation.

Once again we are witness to five scenes indiscriminately stuck together. The only dialogue I could decipher is a guttural grunt here and there. The videography is fine and dandy, as Mustang has all the right equipment. But what's the point when it's wasted on these guys? You generally use a gun to shoot wild animals, not a \$10,000 camera. (Give Lance

Gear a couple of horns and a pointy tail and you have Satan, Jr. He may not actually be the devil, but he sure looks like hell.)

In a desperate attempt at fairness, I will concede that this thing has erotic value, should your tastes lean in this fetishy direction. It's dirty. It's filthy. It's raw. And it's well done, within those parameters. But as columnist and social observer Sydney J. Harris once wrote, "A thing that is not worth doing is not worth doing well." My natural instinct is to avoid Natural Instinct in favor of something more upbeat. Leave the cages at the zoo where they belong, but go ahead and throw a couple of nuts in my direction. I could use a snack. ▼

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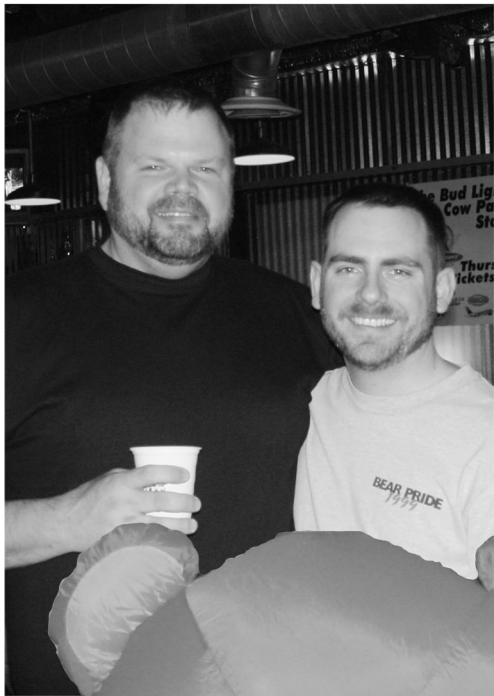
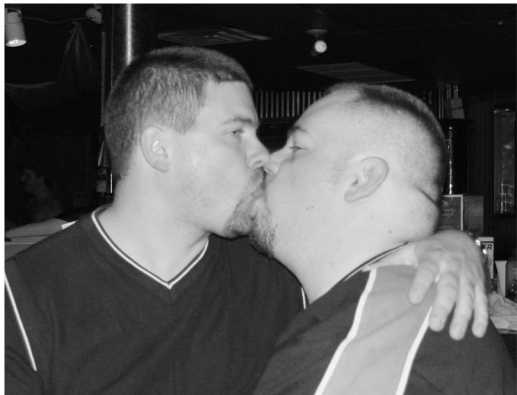
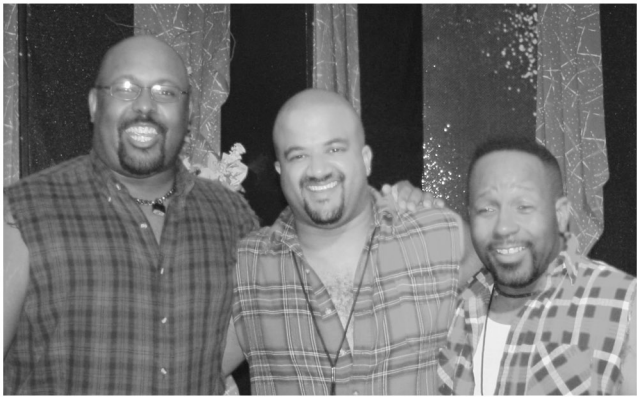
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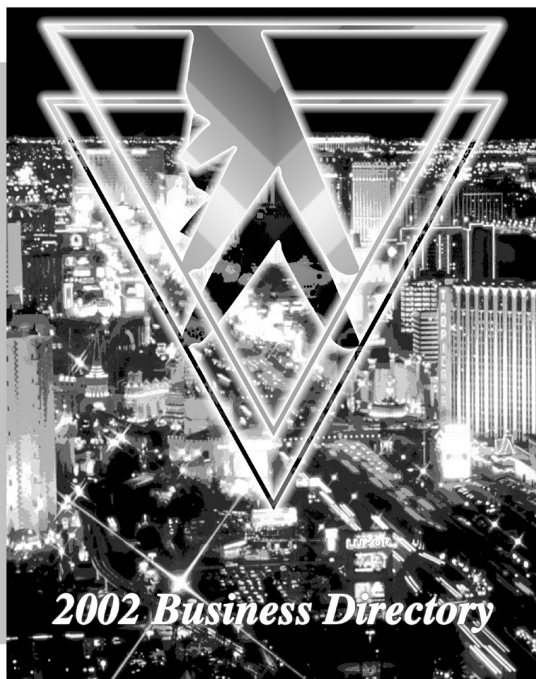


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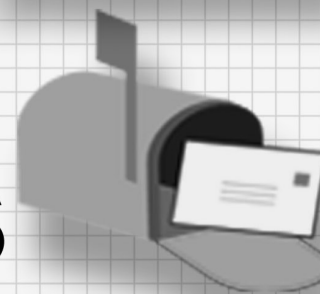
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Obituaries

Juan Ochoa

June 26, 1971 ~ Mar. 17, 2003

Juan Ochoa, a long-time bartender in Las Vegas, passed away on Monday, March 17.

Juan has worked for the past several years at Cobalt and has been involved organizations such as the National Leather Association.

Always friendly and a willing ear for any of his customers, Juan was among the most popular bartenders in the city. He worked out frequently and his charming personality and stunning physique had earned him the sexiest



leather guy of 2002 from the *Out Las Vegas Bugle*.

"Family was the most important thing to him, more important than anything else" commented Cobalt manager Jeff Baker during Juan's eulogy, "he trusted everyone and greeted everybody with a smile."

A benefit show, coordinated by Helen Twelvetees, was held at Cobalt on Saturday, March 22, where over \$4,000 was raised to help the family offset the funeral costs. Crowds were so thick during the show that one customer commented "it took ten minutes to get from the door to the bar."

Juan is survived by several family members and will be remembered by many throughout the community.

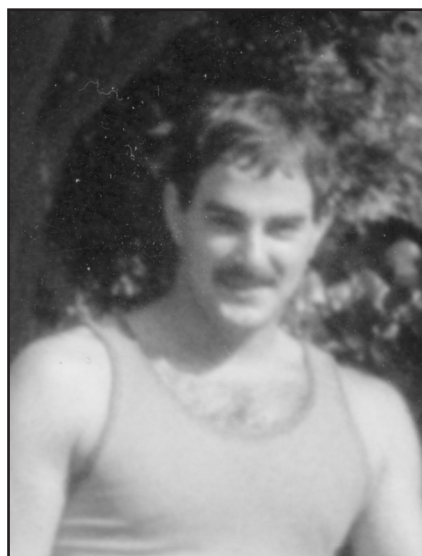
A memorial service was held at Palm Mortuary on Sunday, March 23. Anyone wishing to make additional donations to the family, to help with expenses, should contact Jeff Baker at Cobalt.

Phil Kaplan

Dec. 27, 1956 ~ Feb. 23, 2003

Phil Kaplan, a local Realtor and long time Las Vegas resident, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 23.

Born Dec. 27, 1956, Phil worked as a real estate sales associate and assistant to Al Goodman at Reiss Corporation/Realty 500. "Phil loved loud dance music," Goodman said of his friend. "We jokingly used to say, 'there is no life after Cher.'" He was also known to be a Madonna fan and loved to dance. He loved her so much - as he did so many other divas. "All of the staff in our real estate office will miss him dearly," Goodman said.



Those who knew Phil also knew of his passion for animals. When he came across a stray cat or dog, he had to either find the animal a home or care for it himself. Much of his income went to care for sick or injured animals that he had adopted.

"Phil was the most thoughtful, caring, sensitive and romantic man that I have ever met," said John Mendoza, his longtime companion. "A day hasn't gone by that I haven't missed you, your smile and your laughter."

Phil had been a Las Vegas resident for the past 15 years, arriving here from New York City, via Arizona and Texas. When he first arrived in the mid-80's, he worked in retail at Dillard's Department Store. He is survived by his beloved pets, many friends and a long-time friend and companion, John Mendoza.

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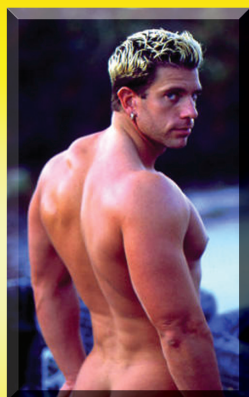
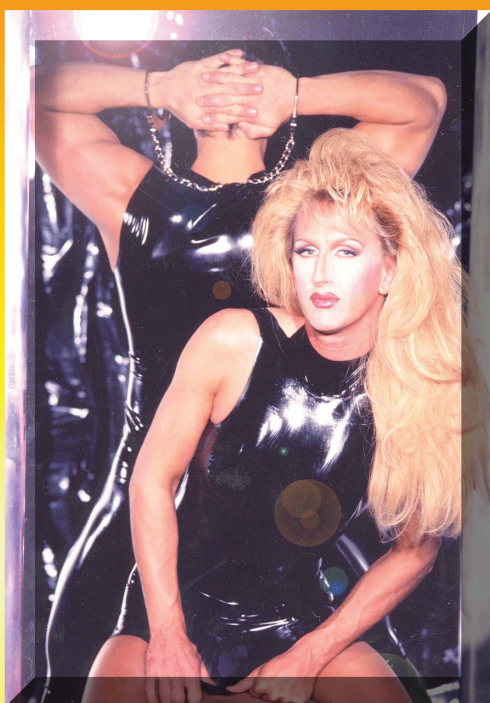
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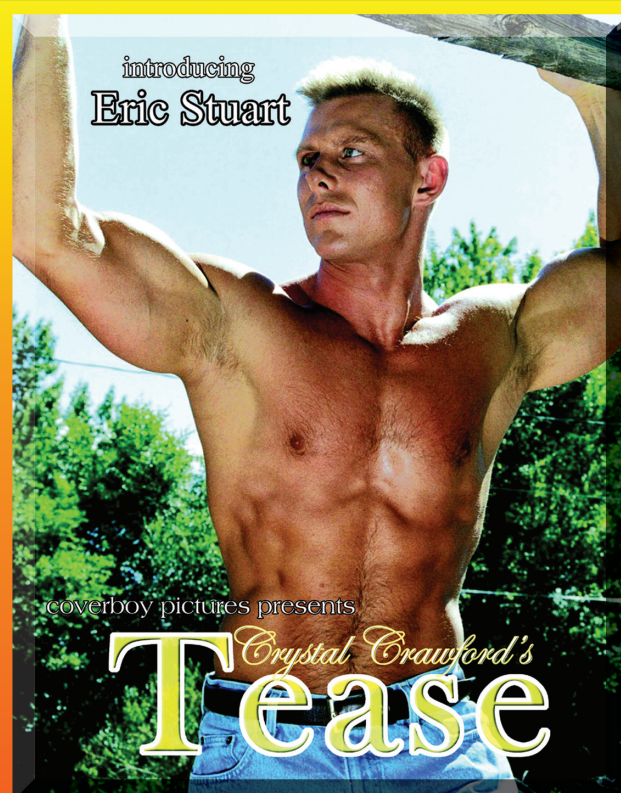
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Left: Lori and Dani Kay greet the guests at Gipsy over the weekend. Dani Kay calls her spot at the coat check her "personal hugs and kisses booth."

Below: Flava, guest performer, wows the crowd at Gipsy during the "Out and About" party for the Bar and nightclub Expo.



Right: This contestant got amazing cheers during the Bacardi Beefcake contest at Hamburger Mary's.



Below: Chris Penland, organizer of the Gay & Lesbian Wedding Expo, draws raffle tickets from the stage at the first-of-its-kind event held at the Alexis Park.



Above: David (second from right) marked the beginning of his birthday Monday night at Godtimes.

Right: Tommy Elias, owner of Oz in New Orleans, Darren Moalson and Stan Sax, owners of the national Hamburger Mary's chain, and Nick Filler of the Bugle were guest speakers at the Bar and Nightclub Expo.



Below: Mark Jensen hi-five's PJ for another excellent round of drinks at FreeZone's Martini Social.



Above Left: Ms. NGRA 2003, Helen Motl, models a Bugle foam cowboy hat at gay bingo for the NGRA held at Sashas.

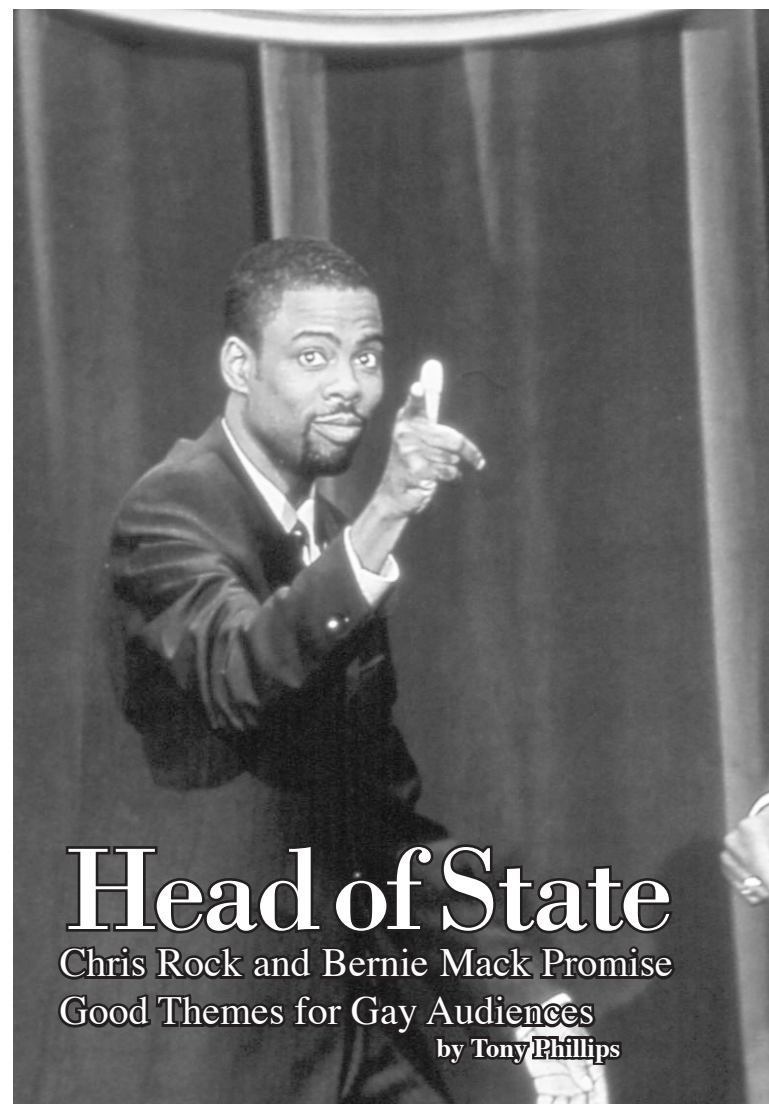
Above Right: James and James watch Rique cut the cake during his annual Oscars viewing party.



Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



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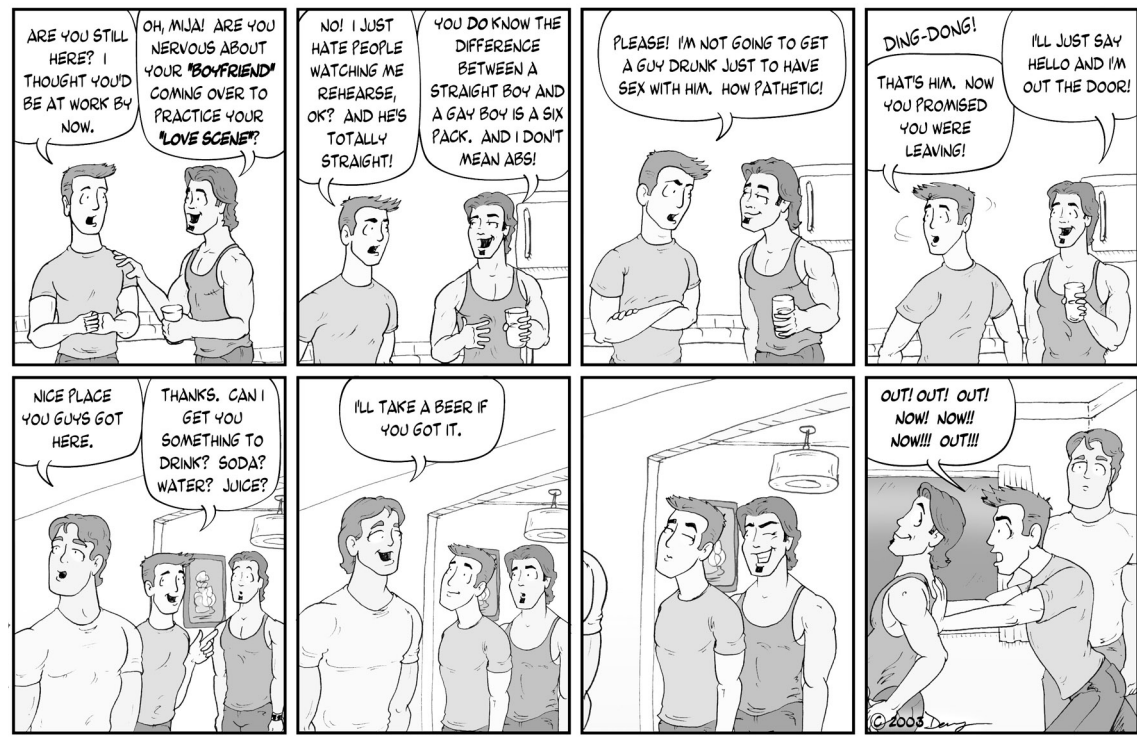


"It doesn't annoy me," Chris Rock begins, "but it's rough." The question on the table is just how much gays can feel on the black struggle for civil rights before the comparison becomes onerous. It's a mighty political query, and one that would ordinarily get brushed off in favor of more challenging fare like the differences between film and television, but Rock is here to promote a film in which he portrays the President of the United States. He hesitates another second before scrunching up his face and diving in. "Gay men, it's rough," the Brooklyn native iterates, "Especially because guys are just so mean. I mean, gay women, they have their deal, but I never heard of a woman getting punched in the face for just being gay. I don't know if I'm answering the question correctly, but anything you want to do to avoid getting punched in the face is all right by me. You know what I mean? I feel for everyone's struggle. I get it." The strange thing is, you do know what he means. He's just taken on a tough question and answered it honestly. And how could something like gay men getting punched in the face be something that was coached by a publicist? The answer is endemic of the whole show, from writing, producing and directing the comedy "Head of State" to mouthing off at its junket, one thing is certain, Chris Rock is running things.

His answer smacks of the same kind of homespun grit his character Mays Gilliam exudes throughout his scramble to the top of the polls. The idealistic Gilliam, a lowly alderman about to be biz-ounced out of his job, describes his D.C. hood as "so bad you could get shot while you're getting shot." But a reversal of fortune comes about when the frontrunner's plane is downed and Rock finds himself the unlikely candidate. When the powers that be explain they'd like him to run for president, Rock doesn't miss a beat before asking, "Of what?" When the penny finally drops, the first image to flash through his brain is an assassin's bullet whizzing through the air right at him. This movie does not waste time. Shit blows up five minutes in and the big electric slide dance number, which a Washington blue hair describes as "off the shizzle for hizzle" is done before the half-hour mark. And just when you think only CCH Pounder herself could pull this one back from the brink, in walks Bernie Mac to announce his intention to help a brother as Vice President. "He went with someone he thought he could trust,"

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Mac explains of the older sibling's bid as running mate. On the timeliness of a satirical film about a presidential election, Mac can only say, "With everything that's going on in the world, people think this makes Chris look like a genius, but that's not true...everything happens for a reason. Chris was thinking about this film ten years ago. And this country was nowhere near this particular shape at that time. Now he looks like a genius, but it just happens that way."

Genius or not, there's more for the gays to look forward to than Rock's mother jokes and gay rights speeches. There's also Lynn Whitfield as the campaign consultant brought in to smooth out some of the candidate's rougher edges. And Debra Lassiter does not play. She's Condoleezza and Colin rolled up under one mightily jacked weave. "I found the role of Debra to be thin and really undeveloped in the beginning," Whitfield explains, "But I felt like I had an idea so I went into meet with Mr. Rock. My idea was that she was a dominatrix--politics was her paddle--and she was going to spank everybody into shape and in the end they'd all be happy. That was my inner monologue. I'm bored to death with the strong women who don't have any sexuality about them." She mocks a yawn and then exclaims, "The fabulous part about being a woman is that you're different! I went in with this really cute fitted suit, some Blahnik pumps four inches tall and a lace camisole that only I knew about under a white crisp blouse. It made this patina of a different kind of woman. After that, they could never get me out of their minds for the part, but after they hired me they proceeded to whittle away at that--the fellas--they wanted me in pantsuits all the time, which was an issue, but we split the difference okay." So enough about what got her the part, what about that weave? Whitfield, an Emmy-award-winner for her stunning turn as Josephine Baker, is only too happy to "explain the evolution of the character's hair thusly." After doing time in Washington and Park Avenue, Whitfield noticed that "Power hair is very teased--bullet hair--the classic egg is

what we call it. So I was hell bent on having the classic egg in the beginning of this movie. By the end it breaks down because this broad is losing control. She's a control freak and she's losing control. What can you say, some people wear their feelings on their sleeve, she wears them on her head."

So if Whitfield's caricature belies anything, it's that there'll certainly always be a weave somewhere up in the White House. Bernie Mac jokes that his first official act as president would be to resign. "I'm not a politician," he explains, "I'm a comedian. I know my limitations. Politics is not my strong suit because I'm too straight ahead. I can't swagger the fence." He is willing to speculate that the oval office might just be presided over by a classic egg, though. "I think it's going to be a minority within the next 16-years," he speculates, "And I think it's going to be a woman. I really do. We're very close. It's 2003. We're nowhere near where we used to be. All those issues that exist back in the day are gone. It's over." Whitfield's got his back, too, saying, "I see that people of color are not in the minority. So if this is really a democracy and votes really do matter and ballot boxes are not stolen and this enigmatic Electoral College makes sense, why can't we have an African American President? There's something going on here that's not fitting together." But it's Rock who has the final word, conjecturing, "I think we'll eventually have an African American President. I don't think there'll be a big difference between him/her and other Presidents. It's probably easier to have an African American who tows the party line than to have a white guy who talks like Mays Gilliam. He's going to have to run like everybody else. He's not going to get in if he's saying, 'I'm going to do things black.'" But what about the candidate that's not only keeping it black, but keeping it real? "I wish there were more Al Sharptons," Rock laughs. "People get pissed, but it would be nice if there were ten guys who spoke up and said what was on their mind. I'd love to see the woman Al Sharpton, the Asian Al Sharpton, and the gay Al Sharpton. Everybody needs an Al Sharpton." ▼

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Highlights from the first annual Gay and Lesbian Wedding Expo

Mmm... Chocolate

One of the most popular stops at the Gay and Lesbian Wedding Expo was in the Ambient Creations booth. They had a fountain flowing with melted chocolate and plenty of strawberries, marshmallows and eclairs to dip in the delicious centerpiece. After a great deal of product sampling (my thighs will pay for that) I declared this booth my favorite. Ambient Creations does more than the chocolate fountain, though. They can meet a variety of decorative needs. Contact: 702.838.0559.



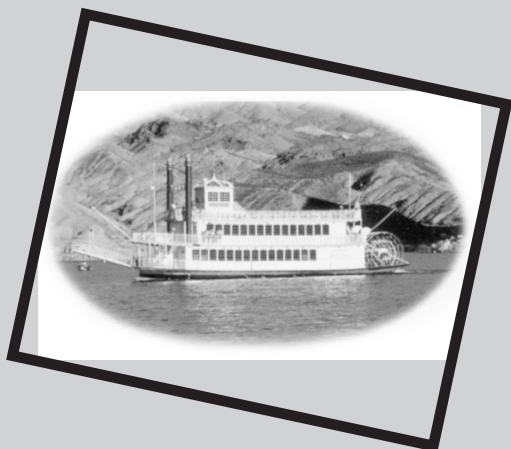
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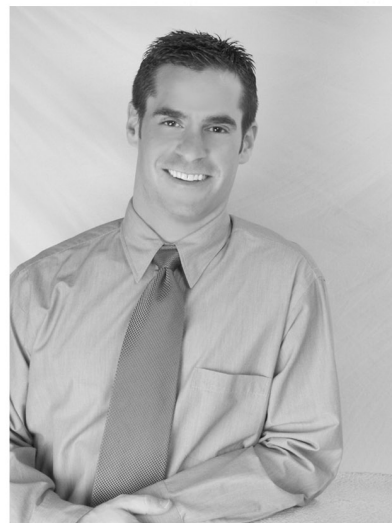


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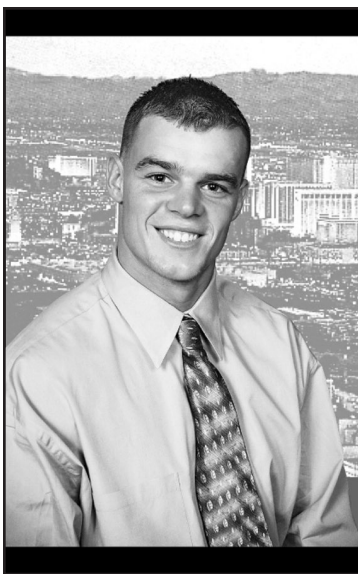
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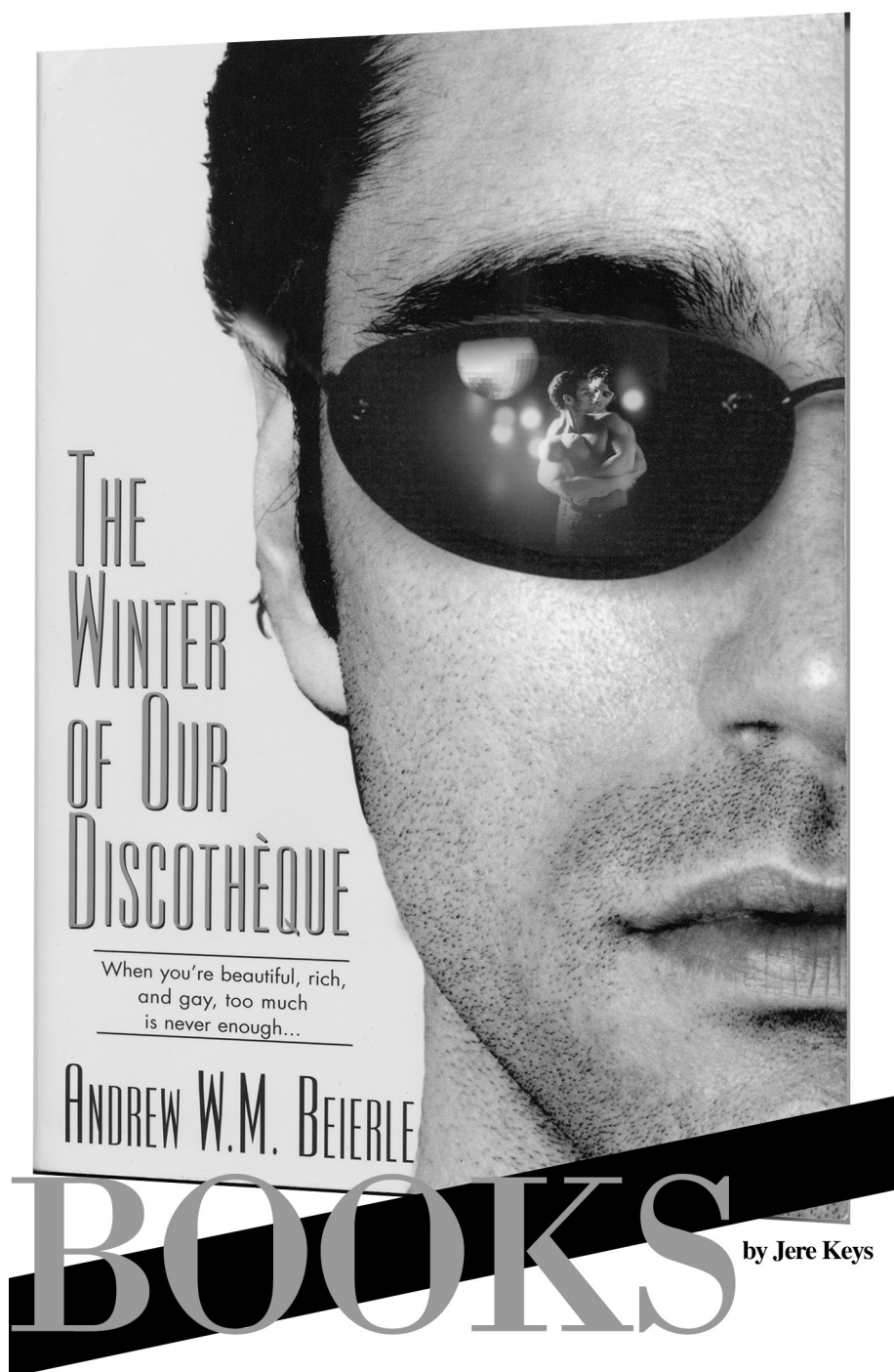
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In Andrew W.M. Beierle's new novel, *The Winter of Our Discotheque*, I recognize the characters from my own life. Well, okay, so maybe I don't actually know any gay male supermodels from the 1970s, but I recognize the character types. There's the guy who thinks his looks are a curse, the wealthy socialite who'll buy companionship, the guy who uses sex for power, the one who has it all (looks, money, friends) except a butch side... Even if these characteristics are exaggerated to extremes, I could believe in them because I can identify with them.

Set in the pre-AIDS era of gay Manhattan, *The Winter of Our Discotheque* follows the life of Tony Alexamenos, a small-town mechanic with perfect looks living in near poverty as he is discovered by Dallas Eden, an obese celebrity with "old money" and a taste for the raunchy. Soon, Tony is propelled into the heights and depths of the Manhattan gay scene, fashion modelling, and his ever-present quest for love.

As someone who learned about AIDS in the same year I learned about sex, the book offers an interesting insight to gay culture in the 1970s, when crabs were the biggest fear during all variety of sexual contact. If there's nothing else to recommend the novel, it's an interesting look for the younger generations into a time we never knew.

My favorite aspect of the novel was the dialogue. Witty, honest and frequently hilarious, the author has captured a way of speaking found only among the gay community. A favorite line: "I have *never* spent a week at the baths. A long weekend, maybe. But *never* an entire weekend. I know that for a fact. Those cubicles are so small I couldn't get a week's worth of luggage *into* one."

Or another favorite moment: "Shouldn't you be cleaning out the gutters of Manhattan with your tongue? That *is* what you do when you're without a man for more than a couple of days, isn't it?"

The Winter of Our Discotheque isn't a difficult read. The plot is relatively predictable but the characters are endearing. At times erotic, at times melodramatic, the author toys with the reader's expectations. All the same, there isn't a terribly deep message or morale for the story. The title, a tongue-in-cheek play on a Shakespeare quote, is probably the most literary part of the novel, but it's a fun read.

I have no reservations about recommending this book to friends, one and all.

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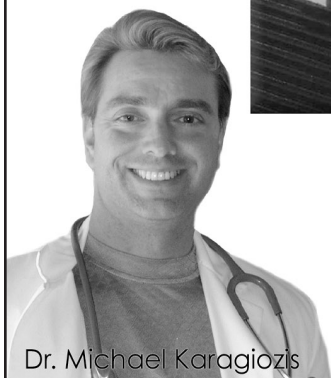


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T R A C Y

Tracy Chapman was born March 20, 1964, in Cleveland, Ohio. In her childhood, Chapman learned to play the ukulele, the piano, and eventually the guitar and started writing her own songs. She attended a private school in Connecticut after receiving a scholarship and then Tufts University in Boston after winning a minority placement scholarship.

While studying African culture and anthropology at Tufts, Chapman began performing her folk sound at local coffeehouses on the streets of Harvard Square. She recorded some demos that eventually made their way to the right people, and Chapman signed with Elektra Records in 1987. An important musical artist had emerged from the ashes of the '80s.

In the 1980s, when the pop radio airwaves were filled with synthesizers and video-generated pop stars, Chapman emerged with her debut LP filled with a raw, calming folk sound that was welcomed by music fans. Her subtle lyrics and sound made her a hit with critics, and her landmark single, "Fast Car," introduced her to a legion of fans. Chapman has a knack for singing about a disenfranchised environment with an overtone of ultimate optimism for change.

Throughout her rock career, Chapman has supported a range of social causes, especially those of human rights, racial equity, and economic justice. In April 1988, Tracy was invited on many touring performances and appeared at the Freedomfest concert for Nelson Mandela and Amnesty International's tour. In December 1998, Tracy continued her support of Amnesty International at a concert held in France which also included Bruce Springsteen, Alanis Morissette, Radiohead, Peter Gabriel, Shania Twain, Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, and Youssou N'dour. The concert was held to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. More recently she participated in the Beastie Boys' Tibetan Freedom Festival in Chicago, and the Bob Marley One Love Tribute in Jamaica.

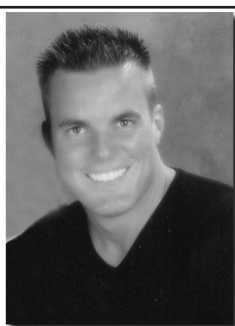
Chapman has won a series of Grammy Awards including: Best New Artist, Best Female Pop Vocal Performance (for "Fast Car" in 1989), Best Contemporary Folk Recording, Best Rock Song ("Give Me One Reason" in 1997). In July 1999, Chapman was ranked #54 on VH1's "The 100 Greatest Women of Rock 'N Roll" program. Her latest album is Let It Rain featuring the hit title track.



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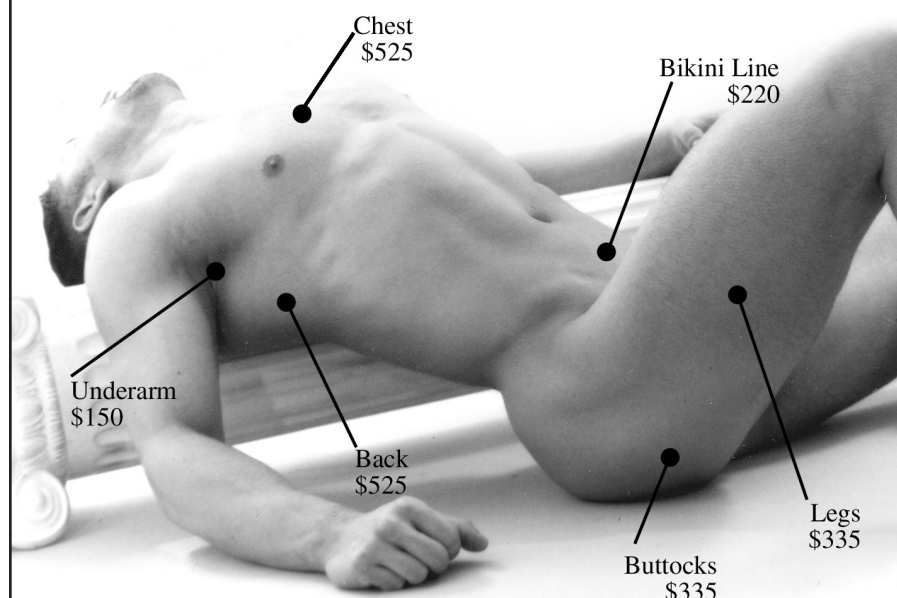
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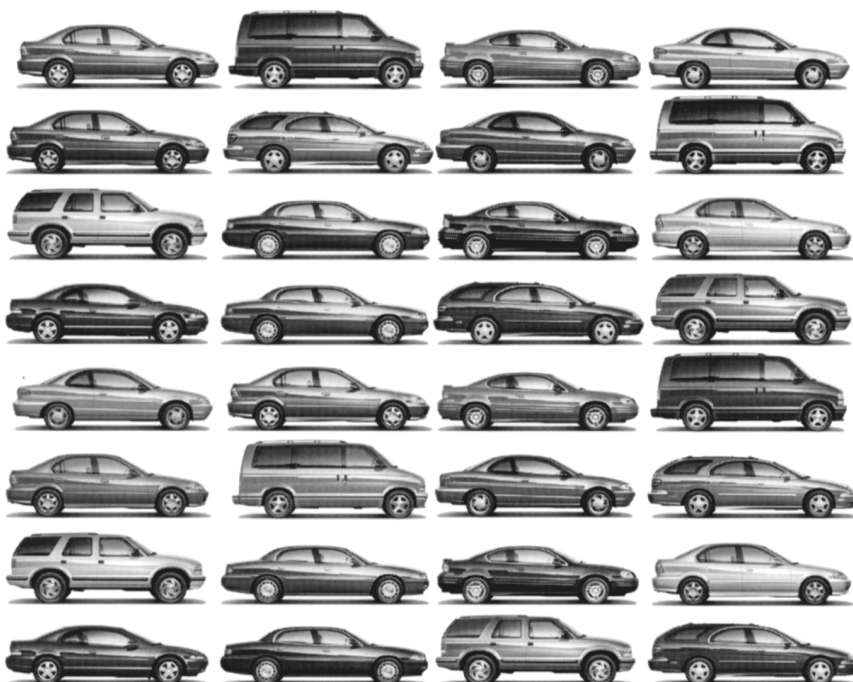
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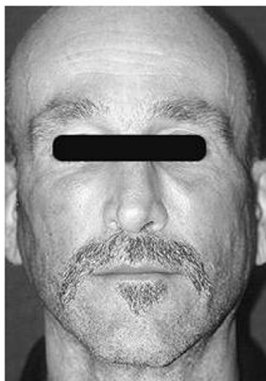
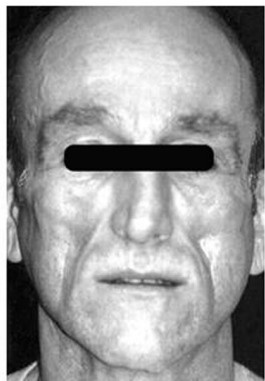


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celine dion ONE HEART

review

You don't sell over 150 million albums without adapting to the times and consistently producing top-notch material. And here Celine Dion once more does both--One Heart finds her collaborating with some of the hottest talent around. Beginning with a pumping Euro-version of "I Drove All Night", the album then switches into Max Martin mode with Celine, her voice nasal over the punchy orchestration, playing the Britney card. And it works, because Dion, unlike Whitney Houston, never attempts an all-out (and thus unconvincing) reinvention of herself, just draws upon the sounds and styles of others while keeping her own image intact. This image, of course, is that of a Big Love Balladeer--innocent, yearning and tossed upon turbulent oceans of passion. And there's plenty of that here. "In His Touch" and "Stand By Your Side" are both aching love-songs, while "Have You Ever Been in Love" (cowritten by Daryl Hall) and "I Know What Love Is" are the kind of huge, piano-led festivals of emotion that Dion's fans expect. Elsewhere, there's the excellent Euro-pop of the Cathy Dennis-penned "Reveal", and the sassy, rock-tinged "Coulda Woulda Shoulda", surely a guaranteed US chart smash. So, that'll be at least 170 million albums, and counting... --Dominic Wills

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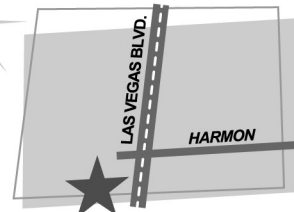
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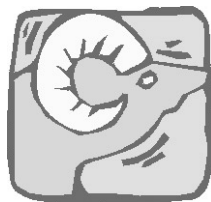
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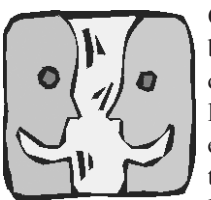
Astrologically Speaking OUT



Aries (March 20-April 19) Energy levels shall be quite high and the pace is likely to be frantic as the annual New Moon in your sign hits on the 1st. You sure won't be lacking for things to do. In fact, it may be difficult to sneak away for a "time out." Between the 5th and 10th is the most favorable time to apply for that mortgage.



Taurus (April 20-May 20) Working like a "dog" is one thing, but you've been putting in enough time and effort to cover a whole "kennel." Take a breather before you body gives out, Taurus. You're quite strong, but even "Superman" had a vulnerable spot. Finances look quite solid. A deal that comes your way on the 4th is pure "gold".



Gemini (May 21-June 21) Your mind might be focused on work but your heart can only concentrate on the sweet, new love in your life. Believe it or not, there are more than enough hours in each day for both. Just learn to manage your time a little better. The 6th looks best for a secluded romantic getaway. Start planning it ASAP!



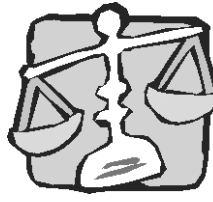
Cancer (June 22-July 22) Physical energies levels are better but still not at their peak. Rest when you're fatigued and don't "run on empty." Shift some of the work load to a trusted employee for a while. Concentrate on advertising and promotional activities. Keep to yourself on the 30th. A fun shopping spree awaits on the 5th.



Leo (July 23-August 22) Though inspiration seems to flow from every fiber of your being, it still might not be enough to convince certain "holdouts." Don't let that famous temper get the better of you, Leo. The 1st is an ideal time to make that perfect "sales pitch." It'll give you the chance to really shine like a "superstar."



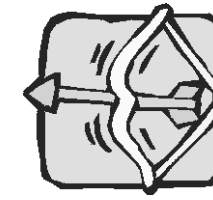
Virgo (August 23-September 22) The 28th-30th seem to crawl at a snail's pace. The pace and vibration pick up with that New Moon. You'll feel fully recharged by the 3rd. Avoid confronting the boss on the 7th or 8th. Do your work behind the scenes, and let it speak for itself. Treat yourself to a massage. You're one big "muscle knot."



Libra (September 23-October 22) That search for garage sale treasures on the 30th should yield some wonderful items. Now, how about repainting that oh so "drab" bedroom? You need some color (in more ways than one) to spice things up. The 4th provides you with a wonderful close encounter. Show up at work early on the 6th.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21) You'd become successful much faster by learning how to "schmooze" (aka wine and dine) prospective new clients & investors. Ask Leo for a few tips. It wouldn't hurt to show off that dazzling smile once in a while either. Career must take top priority at this time. True love is still over the horizon.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Too bad you don't have four hands. There are so many opportunities for making money, that you just can't get to them all (at least for the time being). Pace yourself and don't overbook clients. Continue to put every spare dollar aside for that dream vacation. It won't be too much longer, Sag.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19) An old expression states that "when the going gets tough, Cappy gets going." So we changed the phrasing a bit. It still fits. You thrive on challenges and deadlines. It's what keeps you so focused and determined. It wouldn't hurt to lose focus for a day occasionally. Make the 6th a do nothing day.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18) You'll be on a real "roll" and going like a dynamo up until the 4th. Planetary vibes shift after that and the "speed limit" noticeably drops. That marvelous sense of humor should keep things from becoming too overwhelming. Stay away from the party scene for a while. Your body needs a break.



Pisces (February 19-March 19) Both you and Sagittarius are consumed with thoughts of travel and fun times. Don't "daydream" too much or it'll start to affect your job performance. That new living room furniture looks incredible. Who would know you got it "for a song." You'll be feeling especially creative on the 7th & 8th.

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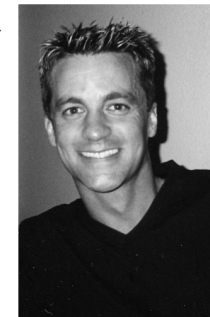


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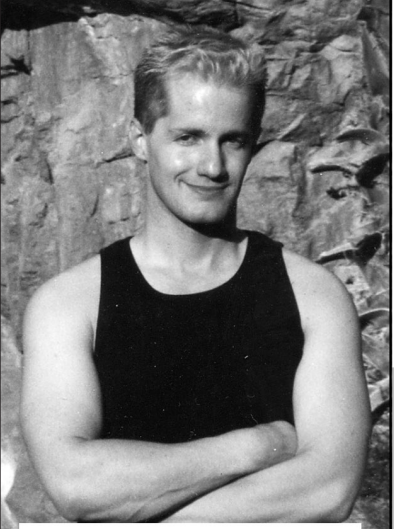
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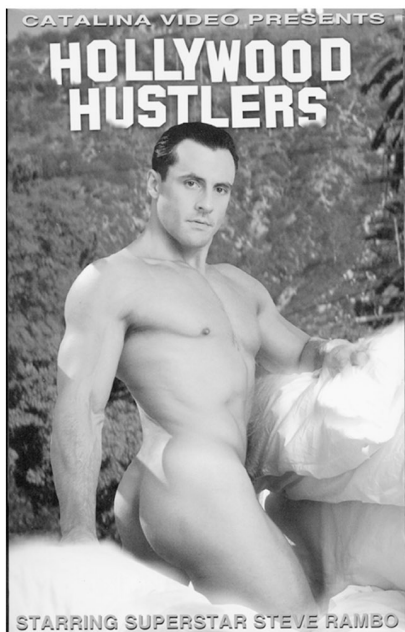


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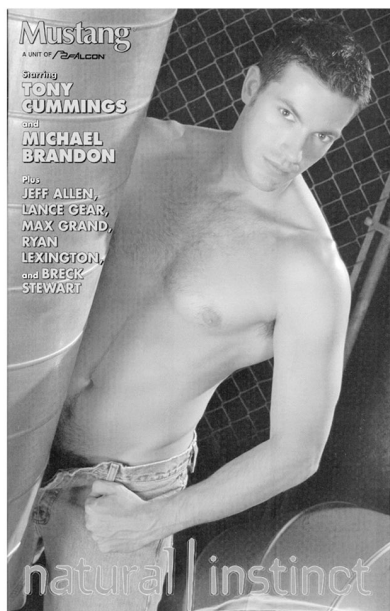
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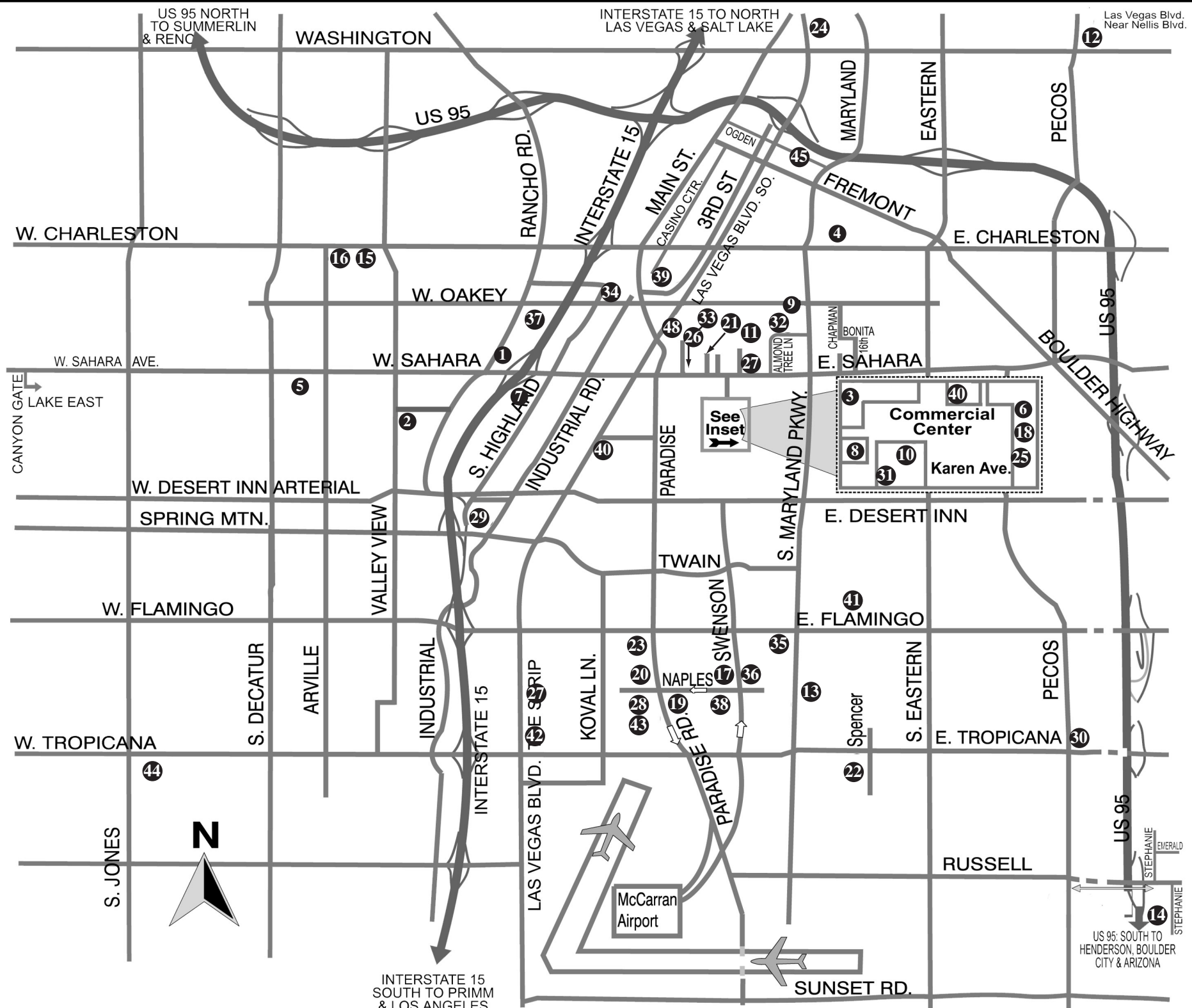
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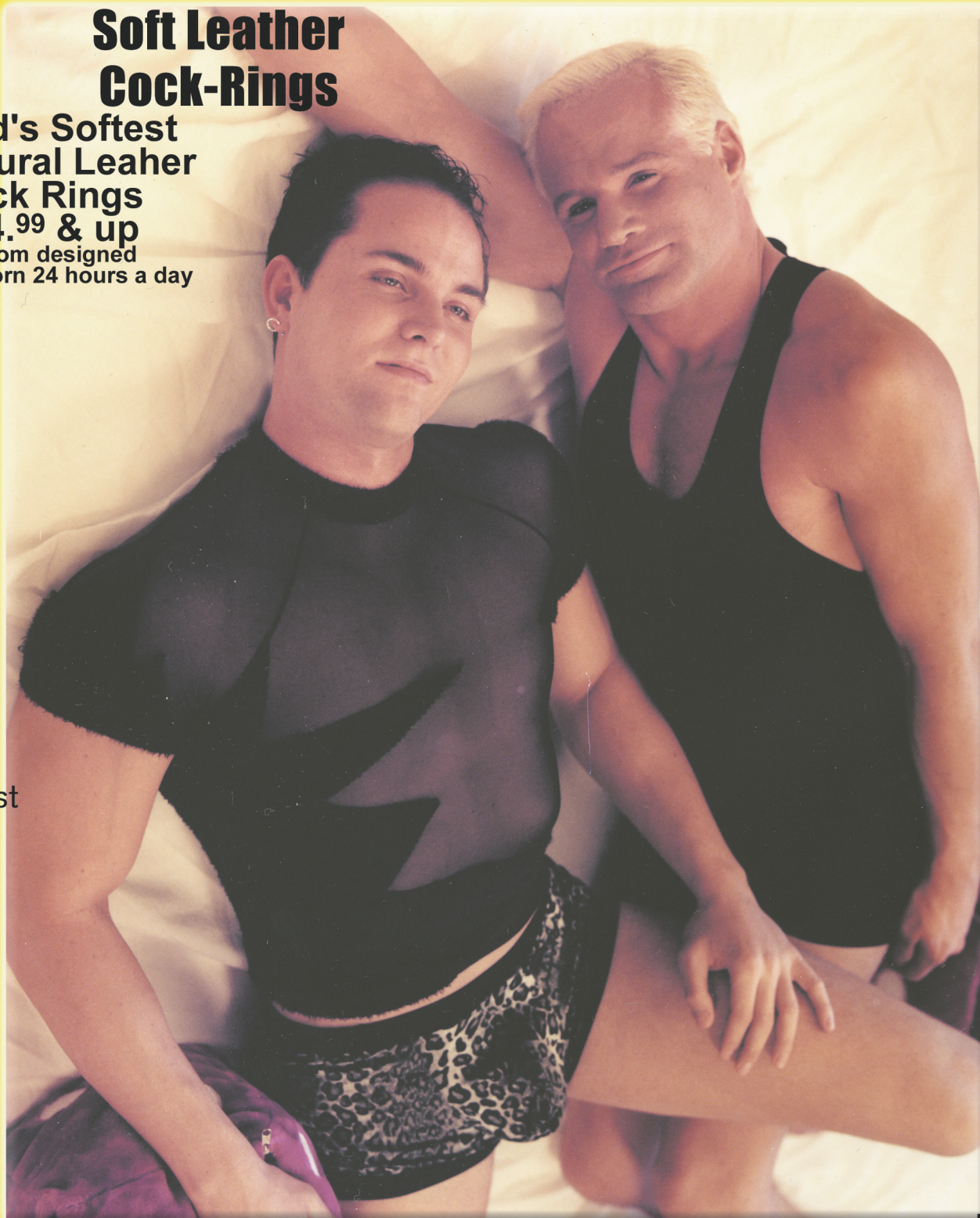


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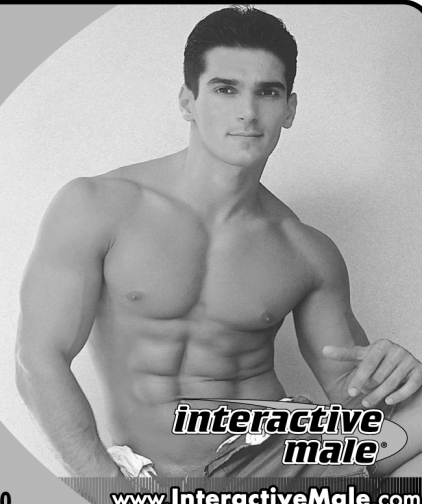
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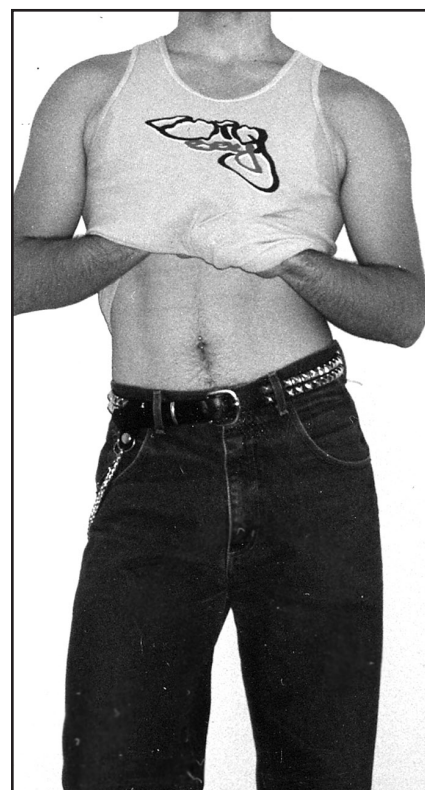
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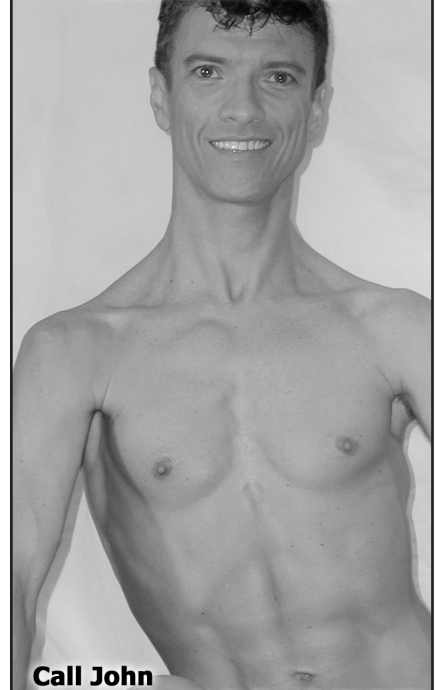
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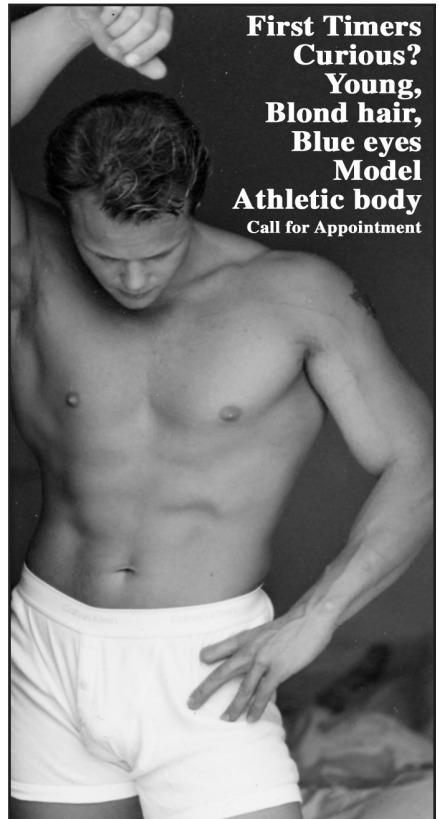


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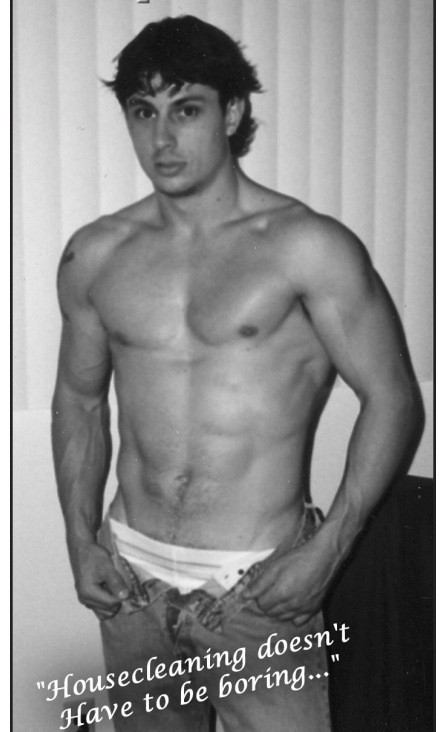
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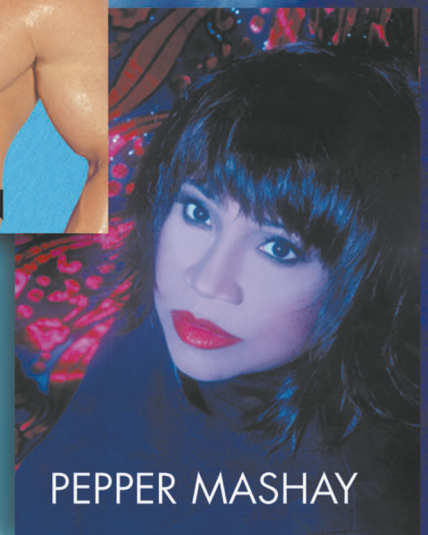
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