

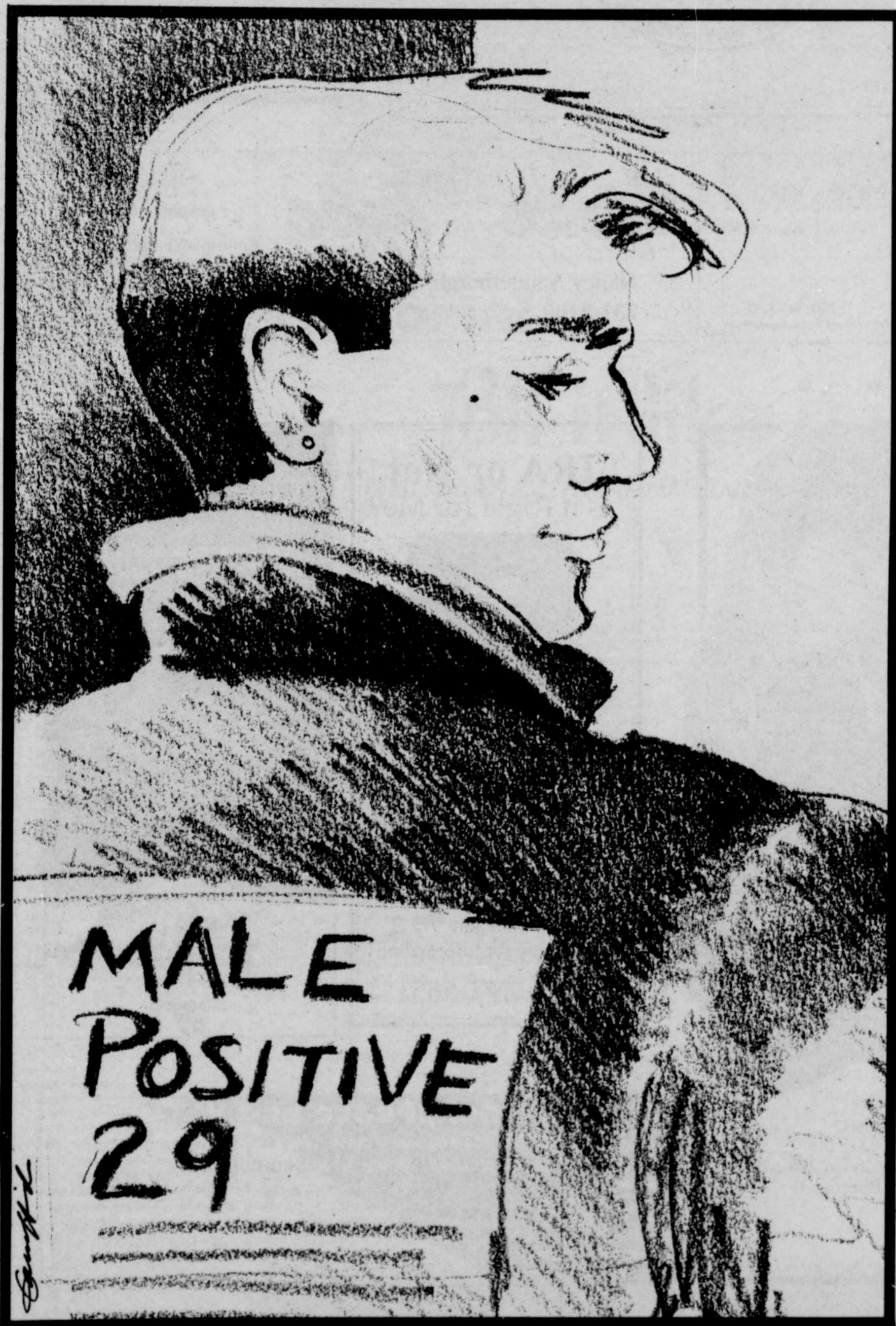
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HIV, Mon Amour

by Andrew Miller

Duncan and I were deep in conversation when my eyes drifted over to the cute red-haired boy wearing a leather jacket. No uncommon occurrences so far.

He was facing away from me, sitting at the table where the football players had been. But it was the back of his jacket I was staring at. In fine AIDS-activist, radical-mod fashion, he had affixed a huge sticker to the leather, right between the shoulder blades. But far beyond the standard pink-and-black silence/violence fare, this manifesto was unlike anything I had ever read before.

The sticker, printed with its first three words enlarged and overlaid on the smaller, black-and-white text, began, "Male/Positive/29."

"The last one dumped me for a pretty negative," the text continued. "Although he was accepting of my status, he said there wasn't enough passion in our relationship. I agreed: It's hard to feel passion when your partner's afraid to kiss." (See page 14)

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