

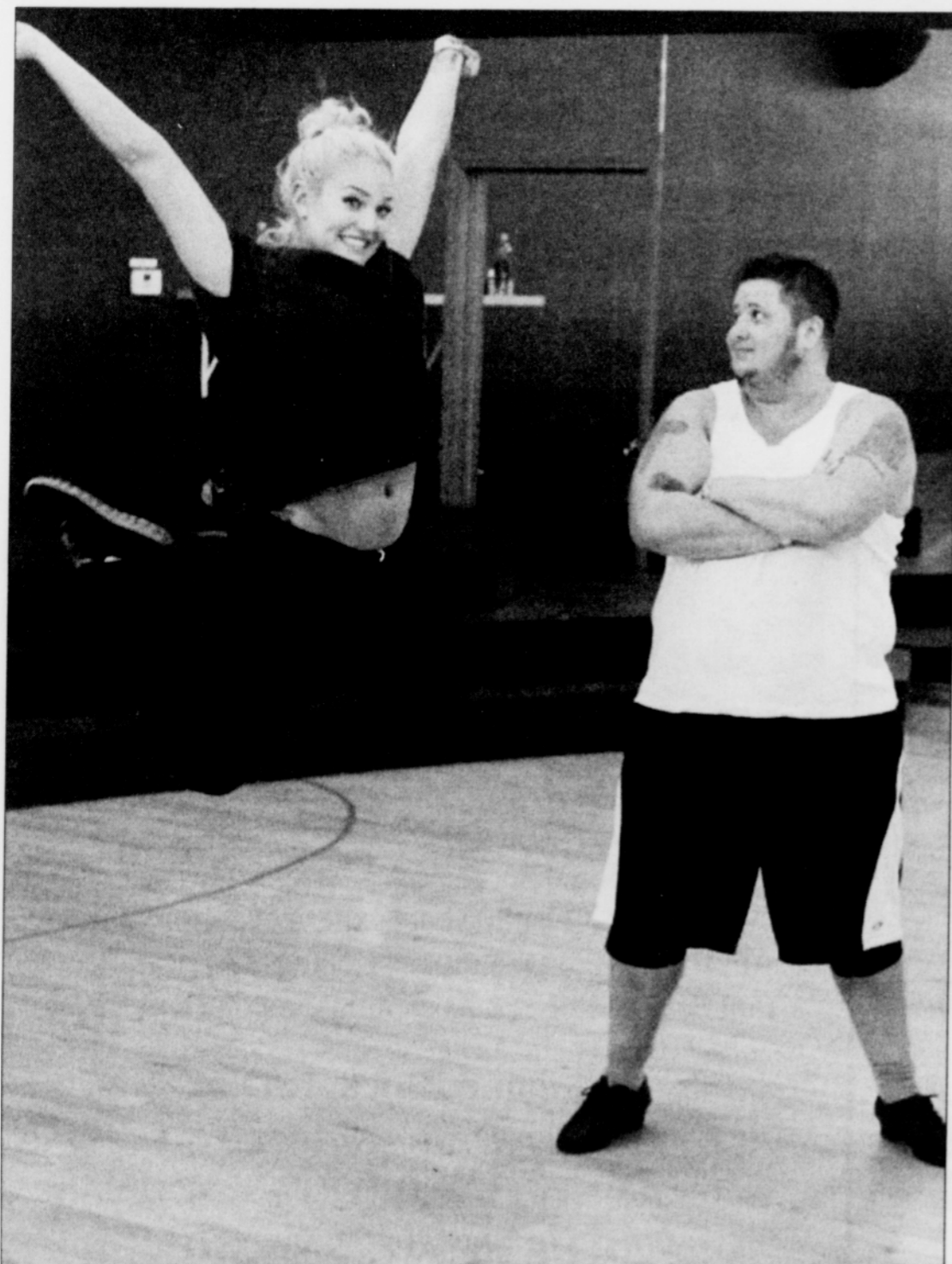
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'The Help' Box Office Hit

Viola Davis (left) and Octavia Spencer in a scene from 'The Help.' The acclaimed drama about Southern black maids was No. 1 at the box office for the third-straight week after the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Chaz Bono Ignores Controversy



Chaz Bono and Lacey Schwimmer (left) pose for a photo while rehearsing for the upcoming season of "Dancing of the Stars". The new season premieres Sept. 19 on ABC.

(AP) — Chaz Bono isn't thinking about the controversy surrounding his casting on "Dancing With the Stars." He says he's been flooded with fan support and is focused on the cha-cha.

Bono is the show's first transgender contestant, and some viewers and conservative media groups have responded to his casting with hateful blog posts and calls for a boycott of the hit ABC show.

But at a rehearsal in Los Angeles last week, the 42-year-old author and activist said he hasn't looked at the negative posts on the network's website and has received loads of support from fans on Twitter.

Bono says the controversy "hasn't taken any type of negative toll on me at all" and that he remains intent on perfecting the dance routine he'll perform in front of millions of viewers when the show premieres on Sept. 19.

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