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WHO WOULDN'T WANT to befriend the woman who befriended James Dean, Rock Hudson, and Montgomery Clift? "And Michael Jackson!" laughs playwright and screenwriter Paul Rudnick. Jackson may be straight, but the writer notes that the eternal diva has "befriended every gay male person in history." *Larger-than-life* doesn't begin to describe her appeal. She's unlucky in love but ever hopeful. She's still one of the most beautiful women in the world. She has starred in film classics (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*) and notorious boondoggles (*Cleopatra*). And, of course, she's a hero. "She took great risks early on by linking herself to the AIDS crisis," notes producer Barry Krost. Other celebrities are just following her lead. And we'd follow her anywhere.

# elizabeth DOLE

SAYING ELIZABETH DOLE'S SEEMINGLY HIGH VOTE of confidence among our male readers is a surprise is an understatement as grand as a certain canyon in Arizona. True, before she dropped out of the presidential race in October, she had made polite noises about gay support, going so far as to say she wouldn't disqualify someone for a post simply because he was gay. Still, that's a far cry from being proactive on gay issues. Perhaps the things that endear Dole to some gay men are her talk show-host ability to charm a crowd and her calm approach to a husband who

shares his sexual impotence problems with the world. Rich Tafel, executive director of the gay group Log Cabin Republicans, says he thinks Dole's campaign shut down "because she doesn't have a message," but he adds, "She's a strong figure, and a lot of people respect that."

