

HOUSTON VOICE

A COMMUNITY NEWS PUBLICATION • FEBRUARY 25, 1994 • ISSUE 696

HOUSTON (713) 529-8490 • NATIONWIDE (800) 729-8490 • FAX (713) 529-9531

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

Interviews with
Rev. Bruce Hilton and
author Randy P. Conner

Review of Stages'
"Jeffrey"

Several Gay political organizations announce primary endorsements

ELECTION '94

By GLENN STEHLE and SHERI COHEN
DARBONNE

Houston Voice/Houston

The San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus announced its endorsements last week for the March 8 primary, wrapping up the sweep season for Texas Gay political organization's endorsements. The Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus had issued its endorsement list the week before, and the Dallas and Houston PACs held their endorsement meetings in early February.

Not surprisingly, Texas Supreme Court candidates Rene Haas (Place 1) and Jimmy Carroll (Place 3), have received multiple endorsements in the Democratic primary, as did Houstonian Frances M. "Poppy" Northcutt, candidate for Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2. Alice Oliver Parrot was endorsed for Supreme Court, Place 2 in Houston and Austin but failed to return the

SALGPC's questionnaire in time to win the San Antonio endorsement. Charles ("Charlie") Baird was endorsed for Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals in Houston and San Antonio.

The Supreme Court races are considered crucially important in the wake of the conservative-dominated sitting court's recent refusal, by a 5-4 vote, to hear the "Morales et al v. State of Texas" challenge to 21.06, Texas' homosexual conduct statute. (See related story in this issue). Carroll, as Chief Justice of the 3rd Appeals Court in Austin, had authored that court's ruling overturning the so-called



Poppy Northcutt: endorsed across Texas

sodomy statute, which was appealed by Attorney General Dan Morales

Although SALGPC could not officially endorse Parrott, members voted to publicize her Austin and Houston endorsements.

With the San Antonio group's endorsement, Northcutt now has the backing of virtually every Gay, liberal, and feminist PAC in the state for the Criminal Appeals court position. The Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's other high court, would be the "last stop" to hear a future challenge to 21.06, if one were to be directed through the criminal courts. Northcutt is endorsed by the Gay PACs in Dallas, Houston, Austin and San

Antonio, as well as the Harris County Democrats, Central Austin Democrats and Texas Women's Political Caucus.

San Antonio

The position taken by two candidates concerning rights for same-sex domestic partners cost them the SALGPC endorsement. Richard Fisher, candidate for U.S. Senate, and Carmen Kelsey, incumbent 289th District Court Judge, both responded to questions concerning domestic partnership rights in the same way: that they would support them for couples in a legally recognized marriage.

The SALGPC, however, deemed this answer unacceptable. Since same-sex marriages are recognized in only one state—Hawaii—the positions taken by Richards and Fisher would effectively preclude same-sex couples from participating in the same privileges as heterosexual couples everywhere else. (Continued on Page 4)

Pioneering Gay journalist Randy Shilts dies of AIDS at 42



Randy Shilts (shown in an April, 1993 AP file photo) journalist and acclaimed author, died Feb. 17 in San Francisco. (Photo by Mark Hundley, Associated Press)

From STAFF and WIRE REPORTS

Randy Shilts, the journalist who chronicled the AIDS epidemic—beginning before the disease even had a name—in his San Francisco Chronicle column and his best-selling 1987 book "And the Band Played On," died last Thursday, Feb. 17, less than a year after going public with his own HIV status. He was 42.

He was also the author of "Conduct Unbecoming: Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. Military," published last year, a book that described the turmoil of Gay soldiers who were targets of investigation under the U.S. military's ban on

homosexuality. Its release, deliberately or not, coinciding with last year's hearings on the military ban, "Conduct Unbecoming" also became a best seller.

He also wrote "Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk," in 1982. The book, which told the story of the openly Gay San Francisco city supervisor who was murdered in 1978 along with then-mayor George Moscone, is the basis of a film in development at Warner Brothers, to be co-produced and directed by Oliver Stone.

(Continued on Page 5)

LGRL calls rally in Midland in response to minimally publicized murder

AROUND THE STATE

On April 4, 1993, Tommy Musick of Midland was shot four times in the back of the head by Ramsey Harrell, 17, as he and Scott Thomas, 17 attempted to rob Musick. Musick was a 48 year old gay man who lived in Midland and worked as a hairdresser.

The two teenagers were charged with capital murder on April 16, 1993.

When the trial began on Feb. 8, 1994, defense attorneys did not dispute the fact that Harrell shot Musick. They said that Harrell had become temporarily insane after Tommy Musick, who was HIV positive, allegedly made sexual advances towards Scott Thomas. The referred to this as a "homosexual attack."

Throughout the trial, the defense focused on Musick's homosexuality. As a result, the jury decided to convict Harrell of murder instead of capital murder. This means Harrell will serve approximately 2 years of a 12 year sentence.

According to Jerry Hon, 40, who was Musick's partner for 20 years, "Ramsey Harrell was never on trial, Tommy and his lifestyle were on trial. Our relationship was on trial." Reverend Billy Charles Cawley of Prodigal Ministries Community Church witnessed most of the trial. He stated, "The jury allowed Harrell to be sentenced for the lesser charge because of their prejudice against gay people. As a result, Tommy Musick got no justice. This sends a clear message that if you kill a gay person, you will not be punished."

Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas said, "This case illustrates that not only are lesbians and gays victims of violence in Texas, but lesbians and gays are also not

treated fairly by the judicial system. This is happening all over Texas. In San Antonio, Charlie Resendez' murder did no prison time for slashing Resendez' throat. In Houston, Paul Broussard was murdered in a brutal hate crime in 1991. His murderers are presently up for parole after only two years.

This week, Hardy-Garcia met with Jerry Hon, Reverend Cawley and residents of West Texas Prodigal Community Church to organize a response to this injustice. The group decided to hold a rally in Midland on April 9, 1994 to bring attention to Tommy Musick's case.

In January, a rally was held in Tyler in response to Gay-bashing murder that happened there in December. That event was not intended as a protest, but to raise awareness.

Organizers succeeded in that objective: over the next month, numerous newspapers carried lengthy articles about the extreme prejudice and hatred faced by Gays and Lesbians who live in smaller Texas towns.

Hon stated, "We want people to know what a good man Tommy was and that he deserved justice and fairness." Reverend Cawley explained, "We will ask people to stand with us because everyone deserves justice regardless of race, gender, and sexual orientation."

Hardy-Garcia added, "We hope this rally will be attended by people all over Texas who believe in equal justice for all. We will not remain silent about Tommy's murder or the discrimination and prejudice that existed in this trial."

The rally is scheduled for April 9, 1994 at 4:00 p.m. in Centennial Plaza in Midland, Texas.

Pope critical of European resolution on gay marriages

VATICAN CITY, Sunday, Feb. 20 (AP)—Pope John Paul II on Sunday assailed a resolution of the European Parliament that homosexual couples should be allowed to marry and adopt children.

The pope said it would legi-

timatize a "moral disorder" and urged the various parliaments in Western Europe to distance themselves from the measure.

The resolution, which is non-binding, was presented by German Greens deputy Claudia Roth and

adopted Feb. 8 by a vote of 159-96.

John Paul, in weekly remarks from his apartment window to a crowd below in St. Peter's Square, said a "real family" cannot be built around the relationship between two men or two women.

Such unions, he said, would cause "grave damage" to any adopted children because they would not have "a father and a mother but two fathers or two mothers."

The church considers homosexuality a disorder and homosexual

activity immoral.

Vatican news media have issued a series of attacks against the resolution in the European Parliament, but it was the first time the pope has spoken out against it.

On March 8th, the Hispanic community will finally obtain a seat and a voice in the Harris County State Senate delegation. The Montrose, Heights, feminist, progressive and Gay/Lesbian communities may well determine which candidate will gain that historic office. For those familiar with the candidates, their histories and their commitments to our joint issues, the choice is obvious — Roman Martinez.

Roman Martinez deserves our support and will add an eloquent voice for our issues in the Texas Senate.



Compare and Choose

ROMAN MARTINEZ	Opponent #1	Opponent #2
Openly supported the gay/lesbian movement for city council representation last year.	She took no stand.	He took no stand.
Is the sole candidate for Texas legislative office to pledge to vote against any HIV mandatory testing program.	No such commitment.	Voted against anti-HIV legislation in 1993.
Appealed to Ann Richards to veto the new Texas criminal code because of its inclusion of the criminalization of gay relations.	No such request.	Voted twice to keep criminalization of gay relationships in 1993.
Joined federal, county, and city officials in getting approval from the U.S. Dept. of Justice for use of millions of dollars of drug confiscation money for HIV education.	No stand.	No stand.
Actively campaigned for and used gay/lesbian support and endorsements during his entire political career.	In 1992, she refused to acknowledge the GLPC endorsement if it was received. (It was not!) Her opponent in that race accused her of gay baiting.	Did not screen with gay/lesbian group.
Roman has consistently fought for choice for women.	Opponent missed the only major vote on choice during her entire political career.	
Roman has been in the forefront of fighting for judicial selection by district. (The only route for minority & progressive & gay/lesbian judgeships.)	Opponent opposes this plan.	
Roman, while working with area youth to stop criminal gang activity, is a proponent of rehabilitation of youth offenders.	Opponent proposes lowering the age of criminal adult punishment to include 14 year old children.	
Has a ten year record of legislative accomplishments—a record unsurpassed by any candidate for Texas legislative office.	Served for one term in the Texas House and can claim passage of no bills.	Has one of the worst 1991 records on human rights and AIDS concerns in the Harris County Delegation.
Has pledged to filibuster against continued criminalization of gay/lesbian relationships.	No stand.	Voted twice to keep the present criminalization of gay relationships on the books.

Roman is the only candidate to attend the GLPC endorsement meeting, the only candidate to attend the GLPC dinner, the only candidate to actively campaign and block walk in the Montrose, Heights and other non Hispanic precincts of his district—all of this demonstrating an interest in ensuring that his seat in the Senate will not only give the Hispanic community a voice of their own but will be a sounding board for the progressive agendas of his entire Senate district.

Roman Martinez has earned our respect and deserves our support on March 8th.

A seat at the table is only as valuable as the conscience that occupies it. Let's help elect Roman Martinez our next State Senator!

A New Senator For A New District



Sesame Street Blues

Reader: GLPC doesn't speak for all; benefit hosts, performers get thanks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From DR. JAMES NOWLIN, PHD
Houston, Texas

I'm a professional male and a member of the Gay community.

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus is a worthy organization, but does not speak for all of us.

I voice my support for SHEILA JACKSON LEE and BEN REYES.

River Of Dreams

From DON GILL
Houston, Texas

On Sunday, Feb. 13 on the patio at Mary's, a fundraiser for the Names Project and Stone Soup was hosted on my behalf by Mary's and its staff. Master of Ceremonies Don Dowden and Mistress of Ceremonies Richard "Maude," along with performers Lady Victoria Lust, Richard Bang, Brian Keever, Al Critz Jr., Jerry Moran, Mark Press, Andrew Flores, Peggy McCue Rhoads, Pamela Prestridge, Scotty (Mary's) and Rita (Mary's), proved that a community that stands together can create a "River of

Dreams."

This fundraiser was designed to raise funds for my candidacy for Mr. Prime Choice, a contest that allows its contestants to raise money to help our friends in need. The Mr. Prime Choice contest will be hosted by the Ripcord on Feb. 27. It is an honor for me to be a part of the community service that the Ripcord stands for. To win the title of Mr. Prime Choice would make this Pea Picker from Louisiana a happy man. But no matter who wins the contest, we the contestants can look back and be satisfied that we serve an important purpose: to raise awareness of the needs of our Montrose family who need the assistance these fundraisers have provided.

The River of Dreams benefit raised \$566 to assist the Names Project and Stone Soup. Thank you to all who contributed. I would also like to say a special thank you to the Venture-N for your \$100 donation. Studio 911 has matched the V-N donation (seems like that has happened before—August 1992).

Finally, I would like to say to all that helped make my day in the sun one to remember forever: Thank you very much.

Endorsed candidates' votes measure our political strength

GUEST COMMENTARY

By RAY HILL

Houston Gay activist

In reference to her support of a candidate running opposed to a one endorsed by Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, one of the former leaders of Lesbian and Gay Pride Week was recently quoted saying: "The Caucus does not speak for me."

Then, as a member of the gay and lesbian community, no one politically speaks for her. The only way our political strength can be measured is by taking the HGLPC endorsement card and comparing the election results of the endorsed candidate with their opponents.

From time to time, there have been other community alliances and PACs organized with the specific purpose of opposing Caucus endorsements. These groups are always composed of the same people with illusions of broad support but with little real influence. In my political career I have had their

endorsement in some races and not in others. One cannot find any difference in the election returns that would indicate any of these groups have any influence at all. They exist for the sole purpose of creating a closet to hide a few gay lesbian voters from being counted in an estimation of our political strength.

Another aspect of these alliances and PACs is the internal quarrels over who is "King Maker." Their process is not an open one. Two or three people decide who gets the major endorsements and the rank and file (if any) approve that list in a single vote. Compare that to the process at the Caucus. Anyone may participate by joining HGLPC 30 days prior to the endorsement meeting. Even those who join that night may debate, but they must be members for 30 days to vote. The debate is frequently spirited but few decisions are close. The newest member has the same vote as one of the founders and sometimes more influence on the outcome of the debate than long time members.

I have never left a Caucus endorse-

ment meeting without losing a few debates. Nevertheless I vote the card for two good reasons: More of us can make better decisions than few of us and the only gage of our strength is the votes for the candidates on that card.

The Caucus choose not to endorse in one major race and several minor races because we were too divided to reach a clear decision or the screening process and debate provided no clearly deserving candidate. That just proves the value and honesty of the process. But in the races where the Caucus reached a decision, those candidates deserve your confidence and support.

Pay no attention to the goggle of naysayers trying to lure you away from the endorsed candidates. Some of them have personal or financial gain in their choices, others are just seduced by getting some attention from a skillful politician.

No minority can ever establish its true political strength without exercising a block vote. Unless they vote as a group they are just politically active individ-

uals. Being politically active is certainly laudable and can effect policy and attitude but the unified voting block is the strongest, most effective political tool available. By delivering a solid 5 percent or 6 percent of the total vote in a block the community can win any election decided by 10 percent or 12 percent margin. HGLPC has proven that many times. The community's vote and election day turnout put George Greanias on City Council in a stunning last minute turnaround when Precinct 34 came in late leaving his opponent at the TV station with nothing to celebrate. In the same way we put Mickey Leland in Congress, filled his empty seat with Craig Washington and put many judges on the bench. Our interests and the whole political process have benefited as a result. The most important thing you can do is vote. Otherwise you do not exist in the political process. The next important thing you can do is vote in a block with your community. Otherwise your community does not exist in the political process.

Supreme Court races offer Gay and Lesbian voters clear choices

ELECTION '94

By GLENN STEHLE

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Chief Justice Jimmy Carroll of the Court of Appeals in Austin ruled to overturn Texas' "sodomy statute," 21.06.

That ruling did not stand, however, as the case was recently rejected by the Texas Supreme Court in what, for Texas gays and lesbians, was an excruciatingly close 5-4 vote.

So now, Chief Justice Jimmy Carroll is running for a position on the Texas Supreme Court himself.

Carroll's candidacy is just one example of the clear choices facing Texas Gay and Lesbian voters in the March 8 Democratic primary. Two other Supreme Court candidates, Rene Haas and Alice Oliver Parrott, are also perceived to be highly supportive of the state constitutional right of

privacy that served as the basis in overturning 21.06.

In the Court of Appeals ruling affirming 21.06's unconstitutionality, Carroll wrote, "...we can think of nothing more fundamentally private and deserving of protection than sexual behavior between consenting adults in private.

"The state offers the implementation of public morality as the sole compelling objective to justify 21.06. we are mindful that homosexual conduct is abhorrent to the morals and deeply held beliefs of many people. However, the state makes no showing that criminalizing private conduct engaged in by consenting adults in any way advances public morality.

"Further, it is disingenuous to suggest that 21.06 serves to protect public morality when the state readily concedes that it rarely, if ever, enforces this

statute. If Lesbians and Gay men pose such a threat to the State, then why does the State not enforce the statute on a regular basis by investigating suspected homosexuals, obtaining search warrants, making arrests and prosecuting offenders?"

Gays and Lesbians "are confronted with this dilemma: They suffer actual harm from the existence of 21.06, harm that the state acknowledges, yet they are unable to attack the statute's constitutionality because of the State's apparent refusal to enforce the statute."

"Since the State has not met its burden of showing that a compelling governmental objective justifies the intrusion 21.06 makes into appellees' private lives, we sustain the district court's ruling that 21.06 is unconstitutional because it violates appellees' right of privacy."

The Supreme Court refused last month to hear the case, ruling that the civil appeals court lacked jurisdiction to rule on the constitutionality of a criminal statute.

Rene Haas is facing incumbent Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzales in the March 8 Democratic primary. Gonzales is one of the five Supreme court justices who voted to "reinstate" 21.06 by invalidating the opinion of Justice Carroll. Gonzales has been targeted for defeat not only by Gay rights activist, but by Hispanic leaders as well. Three Hispanic state senators recently toured the state campaigning for his defeat.

Justice Alice Oliver Parrott, who is currently Chief Justice of the 1st Court of Appeals in Houston, faces Mike Westergren in the Democratic primary. A primary victory for Parrott will pit her against incumbent Supreme Court Jus-

tice Nathan Hecht (R) in the November general election. Hecht, who is also one the five justices who voted to reinstate 21.06, is perceived by many Gay rights activists to be the most right wing member of the Texas Supreme Court.

Both Haas and Parrott have stated more reasonable views of equal protection provisions of the Constitution. "I want the Constitution to be strong...and strengthened by just statutes that are inclusive of our society...that include everyone in a just, fair and reasonable way," said Parrott in a recent speech at a conference.

(Glenn Stehle is a Texas Gay activist and political researcher/reporter who currently serves as chair of the Political Action Committee of the San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus).

Debated issues vary from city to city; Mattox endorsed in Austin, SA

(Continued from Page 1)

The debate over what rights and benefits same sex partners should be entitled to was brought to the forefront by recent events in Williamson County, Texas. Apple Computer Corporation was denied tax abatements for a new \$80 million facility because they offer unmarried domestic partners, including same sex couples, health care benefits.

Both Kelsey and Fisher sought the SALGPC endorsement and, other than the domestic partner rights

question, answered the SALGPC questionnaire positively. A number of steering committee members stated that, prior to hearing of fisher's domestic partners stand, they were predisposed to endorsing him.

SALGPC endorsed Jim Mattox for U.S. Senate, as did HGLPC in Houston and ALGPC in Austin earlier. Other endorsements: Supreme Court, Place 1, Rene Haas; Place 3, Jimmy Carroll. Court of Criminal Appeals, Presiding Judge, Charles Baird; Place 2, Poppy Northcutt. State Rep., Dist. 115, dual endorsement—Leticia Van de Putte or Arnulfo Ortiz. 186th District Court, Albert Rodriguez. 197th District Court, dual endorsement—Gabe Quintanilla or Kathy Colvin. County Court, Place 9, Bonnie Reed. J.P., Pct. 1, Place 2, Al Alonso. Bexar County District Attorney, Fred Rodriguez.

Austin Endorsements

ALGPC endorsed 33 individuals in both primaries. In the Democratic primary, the endorsements were: U.S. Senate, Jim Mattox; U.S. Rep., Dist. 10, Lloyd Doggett. Governor, Ann Richards. State Treasurer, Grady Yarborough. Land Commissioner, Garry Mauro. Railroad Commissioner (Unexpired), Mary Scott Nabors; Railroad Commissioner (Full Term), Robert Earley. Supreme Court, Place 1, Rene Haas; Place 2, Alice Oliver Parrot; Place 3, Jimmy Carroll. Criminal Appeals Court, Place 1, Poppy Northcutt. State



Showing their support for U.S. Rep. Craig Washington at a reception last Sunday, are Sue Lovell, Rep. Maxine Waters; and, at right, State Rep. Debra Danburg

Representative, Dist. 48, Sherry Greenberg; Dist. 49, Elliott Naishtat; Dist. 50, Dawna Dukes; Dist. 51, Glen Maxey. Third Court of Appeals, Place 1, Marilyn Aboussie; Place 4, Bea Ann Smith. County Judge, Bill Aleshire; County Commissioner, Pct. 2, Kathleen "KC" Anderson; Pct. 4, Margaret Gomez. County Treasurer, John Hernandez. County Clerk, Dana DeBouvoir. 201st District Court, Suzanne Covington or Mark Kinkaid. Constable Pct. 4, Ricardo "Rocky" Medrano. Judge, County Court at Law 2, Ric Madrigal or Orlindo Naranjo. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Jan Breland; Pct. 5, Jade Meeks. Travis County Democratic Party Chair, Kirk Watson.

In a separate caucus, the Republicans in ALGPC endorsed the following candidates in the Republican primary: U.S. Representative, Dist. 10, Herbert Spiro; Criminal Appeals Court, Place 1, Steve Mansfield; State Representative, Dist. 48: Burgess Beall.

Beall and Spiro were also endorsed by the Austin chapter of Log Cabin Republicans in the primary.

Houston Election Notes

Incumbent U.S. Representative Craig Washington (Dist. 18, Houston) now has a new committee of high-profile supporters from the ranks of AIDS advocacy. Formation of the "HIV Committee for Washington" was announced at a recent private fundraiser for the Congress member, who is endorsed by HGLPC and the Human Rights Cam-

paign Fund. Members include Dr. Mathilde Krim, founding co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research; Rev. Chris Steele, chair of the former Texas Legislative Task Force on AIDS; Yale Professor Harlon Dalton and Rev. Scott Allen, both members of the National Commission on Aids.

In a newly released fundraising letter, the group calls Washington, who scored a 100-percent correct vote rating in HRCF's recently released Congressional report, "the consciences of Texas."

Meanwhile, Washington's challenger in the Democratic primary, Houston City Council member Sheila Jackson Lee, is busy organizing and amping up her own Gay and Lesbian support. She was scheduled to meet with Gay leaders, supporters and others and to speak Wednesday night at the Museum Restaurant in Montrose.

Candidate Quotes

Quotes of note from candidates in March 8 primary:

"It is my judicial philosophy that there is a right to privacy in the Texas Constitution, and that Roe v. Wade is the law of the land."—Rene Haas (State Supreme Court, Place 1).

"I have never backpedaled in my commitment to defend the rights of all Texans. A high standard of judicial integrity often requires fortitude and courage."—Jimmy Carroll (State Supreme Court, Place 3).

"I have long believed that government should stay out of women's wombs and people's bedrooms."—Poppy Northcutt (Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1).

"I will be a judge who believes in equal rights for every citizen of Texas."—Alice Oliver Parrott (State Supreme Court, Place 2).

(Editor's Note: The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus' endorsements were published on the front page of the Feb. 11 (694) issue of the Houston Voice).

IN MEMORY OF



DANNY JOE McBROOM

Danny Joe was born in Atlanta, Georgia, August 7th, 1959 and went to be with Jesus.

He graduated from Reagan High School, class of '77. He was last employed with Half Price Books at Hyde Park and Waugh.

Danny Joe is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. James R. McBroom of Cold Springs, Texas; sister, Dempsey McCain of Lawrenceville, Georgia; brother, James E. McBroom of Houston; a nephew, two nieces, aunts, uncles and a host of friends.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: And the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: And so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Till we meet in Heaven,
Love, Chuck

HOUSTON VOICE

ISSUE 696

February 25, 1994

Published Fridays

Established 1974 as the Houston Montrose Star, re-established 1980 as the Houston Montrose Voice, changed name to The New Voice in 1991 incorporating the New Orleans Crescent City Star, re-established December 1, 1993 as the Houston Voice

811 Westheimer, Suite 105

Houston, Texas 77006

(713) 529-8490

(800) 729-8490

Fax: (713) 529-9531

Contents copyright 1994

Office Hours: 9am-5:30pm weekdays

Tad Nelson/publisher
Jim Cheek/production manager

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
Sheri Cohen Darbonne/editor
John Reed/entertainment editor
Judith Meyer/book review editor
STAFF WRITERS:
Vada Carroll, Bob Ainsworth,
Jon Harrison, Javier Tamez

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS:
David Batterson, Leonard Earl Johnson,
Brian Reed, Paul Varnell

CARTOONISTS
David Brady, Leanne Franson, Cat Meyer

PHOTOGRAPHERS
Ray Downing, Bob Thomas

ADVERTISING SALES DEPARTMENT
HOUSTON
Don Dowden, Carolyn A. Larson, Ron Shawn
Galveston/Jerry Steuart
Rio Grande Valley/Alicia Lugo, Laura Coffey
San Antonio/Lefty Taylor

CLASSIFIEDS & PERSONALS
Mike Prince

NATIONAL ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE
Michael Gravois, Rivendale Marketing,
POB 1268, Plainfield, NJ (908) 769-8850

Notice to advertisers:
Advertising rate schedule twelve was effective Jan. 17, 1994

—Partial or complete reproduction of any advertisement, news article or feature, copy or photograph from the Houston Voice is specifically prohibited by federal statute.

—Opinions expressed by columnists or cartoonists are not necessarily those of the Houston Voice or its staff and we assume no liability for the content expressed or implied of said articles or likenesses of persons living or dead, real or fictional in the cartoons.

—Publication of the name or photograph of any person or organization in articles or advertising in the Houston Voice is not to be construed as any indication of the sexual orientation of said person or organization.

POSTMASTER: Send address corrections to 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006
Subscription rate in US (by carrier or US Mail): \$1.75 per week (\$45.50 per 6 months or \$91.00 per year)

Display advertising deadline: 12:00 p.m. CT Monday to reserve space, 5:00 p.m. CT Monday to furnish ad copy, for Friday publication

Classified advertising deadline: noon CT Monday for Friday publication

Responsibility: We do not assume financial responsibility for claims by advertisers but readers are asked to advise the newspaper of any suspicion of fraudulent or deceptive advertising and suspicions will be investigated

Member: National Gay Newspaper Guild; Gay & Lesbian Press Association; Associate member: Associated Press

Gay Air Force captain wants second hearing

OMAHA, Neb., Tuesday, Feb. 15 (AP)—An officer stationed at Offutt Air Force Base hopes the new rules governing gays in the military will allow him to stay in uniform.

An acknowledged homosexual, Air Force Capt. Rich Richenberg said he expects to get a second hearing based on the revised guidelines supported by President Clinton.

In December, a three-panel tribunal of Air Force officers recommended that Richenberg be given a general discharge because he is gay.

That decision was based on the old regulations banning gays in the military.

But a recent memo prepared by Edwin Dorn, assistant secretary of defense for personnel, said members of the military who had been discharged under the old rules could request a second hearing under the new.

To advertise in Houston Voice Classifieds
Call (713) 529-8490 or (800) 729-8490 if not in Houston. Office hours are 9 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday.

FREE Tanning Package
Get A Head Start For The Summer!
Look Good Before Everyone Else!
Limited Number Of Packages Available!!
Call Now
528 - 1333
BODY APPRECIATION CENTER

1307 FAIRVIEW
(3 blocks West of Montrose)
(713) 529-1414
THE TIRE PLACE INC.
• Alignment • Brakes
Cooper TIRES

106 Navarro
San Antonio, Tx
El Jardin (210) 223-7177
Happy Hour Everyday
Where Old Friends Meet and New Ones
The Best Time At The Oldest Gay Bar In S.A.
Bloodiest Screws \$1.00 Til 3pm

Academics, journalists, activists remember Randy Shilts

(Continued from Page 1)

"And the Band Played On," an exhaustive history of the early years of AIDS, exposed the behind-the-scenes manipulation and neglect of government and the medical establishment. It was made into a cable movie, with an all-star cast, which aired on HBO last year.

Shilts was one of the first and best known openly Gay journalists working in the mainstream press.

"He demonstrated that you could be Gay and still write one hell of a story and play it down the middle and be balanced," said LeRoy Aarons, former editor of The Oakland Tribune and founder of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.

"Randy Shilts was our chronicler...he did more to make people aware of HIV than any single writer in the epidemic's history," said Norris Lang, openly gay associate professor and chair of the University of Houston's anthropology department.

Though Shilts' book contained some historical flaws, it was unique and necessary, and at the time of "Band's" publication, the author was "one of the very few people who even bothered to write about it," said Lang, who is studying the impact of HIV on society.

Shilts was a firm adherent to traditional journalistic principles of objectivity and distance, and as such had come under criticism by AIDS activists, particularly after admitting his own HIV status publicly for the first time in 1993. But after his death, playwright Larry Kramer, possibly the epitome of the angry activist, had nothing but praise: "He single-handedly probably did more to educate the world about AIDS than any single person," Kramer said.

Shilts first tested HIV-positive in 1985, but spoke little of it and never wrote about it, feeling it would detract from his credibility as a writer on AIDS issues. He published a weekly column in the San Francisco Chronicle titled "AIDS: the Inside Story," but did not reveal his own status in the column.

However, the writer never hid the fact that he was Gay. "When heterosexuals start hiding their wedding rings...I'll start covering up the fact that I'm Gay," he said in a 1989 interview.

On Tuesday, a service for Shilts in San Francisco drew attendance in the thousands; the service was briefly picketed by members of a fundamentalist church carrying signs with such slogans as "God Hates Fags."

Justice department representatives arrive at Mississippi's Camp Sister Spirit

OVETT, Miss., Saturday, Feb. 19 (AP)—Two mediators ordered by the U.S. Attorney General have arrived here to assess an ongoing conflict between the organizers of a feminist retreat and opponents who have vowed to drive them out of town.

The two from the department's Community Relations Service were sent by Attorney General Janet Reno to intervene and mediate in the dispute. They arrived at Camp Sister Spirit Friday.

"What is happening is a massive violation of our human rights and civil rights," said Wanda Henson, one of the camp's operators. "It's about time my government asserts those rights. We asked them to come because that's the only way to insure our safety."

Community Relations Service officials have no enforcement or investigative authorities, said Justice Department spokesperson Myron Marlin said. They act as a neutral third party to mediate over issues of community conflict.

Wanda and Brenda Henson, who consider themselves married, operate the retreat on what was once a 120-acre pig farm near Ovett, a town of about 400 residents. Many of their neighbors fear the retreat in rural Jones County will become a hub of lesbian activity.

The Hensons claim they have been subjected to constant harassment, including men with guns crossing their property and telephoned death threats.

James Hendry, among the residents opposed to the camp, does not think Justice Department intervention will solve the conflict.

"Knowing what I know, I really don't think we'll come to an agreement," Hendry said. "We are diametrically opposed in our beliefs, and quite honestly, I don't think the Hensons are looking for a peaceful resolution. I think they're looking for additional media attention."

The Hensons, who have been receiving

death threats for months, said they were grateful that CRS was trying to diffuse some of the tension.

The women said they have found armed men wandering on their property and have learned to shoot guns to protect themselves. They patrol the perimeters of the camp with loaded guns at night.

"I think they will try to find key people in the community to try to bring us to common ground so we can live in safety," Brenda Henson said.

Justice Department intervention is significant because it's the first time the federal government has responded to harassment of gays and lesbians, said Robin Kane, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"It is a very important statement from the attorney general denouncing harassment and violence of any U.S. citizen," she said.

Reno has also asked the FBI to investigate complaints that a threatening letter was mailed to the Hensons. In a letter Thursday to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Reno said she requested the investigation because federal criminal laws may have been violated.

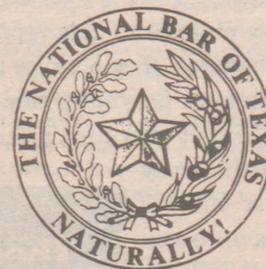
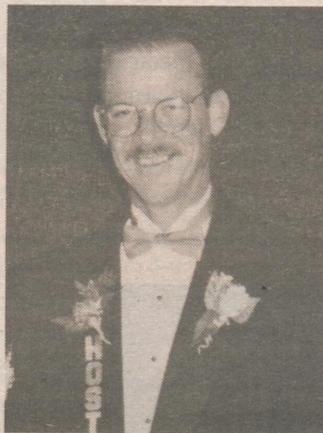
Reno said her agency was made aware of the threatening letter, which was postmarked from Gulfport, by a task force staff member. She said that if the law was violated, "appropriate action will be taken."

But Reno also stated in her letter to the task force that the federal government could not intervene on the basis of sexual orientation of those whose rights were being threatened.

"All the murders and rapes and kidnappings all over the nation and she's sending people to investigate a letter," said Richton lawyer Paul Walley, another camp opponent. "It shows the administration is out of focus and out of touch with reality."

MARRYS

...naturally!



We proudly support DON GILL
Our own Daddy of Montrose as
contestant in the Mr. Prime Choice Contest

Sat, Feb 26th on the Patio • 3 - 6pm

SOIREE' AUBERGINE RAFFLE

Benefitting Bering Care Foundation Meals Program

Prizes: Motorcycle, Trips, Many More

Drawing: Sun, Feb 27th at Gentry

EVERY SUNDAY Open at 10 AM for
BRUNCH By The WOLFPACK
And Happy Hour from 10 AM TILL 2 PM

ALL SHOTS OF CUERVO

Tuesdays • \$2.00

HUMP DAY WEDNESDAY

Happy Hour • All Day...All Night

SLOP SHOT POOL TOURNEY

Thursdays with Roger • Slop Shot Rules Only



HAPPY HOURS

Morning 7am-1pm • Afternoon 5pm-9pm • Saturday 7am-7pm

1022 WESTHEIMER • HOUSTON • (713) 527-9669

Oregon lesbian in National Guard gets a promotion

BEND, Ore., Saturday, Feb. 19 (AP)—Elli Work, who could be discharged from the National Guard for acknowledging publicly that she is a lesbian, has received a promotion.

Work, 33, has worked her way up from an enlisted private to first lieutenant after three years on active duty and 12 years in the National Guard.

Her discharge proceedings are on hold while officials try to clarify President Clinton's new policy for gays in the military.

"I'm just elated," Work said Friday. "Being promoted from second to first lieutenant is basically an automatic promotion, but in light of my situation ... normally all positive actions for a soldier are frozen when there's an investigation like this."

She serves as supply officer with the

206th Transportation Detachment, based in Portland.

Work said the promotion exemplifies the injustice of the military's policy against allowing openly gay people to serve.

"Something in the system is broken if I can continue to do my job, and do it well, and my superiors see that I'm fit to be promoted...yet the policy says I'm unfit to serve," she said.

Col. Mike Caldwell, spokesperson for the Oregon National Guard, said Work received the promotion because pending further clarification of military rules, she has done nothing wrong.

Politicians and military officials are still working out details of the new policy that says people shouldn't be asked about sexual preference, they shouldn't reveal it and they shouldn't be weeded out of the military solely because they are gay.



Steve Simon, President

Some companies and brokers are promising you "the most money for your life insurance policy," but they are breaking their promises.

They promise to only represent your interests...they promise to get you the most for your policy...they promise that everything is confidential...they promise you will not have to pay their fee. They promise you will get your money quickly. They promise and they promise and they promise!

And who will these brokers sell your policy to? Not the company that will pay you the most, but someone who will pay the broker the most. Think about that! And who are these "funding sources" that they are sending your personal and confidential medical records to? Someone you can check out? Someone you can trust? Someone you would want owning your life insurance policy?

And who really pays the broker's fee? You! If you worked directly

with a company like American Life Resources there would be no fee. The extra money it costs to have a middleman shop your policy to investors would go directly to you. And copies of your private and confidential medical records would not be floating around the country like a chain letter.

We don't need to find someone to purchase your policy. We don't have to wait to get you your funds after

you have been approved. We have over 50 million dollars of our own money that is solely dedicated to purchasing life insurance policies. You receive the most money possible with no hassles, no excuses and no delays.

Call us for more information. You don't need middlemen and neither do we. We keep our promises so you can keep yours!

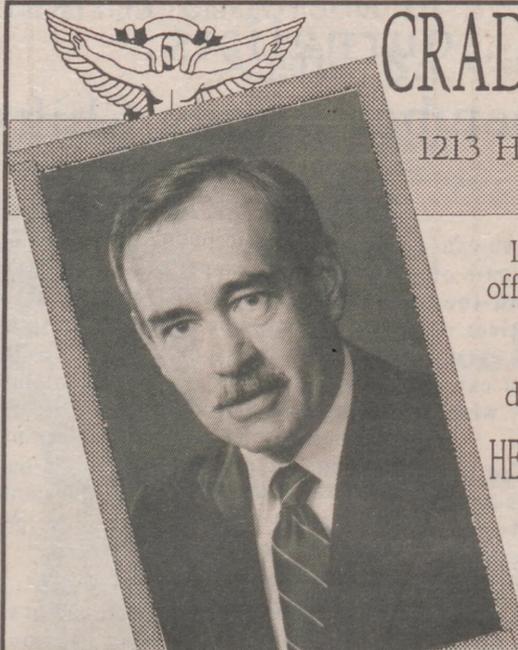
1-800-633-0407

American Life Resources®
A Viatical Settlement Company

American Life Resources is one of the oldest and largest viatical settlement companies in the world. We have helped more PWAs take control of their lives than any other organization.

There is nothing sweeter than a promise kept.

There is nothing more bitter than a promise broken.



CRAD DUREN, M.D.

1213 Hermann Dr., Suite 430
(713) 520-0653

Internal medical practice offering discreet confidential care to the community, including HIV/AIDS diagnostics & therapeutics

HEALTHCARE FROM THE HEART

Anonymous Testing & Counseling
Major Credit & Personal Checks Accepted
Insurance with Qualification
Medicare

MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER

Serving the Gay and Lesbian communities since 1978, MCC was the first non-profit to respond to the needs of persons living with HIV disease in Houston. Created in 1982, our **HIV/AIDS PROGRAM** offers:

- case management
- individual, couples, and group counseling
- substance abuse counseling
- mental health and nutritional education

for adults and adolescents and their loved ones

701 RICHMOND AVENUE
HOUSTON, TX 77006
713/529-0037

Funding for services provided by: Ryan White Care Act, Texas Department of Health, DIFFA, Houston Foundation, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Crusader against homophobia to give opening address at conference

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**

Houston Voice Editor

Today, Rev. Bruce Hilton is recognized as widely for his campaign against homophobia—which he calls "a disease...that is pervasive everywhere in society" as for his 20 years of work as director of the National Center for Bioethics. Hilton, author of five books including "Can Homophobia Be Cured" (Abingdon Press, 1992), was one of 27 people chosen to serve on the Methodist denominational committee to study homosexuality in the last quadrennium, and has lectured extensively to church, medical and scientific groups on the topic of anti-Gay prejudice.

On Friday, March 11, Rev. Hilton will deliver the keynote address to open the "Healing the Hurt: Conference On Homophobia" at the

University of Houston.

Over a decade ago, however, Hilton was unexpectedly confronted with some cobwebs he did not realize existed in the corners of his own consciousness. The socially liberal Methodist minister, who with his wife, Rev. Virginia Hilton, had been active in the 60's era Civil Rights movement in the deep south, learned that one of his own four sons was gay.

"My first reaction was disbelief...I didn't believe that kind of thing happened to 'good' parents like me," he said.

"My second thought was, did this happen because we'd moved to San Francisco—as if it were 'catching.'"

"My third reaction was concern for (my son) Phil's safety, because I was involved



Rev. Bruce Hilton, author of "Can Homophobia Be Cured"

in the civil rights movement and I knew about violence...and I knew there were Gay-bashers out there.

"At the time, I guess, there was the question in my mind as to whether this was a 'phase' or

permanent," Hilton said, noting that he was surprised at his own reaction.

"We had spent two years in Mississippi at the height of the Civil Rights movement—1965 through 1967—so our whole point of view was to be for the underdog," he explained. "In theory, in abstract, we certainly were on the side of the Gay and Lesbian people. But theory is different from dealing with it personally, within your own family. I had this sort of mild distaste, that comes from the homophobia that is so pervasive in society."

To sort things out, Hilton said he and his wife talked with their son, now 35, and "did a lot of reading." Eventually, they joined Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), the organization whose Houston chapter is organizing the

homophobia conference.

Although he concedes it is not the case for many clergy, Hilton said being a minister helped him understand that the problem was not homosexuality, but homophobia. His scientific background and his civil rights activities, and the fact that he and Virginia are "avid readers," also made his experience easier, he said.

For many people who are not Gay, shaking off society's conditioning to homophobia can be a difficult process. Hilton offers no easy answer to the question posed in the title of his book.

"I say in the book, at the end, that homophobia is like alcoholism. People who are alcoholics never say they are cured...they say they're recovering," he said. (Continued on following page)

Hawaii attorney general: bill could pave way to same-sex marriages

HONOLULU, Sunday, Feb. 20 (AP)—State Attorney General Robert Marks believes a domestic partners bill could pave the way to same-sex marriages in Hawaii.

Marks spoke out against the bill Saturday during a hearing conducted by the state Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill would allow gay couples to register as domestic couples, who would then be eligible for most of the

benefits married couples have, including medial benefits and tax exemptions.

Marks disagreed with those lawmakers who believe the bill would lead the state Supreme Court to uphold current state law which bans same-sex couples from marrying.

"We would ask that you not pass it as written, if your intention is to help us uphold the current law," Marks said.

"It's readily apparent that the bill merely provides a separate and only roughly equal accommodation, and may well be struck down as unconstitutional gender discrimination in its own right," he said.

If that happens, Marks said, the Supreme Court may be led to strike down the current law.

Marks said he was not certain that any bill, short of one that calls for an amendment to the state constitu-

tion, will assure that marriage will remain solely an option of couples of the opposite sex.

A constitutional amendment would require the question to be put to voters, something some lawmakers believe would prove divisive.

"To put the community through a constitutional amendment involving this kind of an issue would be extremely painful," Judiciary Committee Chairperson Rey Gra-

ulty said.

The domestic partners bill also drew opposition from supporters of same-sex marriage.

"The intent of the makers of the bill, as indicated by their news quotes, is that they choose to avoid equality and the equal status of marriage to same-sex couples, thus this ploy to subvert the efforts of true equality," said Bill Woods of Gay and Lesbian Education and Advocacy.

**COMMUNITY
GOSPEL CHURCH**

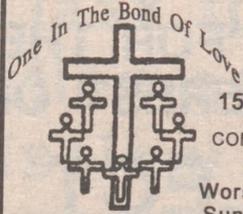
501 E. 18th at Columbia • Houston, Texas

Services:**Sun. • 11:00 A.M.
PRAISE & WORSHIP****Sun. • 7:00 P.M.
EVENING SERVICE****Thurs • 7:30 P.M.
MIDWEEK SERVICE****Pastor - Chris Chiles
(713) 880-9235****"A Church Built On Love"**Gay and
Lesbian
Catholics &
Friends
meet for Mass
Saturdays at
7:30 pm**Dignity**
HOUSTON**1307 YALE, SUITE H
(713) 880-2872**

Todos bien venidos! B.B.S. 988-8217

**Kingdom
Community
Church**COME EXPLORE
HIS KINGDOM

Sunday Worship Service 11am

614 East 19th 713/862-7533
Houston 713/748-6251**Houston Mission Church**1505 Nevada
AT
COMMONWEALTH
529-8225
Worship Services
Sunday 10:30am

Rev. Robert Carter

**Maranatha
FELLOWSHIP**
Metropolitan
Community Church
**PRAISING • TEACHING
ENCOURAGING****SUNDAY 10am**
Reverend Janet ParkerBible Class:
"EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE"Sermon:
"THE SERVANT AS A FORGETTER"**Holiday Inn West Loop
3131 W. Loop South
(Opposite Transco Tower)
P.O. Box 667032 • Houston 77266-7032
528-6756**

Rev. Janet Parker

ASK THE PASTOR**Q: "How do you explain the different religions such as: Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Mormonism, etc? How does a person know that one religion is better than the other?"****A: Religion is humanity's way of dealing with the spiritual side of themselves. It is the spiritual component in most people that leads them to ask probing questions such as, "Who am I?" "Why am I here?" "What is my purpose in life?" There have been many wise and philosophical people who have had insights as to how these questions can be answered. It seems that the suggestions given to us by the many religions involve human effort. If we look at works as a****means of redeeming ourselves, how do we know when we have done enough? If it is to be obtained through knowledge, how can we know when we have learned enough? If salvation comes through our devotion, when is action and commitment enough? Even at that, we are still looking at human effort to accomplish the task. Are we capable of ever doing enough to save ourselves?****There was One (Jesus Christ) who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The only way to God is through me." (John 14:6) Every person who ever became a great religious leader is still in the grave—except Jesus Christ. He overcame the grave to live forever. What is also astounding about Jesus' life and message is that He gave Himself freely so that we could be restored back again into perfect fellowship with God. The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:4,5,8,9 "But God's mercy is great, and God loved us very much. Though we were spiritually dead because of the things we did against God, God have us new life with Christ. I mean that you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it."****In all of the other religions there is a trade off. You are kept in suspense about your eternal security. This is not so with Christianity. We accept our salvation as a gift. We cannot earn it. It is established through a relationship, not works. We read in I John 5:11,12 (one of the letters of the Apostle John, not the Gospel), "This is what God told us: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in God's Son (Jesus Christ). Whoever has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."****Some would say that Christianity is exclusive and therefore eliminates many people who believe something else. God's Word tells us that God is patient, not wanting anyone to perish (II Peter 3:9). If a gift is free for the asking, why would it be exclusive? Some would say that the way of Christianity is very narrow and limiting. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly!" (John 10:10) Jesus was very honest and up front about what He had to offer. Can you say that about any other religious leader?****IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM ADDRESSED
BY REV. JANET PARKER, PLEASE WRITE
TO: MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP MCC, P.O.
BOX 667032, HOUSTON, TX 77266-7032****Author, minister says most people
not aware of their own homophobia**

(Continued from previous page)

Like other biases, Hilton said, "our homophobia is invisible to us—as 'natural' as the air. We need to help each other see it, see its roots and its consequences, so we can fight it...both in ourselves and in society.

"Not to press on with the struggle (against homophobia) means continued pain and separation for many of our sisters and brothers, and will stunt our society's moral growth, just as racism and sexism do," he said.

Like most of P-FLAG's leaders and members, Hilton believes that the best way to fight homophobia is to bring it into open discussion. That is one of the things, he said, that a conference such as "Healing the Hurt" can do. "There's a real hunger for the facts on this," he said.

Hilton added that the conference will empower health and social work professionals who attend, "by giving them the mental tools to face up to the negativity that we've been showered with."

Positive, accurate information has not been readily available through churches and other institutions to the mainstream, he said.

Hilton, winner of the 1993 Lyontyne T.C. Kelly Peace and Justice Award for his civil rights activities, is acutely aware of the parallels of the insidious "-isms." He has vivid memories of Mississippi—currently making headlines again, labeled as a southern hotbed of bigotry over the homophobic activities of some of its citizens—from the days of a bygone battle.

In those memories, Hilton also can

trace the truth behind religion's sluggishness to accept Gays. "Unfortunately, the church is very much a reflection of the society around it," he said. In 1960's Mississippi, he noted, "the local white churches" led racist activities.

"The Gospel shows (this thinking) did not originate with Jesus... (and) it doesn't matter if you're Christian, Jewish, Buddhist or whatever...all of the world's great religions teach love, not rejection.

"Yet many are reared with the view that the Bible condemns (on the basis of) sexual orientation, because of the misuse of seven or eight passages. This is a misuse of the Bible."

In his other works, Hilton has dealt with the ethical issues of biology and genetics. As a bioethicist, Hilton has for many years studied the moral issues raised by new developments in medicine (such as the questions that might be raised if a genetic factor were proven to influence sexual orientation, as well as the life and death dilemmas of new medicine and the "designer baby" debate). He also writes a nationally syndicated newspaper column titled "Bioethics" and is consultant to ethics committees of four California hospitals.

"Healing the Hurt," an educational conference focusing on homophobia and the myths and misinformation about Gays and Lesbians. Will be held at the University of Houston Hilton Conference Center from 7:30 to 4:45 p.m. Friday, March 11. For more information, contact P-FLAG Houston at (713) 867-9020.

**KOLBE PROJECT****A house of spirituality and
ministry for the gay community
and people living with HIV/AIDS.**

To our Catholic brothers and sisters who have been alienated by the Church...

The Kolbe Project invites you to come home to spiritual community and belonging, by offering a healing 6 week process entitled . . . Remembering Church.

If you would be interested in experiencing God's love, hope, joy and peace as well as being reunited with our brothers and sisters who are re-membering church, we invite you to come Saturday, February 26th; 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. To inquire further call the Kolbe Project at (713) 522-8182.

1509 Fairview Street • (Montrose) • Houston, Tx 77006
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 66669 • Houston, Tx 77266-6669

(713) 522-8182

KAPOSI'S SARCOMA STUDY**A study is being conducted by the Jabboury Foundation
For Cancer Research to assess the effect of low dose
fluorouracil infusion with leucovorin modulation
in AIDS related Kaposi's Sarcoma.****Please contact
Lena Rogers, R.N., Clinical Director or
Khaled Jabboury, M.D.
at (713) 558-1171 for inquiries.**



WE THINK YOUR LIFE INSURANCE SHOULD IMPROVE YOUR LIFE. When you're living with AIDS, you can't afford to be without the money needed to pay your day to day expenses. Expenses like medical care, prescription drugs, housing and travel. That's why you should turn to Life Benefactors, Inc. We'll buy your life insurance policy from you. So with one lump sum cash payment, you'll have the financial resources you need. Our service is quick, completely confidential, and involves just a simple application process. For more information, write or call Kit Carson at Life **Life Benefactors, Inc.** A VIATICAL SETTLEMENTS COMPANY Benefactors, Inc., 124 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103. 1-800-285-5152 or 619-688-5920.

"FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD"

ELECT

W JOHN L. JACK"
EBB

JUDGE

FOR THE 312TH FAMILY DISTRICT COURT

ENDORSEMENTS INCLUDE:

- National Organization for Women, Texas PAC
- Nat'l Pol. Congress of Black Women, Hou. Ch.
- Harris County AFL-CIO
- Houston Mexican American Democrats
- Harris County Council of Organizations PAC

Pd. Pol. Adv. Comm. to Elect John L. Webb, Corey Olomon, Treas., 224-8683

Lambda's skate night March 1; billiard tourneys set this weekend

SPORTS NOTES

Tuesday night, March 1, from 7:30—10:30 p.m. at Hobby Skate World, Lambda Rollerskating Club will hold its next Skate Nite. The rink is located off I-45 and Monroe (take I-45 South and exit Monroe, make a left on Monroe and turn right on the first street after the light). Admission is \$5 and includes skates and a raffle ticket for door prizes; skaters are encouraged to bring their own "quad" skates, and in-line skates are also welcome.

Outdoor Skate

L.R.C. will also meet in Memorial Park at the "fruit loop" (100 Picnic Lane at 1:00 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 27, for outdoor skating, if weather permits. Skates may be rented from local skate shops; skaters

must bring their skates.

For more information on these activities or the Lambda Rollerskating Club, contact Keith, 933-5818 or Ray, 862-4875.

Billiard Standings

Following are the weekly standings reported by the Houston Metropolitan Billiards League: (1) Oui Cousins; (2) Coalition; (3) Jackson 5; (4) Crazy 8's; (5) Outpost Men; (6) BP "Ate" Ballers; (7) The Flying "None"; (8) Soft Balls; (9) E.J.'s Mess; (10) Ripcord Rebels; (11) King's X; (12) Scandalous Reds I; (13) Past Time Parrots; (14) Suicide Squad; (15) Miner 69'ers; (16) Cousins Dudes.

Two playoffs were pending this week to determine final standings for the 3rd and 4th place and 8th, 9th and 10th place—Individuals. All other standings were to

be based on this set of standings.

The 499 and Under Tournament is scheduled to be held Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Lazy J (12 noon registration, 1:00 p.m. play); the 500 and Over Tournament will be held Sunday, Feb. 27 at Cousin's (same schedule). The awards party will be held at Gentry on March 20 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Bowling Standings

Following are the weekly standings for the Houston Gay Bowling leagues:

MONDAY NITE WOMEN'S LEAGUE: (1st) Maybe—Maybe Not; (2nd) Bedrock Bowlers; (3rd) Can't Bowl Straight. For information call Pat DeCarlo at 437-6218.

HOUSTON THURSDAY NIGHT MIXERS: (1st) Luci's Loosies; (2nd)

Cheaper Than Therapy; (3rd) Tops & Bottoms.

Men's High Scratch Game, 233, Gardy Harvey; Men's High Scratch Series, 606, Gardy Harvey.

Women's High Scratch Game, 233, Terry Shannon; Women's High Scratch Series, 660, Terry Shannon. For information, call Mace Adams at 432-7239.

MONTROSE MONDAY NITE MEN'S LEAGUE, Division A: (1st) Miss Marks Alot; (2nd) Hard as a Rock and Easy to Nail; (3rd) You Just Go Girl! **Division B:** (1st) I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter; (2nd) B & W; (3rd) Here Kitty Kitty!!

High Scratch Game, 268, Bob Roberts; High Scratch Series, 675, bob Roberts. For information call Chris Bennett, 655-7327.

SPARKS

SAN ANTONIO • TEXAS

8011 WEBBLES AT WALZEM • (210) 653-9941



THE **CHICKEN HAWKS** ARE **CROWING** ABOUT **HOT OIL WRESTLING TUESDAYS**

50¢ SCHNAPPS WEDNESDAYS EARLY DANCER AT 9:30



MACHO NACHO NITE

OUR SING-ALONG

GROUP IS GROPING

NEW HIGHS! MON AND THUR AT 9

GREAT MUSIC VIDEO DANCING PLUS STRIPPERS FRI-SUN

HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-8

Gay-lesbian task force considers action against Biloxi, Mississippi

BILOXI, Miss., Tuesday, Feb. 15 (AP)—Unless its demands are met, a gay and lesbian support group plan to take action against the city of Biloxi.

The gay rights organization called Monday for homosexual couples to seek marriage licenses as part of a national campaign to increase the visibility of gay couples.

The Mississippi Gay and Lesbian Task Force-Gulf Coast Chapter is urging gay and lesbian couples to request their marriage licenses on June 1, the day designated as National Lesbian and Gay Marriage Day.

Among the 13 demands is that the city destroy a list which has people believed to be carrying the virus that can cause AIDS.

"It should be destroyed to end the irrational fear," said Todd Emerson, co-president of the Mississippi Gay and Lesbian Task Force-Gulf Coast Chapter. "If the demands are not met, we will follow other options."

The demands were sent to Mayor A.J. Holloway and Biloxi Police Chief Tommy Moffett. Neither Moffett, Holloway, nor attorneys with the city's law firm would comment, citing the lawsuit.

Other demands to Biloxi officials include: the notification of people on the list, a full investigation into an alleged breach of confidentiality, free anonymous testing sites throughout Mississippi, a meeting with the mayor and City Council and compensation to everyone on the list "due to violation of right to privacy."

In November, Biloxi resident Clyde Hall sued the city, saying his name was added to the list, although he does not have acquired immune deficiency syndrome and has not tested positive for HIV, the virus that can cause AIDS.

"There is no way to stop this without anonymous testing," Emerson said, adding that people are going to Louisiana for anonymous testing.

In a sworn response to Hall's lawsuit, Moffett said the list "was located in the office of the front desk clerk and in the office of the radio dispatchers," and that the city "did not authorize the creation or maintenance of an AIDS-HIV list."

Emerson said if the task force's demands are not met, the group may organize a protest, or seek legal action against the city.

SAFETY DANCE!

PACIFIC STREET

Feb. 25 :TGIFriday
WEEKEND WARM-UP
NO COVER 7 - 9!

Feb. 26 :LOCK UP PARTY
A benefit party hosted by Q-PATROL! Send your Partner to "Jail" so he has to raise "bail" to be released! All "bail" money goes to Q-Patrol to keep Montrose Streets Safe! Purchase "Get out of Jail Free Cards" for that personal, safe feeling and watch our "Patrol-Men" in action! Great Fun and Hot Action guaranteed!

Feb. 27: MANDANCE
MONSTER T-DANCE!
NO COVER 7-9!

Come on in as we stuff our cages full with "Gifted" Dancers as HOT music pours on the laser lit dance floor!

Nightly: Caged Heat/Men Behind Bars! Our Shameless Male Strippers! The hottest studs from all across Texas Strip & Strut for you!



Andy Devine's Men of South Beach Available at Lobo

ALWAYS: The Lowest Regular Drink Prices in town!

710 Pacific Street • Houston, TX 77006 • 713/523-0213

Stages 'Jeffrey' an entertaining, well acted comedy for the AIDS era

By JOHN REED

Houston Voice/Houston

Playwright Paul Rudnick and Stages Repertory Theatre have apparently uncovered the ingredients necessary to make a difficult subject into an entertaining one. As the title character in Rudnick's light-treated, insider AIDS play observes to thugs inquiring of his tools for self-protection, they are:

"Irony. Adjectives. Eyebrows."

It has been many months since I have laughed, thought of and welcomed into my heart, a play written and acted as well as the current Stages production of JEFFREY.

This comedy, which was first performed in New York City in 1993, is now offered in its first redirected form after successful runs on both coasts. The playwright, Paul Rudnick, describes this production as a tribute to the gay community and to heterosexual friends who "manage to find love—between hospital visits, marches, and eulogies." Other phrases come to mind, such "it is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all," and "love in troubled times is as difficult balance as being a Fiddler on The Roof," and finally; "the only sure thing about repeated cold showers is getting dry skin."

This play in two acts runs nearly two and one half hours and will definitely appeal to women and men of our "alternate" lifestyle. I am not sure as to the extent that heterosexual women and men will catch and understand the many references to the gay life style, but I may report that if the audiences reaction on last Saturday evening is

JEFFREY

by PAUL RUDNICK
directed by Michael Scheman

an indication, straight women in particular will also thoroughly enjoy the play.

Jeffrey is played as a natural, "proper" Gay guy by Joe Kirkendall (well known from his numerous appearances at Houston's Main Street Theater). He is an attractive person in clothing or white skivvies. After losing a number of close friends and sexual partners to AIDS, Jeffrey decides that his only protection for himself is to not have any further sexual encounters. So he gives it all up...but as fate would have it, in his as many of our lives, the timing is little off.

Steve, (Kent Johnson) meets, falls in lust with, and tries to date Jeffrey, not understanding that Jeffrey's "no," is not meant as a personal rebuke for Steve, but for men in general. Steve is HIV-positive

and makes note of the special temporal constraints and urgency to make each minute count. At this point I am reminded of the poster, stating "today is the first day of the rest of my

life." Eventually logic and lust win out and Jeffrey asked Steve to re-consider the original no for yes.

Other strong members of the cast include the sole woman (real that is) played by Ms. Connie Cooper. She has a number of fine roles and moves from one personality to another very well. My favorite was the all too knowledgeable mother of Jeffrey, living in my home State of Wisconsin, as she inquired if her son liked the Jeff Striker toys.

I have followed Randy Jobe for nearly ten years in Houston Theater, from Risky Business Cabaret to the Comedy Workshop, and am always prepared for his wonderful manner of humor. As the pre-operative transvestite, I too would want to re-

think my thoughts about sexual addiction.

Jeff Baldwin wonderfully plays Father Dan, who places R.C. priests somewhere between florists and interior decorators. Adrian Porter is the excellent and very real gym rat and Sean.

Special mention needs to be directed toward the wonderful character of Sterling, skillfully played by Paul Hope. He is a frequent performer with Theater Under the Stars and in JEFFREY, plays the role of a designer who deals with the knowledge of his lover being HIV-positive and having AIDS. He attempts to show Jeffrey that one may love and establish a satisfying relationship on a temporal basis. Darius plays the light hearted younger lover who wants fellow "Cats" cast members to sing "Memories" at his memorial service.

A word about the physical facilities of Stages Theater, parking is limited so plan to arrive at least thirty minutes before show time, wear several sweaters as the evening I viewed JEFFREY the theater was very cold in spite of mentioning it to one of the ushers. After the first act, it was as if the a/c and fans were turned off and finally by the conclusion of the play, I was able to stop sitting on my hands and write my notes. Rest rooms are easy accessible and are on the same level as the theater (take note Jones Hall and the Wortham Theater). I thoroughly enjoyed the current Stages production of Jeffrey and strongly recommend it to Voice reader.

Judge rules on Washington gay rights ballot title

OLYMPIA, Friday, Feb. 18 (AP)—Backers of the second of two anti-gay rights initiatives can start knocking on doors to collect the signatures they need because of a Thurston County Superior Court judge's decision.

Efforts to gather the 181,667 valid signatures needed couldn't

start until a dispute over the wording on the initiative petitions was resolved.

Judge Richard Strophy released the new language for Initiative 610 late Friday.

The new title reads: "Shall rights based on homosexuality; homo-

sexuals' custody of their own or other children; and governmental approval of homosexuality be prohibited?"

The initiative sponsor, the Citizens Alliance of Washington, sued the state, saying the title originally written by the attorney general's office unfairly character-

ized the initiative.

The initial title read: "Shall government be prohibited from protecting homosexuals against discrimination, from awarding homosexuals custody of their own or other children, and from discussing homosexuality as acceptable?"

Strophy issued a compromise ballot title for a separate anti-gay rights initiative last Friday. That measure, Initiative 608, is backed by a Tacoma group, Washington Committee for Equal Rights.



Sunday
March 13th
Benefit
Show
with MC
MISS RICKI
8pm

Sunday
March 6th
DEBBIE GARRIS
MUSKET & WAVE
Live

Wednesday
KARAOKE
With Prizes

VOLLEYBALL COMING IN MARCH

AMIE'S

403 Westheimer at Taft **523-0030**
Sun - Fri • 7 a.m. to midnight
Sat • 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.

MON DART TOURNAMENT 7:00 P.M.
THU LATINA LAS VEGAS
LATIN LIVE REVUE 8 P.M.
FRI LAURA LEE LOVE
MALE STRIP NIGHT 9 P.M.
SAT POOL TOURNAMENT 6:30 P.M.
WINNER TAKE ALL
SHOW BURGANDY WOODS & CAST AT 10:00 P.M.
SUN CAMEO APPEARANCES AT 9:00 P.M.

BEER • WINE • DRAFT • SETUPS
DANCING • POOL • DARTS

**CHURCHES/
RELIG. ORGAN.**

HOUSTON (A/C 713)		
Bering Memorial UMC	1440 Harold	526-1017
Community Gospel Ch.	501 E. 18th	880-9235
Dawn of Faith Ch.	8405K Almeda-Genoa	991-6766
Dignity Houston	1307 Yale, Suite H	880-2872
Houston Mission Ch.	1505 Nevada	529-8225
Ind. Byzantine Cath. Ch.		880-4915
Integrity	POB 66008/77266-6008	432-0414
Kolbe House	POB 66669/77266-6669	522-8182
Kingdom Community Ch.	614 E. 19th	862-7533
MCCR	1919 Decatur	861-9149
Maranatha Fishp. MCC	POB 667032/77266-7032	528-6756
Mispachal Alizim	POB 980136/77098-0136	748-7079

The Houston Voice welcomes well-written, insightful and to-the-point opinion pieces for our editorial page. We also welcome "counterpoint" articles that represent a different view on the issues approached in commentaries that we have run. We reserve the right to edit for length, format and readability, and we will run only one full-length counterpoint to an opinion piece. Shorter responses may run as "letters to the editor" at our discretion.

Filmmaker and iconoclast Derek Jarman, 52, dies

By MATT WOLF

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 20 (AP)—Derek Jarman, the iconoclastic British filmmaker whose homosexuality frankly influenced his work, has died after a long battle against AIDS. He was 52.

Jarman died late Saturday at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in central London, a hospital spokesperson said Sunday.

Although prolific as an author and painter, Jarman was best known as the director of films that helped energize independent low-budget British cinema in the 1970s and '80s.

He was no less renowned for his outspokenness, arguing at one point that Sir Ian McKellen—an actor and gay activist—had compromised himself by accepting a knighthood from a Conservative government responsible for anti-gay legislation.

Jarman had made gay life and issues central to his career.

"I am simply trying to demystify areas of life which are very ordinary, such as HIV infection or my sexuality," he told the Sunday Telegraph in 1991.

"Sebastiane" (1975), a life of the martyred saint set during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian, elicited as much attention for its portrait of unbridled homosexuality as for its Latin dialogue.

In "Caravaggio" (1986), about the 16th-century Italian chiaroscuro painter, Jarman turned a knifing incident between friends into a lovers' quarrel.

"Edward II" (1991) unapologetically addressed the king's liaison

with the court favorite, Gaveston.

His most recent project, a film to be shown Sept. 19 on Britain's Channel Four television, is "Blue," a spoken account of Jarman's personal experience of AIDS filmed as a vast expanse of delphinium blue.

Jarman began his career designing sets and costumes for ballet (Frederick Ashton's "Jazz Calendar") and opera ("Don Giovanni"), moving on to films as set designer on Ken Russell's "The Devils" (1971) and "Savage Messiah" (1972).

He made his directing debut with "Sebastiane," incurring the censors' wrath, as he did again with "Jubilee" (1977), a hymn to an anarchic England in which Elizabeth I finds herself in the 20th century encountering punk and the end of royalism.

Other films include "The Tempest" (1980), "The Last of England" (1987), and "War Requiem" (1989), a rigorous adaptation of Benjamin Britten's 1962 oratorio inspired by the poetry of Wilfrid Owen.

This year saw his acclaimed film "Wittgenstein" about the provocative philosopher. Its stylistic sparseness—the film was shot in front of black draperies, without sets—typified his later work.

Away from movies, Jarman exhibited often as a painter at London galleries. His books include "Dancing Ledge" and "The Last of England," as well as two memoirs: "Modern Nature," in which he spoke publicly for the first time of his HIV status, and "At Your Own Risk," in 1992, intended—he wrote—to rectify "the terrible dearth of information" about himself and about gay life.

23rd ANNUAL MISS GAY HOUSTON PAGEANT

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th

SHOWTIME

10 p.m.

SHARP

**Emcee
COOKIE
LA COOK**

an event you won't want to miss!



COCO
Miss Gay Texas
USA - 1994



LAUREN TAYLOR
The Reigning
Miss Gay Houston



TANDY ANDREWS
Miss Gay USA
1992

**MANY FORMER
MISS GAY
HOUSTONS
WILL PERFORM**



**For Additional Info Call
USA Pageantry 523-5293**

**Registrations at 5 p.m.
Friday, March 4th at Rich's
Followed by a personal interview**

St. Patrick's benefit for Bering Care Center at Museum; CEF 'Jeffrey' benefit; film at Rice Media Center

QUICK NOTES

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Museum Restaurant & Bar, 1512 W. Alabama with a happy hour honoring The Bering Care Center, Thursday, March 17, 1994, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Museum gift certificates will be sold all day, with all proceeds going

to The Bering Care Center Kitchen Renovation Fund. Gift certificates are valid at lunch and dinner for both food and drinks, and are redeemable starting March 18.

The Bering Care Center provides adult day care to individuals with HIV/AIDS. Over 500 clients are served annually through its program. The Bering Care Center offers a wide range of programs and services, including a daily meal program, educational programs, nutritional counseling, physical therapy, transportation, vision screening, financial counseling, emergency financial assistance, and bilingual services. Through the meal program, over 19,000 meals are served annually from a kitchen that is smaller than a typical apartment kitchen. A campaign is currently underway to raise funds to build a larger, commercial kitchen to enable the Care Center to increase the number of meals served. Call (713) 529-6071 for more information.

CEF Benefit

The Community Endowment Foundation (CEF), in association with Stages Repertory Theatre, will present a special showing of Paul Rudnick's "Jeffery," on Tuesday, March 8. Curtain will be at 7:00 p.m. with a cast party after the show in the Stages lobby. All proceeds from this special evening are to benefit CEF, a local non-profit organization dedicated to the affordable housing needs of Persons With HIV/AIDS. Reserved seating only.

Tickets can be arranged through Community Endowment Foundation's offices at (713) 528-0037 10:00 a.m. to



Gordon Warneke and Daniel Day Lewis in "My Beautiful Laundrette"

4:00 p.m.

Healing Service

A Service of Healing for persons living with HIV and AIDS will be offered at 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 4, in the chapel of Christ Church Cathedral, Texas Avenue at Fannin. The Reverend Betty Masquellette, Vicar of Christ the King Episcopal Church,

Alief, will be celebrant and preacher.

The healing service on Holy Eucharist is offered to the community on the first Friday of each month by this Cathedral, members of the AIDS Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, and members of several Houston-area Episcopal parishes. The prayers focus on healing of bodies, minds, and spirits, on relationships, and on health-care and research efforts. A social time follows the services in the Cathedral parlor.

For information call the Cathedral, (713) 222-2593, or Bill Wicker, (713) 992-2398.

My Beautiful Laundrette

One of this month's film offerings at the Rice Media Center is "My Beautiful Laundrette," a 1986 film scripted by Pakistani immigrant Hanif Kureishi and centering on the adventures of two male lovers, would-be entrepreneurs in a London slum. It is one of Daniel Day Lewis' (Last of the Mohicans) lesser known performances.

In "Laundrette," Lewis co-stars with Gordon Warneke (who plays a Pakistani immigrant) as lovers who buy a seedy washateria and use their "style" and some neon to turn it into an attention-grabber in the slums of South London. The characters, by their very design, also call attention to societal ills including racism, homophobia and classism as they struggle against the odds to keep their business and their relationship going. The film, directed by Stephen Frears, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 27.

Lesbian mother seeks to regain custody in Virginia

By LARRY O'DELL
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

RICHMOND, Va., Thursday, Feb. 17 (AP)—The 2-year-old son of a homosexual woman would grow up unharmed if he were allowed to live with his mother, the woman's lawyer said, asking an appeals court to return the child to her custody.

"The social-scientific studies are replete with evidence these children grow up normally," Donald K. Butler, the lawyer for Sharon Bottoms, said Wednesday.

Ms. Bottoms' mother, Kay, was awarded custody of the boy in September. Ms. Bottoms has been granted weekly visits with Tyler but cannot see him in her home or in the presence of her lover, April Wade.

A ruling from the Virginia Court of Appeals is expected within six months.

Richard Ryder, attorney for Kay Bottoms, stressed the precedent of a 1985 state Supreme Court ruling in which a homosexual was declared an unfit parent because he broke the state's sodomy law.

Henrico County Circuit Judge Buford M. Parsons Jr. relied heavily on the 1985 case when he awarded custody to Kay Bottoms.

"The Supreme Court has condemned that type of behavior if the child is subjected to it," Ryder said. "How mixed up is that child going to be a few years down the road?"

Sharon Bottoms said Wednesday that her son has never seen her have any sexual contact with Ms. Wade. She had said in September that she and Ms. Wade had hugged and kissed in front of her son, Tyler Doustou. The boy's father has not been involved in the case.



BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM CLUB

★ DANCE ★
★ DANCE ★
★ DANCE ★

THURSDAYS

Beginners Dance Lessons 8:30pm
Happy Hour till 11:00pm
"Come Learn the Basics"

TUESDAYS

Intermediate Dance Lessons 10:00pm
With Charlie Collins

Saturday • February 26 • 7:00pm

R.S.I.C.S.S. Investiture X
the Reign of Unity, Style & Grace

Sunday • February 27 • 7:00pm

"EXCEL OF THE ARMADILLO"
featuring

DAVID PACE • Mr. All American '94
SHELBY ST. JOHN • Miss BRB 1994
EDDIE TAYLOR • Mr. BRB 1994

Git down to the BRAZOS...
where somethings
always going on!

2400 BRAZOS • (713) 528-9192

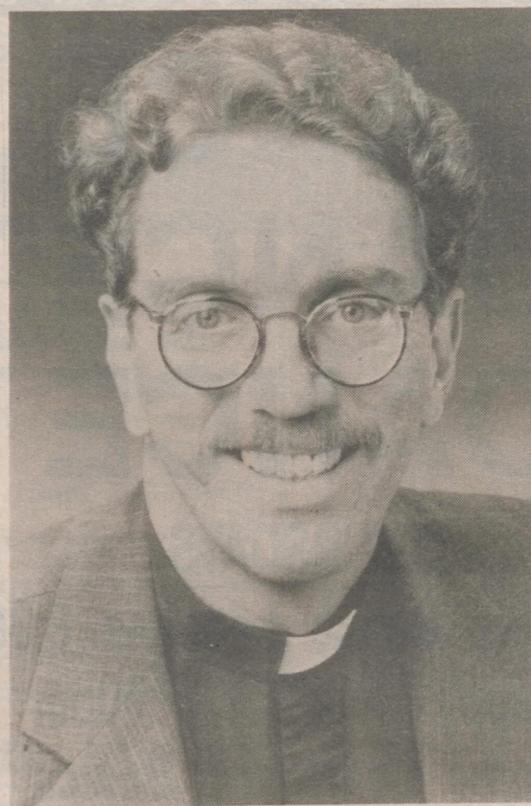


MCCR

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection
HOUSTON



IT'S TIME YOU HEARD



Good News ABOUT HEALING FROM AIDS

THE REVEREND DOCTOR
STEVEN PIETERS
UFMCC AIDS Ministry Director
(diagnosed in 1982 with AIDS,
survived a multitude
of opportunistic infections;
*today he is
healthy & active!*)

COME HEAR ABOUT
SPIRITUAL STRENGTH FOR SURVIVAL
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1994
10:45 AM & 6:00 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1994
7:00 PM, *Empowerment for Living*

1919 DECATUR (Washington @ White)
Between Studemont & Houston Ave.

Rev. John Gill, Pastor - Rev. Carolyn Mobley, Assistant Pastor

With the Music In the Background: a personal report

OUT SPOKEN

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**
Houston Voice Editor

The death last week of author—and furiously committed journalist—Randy Shilts recharged the topic of AIDS and the creative arts, just as the blizzard of mainstream media attention given the movie 'Philadelphia' was starting to die down.

Like the themes of discrimination and homophobia raised in the movie, Shilts' work and the way he lived his life touched thousands of people...but some, in more familiar or more sacred spaces than others.

Shilts, as everyone in the Gay and Lesbian community should know, is the writer who produced the history of AIDS early years, "And the Band Played On" (as well as the more recent "Conduct Unbecoming," about Gays in the military). For years, he also chronicled AIDS and Gay issues in the San Francisco Chronicle. There was one story, however, that he wouldn't tell, that he steadfastly kept secret and guarded: his own.

Proud of being a working reporter and firmly believing in the line that must be drawn between journalism and activism for the sake of the mission of both, Randy Shilts his own HIV status for years, afraid that going public would interfere with his ability to do his job. After he did go public with the information last year

after being hospitalized in late 1992 with pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, he was criticized (even, at one point, picketed), by activists who called him a hypocrite.

But even after the news hit the wires, he talked very little about his HIV...or anything else deeply personal, in public. By his nature, he preferred to keep his private life private. In September of last year, he corrected a Houston Chronicle reporter who wanted him to talk about his illness with a matter-of-fact sinker: "I was sick," he said, "Now I'm better."

Journalism is a curious profession, with even more curious traditions and demands. I remember once, as a reporter for a Gay newspaper (not this one) hearing the shock and dismay in the voice of my publisher when I admitted being (Gasp!) a voting member of a Gay political organization. You cannot do both, I was told, and maintain your objectivity.

I also remember, a couple of years ago at THIS Gay newspaper (in a previous incarnation), delivering my own indignant version of the same song to a newbee on our staff—an advertising salesman with an English degree and a desire to try his hand at feature writing. "Don't inject YOURSELF into everything you write," I advised, "unless its indirectly, through the subject and circumstance of the story. An editorial is okay every once in a while, if you have something to say

that's important to more than just YOU." Something like that.

Slowly, through circumstances I have not been able to control, my thinking is evolving. I began keeping a journal last year—something I used to feel was a waste of time, an egotist's indulgence in subjective, non-productive and undisciplined writing. There are people in my life now that I cannot in a secret compartment that does not collide with my work space, yet who I refuse to have only a two-dimensional, arms-distance relationship with.

(Please don't ask me what ever happened to the poor guy I editorially castigated way back when. The answer is really just a tad embarrassing).

I still have a long way to go, and I know that I'm not alone.

People who work in the Gay media have a very special vantage point on news of the issues that concern the Gay and Lesbian community. I was probably the first reporter to interview Jack McGann, who lost his insurance coverage for AIDS while still working at Houston's H&H Music Co. and who, over two years after his death, has been used by HHS Secretary Donna Shalala as sort of an HIV poster child for health reform. When he first called the Montrose Voice, McGann, who lived not too far from our former office, wasn't sure if he wanted to sue his employer. His case reached the U.S.

Supreme Court.

I was also one of the first (at least locally) to interview Brian Bradley, the HIV-positive Houston health care worker who appealed his lawsuit against his former employer to the U.S. Supreme Court in January.

In the wake of the 'Philadelphia' craze, Brian's case is once again getting national attention. He and openly Gay attorney and AIDS legal advocate Mitchell Katine were in New York last week, taping a segment on AIDS discrimination for the late night Rolanda Watts talk show, and Brian is also scheduled to appear on the Fox magazine news show "Front Page." (The Rolanda segment will air at 1:05 a.m. Tuesday, March 8).

But while Brian's suit against M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Hospital has been compared in local and out-of-state media with the fictitious Andrew Beckett's plight in "Philadelphia," there are some very significant differences.

For one thing, Hollywood would never make a big budget movie, for mainstream consumption, about an HIV-positive Gay guy who just happens to work as an operating room scrub technician, or even—to invoke another well-known local case that was settled out of court, a butcher in a supermarket.

(Continued on following page)

State of Massachusetts: apartment company denied gays housing

QUINCY, Mass., Wednesday, Feb. 16 (AP)—The owners of a Weymouth apartment complex who refused to rent to a gay couple are being sued for discrimination by the state.

Joseph LaRocque, 36, and William Kennedy, 47, filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in August, saying they were denied a two-bedroom apartment at the Weymouth Commons.

The panel found probable cause to pursue the case. Now, Attorney General Scott Harshbarger is suing Corcoran Management Co. of Braintree, saying it discriminated against the two men.

Corcoran officials said they rejected the two because of credit problems. Carol MacDonald, senior property manager, declined further comment.

But the men said Corcoran initially approved their application despite a "marginal" credit history.

Apartment complex manager Fran Doherty, who is named in the suit, allegedly told the men they did not meet the criteria for living at Weymouth Commons, LaRocque said.

"I told her this is discrimination and she would be hearing from our lawyer, but she just

chuckled and gave a big smirk," said LaRocque. "She told us to leave the office or she was going to call the police."

After attempts to resolve the case through mediation, the state panel found probable cause to charge Corcoran with discrimination on Dec. 10.

Doherty declined comment.

Henry McClurg's

Montrose Inn

Houston's Leather Guest House

- Basic & Butch
- Clean & Convenient
- Walk to 13 gay bars, including Mary's, Mining Company, Ripcord, Pacific Street
- Taxi to Brazos River Bottom, E/J's, Venture-N, others

- 1 block to bus line

MAJOR CREDIT CARDS

Introductory Spring
Rates: \$45 to \$55

408 Avondale

Houston, TX 77006

(713) 520-0206 ▪ (800) 357-1228



BASIC BROTHERS
MEN'S CLOTHING
1232 WESTHEIMER
HOUSTON, TX 77006
713-522-1626

FINDING LOVE KEEPING LOVE



A Seminar about
Gay and Lesbian Love
Relationships

- ♦ avoid making the same mistakes
- ♦ improve a relationship you have
- ♦ do better at finding and keeping happier relationships

At last wonderful relationship help and hope are available to gay and lesbian people through
Herville Hendrix's

IMAGO (th MAH go) Relationship Therapy.

♀ ♀ March 5 ♥ March 12 ♂ ♂

Tony Carroll, LMSW-ACP
Certified IMAGO Relationship Therapist
Call (713) 522-3045

Community Resale

515 Richmond
Houston, Texas 77006

SWEATERS • COATS
& SWEATERS
It's Winter!

11 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Except Sunday

WANTING A NEW CAREER?

Consider the Mortgage Business
Train to be a Mortgage Loan Processor
It only takes two nights per week for one month and you could be on your way to a well paying career in the Mortgage Industry.
Good paying jobs awaiting trained personnel.

Contact **H. DENE GARDNER**
GARDNER & ASSOCIATES
(713) 529-1519

Testing the boundaries...as the music plays softly in the background

(Continued from previous page)

Observed Mary Ann Bobinski, president of the Bar Association for Human Rights and University of Houston law professor: "They made a 'safe' movie, in a way, with the main character being an attorney. It's easier for people (to empathize) with Andrew Beckett. The movie doesn't really test (the audience's) deeply held, irrational fears and prejudices. You can see the difference in the public reaction, say to the 'Bradley' case."

In reality, said Bobinski, who teaches a course on AIDS and the law at UH's Bates College of Law, most AIDS discrimination cases winding their way up in the courts involve the more "testy" health care and food service settings.

The other factor is reflected in the basic premise of Brian's

suit: Freedom of Speech. He contends his employers knew he was HIV-positive for two years prior to removing him from the operating after he gave an interview to the Chronicle. Presuming that is the case, then Brian did not lose his job because he has HIV, but because he has a big mouth. This could give quite a few of us in the community, afflicted with the latter "infirmity," cause for concern.

But, it should also be a source of concern, if not shame, for those of us have NOT been vocal ENOUGH in speaking out on the issues that affect us directly. In Bobinski's words: "You can look at it as a pyramid. At the bottom are all of the people who have been wronged, who have been discriminated against...and at the top are the ones who stick out."

Which brings me back to the original theme.

One of the least discussed (but most telling from the Gay point of view) issues approached in 'Philadelphia' was the fact that Andrew Beckett was in the closet at work—not because he was ashamed of his life but because (like Randy Shilts?), he felt that his life and his work had nothing to do with each other. How many people do YOU know who feel that way...?

It usually takes something pretty shattering to shake us out of the bottom of the stack. And sometimes even that doesn't work.

But unless you allow the world to see the Person, and not just the Persona, can you really say you are "Out?"

In January, as usual, I called and met with and interviewed countless people involved with AIDS on a local level. (This was pretty obvious).

What very few readers of this paper knew then was that, for much of that month, leaving the office each evening, I rushed across to the West End of town in rush hour traffic to pick up my kids, then rushed back across town to the VA Medical Center Hospital to the bedside of someone who had played a major role in my life (their father). Three hours on the road, three or four days a week in an eight year old car.

In the hospital, I see AIDS patients (including mine, before I get there and probably as soon as I leave) whose wrists are bound to the rails of their beds—for their own safety, according to the staff. I realize the paradox of the images we cling to, still sheathed in the snakeskin of wellness that provides a temporary insulation, and those that we see all around us, and quickly turn away from.

I came to work each morning tired and frazzled and hollow inside, usually with very little sleep...and I flashed my friendliest, most cordial grin when I greeted Sally Fisher, creator of the AIDS Mastery workshop. Like Randy, I'm a journalist.

In many ways, we have always been among the architects of our own oppression.

The pictures and thoughts and messages we most need to convey, because they are REAL, are the very ones we put off, or never touch. Because they are US. Bennet-NOT.

Then suddenly, we realize that there is deadline looming. And that there is a story inside all of us that desperately needs to be told.

And, that we must tell it while the decision still rests wholly in our unbound hands.

ABC schedules 'Roseanne' episode with gay-bar kiss

NEW YORK, Thursday, Feb. 17 (AP)—There may not be a kiss-off for "Roseanne" after all.

ABC said Thursday it will air an episode of the popular comedy March 1 that features Roseanne Arnold exchanging a kiss with Mariel Hemingway in a gay bar.

Exactly how that encounter will play remains to be seen, according to ABC spokesperson Steve Battaglio, who said the segment had been shot but postproduction was not complete.

"There have been discussions concerning how the kiss will be depicted," Battaglio said.

"Those talks are continuing."

He said the episode will also carry a parental discretion advisory.

In the episode, titled "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," Arnold's character, Roseanne Conner, goes to a bar with bisexual friend Nancy, played by Sandra Bernhard. After

dancing with Hemingway, Roseanne makes a wisecrack that is misinterpreted. The kiss results.

Earlier this month, Tom Arnold, husband of the star and the series' co-executive producer, charged that ABC was refusing to air the episode because of the kiss. He called the network's decision mis-

guided and "homophobic," adding, "Roseanne is shocked."

"We've always been supportive of the episode," Battaglio said. "The network is working with the Arnolds to bring this to a conclusion that both parties will be satisfied with."

“I am battling AIDS, and I needed cash fast. I got it from Life...Today!”

I was broke...

My story isn't that much different from a lot of PWA's. As my illness progressed, I became too sick to work, and my expenses started spiraling out of control.

Basically, I was broke.

I had a life insurance policy, and had considered the concept of a viatical settlement.

I had to have cash fast...

I decided I couldn't wait any longer. I had to have cash fast, and selling my life insurance policy seemed the most effective way of solving my cash crunch.

Regrettably, the first company I spoke with made a bunch of promises they just couldn't keep. I wasted two precious months trying to work out a settlement, only to find their "too good to be true" offer was just that.

I called Life...Today!

That's when I called Life...Today!. In a matter of days, Life...Today! was able to provide me with cash for my



Richard Padron
Port Lavaca, Texas

life insurance policy. The cash settlement we worked out is now allowing me to live the rest of my life with financial security and dignity.

Fast, confidential service...

With Life...Today!, my application was handled promptly and with absolute confidentiality.

No fast talk. No false hopes.

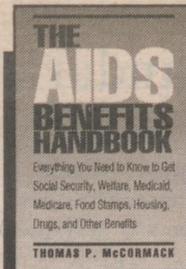
Just a fair settlement negotiated with a sincere concern for my personal situation.

Call Life...Today!

If you have AIDS and are thinking of selling your life insurance policy, don't make a move until you've talked to Life...Today!

Because when you have AIDS, you don't have time to waste.

Call Life...Today! at 977-5433.



Call us for a quote on your life insurance policy and we'll send you a copy of **THE AIDS BENEFITS HANDBOOK** absolutely FREE and with no obligation.

Yes! Please send me more information on Life...Today!

I am interested in arranging the purchase of my life insurance policy. I understand that my request will be handled with absolute confidentiality.

I am writing on behalf of a friend with AIDS.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: **Life...Today!**
Charter Bank Building
2401 Fountainview, Suite 910
Houston, Texas 77057
713-977-5433

Life...Today!

For financial relief.

CHARTER BANK BUILDING 2401 FOUNTAINVIEW, SUITE 910 HOUSTON, TX 77057 713-977-5433

Houston Symphony presents a performance to fit the changing seasons

ENTERTAINMENT

By JOHN REED

Houston Voice/Houston

Befitting a warm mid-winter evening in Houston, when you turn easily to first thoughts of Springtime, the current Houston Symphony's Concert this past weekend provided the proper musical focus. Under the direction of Czech-born conductor, Zdenek Macal, the symphony treated an appreciative audience to two classical selections that are first class examples of their respective orchestration forms. Beginning the program was one of Franz Schubert's early Symphonies, No. 5, that was composed in 1816. This B-Flat Major composition begins with the familiar lilting and happy melody that has a masculine character in part because of the prominent use of the cello and bass voices. The music brings a smile to your expression as the problems of the day are temporarily forgotten. One honest and immensely pleasurable melody follows one another. The Andante second movement is an example of a fine piece of music waiting for words to be set to the notes. I have secretly composed words that go, 'My Heart Senses Joy, When You Are Around,' that would convey the personality of this movement. The third movement begins in a forceful Schubert manner, yet in a gentile and cultured way. One notices how economical the composer is with using the fewest number of notes and orchestra members to achieve grand music. Quantity and quality of sound are not the same, in spite of what twentieth music tries to often tell us. The No. 5 Symphony was composed for a small orchestra of strings, flute, oboes, bassoons, and horns. Please consider this Schubert Symphony as a portion of your basic repertoire.

Maestro Macal selected Mendelssohn's



Piano Concerto No. 1 for the second portion of this Classical Concert, featuring the Russian premier woman pianist, Bella Davidovich. Opening with the ascending strings playing in a crescendo fashion, the piano sets forth a polished series of scales and upper register harmonies. Ms. Davidovich performs the detailed musical composition with the greatest of ease and

one has to be very impressed with this degree of talent. While the right hand plays the primary melody, the left hand easily plays an accompanying melody with similar detail. The second movement has one of the finest piano and cello duets in classical music. The lush tonality is simply beautiful. The final Presto movement begins with the brass section directing the rest of the orchestra to follow to a rousing finale. Soloist Davidovich and the Houston Symphony with Mr. Macal received a well deserved standing ovation. Many in the audience would have welcomed an encore. This would be another fine addition to your basic repertoire.

The final selection of the evening was an early twentieth century composition of Leos Janacek, Taras Bulba. The music depicts the tragic ethnic battles of 17th century Ukrainian warriors against Polish military forces. This is a heavy duty setting, and the music has a manic-depressive quality to it. Discord, rapid change of mood, and a variable level of intensity of playing produces an unsettling musical experience. I for one did not find this selection pleasant. Jones Hall was comfortably cooled for this evening's performance, and twenty minutes was allotted for the intermission. I have noticed the gradual upgrading of beverage and light snack/dessert services made available for concert going patrons rushing from their employment to the theater without time for dinner.

Minneapolis retailer Dayton Hudson to carry gay greeting cards

MINNEAPOLIS, Thursday, Feb. 17 (AP)—Dayton Hudson Corp. plans to carry a line of greeting cards designed to be sent between gay people as well as between straights and gays.

The giant retailer will test-market the cards beginning next month at two Marshall Field's stores and at the downtown Minneapolis Dayton's.

Chicago-based Cardthartic creates and distributes the cards under the brand name, "Through Our Eyes." The company, which has been in business for about two years, describes its cards as Hallmark-like, with warm messages.

Robb Anderson, vice president of Cardthartic, said Wednesday that having Dayton's as a customer will be a breakthrough for his tiny company. So far, independent sales representatives have sold Cardthartic cards primarily to small specialty stores, especially in gay neighborhoods.

Cardthartic also is introducing "crossover cards" that a gay man could send to a straight friend or relative, or that a straight person could send to a gay friend or relative, Anderson said.

For example, one card pictures a man holding a birthday cake. It says, "Birthday girl, if I were a straight man, I'd ask you out in a heartbeat. But if I were a straight man, you'd probably write me off as an insensitive jerk like all the rest of them."

Market research shows women buy 85 percent to 90 percent of all greeting cards, but in the gay community men eagerly purchase cards, Anderson says. Lesbians generally don't buy many greeting cards, but Anderson thinks that's because they don't find appealing ones.

Dayton's has agreed to sell about 500 cards initially, or 36 designs, and has been particularly enthusiastic about the "crossover cards," Anderson said.

"Our buyers are always looking for products that are suitable for our diverse customer base," Dayton's spokesperson Molly Maloney said Wednesday. "We have offered cards for other specific groups including African-Americans and American Indians; they've done well."

Cardthartic is one of many distributors of gay and lesbian cards carried by alternative stores.

VENTURE-N-HOUSTON



2923 MAIN • 522-0000
ATM • MC • VISA • AMEX

WE SUPPORT THE MEN OF
PRIME CHOICE
SUPPORTING
STONE SOUP/
THE NAMES PROJECT

THIS SUNDAY FROM 5 PM
HAL & JIM'S
POWER HOUR BUFFET
B.B.Q. BRISKET
BAKED POTATOES
SALAD, ETC.

[ALL DONATIONS DIRECTLY TO COLT 45'S TROUBLE FUND]

OPEN NOON EVERYDAY

\$1.25 POWER HOURS
WELL/BEER/WINE
EVERY DAY • 5 - 7 PM

CAROLYN
EVERY SATURDAY • NOON - 7 PM

CHRIS'S BOOT SHINE STAND
THURS-SAT FROM 8 PM • SUNDAY FROM 5 PM

YEA! PARTY!




**HOUSTON
VOICE**
REAL TALK FOR CONNECT LINE REAL PEOPLE
**SIGN UP NOW
TO RECEIVE
YOUR TELETOUCH®
PAYMENT I.D.**

- Completely Confidential
- No Credit Card Needed
- No 900/976 Charges
- Regulated Consumer Protection
- Use Any Touch-Tone Phone
- Available 24 hours a Day, 7 Day a Week

FREE private one to one
FREE open chat line
FREE talking personals
FREE voice mailbox

10¢
per minute

First 30 minutes FREE!
First month membership FREE!

FREE bulletin board
FREE classified ads
FREE open forums
FREE conference calls

Program usage fees automatically deducted from your Visa, Master Card or Discover. Please have your checkbook, Visa, Master Card or Discover ready with pen and paper.

708 - 356-8800 EXT. 9005

A Service of TeleTouch Corp., 2031 Grand Ave., Suite 300 • Lindenhurst, IL 60045-9094

Consumer rights fully protected under Regulation E by the Federal Reserve System.

Texan leaves large bequest to HRCF; Gay scientists to discuss biological research; Gay Jews reach milestone

NATIONAL NOTES

The estate of late Texan real estate consultant David Miller has made a \$130,000 gift to the Human Rights Campaign Fund's educational foundation to help create Federal Advocacy Network, an ambitious plan for grassroots activism to work on federal issues. Miller, who was 34, died in February of 1993 after a long struggle with AIDS. The bequest was announced by Miller's brother and sister, Louis Patierno of Washington, D.C., and Mary Patierno of New York City.

"This is among the largest contributions ever made to the Campaign Fund and our foundation," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund. "It is a wonderful legacy for David, who believed in and supported the work of the Campaign Fund during his life. We are truly grateful for this recognition of the Campaign Fund and our work."

Cathy Woolard, Deputy Director of the Campaign Fund's Public Policy Department and Director of the Federal Advocacy Network, noted that the grant will help the lesbian and gay community mobilize at the grassroots level, and area where considerable work is needed throughout the country. "The Federal Advocacy Network now has seven state coordinators and forty-one district coordinators on board," Woolard notes. "Our objective is to have a fully

functioning national program, generating constituent pressure on Congress in every district throughout the country." HRCF will use the grant to help build the new Federal Advocacy Network (FAN), to train and educate volunteer coordinators in Congressional districts. The FAN will increase the lesbian and gay community's grassroots effectiveness by insuring that our community has a direct line of communications from local areas to Capitol Hill, McFeeley said.

Mary Patierno, an independent video/film-maker who lives and works in Manhattan said, "I hope this gift inspires other members of our community to get involved and to contribute the money necessary to succeed in our struggle against the extreme right. Our opponents are raising millions of dollars each month to fight us. It is so important that we all contribute time and money to organizations that will mobilize our community." Mary is the executive producer of "Dyke TV," a newly created lesbian newsmagazine circulated on cable access television.

Louis Patierno, who operates a D.C. consulting business which began with his brother in Austin, considers the gift to be a statement of David Miller's commitment to the advancement of lesbian and gay civil rights. "David and I believed that successful and visible gay men have a responsibility to give significantly to our community, so that

the rights we afford ourselves may be afforded to everyone." Louis, a member of the Campaign Fund's Federal Club, noted that his brother never had as much time as he had wanted to become involved with HRCF in a personal way.

Scientists to meet in SF

The scientific debate about the origins of homosexuality is taking place in the midst of a highly political one about the place of gay men and lesbians in the social fabric. Scientists are still divided over the debate between "nature vs. nurture" and the influence of each in the development of sexual behavior. While no study to date has conclusively shown that sexual orientation is heritable or determined solely by biological diversity, the available data do indicate that at least part of human sexual orientation may have an immutable component. As with all biological research, along with the potential to help comes the potential to harm. Concern for the potential use of genetic information gleaned in the future from human genome research that may link genes to probable sexual orientation should be expressed, say members of the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals, Inc.

NOGLSTP will bring together experts in the fields of biology,

genetics, ethics, policy, and sociology to discuss these issues and concerns in a symposium entitled "Social, Ethical, and Scientific Perspectives of Biological Research on Sexual Orientation." The symposium will take place Monday, Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m., at the American Association for Advancement of Science Annual Meeting in San Francisco at the Parc 55 Hotel.

Gay Jews

The World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, the umbrella organization representing Gay and Lesbian Jewish groups on five continents, is celebrating a landmark with the installation of its 50th member group. The 50 member mark was achieved when Mispachat Alizeem of Houston and Jewish Adelaide Feminist Lesbians of Australia were added to the roster of World Congress members. With these additional groups, individual World Congress membership now exceeds 15,000, placing it in a league with other major Jewish organizations. The 50-member milestone also should be exceeded soon, as the Congress prepares to welcome groups from Brazil and Argentina.

Welcoming the new groups to the 13-year-old international organization are its newly installed executive director, William Wahler of Jersey City, New Jersey and newly elected president, Beth Cohen of Chevy Chase, Maryland. Wahler has

served the World Congress as its development director for the Western Hemisphere and as a conference organizer; he also served as chair of board of New York's Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, the world's largest Gay and Lesbian synagogue. Cohen, in addition to serving as president of the World Congress, is deputy director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest U.S.-based political organization fighting for Gay and Lesbian equality at the federal level.

During the past few years, the World Congress joined in coalition with other Jewish organizations to aid in Somali refugee relief; fought fascism and anti-Semitism in a newly unified Europe, fought for and won the installation of Israel's first monument honoring Gay men and Lesbians, worked in coalition with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the American Jewish Congress—both of which passed resolutions supporting World Congress goals. Today, the organization is actively fighting Israel's discriminatory HIV-ban, opposing anti-Semitism and homophobia worldwide, and pursuing membership in the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Aside from the U.S., the organization has member groups in South Africa, Australia, Israel, France, England, Sweden, Hungary, Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Classified Order Form

To Place Your Ad: Please fill out the form below, making sure you include your name, address and phone number. The form must be mailed or delivered to our offices. Full payment must accompany the ad; we accept payment by cash, check, money order, American Express, Discover, Master Card or Visa.

Deadline: Ads received no later than noon Monday will be inserted in that week's edition, which is distributed on Friday. Ads received after the deadline will automatically be inserted into the following weeks edition.

Rates: A bold heading for your ad is \$4 per line with a limit of 6 words. Words in regular type are 55¢ per word. Additional words in bold are 75¢ per word. For ads running 3 or more weeks the bold headline is \$3.25 per line per week. Regular words are 45¢ per word per week. Additional words in bold type are 65¢ per word per week.

Category:

- Travel Classes/Workshops Auto Sales
- Announcements Roommates Dwellings
- Jobs Wanted Garage Sales Services
- Employment Pets/Grooming For Sale
- Models/Escorts Licensed Massage

No. of weeks: _____

Costs:

_____ bold lines at \$4.00/\$3.25 _____

_____ regular words at 55¢/45¢ _____

_____ bold words at 75¢/65¢ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Ad Copy:

For more words attach additional sheet of paper

Name: _____

Address/Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Circle One: MC VISA AMEX DISC

Account No: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail or Deliver to:
Houston Voice, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006

Deborah Harry

live in concert



Sunday
February 27
doors @ 7pm

for information call
639-5910
TICKETMASTER
629-3700

RCHS
HOUSTON
2401 san jacinto 77002 713.759.9606

AN OPEN LETTER FROM BEN REYES CANDIDATE, UNITED STATES CONGRESS, DISTRICT 29

Dear Friends,

If any community should understand the importance of having a place at the table; having a voice of their own in the political process; the members of the lesbian/gay community should.

In your recent quest in local elections to have your own voice speak for you, I understood your concerns; and I, more than any other elected official, stood with you. From publicly endorsing Gene Harrington, to raising money and resources for TAKE FIVE candidates, I proved my allegiance to the concept of self-determination and representation for the lesbian/gay community.

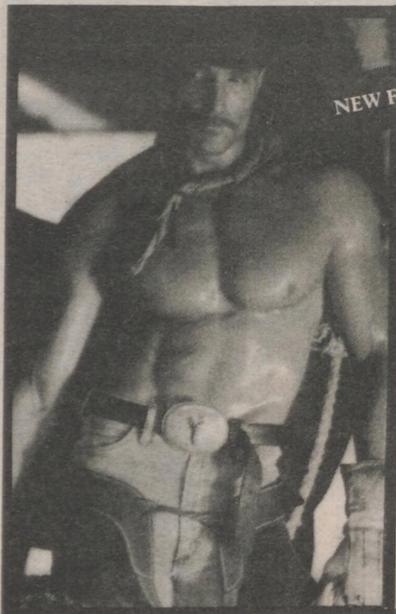
I and the Hispanic community now ask you to join us as we attempt to take the seat at the congressional table that would give our own community a voice. Please help me empower the Hispanics of Houston by giving us a voice of our own. In so doing, you will not only strengthen the ties of progressive communities, you will assure that your community has an advocate in Congress, who will never allow expediency to replace honor.

I stood with you in November, and have attempted to make a real difference on issues which concern all progressives who understand the basic importance of lesbian/gay influence. Please stand with me on March 8th.

Sincerely,
Ben T. Reyes

Paid Political Advertisement, Ben Reyes Campaign, Vidal Martinez, Treasurer

SUNDAYS



**MINE SHAFT
BEER BUST**
\$1 Buy-In • 25¢ a Cup
for Each Refill of
Miller Lite Draft Beer
4pm "Extended" until 2am

**MINE SHAFT
HAPPY HOUR**
\$1.75 Well
Drinks
Frozen Margaritas only \$1.75
4pm until 8pm

\$1.75 Domestic
Longnecks
All Day/All Night

MONTROSE MINING COMPANY

805 Pacific • Montrose • 713-529-7488

HARDCORE DANCERS

From 10pm Male Dancers Hump, Pump and Flex until 2am
Hardcore Dancers... Hardcore Music... Hardcore Men...

The
LONE STAR

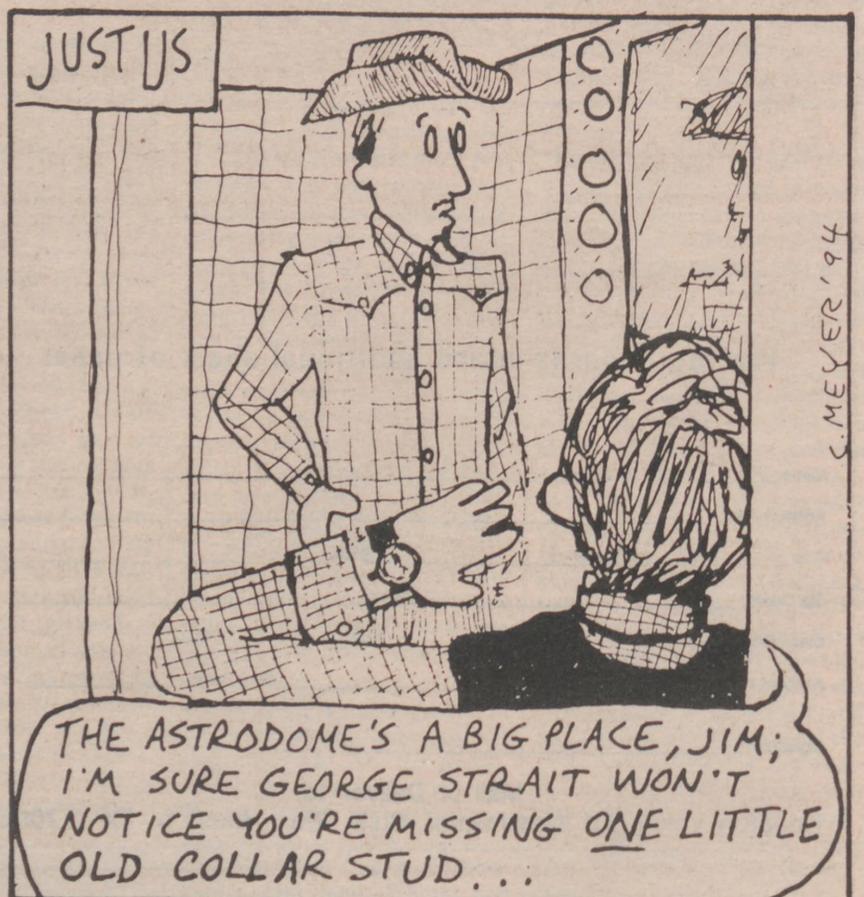


in Houston's
Gay and Lesbian
News

HOUSTON VOICE
A Community News Publication

811 Westheimer, Suite 105
Houston, TX 77006
(713) 529-8490

Nationwide (800) 729-8490 • Fax (713) 529-9531



S. MEYER '94

Rice Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association awards scholarships; Pico's hosts Margarita Mixoff; Excel of the Armadillo benefit

QUICK NOTES

The Rice Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (RGLAA) has announced that Keith Rozendal and John McCoy are recipients of \$250 RGLAA scholarships for the spring semester 1994.

The RGLAA scholarship is designed to encourage and reward service to and participation in the gay and lesbian community, both on campus and in the community at large. It is awarded on the basis of service to participation in the Gay and Lesbian community, both on and off campus. Students can qualify for a scholarship through a wide range of activities, including participation and/or leadership in groups and organizations dealing with issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community: research and other scholarly activities related to issues of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community; and personal involvement in issues of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community.

Rozendal is a Rice University senior majoring in psychology. His essay discussed his research into the relationship between homophobia and the war against AIDS. He concluded his essay with the following statement: "I'm fairly new to this fight, and I can't pre-

dict where my efforts will lead me. I feel, however, that my vision is unique and relevant...and I'm looking toward making this a life's work. There is a definite need for dedicated and creative work in this struggle against disease, prejudice, and despair, and I'm ready to face this challenge with any talents I can bring to bear.

McCoy is a Rice University senior majoring in math and German. His essay discussed his leadership role in the Gays and Lesbians of Rice (GALOR) as well as his efforts to raise the issue of ROTC on campus at Rice University in light of the military's discriminatory policies toward Gay men and Lesbians. He concluded his essays with these words: "I look forward to the time when I can join with other alumni in affecting the future course of Rice...articulating concerns from a queer perspective and lobbying the university to make its procedures and atmosphere more conducive to coming out, and mental and emotional growth for its Gay and Lesbian students."

Rosendal, who is not Gay but has two brothers who are, said he plans to submit his paper to psychology journals to be published after working on it a bit more. "Also, next year I have plans to apply for the Ford Hon-

ors Program, and it may be possible for me to explore some of the issues raised by my research this year under this program," he said.

Pico's AIDS benefit

On Saturday, May 7, 15 local restaurants and clubs will pour their best tequila libations in The Original Margarita Mix-Off, a day-long benefit festival at Pico's Mex-Mex Restaurant. In the quest for the sure-to-be coveted first prize, contestants will be judged by a celebrity panel and by the festival crowd. Pico's is presenting the 11:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m. event, Vivo y Positivo '94, along with four local HIV/AIDS education and service groups, which will share the day's proceeds.

In addition to The Original Margarita Mix-off, Vivo y Positivo ("Alive and Positive") will offer family-oriented events during the day, including children's games and entertainment such as face-painting. As evening begins, the celebrity judges will start making their evaluations; and the crowd will then dance beneath the stars to the hot Latin rhythms of one of Houston's top bands. To those attractions, add "muy sobroso food," a high-rolling raffle, and a retail

arcade featuring some of the city's most creative artisans and merchants, and you have "una gran fiesta."

Along with all this entertainment, Vivo y Positivo will also provide opportunities for HIV/AIDS education and awareness throughout the day. The four nonprofit groups producing this event with Pico's are some of the most respected in Houston: Body Positive/Houston, Bering Community Service Foundation, The Assistance Fund, and AVES (Amigos Volunteers in AIDS Education and Services). Their volunteers and Pico's owner and executive chef Arnaldo Richards are working to create a terrific party that will also raise much-needed funds to help fight the battle against HIV/AIDS.

Excel-Lent Show

Excel of the Armadillo will be having its first Benefit Show this Sunday evening, Feb. 27th at the Brazos River Bottom (BRB), 2400 Brazos at 7:00 p.m. There is no cover. The Steak Night begins at 5:00 p.m. and cost \$5.00.

Excel of the Armadillo is the Texas chapter of Excel International, which is an outreach ministry of Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Commu-

nity Churches. Armadillo Team members make a one year commitment to God and to each other to experience God through prayer, to know God through study, to glorify God with their actions and to share the Love of Christ with others.

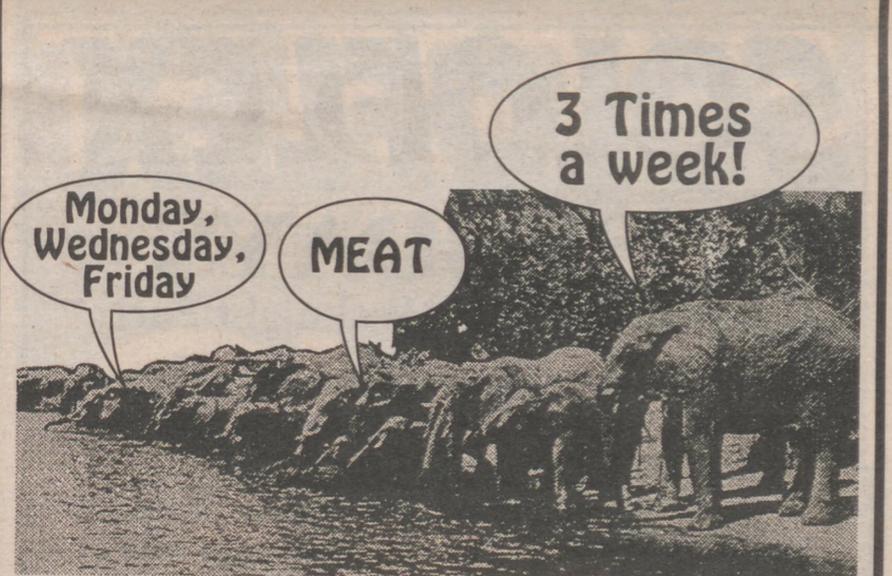
Excel Teams have Retreat Weekends which offers a time to escape from society. The weekend gives persons a chance to reflect and obtain direction in their lives.

The Armadillo Team is raising funds to help cover operating expenses, materials for training and scholarships for weekend participants.

Some of the talent that has been lined up for the benefit on Sunday include David Pace, Mr. All-American 1994; Pattie LaPlaySafe, Miss Gay Dallas Metroplex 1994; Robert Garza, 1st Alternate Mr. Texas All-American 1994. Entertainment will include live Country and Gospel music by Amy-O Fulton, Alan Masters and Jody Travis. Other entertainers include Empress X of the Imperial Court Damita Jo; Shelby St. John, Miss BRB '94 Eddie Taylor, Mr. BRB '94 and Christopher Graham, Mr. Gulf Coast 1994 All-American. Chablis Lee Love will be the Emcee.

★ EVERY WEDNESDAY ★
STEAK NIGHT
 ON THE
PATIO

OUR NEW YEAR-A-ROUND HEAT & AIR PATIO
6 p.m. 'til — With Lucy
 "COME GET 'EM THE WAY YOU LIKE 'EM"



FRI STRIP CONTEST at 11:00 PM with PAIVI

SAT **SUPER SATURDAY SHOW**
 Starring BRITTANY PAIGE Miss Mid Texas at 11:00 SHARP with a great Star Studded Cast! DON'T MISS IT!!!



2517 Ralph Street at Westheimer (713) 527-9071

- Happy Hour 7am-9pm weekdays
- \$1.50 Well 4-7 Saturday
- \$1.50 Vodka 7am-6pm
- Mug Club 7am-10pm
- \$3.75 Pitchers & \$1.25 Mugs



COMMERCIAL MEMBER



MON MALE STRIP CONTEST 11:00 PM with B.J. WILLIAMS and Special Guests LAWANDA JACKSON (former Miss Houston America) MISS GALVESTON CAST OF THE EVENING OF LaCAGE

TUE TALENT NIGHT at 10:30 PM with BRITTANY PAIGE

WED KARAOKE NIGHT at 8:00 PM with Bill Sansom STEAK NIGHT (see above)

THUR CLUB NIGHT Hosted by SUNDANCE CATTLE COMPANY ASSOCIATES

Wedding of the year at 10th Ave.; 10 year anniversary at P.B.D.



Rick
RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

By JOSHUA ST. MICHAEL & TOOTSIE WOMELDORF

Houston Voice/Rio Grande Valley

'Twas the wedding of the year at 10th Avenue last Sunday night as the royal court and friends watched Misty Duval and Gave tie the knot in holy union. The bride wore a white beaded gown and white veil, and Gave wore a white tuxedo. The club was decorated in balloons. After the ceremony hors d'oeuvres and cake were served. Two special entertainers dedicated songs to the wedding couple "Wind Beneath My Wings" performed by Lady Laura, and "Hero" was performed by Takisha More. Congratulations guys, may you have many years of love and happiness!

Tonight, Feb. 25th the lovely Tandi



Robert, Ralph and Frank

Andrews (Miss Gay U.S.A. '92), Cindy Birdsung and Misty Duval will be performing at 10th Avenue

Over at Just Tery's the one and only Victoria West and Terry de la Douche will be performing tonight!

Just down the street is P.B.D.'s, where last Saturday night they celebrated their 10 year anniversary. They had a peaches and cream schnapps toast for the bar and a yummy buffet up at the front end of the bar. Chuck wants everyone to know that coming up in March the pool tournaments will start again.

Moving down the valley we stop at Club Zippers, where Max and Carlos always welcome you with a smile. The Guys want us to remind you of their drink specials—Friday and Saturday its party night. Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday its beer bust till 11:00 p.m., Monday its Club "Cock Tail" and Wednesday you can enjoy a hot dog and a cold beer for 1.00. So stop in at Club Zippers and let them know you read

about the bar in the Houston Voice.

Over at the Planet, John and Kim always welcome the party people at the door. Remember there's never a show on Friday nights. Sunday night they had their monthly amateur drag contest. The winner at Sunday's contest walked away with a \$75 cash prize. Next week we'll have the winner's name for you. At the Planet tonight and Saturday, dance to a post modern mix of music. Sunday night the guys

with those "hot and sexy" bodies, the Lone Star Male Review will be dancing for your enjoyment. So come on over to the Planet and enjoy four levels of fun, three bars and twice the fun. Coming Thursday, March 10th the Planet will be hosting "The Spring Break Kick-off Party."

Don't forget if you are visiting they valley, call the Upper Deck at (210) 761-5953. It's the only gay guest house on sunny South Padre Island. It's just a walk from the beach. Or you can just lay back and relax by the pool, or sit in the hot tub and relieve those

tired muscles. Remember when you call the Upper Deck, let them know you saw their ad in the Houston Voice.

If you're looking for some trendy club gear stop at Mango, 107 East Jackson right downtown in Harlingen. Stop in and have Plaz show you original looks and check the unisex jewelry too.

Valley Voice (a Gay/Lesbian Alliance) will meet this Tuesday at 2313 E. Crockett in Harlingen at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information about the Valley Voice call (210) 428-6800 and leave a message.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Johnny "Hollywood" Gearhart to the Rio Grande Valley. And also we would like to wish Becky a belated Happy Birthday!

That's all for now, we'll see you next week. Bye, bye.



Party trio at Just Tery's

SOLOFLEX[®] TUESDAYS

"Houston's Largest Weeknight Party"

Every Tuesday this spring, you can register to win a Soloflex weightlifting machine.*



JR's
Bar & Grill
HOUSTON
with the
Santa Fe Bar and Patio
804 & 808 Pacific • (713)521-2519

Four of the Hottest Male Dancers work up a sweat for you and your friends.

CK STRIP CONTEST

\$200 Cash to Winners
11pm Show • Emcee Kofi

GRAB FOR CASH
Every Tuesday at Midnight

All Imported Beers only \$2.00 and **ABSOLUT** Vodka Cocktails only \$3.50 ... All Night Long.

*No purchase necessary.

Our Grand Prize drawing will be held this spring on Tuesday, April 26th, 1994. You may register every Tuesday between now and the Grand Prize drawing. Further rules and regulations are on the official entry form at JR's Bar and Grill, Houston.

★★ GENITAL HERPES ★★

(New Study: Free Suppression Medicine for 1+ Years in HIV+)

★★ SHINGLES ★★

(Less Than 72 Hours)

If you have any of these conditions, you may be eligible for **FREE** treatment and compensated for your participation on completion of study.

For more information call:
*The University of Texas Medical Branch
Center for Clinical Studies
(HOUSTON)*

UTMB

333-2288

This week at Larry's Place Consignment & Antiques we are offering 20% to 30% off of our already excellent prices on a great selection of rugs, furniture, light fixtures, bric-a-brac, decorative accessories - the works!

We are also a visible and highly trafficked location in the beautiful old Isabella Court Building at 3917 Main Street. So we will be the ideal location for you to place your consignments for Houston's selective treasure seekers to browse through. We are a bit choosy though - no clothes, tools, boats or cars, please.

With Easter upon us soon and parties and banquets sure to be in your near future, let us tell you one of the best kept secrets



LARRY'S PLACE

3917 Main Street
Houston, Texas
(713) 528-6981

in Houston. Larry's Place has one of the largest collections available of Waterford and we are giving 20% off of all pieces marked at \$50.00 or above. So come by and dress up your home or office with decorative glasses, paper weights, vases, bowls or clocks in fine crystal.

Mr. LeRoy Brown also keeps a list of items being sought by our regular customers. Add yours to the list and we will call you should that hard to find item appear. Thanks to our wonderful regulars and all the new customers this advertising has brought to the shop. We invite each of you to come in and spend some time with us. There is something new to see every day at Larry's Place.

Thanking you in advance,
Larry White

Upset residents in Blooming Grove, Wisconsin want to change street name

BLOOMING GROVE, Wis., Wednesday, Feb. 16 (AP)—A petition campaign to change the name of Gay Avenue doesn't make sense to lesbian rights activist Jane Vanderbosch.

"I just think it was pretty disappointing," said Vanderbosch, director of The United, a resource agency for gays and lesbians. "There's a lot better way of dealing with homophobia than capitulating to the whole concept of stigma."

Some residents on the street in the town of Blooming Grove street said they wanted the name change because their children were being hassled at school.

Town Chairperson Steve Sasso said a pair of Gay Avenue residents, Kim Ruhland and James Johnson, pushed the petition that was signed by all 22 residents on the dead-end street.

"Now the children on the street won't have to grow up being oppressed by that," Sasso said. "But it is a shame that society has to have all that prejudice."

Ruhland bought a condominium on the street last April, "but I told everyone I was going to change (the street name). I had that in my mind all the time," she said.

Other residents said they wanted to honor Wisconsin football coach Barry Alvarez for winning the 1994 Rose Bowl.

The proposed new name of the street is Alvarez Avenue, but an ordinance must be drafted for the name change.

Gay Avenue was named after Leonard Gay and his family, who were prominent in real estate development in Madison for more than 100 years, officials said.

2015 place
2015 San Pedro • San Antonio
(210) 733-3365

DANCERS
Thursday 9pm - 1am
Friday 6:30pm - 11pm
Sunday 10:30pm - 1am

STEAK NIGHT • TUESDAY • 6:30 - 9:30

THURSDAYS
THE PURSUIT FOR ULTIMATE PLEASURE CONTINUES!

CLUB

HEDONISM

— FIERCE MUSIC & INTENSE PEOPLE —
EROTIC DANCERS + CLUB HEDONISTS

75¢ WELL DRINKS ALL NIGHT
DOORS OPEN AT 9PM
2401 SAN JACINTO / 713.639.5910

JUSTUS

C. MEYER '94

NOW, LADIES, THE NETWORK DOESN'T WANT TO SEE GIRLS KISSING GIRLS THIS YEAR... THE RUNNER-UP SHOULD HUG THE WINNER BRIEFLY & THEN BREAK!

Soiree Subergine

1994

BENEFITING THE BERING CARE CENTER MEALS PROGRAM

TONIGHT • FRIDAY • 6:00PM

BERING FOUNDATION RECEPTION AND BUFFET
BOY TOYS STRUT FOR BERING 6:00PM - 2:00AM
SILENT AUCTION CLOSING AT MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY • 10:00PM

CREME DE LA CREME '94

FEATURING ENTERTAINMENT FROM BRIAR PATCH FOLLIES,
COLT 45's, GARDEN PARTY, HMBL, KREWE OF OLYMPUS,
MISS CAMP AMERICA, MSL, RSICSS, TGRA, AMIE'S,
BASIC BROTHERS, BACCHUS II, BRB, COUSIN'S, EJ's, GENTRY,
INERGY PLUS MANY SPECIAL GUESTS. EMCEE KOFI

SUNDAY • 5:00PM TO 10:00PM

LA SOIREE GRANDE

LIVE MUSIC AND COMEDY ENTERTAINMENT
SOIREE RAFFLE DRAWINGS AT 10:00PM
HAPPY HOUR PRICES EXTENDED TO 10:00PM

this week

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY
Boy Toy Dancers

WEDNESDAY
Male Strip Contest With
Dyan Michaels 10:30pm

Gentry
HOUSTON
NO COVER

2303 Richmond (713) 520-1861

Gays, lesbians confront challenges in rural Midwest

By FRANK FISHER

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

CARBONDALE, Ill., Monday, Feb. 14 (AP)—They've been disowned by their families, ridiculed, physically threatened and given a million reasons to flee the rural Midwest for presumably more hospitable big cities.

Gays in areas such as Southern Illinois say they confront hostility nearly every day. Many are fearful and few want their names published, but they're unanimous in saying gays are in the rural Midwest to stay—getting college degrees, holding down jobs, gaining influence and busting stereotypes.

"The biggest shock for some of the people I did tell I was gay was the fact that I didn't fit the stereotype that's been created in our society," said a 25-year-old male Southern Illinois University student who grew up in Jefferson County. "I didn't wear pink Polos, I wasn't a hairdresser and I didn't speak with a lisp."

Carbondale, with 24,000 college students making up half its population, has a popular gay bar.

SIU, the city's largest employer, has a domestic partners act letting people in same-sex relationships with faculty and staff qualify for the same privileges as married spouses, such as library cards and parking decals.

Of 108 cities and counties that prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in housing and-or employment, 25 are in the Midwest, including Dayton, Ohio; Ames, Iowa; and Champaign, according to the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"I'm convinced there are few people who absolutely hate gays," said D.L. Taylor, a lesbian instructor in Kansas

State University's English department. "There are a huge amount of people who aren't convinced one way or the other. They'll come around if they're just exposed to it."

Still, homosexuals say they've got a long way to go, and life can be risky.

Crab Orchard Lake, a wildlife refuge near Carbondale, is well known among locals as a favorite hangout for younger homosexuals. Gay-bashings by high school students are frequent in the isolated, remote woods, according to some gays.

Many recall the 1988 decapitation slaying of a Murphysboro homosexual by a man prosecutors say hated gays.

Fear in the gay community "is absolutely justified," Judith Clausen, the heterosexual pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Carbondale.

She estimated about 10 percent of her 100-member United Church of Christ congregation is gay.

"They are very much in fear of losing their jobs and housing. ... I have some folks in my church who ... don't want to be known as gay outside church," she said.

Movements are afoot in Michigan and Missouri to pass constitutional amendments that would repeal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, according to the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"In rural parts of the country, where gay people are less comfortable in 'coming out,' there tends to be little tolerance for gays and lesbians," said David Smith, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, a Washington lobbying group. "The fact is gay men and lesbians do live in rural areas, but many people aren't aware of them."



Fri / Sat
PARTY PARTY

Sunday
BEER BUST
till 11:00pm

Monday
CLUB
COCK TAILS

Tuesday
BEER BUST
till 11:00pm

Wednesday
SHOT & BEER
\$1.00

Thursday
BEER BUST
till 11:00pm

"Where your among friends"

Located at
319 Harrison St.
Harlingen
(210) 412-9708

UPPER
DECK
A Guest House



Call (210) 761-5953

120 E. Atol
South Padre Island,
Texas 78597

THE PLANET

THE MUSIC PULSE IN THE
HEARTBEAT OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

WEDNESDAZ
World Beat
Music
75¢ Bar Drinks
All Night Long

THURSDAZ
Thunderground
Trance • Acid • Techno
\$2.00 Beer & Bar Drinks
All Night Long

NO COVER CHARGE 21+ ALL NIGHT

WEEKENZ
Dance To A
Post Modern
Mix of Music

SUNDAZ
Trash Disco
Tea Party
Show Night

Sunday, February 27th
LONE STAR MALE REVIEW
Thursday, March 10th
SPRING BREAK KICKOFF PARTY
(Invitation Only)

"CUM SEE WHAT ALL THE TALK IS ABOUT"
FOUR LEVELS • THREE BARS • TWICE THE FUN
117 WEST JACKSON • DOWNTOWN HARLINGEN • (210) 425-4652



3rd



**ANNIVERSARY
MONTH OF SUNDAYS
Sunday, February 27
A NIGHT OF
ILLUSION**



**\$1.00
WELL
TRASH DISCO
9 - 11**

Saturday, March 5th

Wild Night

with

Video Star

**JESSIE TYLER
\$1.00 SCHNAPPS
75¢ DRAFT**

**820 San Pedro • San Antonio
(210) 226-2620**



**SUNDAYS
ONLY AT**



**WE'VE ADDED...
50¢ WELL**

**6pm - 9pm
with 1 time buy in
to our already popular**

**25¢ DRAFT BEER
ALL DAY & ALL NIGHT**

**3 DIFFERENT WILD MALE DANCERS
6pm - 2am**

FREE HOT DOGS • 6pm

**HAPPY HOUR PRICES
\$1.50 WELL & \$1.50 BOTTLED BEER
2pm - 9pm**

**THE BEST VARIETY
OF MUSIC IN TOWN!!**

**WHY?? SHOP
ANYWHERE
ELSE?**

**414 W. Laurel St. • San Antonio
(210) 228-WEST**

Benefit totals; Gay Comedy Jam; Soiree Aubergine; Empowerment For Living



BRUCELLA D'VALLE was in town for LUEY

HOUSTON SOAP, PART ONE

By TAD NELSON
Houston Voice Publisher
HELLO HOUSTON!

LAST WEEK in Houston. ... The BERING IT ALL STRIP-TEASE SPECTACULAR last Sunday at GENTRY raised \$1300. for the BERING CARE CENTER.

MCCR's total for the two week collection for the homeless came to \$2,390. Rev. John Gill and the clergy thank each of you who contributed to help the needy and homeless in our community.

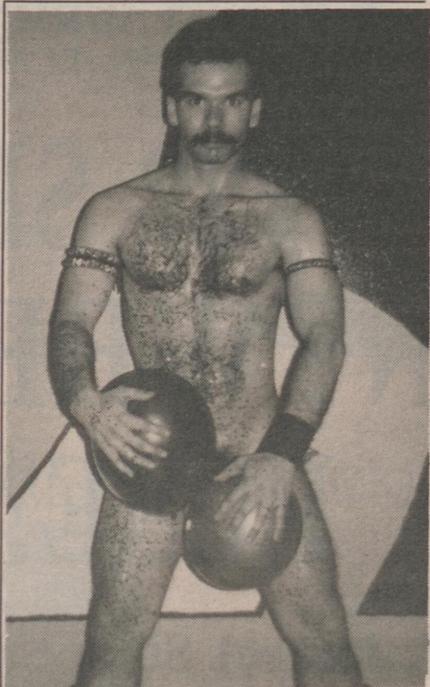
The BRUCELLA D'VALLE fundraiser at the VENTURE-N raised \$3,034 for our good friend in a time of need.

Houston's after Mardi Gras event, LUEY WEEKEND had a record registration of 458 participants who came from 4 countries, 22 states and 56 clubs. Congratulations to the HOUSTON COUNCIL OF CLUBS for pulling off the largest ever Let Us Entertain You event weekend. Looking forward to next year.

The Third Annual DIAMONDS AND STUDS party at PACIFIC STREET was a great after Mardi Gras party. Sure Diamonds last forever, but studs. ... can and did go for hours! Rock hard sweaty bodies packed the club and the Levi-Leather crowd danced till the evening climaxed!

According to MARK GRIENERT, manager of MIDTOWNE SPA their VALENTINES/MARDI GRAS WEEKEND PARTY on Saturday was a blockbuster success with a sold out house. He wants to say, "Thanks for the great turnout!" According to many of the attendees, the punch was outstanding and the food was great too. Be on the look out for the special Youth Nights in their ad this week offering free lockers to young men between 18 to 22 years of age on Tuesday nights. Where is Colonel Sanders when you need him?

Monday evening was one of those crazy busy evenings for me in Houston and due to a small family crisis (Trucker Mom in the hospital) I was unable to complete my social engagement requirements. But



JOEL looking great at MIDTOWNE SPA's Mardi Gras/Valentine's Party



WOLFPACK had quite a feast at CARTER & COOLEY for the LUEY crowd

thanks to RON for the great pictures of the VICTORY FUND BENEFIT at the MUSEUM RESTAURANT AND BAR. As was reported Bob & Rod Jackson-Paris were in town not only for this event but also to attend a book signing over at CROSSROADS MARKET on Alabama for their new book "Straight From The Heart." Seems our body building gods of gaydom are redirecting their notoriety from skin to teens. They have begun a new foundation to help troubled gay teenagers.

PETER FOLEY of MUSEUM RESTAURANT AND BAR graciously donated the location for the evenings fundraiser and supplied an open bar and staff for party goers. This would be a great location for you to consider your next fundraiser or private party. Besides the downstairs restaurant area, there is a full bar with small piano, lots of couches and comfortable leather chairs and space for days.

Also working very hard to bring events like this and other great celebrity goings on to Houston was JOE RAMUNNI of CROSSROADS. Joe has a dual loyalty to consider since he has shops both in Big D and here in Houston. But I want you to know that he is genuinely concerned about Houston and the state of Houston's political future. Joe is also a mover. He can get things done and does. Almost magically from behind the scenes. Keep your eyes on

CROSSROADS MARKET for great events to attend and interesting people to meet.

While on the subject be on the lookout for book reviews in this publication and The WAND by bookstore manager, JUDITH MEYER. She will keep you abreast of the latest selections. Judith also has a talk show on KPFT Radio—tune in! THIS WEEK in Houston. ...

Thursdays over at the BRB the have Happy Hours till 11 pm and if you get hungry around dinner time they have HAMBURGER NIGHT out on the patio with ANIMAL. Hamburgers are .75 cents and cheeseburgers are only \$1.00.

AMIE'S is having LATINA in a Las Vegas Latin Revue this Thursday a 8 pm and Friday night LAURA LEE LOVE emcee for Male Strip Night beginning at 9:00 p.m. Another great show follows on Saturday night with emcee BURGANDY WOODS and cast at 10:00 p.m. Amie's is an alternative place to be offering beer, wine and set ups and is located across from LaStrada on lower Westheimer.

GENTRY will be bursting at the seams all weekend as SOIREE AUBERGINE wraps up their annual fundraiser for the BERING CARE CENTER MEALS PROGRAM. Friday night is a reception and buffet for the BERING FOUNDATION. The Silent Auction will close at midnight. In addition, GENTRY'S BOY TOY DANCERS will be donating all their tips to the cause. Then on Saturday is CREME DE LA CREME 94 a true community wide sponsored variety show at 10:00 p.m. The weekend culminates with LA SOIREE GRANDE on Sunday with non stop live entertainment and comedy from 5 pm to 10:00 p.m. The Soiree Raffle Drawings will be held at 10 pm for the YAMAHA SECA II MOTORCYCLE, Weekend For



BOB & ROD JACKSON-PARIS party at the VICTORY FUND event with Museum Restaurant's PETER FOLEY and Crossroads Market's JOE RAMUNNI



Artists JULIE WILLAN & KARIN POULOS with auction chair DAN DELANEY at SOIREE

Two in New Orleans and Air fare For Two to Mexico City.

Again—a quick recap on those Soiree events at GENTRY this weekend:

Friday Feb. 25th is the reception for the BERING COMMUNITY SERVICE FOUNDATION to be held at GENTRY with complimentary hors d'oeuvres buffet at 6:00 p.m. The SOIREE AUBERGINE SILENT AUCTION closes at midnight.

Saturday Feb. 26th, SOIREE AUBERGINE presents CREME DE LA CREME 94 at 10:00 p.m. The show at GENTRY will feature entertainment from a host of community organizations, clubs, businesses and bars.

Sunday Feb. 27th at GENTRY is LA SOIREE GRANDE from 5 pm to 10:00 p.m. There will be live music and comedy entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening.

The E/J's SATURDAY SUPER SHOW starts at 11 pm with a great star studded cast and that wonderful emcee, BRITTANY PAIGE, Miss Mid Texas.

Sunday Feb. 27—DEBORAH HARRY hits the RICH'S stage. Plus special entertainment in the Art Bar. Don't miss the show of the year! Tickets are on sale at RICH'S and TICKET MASTER outlets. Dave Hemmer, Rich's production manager says the phones are 'ringing off the hook' and space is limited. So get your tickets early!

Sundays get hotter and hotter at HEAVEN. Sunday, Feb. 27th the club says thank you to all who have made it Houston's favorite night spot with a CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PARTY and No Cover with a non perishable good for our friends at the AFH STONE SOUP FOOD PANTRY between 7 and 10:00 p.m. Bring a canned good for a friend in need and receive complimentary admission into the

club.

Sundays...enjoy the MONTROSE MINING COMPANY'S "MINE SHAFT BEER BUST" on the patio gets EVEN better. New in 1994 is \$1.00 buy in and a .25 cent refill of Miller Lite Draft Beer with extended hours from 4:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. The patio will surely get hotter as the men enjoy Houston's biggest beer bust.

Sunday at PACIFIC STREET is MANDANCE, Monster-T-Dance with the doors opening at 7 pm

and no cover from 7 to 9. When the weather is nice outside the crowd overflows onto the patio so there's always room for more.

The gang at the BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM is offering HAPPY HOUR all day each Monday. That's from 7:00 a.m. till 2:00 a.m. WOW! With \$1.50 cocktails and \$1.75 longnecks.

THE LAFF STOP is having a great night of Gay Comedy called the GAY COMEDY FREEDOM JAM with entertainers Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye who just happen to be lovers and Gay comedians on the local scene. This special showing is approximately one hour and forty five minutes long and is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door and happens to be on a Monday night Feb. 28th. This is a special evening of Gay comedy being put on by the Laff Stop and I think if you aren't involved with a team event such as pool or bowling, you ought to give up Murphy Brown for one night and spend the time laughing your asses off at the Laff Stop.

B.J. WILLIAMS is the host of E/J's Monday Night MALE STRIP CONTEST and this week his special guests is LAWANDA JACKSON, former Miss Houston America, Miss Galveston and cast member of Evening at La Cage in Las Vegas. Show time is 11:00 p.m.

EMPOWERMENT FOR LIVING meets on select Tuesdays at MCCR. Call Ralph Lasher or Johnny Peden for information regarding the next meeting time and date of this HIV—or + support group. Last Tuesdays meeting was on HIV & Dentistry with guest speaker Bruce Smith, DDS. There's always an informative topic. That number to call is 861-9149.



The LUEY cocktail parties at GENTRY stirred up a crowd of Hot men on the patio

Club Tar Tare?; Casting Call; Jimmy & George; Use your Gay Bucks wisely



STEVE of the TRI-STATE WOLF PACK of CINCINNATI gets pinned with a little help from his friends (photo by Ray)

HOUSTON SOAP, PART TWO

By TAD NELSON

Houston Voice Publisher

SOLOFLEX TUESDAY'S at JR'S are Houston's biggest weeknight party. And every Tuesday at JR'S you can register to GRAB FOR CASH at Midnight with emcee, KOFL. your entry to grab the cash also registers you for the big Soloflex giveaway set for Tuesday, April 26. You can register every Tuesday for your choice of a Soloflex weight lifting machine or \$500.00 in cash.

The MONTROSE MINING COMPANY opens every day at 1:00 p.m. Most days you will find RED BARRY there to serve up a drink and a smile. And the party continues into the night with AFTER HOURS until 4:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, with HARDCORE DANCERS...all night long.

Wednesdays at HEAVEN are Mondo Bizaro. Every Wednesday there are new twist and turns in store for you. One thing for sure you will always get 50 cent well drinks.

Don't miss KARAOKE NIGHT at E/J's beginning at 8 pm each Wednesday night. The evening is hosted by Bill Sansom and is in conjunction with STEAK NIGHT ON THE PATIO at 6 pm with LUCY. E/J's does have one of the best steak nights in town for a very reasonable price. Try it and get the Karaoke entertainment for free!

Wednesday is HOT HUMP NIGHT at PACIFIC STREET with the doors opening at 9:00 p.m. Victor Toledo plays this weeks current Billboard Hit Videos. And there's no cover if you been in previously and received a free admission from you favorite bartender.

COMING UP In Houston. ...

PANTHEON OF LEATHER WEEKEND is on MARCH 4-6 here in Houston and is



JILL JORDAN emceed BERING IT ALL at GENTRY



DAVID & WAYNE manning the registration table for LUEY at V-N (photo by Trucker)

presented by the LEATHER JOURNAL. Featured will be the Leather Community Service Awards and the International Masters and Slaves Contest. Wyndham Warwick is the host hotel and NLA-H is the host club. For information call Dean Walradt at (713) 528-2850.

MCCR will hold a spiritual renewal on Sunday March 6 with REVEREND STEVE PIETERS. Pieters is a long time survivor of AIDS having been diagnosed in 1982. He has been the field director of the AIDS Ministry for the Universal Fellowship of MCC's since 1987 and has written the HIV support group manual entitled "'The Spiritual Strength for Survival.'" His motto is "finding hope to be fully alive with HIV." See MCCR's ads on this and be sure not to miss it. His message may help you or someone you love.



NANCY of TEXAS RIDERS shakes up the crowd at LUEY show

CLUB TAR TARE opens it's doors Sunday March 6th. Raw men, music and action are the theme for this new Sunday Club Spot. KRIS LORD has been booked for the opening. Plus dancers and a special 8 pm and 10 pm drag show in the meat locker. All this plus Drink Specials will give something new to Sundays.

CLUB HEDONISM is still providing the best in entertainment and fun on Thursdays. CULTURE BEAT will perform on Thursday March 10th plus more to come this spring.

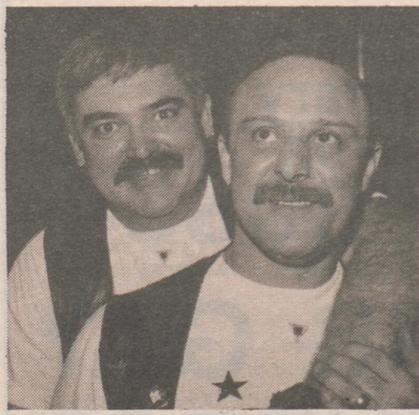
DIANA FOUNDATION will present the 41ST ANNUAL DIANA AWARDS SHOW on APRIL 9th. Stay tuned for more info on this event.

Other HOUSTON NOTES. ...

TNT SHIRTS is selling their special AIDS T-shirts, a black shirt with the



Do you recognize MISS HAVARD behind those Foster-Grants?



DOUG & DAVID were in from Big D

Red Ribbon on it. \$5.00 of the price of each shirt sold will go directly to benefit the PET PATROL.

RICHMOND NEWS AND VIDEO might be just the place to be for some Video excitement. You could watch one in their 10 clean video booths or rent one to take home. There's never a membership charge. Go by and check out Houston's finest High Energy Adult Video Arcade. RICHMOND NEWS is open 365 days a year and for one admission fee you can stay for an unlimited amount of time and view your favorite videos. Located at 4330 Richmond Ave., Richmond News and Video is open 24 hrs for all of you Nite Owls.

Hey, the TRUCKER and I went to see a great show last Saturday night. JEFFREY, now showing at STAGES REPERTORY THEATRE is a very funny show



BRITTANY PAIGE sings Happy Birthday to DONNIE

that I recommend highly. The cast was great and the script was definitely funny. RANDY JOBE, ex promotions director of CHARLES ARMSTRONG ENTERPRISES is in the cast and does an excellent job. But would I ever like to help JEFFREY played by red-headed hunk JOE KIRKENDALL with his sexual appetite personally. Joe, baby. If you need a little fluffing before the show call me and I'll bring my best knee pads back stage.

... and speaking of theater, have you heard that WARNER BROTHERS is having an open casting call for the role of ROBIN in BATMAN III? Yes, it's true. And auditions will be held on Saturday March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4 pm at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts located at 4001 Stanford. The



JIMMY JAMES with autograph seeker & fan, BOY GEORGE in Miami Beach

press release says no experience necessary, but the candidates should bring a snapshot of themselves and meet the following description, "Streetwise, sexy, aged 14 to 20 (to look 16). Great, athletic, tough body, 5'9" or under. Knowledge of martial arts a plus. If you fit these qualifications, now's your chance for a big time screen career. Just do it!

Who's the fairest one of all? Texas drag superstar JIMMY JAMES and England's fair haired BOY GEORGE went nightclubbing all over Miami Beach recently. George was amazed after watching James perform his one-man show. "George is my idol and he asked ME for my autograph!", James said. The two were overheard exchanging make-up tips and drag ideas.

...and speaking of MR. JAMES, did you happen to see VICKI! on Channel 2 this past Wednesday morning? Jimmy has another talk show under his belt. He and LARRY EDWARDS (Hot Chocolate) were guests on Vicki Lawrence's "Vicki/Victoria" Cross Dressers Special Edition. The crowd handled the subject matter pretty well and gave both Jimmy and Larry a rousing ovation as Marilyn and Tina. Congratulations guys...I mean gurlhs!

FLASH!! FLASH!! FLASH!! FLASH!! This is a new area I am delving into with this column but FYI I think it is important for all of us to know who supports and respects us as equal individuals and who does not! Oh boy—I feel like



JAY & KEN of PACIFIC STREET out enjoying the weekend

Marvin Zindler finding slime in someone's ice machine. But recently one of our sales reps was out targeting businesses in the area and when she called on Lynn Brochstein and Rochelle Oster of LINENS UNLIMITED OF HOUSTON, it was just like the Rodeo Drive shopping scene in the film "Pretty Woman." The person on duty not only was not polite, but with nose scraping the ceiling, she stated, "We don't cater to your kind." Now knowing that, I hope you all won't spend your dollars at this River Oaks Shopping Center location. If you really need nice linens try someplace else. We can express our power through the almighty dollar and get 'em where it hurts.

...and hey, I just made a recent discovery of an old business here in Montrose. Did you know that DRAMATIKA, yes, that poster and framing shop on Yoakum along side the Tower Theater also has a great line of greeting cards? Well they do! If you are looking for those sexually explicit cards of the beautiful men with rather large equipment usually in three fold—they have them. Not only do they have the RockShots type cards, but they also have a great selection of beautiful art cards and standard greeting cards. I just happened to need some glass replaced in a frame rather quickly recently and stumbled upon these racks of cards. Go by and check them out as an alternative to the politically high brow, non "bar-rag" liking shops in our area.

Enough for this week. I'll get off my Soap Box. ...

BYE FOR NOW!

KON TIKI CLUB

Galveston Island
Friday, February 25

BENEFIT FOR
TOMMIE ROSS

for the

MISS GAY UNIVERSE PAGEANT



SHOWTIME • 11:00 PM

With

DeANDRE • KOFI

TAYLOR KENNEDY • LINDSEY LOVE

LAWANDA JACKSON

JENNIFER ST. JOHN

JAMIE PERRY

LAUREN TAYLOR

KELLY KLINE

RANDE ROCHELLE

REMINGTON ROSS

CHAVELLE BROOKS

DYAN MICHAELS

NICKIE DEANDREA

**Hot
FUN**

dance and cruise bar
KON TIKI
315 Tremont • (409) 763-6264

Spring is in the air in Galveston; birthdays, benefits and barbecues

GALVES- TON SOAP

By JERRY STU-
ART

Houston Voice/Gal-
veston

The smell of spring is in the air here in our beautiful island city. All the trees and flowers are starting to bud out and I personally have always loved the smell of fresh cut new grass to the spring air. Speaking of grass, I'm gonna have to get some for my Easter basket because Easter is right around the corner and that also means Spring Break for a lot of us here in Galveston. All the beach bunnies will be out in numbers to show off their newest 1994 spring—summer beach wear. So, as soon as the fog dissipate and the sun pushes the clouds away it will once again be time to start working on our tans. God knows I can use one.

I was almost as white as the Toga sheet that I wore to one of the Mardi Gras parties. I was also browsing through the sale racks up at Basic Brothers last week and found some real bargains on their swim wear but I have also seen some cute pieces in Male International that I wouldn't mind having. After leaving there I stopped in Montrose to pick up some Valentine cards. I wish there was a place here in Galveston that sold funny and sexy cards. If there is one, I'd sure like to know where it is!

Speaking of birthdays, that reminds me, I'd like to wish John Nunn the D.J. over at Lafitte's a belated happy birthday. Cassie Nicole is also going to be hitting that big 3-0 this Friday so if any of you would like to wish her a happy birthday or maybe buy her a drink or two or three you could probably catch her at the bar Friday evening in case I have to work and don't make it by there. Happy



Benefit for Tommie at the Kon Tiki Friday

birthday, sweetie and don't listen to them, your still as gorgeous as always.

There is one more birthday I would like to bring to your attention and that is Dennis over at the Kon Tiki. I'm not quite sure how old he is going to be but his birthday is this Monday. You probably won't see him because rumor has it that he will be up north gagging on a cowboy. Have fun Dennis, wherever your at and happy birthday. One of my

sources spotted Johnny and Michael from Lafitte's at the Reba McIntire concert this week. Was this a real date? And how was she Johnny? I'm referring to Reba of course. I heard that she didn't have anything on Diane Michaels our Miss Gay Texas.

You can see Diane and over 15 other stars at the benefit for the fabulous Tommie Ross sponsored by Garza Productions that is going to be held this Friday night at the Kon Tiki Club. The money raised will help send Tommie to the America National Pageant held in Atlanta in March. The entertainment should be spectacular that evening so be sure to get there early if you want to get a good seat for a few good men to dance and strip part time on week ends. So if any of you out there think you might have what it takes and could use some extra cash call Toby or Woody at the club located at 2214 Mechanic (409) 763-4212 evenings only. Check the ad in the help wanted section of this paper.

Evolution is also having a free barbecue this Sunday the 27th at 8:30 p.m. Register to win two free cruise tickets for the Star of Texas. Ask your bartender for details. As for more island gossip tune in next week. This has been your friend island reporter now signing off.

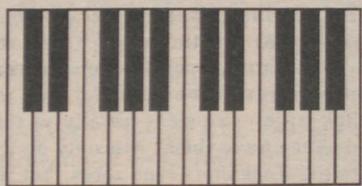
Mangos

Where Art & Fashion Meet
Original Trendy Look by Designer Plaz
Unisex Jewelry & Clothing... Club Gear!
Just One Block Down from The Planet

107 East Jackson
Harlingen, TX 78550

Downtown
(210) 425-3167

PIANO TECHNICIAN



"Let Me Play With
Your Upright"

DAVID HOENING
(713) 643-8410

ALL BILLS PAID!

MONTROSE AREA
1419 Hyde Park

**\$100 OFF MOVE-IN
With This Ad**

Efficiencies
\$325

Cable Available
Close To Bus Line

(713) 524-9660

Gay student alleges bias in Imperial County, California schools

BRAWLEY, Calif., Thursday, Feb. 17 (AP)—Brawley Union High School officials are investigating a student's charges that two physical education teachers discriminated against him because he is gay.

Emilio Cardenas, 16, also has criticized school officials for not acting on his complaint until after he contacted a newspaper this month.

Cardenas contends one teacher called him a "faggot" in front of a class. The other treated him rudely, resulting in trouble with other teachers, he said.

Cardenas also claims he was beaten by another student Dec. 2 in a locker room because of the teachers' attitudes. The student who beat him was expelled Dec. 20.

Administrators say the teachers will be disciplined if the allegations are true. They deny delaying an investigation.

"I think I took him seriously because I ordered an investigation," said Principal Garth Isom. "We didn't set any time frame on the investigation, because we wanted it

to be thorough."

Cardenas submitted a letter Dec. 14 to Vice Principal Bud Smith detailing the incidents. Isom said Smith was unable to begin an investigation until early January.

In addition, Isom said, the boy's mother did not want to come in and discuss the matter, which held up the investigation.

The investigation has found disagreement among students over whether the teacher called Cardenas faggot, the principal said. Half of the class reported hearing he did. Others claimed the teacher told the student to "bag it," meaning to put a ball away, Isom said. He refused to give other details about the ongoing investigation.

Isom said he believes most of his teachers are tolerant of homosexuality, although "I'm sure there's some groups that are intolerant of things like this."

Isom said he has talked to teachers about being sensitive since the incident.

Caring Cremations

"Serving the needs of the community with Dignity and Pride"

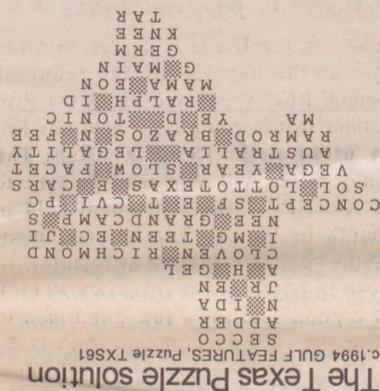


DEER PARK FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

336 E. San Augustine
Deer Park, Texas 77536
Danny W. Duncan
Funeral Director

(713) 476-4693

DIRECT
CREMATION
(713) 692-5555
CREMATION
SERVICE INTERNATIONAL



BILL CLAIRE FAMILY MORTUARY



Private Cremation
\$475 Complete

Care and Concern for the Family

- Complete Funeral • Pre-Arranged Services
- In-Home Services • Pre-Need Insurance
- All Insurance Policies Honored

522-9030

2603 Southmore • Houston • 77004

HOUSTON VOICE — OSCAR CONTEST

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Best Picture

- The Fugitive
- In the Name of the Father
- The Piano
- The Remains of the Day
- Schindler's List

Best Actress

- Angela Bassett (What's Love Got to Do With It)
- Stockard Channing (Six Degrees of Separation)
- Holly Hunter (The Piano)
- Emma Thompson (The Remains of the Day)
- Debra Winger (Shadowlands)

Best Actor

- Daniel Day-Lewis (In the Name of the Father)
- Laurence Fishburne (What's Love Got to Do With It)
- Tom Hanks (Philadelphia)
- Anthony Hopkins (The Remains of the Day)
- Liam Neeson (Schindler's List)

Best Director

- Robert Altman (Short Cuts)
- Jane Campion (The Piano)
- James Ivory (The Remains of the Day)
- Jim Sheridan (In the Name of the Father)
- Steven Spielberg (Schindler's List)

Best Supporting Actress

- Holly Hunter (The Firm)
- Anna Paquin (The Piano)
- Rosie Perez (Fearless)
- Winona Ryder (The Age of Innocence)
- Emma Thompson (In the Name of the Father)

Best Supporting Actor

- Leonardo DiCaprio (What's Eating Gilbert Grape)
- Ralph Fiennes (Schindler's List)
- Tommy Lee Jones (The Fugitive)
- John Malkovich (In the Line of Fire)
- Pete Postlethwaite (In the Name of the Father)

Best Original Screenplay

- Gary Ross (Dave)
- Jeff Maguire (In the Line of Fire)
- Ron Nyswaner (Philadelphia)
- Jane Campion (The Piano)
- Nora Ephron, David S. Ward & Jeff Arch (Sleepless in Seattle)

Best Adapted Screenplay

- Jay Cocks & Martin Scorsese (The Age of Innocence)
- Terry George & Jim Sheridan (In the Name of the Father)
- Ruth Praver Jhabvala (The Remains of the Day)
- Steven Zaillian (Schindler's List)
- William Nicholson (Shadowlands)

Best Foreign Language Film

- Belle Epoque (Spain)
- Farewell My Concubine (Hong Kong)
- Hedd Wyn (United Kingdom)
- The Scent of Green Papaya (Vietnam)
- The Wedding Banquet (Taiwan)

Best Art Direction

- Addams Family Values
- The Age of Innocence
- Orlando
- The Remains of the Day
- Schindler's List

Best Cinematography

- Farewell My Concubine
- The Fugitive
- The Piano
- Schindler's List
- Searching for Bobby Fischer

Best Costume Design

- The Age of Innocence
- Orlando
- The Piano
- The Remains of the Day
- Schindler's List

Best Film Editing

- The Fugitive
- In the Line of Fire
- In the Name of the Father
- The Piano
- Schindler's List

Best Original Score

- Elmer Bernstein (The Age of Innocence)
- Dave Grusin (The Firm)
- James Newton Howard (The Fugitive)
- Richard Robbins (The Remains of the Day)
- John Williams (Schindler's List)

Best Original Song

- "Again" (Poetic Justice)
- "The Day I Fall in Love" (Beethoven's 2nd)
- "Philadelphia" (Philadelphia)
- "Streets of Philadelphia" (Philadelphia)
- "A Wink and a Smile" (Sleepless in Seattle)

Best Sound

- Cliffhanger
- The Fugitive
- Geronimo: An American Legend
- Jurassic Park
- Schindler's List

Best Sound Effects Editing

- Cliffhanger
- The Fugitive
- Jurassic Park

Best Visual Effects

- Cliffhanger
- Jurassic Park
- The Nightmare Before Christmas

Best Makeup

- Mrs. Doubtfire
- Philadelphia
- Schindler's List

Rules:

1. Only one entry per person.
2. Indicate who you think the winner will be in each category by placing an "x" in the appropriate box.
3. All entries must be mailed or hand delivered to: The Houston Voice, Oscar Contest, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. Entries must be received (or be postmarked if mailed) by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17 to be eligible.
4. The person who correctly guesses the largest number of winners will receive \$100.00.
5. If the person correctly guessing the largest number of winners also guesses more winners correctly than Houston Voice Critic Javier Tamez, then the winner will be awarded an additional \$50.00. Tamez's picks will be published in the March 19th issue. Maximum prize is \$150.00.
6. In the event of a tie, a winner will be selected by random drawing from among those tied.
7. This contest is not open to employees of the Houston Voice or their family members.
8. In all cases the decision of the judges will be final.

Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is now halfway to 1994 Houston goal

QUICK NOTES

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund signed up 25 new members at a fundraiser in Houston this week—members who have pledged \$300 in support of Gay and Lesbian candidates for public office each year.

"The Fund has a goal of doubling its Houston membership this year, so I'd say 25 members at one fund is pretty good," said Victory Fund local board member Annise Parker.

"Of course, I still think more people should have taken an interest. But it was a good turnout," Parker said.

Special guests at the members-only event were Bob and Rod Jackson—Paris, one of the best-known Gay male couples in the nation. The pair split the message in their address to the crowd, with Bob giving the political pitch and Rod the "warm fuzzies" of why it is important to support the



William Waybourn, second from left, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, joins members Steve Habgood, Kathy Hubbard, Annise Parker, John Ramos and Dave Starkey at membership drive in Houston

organization, Parker said.

The event was co-sponsored by Crossroads Market bookstore, the Museum Restaurant and Bar and the Houston Voice.

Parker said organizers were particularly grateful to the Museum's owners, Peter Foley and Craig Vollmers, for closing the restaurant for dinner in deference to the benefit and for donating an open bar for the event.

Most of those who attended the event were new members, Parker said.

William Waybourn, executive director of the national political action committee, also made a special appearance at the Houston event. He gave the new members an introduction and welcome to the Victory Fund and an outline of how the organization works.

The Victory Fund, now with 75 Houston members, hopes to have 100 by the end of 1994.

HOUSTON VOICE CLASSIFIED ADS

To advertise in Houston Voice Classifieds Call (713) 529-8490 or (800) 729-8490 if not in Houston. Office hours are 9 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday

SERVICES

JEAN-LOUIS (JOHN) AMAND, LMSW-ACP
Experienced - General Psychotherapy, singles, couples, groups, depression/anxiety, HIV infected/affected, disempowerment, public sexual behavior, addictions - Gay Affirmative (713) 621-4220.

MORTGAGE FINANCING/REFINANCING.
DAN DEVINE (713) 444-6767.

DWELLINGS

WOODLAND HEIGHTS
1br/1 bath garage apartment, washer/dryer, air, \$300, 1 month security (713) 880-0670.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Meet fun-loving adults. Send S.A.S.E.:
UBFREE, POB 38531, Houston, Tx 77238."

TAROT CARD READINGS BY CHRISTINE!
Advice on love, marriage, business and etc.
(713) 451-4029

DID YOU KNOW STEVE BONNY?
Family member would like to hear from anyone who had contact with him. Please write to P.O. Box 54574, Hurst, Tx 76054.

Houston Professional Men's Association is looking for you! New friends & great activities! Couples or Singles (713) 866-4079.

OFFICE SPACE WANTED

Gay Male Therapist - LMSW-ACP seeking office space in Montrose area. Willing to share with other therapists (713) 621-4220

HELP WANTED

THE CLUB HOUSTON
Now accepting applications for all positions. Please apply in person. Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to noon, 2205 Fannin, Houston, Tx.

CLUB EVOLUTION

Help wanted - Male dancers, beginners or college students welcome. Earn extra \$ weekends. Must be 21. Call Toby or Woody at Club Evolution on Galveston Island (409) 763-4212 Evenings only.

STONEWALL



JUNE 26 1994

INTERNATIONAL MARCH
ON THE UNITED NATIONS
TO AFFIRM THE HUMAN
RIGHTS OF LESBIAN AND
GAY PEOPLE

Make Your Plans
Now To Be A
Part of History!

Stonewall 25
208 West 13th Street
New York, NY 10011
212-439-1031

Travel Information
800-216-1880

Merchandise Information
800-IS-PROUD

Please make checks payable to:
STONEWALL 25
Contributions are tax-deductible
to the full extent of the law

New Zealand tourism board targets homosexual visitors

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Sunday, Feb. 20 (AP)—The government-funded New Zealand Tourism Board has mounted a campaign to attract gay Australian tourists, sparking criticism from Tourism Minister John Banks.

A gay couple from Sydney is now in New Zealand as guests of the board. The couple will be used in an advertising campaign aimed at prospective gay tourists.

Tourism Board marketing manager

Linda Fleet said research showed Sydney gays generally had good jobs and high disposable incomes. They averaged one trip abroad a year. Why not to New Zealand?

But Banks said Sunday that gays would

bring health and social risks. He said there was no question of trying to stop gay tourists, but that there was no reason to encourage them to come.

He did not say if he would order the Tourism Board to halt the campaign.



HIV RESEARCH STUDY NOW ENROLLING IN HOUSTON

Houston Clinical Research Network is testing the drug Pyrimethamine™ for prevention of toxoplasmosis infection in HIV positive individuals

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- * CD4 (t-cell) count of less than 200
- * Positive test for toxoplasmosis exposure (test provided if needed)
- * No history of active toxoplasmosis infection
- * Not currently taking Bactrim™

For all eligible participants, Pyrimethamine™, physician visits and required laboratory procedures will be provided at no cost

For screening information, contact Susan McKusker, R.N. at 713/520-2011

HCRN is also enrolling patients on 14 other HIV-related research studies
Call and see if you can participate in new HIV research - 520-2083

HOUSTON CLINICAL RESEARCH NETWORK

An AmFAR Community Based Clinical Drug Trials Site, a NIAID Division of AIDS Treatment Research Initiative Site

520-2083 (client services), 520-2011 (clinical), 520-2014 (Spanish), 528-3577 (TDD), an affiliate of Montrose Clinic, P.O. Box 66308, Houston, TX 77266-6308

Being At Home with Claude & The Queen at Landmarks River Oaks Three



A contestant in "The Queen" now showing at River Oaks 3

ALTERNATIVE MOVIE REVIEWS

By VADA CARROLL
Houston Voice/Houston

I've seen some pretty bizarre films in my days but Being at home with Claude is a doozy! Picture it. Montreal in the middle of a July heat wave. The city shudders from wailing sirens and crowds move to a jazz beat. Prostitutes are busy on the street and in a small park cruising and tricking are taking place in the safety of dimly lit recesses. A cry rings out of the darkness from a nearby apartment building. A man is

dead, murdered. The body is left lying in pool of blood as the killer runs down street and alleys fleeing the scene. A few days later he turns himself in to police investigators. Just another violent crime, right. Wrong. ...

Being at Home with Claude is a stunning, contemporary urban tragedy dealing with a passionate love gone awry. Claude, the murdered man in this tale of woe, is a university student of bi-sexual background. We come to discover Yves, the street hustler/murderer is very choosy about his clientele and has been seeing Claude repeatedly over a couple of month period.

The story begins with the murder and is then dissected from the perspective of Yves through a montage of black and white flash backs interspersed with reality of the present shot in color. It is a bit confusing at first until you catch on to the rhythm of the sequencing. But together with some really fine art photography and the questioning of the Inspector played by Jacques Godin we manage to get to the depth of Yves' psyche only to dis-

cover that he killed Claude because he loved him.

Mr. Dupuis' acting is superbly dramatic. And not only is he a beautifully packaged, masculine specimen, but he is the type of actor the camera loves. Did I mention that he is French-Canadian? Yes, and this film is in the French language with subtitles? Small problem, but quickly overcome on the big screen.

The film comes to the River Oaks Three from Les Productions Du Cerf in association with the National Film Board of Canada. It is directed by Jean Beaudin and was scripted from the original play by Rene-Daniel Dubois. It also comes with a word of warning as to the depressing topic but a recommendation if you like good dramatic theater and well developed photographic style. Try it.

"The Queen" Drag In 1967 New York Is Certainly Different From Today

Houston Voice/Houston

There's not much to say about this movie, which is more like a documentary than an actual

film. Except that it's roots lie in history, as well as a few select bottles of peroxide and henna rinse. The film is reminiscent of a home video and focuses on the goings on behind the scenes at a Drag Contest held in New York in 1967.

Let me assure you that drag has taken giant strides since the days of old. These ladies, or gentlemen if you prefer would not be considered fit to enter most of today's slick and stylish pageants. A great percentage of the contestants were about as attractive as is Milton Berle in a Bob Hope comedy sketch.

But as I said, from a historical perspective the film is pretty interesting. The way gays were perceived in 1967 and the way the contestants talk about themselves and among themselves is significantly different from 1994. And I guess that for a pre-Stonewall event of this order to be considered, these "Queens" had more balls than most.

For light entertainment of a gay nature, plan to spend some time in the dark with "The Queen"—now showing at the River Oaks Three on West Gray in Houston.



Roy Dupuis stars as Yves in "Being at Home With Claude" at River Oaks 3

A conversation with 'Blossom of Bone' author Randy P. Conner of Austin

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
Houston Voice/Houston

Randy Conner, author of BLOSSOM OF BONE: Reclaiming the Connections Between Homoeroticism and the Sacred (Harper, San Francisco), came to New Orleans during the heat of Carnival's last weekend.

He came from Austin with his companion, David Hatfield Sparks. "We are here for Mardi Gras," Conner said as we drove to one of Mardi Gras' most celebrated events, The Lords of Leather Ball (dress: leather, black tie, or costume). "It is homoerotic, androgynous and sacred."

Conner was here for a reception and signing at Faubourg Marigny Books, on Lundi Gras (the Monday before Mardi Gras). His astounding book deals with metaphysical and symbolic powers of queer sexuality. Anyone thinking beyond dogma knows something about this, everyone else suspects it.

Sex has been and remains part of the religious experience, from today's exploiting priest with his hand up the altar boy's cassock, to Biblical King David's attempted deathbed revival by the ministrations of aids using the sexual stimulation of twelve year old girls.

If you want more examples consider sacrifice, a ubiquitous religious art form. Or, better yet, the need of religions to regulate sex for the greater good of their particular vision.

LEJ: "Your title is enticing; what does it mean, blossom of bone?"

RPC: "I picked that title because I loved the chant of a group of Gay and bisexual pagan men called Radical Faeries. One of the things I wanted to show in my book was while the people we call Gay today have changed very much according to what culture and time we live in, there are very funny, common themes that have remained much the same."

LEJ: "Such as?"

RPC: "A delight in fusing the spiritual and the sacred with the mundane and with the erotic and with the humorous and with the ornamental. A lot of what you see here today in Mardi Gras, you would have seen something not very unlike this in ancient Rome among homoerotically inclined androgynous men who worshiped the Goddess."

LEJ: "What Goddess?"

RPC: "There were many Goddesses at the time, the primary Goddess in Rome that I was thinking of then was Cybele."

LEJ: "Were all their deities female?"

RPC: "Many of the deities that queer men seem to have honored were, but there also were what people are now calling the 'green man god.' Earth loving, like a Pan kind of figure. Lusty and sensuous, like Bacchus. Not



Author Randy P. Conner (Photo by David Hatfield Sparks)

the father—god, not the heavy, patriarchal, law-giving god."

"You know our word enthusiasm it means 'in Theos,' meaning to bring the god inside. The Greeks and Romans believed we could bring the god within, so I could become the god if I put on the right clothes and truly believed. I'm blown away by all the gods I see at Mardi Gras."

"One of the things that I think relates to what I'm seeing here at Mardi Gras is the homoerotically inclined/gender variant—what I basically mean by that are gay androgynous men—men who are willing to go beyond traditional gender roles, sex preferences, whatever for one reason or another. They were allowed in many societies to be spiritual teachers. When the great religions we have now, Judaism, Christianity, Islam came along those people were

pretty much exorcised. If they were closeted perhaps they stayed in the church, otherwise they were shooed away." >

"What happened is that these people re-surfaced in a carnival-esque fashion in the Mardi Gras, and Carnivals in Europe. The traditions remained but they had to survive in a less serious way. If they were too serious then they threatened the new majority religions. They remained in festive ways and reminded people of the world that had been lost This (further)

allowed people who would not normally allow themselves to enter that world to enter it. In a way, these queer people became the guides into that world. I've seen that since I've been here the past couple of days.

"It is amazing! Like that Lords of Leather Ball we went to, it was an incredible ritual. When someone told me we were going to The Lords of Leather Ball I thought it was going to be in a dark dungeon—and that would have been great too—but it was so astounding to me to see people dressed in formal clothes, and what could have been a Renaissance tableau. The pagan Gods right there!

"I see it as a very ancient tradition. You can not, no matter how much someone might want to, disassociate it from androgyny and homosexuality. You can't pull

that out, if you pull those threads apart all this would unravel, I think."

LEJ: "In one of Kurt Vonnegut's lesser novels following Slaughterhouse Five, he makes the case for procreation not being possible without homosexuality in the socio-sexual mix. In that same period, the 1960-70's, R. Buckminster Fuller argued that homosexuality—not war and disease—was mother nature's way of reducing overpopulation. Interesting."

RPC: "One of the weird terms I used in the book is gender-variance. The reason I used it rather than androgyny is because, what I like is the fluidity between the drag queen all the way through to the athlete to the leather queen. This allows people to grow, to self actualize."

LEJ: "I think queer issues are the cutting edge political and theological debate in America right now. Nothing else much is being debated. The race, economic, war issues have either been settled or forgotten. No metaphysical issue commands the national attention like the queer issue. It is the engine pushing freedom in the United States, what now happen to the American notion of liberty hinges on what happens to queers."

RPC: "I remember a long time ago, no one admitted they had a queer in their family. I've noticed recently a lot of people are beginning to turn around and say, 'I have a gay member in my family and I think that's pretty neat.' They might be the care giver, the person come to for advice. People are beginning to honor their gay sons and daughters."

Nevada lt. governor joins protest over anti-gay petition

By **BRENDAN RILEY**
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

CARSON CITY, Thursday, Feb. 17 (AP)—An anti-gay petition will hurt Nevada's economy and run counter to its long history of tolerance, the head of the state's economic development and tourist promotion efforts said Thursday.

Lt. Gov. Sue Wagner added that for years Nevada had an "outlaw" status because of its legalized casinos, but people elsewhere didn't really care because the state was so isolated.

"So I find it somewhat ironic that outside organizers now feel the need to come into our state to try to get a measure on our ballot which I consider to be at odds with our fundamental values of tolerance and respect for individual liberty," she said.

Mrs. Wagner said convention losses in Colorado exceeded \$45.5 million in the nine months following Nov. 1992 approval of a similar anti-gay provision there—and the measure never even took effect because it was struck down in the courts.

"Considering the enormous number of conventions hosted in Nevada every year, the economic implications of approving an anti-gay initiative like the one proposed are clear," she said. "Boycotts have proven to be an effective weapon, capable of costing business lost revenues which translates into lost jobs."

"But economic concerns aside, the larger issue remains ... the right to live our lives and make our most personal choices without government intru-

sion," Mrs. Wagner added.

Her comments, requested by Log Cabin, a gay and lesbian Republican group in Las Vegas, follow similar criticism from Gov. Bob Miller, Las Vegas Mayor Jan Laverty Jones and other officials.

But proponents of the anti-gay petition now circulating in Nevada say critics who accuse them of intolerance are uninformed.

Lon Mabon of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, whose group drafted the Nevada petition, also predicted voter approval of the petition because Nevada, despite its round-the-clock lifestyle, is conservative and lacks a large homosexual community.

Mabon also has said he'd work to reverse any economic damage caused by boycotts by encouraging his supporters to

take vacations here.

Similar initiative drives have started in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. Mabon said petitions also are expected in Arizona, Missouri, Florida, Michigan and a few other states this year.

Mabon said he decided to work on a Nevada ballot proposal after learning of the 1993 Legislature's decision to repeal an old law against unnatural sex acts between people of the same sex.

In addition, Mabon said he was told of efforts by gay and lesbian Nevadans to expand their political strength by mobilizing for the 1994 elections.

The petitioners need just over 51,000 signatures to get their proposal on the November ballot in Nevada. The group is trying for 70,000 to 75,000 names, which must be turned in by June 21.



THURSDAYS

25¢

WELL DRINKS

Super Drink Specials
25¢ WELL DRINKS
and **25¢ ICE COLD**
MILLER LITE DRAFT

Frozen Margaritas Only \$1.25

SUPER STRIP SHOW

11pm Male Strip Contest
\$200 in Cash to Contest Winners
\$125 to Winner • \$50 to 1st Runner Up
\$25 to 2nd Runner Up

HEAVEN

THE MEN OF SOUTH BEACH
Male Dancers Perform A
Las Vegas Style Strip Revue

FRIDAYS • FRIDAYS • FRIDAYS
HOUSTON'S BIGGEST DANCE CLUB PARTY

75¢ WELL DRINKS... All Night Long.

Ice Cold Miller Lite Longnecks Only \$1.75

DJ/VJ Steve Underwood

810 PACIFIC • HOUSTON • 713.521.9123

D.C. provision assures gays will share quake aid

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 19 (AP)—Legislation providing \$8.6 billion in relief for Los Angeles earthquake victims specifically forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, congressional aides said Saturday.

The protection for homosexuals was part of a last-minute amendment sought by lawmakers concerned about the potential for discrimination created by a ban on long-term aid to illegal aliens in the same package.

The anti-discrimination measure was discussed only briefly when House and Senate negotiators met to work out a compromise on the bill. There was no controversy when Rep. Julian Dixon, D-Calif., outlined its provisions.

Gay rights advocates hope it will be a model for inclusion of sexual orientation in anti-discriminatory language in other legislation, including the health care bill.

"This is the first time that sexual orientation has been protected from discrimination on a federal level," David Smith, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said Saturday. "The other significant aspect is that there was no opposition, which is very positive."

One aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dixon had discussed the proposal with several lawmakers, including Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who was involved in drafting the

restrictions on aid to illegal aliens.

Dixon couldn't be reached for comment on Saturday on the provision. Reid's spokesperson, Susan McCue, said the Nevada Democrat was "aware of it and comfortable with it."

The existence of the ban on sexual orientation discrimination was first disclosed by The Washington Post.

The provision bans discrimination in distribution of aid on the basis of race, sex, religion, handicap and other grounds as well as sexual preference. But it applies only to the disaster relief available to victims of the Jan. 17 earthquake.

Its inclusion into the legislation was the final act in a drama that revolved largely around aid to illegal aliens.

Prompted by conservative Rep. Ron Packard, R-Calif., the House denied long-term earthquake aid for illegal aliens. The effort prompted anger from Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y., chairperson of the Hispanic Caucus, and others who said it would lead inevitably to discrimination.

The Senate, at Reid's initiative, altered it to require disaster aid officials to take "reasonable" steps to determine the immigration status of those seeking aid.

Dixon's amendment was the final refinement, and it was approved by both the House and Senate without discussion. President Clinton signed the relief bill last week.

Open
2pm - 2am
Everyday

MIRIAM'S

Happy Hour
2 - 7pm
Everyday

115 General Krueger • San Antonio • (210) 308-7354

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00 Pool Tourney Cash Prizes	8:30 Pool Tourney Cash Prizes	7:00 Steak Nite	10:30 Talent Night with Jessica Wells Cash Prizes	9:30 Best Strip Show In Town with Sassy St. James	No Cover At All	No Cover At All
50¢ DRAFT	\$	8:30 Pool Tourney Cash Prizes	50¢ DRAFT	After Hours	ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEW ONES TOO!	After Hours
\$1.00 SCHNAPPS			\$1 SCHNAPPS			
\$1.75 CUERVO					After Hours	

Liliane

...i was just wondering ...

© 1994 Leanne Franson

...if Sophie and i stay together forever, am i still bisexual?

...if six-year-old Bobby Becker has a crush on six-year-old Donald Daily, is he gay, or just cute?

...if Sal is halfway thru her FtoM sex-change is s/he a fag or a fag-hag?

...if a pedigreed lesbian gives birth thru artificial insemination, is it a virgin birth?

...if Butler likes to watch humans have sex, is he a pervert?

Paper Moon Tonight
Friday, February 25th

MUSCLES-IN-ACTION
With Shady Lady
50¢ DRAFT ALL NITE
AFTER HOURS!

WEDNESDAY
March 2nd

TWIN DANCERS!!
Plus Shady Lady
50¢ WELL • \$1.75 LONGNECKS

SUNDAY

Plus TOI BROOKS & MISS RHEE

Pauletta Leigh Shady Lady Tandi Andrews

\$1.00 WELL 9-11
NO COVER TIL 10pm • AFTER HOURS

Coming March 19th
THE OFFICIAL MISS GAY SAN ANTONIO U.S.A.

Coming March 6th

club tar tare

Selected Inspected Satisfaction Guaranteed

raw men / raw action / raw music

Something new to sink your teeth into!

meatlocker line 639-6556

Friday, February 25 • 10:00 PM • Meet the Contestants and Judges Party

Saturday, February 26 • 11:00 PM • Knights of Magic (Fantasy and Illusions in Leather)

Sunday, February 27 • 9:00 PM • Mr. Prime Choice Contest

MR. PRIME CHOICE '94

a contest
for men
over 40



**FEB. 25, 26, & 27
AT THE RIPCORD**

715 Fairview, Houston

emcees:
Don Dowden &
Boots Adams

for more information please ask
your bartender at the Ripcord



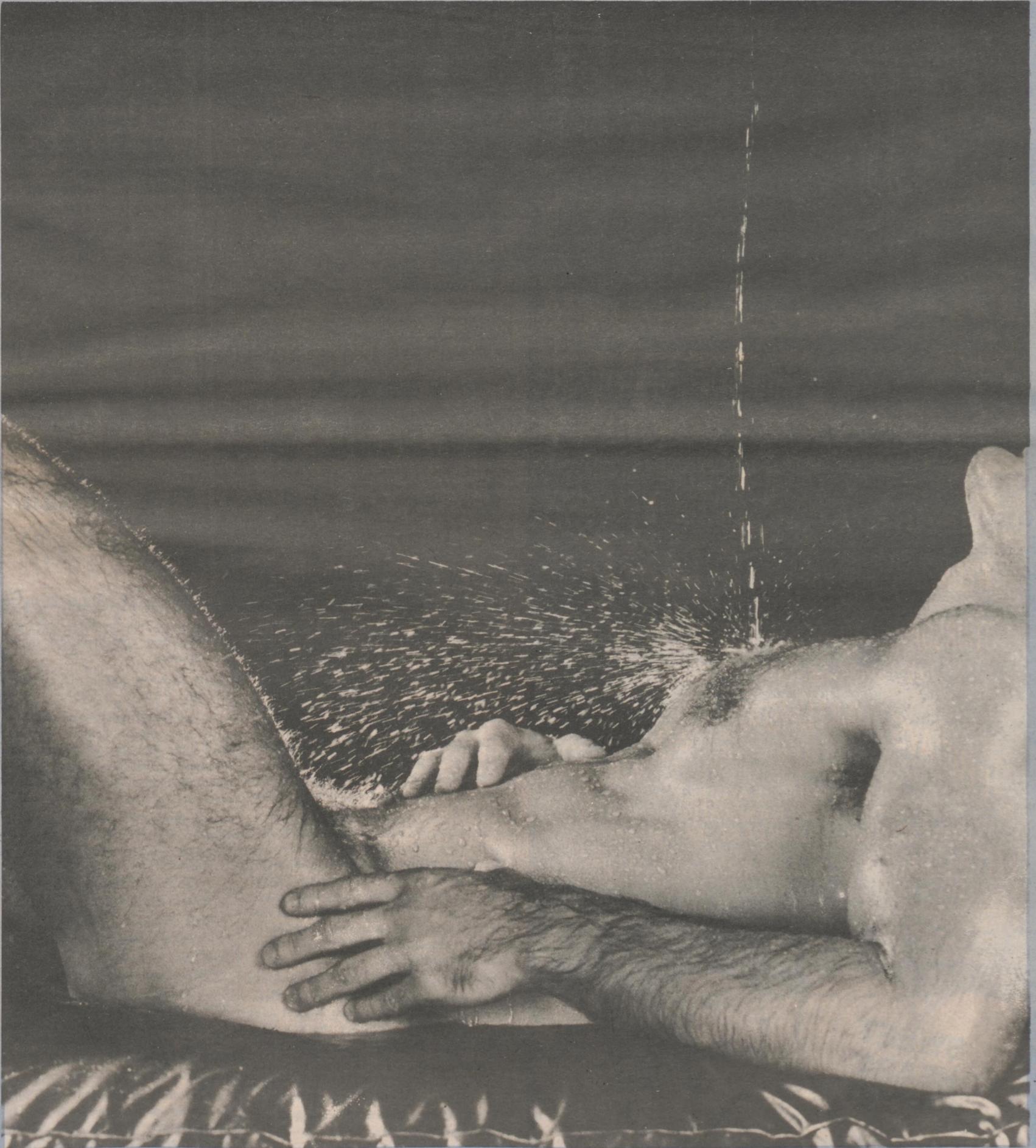
If sexually explicit materials may be offensive to you please do not view this section of the Houston Voice

HOUSTON VOICE BLUE PAGES

Bar Listings
Erotica-Art/Ads
Galaxy Gayzer
Models/Escorts
Personal Ads
Texas Puzzle
900 Phone Ads

A COMMUNITY NEWS PUBLICATION • FEBRUARY 25, 1994 • ISSUE 696

HOUSTON (713) 529-8490 • NATIONWIDE (800) 729-8490 • FAX (713) 529-9531



April Showers already?



THE CLUB

HOUSTON

2205 FANNIN • HOUSTON • (713) 659-4998

PLUNGE ON IN



Photo by Sunstar ©MCMDCI T.N.T. DESIGNS, INC., NY, NY

WEEKLY SPECIALS—GUARANTEED SAVINGS

MONDAYS: 1/2 PRICE LOCKERS
 TUESDAYS: 1/2 PRICE LOCKERS & ROOMS
 WEDNESDAYS: "BUDDY NIGHT" BUY A ROOM AND BUDDY GETS LOCKER **FREE**
 THURSDAYS: 1/2 PRICE LOCKERS & ROOMS
 (ALL SPECIALS NOON TO MIDNIGHT)

***FRIDAYS *SATURDAYS *SUNDAYS**
 PACK THE HOUSE
 ROUND THE CLOCK
 *WORKOUT *LAYOUT
 OR JUST *HANGOUT

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN THE a.m.

THE CLUB'S OUTSTANDING FEATURES

- NAUTILUS
- PRIVATE DRESSING ROOMS
- POOL
- FREE WEIGHT
- LARGE SUNDECK
- JACUZZI
- TANNING BED
- FITNESS INSTRUCTOR
- SHOWERS
- DRY SAUNA
- SPECIALS WEEKLY
- VIDEO ROOMS
- STEAM BATH
- MASSAGE THERAPY
- LOCKERS

SWEET HEART SPECIAL

SWEET HEART SPECIAL
 MONTH OF FEB
FREE
 HOT TOWEL FACIAL
 WITH PURCHASE
 OF FULL BODY
 SWEDISH
 MASSAGE

HOUSTON'S PREMIER
HEALTH & RECREATIONAL FACILITY

OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY
 7 DAYS A WEEK • 365 DAYS A YEAR

New York mayor says debate, but don't hate, over gay games

By JOHN SHANAHAN
 FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Friday, Feb. 18 (AP)—Mayor Rudolph Giuliani cautioned Friday that people's differences over things such as sexuality and next June's Gay Games could become so heated that they begin to make New York feel "like the Inquisition during the Middle Ages."

He said people can have honest disagreements about the morality of gay and lesbian conduct, and have a right to debate them, but should not hate each other.

"Sometimes, when we get into these things, New York is beginning to feel like the Inquisition during the Middle Ages," he said at a City Hall press conference.

Giuliani said that people could start saying, "let's condemn this person. Let's condemn that person. (Or) the mayor should issue a condemnation."

Instead, he said, "people can disagree with each other. It's okay. We'll all get along."

The mayor's comments came after three City Council members requested he "immediately and fully condemn" statements by the Rev. Ruben Diaz, one of his supporters, who has spoken out against the Gay Games being held here.

A letter to the mayor on the subject was signed by Thomas Duane, C. Virginia Fields and Guillermo Linares, all of Manhattan.

"We unequivocally believe that Rev.

Diaz's statements reflect a hatred for and ignorance of the lesbian and gay community and people with AIDS," they wrote.

Duane, who is openly homosexual, has also called for Diaz to resign as a member of the Civilian Review Board, which hears complaints against police.

Diaz had written an article in Impacto, an Hispanic weekly newspaper, complaining that the games would attract gay and lesbian athletes who "are likely to be already infected with AIDS or (who) can return home with the virus."

The South Bronx minister said millions of people, including children, would see the games on television or in person, leading them to conclude that if there are so many homosexual athletes, that "then there is nothing wrong, nor any risks involved."

Giuliani said Friday that, "one view in this city is that gay and lesbian sexuality is immoral. ... A large percentage of people have that view. You don't have to agree with that. You can think that view is fundamentally wrong, incorrect, flawed, or whatever."

"But, it is a legitimate thing people have a right to say, have a right to argue. They have a right to try to persuade people of that. Just because you're on the other side of that, don't turn that into hatred."

"Otherwise, you're actually creating the atmosphere that you're really trying to work against."

Quaker group protests Indiana college's decision to host gay conference

RICHMOND, Ind., Saturday, Feb. 19 (AP)—Earlham College is hosting the second annual Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay College Conference this weekend, but not without resistance from the group that helped form the college 147 years ago.

The Indiana Yearly Meeting says the majority of its members do not support homosexuality and are upset the college is letting students sponsor the conference.

"It seems clear to me, we need to lovingly help (homosexuals) out of this sin as we would any other and help them get their lives on the right track," David Brock, superintendent of the group, wrote in a protest letter to college President Richard Wood and members of the yearly meeting's ministry and oversight committee.

The Indiana Yearly Meeting appoints five members of the 20-member Earlham College board of trustees, but does not financially support the school.

"Really what this reflects is the larger disagreement among Quakers, and Earlham is the focal point," said Stephanie Crumley-Effinger, assistant to the president for Quaker and campus ministries.

"We, as Quakers, are struggling as is true of many other religious groups with the question of homosexuality. What are God's intentions for people who are attracted to members of the same sex? In our yearly meeting, a majority of friends believe God's intention is to be celibate or seek to change their orientation."

Yearly meeting members want the college to reflect what she said is the majority opinion.

Gary Dawson, pastor of Fountain City Friends Church, agreed.

"It's a bit of concern of many of the local churches about what is presented at Earlham, and there's an extreme frustration that they present homosexuality in its many forms as an O.K. alternative lifestyle," he said.

In Brock's Feb. 8 letter, he said the conference is evidence that yearly meeting members need to continue to be concerned about the college and the message it is giving the community and potential students.

However, Wood says the school will continue to support its students' freedom to expression.

"We want to encourage student groups to do things we think are reasonable," Wood said. "And indeed a college is a place where this ought to be discussed. ... But we think that it is the Quaker thing to do and the Christian thing to do."

Some of the 175 students who are involved in the conference will meet with members of the yearly meeting later this year to discuss the issues brought up in the past week.

"I don't imagine it will impact the conference that much. I don't know that for sure," Crumley-Effinger said.

The conference began Friday and ends Sunday. It is being sponsored by Earlham's Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay People's Union.

Hardly Girls shine at the 106; Sheena Angelica crowned Miss Gay SA '94 at the Paper Moon



Jimmy James as Patsy Cline at Wild Country

SAN ANTONIO SOAP

By LEFTY TAYLOR

Houston Voice/San Antonio

Spring is in the air, but I still predict at least one more cold spell before it's all over. Don't tell my snakes. They came out of hibernation this week and boy, were they hungry.

The Hardly Girls, at the 106, put on one of the best shows seen I've in town in a long time. They were funny and energetic in their final of the series of benefit shows for the MCC church. The crowd was surprised at the suction of the one and only Tommy Manhattan and her husband Beannie. A friend of theirs, Martin, purchased them for \$300 and he gets the express privilege of their service for 24 hours any way he see fit. Also that night large donations were received from Ken Bradshaw and Babette (Ray) of \$100 and Bob to help round out the figure to a grand total of \$700. The total for the show at the El Jardin and the 106 brings the total to \$997.

Now featured at Miriam's on Sunday night is not only .50 cent draft and \$1 schnapps with the Sunday pool tournament but also \$1.75 Cuervo shots. On Wednesday night, Jessica Wells hosts the most spectacular strip show in town. New on Saturday is no cover at all and this Thursday, Friday and Saturday features after hours along with Sunday. If you are following the fatal attraction saga, its still going on. Guido, just change your last name to Bobbit, he'll never leave you alone then.

The El Jardin is now gearing up for Fiesta. The Miss Queen William pageant will be held on the third Wednesday of April and the winner will be the one who raised the most money for the AIDS Foundation. Last year, over \$1200 was raised with the crown going to Tica from the Hardly Girls. She will be giving up her crown this year to some lucky girl. This crown has been in effect for 5 years and it has steadily brought in more and more money.

Valentines is over and so is the 2015's anniversary. They celebrated 11 years on the fourteenth and I hope they will be around for a long while. Steak night is on Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. hosted by Peter and SAPWAC and for only \$5 you can eat a dinner that would choke a horse. There are dancers at the 2015 on Thursday night from 9:00p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Friday night from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday night from 10:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Also along the anniversary

lines was Sparks this last weekend. They were celebrating their fourth year as a gay bar. That's okay Mike, I always choose beef over fish, too. On Tuesday night its hot oil wrestling and I'm still trying to get him to do a bartenders wrestling night. My choice is Robert and Rodney. No bets on this one, but I'll get to console the winner and congratulate the loser, huh? Oh well! Karaoke night is on Monday and Thursday nights and

host a Fajita cook-off and Dena Kaye in concert. On the 13th there is a special benefit show with MC Miss Ricki at 8:00 p.m.

This weekend, the Wild Club celebrates its third anniversary with a special illusion show with Lawanda Jackson and Poison along with Amber Nix and Miss Gay USA hopeful Victoria West. I talked with Poison on the phone this week and she is darling. Her plans for the future is in the working now for a contract with Roxie Starr in Reno.

On the 5th of March (isn't that the Ides of March?) adult porn star Jesse Tyler will put on a show. He will have to work hard to outdo Marco Rossi's performance. Every Sunday, Victoria West will host a special show with guests from all over. Also coming up is China Blue.

There's something new at the Wild Country on Sundays. Now there's liquor bust from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for only .50 cents. All the wienies you can eat and all the wienies you can watch. This also goes along with the usual .25 draft beer all night. Now after the bust, happy hour will go on all night and well and longnecks will be \$1.50.

At the Paper Moon this last week Sheena Angelica was crowned Miss Gay San Antonio 1994. Now coming up on the 19th is the official Miss Gay San Antonio USA 1994 and good luck on this one girl. You looked good. On Friday, the 25th, Shady Lady will host Muscles in Action with .50 cent draft all night and after hours. On Wednesday March the

2nd some things from your wildest dreams will come true. Twin strippers in a show with Shady Lady to surprise and delight you. This Sunday Toi Brooks and Miss Rhee join the regular show with Tandi Andrews, Shady Lady and Pauletta.

Now I would like to thank Peter Peterson for his kind donation of a bed to my spare bedroom so the poor waif I brought home has a place to stay. Also along with thanks I need to send around is one to Derek over at the Foundation. Not only did he do a wonderful job as usual at the Hardly Girls 106 show but he also brought Mark Chestnut there to visit the patients. Mark, along with Mary Chapin Carpenter are both members of the Country Music People for AIDS (or something like that) and he made a very inspiring appearance at the foundation. Poor Cecil nearly broke a chair trying to follow him around.

Now its time to go, and as a warning, I'm telling you I'm now trying fish as a hobby. Thanks and chow!



The Real Mark Chestnut with Addie Gonzales at SAAF

Peter is back singing his little heart out.

Debbie Garris, Musket and Wave will be performing live at Nexus on March 6th. March is a big month for Nexus. It is grand start of the Volleyball season and there is no other bar in town where you can play with your balls in public like here. Not that you girls would have that many to play with. On the 19th and 20th there will be a pre-season tournament with cash prizes. That Sunday will also



Sheena Angelica: Miss Gay San Antonio 1994

Report finds Clinton health plan may be costly for New York City

By RONALD POWERS

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 18 (AP)—The cost of treating AIDS patients, battling tuberculosis and caring for illegal immigrants could saddle New Yorkers with some of the nation's highest bills under President Clinton's health-care plan, lawmakers say.

In a new report, Democratic members of the city's congressional delegation said they support reform. But they also warned that if some changes aren't made, New Yorkers could see their health bills go up and their health care diminish.

"New York City has often been the tripwire for the rest of the country's public health crises and has paid the price in human suffering and financial costs," said Rep. Charles Schumer, the Brooklyn Democrat who organized the study.

"We are concerned that this unique situ-

ation, and other important issues, are not being taken into consideration under the current reform plan," he said.

In a letter and report to the senior members of the New York delegation—Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Rep. Charles Rangel—the politicians cited seven key ways the Clinton plan could be unfairly costly to working New Yorkers.

While many health care issues are national problems, they are frequently addressed as local concerns. The lawmakers cited the high costs of caring for AIDS patients, tuberculosis victims and illegal immigrants.

"Right now, NYC spends well over a billion dollars a year on AIDS and TB alone, and estimates are that health care costs for illegal immigrants could be as high as \$500 million a year," the study said.

Under the Clinton plan, New York taxpayers would pay a disproportionate share of

the costs providing care for these groups, the analysis found.

"We have always looked at homelessness, violence, illegal immigration and infectious diseases as national issues and should recognize this under health care reform," the lawmakers said.

In the analysis dated Feb. 7 and released this week, the politicians said they support health-care reform, but want to make sure the city's needs are addressed.

The lawmakers also said:—The way regional health alliances are mapped could mean high premiums for urban families. Total premiums would roughly equal the cost of providing health care within the region.

Some estimates put the cost of premiums in the New York City as much as 200 percent higher than suburban or rural alliances.—Relatively high wages in New York City could saddle small businesses

with unfairly large insurance bills.—The reform could hurt the city's teaching hospitals by limiting the number of medical residency slots and by providing a low level of federal payments for medical education.—Caps that limit the amount that employers pay for employee health care to no more than 7.9 percent of their payroll should apply to local and state governments immediately, rather than in 2002 as the plan provides. The delay could cost New York City \$300 million in the first year alone.—Federal Medicaid formulas should be changed to provide more money to states that have historically cared for the poor.—Long-term care program reimbursement formulas should be revised.

Under existing formulas, New York state gets only 50 percent federal funding, while some poorer states like Mississippi receive up to an 80 percent match for Medicaid spending.

Colorado gay activists call for same-sex marriage

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Tuesday, Feb. 15 (AP)—Two gay couples tried to get marriage licenses at a county clerk's office, but were turned down on Valentine's Day as they called for the legalization of same-sex marriage.

"This is not an overnight thing with us. We're committed to our lives, our loves and our future," said Chris Baka, 30, who tried to obtain a license in Colorado Springs to marry 24-year-old Billy Witt.

Stan Wright, 31, and his partner, Todd Lobato, 28, also tried to get a marriage license

Monday.

Both couples were told state law permits the issuance of marriage licenses only to couples made up of one male and one female.

"We're upset about it," Baka said. "We should have the same rights other people have, and we're going to keep trying. We may be out of it now but we're going to have a chat with our legislators."

According to Baka, Hawaii and a few cities in Oregon, among other places, permit marriages of gays and lesbians.

Meanwhile, conservative activists said the calls for gay marriages will be rejected in Colorado and across the nation.

"This is a travesty and we're very much opposed to it, and so are the majority of people in America," said Colorado for Family Values Chairperson Will Perkins.

In Denver, two of the leaders of a new gay-rights organization pledged a lifetime commitment to each other and exchanged mock marriage certificates during a press conference.

Gays and Lesbian Americans of Colorado

leaders Madrid St. Angelo and Taylor St. John exchanged mock licenses and said they would send them on to the Denver county clerk despite certainty of rejection.

"We find it regrettable that on Valentine's Day, millions of Americans cannot express their love for each other," said Linda Freeman, who is co-chairperson of the new group.

The group, which has opened chapters across the nation, will focus on same-sex marriage as well as civil-rights protection, gay harassment and AIDS.

Gay Personals

DO YOU WANT WHAT I WANT?

I want someone who, like me, is good looking, fit, muscular, intelligent and is a good conversationalist. If that is what you want too, then you have found it. (P.S. I am 42, GWM). Box 25298

LARGE TOOL WANTED!

GWM, 29, above average looks and tool. Work out often. Looking for fun or a serious companion for long term. You must be masculine GW or GH top preferred. You need to know how to use your tool. You won't be disappointed. Good looking strong tools need only reply. Ad 25270

WANTED: SOMEONE TO KEEP MY TOES WARM!

I'm a passionate, attractive Italian Scorpio. GWF is with long dark brown hair and light brown eyes. Just re-entering the dating scene after 6 years of being corralled. I'm looking for someone who is intelligent, pretty, feminine, affectionate and employed to come out and play. DDF, light drinking okay. Ad 25755

BRAZORIA COUNTY

GWM, mid 30's, late 40's, business or country type, discreet adventure, could involve part time bar scene. All replies answered. Ad 9060

ATTENTION -NUDIST

GWM, 45, 5'6", 142#, br/hazel with salt and pepper beard, DDF, and a nudist. This nudist would like to get together for social non-sexual encounters. Just the enjoyment of viewing each other's bodies. Ad 25772

RESCUE ME FROM LIMBO!

I'm a GWM, 27, 5'9", average/slim, DDF/NS/LD who's lived without other gay friends or experiences. I'm in need of special friends to help me experience gay life and love. You: GWM/GHM, under 35, DDF, average/ attractive, non-kicker. No expectations beyond friendship. Fireworks may follow later for that special person. Ad 25732

SEEKING A GHM

Latino, 20-35, masculine a must, LD, DDF, interested in long term relationship. More Hispanic, Latino the better. I'm a WM, 31, 6'1", 200lbs, seek a long term relationship. Ad 25764

FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

GBM, 5'10", 195#, healthy, HIV+, affectionate, realistic, spontaneous, honest and sexy. Prefer ages 30-45, w/h proportion. Interest include but not limited to movies, music, theater, and life outside the bars. I'm a heck of a great guy and I know there are more like me somewhere out there with similar interests, feelings, inclinations and aspirations. Oddly, we haven't met. Let's change that! Respond to Ad 25974.

Intensely handsome, intriguing, articulate professional, masculine, successful, young, dark hair and blue eyes, 5'10", 175, in great shape, secure, romantic, intense yet relaxed... Ad 25762

YOU MUST BE SINCERE FOR ...

consideration by this attractive, 43 y.o., hirsute, GWM, 6'2", 185lbs, br/hzl. I'm educated, professionally employed, good sense of humor. Enjoy home life, good friends, music, dinner in/out and occasional travel. You are 30-45 y.o., handsome, masculine, GWM, HWP, NS, DDF, employed, affectionate, relationship oriented, sense of humor, kind heart and sincere! Ad 25769

BLACK ATTACK!

Very good-looking GWM, crazy about experiencing black guys. I'm 6 ft. tall, well-muscled, trendy, work out regularly. I'm safe, disease-free and ready to go. Not interested in relationships - just hot fun. You gotta respond to this! Let's go! Ad 25531.

MALE COUPLE SEEKING HOT PLAYMATE!

GWM couple, mid 50's and 20's, both bearded (5'8", 250-6", 185). Seeking young hung, hot, hard, hairy, multi-orgasmic, GWM/GBM/GHM for a top position and french action. Bare upper torso/swimsuit photo or any photo appreciated. Ideal for a young top seeking fun times. Voice box 25911 detailing your interest.

FRIENDSHIP IS WORTH THE EFFORT

Two GWM's, 35-52, HIV+, healthy, Houston Heights, seeks other couples or singles for friendship. Interest include movies, dinners, games, travel and good companionship. Prefer non-smokers. If you sincerely interested in finding friends we would love to hear from you. We know you are out there. Don't be afraid to reach out. Ad 25934

I'M THE GIN... ARE YOU THE TONIC??

Man to man, let's connect!! Well adjusted, high-spirited, good-looking, masculine, "well built", GM, 36, 6", 170lbs., gr/br, DDF, non-smoker/medium drinker looking for same to date/sleep with/be in a relationship with. I'm through with bars and attitude; Let's treat ourselves to a little intimacy, honesty, and adventure. I have multi-various interests...we have a lot to talk about... Please respond for more details. Ad 25759

LET'S START '94 OUT RIGHT TOGETHER!

30+ GWF who is mature, out-going, positive minded, completely unattached, financially secure and is a firm believer that weekends were made for fun and traveling. We'll never know if there is a future for us unless you respond. Ad 25748

LOOKING FOR BUDDY/GOOD TIMES

GWM, 155, bl/bl, medium build, attractive, HIV+, healthy 8 years. Smoke/no drink. Very oral. Homebody, T.V., movies, music, two dogs, yard. Looking for similar, steady buddy, same age or older for fun times. Prefer hairy/ended. Ad 25757

DOMINANT GWM

40, 145, 5'9" seeks GWMs into S/M -B/D. Limits respected. Ad 25336.

MARRIED MEN

Spend quality time day or night w/semi-retired GWM in Houston. Ad 25328

GWF SEEKS GWF 25-35!

AND MUST BE CLEAN, NO STEREOTYPING, WILLING TO PUT MY HEART AWAY FOR SAFE KEEPING -MONOGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP -ONLY SERIOUS RESPONSES WILL GET MY REPLY. Ad 25967

IN THE ARMS OF LOVE, FRIENDS ...

Professional, GBM, 40ish, height/weight proportionate, HIV+ with a positive attitude and good health. No mind games, just honesty. Enjoy walks, music, movies and quiet times at home. You: GSM, GHM or GWM, honest first, sensitive, warm and emotionally strong. Let's see what happens! Ad 25758

OUTGOING, ATTRACTIVE, MASCULINE, PROFESSIONAL

seeks same GWM/BIWM for special friend. I and respondent will have a great sense of humor, weight in proportion to height (or thin), healthy, under 45 years old, clean shaven (moustache okay), non-smoker, non-user of drugs, not into bars or S & M, safe fun only, like movies, entertaining, outdoors, and have time to spend with new friend. Please respond to Ad 25011.

I'M WAITING FOR YOU!

Mature, professional GWM, seeks a young, decent, masculine gay male who is healthy, slim, alcohol and drug free. If you like to have fun like I do, what are you waiting for? Talk to me. Ad 25947.

HEY, I KNOW YOU!

You're a GWM 30's to 40's, smart, stable, secure, masculine and healthy. You have integrity, wit, optimism and charm. This GWM, 36, 6'2", 175, br/bl is all the above plus compassionate, comfortable to be around, upbeat, adventurous and an extrovert. If you're who I think you are, respond today! Ad 25716

DOES THE OUTDOORS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS

appeal to you? Are you a slim, warm, considerate, GM between 30-45? I am br/br, 5'10", 160lbs, 40, handsome, trim, and smooth, NS, DDF. Likes long walks, swimming, and intelligent conversation. Enjoy spiritual topics (a Course in Miracles), new age thought and astrology. Want intimate buddy for companionship possibly more. Ad 25745

WHITE KNIGHT SEEKS MR. RIGHT!

GWM, 32, green eyes, blond hair, medium build, versatile! Looking for a one on one relationship with no games! I am HIV+ but very healthy and active. I love life and just want someone to share it with! Please sincere responses only, all replies answered. Ad 25910

TICKLISH?

Attention: Kinky men with a taste for the unusual who crave excitement and adventure. Sleeping endorphins awake! Unwind as you never have before. Attractive WM, born day before yesterday, seeks ticklish men for ticklish times. Comfortable bondage, no sex required, satisfaction guaranteed. Ad 25768

LOOKING FOR MASCULINE ROOMMATE -POOL OUT-BACK!

Looking for GWM or GHM to share rent at house in Sharpstown. Nice in ground swimming pool in backyard. Private surroundings. House has living room, sun room, large kitchen, two baths, 3 bedrooms. Also looking for masculine friends. Reference please. Men need only. Sharpstown Home. Ad 25770

LOOKING FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES

We are in our late 30's looking for singles and/or couples for safe fun. We are both DDF. Serious replies only. Ad#25709

HANDSOME GWM SEEKING SAME

I'm 31, 6'3", 210lbs, HIV+, short brown hair, hazel eyes, hairy chest and moustache. I own my home and am financially secure. Seeking a relationship with a man who is also HIV+ or able to deal with the situation on a mature and informed level, about my age, sexually secure and versatile, non-smoker, weight in proportion to height, comfortable in jeans or a tuxedo, and financially secure. I'm a very romantic person and seek out those qualities in others. We'll have to start out as friends first and let nature take its course. Ad 25962

SMALL TOWN GUY/HAIRY, FRENCH, SAFE

Attractive Latin guy 32, 5'9", 165lbs, muscular, travels to San Antonio/Houston. Like to meet healthy GHM/GWM for friendship and safe times. Prefer in shape hairy blonde with similar attributes. Above average endowment/circumference -DDF. Ad 25760

INTRIGUE! SUSPENSE! ROMANCE! TERROR!

All in the comfort of one's living room. Montrose gaming group being assembled. Experience with role playing games not necessary. Just a sense of whimsy, a flair for style and a thirst for adventure required. Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men... Find out! Ad 25773

ENDOWED HEALTHY, ATTRACTIVE OUTGOING PROFESSIONAL

GWM wants to meet other(s) the same for friendship and safe fun. If you are endowed, attractive, non-smoker/non-substance abuser, under 45 years of age, professional, weight in proportion to height or thin, friendly, outgoing, not into S & M, and want to meet the same please respond to Ad 25749.

SAN ANTONIO: LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT!

34 yr. old effeminate female impersonator seeks masculine, neat in appearance male of any race between 30-45. If you are masculine looking for someone to date and perhaps develop a relationship, let me hear from you. Ad 25761

All ads in this category should be strictly individual to individual. No commercial offerings. Nothing for sale. No promotions.

To advertise call Houston local number (713) 529-8490 Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

To respond to an advertiser and to hear his actual voice describing himself and the people he would like to meet, call 24 hours 1-900-454-3576. (\$1.49/min. on your phone bill. You must be 18+.) OR you can call (713) 529-8490 Mon.-Fri. 9-5 for more information or to establish a pre-paid toll-free answering account.

KNOW YOURSELF?

You are a GM 30-45, h/w proportionate, sense of humor, prefer spiritual values, know from experience you like your age in spirit but 10-20 years older chronologically. 6', 180#. Physically attractive. Let's talk. Ad 25775

LONELY BIWM SEEKING SAFE FUN

I'm 5'6", weight proportionate, DDF/NS/LD, average looks, 44, sincere, discreet, masculine, likes sports, reading, movies, dining out and intimate evenings plus a BIGWM with same qualities as above. Experienced, average looks, height/weight proportionate 30-50, DDF/NS/LD equals safe fun times -no strings, let's talk. Let's meet and talk. Ad 25378

BABY WANTED BY GWM!!

Me: Handsome, stable, self-employed. You: attractive GWF/GWM who desires no contact with infant. I would agree to having two children - 1 for each if you also desire parenthood. Also if you have or know of anyone unable to care for an infant (preferably male) please contact me. Ad 25766

"If you know the wonder of being joining in you heart to a man and share commitment, devotion and fun, let's talk. I'm 43, 5'10", 185, HIV+ and always searching in life. Ad 25571

SPANKINGS NEEDED

W/M, 33, needs older white gentleman (mid 50's late 60's) to help me correct my behavior by administering spankings. Must be safe, sane and want to help me grow as a person via meaningful discipline. Ad 25734

HARLINGEN, MC ALLEN, BROWNSVILLE

24 yr. old college educated GWM seeks emotional wants and closeness in a marriage of convenience situation with a female. Will consider efforts in having a child. Female must be 20-25, intelligent, attractive and most of all have a friendly personality. Will consider some sort of living arrangement with lesbian couple or open minded straight female. Only non-smokers and non-drug users considered. Prefer to stay in the Harlingen, McAllen, Brownsville area but will consider relocation. Ad 25774

ATTENTION: WHITE CALVIN WEARERS

GWM, Daddy bear, 43, 5'6", moustache, balding, hunky, HIV-. Successful professional with a dry sense of humor and a lot of energy. Not looking for love, relationship, or anything serious--just someone who wants to play and who likes to cuddle after. If you are 23-35, straight, bi, or gay, athletic, and look hot in white Calvins, why not give it a try? Attorneys, architects, doctors a plus. Ad 25387

GWF, 31

Want someone who is bubbly, fun and down to earth yet sincere, mature, stable and sensitive. I like arts and crafts, music, incl. 70's and disco, movies, shopping and traveling. I'm very down to earth, 5'2", medium build, br/br. Want someone with same build, age 28-38. Not into roles or games, mature people only. Ad 25753

WE WANT MORE!

Couple seeks singles and couples for safe fun. Male number one is a GWM, blonde, green, 5'7", 135lbs. Male number two is a GHM, 5'6", 140lbs. Both are good looking and well-endowed. If interested, please respond now. Ad 25754

EPITOME OF FEMININITY!

Looking for an extremely ultra-feminine woman, slim/medium build, a warm, gentle, calm, stable, positive personality who'll be the "center of my attention, who loves being pampered. Me: GWF, soft butch, small build, blonde/blue. I like doing unto a woman as I would have her do unto me. Ad 25553.

NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature, professional, very hairy body/hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer) . You, mentally mature, non-smoker, into safe fun. Please respond to Ad 25916.

GWF, 36, single agent tired of being by myself seeking GWF who is honest and secure herself. There must be somebody out there who wants friendship and romance. I like going to movies, music and dining. Ad#25723

HANDSOME BOY NEXT DOOR TYPE

Straight acting GWM, 6', 175lbs, clean shaven, well endowed, mostly smooth, good looking body. Looking for handsome in shape to well built, endowed, definitely straight/looking/acting WM for fun and maybe even more. I'm a very young looking 38 and DDF. Interest include Caribbean, Florida, sailing, cool music, partying and bicycling. Ad 25763.

SEEKING AFFECTIONATE GENEROUS GENTLEMAN SUGAR DADDY

Tall, healthy, sensual, affectionate, fun, friendly, athletic, stable, ambitious, sincere, out-going, handsome, blond, varied interests. You: fit, height/weight proportionate, affluent, very generous gentleman. Able to give: affection, fun, friskiness, contributions, gifts, travel, etc. Casual to serious relationship. Privacy, discretion, friendship, companionship assured. Let's fulfill each other's needs, wants, desires. Ad 25978

LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT MAN

25-45, masculine, neat in appearance and at home, DDF, NS, (light drinker) who wants to share apartment in a peaceful, quiet, very luxurious atmosphere, with a mature person. Must be financially responsible and able to afford \$400 monthly for his part of rent and utilities. Ad 25700

GBM WHO DARES TO BE DIFFERENT!

Independent -thinking Gay Black Male with red convertible sports car, seeks someone completely different than oneself. I have every toy a man could want except that elusive Boy-Toy. All I guarantee is a good time! Ad 25707

SAGITTARIUS

GWM, youthful 50 y.o., bld/green, moustache, 175#, 6", DDF, nice looking, low key, professional, interest in the Arts, all music, dancing, old movies and quiet evenings with you. Like to find that true, healthy man ready to settle down and committed to a monogamous and growing relationship. Ad 25767

THREE R'S -REAL, ROMANCE, RELATIONSHIP

GHM, 30, HIV+ but healthy seeks HIV+ GM for friendship, fun, possible relationship. Enjoy old-fashioned romance (quiet dinners, walks, movies, especially cuddling). Let's enjoy the sunshine, moon and stars together. Sounds mushy but have lots o-love to give. Ad 25776

SLEEPLESS IN BRENHAM! (ONE HOUR TO HOUSTON)

Sooner or later I won't have to remind myself to wake up in the morning or breath in and out. If you feel like this then maybe we can make magic. I'm a GWF looking for someone who is also sleepless. I can't meet you on the Empire State Building but I can meet you anywhere else. Ad 25721.

GAY SWEEPSTAKES!!! YOU MAY WIN!!!

Me: GWM, 42, 5'11", 175, dark hair, blue eyes, professional, discreet, stable, DDF, non-smoker, handsome, endowed and "natural." You: GWM, 20-30, honest and good looking. To enter: Please respond by describing yourself and why I should choose you to take to dinner. Extra credit awarded for certain attributes!! Ad 25738

WE NEED SOME FRIENDS!!!!

Young, attractive lesbian couple looking for a few creative, loving, attractive, funny and intelligent ladies for sharing times at our best. We've been together for a while and need to meet new and exciting people. If you think you could add to this already dynamic couple please respond. Ad 25777

SUBMISSIVE MEN!

are sought by Houston man (44, 5'9", 180, hairy, aggressive, demanding). Seeking 21-48, masculine, any race. I travel on business so out-of-town replies are welcome. Ad 25134

WANTED: HAIRY CHESTED YOUNG STUD FOR COMPANIONSHIP

GWM, 35, bl/gr, 5'9", 200lbs, DDF, seeks muscular male 20-39 for companionship. Enjoy movies, leather, evenings at home and dining out. Must be self-employed and own your own transportation, male stripper or swimmer's build and DDF. Nipple rings, black/blonde hairy chested a plus. I live in San Antonio but would like to receive responses from the Houston area. Ad 25744

GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUDDIES

I'm 43, married, 5'10, 160lbs., average looks, DDF, clean, no drugs, married-top-cut-discreet. Ad 25598

SCORPIO LOVERS ARE WONDERFUL MAGIC MAKERS

GWM, 6', 190, br/br, handsome, distinguished, professional, well-educated, and traveled, socially and financially secure, in search of a drug/smoke free masculine GWM 30+. Healthy, happy, honest, sincere, romantic, fun-loving guy. One who enjoys dining by candlelight, quite evenings at home, "black-tie affairs," old movies, opera, theater. Most important loving and being loved and wanting a long term monogamous relationship. Ad 25275

I am a White Hispanic, DDF, 32 yr. old bottom, looking for a dark Hispanic or an African American top under 36 yrs. old able to work it out as a friend all the way into a special relationship. I love independence, social events, joyful moments and honest individuals. Ad 25765

MODELS & ESCORTS

NEED RELIEF? 24 HOURS, BRAD
(713) 789-7587

HOT TIME - 24 HOURS. (713) 524-2880

EVER HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE?
Try Companions! Stimulating studs, sensuous good times, college guys. Also hiring. (713) 527-2468.

RELIEF! NATURAL HAIRY MAN
24HRS. (713) 529-0538

HOT BLONDE, TALL, HANDSOME,
VERSATILE 24 HRS. (713) 521-3725

HISPANIC, NICE BODY, PAUL
(713) 520-8542

MANPOWER: CALL ME SIR,
HOT ERIC! (713) 666-9373

Start the year right! Private fantasies! Awesome,
Hot, Latin Transsexual. 36C-24-36 - Very discreet!
(713) 529-6937 Angie.

To advertise in Houston Voice Classifieds Call (713) 529-8490 or (800) 729-8490 if not in Houston. Office hours are 9 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday

BODYWORKS: MUSCULAR, MASCULINE - IN/OUT (713) 916-2906.

Roman - Young, handsome, sexy, healthy,
Spanish male ready to satisfy you!
(713) 975-1271.

RICK 24 HOURS (713) 524-2880

UNLOAD AFTER HOURS!
Birthday under 30 complimentary.
(713) 653-5900

MASCULINE BI-COLLEGE GUY
(713) 462-7454

"BLONDE COLLEGE BOY 5'10", 150#
(713) 942-XXL9"

JOSEPH - OUT CALLS ONLY!
(713) 523-4865

(713) 523-HUNK
24 HOURS!

BARS/CLUBS

BEAUMONT A/C 409
Copa 304 Orleans 832-4206
Sundowner 497 Crockett 833-3969

CORPUS CHRISTI (A/C 512)
Babalou's 213 S. Staples 887-9346
Choice's 1214 Leopard 888-8742
Desert Hearts 4125 Gollihar 851-1178
Hidden Door 802 S. Staples 822-0183
U.B.U. 4701 Ayres 853-9693

GALVESTON (A/C 409)
Evolution Mechanic 763-4212
Kon-Tiki 315 Tremont (23rd) 763-6264
Robert's LaFitte 2501 Avenue Q 765-9092

HOUSTON (A/C 713)
Amie's 403 Westheimer 523-0030
Backyard Bar & Grille 10200 S. Main 660-6285
Brazos River Bottom 2400 Brazos 528-9192
Briar Patch 2294 W. Holcombe 665-9678
Club Houston 2205 Fannin 659-4998
Cousins 817 Fairview 528-9204
E/J's 2517 Ralph 527-9071
Gentry 2303 Richmond 520-1861
Heaven 812 Pacific 521-9123
JR's 808 Pacific 521-2519
Lazy J 312 Tuam 528-9394
Mary's 1022 Westheimer 527-9669
Midtown Spa 3100 Fannin 522-2379
Montrose Mining Co. 805 Pacific 529-7488
Ms. B's 9200 Buffalo Spdwy 666-3356
Outpost 2818 Richmond 520-8446
Pacific Street 710 Pacific 523-0213
Ranch 9200 Buffalo Spdwy 666-3464
Red Room 1419 Richmond 529-3367
Rich's 2401*San Jacinto 759-9606
Ripcord 715 Fairview 521-2791
Venture-N 2923 Main 522-0000
XTC 9200 Buffalo Spdwy 666-3464

SAN ANTONIO (A/C 210)
2015 Place 2015 San Pedro 733-3365
Captain's Crew 309 W Market 223-0333
El Jardin 106 Navarro 223-7177
Industria 450 Soledad 227-0484
Miriam's 115 General Krueger 308-7354
Nexus 8021 Pine Brook 341-2818
Paper Moon 1430 N. Main 225-7330
Silver Dollar Saloon 1418 N. Main 227-2623
Sparks 8011 Webbles 653-9941
Wild Club 820 San Pedro 226-2620
Wild Country 414 W. Laurel 228-9378

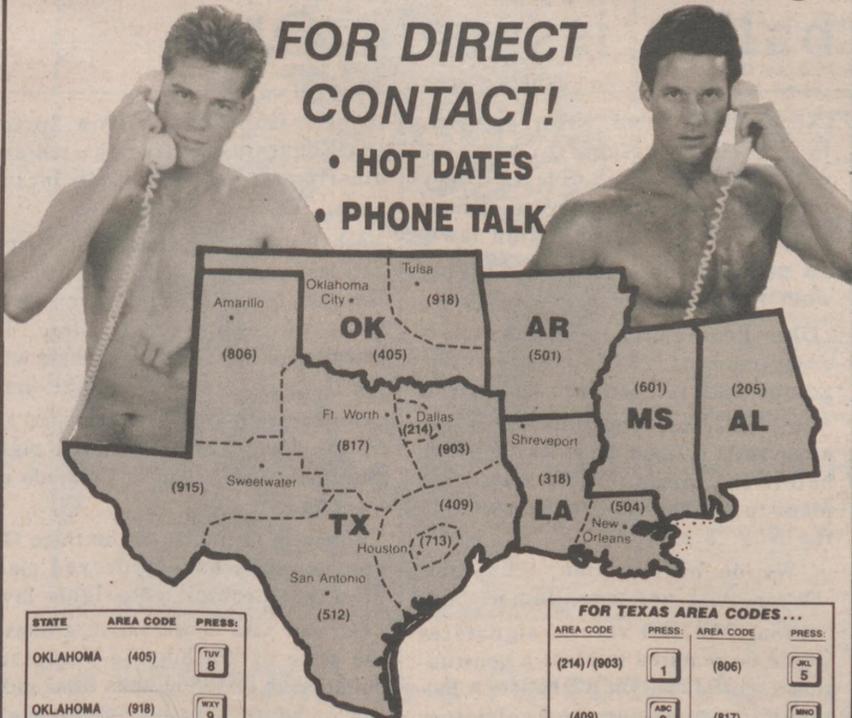
RIO GRANDE VALLEY
Harlingen (A/C 210)
Planet 117 W. Jackson Harlingen (210)425-4652
McAllen(A/C 210)
10th Avenue 1820 10th Avenue 682-7131
P.B.D.'s Lounge Ware Rd.@Daffodil 682-8019

Texas Manhandle

LOCAL NAMES & NUMBERS

FOR DIRECT CONTACT!

- HOT DATES
- PHONE TALK



STATE	AREA CODE	PRESS:
OKLAHOMA	(405)	TUV 8
OKLAHOMA	(918)	WXY 9
ARKANSAS	(501)	WXY 9
ALABAMA	(205)	OPR 0

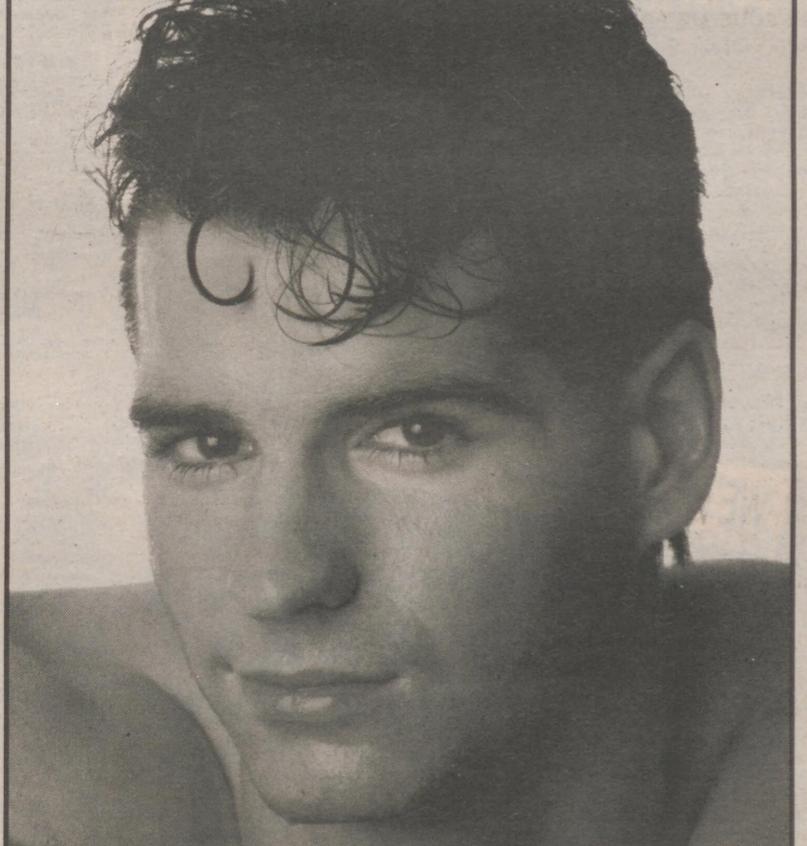
STATE	AREA CODE	PRESS:
MISSISSIPPI	(601)	OPR 0
LOUISIANA	(318) (504)	OPR 0

FOR TEXAS AREA CODES...			
AREA CODE	PRESS:	AREA CODE	PRESS:
(214) / (903)	1	(806)	JKL 5
(409)	ABC 2	(817)	MNO 6
(512)	DEF 3	(915)	PRQ 7
(713)	OPR 4		

1-900-226-1166

\$2 per min./Avg. Call 3 Min./18 & Older/Touchphone Req.
TPS, Inc., L.A., CA • Cust. Svc. # (213) 469-0655

DIAL NOW GUYS ARE WAITING!



CALL NOW!
TALK LIVE, LOCAL AND NATIONWIDE.

1-900-568-6868

Must Be 18 Or Over • Prices Subject To Change Without Notice.
FREE INFO: 1-800-676-GUYS

NOW ONLY
99¢
Per min.

First min. \$3.99

**One Cover Charge Allows You To Stay
As Long As You Want**

We Have What You Want When You Want It

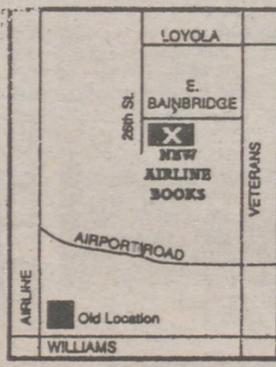
**We Are Open 24 Hours A Day
365 Days A Year 7 Days A Week**

**Check Out Houston's
High Energy Adult Video Arcade**

RICHMOND NEWS AND VIDEO
4330 Richmond Avenue
(Inside the loop between Wesleyan and Mid Lane)
(Next Door to Ambassador Chinese Restaurant)
WE ARE OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR, 7 DAYS A WEEK
All major credit cards and personal checks always accepted

★ **Airline** ★

Adult Books



1404 26th St.
Kenner, Louisiana
Just around the corner
**CALL:
(504) 468-2931**

It's Coming!
Watch for Details!

WE'RE CHANGING FOR YOU

**TUESDAYS ARE
YOUTH NIGHT**
FREE LOCKERS FOR AGES 18-22

Indoor Heated Pool
3 VIDEO CHANNELS • 100'S OF MOVIES
Weight Equipment Steam Bath
Massage Therapy Sundeck
Executive Suite Jacuzzi
Specialty Rooms Showers
Dry Sauna Video Rooms

MIDTOWNE SPA

COME BY FOR A FREE TOUR
3100 FANNIN • HOUSTON • (713) 522-2379
OPEN 24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK

When in Dallas visit MIDTOWNE SPA
2509 Pacific • DALLAS • (214) 821-8989

3100 FANNIN • 522-2379

**HOUSTON VOICE CONNECT LINE
HOT PERSONALS**

TAD, 22 yrs. old, black hair/eyes, fair complexion, clean shaven into alternative music and hanging out. Mail Box 1182

MICHAEL, 24 yrs. old, blond hair, blue eyes, clean cut, big dick. Call for fun and fun only. Mail Box 1098

MAVERICK, 24 yrs. old. Wants to meet GM between 20-30 years old. Into clubbing, partying and sex. You will not be disappointed. Mail Box 1198

ROGER, brown hair and eyes. 5'8", 150 lbs. Moderately hairy. Huge cock; 8 and one-half inches long, 5 and three-quarter inches around. Likes to jack-off, suck dick and talk dirty. Mail Box 1176

CHRIS 5'11" 150 lbs. brown hair/eyes. Looking for older brother type between ages of 37 - 45 to give me the dicipline I need. I want to get spanked, paddled and humiliated. Mail Box 1223

For instructions on how to respond to Houston Voice Hot Personals
See our Connect Line ad on page 16.

CONNECT WITH HOUSTON
MAN
MAN!

LOCAL HOUSTON TALK LINE
2 Hours for \$4
make friends or relationships
FREE VOICE MAIL BOXES
& free info line
(713) 778-6689
flat rate subscriptions available
(214) 761-6066

1-900-820-8799
\$4 the 1st minute & 65¢ each addl.
2 hr. access for 1 min. cost press Option 8
18+ • MultiChannel • (214) 761-6066

Play Safe!

RECYCLE
It's the right thing to do!

Gay rights groups on alert for ballot issue in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Saturday, Feb. 19 (AP)—Gay rights groups are watching and waiting to learn if they will face a statewide effort to exclude gays from anti-discrimination laws.

A potential opponent isn't saying what form a battle might take.

Ohio Pro-Family Forum, which is composed of 23 conservative groups, met last week in Columbus.

Phil Burress, coordinator of the group, said it would be at least a month before the forum reveals whether it plans to put an issue before voters in the Nov. 8 election.

"We do have a plan," he said. "We're just not revealing it."

About 350,000 voters' signatures would be required to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot. A ballot initiative asking the Legislature to enact a law would require about 113,000 signatures from among half of Ohio's 88 counties.

Stonewall Union and other gay-rights groups are keeping watch.

"To use a military term, we're hunkering down," said Phyllis Gorman, executive director of the 1,000-member Stonewall Union chapter in Columbus.

There is no state law that forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. But cities, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Yellow Springs and Youngstown, have enacted anti-discrimination laws that include gays.

A ballot initiative passed in Cincinnati last year nullified part of the city law that forbid discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The amendment has been put on hold while the issue is argued in federal court.

Gorman said Ohio is threatened also by the spread of an anti-gay rights movement that began in Colorado and Oregon.

Voters in Colorado and in three Oregon counties have approved measures that prohibit gay-rights laws.

Gorman said conservative groups in the state of Washington proposed a ballot issue to forbid gays from adopting or having custody of their own children.

Burress said the conservative groups are not against gays but only special rights for them.

"They do not deserve to be compared to African-Americans, the handicapped and all that," he said. "They do not have a history of discrimination."

Gays do face some discrimination, he said. "But no more than fat people, ugly people; tall people, short people."

**MIDNIGHT MATINEE
SPECIAL**
Sunday thru Thursday
Midnight til Closing
Admission \$4
with membership

FRENCH QUARTER

(713) 527-0782 3201 LOUISIANA HOUSTON

All Male Cinema

presents

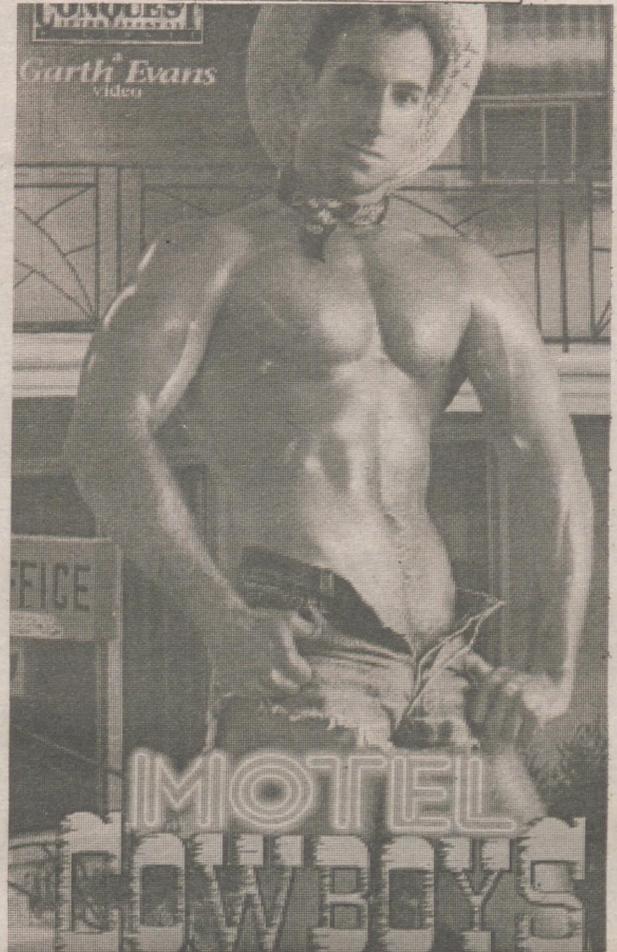
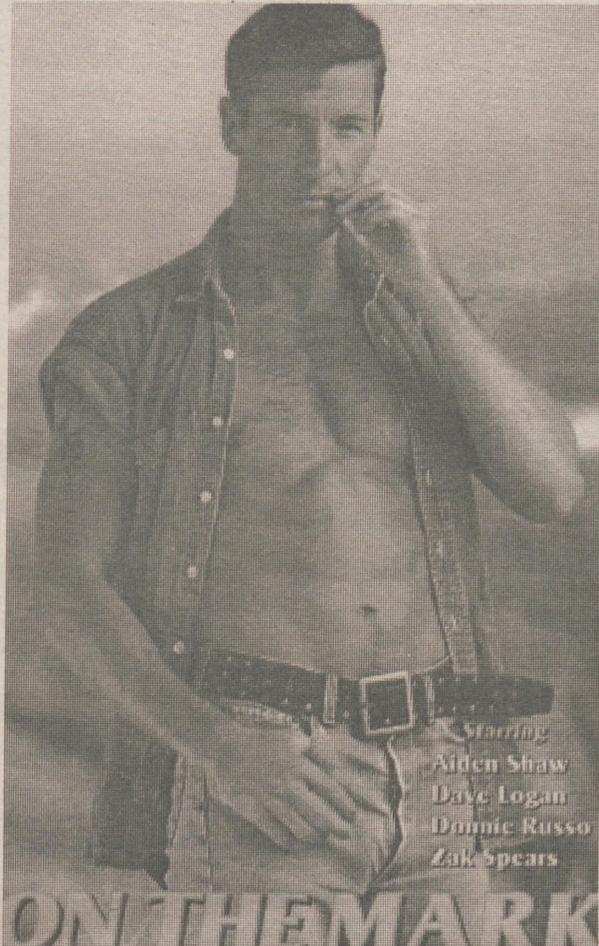
**ON THE
MARK**

and

**MOTEL
COWBOYS**

Friday & Saturday
11am - 3am
Monday-Thursday
11am - 1am
Sunday
1pm - 1 am

**THURSDAY
Matinee**
\$4 All Day
with membership



HOUSTON VOICE PERSONALS

Our very own! All are REAL! All are CURRENT! All are from readers of the HOUSTON VOICE!

• To PLACE a Personal Ad by Phone:

First, before you call, write out your ad. Use up to six (6) words in a bold headline and up to fifty (50) words in regular type. Call us at Houston (713) 529-8490 or Nationwide (800) 729-8490. After you've read your ad to us, and we prepare it to go to print, we will give you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-digit personal identification number (PIN). Call the 800 number using a touch-tone phone and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. (Somewhere in the verbal ad, say what city you live in.) Cost is \$24.95 for up to a year. We will mail you a bill. You can change your ad as often as desired during the year, but you must call us every four weeks to keep your ad running.

• To PLACE a Personal Ad by Mail:

Write out your ad using up to six (6) words in a bold headline and up to fifty (50) words in regular type. Then mail it with your check for \$24.95 to the Houston Voice, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. Please enclose your name, mailing address and telephone number where you can be reached during the daytime. We will mail back to you an 800 toll-free number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-digit personal identification number (PIN). Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. You can change both your voice and written ad as often as desired but you must phone or write us every four (4) weeks to keep your ads running.

• To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Phone:

Call 1-900-454-3576. Listen to the verbal instructions. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill. You can respond verbally, leaving your name and phone number, to as many personal advertisers as you wish. You can browse through all the personal advertisers until you hear someone that interests you. As the individual advertisers periodically check their incoming verbal mailboxes, they will retrieve your response. Call (713) 529-8490 (Houston) or (800) 729-8490 (Nationwide) for more information about this service or to obtain information about a pre-paid toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

• To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Mail:

Place your written response inside a blank sealed envelope and write the 5-digit ad number on the envelope. Place this envelope along with \$2.00 inside another envelope and mail to the Houston Voice Personals, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. Your response will be forwarded to the advertiser the same day received by first class mail. You may mail multiple responses in the same envelope, but enclose \$2.00 for each response mailed. Responses received without fees will not be forwarded nor returned. Call (713) 529-8490 in Houston or (800) 729-8490 Nationwide for information about this service or to obtain information about a toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

• To RECEIVE Responses to Your Personal Ad:

We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail. To see if you have any verbal messages waiting, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. If the recording says you have verbal responses waiting, have your 5-digit code and secret 4-digit PIN handy and call 1-900-454-3576 to retrieve your verbal messages. A charge of \$1.49 a minute will appear on your phone bill. Call (713) 529-8490 in Houston or (800) 729-8490 Nationwide for information about this service or to obtain information about a toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

• ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

To take advantage of this \$24.95-per-year offer, you are required to participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Personal Ads by calling the special 800 toll-free number you will receive when you place your ad. You must record, in your own voice, your personal ad. If you do not participate in this "live voice aspect" your ad may be discontinued after the first week without reimbursement. If you do not desire to participate, you may instead purchase a personal ad at the rate of 55¢ per word weekly. Additionally all ads, both in print and voice should not contain references to sexual acts or organs. All ads should be "positive", that is describing only those people or traits desired. People or traits not desired should not be listed.



RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD



Hi ya!!! With Spring just around the corner, I imagine some of you will be getting out your bonnets and throwing some wild parties. Here is a dip that is quite good, and pretty easy to make. The only hard part is peeling the shrimps. If you don't buy real large ones you won't have to worry about deveining them. Besides, a little cooked "whatever" won't hurt any of us.

CREOLE SHRIMP DIP

- 16 oz. cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups Miracle Whip Dressing
- 1 cup celery (chopped fine)
- 4 tablespoons green onions (chopped)
- 3 tablespoons mustard
- 1/4 cup lemon juice (or less depending on desired tartness)
- 4 tablespoons pimentos
- 4 tablespoons jalapeno peppers (be brave, leave the seeds)
- 2 cups cooked shrimp (chopped)
- 4 tablespoons catsup

This recipe is also better if made a day in advance. Use chips, crackers, etc. It will make 1 quart.

When cooking the shrimps, you can do them in crab boil. I like to use just a little of the boil, then add an onion, bell pepper, a bay leaf, a couple of limes and lemons (cut in half), salt and pepper. Don't overcook your shrimps!!! Five minutes is probably ample time.



UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!
KUNTRY KIDD

GALAXY GAZZER

A HOUSTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE

HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 26 - MAR 4

Pisces born during this week share the high energy and strong desire for beauty with Christopher Marlow, b. 1564, who has written some of the best homo erotic writings of the English language.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Pisces women and men are some of the most romantic persons of Astrology. Love is often the central driving force of their world, and pay particular attention to the details of being loved. If you are dating a Pisces, memorize special dates, flowers, food and color preferences. Because a Pisces person maybe fickle, do not be upset about changes in interests

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Your high level of physical and emotional energies continues. Watch out for easily overwhelming co-workers with your drive. It is better to work in private and on a project alone so as to not overtly compete with your work associates. Herbal teas, rather than caffeinated coffee, is an excellent beverage for you in that you will like the variety of flavors and they will be less of a 'drug' stimulant for you.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Your new beauty mark is quite spectacular and attractive, only you could do this. And who says that you do not like S & M. Faithful working out at the gym is definitely giving progress as your body develops good muscle form. This week is an excellent moon phase for the Taurus women to begin the long thought about calorie limited diet for weight reduction. A beautiful 'you' is awaiting.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) As with your Aires friend above, you thrive on a high energy and activity schedule. But in your case, you may not eat a balanced diet. Twinkies, snow cones and amyI are not the three basic food groups. Glad to note that your personal and social schedules are going much smoother. Be sure to listen to the other person carefully, for she/he has good ideas. Success in business continues with an increased confidence level.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Aim for a balanced diet this month, as noted for your Gemini friend above. This will fuel you active business and social life. Recommend extra effect at work, try to make your self indispensable in many areas of your work. Hopefully your possessive lover will understand this extra commitment at work, & not believe that you are tricking out on the side.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) This warm weather will encourage you to hit the Club Houston or Midtowne Spa and begin working on your summer's tan. Watch for an overdose of the UV rays. Decreasing your daily carbohydrate content to fifty grams or less help to control overall calories, and prevent the extra sugar from dropping your energy level. I'll see you in room #58 at Midtowne, or check with D.J. at the Club.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Doing things with another person is especially meaningful this month, and will give to you the extra will power you have needed to accomplish things you have often thought about, e.g. dieting, exercise, new clothes shopping, and a new hair style. Your cautious nature in dating remains which is OK. As with many of us, you have difficulty in findings a special some one who blends excitement with practicality

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Harmony and a sense of balance in your emotional life are still very important to you, and I suspect always will be. Of all of my friends, a general lack of stress is necessary to you. Watch for being considered by others as overtly shy or reserved. You have good and sensible ideas, and others could profit by your input into planning. Try wearing a strong color, e.g. medium red, blue, black or a strong gray.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 22) Rather than to use drugs to lower your stress levels, try exercise or relaxing from one project by becoming busy with another valid project. This substitution seems so simple, but trust me, it works. For those of you seeking to meet some one special, get out of your home in the evening and go to the clubs, bars, special interest meetings, and the tubs. No one is going to discover you sitting alone in your room.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 20) Our warmer weather is perfect to getting out of doors, into a low impact exercise program to help you to look great. Walking, slow jogging, bicycling and gardening are especially recommended. Be more imaginative with the use of spices in your food preparation. As you do not like bland friends, you really do not like bland foods. Experiment with a new high style, as friends are more open to you this month.

CAPRICORN (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Do not take criticisms of your self too seriously, self doubt can be real problem for you. Friends often do not realize how low your self esteem really is. A mirror may be your best friend, being able to look into the glass and believe when you say, "I am a talented and good person". This month is a cautious time for you to fall in love, lust is OK, but not love as you are too eager to be wanted by another person.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Watch being overtly easy to please, as you tend to make commitments to be in two different places at the same time. It is OK to say "no" when asked by another person for help. An idea is to make a list at the beginning of each week of things you truly need to accomplish, and then fit in between requests from others. You are especially attractive in personal appearance this month, so go for it socially and sexually.

THE HOUSTON VOICE SPECIAL PUZZLE

Includes Clues About Montrose, Texas Clues, Standard Crossword Clues

By Henry McClurg

ACROSS

- 1 art of painting on dry plaster
- 6 type of snake
- 7 Gem State, abbrev.
- 8 a younger person, abbrev.
- 9 verb suffix, cause to be
- 11 coagulate

13 split, divided

15 street with Gentry, Red Room, Outpost

21 symbol for chemical element magnesium

22 nearly adult child

24 South American country with Quito as capital, abbrev.

25 what entertainers Judith Iy, Janis Ian & James Ingram all have in common

26 previously

27 ship that exploded in Texas City in 1947 causing \$67,000,000 damage, 461 deaths, 115 missing, 4,000 injuries

29 thought or idea

34 popular vacation spot, northern Calif. city founded as Yerba Buena, initials

36 Roman numeral for 106

37 business & home data processing machine

38 the sun

39 official name for the Texas lottery, 2 words

44 autos

DOWN

1 street with Club Hedonism,

17 rise upward

18 Roman numeral 1901

19 state with

74 besmear

16 state with Indianapolis as capital, abbrev.

43 alone

44 an abbrev. for California

45 inflamed swelling near the eyelid

47 U.S. Pacific island, capital Agana

50 street with Basic Brothers, Charlie's

51 street with The

Club Houston, Midtowne Spa

53 26th U.S. President, soldier Roosevelt, initials ("Some men can live up to their loftiest ideals without ever going higher than a basement.")

54 symbol for chemical element argon

58 a Cartwright on Bonanza

63 Gem State, abbrev.

64 waste cloth

65 mourn

69 over

71 space for something

72 abbrev. for Greek

74

Rich's, 2 words

2 verb suffix used to form past participles

3 Roman numeral for 401

4 surrender

5 color of lights on the UT-Austin Main Tower when Longhorns have won a game

10 Texas Constitution has given this protection about 150 years

12 principal dish of a meal

14 what entertainers Vincent Gardena & Virginia Graham have in common

15 money paid to use another's property

23 every individual one, abbrev.

28 Roman numeral for 200

30 mouth or opening; also a bone; also an esker; also a bunch of the 15th letter of the alphabet

31 last month of the year with 30 days, abbrev

32 free from clouds

33 watery part of blood

35 young horse

37 street with J.R.'s, Heaven

40 beginner

41 social group of many families

42 extra small,

abbrev.

43 alone

44 an abbrev. for California

45 inflamed swelling near the eyelid

47 U.S. Pacific island, capital Agana

50 street with Basic Brothers, Charlie's

51 street with The

Club Houston, Midtowne Spa

53 26th U.S. President, soldier Roosevelt, initials ("Some men can live up to their loftiest ideals without ever going higher than a basement.")

54 symbol for chemical element argon

58 a Cartwright on Bonanza

63 Gem State, abbrev.

64 waste cloth

65 mourn

69 over

71 space for something

72 abbrev. for Greek

74

Rich's, 2 words

2 verb suffix used to form past participles

3 Roman numeral for 401

4 surrender

5 color of lights on the UT-Austin Main Tower when Longhorns have won a game

10 Texas Constitution has given this protection about 150 years

12 principal dish of a meal

14 what entertainers Vincent Gardena & Virginia Graham have in common

15 money paid to use another's property

23 every individual one, abbrev.

28 Roman numeral for 200

30 mouth or opening; also a bone; also an esker; also a bunch of the 15th letter of the alphabet

31 last month of the year with 30 days, abbrev

32 free from clouds

33 watery part of blood

35 young horse

37 street with J.R.'s, Heaven

40 beginner

41 social group of many families

42 extra small,

43 alone

44 an abbrev. for California

45 inflamed swelling near the eyelid

47 U.S. Pacific island, capital Agana

50 street with Basic Brothers, Charlie's

51 street with The

Club Houston, Midtowne Spa

53 26th U.S. President, soldier Roosevelt, initials ("Some men can live up to their loftiest ideals without ever going higher than a basement.")

54 symbol for chemical element argon

58 a Cartwright on Bonanza

63 Gem State, abbrev.

64 waste cloth

65 mourn

69 over

71 space for something

72 abbrev. for Greek

74

Rich's, 2 words

2 verb suffix used to form past participles

3 Roman numeral for 401

4 surrender

5 color of lights on the UT-Austin Main Tower when Longhorns have won a game

10 Texas Constitution has given this protection about 150 years

12 principal dish of a meal

14 what entertainers Vincent Gardena & Virginia Graham have in common

15 money paid to use another's property

23 every individual one, abbrev.

28 Roman numeral for 200

30 mouth or opening; also a bone; also an esker; also a bunch of the 15th letter of the alphabet

31 last month of the year with 30 days, abbrev

32 free from clouds

33 watery part of blood

35 young horse

37 street with J.R.'s, Heaven

40 beginner

41 social group of many families

42 extra small,

43 alone

44 an abbrev. for California

45 inflamed swelling near the eyelid

47 U.S. Pacific island, capital Agana

50 street with Basic Brothers, Charlie's

51 street with The

Club Houston, Midtowne Spa

53 26th U.S. President, soldier Roosevelt, initials ("Some men can live up to their loftiest ideals without ever going higher than a basement.")

54 symbol for chemical element argon

58 a Cartwright on Bonanza

63 Gem State, abbrev.

64 waste cloth

65 mourn

69 over

71 space for something

72 abbrev. for Greek

74

Rich's, 2 words

2 verb suffix used to form past participles

3 Roman numeral for 401

4 surrender

5 color of lights on the UT-Austin Main Tower when Longhorns have won a game

10 Texas Constitution has given this protection about 150 years

12 principal dish of a meal

14 what entertainers Vincent Gardena & Virginia Graham have in common

15 money paid to use another's property

23 every individual one, abbrev.

28 Roman numeral for 200

30 mouth or opening; also a bone; also an esker; also a bunch of the 15th letter of the alphabet

31 last month of the year with 30 days, abbrev

32 free from clouds

33 watery part of blood

35 young horse

37 street with J.R.'s, Heaven

40 beginner

41 social group of many families

42 extra small,

43 alone

44 an abbrev. for California

45 inflamed swelling near the eyelid

47 U.S. Pacific island, capital Agana

50 street with Basic Brothers, Charlie's

51 street with The

Club Houston, Midtowne Spa

53 26th U.S. President, soldier Roosevelt, initials ("Some men can live up to their loftiest ideals without ever going higher than a basement.")

54 symbol for chemical element argon

58 a Cartwright on Bonanza

63 Gem State, abbrev.

64 waste cloth

65 mourn

69 over

71 space for something

72 abbrev. for Greek

74

Rich's, 2 words

2 verb suffix used to form past participles

3 Roman numeral for 401

4 surrender

5 color of lights on the UT-Austin Main Tower when Longhorns have won a game

10 Texas Constitution has given this protection about 150 years

12 principal dish of a meal

14 what entertainers Vincent Gardena & Virginia Graham have in common

15 money paid to use another's property

23 every individual one, abbrev.

28 Roman numeral for 200

30 mouth or opening; also a bone; also an esker; also a bunch of the 15th letter of the alphabet

31 last month of the year with 30 days, abbrev

32 free from clouds