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State GOP Rejects Log Cabin Ad, Says No to Booth

In an unprecedented move to stifle dissent within the party, Texas GOP leaders have rejected a Gay Republican group's request to have an exhibit booth at the state Republican convention, according to a letter from the state GOP organization released by the group, the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas. The state GOP has also refused a full-page advertisement for the convention program submitted by the Log Cabin Republicans. The party's decision comes just days after a landmark ruling by the United States Supreme Court that Gays and Lesbians could not be excluded from the political process simply because of their sexual orientation.

"The party's decision to deny a Republican group a display booth at the state convention is an unprecedented act of exclusion," said Dale Carpenter, noting that even pro-choice groups who disagree with the party's stand on abortion are permitted booths at the state convention. Carpenter is the President of Log Cabin Texas. "We're not asking for 'special rights.' We're Republicans asking for the same opportunity to be heard that other Republicans have. The party must make room for those who disagree. That's what the democratic process is all about." Carpenter noted that exhibit booth applications have been routinely accepted from other political groups and commercial vendors with no relationship whatsoever to the party.

"If this is the first shot in a renewed 'culture war' against gays and lesbians, it has badly misfired. It comes at the worst possible time for the party, in the middle of a presidential campaign in which our party is already seen as intolerant. This action indicates that some party officials have no patience for those who disagree with them regarding the civil rights of gays and lesbians," said Carpenter.

On April 1, Log Cabin applied for an exhibit booth at the state GOP convention. The group sent in their application along with a check for \$400 to cover the booth fee. Carpenter confirmed acceptance of the booth application in a telephone call to Jonathan Gurwitz several days later. Gurwitz is exhibits chairperson for the party. Subsequently, the state party cashed the check submitted along with the booth application. "As far as Log Cabin is concerned, we had a deal," said Carpenter, an attorney in Houston. "Now the party is backing out on its word." Log Cabin also submitted a full-page advertisement for inclusion in the state convention program. Again, Carpenter confirmed receipt and acceptance of the ad the next day with a party official.

In spite of the agreement and inclusion of other groups, state GOP executive director Barbara Jackson sent a letter to the Log Cabin (Continued on Page 17)

Voice Welcomes New Editor

Deborah Monerief Bell, activist and writer has been named as editor of the *Houston Voice*. Bell succeeds Sheri Cohen Darbonne who has left the *Voice* after over 6 years as its editor. A welcoming reception in honor of Bell's appointment will be held on Friday, May 31 at the *Houston Voice* offices, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105 from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by to meet Deborah and enjoy refreshments with the staff.

A history of activism in both paid and volunteer positions in community and non-profit organizations has provided Bell with well-proven abilities in writing, editing and media relations. She has worked as an

assistant to an editor for a technical journal for an international professional organization, edited a bi-annual report of contributors to elected officials, and has worked on countless newsletters for the National Organization for Women (NOW). One of the founders of WOMYNSPACE in 1984, a feminist collective working to provide space and activities for women in a chemically-free, safe and supportive environment, she helped develop and name their newsletter, The WAND (WOMYNSPACE Activities and Networking Directory). She served on its editorial board for a number of years.

Bell also has been a popular radio co-host and commentator for the community affairs programs, "Wilde 'n' Stein" and "Lesbian and Gay Voices," on KPFT radio, 90.1 fm. Community involvement has included serving as co-chair of Houston's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in 1987 and 1988, serving on the boards of the Montrose Counseling Center, the Montrose Activity Center and the Women's Lobby Alliance. She has been an officer of Houston Area NOW, a State officer of Texas NOW and a member of the Women's Group at the Unitarian Church

since the late seventies. Aside from the volunteer activities, Bell's impressive talents have benefited Mother's Against Drunk Driving and the Bering Community Services Foundation in employed positions. Not the least of her accomplishments has been the upbringing of two sons, Jason and John, both grown and "Out of the house, thank goodness!" exclaims Bell.

The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, (Continued on Page 20)



Bering Care Center is presented with a \$41,000 check raised by this year's Soiree Aubergine. Shown here are (l-r) are John Gonzales, Bill Kersten, Lee Davis, Robert Meyer and Barry Petree.

Soiree total exceeds \$40,000 again!

Boosted by a significant contribution from TGRA—Houston Chapter for the second year in a row, Soiree Aubergine's 1996 fundraising efforts on behalf of Bering Community Service Foundation have exceeded \$40,000 once again. This year's total of \$41,000 is the second highest in the groups five year history, and brings the community's total contribution to Foundation programs through Soiree to over \$159,000. In addition to underwriting all food costs associated with the Bering Adult Day Care Center nutrition program for the year, funds raised through Soiree V will also purchase the remaining equipment needed to complete the recently renovated Care Center Kitchen and assist in a renovation

and expansion project being planned for the Bering Dental Clinic.

Soiree V, which officially kicked off with a Super Bowl Barbecue on Jan. 28 and culminated with La Soiree Grande on March 10, involved a number of other fundraising efforts including a silent auction, raffle, personal and corporate contributions campaigns and benefit performances by a host of local titleholders and entertainers. In addition to the support of TGRA—Houston, Soiree V received significant support from community organizations including RSICSS and Montrose Softball League, and from corporate sponsors Bistrot Cuisine, City Streets, Continental Airlines, Gentry, House of Coleman, and Leather by Boats. As in previous years, fundraising costs were underwritten by Soiree Aubergine Host Committee fees and sponsors' in-kind contributions, allowing 100 percent of monies raised to be contributed directly to Bering Community Service Foundation.



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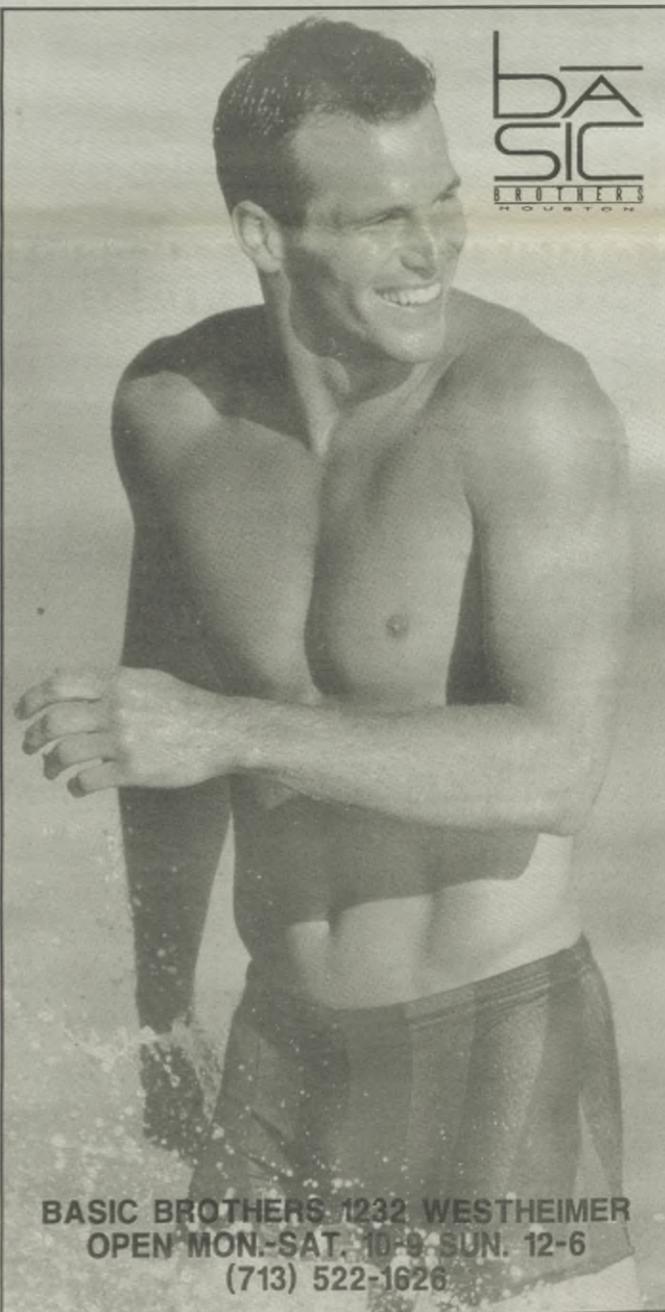
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Community Calendar by Carolyn Roberts

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Friday, May 31

- Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. Call 782-6066.
- HIV Art classes at the Art League. Call 523-8817
- HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- 12 step program at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 p.m. Call 527-1348.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 p.m. Call 528-SAFE.
- Free Buffet at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 p.m.
- The Women's Group meets at 10:45 a.m. Call 529-8571.
- Using the Resources of Business Incubators to Accelerate Business Growth Luncheon at 11:45. Call 932-7495 X 42.

Saturday, June 1

- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. Call 863-1860.
- After Hours on KPFT 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. 90.1 FM. Call 526-5738.
- Gulf Coast Transgender support group meets. Call 780-4282.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 p.m. Call 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10:00 a.m. Call 583-8408.
- Determining Your Entrepreneurial Exponents for Starting a Business. 9:00 a.m. Call 932-7495 X 40.
- Mr. Chances Contest at Chances. 9:00 p.m. Call 523-7217.
- Island Art Festival at Galveston's Pier 21. 10:00 a.m. Call 521-0133.
- Films at the Museum of Fine Arts: Super Fly at 7:30 p.m. and Foxy Brown at 9:30 p.m. Call 639-7515.

Sunday, June 2

- PFLAG meets at 2:00 p.m. Call 867-9020.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. Call 863-1860.
- Front Runners meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tennis center in Memorial Park. Call 522-8021.
- HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. Call 522-9612.
- Out in Ft. Bend meets. Call 344-0638.
- Brunch at the 611 12:30 p.m. \$3
- Steak Night at the Brazos River Bottom. 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Montrose Ice Picks skate at noon. Call 629-1432.
- Pool Tournament at Chances. 6:00 p.m.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 10:30 a.m. Call 537-1348.
- Mr. Prime Choice Contest at the Ripcord. 9:00 p.m. Call 521-2792.
- Island Art Festival at Galveston's Pier 21. 11:00 a.m. Call 521-0133.
- Films at the Museum of Fine Arts: Super Fly at 5:00 p.m. and Foxy Brown at 7:00 p.m. Call 639-7515.
- Montrose Softball League plays at Memorial Park fields 4 & 5. 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 3

- Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce meets at 6:00 p.m. For info call 523-7576.
- Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 p.m. Call 861-6181.
- HeartSong open rehearsal at the First Unitarian Church at 7:00 p.m. Call 526-9095.
- Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-1223.
- Positive Living Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:15 p.m. Call 539-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Women and HIV/AIDS Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Lesbian Survivors of Cancer and their care givers at Montrose Counseling Center.

6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.

- Men's HIV Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Pool Tournament at the Brazos River Bottom. 8:00 p.m. Call 528-9192.
- Free HIV Testing and Counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Queer Nation meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2700 Albany.

Tuesday, June 4

- Pride Committee of Houston meets at 6:30 p.m. Call 529-6979.
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8:00 p.m. Call 495-8009.
- Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. Call 522-8182.
- Southern Country gives dance lesson at the Ranch. 9200 Buffalo Speedway. 8:00 p.m.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- AIDA Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. Call 861-9149.
- PROTECT support group meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Body Center. 8:00 p.m. Call 520-2083.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Survivors of loss support group meets at 8:30 p.m. Call 778-2677.
- Free Dance Lessons and Karaoke at the Brazos River Bottom. 9:30 p.m. Call 528-9192.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. Call 782-6066.
- Easy Yard Maintenance for the Home Owner at Leisure Learning Unlimited. Call 877-1981 X 1211.

Wednesday, June 5

- Rex Reed speaks at the Museum of Fine Arts. 7:00 p.m. Call 639-7530.
- Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 521-1000.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 10:30 p.m. Call 537-1348.
- Shiela Lennon performs at Chances. 9:00 p.m. Call 523-7217.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. Call 524-0218.
- GLOBAL meets at 4:00 p.m. Call 743-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees. 7:00 p.m. Call 867-9581.
- Men's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 p.m. Call 537-1348.
- Lambda Rollerskating Club skates at 8:00 p.m. Call 933-5818.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. Call 622-7250 for more info.
- Living with Chronic Pain at Montrose Counseling Center. 9:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Women's Issues Process Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Women's Action Coalition (WAC) meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 867-9581.
- Lesbian/Bisexual Survivors at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- Bi-Net of Houston meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 467-4380.
- Accelerated Spanish for Beginners at Leisure Learning Unlimited. Call 877-1981 X 4015.
- Developing Business Skills workshop. 7:15 a.m. Call 932-7495 X 48.
- Wine Tasting at Charley's 517 by Leisure Learning Unlimited at 877-1981.
- Houston Area Bear's Dine Out at 7:00 p.m. at ZuZu's. Call 867-9123
- Free Stop Smoking Classes by AIDS Foundation Houston and Body Positive. 7:00 p.m. Call 623-6796.

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Community Organizations Bulletin Board

Relationship Series

What are the keys to success? And where does the gay and lesbian community get them? MCC of the Resurrection (MCCR) offers a solution. Each Wednesday evening in the month of June, MCCR will be hosting a lecture series on relationships presented by Patrick Vachon.

Patrick is a Certified IMAGO Relationship Therapist. The Institute for IMAGO Relationship Therapy is directed by Dr. Harville Hendrix, author of the books *Getting the Love You Want* and *Keeping the Love You Need*. Patrick has specialized in relationship therapy for same sex couples for several years in Houston.

Part One, June 5, will examine why we fall in love. Part Two, June 12, examines why we overreact to situations. Part Three, June 19 examines the basic human desire to enter a relationship and our fears of it. Part Four, June 26, teaches better communication skills to assist in all of our relationships.

Donations of \$20 for the series or \$5 per session are suggested. MCCR is located at 1919 Decatur, one block off Washington at White. For more information contact the church office at 861-9149.

Women's Center Offers Group for Men

The Houston Area Women's Center's (HAWC) rape crisis program has formed a new support group for male survivors of sexual assault. It is designed to provide a safe, confidential environment for men to talk about their experience and their struggles in society around the issues of male sexual assault.

The group will begin meeting in June at HAWC, 1010 Waugh Drive. All services are without charge and confidential. For more information call Diane Williams at 528-6798 ext. 246.

AVES Counseling and Testing

Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES), a Houston based non-profit agency providing a variety of services to individuals living with or affected by HIV, now offers anonymous and confidential HIV counseling and testing at their offices in Twelve Oaks Tower, 4126 Southwest Frwy. #1717.

Testing hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 until 7:00 p.m. by appointment only. A \$5 donation is suggested and park-

ing is free. Call 626-2837 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Chamber Dinner

June 3 is the date set for the next Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce quarterly dinner with speaker meeting featuring Tom Britton, a nationally known professional speaker, who promises to "Bring us Magic."

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Please RSVP to the GHGLCC hotline at 523-7576, press option 1. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members and will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 400 Dallas St. with registration and networking beginning at 6:00 p.m., entertainment and social at 7:00 p.m. and dinner and speaker at 7:30 p.m.

Galveston Gardens

The 3rd Annual Back Gardens Tour, sponsored by Clean Galveston, is planned for this weekend with next weekend held for rain dates. Discover wonderful design ideas and corner the owners of these private home gardens for their gardening tips.

The gardens will be open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available from Clean Galveston at 2106 Seawall Blvd. Telephone (409) 762-3363 for more information.

Power Brunch

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the Texas Human Rights Foundation are hosting a Power Brunch featuring a special question and answer session with former U.S. Drug Czar, Rice University Professor and probable Mayoral candidate, Lee P. Brown.

Planned for the River Cafe, 3615 Montrose Blvd., Sunday June 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$35. Please RSVP at 527-8695.

G&L Fun Day At The Gallery

The Earth Galleries, 2515 W. Holcombe (at Kirby) will host a Gay and Lesbian Fun Day with collections of personal hygiene items for the Stone Soup and proceeds from donated painting and 20% of gallery sales also going to Stone Soup.

Music and beverages will be on hand and the festivities are planned from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday June 9.

Clinton defends support of bill outlawing gay marriages

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, Thursday, May 23 (AP)—President Clinton defended Thursday his support of legislation that would allow states to outlaw same-sex marriages and deny recognition of gay marriages allowed in other states.

Despite that position, Clinton insisted, "I do not favor discrimination against people because they are homosexual."

Clinton was in Milwaukee for a meeting with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The two leaders spoke at a joint news conference, but a question-and-answer session that followed was dominated by U.S. domestic politics. Clinton fielded questions about Republican proposals to cut gas taxes and outlaw same-sex marriages.

Kohl looked amused at times as Clinton

fielded election-related questions.

Gay rights groups that have supported Clinton are furious at the White House announcement that Clinton would sign the bill. The president accused Republicans of pushing the measure in hopes of winning an election issue.

"And let me just say, even though I will sign this bill...this is hardly a problem that is sweeping the country," Clinton said.

Anticipating that gay marriages may soon be legalized in Hawaii, a bill proposed in Congress would allow states to reject same-sex marriages performed in other states. But it wouldn't block any state from conferring its own legal status on same-sex unions.

The bill also defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

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Community Calendar

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Thursday, June 6

- * Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria. 8:00 p.m. Call 629-1432.
- * Broadway Showtunes at J.R.'s. 9:00 p.m. Call 521-2519.
- * Art Classes at The Art League. 1:00 p.m. Call 523-8817
- * Front Runners meet at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.
- * Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Call 521-7464.
- * Twentysomething meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 531-9396.
- * KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs at 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call 866-6505.
- * Burger and Chili night at the Brazos River Bottom. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- * Steak Night at the 611 Pub. 6:30 p.m.
- * Dance lessons at the Brazos River Bottom. 9:30 p.m. Free. Call 880-0670.
- * Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. Call 622-7250.
- * Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8:00 p.m. Call 528-3704.
- * HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 942-0923.
- * HIV Affected at CASA. 7:00 p.m. Call 796-2272.
- * Men's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * HIV survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7:00 p.m. Call 782-4050
- * Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30 p.m. Call 738-RACE.
- * Intermediate and Advanced English as a Second Language at Leisure Learning Unlimited. Call 877-1981 X 4110.
- * Ain't Writing Fun? A Grammar and Writing Refresher at Leisure Learning Unlimited. Call 877-1981 X 6510.

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Power at the Polls: new survey paints portrait of gay, lesbian, bisexual vote

Washington, D.C., April 25, 1996 ... Now that the primary season is effectively over, the major political parties are planning election strategy. Which states and constituencies will bring victory? Which states and voters need attention? And which can be written off?

But a new survey, released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), for the first time paints a portrait of a political constituency that Democrats and Republicans ignore at their own risk.

"Power At the Polls: The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Vote" is based on exit polling data from the 1992 and 1994 elections. The data was originally collected by Voter News Service (VNS), a major national polling organization, and until now has remained largely untapped by the media. The report was produced by the NGLTF Policy Institute. NGLTF is a non-partisan organization. The gay vote survey is an analysis of gay, lesbian and bisexual voter demographics, political persuasions and voting patterns. It provides the first statistically reliable picture of self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual voters.

"We are releasing this report at this critical time because gay issues have exploded into the 1996 presidential campaign in an unprecedented way," said John D'Emilio, NGLTF Policy Institute director and author of the report. "After a generation of coming out of the closet, gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans are flocking to the polling booths."

The VNS 1992 exit polling data is based on a nationally representative sample of 15,488 voters. The poll allowed gays, lesbians and bisexuals to identify themselves for the first time in a presidential election. Some of the major findings include:

—Gay, lesbian and bisexual self-identified voters constituted 3.2 percent of the total voting population in the 1992 elections. That is roughly the size of the national

Latino vote in the same year, more than double the size of the Asian vote, and slightly less than the Jewish vote. It's also as large as the old staple of American politics, the family farm vote. "Because we know that fear still keeps the majority of gay people in the closet, this figure of 3.2 percent must be considered a floor rather than a ceiling, and a basement floor at that," said D'Emilio. "In other words, the total number of these voters is certain to be higher than three percent and is likely to be considerably higher."

—The gay, lesbian and bisexual vote can be decisive in urbanized states. The self-identified gay vote is not evenly distributed throughout the population, but instead is heavily concentrated in cities. In towns with a population between 5000 and 10,000 people, the self-identified vote is slightly more than one percent. But in cities with populations between 250,000 and 500,000, the figure rises to more than eight percent. "As time goes on and more small-town residents come out, this figure will grow. But the urban concentration means the gay, lesbian and bisexual vote can be the margin of victory in key states," said D'Emilio. "It can also make the critical difference in many Congressional races and in state and local elections as well." D'Emilio points out that eleven states with urban areas and well-organized and visible gay, lesbian and bisexual communities—such as California, New York, Illinois, Michigan and others—together provide 49 percent of the total electoral vote. Add any two other states, and a candidate wins the presidency.

The self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual vote is also a younger vote, and will inevitably grow in "Because of the changes provoked in American life by the gay and lesbian movement, younger voters are significantly more likely to self-identify than are older voters," said D'Emilio. In comparison to the overall voting population, the self-identified vote is under-

represented in the older—than-60 group, is concentrated in the under-40 group, and is represented especially heavily among voters younger than 30. "Gay voters already constitute five percent of the under-30 voters," said D'Emilio. "As our issues continue to have high visibility in national and state politics, there is every reason to believe the proportion of self-identified voters will get larger over time."

The gay, lesbian and bisexual voter displays a clear political profile. The polling data shows the gay voter leans heavily toward liberal positions on key issues. The gay voter is more likely to favor more government services and higher taxes to pay for them; downplay the importance of deficit reduction; support greater access to health care; blame government neglect rather than a decline in moral values for social problems; believe that government should encourage tolerance of diverse value systems; and support continued legalization of abortion. "In other words, this is the profile of a politically progressive constituency," said D'Emilio.

The survey also details who gay voters vote for. In 1992, Clinton received 43 percent of the total popular vote, but 72 percent of the gay, lesbian and bisexual vote. Only Jewish voters and African-American voters provided Clinton with larger margins. The gay vote for Clinton surpassed the percentage of votes he received among union households and Latinos.

But, cautions D'Emilio, the gay vote is not guaranteed to any candidate. "If the only two options in 1996 were to vote Democratic or Republican, the story would seem to be over. But gay, lesbian and bisexual voters have a third (option: they can stay home)," said D'Emilio.

Evidence from the 1994 elections supports this assertion. In the midterm elections, when gay issues received less attention than in 1992, and when disappointment was still fresh from the Clinton Adminis-

tration's support of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual vote shrank by more than a third. "It still remained a heavily Democratic vote, but there were a lot fewer votes cast," said D'Emilio.

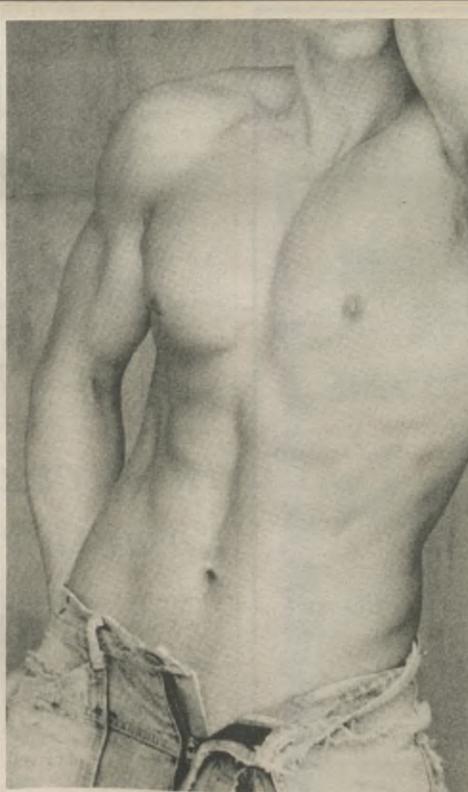
Whether voters stay home in 1996 or rush to the polls depends on several factors, said D'Emilio. Will the Democratic party actively court the gay vote, or simply take it for granted? Will the Republican Party castigate the gay community like it did in 1992, or try to avoid polarizing social issues? Will the extremist Christian Right make gays the target of their rhetoric, and thereby galvanize gays, lesbians and bisexual to come out and vote? Will gay organizations succeed in their plans to coordinate massive voter registration drives, and will they be able to mobilize those voters?

"In other words, the Republican Party can antagonize the gay vote, or try to neutralize it," said D'Emilio. "The Democratic Party can effectively mobilize it, or watch it slip away in inaction. To a degree, the survey confirms what we have known only intuitively—but never had statistically viable data to prove," said D'Emilio. "There is a gay, lesbian and bisexual vote. It is growing, it is concentrated, and it is still untapped."

The survey was released today at a Washington D.C. press conference, which also featured a report by Carmen Vasquez, director of public policy, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, New York City, on the "Promote the Vote" gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender national voter registration drive; and Tony Valenzuela and Brenda Schumacher, co-chairs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender VOICES '96, an ad hoc coalition planning actions at the GOP Convention in San Diego this year.

For a copy of the gay vote report, contact NGLTF at (202)332-6483, ext. 3303, or visit the NGLTF Web site at <http://www.ngltf.org>.

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IN MY OWN VOICE

by Deborah Bell



Lesbians and Gays are without Due Process

The possibility of the State of Hawaii legalizing same-sex marriages has caused quite a stir among religious radicals. They think that their institution of marriage is somehow threatened by two men or two women being able to marry one another. While many of us very much want this right and are watching hopefully for passage of the Hawaiian law, we are not very optimistic.

By expanding the marriage contract between two consenting adults and the State to include same-sex couples is not only granting rights, but additionally conveys the responsibilities involved in such a partnership. Taxes, insurance coverage, rights of inheritance, and other financial responsibilities would be matters that would make their marriages advantageous to everyone. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered persons are denied certain rights of citizenship in this country the same as convicted criminals. Criminals are allowed to marry another consenting adult (of the other gender), while they are incarcerated, even if both parties are in prison. While our sexual relations are considered criminal in some states, we do not have to be found guilty in a court of law to be denied our rights. We are without due process. If we are in fact criminals, then charge us with a crime. But do not deny us, otherwise, law abiding, tax paying citizens our constitutional rights based on the prejudice and discrimination sanctioned by and perpetuated by some people's so called "religious beliefs." The judgment of our morality by these close-minded homophobes is hugely offensive to the many people of faith in the L/G/B/T Community and to all of us who believe in separation of Church and State. The Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection founded by Gay Minister Rev. Troy Perry along with other denominations, recognize same-sex partnership with "Holy Unions" or "Commitment Ceremonies." These include branches of more mainstream churches, such as Unitarian Universalist, Methodists, Lutheran, Episcopalian, & Presbyterian as well as some Jewish synagogues. The truth is that same-sex marriages already exist in terms of religious rituals, but none are recognized as legal in any of the United

States. First cousins are not permitted to marry one another in some states, but if first cousins marry in a state where it is legal, their marriage is recognized in all 50 states. Many states have already started proposing laws that would mean same-sex marriages performed legally in any other state would not be recognized in that state.

At least five to seven legal documents have to be drafted between same-sex domestic partners in order to establish protections that are granted automatically to male/female couples when they marry. Even then, we are not afforded the same privileges or protections granted in legal marriage. If the downfall of civilization being caused by homosexuality were the case, as some have charged, it would have happened a long time ago, as it has existed as long as humankind and is historically well documented.

The love and commitment I have with my partner, equals if not surpasses any such partnership between a man and a woman. We get up in the morning, go to our jobs, spend time with our friends and families, are active in the community, grocery shop, do our housework, pay our bills, take care of each other if we are ill, etc.—just like other families. If anyone is frightened by such ordinary day to day life, then I am very sorry for them. Our sexuality is a private matter between the two of us and need not concern them.

In addition to the right to have our intimate relationships honored in legal marriages throughout this country, all sodomy laws should be repealed. Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered individuals should be allowed to serve openly in service to their country in the military if that is their choosing. President Clinton needs to reassert his promise of eliminating the Military Ban instead of letting the ridiculous "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy continue. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered service members have and DO, serve their country with honor and dignity. The United States Government has no business legitimizing discrimination. No one is asking for special rights, we are only asking for protection from discrimination. We want the right to our homes, our jobs, our children, and our pursuit of happiness. Our very lives are at stake, as evidenced by the rise in hate-crimes against L/G/B/T in this country. That is the bottom-line of the so-called "Homosexual Agenda."

How can anyone so smart say something so dumb?

Former Rhodes Scholar and President of the United States, Bill Clinton—quoted from newsconference in May 1996

'Well, first of all, as I understand it, what the bill does--let's make it clear. As I understand it, what the bill does is to state that marriage is an institution between a man and a woman, that, among

other things, is used to bring children into the world, but the legal effect of the bill--as I understand it, the only legal effect of the bill is to make it clear that states can deny recognition of gay marriages that occurred in other states. And if that's all it does, then I will sign it. Now, having said that, I do not favor discrimination against people because they're homosexual.'

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Family Values

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Son's Horizons Not Broad Enough

I was in Beaumont about a week ago to see my youngest son receive an academic honor at that city's Central High School. Not to be outdone, his brother had something to show off, too. "Take me to drop off my film," he begged.

This is my traveling man-child. I have "taken him to drop off" canisters of film he snapped of monks and girlfriends in The People's Republic of China, artists-welders in Illinois, aunts and "friends" in New Mexico, streets, schools, and kids asleep in dorms in New York City, and the brick wall view of his kitchen window in San Francisco. The remarkable thing is not that he is pursued (all expenses paid) by colleges and universities in all these places trying to romance him to their institutions, no. The remarkable thing is that when he gets home with his film he can't get himself to the drug store to have the pictures he took developed.

This is my nonmaterialistic (he travels with a few drawing pencils and a Call Home phone card) disdainer-of-status and lover of the planet, Zen Buddhist son. Part of his religion involves respect for the environment and so great is this respect that he does not drive ("It depletes the natural resources of fossils and causes air, noise and nerve pollution." His mother's nerves, that is).

"So will you take me to Wal-Mart?"

Wal-Mart! Wal-Mart? Last time I was in that town there was no Wal-Mart. The biggest commercial business was the "Bobby-Q Stand." That's the place where all the links were made on the spot. Links and ribs, "Bobby-Q Bones," that wouldn't quit tasting good until about an hour after you were through eating them. They were cooked, sold and served by a lady who was black, and thin as scissors. She kept herself "all doodied up" and if her name wasn't Hazel it should've been.

Wal-Mart?

"Not just 'Wal Mart'—it's a Wal-Mart Super Store! It's open twenty-four hours and it has everything! Everybody goes there. It's so popular you have to call ahead and reserve a parking space. I mean, everybody in Beaumont goes there every day! People pack lunches and drive in from Raywood and Saratoga and Honey Island to see it. You owe it to yourself not to miss it. It's like going to Paris and bypassing the Louvre, it's like going to London and missing the bridge. It's like going to the Galleria and avoiding Neiman's to come all the way to Beaumont and then miss our new Super store!"

I dropped him off at Wal-Mart. I never found out what pictures he was having developed, but I think that boy needs to get out more. Out of Beaumont, out of East Texas. He needs to broaden his horizons. He should try *La Capital* (Mexico City) next. I bet he'd love the bazaars.

New Developments in Neartown

The Neartown Association reports that the owners of Rich's, a popular nightclub in the Midtown area, are redeveloping the old Tila's restaurant building in the 700 block of Westheimer. They plan to open a major new nightclub. The club is already in possession of a liquor permit, and the redevelopment seems imminent.

Neartown has a blanket policy if fighting any new liquor permits in the area. The association says it has received many calls complaining of the effect such development will have on Avondale and the board is reviewing the process by which a liquor permit was granted before the Neartown Association, or surrounding property owners, learned of the plans.

The parking for the new club will be on the south side of Westheimer in what is now a row of vacant lots. Neartown views this as a positive step to keep cars off the residential streets, but is concerned with the indication of the number of patrons the club owners anticipate.

Robert Waters, a partner (or former partner) of in Rick's Cabaret on Richmond is attempting to purchase a plot of land between Kirby and Greenbriar on the Southwest Freeway (US Hwy. 59) in order to open a sexually oriented business. Waters is trying to secure both a liquor permit and a sexually oriented

business permit. Just outside the Neartown boundaries, and a mere 5 blocks from Poe Elementary School, Neartown's board is interested in the opinions of its membership in this matter. They are working with the Boulevard Oaks Association in an attempt to persuade Mr. Waters that is current location is simply not appropriate.

The debate over the Westheimer Street Fest continues. A recent poll showed that a strong majority of residents are in favor of the festival. Neartown remains officially neutral about the Fest but has created a committee charged with the authority to research and make recommendations on 1) How to dramatically change the Festival to protect the most affected neighborhoods or 2) To stop the Festival completely, if the concerns and suggestions of this committee, upon adoption, are not addressed.

The fall 1996 Fest and possibly those scheduled for 1997, have already been permitted by the city. The existing committee created last year to negotiate voluntary compromises on conduct of the Fest is still operating. It is chaired by former Neartown President Annise Parker, and is currently working with Westheimer Street Fest, Inc, the festival organizers.

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This & That!

by Jon Anthony

Much to the chagrin of competing networks, CBS was the victor in the highly contentious efforts of all networks to woo **Tom Selleck** back to the small screen. Selleck will star in an as yet undisclosed show for the struggling network to premiere during the 1997-98 season. In addition to Selleck, **Bill Cosby** and **Ted Danson** will be on the network's slate. CBS hopes their marquee value will transcend into stellar ratings.... **Madeline Kahn** returns to series television in CBS' new *Cosby* show this fall.... **Joan Collins** is being heavily considered to play Endora in the big-screen adaptation of *Bewitched* starring **Alicia Silverstone**. No word on who will portray Darrin.... Real life NYPD detective **Thomas McKenna** has written a book detailing his most grisly cases. McKenna has assisted **Sean Penn**, **John Turturro**, **Michael Douglas** and **Andy Garcia** with preparation for their various detective roles in movies. *Manhattan North Homicide* is published by St. Martin's Press.... Simon & Schuster will release an updated version of *Unlimited Partners: Our American Story* by **Bob and Elizabeth Dole**. Originally released in 1988, the new edition will be released July 2.... World renowned French chef **Julia Child** won the daytime Emmy for Outstanding Service Show Host last week. Child's award category was not televised. Competing nominees were **Bob Villa** and **Martha Stewart**.... This year's Tony Awards ceremony promises to be more exciting than recent galas, despite the fact that **Julie Andrews** and her *Victor/Victoria* crew will boycott the event. The cast of the latest Broadway smash *Rent* will perform live, as will the cast of *The King and I*. *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *Bring*

in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk. To mark the prestigious award ceremonies 50th anniversary, CBS has snared **Liza Minnelli** and **Bernadette Peters** to sing a medley to honor the occasion. **Nathan Lane** will host this year's festivities. The Tony Awards air June 2.... The June 12 performance of *Tommy*, the rock opera by **The Who**, at the Cynthia Woods Pavilion has been canceled. Refunds are available at all Ticketmasters.... No, you're not inebriated, that really is **John Wayne** in those Coors commercials. Thanks to digitized computer technology similar to that used in *Forrest Gump*, the ad's director was able to make the late actor's appearance in the spot seem realistic. The advertisement was approved by Wayne's estate and Coors made a generous donation to the John Wayne Cancer Institute, a non-profit treatment and research facility.... **Christopher Reeve** and HBO have formed a partnership. Reeves will mark his directorial debut for the cable network with *In the Gloaming*, about a wheelchair-bound young man dying of AIDS who returns home. In addition, the paralyzed actor will direct an as yet untitled romantic comedy film later this year, write a book and be heard as the voice of King Arthur in the upcoming animated movie *The Quest for Camelot*.... **Rob Reiner** will direct an upcoming film based on the real life drama of the murder of **Medgar Evers**. **James Wood** will portray **Byron de la Beckwith**, the man convicted of shooting the slain civil rights leader in front of his wife and children. **Alec Baldwin** and **Whoopi Goldberg**, who portray **Medgar's** wife, also star in the *Castle Rock* film slated for release this Christmas.... ABC has postponed indefinitely their plans for launching a 24-hour all news channel to

compete with CNN on cable outlets. Media tycoon **Rupert Murdoch** and NBC's commitment to debuting their respective efforts at rivaling CNN this fall has been attributed as a major factor in ABC's decision.... **Jon Stewart** is being bandied as a possible replacement for **Greg Kinnear** for NBC's *Late* program. Kinnear's big-screen career is rising and NBC wants to be prepared.... **Demi Moore** will star in Ridley Scott's *G.I. Jane* as a Navy SEAL. Moore will shave her head to give the character authenticity.... **Jeff Foxworthy** has penned a new book of down home humor entitled *No Shirt, No Shoes... No Problem*, published by Hyperion and currently available at bookstores.... *Sex, Drugs and Consequences* is the name of an ABC News Special slated to air Thursday June 6 at 7 p.m. The special will provide a retrospective on the AIDS dilemma and look at recent developments that appear to be promising as a combatant to the disease. **Barbara Walters** and **Morgan Fairchild** co-host.... **David Lindsey** will be signing his new bestselling book *Requiem for a Glass Heart* on Saturday, June 1 at the Tanglewood Super Crown bookstore at 1 p.m. Lindsey's popular books place many of the characters in Houston and *Requiem* is set at an international crime summit in our city. Moving Picture's, Demi Moore's production company has already purchased the novel for adaptation to the bigscreen. Moore will produce and star in the film.... CBS debuts a revamped version of *Central Park West*, last year's highly publicized flop. **Raquel Welch** and **Gerald McRaney** have been cast in an effort to boost the shows ratings. The show, retitled CPW, debuts on June 5 at 9 p.m. and will air twice weekly on Wednesday and

Friday at 9 p.m.... Singer/actress/activist **Betty Buckley** guests on CBS' *This Morning* program June 6 at 7 a.m.... **Elton John** visits the set of *Good Morning America* on ABC Tuesday, June 4 at 7 a.m.... **Diana Ross** and director **John Waters** chat with **David Letterman** on CBS' *Late Night* June 5 at 10:35 p.m.... **Top of the Charts:** *Mission Impossible* was king of the box-office and set a record as the biggest Memorial Day Weekend opening of a film in history (see review in this issue of *The Houston Voice*). *The Flintstones* held that record until now. *Mission* raked in \$57 million over the weekend and has tallied \$75 million since its opening last Wednesday. *Twister* continues to force moviegoers to the theaters as evidenced by its impressive third week gross of \$37 million bringing its total to an impressive \$144 million to date. **Leslie Nielsen's** *Spy Hard* opened at No. 3 with \$11 million in receipts.... *Seinfeld* was the highest rated show according to Nielsen's. **Bone** Thugs-N-Harmony's *Tha Crossroads* is the number one single in the country and *The Score* by the **Fugees** is the biggest selling album. **Cassandra Wilson** rules the Jazz charts with her single *New Moon Daughter* and **Jose Carrera's** *Passion* tops the classical charts. **Terry McMillan's** *How Stella Got Her Groove* (Viking) and **Dennis Rodman's** autobiographical *Bad As I Wanna Be* (Delacorte), co-written with **Tim Keown**, are the best-selling fiction and non-fiction titles according to The New York Times best-seller list. **Quote of the Week:** "I'd rather talk to a bag woman at the supermarket than a lot of people in Hollywood." - **Cher** in a cover story interview in this week's Entertainment Weekly.



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THE OUTsider

by Curt Morrison

Poll Results Question Clinton's Popularity

President Clinton's high standing in recent polls aside, most Americans have not succumbed to liberal ideology as some pundits would like to suggest. In a recent Gallup Poll, conducted April 25-28, billed as a 'national referendum' poll focusing on 27 important issues, the American public overwhelmingly sways conservative on a majority of those issues.

The poll demonstrates the public's unwavering commitment and unifying support on 11 major issues by a 2-1 margin. More than 80% of those polled favor a balanced budget amendment, raising the minimum wage, English as the official language and life sentences for drug dealers. Over 70% favor the death penalty for murderers, congressional term limits, voluntary school prayer, reducing government agencies, and a two-year cutoff for welfare recipients. Mandatory job training and doctor assisted suicide were favored by 69% and 68% of the public, respectively. In addition, the public appears to be in agreement on several issues that they overwhelmingly oppose such as legalizing marijuana (73%), withdrawing from the U.N. (77%), selling public lands (70%) and racial preferences in jobs and schools (83%). 67% are opposed to Gay marriages, as are President Clinton and Bob Dole.

The fact is that most people in this country know that socialism doesn't work. Europe is a prime example of the ills of socialism—double digit unemployment, blocked private job creation, etc. Ronald Reagan's popularity clearly exemplified that the public does not favor class warfare or zero-sum economic pessimism. So why are the Republicans losing ground and Bob Dole's campaign struggling to gain momentum? Several reasons.

First and foremost, Bob Dole needs to realize that he will not win the White House if this election is a referendum over income inequality and redistribution or austere numerical balanced budget plans. The GOP's misaligned commitment and fixation with the balanced budget issue has caused them great consternation and provided an ideal opportunity for Clinton to look presidential and reasoned. It was a mistake. A mistake that can be rectified. Difficult? Yes. Impossible? No. Here's how I believe it could be accomplished: The GOP needs to aggressively bring to the forefront a host of issues that President Clinton cannot waffle on without serious risk of alienating his core constituency. In politics, the victor is usually the candidate who shapes the dialogue of the campaign. The current resident of the White House has clearly been the winner to date. If the GOP wants to gain ground, they need to reverse the tide and stake claims on substantive issues. How? Taxes. The issue of taxes is something every working American understands. They are fully aware of the impact that taxes impose upon them. It is a winning issue. Ronald Reagan and, more recently, Christine Todd Whitman are models of the benefits of this issue. Whitman's 1993 gubernatorial win in New Jersey against a well-financed incumbent, Jim Florio, is considered by many to be the catalyst that resuscitated the Republican Party to victory in 1994. Whitman's entire campaign stayed focused on the taxation issue and never veered from it. "You will spend your money more wisely than the government will," she

repeatedly intoned during stump speeches.

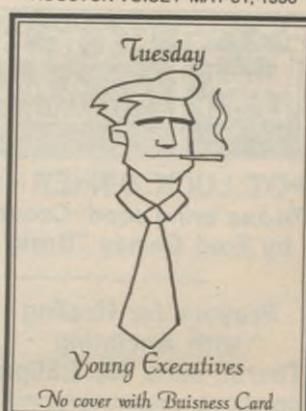
The GOP seems to have forgotten that President Clinton and a Democrat controlled congress enacted the largest tax increase in history during their reign. That is something that bears repeating to a point of redundancy as it is a fact that will indelibly resonate with the voters. Clinton and his colleagues had a two year opportunity to enact welfare reform and neglected to do so. Now he wants to take credit for welfare reform efforts in states like Wisconsin that were created by Republican governors. Likewise, they could have raised the minimum wage during the first half of his presidency with relative ease. Again, they neglected to do so. This type of posturing by Clinton is typical and to be expected. He is a much better actor than Ronald Reagan ever was and should have no problem obtaining roles in Hollywood once he leaves office.

The puzzling aspect of Clinton is his endearing popularity amongst the electorate when he campaigns. Clinton, as President, never could muster approval ratings over 50% in opinion polls. In fact, he has had the lowest poll ratings of any president, consistently for most of his term, hovering around the low to mid-40 percentile range. He is an effective campaigner and seems to have an uncanny ability at manipulating his negatives into positives. In my opinion, Clinton's popularity says more about the public's acquiescence than their steadfast allegiance to his candidacy. The fact that Clinton is campaigning on Republican themes has also been a contributing factor.

The soon to be former Senator Dole needs to buy some Energizer batteries and start campaigning with a fervor. The aforementioned poll shows that when it comes to issues, he has the upper hand. Additionally, the poll confirms that a clear majority wants government less involved with their lives—both financially and in personal matters. Dole should disavow government intrusion into peoples private lives, i.e. abortion and homosexuality issues, and focus on the economy, crime and foreign policy. If the GOP truly believes in removing the government off of the backs of the public, then they should practice that maxim on the personal front as well.

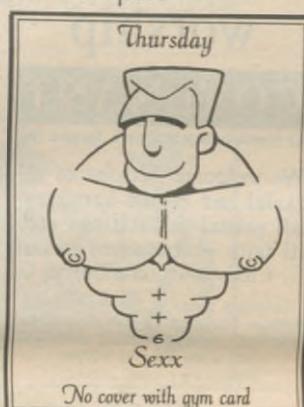
Dole needs to offer clear distinctions between him and Clinton. This should not be difficult. Dole should promise the American people that he will provide them with tax relief. His recent meeting with Steve Forbes suggests he will do just that. Dole's decision to bring Jeanne Kirkpatrick aboard to head his foreign policy agenda was equally as impressive. I expect he will announce other high profile and respected individuals as ideological contributors to his campaign in their respective fields as the campaign cycle progresses. Both Kirkpatrick and Forbes would add luster to his fledgling campaign as vice presidential candidates. As would Christine Todd Whitman or Rep. John Kasich.

The election is Bob Dole's to lose. To be sure, he is the underdog but Americans have always had an affinity for an underdog. Ronald Reagan was more than 30 points behind President Carter when he won the nomination and managed to win the presidency in a landslide. In politics, nothing is certain. Personally, I cannot get excited about either candidate and have not yet determined who will get my vote this early in the process, nor do I believe most Americans have either.



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* Catholic Mass at 10:00 a.m. Kolbe Project. 1509 Fairview. Call 522-8182

SATURDAY - 6/1

* Services at 7:30 p.m.. Dignity Church, 1307 Yale. Call 880-2872

SUNDAY - 6/2

* Grace Lutheran Church - Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 10:30am. 2515 Waugh Dr. (@ Missouri)
* First Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday Services at 9:30am and 11:30am. 5200 Fannin at Southmore. 526-5200.
* Services at 5:30 p.m.. Dignity Church, 1307 Yale. Call 880-2872
* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor," (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at

10:00 a.m. Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 a.m. Maranatha Fellowship. 3400 Montrose, Suite 600. 528-6756.

* MCCR worship services with Rev. Jim Burns. 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.

* Community Gospel Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9235.

* Houston Mission Church worship service at 10:30 a.m. 1505 Nevada. Call 529-8225.

* Kingdom Community Church worship service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Call 862-7533. "The Celestine Prophecy, An Experiential Guide" at 10:00 a.m.

* Ecumenical Catholic Church Mass at 10:15. 1405 palm. Call 526-8095.

* Covenant Baptist Church. Worship service - 1:30 p.m. and education hour at 3:00pm. 6610 Alder. Call 668-8830.

* Bering Memorial United Methodist Church Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Seekers class 9:15 a.m. 1440 Harold. Call 526-1017.

MONDAY - 6/3

* Catholic Mass at 7:30 p.m. Kolbe Project. 1509 Fairview. Call 522-8182

* MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m., 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.

TUESDAY - 6/4

* MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m.,

Gloryland Singers at 8:00 p.m., The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.

* PROTECT meets at Bering Church. Call 520-7870.

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WEDNESDAY - 6/5

* Relationship Lecture Series by Patrick Vauchon at MCCR. 1919 Decatur. 7:30 p.m. Call 861-9149.

* MCCR: Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 p.m., Midweek uplift service at 7:00 p.m., Bible Study, Lecture Series & Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. 1919 Decatur. 861-9149.

* "A Course in Miracles"- Study Group using the book, published by the Foundation for Inner Peace, which is aimed at removing the blocks to our awareness of one's presence. Kingdom Community Church 7:30 p.m. Call 862-7533.

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* Community Gospel Church worship service. 7:30 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9325.

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My folks said I could not keep Mr. Spunky, that I would not take care of him. We looked at my folks, both with our puppy dog eyes, and finally they gave in. They gave me a list of what they expected about caring for my new friend.

Mr. Spunky was a delight. Like many dogs, Mr. Spunky loved attention. People were warned if they came over, he would jump on their lap. Most people did not mind too much, but he could be a pest if he got too excited.

Mr. Spunky's favorite thing to do (and my favorite as well) would be to jump on the bed where I was sleeping and lay down by my face and go to sleep. He would wake up about two or three in the morning and lick my face for a minute, then go back to sleep. I always knew he loved me.

When we went on family trips, my Dad would bring a box for Mr. Spunky. We put his favorite blanket in the box and that is where he would sleep. We also smuggled him into our hotel rooms this way.

I will say that Mr. Spunky was my best friend. I was a shy, introverted child and he helped me to come out of my shell. He was welcome everywhere I went and if someone were to refuse him entrance, we would leave.

Of course, it all had to come to an end. One night he was lying on the bed next to my pillow as usual, but I knew something was wrong. During that last night, he woke me with one of his routine licking sessions and then we both went back to sleep. The next morning, he was lying there stiff. My best friend had died but had been still able to let me know he loved me before passing away.

We held a back yard funeral service. I was very sad for a long time. My loneliness kept me company for a while but one day I started to recover from my grief and go on living without him. My folks offered to buy me another pet, but I loyally said no. Mr. Spunky was it.

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Glen and Miss Lady!

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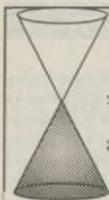
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NAMES Project Houston Elects 1996 Board

The NAMES Project Houston is pleased to announce its new Board of Directors and officers. Elected at its general membership meeting on May 20, are David B. Jackson, Chairperson; Leora Feldman, Vice Chair; Arnold Sachs, Secretary; Pierre Dolph, Development; Jo Anne Banker, Finance; Doris Price, Education; Barry Mandel, Outreach; Gerry Buncher, Volunteers; Bert Ritvo, Membership; Susan Battlestein, Display/Logistics; Daniel Chanis, Merchandise; Pete Martinez, Panel-making; Maggi Jones, Media. Voted in as members-at-large of the Board were Jackson Hicks, Keith J. Crawford, Joel Lasser, Steve Lupino, Robert Cruz, Monique Bossett, Eric H. Shamban, and John Janco.

The NAMES Project Houston expresses sincere gratitude to Barry Mandel who served as past chairperson, and the rest of last year's officers, who oversaw a remarkable expansion of the education/outreach efforts of the education and outreach efforts of the group.

Part of the work of the new officers and board will be preparations for the 1996 Display of The AIDS Quilt in Washington, DC this coming October. The Names Project Houston may be contacted at 713/52-NAMES.



PLAIN SPEAKING

by Larry Lingle

Remembering Memorial Days Past

This past Memorial Day, like many before it, passed with barely a notice except that I was aware the banks were closed and the mail was not delivered. Memorial Day is one of those bottom-tier holidays, so unrecognizable that they can be placed on random Mondays and not be affected.

Such was not always the case for me. As a child, I actually looked forward to this harbinger of summer not just as an end to another school year, but as a day of adventure. In my distant youth, Memorial Day was an occasion when my grandparents took my brother and I to the cemeteries. While on the surface of it, hardly an auspicious beginning, such adventure was but an open door to history—in my case, family history.

Our little party ventured a mere twenty miles to the hamlet of Otterville—which, one supposes, came by its name from a certain animal in the nearby Lamine River, although I failed to ever spot such a creature. From the highway, we walked down a dirt road, stopping intermittently for short visits with assorted relatives, and finally reaching the town's cemetery. In those remote years between the Second World War and the Korean action, veterans groups had already placed tiny flags, marking the graves of those who fought in the war that really mattered—the Civil War (hardly civil) or the War for Southern Independence.

Years later during a somewhat brief teaching career I found that the history of that war, if taught at all, centered around causes and effects, battles and generals. Yet the guts of that conflict was represented by the more than six hundred thousand soldiers who fell in battle. Based on a percentage of the nation's population at the time, that would correspond to five million war dead today. This Otterville grave site was connected to my maternal grandfather's family, the Langdons of Indiana and before that, New England. But no flags marked the graves of the male members of that clan as none had actually had to wear their nation's uniforms. After a few hours of surveying the markers and receiving a refresher course on this family's history, we found our way to an even more remote dirt road which runs past an almost hidden small church with accompanying cemetery. Here the Mount Olive Baptist Church silently stands over nearly overgrown grave markers of perhaps two hundred mounds. Yet, as a child, this was the most fascinating place on earth. This was home to the remains of my maternal grandmother's family, the Steeles of Kentucky and Virginia. Actually every one buried there I bore some relation. So remote was tiny Mount Olive that by that time no veteran group maintained the usual flag ritual.

Nearly all the markers bore dates ending before or around the turn of the century. But it was here that I search for the grave of Uncle Green Steele so that I could once more hear Grandma tell me the stories of Uncle Green's riding with the "irregulars." Southern troops not always actually in Confederate service. It was in that peaceful setting that I heard the sto-

ries of the Seven Years War (1854-1861) when Missourians fought Kansans over the extension of slavery to that more western state. Missouri was a slave state, surrounded on three sides by freedom territory, and my part of Missouri, that central strip which marks the influence of the Missouri River, was the bedrock of slavery in a divided state.

My mother's parents had shouldered much of the responsibility in raising my brother and me. And certainly my grandmother's love of family history passed on to me a broader fascination with history itself. And, while I learned something of the toll of our great Civil War, I also absorbed from my grandparents an understanding that a person's color was no longer an issue of conflict. It was from my grandfather's experiences in the union battles with the railroads (my hometown of Sedalia existed only because of the railroads) early on confirmed my faith in the right of working people to fair treatment and just wages.

Finally, if we had the time, my grandparents would stop at another small community—this one right on the highway to Jefferson City, the state's capital—Syrcuse, the origin of which I would not learn until college. Here was buried my father's family. My paternal grandfather—who died the year before I was born—had the requisite American flag denoting his service in the Spanish-American War, although I have no idea whether he made it to Cuba or was trained in Texas.

The bulk of my father's family was buried in Clinton County where they had settled a century and a half ago and generally pursued journalism for several generations, producing but one noteworthy individual, my cousin, Jake Lingle, whose lasting claim to the history books is that while a newspaperman in Chicago, was murdered by Al Capone's gang after offending that noble soul in print.

I don't go back to those cemeteries anymore. I don't go back home anymore. If I did, I'm not sure they still plant miniature flags. Certainly there would be fewer stories to tell. My father and some uncles and cousins fought in World War II. My brother served in Korea. But considering all the bloody conflicts, the closest any member of my family came to heroic sacrifice was an uncle of my paternal grandmother, a Fry, who was hanged on the road to Booneville for allegedly being a spy. Unfortunately, family history failed to recall which side, North or South, for which he was spying.

At least in true family style, I served my time in the Army between Korea and Vietnam, maintaining the family tradition of survival and undistinguished service—which puts me somewhere between Bob Dole's heroism and Bill Clinton's dodging the draft—I can appreciate the position of both without judging either.

In the oft-quoted words of Thomas Wolfe, "you can't go home again," certainly applies to me. But I can appreciate the heritage acquired in those early Memorial Day treks and have no regrets at the demise of a cherished tradition.

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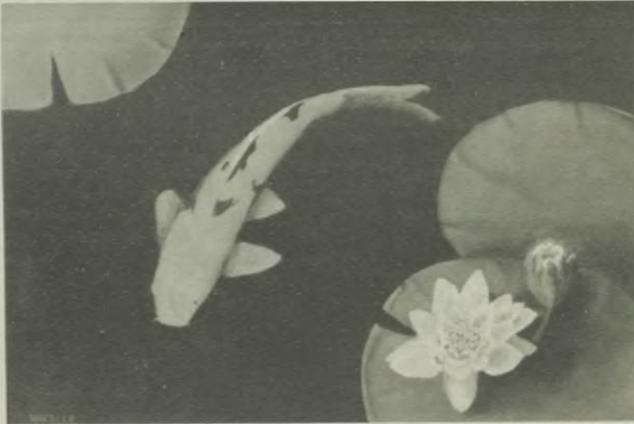
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"Koi and Lillies" and other works by David Wheeler may be viewed at his one man show opening May 31 at Hyde Park Gallery.

David W. Wheeler--One man show at the Hyde Park Gallery

It is with great pride that the Hyde Park Art Gallery presents David W. Wheeler in his first one man show. This Friday, May 31, a body of work of unmatched realism will be presented to the public.

David Wheeler, a native Texan, is a self taught artist having painted and exhibiting his work since he was fifteen. Having moved to Houston in 1979, David has enjoyed success with his art in group showings around town. To continue his development as an artist, he has continued to further his art and style through many private lessons from leading artists. David's style can best be described as Realism (Photo Realism). In his painting and in his

selection of subjects, he creates a sense of peace and tranquility. One can see and feel the peace of nature and enjoy the realist execution of the subjects in his "Koi and Lillies" (11" x 14"). The public is cordially invited to a reception for the artist, Friday, May 31 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., to meet the artist and see this unique one man show. The exhibition will continue through the month of June. The Hyde Park Art Gallery is regularly open Sunday, Monday, and Thursday from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. Contact Larry Crawford, Director, Hyde Park Gallery, 711 Hyde Park or call 713/526-2744.

SPORTS NOTES

International Bowling

Fourteen Houston bowlers traveled to Philadelphia this past weekend and joined more than 600 other bowlers from all across the USA, New Zealand, Canada and Australia for the International Gay Bowling Organization's (IGBO) Annual Tournament.

Marla Aizenshtat came back with a trophy for High Handicapped game for the women. In the singles events, John Laehy placed 25th, Pat DeCarlo 46th and Cindy Lawrence 56th. In the doubles event, Randy Gooch and Tom O'Dell placed 14th, Del Fullen and Randy Lamb came in 22nd. John Laehy also placed 22nd in all events and Pat DeCarlo placed 58th.

Two Houston bowlers, Andrea Black and Garry Harvey were honored by being nominated for The Fellowship Award. IGBO's highest individual recognition for outstanding achievement in the bowling community. Gary Shope was elected Regional Director of the South Plains Region of IGBO, representing the leagues from Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Many of the participants at IGBO said they are planning to attend the Texas Invitational Tournament planned for the 4th of July holidays which could make the Houston based tournament one of the largest the city has seen. For more information about the Texas Invitational, please phone 522-9612.

Regular league play took a holiday the past week.

HMBL Continues

The team Coalition continues its impressive won match record with only one loss in the 16 matches played for a percentage of .938. They are followed by J.R.'s Cue Crew with a win average of .824 and both the Jackson 5 and Briar Patch teams at .706.

It was decided at the last monthly meeting that all league members are entitled to purchase an HMBL jacket at the price of \$50. Ron Sioux, Treasurer, has all the information including actual fabric swatches. He requests payments be made in cash and definitely prior to the last monthly meeting which is the deadline.

Lambda Skaters

The Lambda Rollerskating Club will hold its next Skate Night Wednesday June 5 from 8 until 10:00 p.m. at the Starlight Roller Rink, 8075 Cook Road.

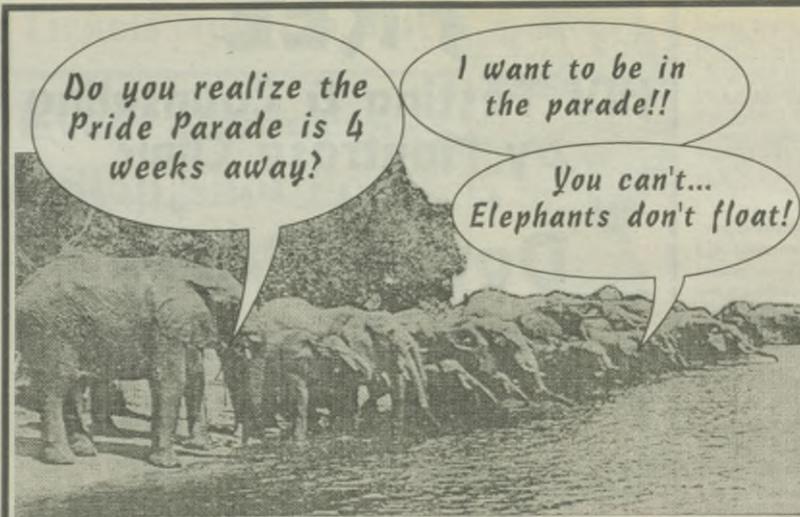
Admission is \$5 plus an additional \$1 if skate rental is needed. Everyone is welcome to skate and a variety of events will be scheduled along with door prizes. The organization will be having a Board Meeting June 2. Please phone for more information.

If your club or organization would like to hold a skate event, please contact us. For more information or to contact Lambda telephone 933-5818; online at gayskate@aol.com or at the WEB Page site, <http://members.aol.com/gayskate1/lambda.htm>.

IBL Winter Awards

The Winter Season's Awards Banquet is Saturday June 1 at the Santa Fe side of J.R.'s Bar and Grill on Pacific. The party is from 2 until 5:00 p.m. and members and a guest are invited to attend and have bar-b-que with all the fixin's and free drinks. This is also the First Anniversary.

The summer season will begin its first night of play Thursday July 18 with registration scheduled for June 29 from 2 until 5:00 p.m. at the Outpost II. The second registration is planned for E.J.'s Saturday July 6 from 2 until 5:00 p.m. Fees, as before, sponsor, \$40 and due at either registration, team, \$105 (\$35 per person) and substitute, \$10.



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8th Annual Lambda Literary Award Finalists named

'From the unprintable to the spiritual,' The 8th Annual Lambda Literary Award Finalists announced March 1 in Washington, DC once again bear witness to the depth and range of Gay and Lesbian books. A collection of Lesbian fiction with a four-letter word in its title was honored in two categories, while the Gay and Lesbian Spirituality category debuted with an impressive list of books, all from mainstream houses.

That book with the incendiary title-*The New Fuck You* (Semiotext(e))-was among a set of Gay and Lesbian Fiction Anthology finalists that itself demonstrated the field's range. Also selected in the category were *Forbidden Passages* (Cleis), a collection of gay and lesbian fiction banned in Canada until a recent lawsuit placed limits on the ability of Canadian Customs to censor gay and lesbian books, *Afrekete* (Anchor), a collection of writings by African-American lesbians, *Tasting Life Twice* (Avon), another collection of lesbian fiction, and *His*, a collection of gay male writing issued by the venerable publishing house of Faber and Faber. (There's an irony in this category: *Tasting Life Twice* editor E.J. Levy m. made her criteria for inclusion in the anthology writing "by lesbians," drawing an explicit distinction with the Lambda Literary Awards, which recognizes books based on gay and lesbian content.)

The finalists in the Spirituality cat-

egory also demonstrate the range of gay and lesbian writing. *Queer Spirits* (Beacon) is a rebuke to those who regard gay men as purely physical, demonstrating a long tradition identifying "queer" men as lovers, healers, artists and teachers in cultures as disparate as ancient Babylon, native Hawaiian, and contemporary San Francisco. Peter Cashorali's *Gay Fairy Tales* (Harper Collins) likewise looks at gay men in terms of past tradition, reinterpreting many "magical" stories with a gay twist. *Wrestling with the Angels* (Riverhead) details the struggles of gay men with the mainstream religions in which they grew up. Catholic priest John McNeill's *Freedom, Glorious Freedom* (Beacon) and MCC minister Nancy Wilson's *Our Tribe* (Harper San Francisco) look at the ferment, excitement and promise of the thriving contemporary gay and lesbian religious movement.

As if there were a cosmic fate determined to highlight just how much the phrase "gay and lesbian" can include, two books with very similar names and very different agendas were selected in the Lesbian and Gay Men's Studies categories. *Virtual Equality* (Anchor) comes from former National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director Urvashi Vaid, and argues that the gay and lesbian movement will never succeed until it gives up its dream of assimilation and sees its struggle as one to radically change society to make it tolerant of diversity and dif-

ference. *Virtually Normal* (Random House), by New Republic editor Andrew Sullivan, argues that the gay and lesbian movement will never succeed until it gives up its dream of radically restructuring society, and instead places its hope in winning for its members the same rights and opportunities. Such as marriage, enjoyed by the rest of society.

The other finalists in the Lesbian Studies category are *Dyke Life* (Basic Books), by Karla Jay; *S/he* (Firebrand), by Minnie Bruce Pratt; *Tomboys* (Alyson), edited by Lynn Yamaguchi and Karen Barber; and *Parker and Hulme* (Firebrand), by Julie Glamuzina and Alison J. Lurie. The other Gay Men's Studies nominees are *Invention of Heterosexuality* (Dutton), by Jonathan Ned Katz; *De Los Otros* (Columbia University), by Joseph Carrier; *I, Pierre Seel, Deported Homosexual* (BasicBooks), by Pierre Seel; and *Saint-Foucault*, by Daniel Halperin (Oxford University Press).

In addition to *The New Fuck You*, *Dyke Life*, *Tomboys* and *S/he* were finalists in two categories. Large publishing houses continued to be well represented on this year's list, with Harper Collins having eleven titles, Viking/Penguin ten finalists and Random House eight finalists. Among the gay, lesbian and feminist small presses, Firebrand led the way with five nominees, followed by four from Cleis, three from Alyson and 2 each from Seal, Naiad

and BadBoy presses. The nomination process was further evidence of the ongoing boom in gay and lesbian books: nearly 450 books were nominated for the award, with especially large numbers of titles in categories such as Lesbian Fiction (45), Gay Men's Studies (43), Nonfiction Anthologies (35), and Small Press (60).

The Lambda Literary Awards have a three tier selection process. A list of nominees is assembled bled from ballots sent in by readers; this year, nearly 300,000 ballots were distributed nationwide. The books nominated were narrowed down to five finalists in each category by a finalist committee that included gay and lesbian book professionals, members of the lesbian and gay press and others. 104 judges, representing a broad cross-section of the entire lesbian and gay literary community, will select a single book in each category from among the finalists.

Award recipients will be announced at a gala banquet in Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, June 14, 1995 during the American Booksellers Association Convention. For further information about the awards program or banquet tickets, please contact LAMBDA BOOK REPORT, 1625 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20009-1013 or phone the LAMMYS LINE at (202) 462-7924.

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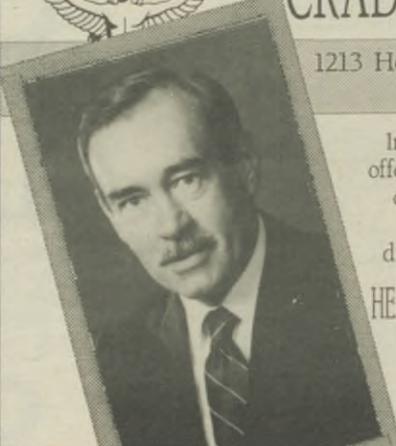
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Republican Rejection....

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Republicans informing them that their requests for a booth and a full page advertisement had been "rejected." There is no explanation in the text of the letter giving a reason for the rejection.

State GOP officials sought to distinguish the appearance of a pro-choice group from the appearance of a gay group. Lester Van Pelt III, spokesman for the Texas GOP, said that "sodomy is still a crime in Texas," while abortion is legal.

"That is a ridiculous distinction," retorted Carpenter. "We're not going to commit illegal acts in the exhibit booth. We're just going to be exercising our right to speak out on the party's platform, which was not illegal the last time I checked the Constitution," he said. Carpenter also noted that the state's prohibition on sodomy has been held an unconstitutional invasion of the right of privacy in Texas.

"I believe the party's decision will not sit well with fair-minded Republicans across this state, including some party officials and delegates and alternates to the state convention," observed Carpenter, himself a Republican precinct chairman and state convention delegate. He added that Log Cabin would consider all appropriate responses to the party's decision, including possible legal action.

"Regardless of what happens now, we intend to stay in the party and fight for equality for gays and lesbians," he concluded. "Here's our message to the party: we're Republicans, we're gay, and -- no matter what you do or say -- we're not

going away. Ever."

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (HGLPC) has joined Log Cabin groups from around Texas in protesting the State Republican Party's decision to not allow Log Cabin to set up a booth at the upcoming convention in San Antonio. They are calling on the entire community to lodge a complaint against the Party by calling the executive director Barbara Jackson in Austin.

"The Caucus is committed to the right of Gays and Lesbians to participate openly in all political parties here in Texas," said HGLPC president Pat Gandy. "Opposing part of a party's platform is how change is made to improve our lives. It's a critical part of the democratic process."

In a statement, the HGLPC said they find it reprehensible that the Republican party has decided to exclude a group of active Republicans from voicing its belief in fair and equal treatment for Gays and Lesbians. "We wouldn't stand for this in the Democratic Party and we won't stand for it in the Republican Party," said Gandy. The Caucus urges all Houstonians to stand up to the politics of exclusion and protest the state GOP's decision barring the Log Cabin booth. Texas GOP Executive Director Barbara Jackson can be reached at (512) 477-9821.

Log Cabin is a nationwide organization of Republicans who believe the party should welcome gays and lesbians and should support the principle of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. In Texas, the group has chapters in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Rejection Letter from State GOP

May 21, 1996

State Executive Committee

Thomas W. Pauken, *State Chairperson* Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested #P 431-105-447

Mr. Dale Carpenter
Log Cabin Republicans of Texas
P.O. Box 50484
Austin, Texas 78763-0484

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

Please note your organization's proposed advertisement for the 1996 Republican Party of Texas (RPT) State Convention program has been rejected for inclusion in the program. Enclosed please find your check #4729 in the amount of \$750.00.

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Don Gill and Don Dowden host this contest for men over 40! Allan Gibson will also provide entertainment! The contest starts at 9:00 p.m.

Bud and Bud Lite are on the sale rack today at E/J's. They are only a buck!

You never know who will grace the stage of Bacchus II on Sunday nights! Stop in for the 10:30 p.m. show to find out!

The Houston Area Bears lumber out of their den this afternoon and climb up the stairs to the "Top" of the Venture-N to guest bartend from 5:00 p.m. until ??



But I have to win, I bought 60 tickets!

If it is Tuesday, I must be a Mary's for their \$2 Jose Cuervo shots all day and all night!

Join Catia Lee Love and her guests Mr. E/J's '96 Brandon Martin, Jade Mykels, Mr. Gay Life Today Cameron, plus the talent night winner from Saturday night's talent contest for the Star Studded Super Show tonight at E/J's. The show starts at 11:00 p.m.

Big Mama Marci plays the songs you want to hear at the BriarPatch! Be sure to try on of the BriarPatch's Texas-sized martinis! There is plenty of room for olives in those glasses!

Terrific Tuesdays at BerryHill II tempt and tease you with nearly naked female dancers! The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and happy hour runs thru 10:00 p.m. BerryHill II is located off I-45 North at the Greenspoint exit!

Wednesday, June 5

It's my party and I'll Mary's if I want to! Join birthday gal Gaye Yancey as she celebrates her 10 year anniversary at Mary's and the big five-O, (yes 50) birthday. The party starts at 3:00 p.m.!

Back to back to Bacchus II! Join your friends for the 6:00 p.m. buffet and enjoy the sounds of Colleen and Sandy (of W. 42nd Street) starting at 7:00 p.m. Bacchus II, where Houston's professional women meet!

Sheila Lennon is singing her birthday blues tonight at Chances. The candles are lit starting at 9:00 p.m.

The Boy Toys boogie at Gentry starting at 7:00 p.m. You might want to try Gentry's specialty cocktail Ambrosia for only \$2. Tasty, tasty! While you wet your whistle, watch the male strip contest at 11:00 p.m.

Tonight and tomorrow night, Mela's Tejano Country offers big ol' buckets of beer for only \$9. Be sure to check out Mela's Tejano packed juke box!

Houston Soap

By CAROLYN ROBERTS

Friday, May 31

It is the "Mr. Prime Choice" weekend at the Ripcord! The festivities start tonight at 10:00 p.m. with meet the judges! And super hunky Mr. International Drummer David Walker will be slinging cocktails behind the bar! The party starts at 10:00 p.m.

China Doll productions hosts the strip/talent contest tonight at the Lazy J. The spot light shines starting at 9:00 p.m.

The guys and gals of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star guest bartend "Top" side tonight at the Venture-N. The royal arm bending starts at 9:00 p.m.

J.R.'s Video Bar is the place to start your weekend! They have hourly give aways, super drink specials, and gorgeous go-go gods on the prowl!

Houston Artist David Wheeler opens his one man show tonight at the Hyde Park Gallery. The artists reception is tonight from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Hyde Park Gallery is located at 711 Hyde Park.

Staring at Cousin's tonight are Miss Zack, Tony Santana, Sivi Ross, and a secret guest! The show starts at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1

Mr. Prime Choice Weekend continues at the Ripcord with "A Night of Fantasy" featuring Mr. International Fantasy J.D. Buchert on the stage at 10:00 p.m. Also, Mr. Interna-

tional Drummer David Walker reprises his role as bartender tonight!

Jade Mykels hosts the show tonight at the Lazy J. Join Jade and her guests Michaelay, Catia Lee Love, Katrina LaShawn, and Paivi Lee Love for this 11:00 p.m. show.

Are you butch? Head over to Chances tonight for the Mr. Chances contest! The contest starts at 9:00 p.m.

The band Outrageous (with some former The Freds members) will be performing at Instant Karma tonight at 9:00 p.m. Instant Karma is at 1617 Richmond!

Dragging it on stage tonight at Cousin's are Miss Zack, Tony Santana, Rage, and Brandi Houston. The curtain rises at 11:00 p.m.

The beer is cold and cheap today at the 611 Hyde Park Pub. Join in the optional \$2 buy-in and get refills of draft beer for only a quarter!

Sun your buns this afternoon at Club Houston! There is a pool side BBQ from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 2

Join Mr. TGRA '96 candidate Xavier Luna tonight at the Brazos River Bottom for one heck of a good show. The show is at 8:00 p.m., but don't forget about the steaks on the patio from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

A new Mr. Prime Choice will be chosen tonight at the Ripcord! Emcees

Sundays at the Mine are hot! The men are hot! The music is hot! Join the Mine's bust! For a \$2 optional buy-in you can get refills of icy cold Miller Lite Draft for \$1 you get refills of frozen Ritas! The men. The music. The Mine!

Rhythm and blues and the Motown sound will be pulsing at Chances today. Gistand and Chaney will rock your blues away starting at 4:00 p.m.

If it is Sunday, there must be a drag show at Cousin's. Miss Zack, Victoria Nicole, Kara Dion, and a guest star.

The spot light shines starting at 11:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3

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The Brazos River Bottom with the Montrose Clinic offers free HIV testing and counseling from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All domestic long-necks are only \$2 today and every Monday at Gentry! You will need lots of them, 'cuz the Boy Toys heat up the place starting at 9:00 p.m.

It is Clubber's Night at Pacific Street! There is no cover when you show you pay stub from a local nite spot or restaurant! There is no cover for club members in colors! Pacific Street, where real men still dance!

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Tuesday, June 4



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Is something going on here?

Ratrat Gets a Hat!!



At the Ripcord!

Houston Soap, Part II Thursday, June 6

Burgers on the patio at the BRB tonight from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Stick around for free C&W dance lessons starting at 9:00 p.m.!!

Sexx Thursdays continue at Pacific Street! There is no cover with your valid membership card to Club Houston or any other health club! Watch the towel boys sweat in their cages of steam heat! The doors open for "Sexx" at 9:00 p.m.

Reach for the Skyy! Skyy Martinis are only \$3 today and every Thursday at Gentry! Don't forget the Boy Toys wiggle wildly starting at 9:00 p.m.

Other Important Stuff

Lobo is moving out their long time home on the curve to a new, bigger and better location. Their new address is 3939-S Montrose. That is in the shopping center that also houses Marble Slab and General Joe's. They open their new doors on June 1!

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Party Pals!!

Birthday Corner

A happy birthday to Stormy of Charlie's!

A happy birthday to Woody of Gentry!

A happy birthday to Glen of Gentry!

Rodent Droppings

Ratrat has been watching old reruns of McHale's Navy and insisted that I buy him a sailor's hat! Well, it came in the mail this week! He looks so adorable with this on and actually has worn it for more than 2 minutes! I think the only reason it stayed on it that I might have tightened the knot just a wee bit too much! Oh, well, pictures will be forthcoming!

The usual disclaimer is in force! As you all know, this part of the *Houston Voice* is not journalism, it is lies, gossip, and trash seen, overheard, or tattled to me!

Eric (Hangs at Mary's): What's the white scuzz you were seen with in the garden?

Papa Del (Gentry): Are Filipino grits better the second time around?

J.T. (PS): What is this I hear about you having a funnel tongue? Are you jealous of Glen's (PS) clover tongue?

Jim Roberts (Venture-N): Are the rumors about you true? Details, I want details!

Dave W. (hangs at Gentry): I kinda sorta hear that you had a date! Did you remember how?

Pacific Street Bar Whore Tour: How long did it take you boys to get tossed out of Austin?

Tommie Sue (BRB): Sean (Gentry) wants to know how many customers you have knocked over lately because of your hard nipples?

Kurt (MMC) and Jim: Congrats on your nuptials!

Big Mike (BRB): Why do you have stars in your eyes these days?

Cameron (Mr, Gay Life Today): And I quote "I've been gerbiled?"

Vera (BRB): Who gave you a 12" cucumber for a Mother's Day?

Sam (Mary's): Why do you drool Spearmint Schnaaps?

Britt (Midtowne): You took 4 out of town guests to the Ripcord! Why did



Cameron performs at E/J's.

Ken Claude (Basic Brothers): So, you want a big utility vehicle? Is that to take truck loads of tricks home?

Reno (J.R.'s): Did you get that jumbo size jar a lube I left for you at the bar?

J.C. (Midtowne): What is with you and guys that use initials for names?

Jennifer (RSICSS): So you are one crown short! Next time, be at the designated contest at the right time!

Rainbo (MSL): Yes, honey, you once were young and cute!

Sean (Gentry): Or should we call you cowboy? How long has it been since you rode a horse?

Shaboom (E/J's): So, you did not even recognize an old photo of yourself!

Jackie (MSL): So, you have a Whopper! Do fries come with it?

Mark (Gentry Gaps): I think I'm the only one in Houston that did not

hear what happened to your car!

Rico (hangs at Mary's): Yes, dear you finally see your name in print!

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At the Lambda Skate Club pajama party!

they have to prop themselves up?

Nick (hangs at the BRB): Is it true, Don says cats do fart?

Jerry Morin: Where are your cigarettes? Did Dowden steal them?

Buck (Mary's): How did you get that racing strip down you back? Or is more like landing lights?

Tom Sawyer (Ripcord): You looked like one of those Bud Lite "girls!"

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Rob Miller (Venture-N): I saw what you did! You are a bad, bad boy!

Kody (Chances): Do you return the panties to Barbara laundered?

Brian Keever: I hope the wardens at Park Plaza grant you a pardon soon! We miss ya honey!

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New Editor...

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Gay & Bi Equal Rights and Liberation gave Bell the opportunity to take her years of activism to the national level in a paid position as the National Organizer for the march. Billy Hileman, one of the march co-chairs said of Bell, "Deborah was the outstanding candidate in an impressive group of applicants. Her experience as a feminist organizer is incredible. She brings to the organizing effort determination, competence and a commitment to grassroots organizing." Work with the march included working on several publications where Bell was called on to write, edit, sell ads, do layout, and deliver papers. "It was an incredible experience," Bell says of the year she spent in the Nation's capital. "I learned so much, got to work with outstanding leaders from all over the country, and even got to attend an inaugural ball."

One of my cherished memories from that year is being asked to read names at the national display of the Names Project Quilt in 1992. Not only was I moved by the fact that my list of names included some of "my guys" from Bering, but the person who I read after, was Jeanne White, Ryan White's mother." Asked about what the march meant to her on a personal level, Bell stated, "I had to call upon the best of myself and saw the rest of the community do the same to make the march be the successful event that it was. I'm extremely proud of the work that we did. It was such a monumental effort, and we pulled it off." Bell laughingly added, "of course, now I think I'm capable of handling anything, even editing the Houston Voice."

Bell says she has a hard act to follow. "I think Sheri will really be missed. She is well respected in the community as a very talented writer and editor, which is one reason I nominated her for Grand Marshal of Pride Week in 1992. I know I am sorry to see her leave Houston, but understand her need to take care of herself and her family situation. She also has two boys she is raising alone and I know what that is like. She will at least have family around to help in Louisiana," Bell sympathizes. "I hope that she won't leave us entirely, because there will always be a place in the Houston Voice for her writings," Bell said.

Are big changes planned for the paper? Bell stated that she doesn't think that is the case, at least for the time being. "Sheri and I are different people and of course have different styles, so there are bound to be some changes. I hope I can keep the best of the foundation she worked to build here and take it from there," Bell says. She also says she welcomes the guidance of members of the community and may even do some focus groups in the near future. "Unlike a purely commercial venture, as a community newspaper, we have a responsibility to the community we serve. To me that is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people, not only in Montrose, but in the Greater Houston area, in and outside the loop. I need to know ways that can best be done. Is there a segment we are not serving? A way to do it better? What do people like or dislike about what is being done now? What do our readers want?"

It also means the businesses we give our money to. Of course, we need to have the financial backing of our advertisers, so we will also be looking at ways to better serve them and build revenues. We are counting on their support, especially so we can get better equipment in here. That will make our jobs a lot easier," Bell emphasized. I do have some ideas that I am really excited about, things I want to write, and see covered. My editorial column 'In My Own Voice' premieres in this issue. We really welcome submissions from the community, book reports, news and culture, as well as our our personal stories. It is so important that we report what our lives really are. It is the documentation of what we are all about as a people, what history will know of us." Bell concluded by saying, "I've only been at work a few days, but there is a good staff here. Jack, Maggie, Carolyn, Lee, Matt, Ray and Al are working hard and care about the quality of their work. My first day was the busiest day of the week for them, a Wednesday - the day the paper is put to bed (sent to the printer). I was very impressed. It is a real team effort. The writers also work hard to bring interesting columns and information. I've been following their work as a reader and am looking forward to working with Glen, Jon, Curt, Larry, Jazz, Javier, B.R. and the others."

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Mission: Impossible (MI) kicked off the summer season of high-profile films slated to be released within the next month. With the phenomenal success of *Twister* and the record breaking opening weekend tallies of MI, this could be a record breaking year for filmdoms annual revenues. Amidst all the hype regarding big films, some of the smaller independent movies and foreign/art house films get lost in the melee for media hyperbole to become king of the box-office. One of those films is *Nobody Loves Me* (German), a somewhat complex slice of life dramedy that is certainly unique. Both films exemplify the strengths and weakness of their genre.

Looking For Love In All The Wrong Places

Nobody Loves Me, a box-office hit in Germany will have it's Houston run, for one week only, exclusively at the Landmark Greenway Theatre. The film can best be described as a black comedy. Maria Schrader portrays Fanny Fink, a 29 year old woman who is obsessed with the notion that if she does not find a husband before she's thirty, she is more likely to get hit by an Atom bomb. An airport security belt operator, Fanny's job is frisking passengers as they travel.

Enter Orfeo de Altamar (Pierre Sannoussi-Bliss), a man covered in body paint whom Fanny gets stuck on the elevator with. Turns out Orfeo is a psychic and palm reader who happens to moonlight as a drag queen at a local gay bar. Orfeo is dating the local anchorman of the evening news. One evening Fanny visits Orfeo to determine her fate with men. Orfeo informs that she will meet someone special, but she must initiate the affair successfully because this is her last chance. Orfeo describes the man in detail and says it will relate somehow to the number 23. Meanwhile, a new building manager arrives that matches Orfeo's description.

Fanny, of course, believes she must do everything and anything to succeed, not realizing that her efforts will most likely have the opposite effect. The building manager Lothar (Michael von Au) is a heartless womanizer who has managed to abduct all of the pets in the building and brought them to the pound because the leases stipulated no pets allowed. Lothar also can't sleep alone and has a harem of woman available to sleep with him. Fanny goes to extraordinary lengths to appeal to this man including driving her car head on into his so that she could end up lending him her car. Finally, she just seduces him. Had she just done that in the beginning, it would have saved her and us a considerable amount of time. Subsequently, Fanny—who wants to surprise Lothar, dons a negligee, gets in the trunk of her car with bottle of wine in tow and waits for him to go on his daily drive to a secluded area for relaxation. Predictably, Fanny is the one who gets the surprise of her life.

The problem with this film is that it makes a mockery of women. The notion that a woman can't get through life without a man is prevalent in throughout the movie. It denigrates plausibility and perpetuates stereotypes. The film

does manage to convey some thought provoking messages about love and death. Throughout the film, Fanny is enrolled in a class on how to die, not a suicide class, rather a class on the preparation process for death. Fanny's mother is there for comic fodder. She writes novels and goes into tailspins when she comes across negative reviews. The scenes with Fanny and her mother are hilariously absurd, and very funny.

Fanny's friendship with Orfeo is the core of this film. Orfeo's anchorman lover has left him for another man, Lothar has evicted him because his rent is in arrears, and he is dying. Orfeo is not dying of AIDS, he is from another world and is nearing for his departure to return. In order to return, he must die first. Fanny nurses and takes care of Orfeo until his death. Their friendship was as intimate as any relationship between two people could be without sex. Finally, Fanny realizes something the audience knew from the beginning. You can't go looking for love, it will happen in due time. *Nobody Loves Me* is a complex and whimsical film that manages to frustrate and enlighten you at the same time. At times poignant, this ** film is a mixed bag of pop psychology.

Mission: Impossible Offers Unbelievable Escapist Fun

Predictability is certainly not one of *Mission: Impossible's* strong points. The heavy plot twists in this thriller border credibility. The movie opens with a bang and manages to entertain throughout, despite some unbelievable scenes. Tom Cruise is in fine shape in this, his latest blockbuster. MI has a stellar cast, including Emilio Estevez, Jon Voight and Vanessa Redgrave among others. Redgrave is this film's strongest point. Her portrayal of Max, one of the movies villains is brilliant. Redgrave is one of the best actresses, if not the best, of our generation. Redgrave's performance as the conniving, manipulative and menacing Max is convincing, chilling and devilishly delightful.

Mission: Impossible is a fun movie. The plot is thin, unbelievable and somewhat ludicrous, yet the movie manages to move along at rapid pace with its special effects and stunts extraordinaire. It would be easy for a critic to tear this movie apart, but we would somehow be missing the point. Some films are meant to be pure escapist fun. Realism has nothing to do with it. The audience wants to be taken on a thrilling exciting ride. This film delivers the goods. There is a scene in the film where Cruise and company have to break into CIA headquarters. While the film manages to make the task of infiltrating the CIA seem relatively simple, it is the film's most suspenseful scene. Another plus is the many plot twists that titillate you and keep you guessing until the end.

Mission: Impossible is a *** film that is pre-sold, has a great cast, and promises to be one of the years biggest hits. Besides, it has Tom Cruise, who seems to have been working out lately. At any rate, it is a fun ride as long as you don't take it seriously.

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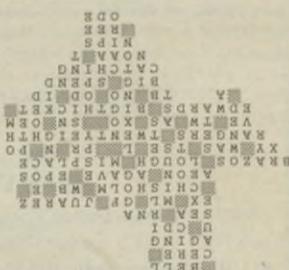
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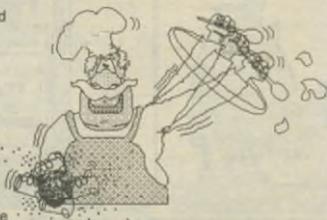
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Every now-and-then, I fix a meal that really sounds good to me, but is a little disappointing. This happens to be one of them, and I am giving it to you because my significant other liked it, so maybe you will too. Depending on the ingredients you use, it could be nearly fat-free.

No-Title Turkey

- 3 C. fresh spinach, coarsely chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 tsp. margarine
- 1 C. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 sp. olive oil
- 1-1/2 pounds ground turkey
- 1 clove garlic, mashed
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 C. plain yogurt
- 1 C Monterey Jack cheese, cubed
- 1/2 C. fresh grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- pinch of fresh, grated nutmeg
- 3 Tbs. fresh, grated Parmesan cheese
- paprika



Rinse spinach well, leaving water on leaves. In skillet, using collapsible steamer, steam spinach until just wilted. Remove steamer with spinach still in it, cover and set aside. Empty water from skillet, and wipe dry.

Over medium heat, sauté chopped onion in margarine until soft but not browned. Add mushrooms and minced garlic and sauté until mushrooms are soft and dark. Remove mixture from pan and set aside with spinach, keeping covered.

Add olive oil to skillet. Over medium-high heat, sauté ground turkey and mashed garlic in olive oil. Sauté until turkey is no longer pink, crumbling with spoon while cooking. Discard garlic. Remove turkey from heat, and add 1/4 tsp. salt.

Drain juices from turkey and reserve. Pour juices, yogurt, Monterey Jack cheese and 1/2 C. Parmesan cheese into blender. Blend until smooth. Then blend in eggs. Spread reserved spinach and mushroom mixture over turkey. Sprinkle with nutmeg, 1/2 tsp. salt and pepper. Pour cheese-egg mixture over all and top with remaining 3 Tbs. Parmesan cheese. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes, until topping is set and slightly browned. Sprinkle with paprika and let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Makes 4-6 servings.

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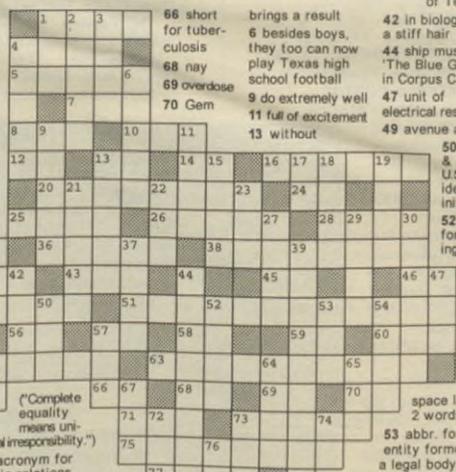
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- 33 53 abbr. for an entity formed into a legal body
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- 35 57 time zone of 99 percent of Alas. not during daylight savings, abbr.
- 36 62 Evergreen State, abbrev.
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- 40 72 noun suffix, one that belongs to
- 41 73 constructed in a way
- 42 74 Ga. GOP congressman Gingrich, initials
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- 13 10th and 9th consonants of the alphabet
- 14 Geraldine, Mondale's running mate for VP but now an interviewer on CNN, initials
- 16 Mexican city across from El Paso
- 20 cattle trail from San Antonio to Abilene, Kansas
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- 42 in biology, a stiff hair
- 44 ship museum, 'The Blue Ghost,' in Corpus Christi
- 47 unit of electrical resistance
- 49 avenue abbr.

- 50 actor & 40th U.S. President, initials
- 52 slang for holding up a

- 53 abbr. for an entity formed into a legal body
- 54 dug with a hoe
- 57 time zone of 99 percent of Alas. not during daylight savings, abbr.
- 62 Evergreen State, abbrev.
- 64 member of the Pueblo people of Ariz.
- 65 young goat
- 67 British Broadcasting Company
- 72 noun suffix, one that belongs to
- 73 constructed in a way
- 74 Ga. GOP congressman Gingrich, initials
- 76 capital of Egypt
- 79 perceive by eyesight
- Solution elsewhere this issue

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IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The main focus for you right now is on work, meeting your responsibilities and health matters. Relationships are important, but you must stand on your own two feet. Your yearly income will start improving.

ARIES (March 21-April 20) You have a tendency to keep a lot of good things secret, especially your accomplishments. Doing some rather unfavorable chores for a loved one will result in heartfelt gratitude. You live in the present and loath dwelling on the past. Don't whine.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) You seem to be able to handle just about anything which may be thrown your way in regards to surprises. By putting a lot of faith in those you love, it is a shock when someone lets you down. Keep your self-esteem intact and take time out for yourself too.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Ongoing relationships are a little strained presently, and new ones are somewhat dubious. Just wait it out and things will improve soon. Money is not important to you, but you enjoy having enough so you can do the things you want, without counting the cost.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Being quite a homebody, now would be an excellent time to capitalize on any inclinations you have in that direction. Your love life is quite intense lately. It is especially exciting that your loved one's emotional intensity matches or even surpasses your own.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) This week you need to capitalize on your powers of persuasion and emerge a winner in a business-financial negotiation - as well as in your love life. You seem to be happier in a relationship than you are alone. But since your standards are incredibly high, expect a few dry spells.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Even at the best of times you have to guard against a tendency to adopt a negative attitude toward life in general and romance in particular. Whether you know it or not, you are very capable of getting by on your own. Being a fast thinker, you handle sticky situations well.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) You are very good at keeping secrets, especially about how you feel about others. Your love relationship may not always be as harmonious as it appears to others. Enjoying companionship and the sharing of ideas is important, and you tend to focus on the positive side of everything.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) Beneath your strong, independent exterior lies a desire for a truly fulfilling relationship. Resist the temptation to indulge in self-destructive behavior if you become unhappy. Emotional satisfaction can also be found in renewing old friendships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21) Although you usually have a significant other, you do much better on your own. Independence is your motto. Your real strength lies in your ever present optimism. Learn to value those worse moments of your life and learn from them. You have a natural athletic ability.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20) The inherent fatalism which seems to follow you around may stifle any positive attitudes needed for you to get ahead. Your strength lies in your ability to move forward, so you need to work on gaining control over your negative thoughts. Being practical and living in the real world are your strong suits.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Feeling dependent on others is the type of situation you steer clear of, especially when it comes to any emotional relationships. Since you do quite alright on your own, avoid hermit-like tendencies. Your compassionate nature will get you into more trouble than its worth.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Verbalizing your feelings to a loved one could be the best way to clear the air, providing tact is used. You are feeling quite attractive lately and that feeling is communicated to everyone else. You are in touch with the guiding impulses of your nature and enjoy expressing yourself.

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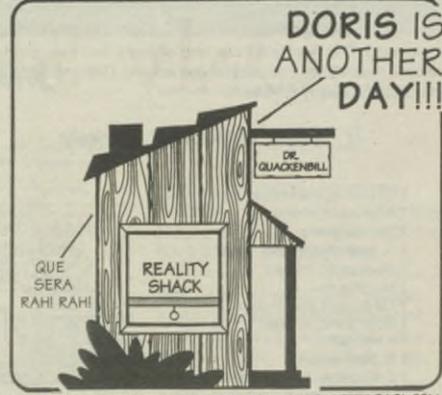
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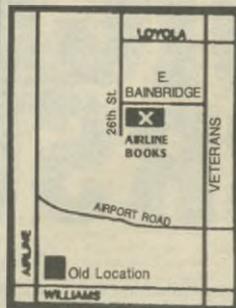
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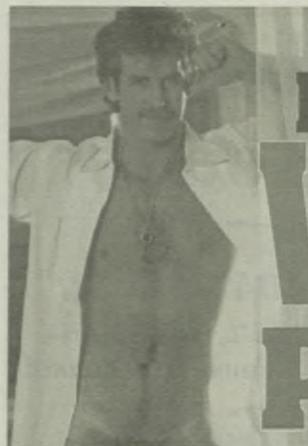
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SF I'm from England. I'm 5'2" & 32. I'm new to Houston. I'm looking for friends to hang out & spend time with. I enjoy the theater, films & more. I'm open-minded. If I'm lucky, I hope to find someone who is more than a friend. Call Ext. 5062

SF I'm 23, 5'2" & 93 lbs. I have very short brown hair & blue eyes. So, if you're looking for a cute GQ-looking little boy, it's me. Call Ext. 5048

SBF Kidnap me. Take me on a hot air balloon ride. Seeking a female. Race & age are not important. Call Ext. 5037

SF I'm a short 5'2" brunette who is very active. I enjoy traveling, dining out, the outdoors, bike riding, etc. I'm looking for friendship & to have a lot of fun with people. Call Ext. 5025

SF I am 36, 5'4" & 115 lbs. I have gray hair & hazel eyes. I enjoy outdoor activities, camping, kayaking, canoeing, walking in the country & riding my motorcycle. I love animals. I like all types of music, except rap & hard rock. I'm interested in meeting someone 35-45, for friendship or dating. I'm not looking for a hard butch, but I am looking for a soft butch, androgynous or feminine woman. I would prefer to meet a non-smoker. No drugs, please. Light drinking is okay. Call Ext. 5020

Men SEEKING Men

SBM I'm 26, 6'2" & 262 lbs. I'm a part-time student, with a professional career. I'm looking for a masculine top. Blue-collar worker is preferred. Race is not important. I like traveling & reading. I'm not into the club scene. I'm looking for someone who wants to have a good time. Life is short. Call Ext. 5087

SWM I'm 45, 6' & 160 lbs. I'm healthy, down-to-earth & HIV-. I'm seeking an older Black male who is a non-smoker, for friendship. Please call soon and leave a message. I'm waiting to hear from you. Call Ext. 5089

SM Where are you? If you are like me, you are getting tired of driving to the bars every Friday night to meet guys. I would like to meet some nice guys from this area. Call Ext. 5082

SM I'm 40, 5'6" & 155 lbs. I have brown hair & brown eyes. I have a mustache & a hairy chest. I'm a loving & caring, but demanding guy. My son must be young, handsome, healthy & masculine. He must be intelligent, self-supporting & willing to satisfy my every need. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5033

SHM I'm 31, 5'11" & 240 lbs. I'm seeking an older White male who is 55+, for discreet encounters. I'm disease & drug-free. I have nice legs. I like to kiss. Call Ext. 5085

SM I'm 19, 5'7" & 190 lbs. I'm looking for other guys who are 18-30, I'm a college student. I have brown hair & brown eyes. Leave me a message. Call Ext. 5069

SM Can a high-grade guy like me, 6' & 182 lbs., find a super guy around here? I would like to find a friend & a top lover. You must be professional, sincere & normal. Must act straight & talk straight. I would prefer to meet someone between the ages of 38-50 years old. If you are out there, give me a call. Call Ext. 5080

SWM I'm 6' & 150 lbs. I have dark-brown hair & brown eyes. I'm 38. I'm looking for guys who are into bare-bottom spanking. Call Ext. 5079

SM I'm 50, 6' & 180 lbs. I can walk & talk normally. I'm looking for other tops who are normal & who would want to meet me. Please leave me your phone number. Call Ext. 5078

SM If you know how to follow orders & you want to discuss possibilities, you can call me. Call Ext. 5018

SHM I'm 5'4" & 130 lbs. I have light skin, brown hair & hazel eyes. I have a semi-muscular build. I like playing tennis, movies & working out. I'm looking for a single White male 20-35 who has a semi-muscular build. Call Ext. 5075

SM I'm 31, 5'10" & 155 lbs. I'm seeking someone who is interested in having fun. I'm looking for someone who is not a bodybuilder, but who works out on a regular basis. He should be 5'10" or taller. A sense of humor and a sense of adventure would be great. Call Ext. 5072

SM I'm looking for a masculine man who is height/weight proportionate & 40-50, for a possible relationship. I'm 34, 5'11" & 145 lbs. I have brown hair & green eyes. I'm easygoing, energetic & new to Houston. I would like to walk on a moonlit beach with someone special. Call Ext. 5067

SHM I'm seeking a 35-50-year-old White male. I would like to share ideas & more. I'm 35, 5'10" & 167 lbs. I have a mustache, black hair & brown eyes. If you are this White man, call me. Call Ext. 5066

SM I'm a hot, hunky bear cub looking for aggressive & demanding men who can satisfy me. If you are looking for a 220 lb. linebacker-type who is 6' & ready to serve you, give me a call. I will worship you. Call Ext. 5063

SHM I'm seeking a one-on-one, monogamous relationship with a male who is older than I am. I'm 5'10" & 165 lbs. I have a swimmer's build. I work out on a weekly basis. I have short brown hair & medium-brown skin. I enjoy dancing, going out, staying home & cuddling. I'm a bottom. I'm seeking a 100% pure top. I'm seeking a 25-35-year-old male who is masculine. He must have a nice body & a nice personality. Call Ext. 5065

SWM I'm 40. Seeking submissive men. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5050

SM I'm 25 & 5'6". I have brown hair & brown eyes. I have a gymnast's build. I'm looking for someone between the ages of 25-35 years old, for a long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5064

SWM I'm 37, 5'8" & 160 lbs. I have blonde hair & blue eyes. I'm in good shape. I play tennis & golf. I also enjoy watching basketball. I'm looking for a guy between the ages of 30-45 years old, who enjoys sports, movies, dining out & the theater. He must be employed & have direction in his life. Call Ext. 5060

SM I'm a 39-year-old native Houstonian. I like dancing & 70's disco. I love hanging out & walking. I love art & writing. I also love festivals & politics. I'm a libertarian who is interested in global topics. I'm a Virgo & I'm really looking for a Taurus. Age is not important to me. I'm 5'5" & 120 lbs. Everyone says that I look about 10 years younger than my age. I can speak Spanish. I love French, German & other languages. Call Ext. 5052

SAM I'm 20, 5'6" & 135 lbs. I have brown eyes & black hair. I'm looking for a White male between the ages of 24-30 years old, who is handsome. Call Ext. 5051

SM I'm 6'4". I have brown hair, blue eyes & a mustache. I'm nice-looking & masculine, with a football-player's build. I'm interested in meeting other guys who are 40 or younger, for a good time. Call Ext. 5056

SHM I'm 32, 5'11" & 165 lbs. I have black hair & light brown eyes. I love the outdoors, sports, cooking & dining out. I'm full of joy. I'm seeking a White male for friendship or a possible long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5055

SM I'm 50, 5'9" & 190 lbs. I'm seeking someone who likes to cuddle. I'd like to meet someone who lives in the Waco or Houston area. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 5054

SWM I'm a muscular, professional, endowed man. I'm 39, 5'10" & HIV negative. I enjoy bodybuilding, sports, the arts & romance. I'm seeking a long-term, monogamous relationship with someone who is honest, passionate, endowed & HIV negative. Please, no bar flies, smokers or one-nighters. A Black male is a plus. Call soon and leave a message. Call Ext. 5045

SAM I'm 20, 5'6" & 137 lbs. I have brown eyes & black hair. I'm cute. I'm looking for a boyfriend who is a White male, between the ages of 24-34 years old. He must be handsome. Call soon. Call Ext. 5049

SM I'm a snowbird in Houston, Texas. I'm a snowbird in search of Texas cowboy snowballs who are gay White males, gay Hispanic males, 21-41, non-smokers, drug & disease free & masculine. I'm looking for someone to share love & life with. I'm a gay White male who is 45, 5'9", 191 lbs., a non-smoker & disease free. I have brown hair & brown eyes. I'm an honest, caring & loving man. I enjoy movies, theater, country-western music, dining out & quiet evenings. Let's melt our lives together as soon as possible. Call soon. Call Ext. 5039

SM I'm 35, stocky & 200 lbs. I have a goatee & brown eyes. I enjoy quiet dinners, movies & occasional nights at bars. I would like to meet someone who has a nice personality & who is fun to be with. Call Ext. 5041

SM There is a memory that lives & flows through my veins. I'm looking for an attractive & muscular bottom. Can you help me? Call Ext. 5036

SWM I'm a masculine White male who is 40, 5'6", 140 lbs. & HIV-. I'm looking for Black males who are preferably feminine. Call Ext. 5035

SWM I'm 40, over 6' tall & height/weight proportionate. I'm looking for a Hispanic or Black male who is between the ages of 35-50 years old, over 6' tall & height/weight proportionate. Please leave me a message & I'll get back to you. Call Ext. 5034

SM I'm 5'7", 140 lbs., Latin & fair-skinned. I'm interested in a Black or Hispanic man who wants to hang out a bit & have some fun. Call Ext. 5033

SM I'm told that Houston has the fourth largest population living with HIV. Okay, you guys, where are you? Why don't you give me a call? What do you have to lose? I'm in my mid-30's, caring, funny & good-looking. Give it a shot, maybe you'll like what you find. Call Ext. 5032

SM I'm 34 & 220 lbs. I have brown hair & green eyes. I'm looking for a man who is totally romantic, likes red wine & soft music. I'm looking for that perfect man who will appreciate me the way I am. Call Ext. 5030



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HOUSTON VOICE *Personals*

I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED EXCEPT YOU!!!

GWM executive, 40, 5'10", 170, attractive, seeks special guy for serious dating relationship. Enjoy movies, theater, travel, dining out, quiet romantic evenings. Prefer mature younger guy, 24-30, who needs that special person to make their life complete. If you think you deserve the best, call Humble/Kingwood area a plus! Ad 25741

VERY WELL ENDOWED

Attractive GWM, 39, 6'1", 175 and HIV+. Dominant top/daddy type. Seeking the intimacy lacking in a world of casual encounters. I.S.O. younger masculine bottom "boy" that's muscular and attractive. Interests include movies, clubs, intimate evenings, and camping. Respond by letters only; with phone and photo please. Ad 25700

AFFECTIONATE TEDDY BEAR WANTS CUDDLY CUB

GWM, 56, 6'2", 285, big bear, professional, clean cut seeks loving cub for companion, fun, and a devoted monogamous relationship. I want what I am: sincere, loyal, sense of humor, honest, masculine, caring, sensitive, trusting, lots of TLC, respect, genuine and unlimited passion. Interests: Movies, art galleries/museums, dining out, quiet evenings at home, and lots of candlelight conversation and sharing. Discreet, NS, and DDF. U B 2. If you can relate, please respond. Prefer mail responses. Ad 25745

NO STRINGS - NO RINGS

GWM, 31, 5'10", 155. Seeking someone who doesn't want or desperately need to be married but would like to just have fun. I would prefer someone who isn't necessarily a bodybuilder, but at least works out on a regular basis as I do. If you have a positive attitude and a sense of humor, I would like to hear from you. Written responses with phone number preferred. Ad 25768

LOOKING FOR LIKE/PROF. FOR LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP

Looking for a fellow professional with a strong work ethic. Interested in a long term relationship with someone who enjoys nice quiet weekend nights, followed by busy weekends. I'm 36, 6'1" and 175lbs. DDF. You should be between 28 and 38, established in your career, DDF and proportionately built. Life is good and I would like it to get better with the right man. Ad 25656

LOOKING FOR A TALL GUY

Well built GWM, over 6', HWP, DDF/NS, 40's seeks aggressive G/B/H/M of similar size. You are HIV-, HWP, 35-50, employed professional and know what you want. I'm discreet, masculine, well-dressed, stable and employed. Also romantic, versatile and attractive. Brown/brown/mustache. Inside the loop home owner. All responses answered promptly. Ad 25759

DAD WANTED (FOR REAL)

Loving, professional, attractive white lesbian couple seeking a willing, loving, giving GWM or couple who wants to share and enjoy the gift of parenthood. Joint custody or custody to the lesbian couple with visitation rights for the male frequently. We love children and want to bring one into this world. Share in the joy! Ad 25765

SEEKING TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS

New to the gay scene. Recently divorced. Looking to make new friends/acquaintances. I am a WM early 50's but people say I look 40, DDF, non-smoker, permanently employed. I am average looking, tall and quiet evenings, enjoy cooking, gardening, country and western music, the beach, and the outdoors. If interested, respond to Ad 25674.

GENTLE LEATHER "DAD" SEEKS NOVICE "BOY"

Attractive GWM physician, 35, 5'10", 160, new in town, seeks boy 18-24 with interest in light SM, B/D. Very understanding and patient. If you ever thought of getting into "leather" with a gentle but firm master, give me a call. Ad 25744

TWICE THE FUN!

Two good looking masculine guys, 25 & 30, interested in meeting business professional (25-45) for occasional hot, safe, discreet fun. Must be successful, masculine and in shape. Prefer mail responses, letter/photo. Ad 25721

WANTED: MASCULINE WHITE MALE COMPANION

HIV-Negative, 18-45, not overweight, to play dominoes, cards, ETC. 10am-2pm, weekdays, in my home. I am divorced masculine WM, 5'11", 155# ("skinny"), 40+ short brown hair, receding hair line, brown eyes, glasses, clean-shaven, smooth. Will exchange (revealing) photos. I have a Polaroid. Mail responses preferred. Immediate reply. Ad 25766

GWM PROFESSIONAL

40's, 5'11", 165 lbs. good looks, nice tanned body (HIV-). Enjoy movies, sports, cars, the beach, music & dining in & out. ISO younger HWP hispanic for dating. Desire monogamous relationship. Be DDF. I've a lot to offer. You will be pleased you answered. Ad 25705

Mature GM, French active, HIV-, ISO other M, HIV-for your enjoyment.

Ad 25762

FRIENDLY YOUNG MAN WANTED

Affectionate older GWM seeks a young man for discreet and safe fun. I like to please young men, especially if they are slender, boyish and smooth. DDF please. Ad 25693

TOPS LOOKING FOR SEX TOY

Two GWM lovers, both tops, one 42, one 26, trim, HWP, seeking a rear-end submissive bottom for three way - just plain trashy fun. Mail responses preferred or phone. Ad 25709

GIVING MY HEART

GHM attractive, "spiritual, realistic, looking for new contacts for friendship and future romance. Discover within this loving heart the great chances of meeting, talking, and sharing with me the magnificent gift of all times LOVE. Respond soon, letters are greatly appreciated. Ad 25756

FEMALES IN SEARCH OF TROUBLE ...

are searching for you. All female SM/BD/fetish social group. We might have the answers to your questions. Ad 25736

QUALITY MAN...

That's what I want. Dark complexion, Middle East/Mediterranean a big plus. Me: GWM, very fit, masculine, 5'8", 155 lbs, good looking, you: Masculine, "addiction-free", SERIOUS. I'm educated, professional, stable, healthy, great morals/values. Desire same. Letters preferred; all answered. Take a chance; let's talk, meet, dance. Photo gets mine. Ad 25694

SERIOUS & SINCERE ONLY

Tall/Handsome/GWM. Loves to look, dance, & shop. Former LSU student turned paraprofessional. I.S.O. spontaneous, intellectual, politically incorrect friends. You must keep up w/fashion, latest dance music, and mel HWP & DDF. Ad 25702

SOUL/LIFE MATE WANTED

GWM, 51, 5'10", 205 lbs. stocky weightlifter, HIV-, professional demeanor, active Christian, conservative straight lifestyle, seeks brawny, bear, linebacker, beefy hunk/chunk with similar attributes. Physically challenged encouraged to reply. Thanks! Ad 25727

WANTED: BOY

For long-term monogamous relationship with "gifted" GWM in early 40s. I am 6', 170#, Auburn/hazel, w/moustache. A true "daddy". I am healthy and HIV-. You should be younger, attractive, masculine and DDF. Letter only w/photo and phone #. Ad 25719

GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUDDIES

I'm in my 40's, married, 5'10", 180lbs., average looks, DDF, clean, top-cut-discreet. Ad 25598.

GO FOR IT!

GWM seeks man of color to make my dreams come true. Looking for love. Tired of games and one night stands. You can't lose what you don't have. Ad 25692

Attractive male, 32, 5'9", 145#, sincere professional. Seeking monogamous relationship with someone who is sincere, HWP, non-smoker, and values family life. Interests: museums, traveling, dining out, and quiet conversation. Prefer mail responses. Ad 25722

WANTED: BLACK MAN

GWM, 29,5'5", well proportioned, hazel eyes/dark blond hair, and big smile. I love outdoors, cooking, walking, movies, novels, and working out. Most of all I love to spend quality time with someone special. I am honest, caring and sincere. I would like to meet a GWM, 29-45, who is single, funny and charming, but most of all has a sense of humor. If you would like to talk or possibly meet give me a call. Maybe you can add a little laughter to my life. Ad 25770

FURTHER INVESTIGATION NECESSARY

I can't be defined in a personal ad. It's merely an introduction. You must listen to my voice, look into my eyes, feel the gentle touch of my hand to truly get to know me. I am a man who enjoys being with a man. I'm 31 GWM who sports goatee and short hair. I'm employed, have several other interests and there's a bit more to me than meets the eye. Want to find out how much more, drop me a detailed letter. My only request is that you are attractive, sexy, intelligent and compassionate. I have a slight preference for fuzzy navels and goatees. C'mon, cross over. Ad 25755

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON

GWF, early 30's, non-smoker, looking for GWF, 30-45. I enjoy movies, intimate dinners & the outdoors. Ad 25730

KIDNAP ME

Take me to your playground. Bind me, use me, then release me in a couple of days. My captor(s): attractive, HWP, HIV-, serious master(s) and/or mistress(es). I am a successful intelligent WBIM, handsome, nice body & highly sensual. HIV-, HWP, with a weakness for the smell of leather who desires to be totally dominated. Ad 25711

EUROPEAN GUY

I am 27 years old, 5'7", 132, brown hair and brown eyes, healthy (HIV-), warm and caring. I enjoy movies (foreign), music, animals, cars, etc. I'm looking for a compatible, masculine, professional man who is single, smart, funny and charming. Ad 25715

CHRISTIAN SEEKS LIFEMATE

GWM, 33, 6'1", 285, christian, professional with big heart. I'm nice looking, short brown hair and mustache. Seeking that special someone with lots of love to give for monogamous relationship. Interests include movies, intimate evenings, helping people in need, yard sales, flea markets, and my church. Ad 25708

POSITIVE MIND, BODY & SOUL

Extremely handsome Gay Latin Male, 34, 5'6", 165#, bk/brw, mustache is currently seeking special friend. Me: Financially stable, very healthy, swimmers build, smooth body, versatile bottom, romantic, honest, passionate with high pos. attitude & self esteem, easy going man with great sense of humor & sensitivity. You: GWM 28-45, 5'8" plus, HWP good looking, financially stable & healthy versatile top. If you've been searching for a man above average, with similar values & sincerity, here's your chance! No fems or druggies. Letters preferred, photo requested. Ad 25748

LET ME MAKE YOUR HEART SMILE

I'm 5'10", 165 lbs, extra nice legs, warm smile, big heart with lots of love to offer if our chemistry is right. I'm open to all inquiries, but prefer 25-35 bottom with smooth skin as I have a hairy chest. Now please note I'm also HIV+, but very healthy, active & loving. Please give me a chance & I promise you won't be disappointed. Prefer mail response. Ad 25754

HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

Mid 30's, professional, healthy, sincere, good sense of humor. Seeking other HIV+ men for friendship but I'm primarily interested in entering a serious relationship with an honest, caring and loving man. Ad 25632

LONELY GWM

31, 5'7", 135#, seeks GW or GHM for life-mate, monogamous relationship. Must be honest, sincere, 32+ year of age. I'm HIV-, short black hair. Enjoy traveling, being adventurous. You must be the same and versatile. No games. Photo please. Physical must be terrific. Ad 25739

SWEET AND SPICY LOOKING FOR YOU!

SBF seeking healthy happy woman. I am looking for a loving friendship. Enjoy dancing, candlelight music, laughing and a Southern Lady. Put a little spice in your life! I do want truth in all correspondence. Ad 25731

GWM, 31, 5'11", 170, BLACK HAIR/BROWN EYES

My interests are cooking, working out, jogging, sports, the outdoors and gardening. I would like to spend time with that special man. Oh, by the way, it's so hard to meet men in Houston who are honest and sincere. I am seeking GWM for friendship and possibly a longterm relationship. I have a lot to offer. You will be pleased you answered. Ad 25763

EAST SIDE GWM SEEKS FRIENDS/POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP

I am 35, 5'8", 145, brown hair, blue eyes, healthy, HIV-, happy, well built, attractive, masculine, and successful with strong work ethic. Interested in movies, music, plants, pets, dance, intimate evenings, versatile "top." Seeking HIV-, honest, sincere, attractive, healthy, financially stable GM with strong work ethic for friendship and possibly loyal, long term monogamous relationship. Not looking for someone well endowed, just intelligent with a kind heart. Send photo-mail responses preferred. Ad 25750

ATTENTION - NUDIST

GWM, 45, 5'8", 142#, br/hazel with salt and pepper beard, DDF, smoker 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

CARING FUNNY & GOOD-LOOKING

Attractive & muscular GWM, 38, 5'8", 175, HIV+, masculine, smooth skin, and clean shaven with dark brown hair and green eyes. I am romantic, very healthy, active, and love the outdoors. I'm a versatile bottom and prefer a masculine, lean or muscular, top with a hairy chest, mustache or beard a plus. Prefer mail response. Ad 25767

SPECIAL BOTTOMS, GIVE ME A CALL

Submissive? Provide dedicated service and do it right? Take instructions and behave obediently? Boy/slave in need of bindings and discipline? Enjoy it all and more? Need put in your place with a demanding top? If serious GM, 25-40, fit, clean, easy going, nice guy, call now! Ad 25663

Someone TO SHARE LIFE

Looking for someone to share life with me. A home, pets and comfortable closeness. Would like monogamous, almost platonic relationship. Tired of dinner alone? Respond. Maybe we can both finally "exhale." Please be over 30 years. Photo will get mine. Ad 25757

WANTED: WHITE MALE

Indian male, 30, attractive, very shy and not into an active gay lifestyle, DDF, enjoys hiking, sports, long drives in the country, quiet evenings at home, interesting conversation and an overall active lifestyle. ISO white male over 35 with similar interests for long term monogamous relationship. Looks not important. Let's exchange letters and photo. Ad 25752

AFTERNOON DELIGHT

Professional GWM, 49, blonde-blue, clean shaven. 6', 165, swimmers body. I.S.O. part-time play buddy. You are good-looking, 30 to 50, HWP, drug free, without hangups. CALLS ONLY. Ad 25704

"NOT ONLY ON WEEKENDS"

Single, black, female romantic seeks friend for possible relationship. Seeks woman who is certain of herself; her wants and desires. Interests include: movies, parks, special get-aways, moonlit nights. Quality time very important, also hand-holding, good conversation, and a sense of humor. Must be stable, sincere and spiritually motivated. Ad 25740

HISPANIC BOY WANTED

GWM 34, black hair/brown eyes, 180 lbs, attractive masculine looking, great sense of humor, down to earth, enjoys dancing, movies - a true romantic ISO a very cute hispanic male who has a smooth swimmers build, great personality and who is looking for a best friend first and lasting relationship later. Letters preferred. Ad 25769

PARENTING, ANYONE?

Sincere, mature, responsible, stable, attractive, professional GWM desires to be apart of the parenting process. Lesbian couple, or lesbian single preferred to participate in one of life's greatest treasures. Joint-custody or custody to the couple with visitation for male frequently. With so much to give to a child, why waste it when gay couples and singles have proven that we are unbeatable as parents with more depth and love to give. Ad 25723

IF YOU KNOW...

how to follow orders, contact me. I am 46, 5'9", 190, hairy, aggressive and demanding. Ad 25673

PASADENA: 3 CAN BE GOOD COMPANY

And lot's of fun! GWC, barely 30's, one's versatile, one's top only. Both well endowed, HWP, DDF, tired of bars. You: GWM, 18-30, HWP, DDF, versatile or bottom. For: Safe 3-Way Fun, Friendship and Companionship. Ad 25695

SEEK SUBMISSIVE OLDER WHITE MEN

Oriental male looking for submissive older white men. Possible long term. I'm 34, 5'6", 160#, clean, discreet and HIV+. Aggressive and demanding. Letters preferred. Phone and photos a plus. Let's fulfill both of our fantasies! Ad 25737

LISTEN TO THE WIND BLOW

WATCH THE SUN RISE. GWM, good looking and professional seeking soul mate. Come out of hiding and enjoy the good life! Two males together can form a synergism and conquer the world. What are you waiting for? Ad 25761

MAN OF PASSION

Hi quality GWM, 6'1", 178, 38, brown/blue, stable professional, healthy, honest, adventuresome, fun, intelligent, passionate, warm heart and soul. HIV-. I'm looking for one GWM who is 30-45ish, HIV-, stable, reasonably well adjusted and compatible. I hope to share excitement, laughter, support, intimacy and growth. Ad 25720

BOTTOM SEEKS TOP

I.S.O.: Masculine, hairy, HWP, HIV-, well endowed GWM for safe fun. No strings. Pure indulgence. Me: 40 yr., HIV-, 5'7", 160 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, w/S & P beard. Average guy. No hang-ups. Photo w/letter for response. Ad 25724

GORGEOUS EUROPEAN ISO AMERICAN STUD

Very handsome European, 5'10", 165 lbs, nice body, HIV-, masculine, very sexy & hot, seeks good looking bi-males for fun times & more. You must be good looking, nice body & "big", dominant, straight acting, age 20-40. I'm looking for American honky-tonk, corn-fed type. I'm 29 yrs. old & ready to satisfy. Ad 25760

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