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DATELINE: HOUSTON

Investigation of possible misuse of federal AIDS funding enters new level

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

A long brewing controversy over the control of Houston area funds from the Ryan White Care Act entered a new stage last week. A visit from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services led to a written assessment of the local funding structure that was less than flattering. Federal observers left Houston last week in agreement with charges leveled by many community AIDS activists. Shortly after that report was released to the press, a preliminary edition of an independent audit of the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance conducted by the accounting firm of Cooper and Lybrand, covering 1991 expenditures was leaked. The draft copy states, with regard to several large accounts, that "there is more than a relatively low risk that the Alliance" may not have complied with federally required financial statements and procedures.

The draft report repeatedly states that the accounting firm will make no stronger opinion, because insufficient records exist regarding how funds were dispersed. An example: "we were unable to obtain sufficient documentation of the Alliance's compliance with cash management and allowable costs/cost principles of its federal and state programs, nor were we able to satisfy ourselves by alternate procedures as to the Alliance's compliance with those requirements of these programs."

In its financial tables, the draft report speaks repeatedly of required reports that were filed late, or not at all. References to completely missing required documents are not uncommon. In the most extreme individual case, the document questions pay-outs on eight grants, totaling \$1,563,783. It states that "the Alliance was unable to provide adequate documentation to support other charges to the various grants."

Later, the report claims that the Alliance could not provide purchase vouchers for 33 expenditures totaling \$77,594. Reading on, the accountants found other grant required documentation missing, never filed, perhaps never written. Some functions, such as "out-of-state travel in the procurement of a federal grant" were incorrectly charged to accounts funded by the Texas Department of Health.

Dr. Eric Goosby, the U.S. Department



Attorney John Paul Barnich

of Health and Human Services' Director of HIV Services provides a less cryptic analysis of how things may have gone wrong with Ryan White funds in Houston. His report to Judge John Lindsay, the regional "grantee" and ultimate administrator of federal AIDS funds begins with a perfunctory, polite cover letter, but proceeds with a text that is highly critical of the methods the Houston program has used. Judge Lindsay and Division Director Sue Cooper are portrayed in the report as operating in an autocratic vacuum.

The report relates that "Planning Council members, as well as service providers and service recipients, expressed a severe lack of trust in the administrative agency. They also expressed fear of retribution from Sue Cooper and/or the agencies or the individuals. Agencies fear retaliation in terms of funding, individuals fear being expelled from the Planning Council if they express disagreement with the Agency Director (Cooper)."

"Members of the Planning Council," the report continues, feel that "decision-making" is "the purview of Sue Cooper, the Division Director, and Judge Lind-

say, the Grantee, not the Planning Council." Goosby adds that the Planning Council's staff person's accountability to Cooper rather than the Council as a whole is a problem, enhancing the sense of a lack of accountability to community members. Additionally, the report isolates Houston's agency from 24 other similar groups in the country, in that it is not "perceived in the community as the body responsible for HIV services planning and implementation. Members expressed the feeling that information is not available to them, but is used as a means of control of the Council by the Division Director."

The Federal assessment further criticizes the Houston Planning Council as being too narrow in its scope. "Regarding membership," the report states, "the Council meets the minimum requirements of the statute, but does not meet the intent of the law or the expectations of the Division of HIV Services of HRSA." Included in this area of inadequacy is the seeming lack of standing committees. There are three, according to the report. They only meet in the initial allocation process. Other bylaws of the Planning Council, are conceived,

according to the report, by members as "fluid and subject to change" by Cooper and Lindsay "whenever necessary."

"Access points for special populations are not clearly defined," according to the assessment, and there is "a general perception that the Division Director exercises control over all programmatic, fiduciary and management decisions." Further, the federal report concludes, "there is a general perception that Planning Council resolutions are reached only through 'shouting matches,' i.e., the person with the loudest voice gets his/her way...the meetings are demoralizing."

As would be expected in the wake of such a report, the government has offered its "assistance" in bring Houston's Ryan White program into line with federal expectations.

Houston attorney John Paul Barnich is the new Greater Houston HIV Alliance's elected gay representative. Barnich has been involved in the process throughout its lengthy and complicated history. In analyzing the Cooper and Lybrand audit, Barnich said that "basically, it says that we can't tell if it (federal and state AIDS funds) went toward AIDS or bionic cat toys."

Barnich is highly critical of Cooper's management style and criticizes her for seemingly superfluous expenditures such as mineral water for Alliance staffers. He also charged that Cooper wrote many reimbursement checks to herself without adequate, and in some case, no documentation. "This audit," Barnich said, "only covers 1991, 1992 (before major Alliance structural changes and Cooper's departure to County employment under Judge Lindsay) would probably look as bad, if not worse."

There is a possibility that a federal or state agency could sue the reformed Alliance based on past mismanagement. Barnich warns that the loss of such a suit would involve returning previous funds, placing the reformed organization in serious financial straits.

"To most of us involved in all this," Barnich said, "AIDS is important to us. To Judge Lindsay and Sue Cooper, it is a line item in the Harris County Hospital District budget."

Cooper was out of town at press time and could not be reached for this article. No one was available for comment in Judge Lindsay's office at press time either.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay activists meet with Clinton in Oval Office; hope for new era of support

By NITA LELYVELD

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 17 (AP)—Gay and lesbian activists left a meeting with President Clinton in the Oval Office full of hope about a new era of White House support for gay causes and forgiveness for the president's plans to be out of town during the gay rights march next week.

They described Friday's hour-long meeting as an important watershed in the gay rights struggle.

"I think it's clearly an indication that the signals continue to come from the highest level of leadership in this country that gay men and lesbians are part of the American family," said Torie Osborne, executive director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, who organized the meeting.

Participants said a number of major issues were discussed, including gays in the military, proposed civil rights legislation to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and government response to AIDS.

They said the president told them he still planned to issue an executive order on the ban on gays in the military by July 15. He also seemed generally supportive of the civil rights legislation, although he had not seen the details.

They also said an executive order to affirm anti-discrimination policies in the federal government was under discussion.

Most important, though, seemed to be the general tenor of the meeting with the president and his firm commitment to fight discrimination.

"This meeting symbolized the entry of lesbian and gay people into the mainstream of American life, and it is the president of the United States who, through his moral leadership, permitted that to happen," said Tom Stoddard, executive director of the Campaign For Military Service, an ad-hoc group working to overturn the ban on gays in the military.

The gay advocates appeared willing to let Clinton off the hook about his

plans to be in Boston next Sunday, when thousands are expected to march in a gay rights demonstration in Washington.

Clinton is scheduled to attend a Senate Democratic retreat in Virginia that weekend, and then deliver a speech to a meeting of the Newspaper Association of America in Boston on Sunday.

The activists said Clinton seemed very interested in participating in the march in some way, possibly by a live hook-up from another location or by videotape. The White House had no specifics on any such plans.

The White House also denied rumors that both the meeting with Senate Democrats and the Boston speech had been set up to avoid the gay rights march.

But Steve Palmedo, vice president for program development for the publisher's association, said Friday that Clinton didn't confirm acceptance of the invitation to speak to the convention until Thursday, although it had been made in December.

Clinton, meanwhile, defended his record on gay rights.

"I have—I believe it's clear—taken a stronger position against discrimination than any of my predecessors," he said. "And it is a position that I believe in very deeply, one that I took publicly in 1991 before there was any organized political support for me in the gay community."

Among the White House officials present at the meeting was Bob Hattoy, a member of the personnel office staff who is HIV-positive and openly gay.

The activists who participated included: Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund; Phill Wilson, president of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; Nadine Smith and Billy Hileman of the March on Washington for Gay Lesbian and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation; William Waybourn, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a gay political action committee; and Andrew Barrer of Coalition '93.

Shortly after the anti-abortionists took a licking in the presidential race and came back with their anti-gay agenda, the Religious Right suddenly discovered some European surveys which brought into question the Kinsey estimate of ten per cent of the population being homosexual (actually Kinsey reported that four per cent considered themselves permanently homosexual).

These European studies centered around the figure of one per cent of the population as homosexual. To the Pious Preachers of the Right the margin of error in any survey allowed them to announce that homosexuals are less than one per cent of the population, hardly a number to take seriously and certainly not justifying the attention of serious-minded citizens.

Now an American study gives weight to these European assessments, and the Pious Preachers are doing flips from the pulpit. In their propaganda war on homosexuals, particularly but not exclusively in the military, the PPs of the 'RR on one hand discount our numbers and on the other point to surveys which show gay couples with the largest "family" income in the nation (lesbian couples are right behind and still higher than married or unmarried straight couples).

So on one hand we are next to insignificant and on the other we already make too much money. Given enough time and the tactics of the late Joseph Goebbels (for those lost to the history of the last world war he was Adolf Hitler's propaganda minister—and if you don't remember Hitler then we're both wasting our time) the PPs will wish us away, but then who would be their great boogy man

to raise even more dollars from their poor followers who have been coughing up bucks since the advent of godless Communists and sinful Democrats.

Of course, if we take this one per cent figure that means there are about two and a half million gay men and lesbians in the United States, with about twenty thousand in Houston. And if one million of us march in Washington this weekend that would be nearly half of all gay men and lesbians in one place at one time.

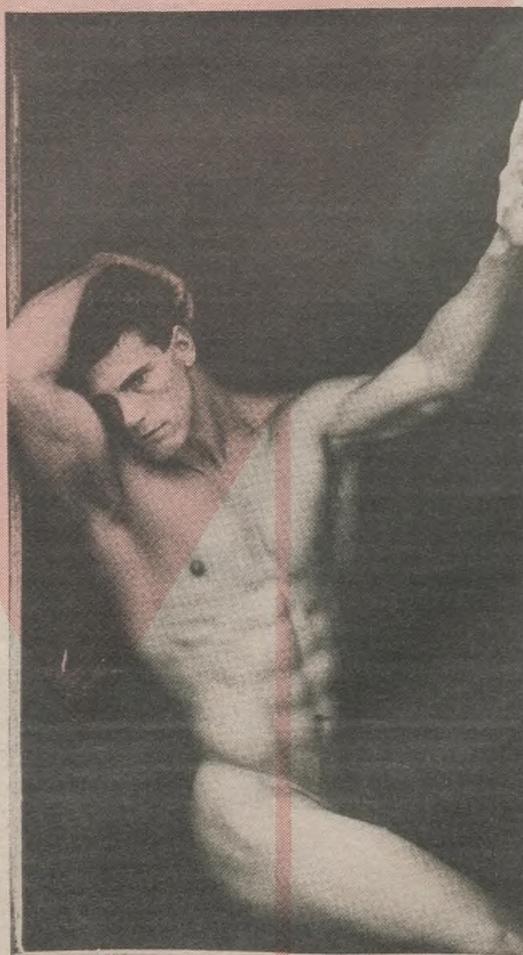
And, every third weekend in June, nearly every gay man and lesbian is on the streets of the major cities marching with pride. By these numbers there is no one left in the closet.

The March on Washington coincides with 30th anniversary of the famous Civil Rights March on Washington and the 50th anniversary of the so called Warsaw Ghetto uprising of the Jews against the Nazis. These same Pious Preachers of the Right once denounced Martin Luther King Jr. as a radical and trouble-maker, and they once denied that the Holocaust ever took place in Hitler's Germany (lies can win out with some, since a new survey found over a third of the population question whether the Holocaust did occur).

A million of us will march this weekend and very likely historians thirty and fifty years from now will mark this date as the watershed event of gay and lesbian civil liberties.

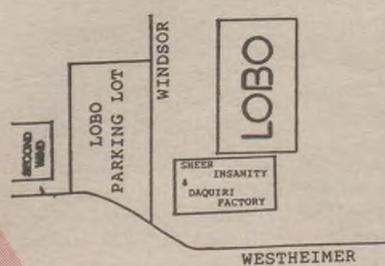
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader wants to offer thanks to many involved with Tina Renee benefit

From CHRISTOPHER J. MALDONADO,
aka LORI LOVE

I would like to take this time to thank so many caring and wonderful people who helped make Tina Renee's benefit a huge success on Sunday, April 11, 1993. Unfortunately, David Martinez a.k.a. Tina Renee, could not be there due to his illness, however, his mother, Bertha Martinez was here to honor her son, whom I must add has been such a fabulous and certainly, one of the best female impersonators to entertain, not only in the state of Texas,



Friends of Tina Renee

but also all over the United States.

From winning the coveted title of Miss Gay Texas of America in 1986, to performing his rendition of Prince, Shelia E., and countless others in Las Vegas, Nevada, Tina Renee has, and always will be known as "Houston's Own Latin Lovely!"

Together with Dyan Michaels, Kofi, Paivi, Lady Shamu, Black Velvet, Shanna Roberts, Nancy Taylor, Rhonda (Cher) Blake, Natasha, Gloria Silva, Rochelle Ramone, Margie Garza, Val Rodela, Peter Houston and Vanessa Raye, Special Spon-

sor Gentry, Club Inergy for hosting this event, and many other friends and family too numerous to mention, we raised over \$2500.00 to be given to Tina to help in so many expenses that have since added to the pain and anguish that have followed her illness.

I know Tina would like me to personally thank each and everyone of you who participated in his benefit, and also to those who could not attend, to just keep him in your hearts and prayers. Again, thank you for loving Tina Renee just as I love him.

HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

The 'Montrose Festival' was a success and special thanks are due to many

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston

The Westheimer Street Festival now to be known as "The Montrose Festival" was a great success this past weekend. The trash cans (boxes) and port-o-potties were numerous and a great help in maintaining sanitary conditions at the event. Montrose was cleaner after this festival than it has been in months and this is due in part to contributions and time from the following people. Money for trash cans was donated by Mary's Lounge, Perspectives, Patterson Hardware, Pet Shop & Bird Clinic, Rudyard's Pub, The Tire Place, Wear It Again Sam, Infinite Records, La Mexicana, and Chuck French Moving Service.

Many thanks also go out to the following locations for allowing the port-o-potties to be placed on their property: Big Frank's Hot Dogs, Cotton Brothers, Griff's Inn, Jim Higgins Furniture Refinishing, Mr. Peabody's, Tiger Mike's Tattoo Shop, and First Stop Convenience Store. Finally many thanks to the Wild Mustangs for their many hours of volunteer work and help with the festival. You should all be commended for a job well done. It was a fun weekend festival and it came off with out any major catastrophe. The Montrose community will indeed look forward to the next festival, hopefully in the Fall of this year.

Important changes at MCCR

On April 18th, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection—Houston celebrated its 18th anniversary. Proud of its continued growth during its 18 years, the clergy and congregation

have expanded the worship schedule. Beginning last Sunday, April 18 and continuing, MCCR will offer a new additional worship service at 8:30 a.m. At this inaugural service, the Clergy Celebrant was the Rev. Ralph Lasher, a former Episcopal priest, assisted by the Rev. John Gill, Pastor of MCCR.

The Sunday evening worship service (P.R.A.I.S.E.—People Raising Alleluias In Spiritual Excitement) will move up its beginning time from the old time of 7:15 p.m. to the new time of 6:00 p.m. With the above changes, MCCR will be a "Full Services Church" offering worship experiences for everyone from varied church backgrounds—all services being "joy-filled, reverent, and spiritually meaningful." For more information about the new schedule, please call the church at (713) 861-9149. Everyone is welcome at MCCR.

Democrats organize

Recently some gays and lesbians and



Volunteers from the Rotheudt-Dizinger Foundation try to help AIDS patients realize they are neither alone nor forgotten

their friends met a local restaurant to organize a Democratic Club. About 20 people voted to form the Eleanor Roosevelt/Harvey Milk Democratic Club. The purpose of the club will be to support progressive Democrats who support freedom of choice and the Civil Rights of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation.

The Club elected Pat Gandy and Donald Skipwith as Co-chairs and organized a meeting for last Saturday morning at the Old Bayou Inn. At its last meeting the club endorsed Senator Bob Krueger for reelection to the United States Senate from Texas. After this election is over the club will be organizing for next years Democratic conventions and primary.

Active committees are membership, political action, fund raising and endorsements. All those who are interested in the club are urged to attend the next meeting.

"For too long, gay and lesbian democrats and their friends and supporters have let people with no knowledge of the Democratic Party and no understanding of Texas politics set their agenda. This club offers a new challenge to all of us," said co-chair Pat Gandy. "To advance the cause of civil rights for all oppressed people is a worthy coa-

lition building goal for all progressive minded people."

Neither alone nor forgotten

On Easter Sunday April 11th, 1993 compassionate volunteer with the R.D. (Rotheudt-Dizinger) Foundation visited area hospitals and care centers bearing soft cuddly bunnies. These caring individuals were at Thomas St. Clinic on Wednesday and Thursday April 7 and 8 and at Bearing Care Center on Good Friday April 9. Pictured are (from left to right) Nicole Turpeau, Sid Bashover, Hans-Willi Rotheudt (Founder of the R.D. Foundation), Richard E. Lucher (Executive Director of the R.D. Foundation) Lindy Huffman (Executive Director of the Bering Care Center), Roshan Shushtari, and Mrs. Vivian John.

During the luncheon at the Bering Care Center, Nicole Turpeau provided the clients of the center with a saxophone performance for which she was presented with a bouquet and an Easter bonnet made by one of the clients. The R.D. Foundation holds three annual events of this nature during Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. The Foundation is currently engaged in strategy sessions to expand these visits to ensure AIDS/HIV patients are neither alone nor forgotten.

The R.D. Foundation was begun in December of 1990 by Hans-Willi Rotheudt and the later Peter Dizinger to bring a level of dignity and caring to those afflicted with this dread disease. For information regarding donation, volunteering or other business please call Richard E. Lucher, Executive Director of the Foundation at (713) 522-4318.

VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE

Just how out is out? Being out is where you really want to be

By ARIE SCHWARTZ
FOR THE NEW VOICE

In my teenage years, a popular topic of discussion among my peers was whether one's navel was an "innie" or an "outie."

I remember a group of us sitting around a friends house one afternoon, showing off our navels as we joked and laughed about our "innie" or "outie" belly buttons.

That was about as socially conscious as we got in those days of giggles and gooseflesh. Unlike today's teens, we had neither the urge nor the inclination to be political, much less politically correct.

Now in middle age, I find myself debating the correctness of being an innie (closeted) gay woman or an outie dyke. Sometimes I think I'm pretty out, only to be informed by the radical lesbian feminist sect that I've barely exposed my inclination, much less my preference.

For years my life partner and I allowed acquaintances to believe we were sisters. Some straight friends knew of our actual relationship, usually by default, i.e., they surmised, they asked, we acknowledged. Eventually we got bolder and began telling all our straight friends. We knew the real test of friendship lay in their willingness to accept us as we were rather than what we thought they wanted us to be. That worked pretty well; we lost only one friendship to the truth.

Family was another matter. Close relatives were informed early on in our

relationship; others learned through the grapevine. Overall, we were accepted, if not understood. Still, when my partner's brother married a few years ago, my son and I were invited to the wedding but excluded from photos taken of the grooms family. Both my lover and I waited for someone else to speak up and invite me, her spouse of fifteen years, and my son, her stepson, to be included in at least one or two photos. No one came forward, and we remained silent. Should we have been more out and spoken up? Were we politically correct? Socially correct? Neither?

Gay fundamentalists were—are—the most difficult for us to deal with. We have always chosen friends based on common interests. If you are intelligent, like music, read a lot, read at all, enjoy sports, play cards or board games, there's a good chance we'll like you. You don't have to be coupled to be our friend, nor do you need a Ph. D., or even a degree. Monetary status is insignificant. We've had it and not had it, we can like you either way. Banal as it sounds, the richness we've found in this life has come from sharing good times with people we like.

But, there are gay people, people we consider friends, who sometimes embarrass us with their explicit. That is to say, they wear their sexual preference like a badge. For example, if we are in a restaurant, their order might be: "I'll have the prime ribs, medium rare, baked potato, ice tea, french dressing on my salad and, by the way, I'm gay." Now this is a definite outie.

Years ago, I had a friend I called The Oracle. She was a dyke from face to finish, thrice over, I like to say—in head, in heart, in body. I was in awe of this woman's mind, beseeching her to let me partake of its brilliance, her unobscured insights.

Everything about lesbianism that was cloudy for me The Oracle saw with clarity. It was she who proclaimed to me for the very first time that I must (not should) be proud of what I am and announce it to all; that until I did, until all gays and lesbians do, public opinion of us will not change. She explained to me emphatically, but with patience, that to be even partially closeted was to project my own shame about my sexual identity onto those I hoped would accept my difference. The Oracle implored, then admonished, then commanded me to "Out thyself," preferably immediately, and definitely to everyone I knew.

I did not. Though I understood the urgency and veracity of her words, I still have one foot in the closet. I am open about my homosexuality but not out according to her definition. I cannot walk around announcing to no one in particular that I am homosexual.

We have philosophical differences, you see.

My discipline is my belief I should be accepted by both straights and gays as a whole person. Being a lesbian is, for me, only one part of the whole. I am also a mother, a businessperson, a feminist, a writer. I strongly advocate civil rights for all people. I want each and every per-

son on this earth to be judged first and foremost as a member of the human race.

I don't see myself as primarily a lesbian; I am not a one issue person.

The Oracles' umbilical cord, on the other hand, emanates from her sexual preference. She is, if you will, The Mother Of All Lesbians. She eats, drinks, sleeps, breathes Lesbianism. Being gay is what her life is about.

The current trend among many lesbians, young and middle aged businesswomen especially, is the traditional feminine appearance. These women are sometimes called "lipstick lesbians." Gay businessmen long ago understood the melting pot theory. Of course, being born with the X chromosome, they already had a leg up on us, so to speak.

To fundamentalist gay women, the lipstick lesbians have sold out. But to what? The womens magazines? The cosmetic companies? The male corporate image?

I don't believe they've sold out. We all make choices, we are all influenced in different ways. Ultimately, lipstick lesbians may become the champions of the sexual preference/sexual orientation freedom movement. Many of these women have outed themselves and, by so doing, are showing the world that gay people cannot be stereotyped. We come in all sizes, shapes, personalities, appearances.

There is no politically correct way to be out. Being out is being where you want to be.

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▼▼▼DATELINE: TEXAS

Predictions continue to point toward a Krueger-Hutchison runoff election

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

Despite a recent Mason-Dixon poll indicating he will carry less than two percent of the vote, liberal Democrat Jose Angel Gutierrez stayed on the campaign trail last week. A Houston campaign rally Thursday failed to contradict the poll results. The after-work event drew a mere 25 supporters.

Gutierrez's pitch was a mix of boasting about how extensively he has traveled in his campaign effort and calls for Hispanic voter unity. Referring to a recent campaign swing through Hidalgo County, Gutierrez joked, "those people should vote for me particularly because of my name." Gutierrez claimed to be the most accessible candidate in the Senate race, having travelled, according to the candidate, 42,000 miles. Referring to recent fundraising events for Senator Bob Krueger's campaign, Gutierrez charged "for one hundred bucks you can talk with Bob Krueger, for one dollar, you can dance with Gutierrez."

While bemoaning the lack of funds for extensive television advertising, Gutierrez said that he is becoming more successful in "planting news blurbs" around his issues, particularly on Spanish language television. In addition to anticipating Hispanic support, Gutierrez claims strong support among African-American Democrats, and in the gay and lesbian community.

Gutierrez said that voter turn-out in Houston is critical to his campaign. Many analysts believe that Houston voter turn-out will be lower than in many of the state's other large cities because Houston has no municipal ballot questions.

Krueger supporters are still being recruited as campaign volunteers. The Harris County Democratic Party is in need of people for evening telephone bank shifts in the final days of the special election campaign. They are also recruiting election day volunteers for many different polling locations. If you are interested in participating, contact your County's Democratic party.

On the Republican side of this race, the party's lead candidate faced allegations by a former Texas Treasury Department worker. And, as assistants

go, this one has rather good political connections. Sharon Ammann's father is Republican John Connally's daughter. She told "The Houston Post" last week that upon failing to locate a telephone number quickly enough, Ms. Hutchison beat her repeatedly with a binder, in the office, in the presence of a co-worker. That witness has corroborated Ammann's story. The Hutchison campaign promptly denied the story, noting that Connally is supporting Republican Congressman Jack Fields for the Senate seat currently held by appointed Democrat Bob Krueger.

But, Ammann's story of her tenure in Texas Treasury under Secretary Hutchison goes further. According to published reports, Ammann spent much of her time, on state salary, looking for a suitable Austin house for Hutchison to live in. Hutchison has stated that regular work time spent on that endeavor was made up for in off hours. Ammann disagrees. She has publicly stated that she ran personal errands for Hutchison without ever being asked to make up her state-paid time.

Most analysts contacted believe that there will be a run-off election and that run-off will produce a Krueger/Hutchison ballot. However, Krueger Democrats and Hutchison Republicans can not rest easily with that assumption. On the far right, openly anti-gay/lesbian candidate Joe Barton is, according to many analysts, probably under-polling. Far right candidates traditionally do so, making it difficult to predict the far-right turn-out on election day. This is especially true in a special election, where all the potential turn-out figures are particularly unpredictable.

The same may be true for the left, but less dramatically, if Texas political history provides any guidance. A "New York Times" analysis of the Texas Senate race predicted that Gutierrez could "sneak" into a run-off.

Perhaps the real unknown in this race is Richard Fisher. A Dallas millionaire, Fisher is running on the basis of Ross Perot's United We Stand members and campaign techniques. He is registered as a Democratic candidate. Again, like Barton's potential voters, Perotites tend to under-poll in candidate support. Fisher has said that he is prepared to spend as much as \$4 million of his own on the campaign.



Gutierrez meets addresses a small group of Houston supporters

▼▼▼OBSERVER'S NOTEBOOK

Are public schools reaching out to gays? Would school vouchers help?

By PAUL VARNELL
FOR THE NEW VOICE

Several months ago Chicago's Wendy City Times published an op-ed opinion piece called "School Vouchers Are a Gay Issue."

The writer argued that voucher programs will not improve public schools but will only serve to help Catholic and fundamentalist Protestant schools run by people who do not like gays. By contrast, he said public schools, at least "are timidly reaching out" to their gay students.

The article was clear, thoughtful, and moderately expressed—worthwhile reading and thinking about. But I tend to be innately suspicious of any kind of governmental action—suspicious both of the "good intentions" behind so many failed programs, as well as skeptical about the ability of governments (and bureaucracies) to carry out any program successfully. And so, after reading the piece, I found myself with nagging doubts. If public schools cannot even teach reading and writing and arithmetic, to say nothing of history and geography, how can they teach acceptance of gays?

No one doubts that public schools do a poor job. As education critic David Boaz has pointed out, SAT scores have been dropping for 30 years; more than 25 percent of college students need remedial courses in college; and some 40 percent of major corporations must teach basic skills to new employees. As a Chicagoan, I am acutely aware of just how poor public schools can be: here they are essentially warehouses for youths who cannot yet legally have a job. There is little discipline and less teaching.

In such an atmosphere, where intelli-

gence and learning are little regarded, athletic prowess and heterosexual proclivity tend, by default, to be the only traits respected, the only tests of male competence. While writing a recent column on military homophobia, I came to realize that homophobia is actually generated in schools and in social strata where the only acknowledged values are these elemental biological ones.

Striking confirmation came recently from Lakewood, California, where several youths were arrested (and later released) for having sex with large numbers of underage women. Members of the group even used a point system to keep a record of their individual sexual accomplishments. On their release, the youths, mostly student athletes, were lionized by their fellow students and many area townfolk, who took a "boys will be boys" attitude. The New York Times quoted the father of one of the boys remarking as he watched his sons playing, "Aren't they virile specimens?" And the night his son was released from jail, the same father described him as "all man."

What sort of hopes for acceptance of young gays could exist in such a climate? It seems unlikely that any sort of "gay awareness" or "cultural diversity" programs could make an impact. Is a school administration in such a place likely to find and implement such a program? Even were the administration willing, it does not seem likely that a school board democratically elected by area parents would be accepting of such a program.

Even the few tentative steps toward eliminating homophobia in a few school districts have caused religious fundamentalists to start a "stealth campaign" to gain control of school boards. In so

"diverse" a place as New York City, a program to offer children just a little bit of gay awareness to a successful rebellion by neighborhood school boards against former Chancellor Joseph Fernandez.

All this suggests that school administrators and school boards are going to move no faster on gay issues than general public opinion—and probably more slowly given parental concerns about protecting their children. But our concerns should be for gay students now and in the near future. There seem to be only two solutions and both seem to depend on voucher systems.

With a voucher system in place, as David Boaz has pointed out, it would be reasonable to expect that a number of different kinds of private schools could be founded and financially supported: traditional, Afro-centric, Montessori, multicultural, and various sorts of experimental schools. Gay communities, or gays in education, or parents of gays would suddenly find it possible to set up and financially support Walt Whitman High School or Alice B. Toklas Academy for young gays and lesbians. Such schools could rescue young gays from the oppressive homophobia at most schools and provide a far more congenial and stimulating intellectual environment, as well as freedom from the daily fear that some young gays experience in public school.

It is worth remembering that Harvey Milk School in New York City was established and funded privately by gays before the city's school system gave its reluctant approval. By setting up programs that would attract student vouchers, private groups could move much more rapidly on these sorts of alternative schools than most school boards. It

is telling that without vouchers, there is only one gay-oriented school in the entire country. Yet it seems certain that many parents of gay or "sensitive" or "confused" or "creative" young people would be glad to send their children to a gay or gay-sensitive school, if only to improve their learning environment.

In this light, it seems strange to claim that vouchers would primarily help religious schools. Rather, with vouchers alternative schools would no longer be ones mainly run for people whose deeply felt religious convictions lead them to make the financial sacrifice.

The only alternative that would also help gay students also depends on vouchers. If existing public schools cannot create a safe space for gay students, then the answer seems to lie in fostering new private schools. In these institutions learning and intellectual seriousness could be encouraged and respected so that those values can compete for student loyalty and provide sources of self-esteem for young gays other than those of conspicuous heterosexuality or athleticism for which they may be unequipped. Such a diversity of values would give young gays at least a fighting chance.

Far from harming existing public schools, new schools could only improve them: it would force them to improve in order to compete for parental trust and student vouchers—in order to survive. Gay children going to intellectually serious private schools would gain. And gay children going to public schools would gain, too, because principals (and teachers) would have to improve in order to save their jobs, if they start to notice a slow seepage of their students to alternative schools.

▼▼▼DATELINE: THE WORLD

Date for court-martial in gay sailor slaying set for June 1 in Tokyo

YOKOSUKA, Japan, Friday, April 16 (AP)—The court-martial for an American sailor charged in the death of a homosexual shipmate in the southwestern Japanese city of Sasebo will begin June 1, a military judge said Friday.

The accused, Airman Apprentice

Terry Helvey, 21, of Westland, Mich., has entered no plea. If convicted, he faces death.

Gay activists have made the death a symbol of their cause. Petty Officer Allen Schindler, 22, of San Diego, was beaten to death Oct. 27 in a public rest-

room near the U.S. base at Sasebo.

The case has also drawn public attention as President Clinton considers lifting the ban against gays in the military.

Only a few journalists will be allowed to observe the trial, which is to be held in a small courtroom at the U.S. Yokosuka

Naval Base, near Tokyo.

Airman Charles Vins, 21, of Sturgis, Mich., who was arrested with Helvey, was found guilty of failing to report a crime and resisting arrest. Vins is to testify against Helvey in return for four months' confinement.

▼▼▼ MARCH ON WASHINGTON UPDATE

Final plans for April 25th come together from diverse community members

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

More events for the March on Washington has been announced in the final days leading up to what promises to be the largest civil rights demonstration in the nation's history.

Organizers are offering special services for the physically challenged attending the March. In a printed statement, Barbara Dinnerstein, a member of the March's Deaf, Disabled Dyke Executive Committee, warned that "this will be a physically challenging experience for all of us. Be prepared to wait for what you need." Dinnerstein also asked that people do their best to take care of their own needs and those of members of their groups.

To assist in meeting the needs of disabled attendees, March organizers have set up "Access Central" at 1629 Connecticut Avenue, NW, near Dupont Circle. Disability discount Metro cards will be available at the site, as well as general March access information, accessibility surveys for related March events, and other related services.

Highlighting the various events targeted especially toward people with disabilities and their friends is a "Celebration of Pride: cultural event and dance" sponsored by the People with Disabilities Community. The event costs \$10 with tickets available at Access Central and at the door. The event will be held Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Omni Hotel, 2121 P Street.

Jackson speaks

Civil rights leader and past presidential candidate Jesse Jackson has agreed to give the keynote address at the March on Washington's "Gala Benefit" at DC's Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Tickets for the event may already be gone. Only 400 were being sold, ranging in price from \$250 to \$500. To find out, call (202) 628-4084.

March organizers expressed pleasure from the support of several "mainstream" civil rights organizations. In addition to Jackson's endorsement, the NAACP and the ACLU have become formal supporters of the demonstration.

If you can't go...

The March on Washington will be avail-

able to cable television subscribers from Noon Central time until 6:00 p.m. C-SPAN (the Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network) will offer an unhosted broadcast focusing on the march and rally, punctuated by video verite pieces. The channel may rebroadcast the coverage later that night, but a final decision was not made by press time. For an update, viewers can call C-SPAN's "schedule hotline" at (202) 628-2205.

Audio coverage will be available from Pacifica Radio, however, currently, for New Voice readers, only in the Houston area, on the network's KPFT, 90.1FM. The Pacifica broadcast will offer March coverage and commentary from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Lesbian comic Kate Clinton will host the program with Pacifica National Affairs correspondent Larry Binsky.

Bi-events

A number of events are planned targeting the bi-sexual community. BiNET USA will hold its annual meeting all day on Friday at George Washington University. That night, they'll relax with an evening of erotic story telling. There will also be a national conference "Celebrating Bisexuality" during the day before the March, with a post-conference party on Saturday night. More

information can be obtained by contacting BiNET in DC at (202) 736-1755.

The Quilt will grow

The Names Project is still encouraging people attending the March to bring new panels for the special quilt display taking place this weekend. They prefer that they be presented in person. However, if you have been working on a panel that can be ready in time, organizers will accept it from a friend who will be in DC during the display.

This display will feature only newly added quilt panels to dramatize the number of people who have died of AIDS since the last display in October. Thus far, the entire quilt, maintained in the Project's San Francisco headquarters, is composed of more than 23,000 panels. Approximately 170,000 Americans have died from AIDS-related causes since the disease was first identified.

Uniform party

It has been announced that the Florida delegation in the March will be led by eight Miami Beach police officers, in uniform, carrying the department's banner. The Miami Beach city council recently passed an ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex-

ual orientation. It also passed a resolution endorsing the March.

The uniformed delegation will be composed of five men and three women, representing a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Half of the marchers are heterosexuals and half are either lesbian or gay.

Part of their mission is to conduct two days of workshops with officers from other police departments on sensitivity training and improving relations between the police and the gay/lesbian/bisexual communities.

In addition to the Miami Beach endorsement, organizers say that the March has been formally endorsed by 500 politicians and organizations. Congress members on the list include Maxine Waters, Gerry Studds, Patricia Schroeder and Barney Frank. Both of California's Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have also pledged support.

Memorials planned

At least two other major memorial projects are worthy of note as part of the weekend's activities.

A ceremony memorializing victims of Nazi persecution due to actual or perceived sexual orientation is planned for 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening. It will begin in front of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, (previously known as 15th Street, SW). Featured speakers include Professor Klaus Muel-ler, a University of Amsterdam researcher who has specialized in studying Nazi persecution of homosexuals. Barrett Brick, the executive director of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations will also offer an address.

Seven weeks of displays and performance art events beginning April 23rd make up the Washington Project for the Arts (WPA) exhibition "Beyond Loss: Art in the Era of AIDS." For a complete schedule of performances and exhibit hours, call WPA at (202) 347-4813.

Especially for Texans

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas is holding a Texas 2-Step party before the March. Contact LGRL in Austin, (512) 474-5475 or the March office in DC for further details.



Organizers hope to exceed 1987's display

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans gays rally throughout the French Quarter to promote March

By BUNCH BRITTAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

150 to 200 persons marched through the French Quarter last weekend to promote and celebrate the coming March on Washington, April 25th. The parade was led by leaders of the New Orleans March on Washington Committee, Joan Ladiner, Chris Daigle and Larry Bagnieris and the huge multi-colored gay pride flag they will carry in the Washington march.

The rally continued at the Parade on the second floor of the Pub at St. Ann and Bourbon Streets. After fortifying themselves with cocktails to quench their



March on Louisiana



Tex & Tim present check to Joan Ladiner

thirst, the group heard speeches from the leaders as well as Stewart Butler of P/Flag. Details of the march were discussed, including special entertainment and rallies planned for the Louisiana contingent in Washington.

The enthusiastic crowd, most of whom indicated they would be in Washington, cheered Tex Night, Manager of the Pub for his presentation of a \$300 check to pay for the hospitality suite that will be open to Louisianans attending the March. Leaders expect 1000 to attend the march from Louisiana. We will have full coverage and pictures of the March in our next issue.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY ON A SWAMP

Easter on the river of Bourbon Street is not Paducah, Kentucky

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

Past Paducah, Kentucky flows the Mississippi River's major tributary, the beautiful, blue Ohio. The blue Ohio joins the murky Mississippi's journey to New Orleans a few miles downstream from Paducah, at Cairo, Illinois. The Mississippi is the gatherer of waters. In New Orleans, we drink from it daily.

One Easter, when a boy, I attended an amazing service on the Paducah banks of the beautiful Ohio. We drove from Cairo, to stand in the Spring sun and watch whining powerboats pull water skiers faster, and faster, until the skiers flew into the air on the wings of huge yellow and white kites.

Easter, many years later, I soared, lifted by the wings of whiskey, to second story Bourbon Street balconies. There, I saw Jesus. Jesus was walking down Bourbon Street. He wore a crown of thorns over long, black hair. He was naked, save for a loin cloth cut like the one in the paintings. He looked like he might have been Filipino, but mostly he looked like Jesus.

He was seen by everyone on the balcony at the Bourbon Pub/Parade. Below, tourists along the famous slue rue were mixing with the local rabble, and reveling in the clear-aired wonder of it all. A tourist family stood against the downstream wall of Pete Fountain's old club, now named OZ. A girl of about seventeen waved up to us. A pubescent son giggled and hugged his Mother. Then, along came Jesus.

Jesus looked so much like Jesus, so much like he is chronicled in The Bible stories (but so much different than what had been preached earlier from Easter altars) that I laughed. There, He was walking amongst the sinners, along one of sin's busier thoroughfares.

The tourist mother was offended. She gathered her brood and flowed on down river Bourbon. Toward what? A friend's house, a bed and breakfast, another tourist murder? Jesus did not seem to notice their departure (he wrote the book on forgiveness), and the sinners, noting nothing, went on about their sinning.

Later, The Pope appeared. He stood on the OZ balcony dressed head to toe in yellow and white satin. He blessed all

who passed. He looked across river Bourbon and blessed us too.

We moved to The Pope's balcony. To the OZ balcony. We looked back at the Bourbon Pub/Parade balcony. The Pope, ever wise, said, "You can not see yourself on the balcony you just left." We had all had a lot to drink. The Pope handed me a large Bourbon and water. "Holy water, from the holy river," he said.

Three real nuns, dressed in old fashioned black and white habits, trotted past the corner, along the far side of Rue Saint Ann. They were headed toward Saint Louis Cathedral School. The sea of sinners parted for them. Amazing!

"What would they think of seeing Jesus," asked a young man, of no one in particular. He leaned ominously over the balcony rail, and yelled to the crowd below for Carnival beads.

A photographer took our picture. I asked if he had seen Jesus. "No." would he like to? "Yes."

The Pope said for us to watch the young man leaning on the balcony rails "Do not let him fall over the communion

rail." Green Carnival beads landed on The Pope's pointy hat. They looked interesting but he took them off, and tossed them to two college boys on the street below. I think the two boys might open their pants, but they do not. "This is not Carnival," said The Pope.

I said, "It is not Paducah either," but The Pope did not hear, he was gone to find Jesus. The communion rail-leader looked past my forehead and talked of far ranging things.

The Pope returned without Jesus and distributed fresh drinks. "He can not be found in this wicked din."

We looked across the rue and saw Jesus waving from the other balcony. We waved back. His naked arms were lifted heavenward, his loin cloth flapped in the whiskey flavored air. The man with the camera jumped and shouted, "Your cross! Show your cross! Show your cross!" Jesus looked down with great disdain and hollered, "Don't you know what holiday this is?"

The Pope, communion rail-leader, and other assorted followers yelled, "It isn't Carnival." It wasn't, it was Easter on the river of Bourbon Street.

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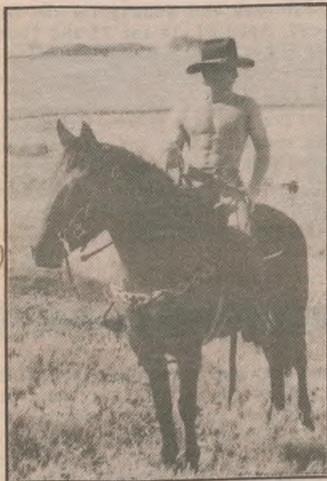
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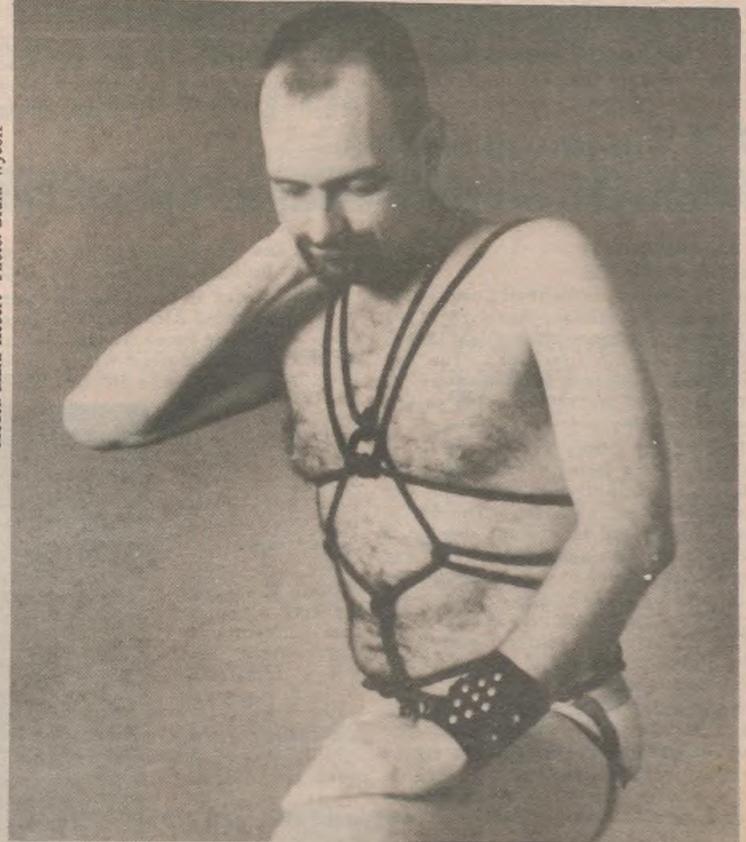
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▼▼▼DATELINE: LOUISIANA

Louisiana Senate sets hearing on gay rights bill for April 29

By BUNCH BRITTAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

A Human Rights Bill for Lesbians and Gays has been introduced in the Louisiana Legislature at the request of the Forum for Equality and LAGPAC. Senator Marc Morial and Representative Troy Carter have authored the bills, which now have 19 co-authors from New Orleans, Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Pineville, Opelousas, Lafayette and Baton Rouge. The co-authors come from both parties, different races and different backgrounds.

Given the diverse nature of our support in the Legislature, this is a battle that we can win. If Louisiana becomes the first southern State to pass this law, it will not only be a great victory for us, but it will also be a defeat to our opponents nationally.

In order for us to secure equal rights protection in employment and public accommodation in Louisiana, we need to act immediately. We must let Legislators know that we want our human rights guaranteed by law.

Phone these members of the Louisi-

ana Senate and House today. If you cannot talk to them directly, leave a message asking them to co-author and vote for House Bill 1013 and Senate Bill 918. All Senators can be reached by calling (504) 342-2040 (dial 1+ from the same area code) and all House members at (504) 342-6945. Local office numbers and names of those you need to contact immediately are: Senator John Hainkel, 581-3838; Senator Sammy Nunez, 279-5551; Senator Ken Hollis, 838-8979; Senator Chris Ullo, 568-7610; Senator Francis Heitmeier, 361-6014; Senator Hank

Lauricella, 733-1800; Rep. John Alario, 340-2221; Rep. Quentin Dastugue, 582-2282; and Rep. Garey Forster 568-8793 (thank him for being a co-author).

The first committee hearing is presently scheduled for April 29. If the bill passes out of committee favorably, then the full Senate will debate it, probably during the first week in May. Therefore you should call them again on May 3 and 4. Call the Lesbian and Gay Community Center in New Orleans at 522-1103 for further information or to volunteer to help.

▼▼▼DATELINE: HOUSTON

New social and cultural group seeks to meet needs of Asian gays, friends

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

Asians and Friends of Houston is a fast growing, new organization that is providing a link to the broader gay and lesbian community for Asian gays. For gays of other ethnic backgrounds, it provides a social setting to explore Asian culture.

Being gay and part of a traditional Asian family poses special problems, according to Asians and Friends Secretary Carl Han. Han, who is Vietnamese, said that "all" of his friends who are also Vietnamese "are too cautious to become part of gay groups" because of family pressures. In Vietnamese grammar, the term to describe "homosexual" is, in his words, "like a disease, something you get."

"I wish that there were more (gay and lesbian) Asians who would speak out. It would help dispel the myth that gay Asians are simply passive," Han said. The new group hopes to provide a forum where Asian gays and lesbians may be more comfortable doing that. For others, it provides an opportunity to explore

another culture.

John Melton, a caucasian who serves as the group's Vice President is very clear in his conviction that it not function as a group "run by caucasians for Asians." He said that, with the group's

recent formal incorporation as a registered non-profit entity, at least four of the nine seats on the Asians and Friends board are reserved for Asians. He says that so far, the group's gathering have drawn a mixed crowd, about

half of which is Asian.

Han also cited historical enmity between various Asian nationalities as further complicating issues of unity. But so far, organizers report that they have been pleasantly surprised by the group's early success. Bob Hull, the organization's treasurer said that, before Asians and Friends formally incorporated, they held parties on an informal basis. These gatherings drew crowds of about 75 people. On that basis, they decided that the group could fill a need in the community. Now, they are holding several events each month.

"We are trying to be a lot of different things to a lot of different people," Hull said. In addition to social activities, Hull said that there is a great need for better AIDS education materials targeted toward the Asian/American communities in the Houston area. "It can serve as a 'coming out' outlet for a lot of people as well," he added.

To find out more about the activities of Asians and Friends, call (713) 772-3757. The group will send you a copy of its newsletter outlining forthcoming events.



John Hull and Carl Han

▼▼▼DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival comes to town April 23 to May 2

By BUNCH BRITTAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

Take the Fiesta de San Jacinto in San Antonio, the Aquafest in Austin, the Westheimer Art Festival in Houston, roll them into one big celebration and multiply it by four and you have JAZZFEST, formally known as the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

It is renowned as one of the world's greatest events and this year celebrates its 24th annual presentation. The Festival offers an opportunity for enthusiastic and wonderfully talented people to gather where the excitement and romanticism that spawned jazz,

rhythm and blues, gospel and zydeco fill the air and become as tangible as the music itself.

Over three thousand musicians, local artists and special guest stars from around the world play for more than 350,000 people over ten days. The Festival atmosphere is established by daytime activities at the Heritage Fair, with evening concerts adding a magical touch. It is a spirited, rollicking festival that could happen nowhere else in the world.

The gates open each day at the Fair Grounds at 11:00 a.m. and close around 7:00 p.m. Evening concerts are held at the Municipal Auditorium, Saenger

Theatre, the Sheraton Hotel Grand Ballroom and the State Palace Theatre. Wood Enterprises will provide a round-trip bus to and from the Fair Grounds from 11:00 a.m. to 7 pm on Saturday and Sunday of each weekend. Pickups for the bus will be at Lafitte's, Good Friends and the Rawhide.

In addition to the eleven musical stages at the Fair Grounds, the Louisiana Heritage Fair portion of the Festival takes place on the grassy infield of the Race Track. Lots of spicy Louisiana food is served and hundreds of contemporary and folk artisans demonstrate and sell their work. Admission is \$13 (\$2 for children under 12) at the Fair

Grounds. Limited parking is available. Video cameras and sound recording equipment are not allowed. Neither are beverages from the outside. Still cameras are allowed.

The Festival's operating dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the first weekend, April 23, 24 and 25 and Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the second weekend, April 29 and 30 and May 1 and 2.

All of the gay bars in New Orleans are having special events for their customers on both weekends. Check their advertisements for details. The Golden Lantern will be celebrating its 26th anniversary this Friday, April 23.

▼▼▼HOUSTON SPORTS

Montrose Softball League opens 1993 season with Glen Maxey's first pitch

By RAYMOND WEST

FOR THE NEW VOICE

The 1993 Montrose Softball League season began on Sunday, April 18, 1993 with state Representative Glen Maxey throwing out the first pitch. The day was filled with much excitement as the anticipation of the 1993 playing season became a reality.

Opening day games were kicked off at Memorial Park fields 4 and 5 with the Brazos River Bottom (rec) defeating Rich's with a score of 16-11. The Brazos River Bottom did all of their scoring in the first two innings of the game and was able to hold on to victory despite the determined playing efforts of Rich's. On field #5 Pacific Street, also known as the "fighting Barbies," scored 7 runs in the first inning to defeat J.R.'s with a final score of 10-8.

In the second set of games for the day, the Briar Patch Texans defeated The New Voice, a team that moved to the Competitive Division this year, with a score of 8-2. The Briar Patch Texans scored 6 runs in the first two innings, and The New Voice proved a formidable challenge in the defensive playing area. Simultaneously, Gentry scored 4 runs in the fifth inning to break open a tight game with the Brazos River Bottom

(comp) and lead their team to the 1st of two wins for the day with a score of 9-5.

Pacific Street, in their second game of the day, defeated Rich's with a score of 12-1. The Briar Patch Texans defeated the Brazos River Bottom with a score of 12-3. In addition, J.R.'s defeated the Brazos River Bottom (rec) with a score of 17-4. During all of these games, scoring for the visitors was consistent throughout their games.

The Montrose Mining Company, wearing uniforms that were slightly more "butch" than J.R.'s, defeated E/J's with a score of 16-2. This game was tight going into the bottom of the 3rd inning when the Montrose Mining Company scored 6 runs to carry them on to victory. Gentry, in their second game of the day,

defeated The New Voice with a score of 10-1. Gentry scored 5 runs in the 5th inning to take control of the game and leave the field as one of three undefeated teams for the day.

Sporting custom uniforms fit for a queen, Miss Camp America Foundation



State Representative Glen Maxey throws out the first pitch (Photo by Dalton DeHart)

took to the field in style to face the Ripcord. The Ripcord scored 9 runs in the second inning to defeat MCAF with a score of 13-3. Undaunted by this defeat and the afternoon heat, MCAF faced the Montrose Mining Company, and defeated with a score of 14-1. The Montrose Mining Company scored 7 runs in the 3rd inning and maintained a heavy lead throughout the game, despite the honorable efforts of MCAF. E/J's gave eve-

rything they had in the final game of the day and scored 9 runs in their last inning of play against the Ripcord, only to lose following a strikeout. Both teams exhibited a great amount of spirit and sportsmanship and proved to be real crowd pleasers.

The general public is invited to attend the Week 2 games of the 1993 playing season at Tim Hearn Field, 4200 Scotland (Memorial) at Waugh. The playing schedule for the day is as follows:

12:00 p.m. Rich's v. MCAF, 1:00 p.m. Montrose Mining Company v. Pacific Street, 2:00 p.m. J.R.'s v. Ripcord, 4:00 p.m. Briar Patch Texans v. Gentry at 5:00 p.m. The New Voice v. Brazos River Bottom (comp). The 3:00 p.m. game between E/J's and Brazos River Bottom has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 1 to allow several players on both teams to attend the March on Washington.

The Montrose Mining Company will be hosting a league social on the patio at the Montrose Mining Company following the Week 2 games from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All league members and friends of the Montrose Softball League are invited to attend this softball social event.

For more information about the Montrose Softball League, please contact Marvin Peterman at (713) 867-3913.

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▼▼▼DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Tenth anniversary French Quarter Festival brings thousands to the Quarter

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans
It looked like free day at the bank, the way people crowded into New Orleans' historic Vieux Carre, the long weekend of April 16-18 for the Tenth Annual French Quarter Festival.

More than two hundred and fifty thousand people strolled the streets, ate at the world's largest jazz brunch, listened to over 400 hundred musicians, and searched for a place to park.

Events began Friday, April 16th with a "Thank Goodness It's Festival" party at Pat O'Brien's Bourbon Street Annex, featuring Wanda Rouzan, Juanita Brooks, Tara Darnell, and A Taste of New Orleans. Also playing Friday at the Coca Cola/Miller Draft Stage was Butch Gomez and the Treme Brass Band, and the Big Easy Navy Band.

The weather was so good it could have been ordered up by the Tourism and Convention Bureau. For all three days, the sun was warm and the sky as blue as an Uptown nose.

This year, the French Quarter Festival dovetailed with its older sister, the New Orleans Spring Fiesta (April 16-21). This second event, now in its thirty-fifth year, "opens heart and homes to visitors... to enchanting courtyards and elegant plantations during azalea filled Spring..."

Both events are beloved by many and attracted enough traffic to fill the city's department of perpetual street excavations with wicked glee. For the weekend, the combined efforts of those who dig into Vieux Carre' streets, and those who block them off for such things as food and music festivals had every French



Street singers were abundant

Quarter Uptown/Downtown street closed except for the border streets of Decatur and Rampart. It was a day tailored for public transit and bicycles.

Saturday night, the majestic Mississippi River snaked along picture perfect Woldenberg Park as crowds leaned in to hear the highly talented voice of John Boutte' and Friends. Some sweet sound, cher!

Earlier, John's sister Lillian Boutte' and the L'Etiennne Ensemble dazzled festival goers at the Aquarium of the Americas Stage. Lillian lives in Europe but says, "We spend the time from Mardi Gras to Jazz Fest back home in 'The Big Easy.'" She and John both play throughout Europe and return regularly for the French Quarter Festival and upcoming Jazz Fest.

If Spring Fiesta is the older sister to the French Quarter Festival, Jazz Fest is the big sister of all New Orleans music/food festivals. Always the last weekend in April and the first weekend in May, New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival has its major concentration at the Race Track Fairgrounds, near City Park, with additional venues spread throughout the city, in nightclubs, and Riverfront tents. See a related story in this issue of The New Voice.

Downstream from where the nascent Boutte' music dynasty performed, past the string of food tents in Jackson Square, at the cor-



French Quarter Festival as viewed from Cafe du Mond

ner of Rue Decatur at Esplanade Avenue, sits the world class bistro The Mint. (The Mint takes its name from its neighbor across Decatur, the old pre-War U.S. Mint. That's The War Between States, cher!) The Mint, in conjunction with FM radio's Oldies 106.7, sponsored the hit comedy duo Becky Allen and Ricky Graham at Saturday's AT&T Stage/Hibernia Pavilion. Great!

Strutting her highly talented stuff, at Saturday's Jackson Square Coca-Cola/Miller Genuine Draft Stage was Charmaine Neville and Friends. There may truly be no greater talent in New Orleans.



Singer John Boutte

Charmaine Neville has performed regularly at the Crescent City's Gay Pride Festival (yes, cher, another festival; this year, scheduled for June 26-27 at Faubourg Marigny's Washington Square.) If you have never heard Charmaine Neville sing "You got the right key, but you're sticking it in the wrong key hole..." you have not lived your life to its fullest.

only around Christmas time.)

Pud Brown plays regularly at the Palm Court on Decatur. He, and the Palm Court, a restaurant/jazz club/record company owned by that sightless wonder with huge musical insight, George H. Buck, and his wife, is worth experiencing ("G.H. Buck Records" is a highly respected preservationist recording company).

Danny Barker is a classic example of the local musician returned after a successful career beyond the Great Mother Swamp. He is best known as a song writer and for the lovely, lovely talent of his wife, Blue Lou Barker. Danny Barker may be best known for a funny number he also recorded called, "Save the Bones for Mr. Jones 'Cause He don't Eat No Meat."

Blue Lou Barker was queen in her day of a lineage of racy blues singers from whom the mantle has clearly been passed to Charmaine Neville. Blue Lou's best known song goes, "Don't you touch my thigh...cause if you touch my thigh, you're gonna go up high..."

The Tenth Annual French Quarter Festival went way up high. As two lesbian and gay couples from the East Coast put it, "if you can't have a good time in New Orleans, you can't have a good time."

▼▼▼HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

'Montrose Festival' registers for incorporation after initial success

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston
"It couldn't have been better," Eddie Johnston said Wednesday, assessing the results of last weekend's somewhat renegade street festival on Westheimer. The ad hoc group that Johnston helped organize in the wake of the Westheimer Colony Association's formal art festival move downtown drew large crowds. Sunday was considerably busier than Saturday. Johnston said that "people peeked in on Saturday to see if it was all right, but really turned out on Sunday."

As a result of the initial success, the group has formally registered its name as an organization. They now plan to meet with Montrose civic organizations and businesses in planning future

events.

The "Westheimer Art Festival," after twenty years moved under the Pierce Elevated Freeway downtown. No comment was available from the group as to the success of the move. No press releases assessing attendance have arrived, and the organization's answering machine informs callers this week, that all calls will be returned next week. Perhaps we'll ask again then. One informant, who worked a table for a Montrose area non-profit group at the "official" festival summed it up this way: "since I never had to wait in line to use the 'port-o-let,' it couldn't have been that successful, could it?"

More from P-Flag

A panel of lesbians and gay men from

the Houston area business community will be featured in a panel discussion at the next regular meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays on May 2nd. The panel will offer perspectives on the realities of how their sexuality meshes with career functions and goals. Small group discussions will follow the panel session. To find out the details, call 867-9020.

For those of you who won't be in Washington this weekend, P-FLAG is encouraging people to attend a performance by the MCCR Resurrection Players of excerpts from "Norman, Is That You." It takes place on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall at Palmer Memorial Church, 6221 Main in Houston.

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Written by Lambda staff attorney Evan Wolfson and former "Outweek" editor Gabriel Rotello, the booklet is free. Write to Lambda Legal Defense, 666 Broadway, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10012. You can also receive information about other publications from the group if you ask.

▼▼▼NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTE

New Orleans Alliance of Pride; Gay Pride sponsors seeking participants

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans
June 26 and 27th will be marked by this year's Gay Pride Festival to be held in Washington Square Park. Alliance of Pride organizers are seeking members of the community who would like to par-

ticipate in the two day event.

Any interested individual or group wanting to showcase their talents during the festival weekend should contact the Pride Committee as soon as possible. The cut-off day for applications is June 20. Applications will be considered

for the large, central entertainment tent, as well as booths for crafts, arts, and food. Booths may be rented for one or both days. No booths will be rented during the event.

Also needed is a seamstress or someone with sewing machine skills, and

people with painting and construction skills. To volunteer, or for information about entertainment, parade or booths, contact Robert Brunet at (504) 897-3939; Kath Geary at (504) 949-7333, or write to Alliance of Pride, P.O. Box 72005, New Orleans, LA 70172.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Florida lesbian couple goes to court in foster parent case

By JAMES MARTINEZ

FOR THE NEW VOICE
TAMPA, Fla., Thursday, April 15 (AP)—When Bonnie Matthews applied to be a foster parent last year, she never told social workers of her homosexual relationship with her roommate because she didn't think it mattered.

"Our relationship was not pertinent to our ability to parent a child," Matthews testified Thursday, "so we were

not going to volunteer the nature of the relationship."

Matthews and Elaine Kohler cared for a 6-year-old boy two months before he was taken away when state case workers learned the couple was gay and living together.

They sued the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and spent a day in court pressing their view that an "unwritten" policy banning

gays from being foster parents is unconstitutional.

But HRS attorneys defended the agency's actions as having nothing to do with homosexuality—it was simply enforcing a longstanding policy banning unmarried couples from being foster parents.

The couple's attorney argued both issues were unconstitutional and had nothing to do with giving a stable home

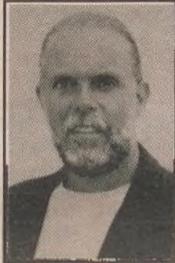
life and care to a foster child.

"There is absolutely no reason why either a homosexual or an unmarried couple could not provide those things," said the couple's attorney, Lora Smeltzly.

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Council Member McGowen
Tuesday, April 27
7:00 p.m.
Kashmere Multi-Service Center
4802 Lockwood Drive

District C
Council Member Ryan
Tuesday, May 4
7:00 p.m.
Jewish Community Center
5601 S. Braeswood

District D
Council Member Calloway
Thursday, April 29
7:00 p.m.
Sunnyside Multi-Service Center
4605 Wilmington

District E
Council Member Mancuso
Tuesday, April 20
7:00 p.m.
Park Place United Methodist
Church, Activities Center,
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District F
Council Member Goodner
Thursday, May 6
7:30 p.m.
Sharpstown Recreation Center
6600 Harbor Town

District G
Council Member Hartung
Wednesday, May 5
7:00 p.m.
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7:00 p.m.
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HOUSTON LIVE

MST's 'Flora, the Red Menace' is good production of mediocre musical

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice/Houston

"If at first you don't succeed..." That old adage must have surely crossed the mind of David Thompson when he set out to do a re-adaptation for the stage of a novel called "Love is Just Around the Corner." The original adaptation by George Abbott was thoroughly panned by critics and audiences alike; this adaptation won't fare much better.

Called "Flora, the Red Menace," it has music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, and is being presented at Main Street Theater as the season finale through May 23.

The story takes place in New York City in 1935. Flora Meszaros (Deborah Boily) has just graduated from fashion design school and despite the depression she optimistically sets out to find a job. While applying for a position at an upscale department store, she meets and is taken by Harry Toukarian (Joe Kirkendall) an unemployed artist.

Harry impresses Flora by standing up for the rights of a delivery girl who is treated badly by the office receptionist. His egalitarian principles, plus his handsome looks and charming stutter lead Flora to invite Harry to share a studio with her and some other unemployed artistic types. Although reluctant to accept, Harry is overwhelmed by Flora's insistence.

It is only after Harry has accepted Flora's offer and Flora has become smitten with him that Harry reveals that he

is a card-carrying member of the Communist Party. Spouting off all the ideals of the party (quite popular then, completely discredited now), Harry persuades Flora to join the party in a charming number, "Sign Here."

Still somewhat troubled by her new political affiliation, Flora learns that she got a job at the ritzy department store where she originally met Harry. She eagerly accepts the position at the astronomical salary of \$30 per week, and she happily sets off to her first party meeting.

At the party gathering, she meets



Joe Kirkendall as Harry is caught between the affection of Deborah Boily as Flora (L) and Ann Candler as Charlotte in "Flora, the Red Menace"

Charlotte (Ann Candler), a stern, imposing woman, who has dedicated her life to the good of the party. Charlotte, while gloating of her own accomplishments in the name of the party in "The Flame," goads Flora into committing herself to collecting names of potential party members at her new job.

Flora and Harry find their affection for one another steadily growing, but Charlotte, who has plans for Harry of her own, begins to interfere, citing party business for intruding on Harry's life.

Love and politics intertwine to a bitersweet conclusion in this romantic comedy described by director Girvin as "having a lot of heart." This is undoubtedly true, and there are some genuine moments in the play, but these are attributable to good acting and directing not good material.

The two romantic leads are both good. Deborah Boily as Flora is wholly endearing. Her sunny optimism never once becomes grating, although her singing does at times. Joe Kirkendall is a strong, uncompromising

Harry. At times shy and befuddled, at other times resonant and resolute, Kirkendall does a fine job.

Among the supporting cast Ann Candler as the party stalwart Charlotte does a great job. She has a no-nonsense demeanor with the hair and costume to match. Also notable were Joel Sandel as a strictly business department store executive, Mr. Stanley, and Daniel Dyer as a sage, avuncular friend of Flora's, Mr. Weiss.

Girvin's directing shows all the care and attention given to production requiring special handling. His staging is well-organized and crisp, though the large number of scenes (which seems to be a characteristic of most MST productions) does make the play slightly disjointed.

It is unfortunate that a dedicated cast and crew from an outstanding amateur company would have so little to work with, however there isn't much they could have done to make this show better. They were simply limited by what they had.

The music in particular is without merit. Several of the songs sound alike seemingly differentiated only by changes in tempo and octave. A couple of the numbers are done well and will crack a smile on you, but for the most part the music has no pizzazz.

MST has credible talent both on stage and behind the scenes and this is evident in "Flora"; this company however comes up short when it comes to selecting material.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Focus on ordinary, not outrageous, for giant gay March on Washington

By CONNIE CASS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, April 19 (AP)—Organizers of what gay rights activists expect will be their largest event ever hope the public will look beyond the outlandish to the ordinary—the thousands of homosexual doctors, pilots and soldiers demanding to be treated equally.

Events that begin Tuesday in advance of Sunday's march on the nation's capital range from lobbying Congress and presenting solemn reminders of the toll of AIDS to a leather-fetish party, mass gay wedding and drag-queen show.

"For every one person who is somehow outrageous, there will be 100 just like the neighbors next door," said Scout, a co-chair of the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

"What people will see is nothing more than hundreds of thousands of American citizens who have been denied their civil rights," said Scout, who has only one legal name.

Organizers predict as many as 1 million people will march on Washington to demand a national civil rights law for

homosexuals, an end to the military's ban on gays and increased spending on AIDS research.

The march has been planned for two years. It took on new life, however, when President Clinton made the first moves toward abolishing the decades-old ban on gays in the military.

"If you don't march now, when would you?" Scout asked. The event should eclipse previous gay marches in 1979 and 1987, she said. Police said 200,000 attended the Oct. 1987 march.

Organizers of some opposition groups, including the Christian Action Network and Concerned Women for America, said no major counter-protests were planned. One evangelical group, Transformation Ex-Gay Christian Ministry, plans to hand out religious tracts telling homosexuals they are in "spiritual jeopardy."

Washington's 22,000 hotel rooms have been booked for weeks because of the march, according to the local hotel association, and hundreds of inquiries are being referred to outlying hotels.

Participants were arriving Monday to begin a week of almost 300 events planned around the march.

There are meetings for gay men and

lesbians who fall into dozens of sub-groups: blacks, Latinos, pilots, Russian speakers; librarians, journalists, police, urban planners; Catholics, Lutherans, Jews.

There will be get-togethers for lesbian Republicans, a camp-out for gay military veterans, a square dance for gay couples and gatherings for gay alumni of Duke, Yale and Harvard universities.

Workshops will teach how to use Bible passages to support homosexuality, how best to lobby Congress and how to save lives by teaching about AIDS.

At least 1500 same-sex couples are expected for a mass wedding ceremony Saturday intended as both a protest to state and local laws forbidding gay marriages and a commitment of love.

And then there are the events most likely to raise some eyebrows and some hackles: the Drag Show on the Mall, the S&M Leather Fetish Kick-Off Party, the National Lesbianate Ball and erotic readings for bisexuals.

"When you have a group of people that is forced to suppress any visible sign of their sexuality whatsoever, even holding hands in public, when they bust out you can expect it's going to be colorful," Scout said.

Organizers acknowledge some behavior at the events may not play well with the general public, but said they refuse to suppress people for the sake of politics.

"It's important to remember that there is a great diversity in the gay and lesbian community," said Robert Bray, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We love our drag queens, but we also love our gay vets and our gay politicians."

Organizers also predict that dozens of soldiers and sailors will publicly come out of the closet during a week that includes a memorial march at Arlington National Cemetery for lesbian, gay and bisexual veterans.

That possibility offends some opposed to lifting the armed services' ban.

"The military is being badly used to advance a social agenda," said Col. Ronald D. Ray of the Marine reserves, who wrote a book opposing homosexuals in the military. "The truth is that homosexual behavior is incompatible with military service."

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Marines acquitted of charges of assaulting three men at North Carolina gay bar

By ESTES THOMPSON

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WILMINGTON, N.C., Wednesday, April 14 (AP)—Marines who said they acted in self-defense were acquitted of charges that they assaulted three men at a homosexual bar in a case a defense lawyer said was complicated by lies.

Crae Pridgen and two other men testified during the six-day trial that they were assaulted by the Marines on Jan. 30 at Mickey Ratz, a bar catering to homosexuals.

"It was obvious he lied," defense lawyer Vaughn Taylor said Tuesday of Pridgen. "...And that was his undoing."

"He tainted me as a criminal and all I was was a victim," Pridgen said of lead defense attorney John Burney on Today on NBC. "I was the one put on trial not these three Marines."

"I'm going to be charitable," Burney said. "I'm not going to call him what he is. He speaks with a forked tongue."

Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson of New Hanover County District Court ruled about 6:30 p.m. that prosecutors failed to prove an assault occurred. She found each Marine innocent of three counts of simple assault, a misdemeanor charge that carries a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail or a \$50 fine.

The defendants rushed out of the courthouse and waved as they were driven away. They didn't speak to reporters but appeared happy, hugging their lawyers and each other after the verdict was read.

"I'm very happy it's done with," said Guy Watkins of Siler City, the father of one Marine. "I think they got a fair trial."

Pridgen said he was disappointed by the verdict but would pursue a civil suit to seek damages from the three Marines.

"I hope justice will be served in the civil suit," Pridgen said in a brief statement.

The defendants were Lance Cpls. Walter Watkins III, 26; Patrick Cardone, 23, and Colin Hunt, 20. They had served together in the Persian Gulf War.

Taylor said the state handled the case as best it could with a witness "who just was not truthful."

Pridgen told police the Marines shouted "Clinton will pay" while they kicked him, a reference to President Clinton's proposal to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. The beating came a few days after Clinton said he wanted to lift the ban.

The Marine Corps has said it would let civil courts handle the matter and wouldn't take further action against the three, Taylor said.

A military investigation had concluded that the case didn't involve a threat to the president and was "nothing more than an affray at a bar."

Assistant District Attorney James Faison III argued that the Marines

weren't acting in self-defense and that there was evidence the Marines threw the first punches after being taunted.

"It wasn't self defense," Faison said. "What it was was an excuse to finally vent their frustrations ... you're not going to chump me or reduce my manhood."

One of the final defense witnesses testified that Pridgen had a bad temper and a reputation for fighting.

"He's tried to start fights with me and other people on occasions," said Harold Bradley, an employee of the bar. "His reputation's really not good."

Bradley said Pridgen rushed to the front of the bar when he heard there was trouble. Pridgen testified last week that he didn't seek a fight and was trying to leave when he was dragged outside and beaten.

"If he had stayed where he was, nothing would have happened," Bradley said. "...It wasn't a gay bashing. It was just a regular bar fight."

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▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Pentagon says military personnel may speak out publicly about the gay ban

By DONNA CASSATA
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 15 (AP)—The Pentagon, responding to a report that a top civilian official rebuked an Army major who wrote a book supporting the ban on homosexuals in the military, said Thursday it allows military personnel to speak out publicly.

"It is not our policy to muzzle members of the armed forces in terms of their ability to speak out, to write articles, letters to the editor on any and all sub-

jects," said Pentagon spokesperson Bob Hall.

The department policy only requires that material carry a disclaimer stating that the views are those of the individual and not the Defense Department or the U.S. government, Hall said at a briefing.

The Washington Times reported Thursday that Rudy de Leon, a special assistant to Defense Secretary Les Aspin, scolded Maj. Melissa Wells-Petry last Friday for her public opposition to ending the ban.

Wells-Petry has written a book, "Exclusion: Homosexuals and the Right to Serve," which argues for the 50-year-old prohibition.

President Clinton announced his intention in January to lift the ban, but bowing to pressure from many in the military and Congress, he instituted interim policy changes and directed Aspin to draw up an executive order by July 15.

The newspaper article suggests that the Clinton administration is trying to squelch opposition to the president's

plan.

Hall said he could not characterize the meeting between de Leon and Wells-Petry but said it was not unusual for a Pentagon official like de Leon to talk to a person with expertise on a particular subject.

De Leon is the top civilian official in charge of a task force examining the issue of homosexuals in the military.

Calls to Wells-Petry, who is on tour to promote her book, were not immediately returned. A top aide to Aspin said de Leon would not discuss the issue.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Alaska Supreme Court postpones vote to repeal gay rights ordinance

By T.A. BADGER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Thursday, April 15 (AP)—The Alaska Supreme Court postponed next week's vote to repeal the city's gay rights ordinance, ruling that the petition that was used to get the measure on the ballot was probably biased in its wording.

Supporters of the new ordinance went to court to block the April 20 vote on grounds that state law requires the wording on ballot propositions be impartial. They had lost the first round in Superior Court, but their appeal of that ruling is still pending there.

The Supreme Court said Wednesday it was troubled by the referendum's title, "Referendum Petition to Repeal A 'Special Homosexual Ordinance.'"

"While opponents of the ordinance regard it as giving special rights to homosexuals, proponents view it as merely adding sexual orientation to the list of other important personal characteristics ... protected from discrimination in public employment," the court said.

The Supreme Court said the vote should be postponed until the lower court reconsiders the question of possible bias, because voters would be upset if

they voted to throw out the ordinance next week and the vote was later overturned.

Chief Justice Daniel Moore dissented, saying the state's impartiality requirement doesn't apply to Anchorage, which has its own procedures for referendums.

The ordinance, enacted in January after months of bitter debate, bans discrimination based on sexual orientation for 3300 city employees and workers hired through municipal contractors.

Citizens to Repeal the Homosexual Ordinance collected 20,000 petition signatures, well beyond the 5700 required.

Allison Mendel, lawyer for Alaskans for Civil Rights, said in a television interview "the court agreed with us that people who signed the petition were swayed and couldn't tell what it was all about. There has been a great deal of confusion."

Michael Johnston, a leader in the effort to repeal the ordinance, said he thought politics were at work within the court.

"I'm astonished that the court has seen fit to tell the voters of Anchorage that, because the court doesn't like the petition, the voters ought not be able to vote," he said.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Eli Lilly, 14 other drug companies form AIDS research alliance

By MARIANN CAPRINO
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Tuesday, April 20 (AP)—Eli Lilly & Co. and 14 other major U.S. and European pharmaceutical companies have joined forces to share information on AIDS research efforts in an attempt to reduce drug-development time.

After more than a year of formal discussions, the group, comprised of some of the world's largest drug companies including Indianapolis-based Lilly, Merck & Co., Pfizer Inc., Glaxo of Britain and Switzerland's Hoffman-La Roche, said Monday they have agreed to exchange clinical data and drug supplies so that antiviral medicines can be tested in the best possible combinations.

The alliance, operating as the Inter-Company Collaboration for AIDS Drug Development, will hold its first meeting this summer so that each company can detail the compounds it is developing. The group's top research scientists expect to meet about six times a year.

Lilly currently is collaborating with Medivir AB of Sweden in researching a series of compounds aimed at inhibiting the enzyme that's necessary for the HIV virus to reproduce.

Lilly said most of the compounds are in the preclinical stages of development but one will undergo clinical trials soon.

At the end of 1992, there were 17 medicines approved for treating AIDS, while 66 companies were investigating an additional 91 drugs and vaccines, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association says.

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The unusual collaboration, among the broadest in the drug industry, was welcomed within the AIDS community. "This is definitely good news," said Dr. Jeffrey Laurence, a senior scientist with the non-profit American Foundation for AIDS Research. "These are all the major players" in the antiviral field, he noted.

Antiviral drugs are being developed in hopes of slowing the advance of AIDS. So far, the only antivirals to have received Food and Drug Administration approval—AZT, DDI and DDC—are expensive, have side effects and may have limited effect. Recent studies have shown AZT as a single therapy may lose some of its effectiveness in about a year.

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is far

more evasive than researchers initially anticipated. Because the virus mutates quickly and develops resistance to drugs, scientists are focusing efforts on treatments that involve several drugs taken in combination. The hope, ultimately, is to have an arsenal of AIDS-fighting medicines that patients can rotate through over time.

"As long as the drugs work, this will shave time off finding the best combination of drugs to use," said Dr. Edward Scolnick, president of Merck's research labs.

The collaboration also lowers the risk of losing promising drugs "because in isolation the drug doesn't look very good" even though it may be effective if used in tandem with another medicine, Dr. Laurence said.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Washington state gay civil rights bill dead...until next year

By KATHRYN CRAWFORD
FOR THE NEW VOICE

OLYMPIA, Saturday, April 17 (AP)—Rep. Cal Anderson quietly conceded defeat of his gay civil rights bill Saturday, telling the House that he hopes someday gays and lesbians in Washington will have equal protections under the law.

In prepared remarks, Anderson, the Legislature's first openly gay member, quoted a passage in the Bible where it is written "to everything there is a season."

"I am saddened that, once again, this does not seem to be the season for this legislation," he said.

Anderson said in an interview that he will start the fight over again next year to pass the bill. "I am tired," he admitted, his shoulders drooping.

"I, too, have a dream that one day gay men and lesbians will be judged—not by their sexual orientation, but by their ability to do the job, and pay the rent, and contribute to our society," he told the assembly, referring to Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of African-American

civil rights.

"I believe that it should always be the season to do justice. But, sadly, it does not seem to be the season for my dream," he said.

Rep. Steve Fuhrman, R-Kettle Falls, said that although he believes "homosexuals should be treated with respect and are deserving of our compassion, it is not compassionate to pretend that their behavior is healthy."

The bill, HB1443, would give gay men and lesbians the same protections against discrimination now granted others based on race, creed, national origin, sex, marital status or disability. Employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to credit and insurance are covered.

Anderson had been trying for several weeks to pass HB1443 through the Senate and had been unable to even schedule a vote on the Senate floor.

The bill stalled in the Senate Ways and Means Committee a couple of weeks ago, just one vote short of getting passed out to the Senate floor. The committee never debated or voted publicly on the

bill.

Anderson had considered tacking the legislation on to a Senate discrimination bill as an amendment, but was told that the amendment was beyond the scope and object of the bill.

Anderson's legislation passed the House 57-41 last month, after public hearings that drew hundreds of people, and some of the most impassioned debate of the session.

The galleries in the House chamber were empty when Anderson spoke Saturday.

The legislator said that an angry outburst from the gay community over the demise of the legislation would be "counterproductive."

"This thing is so fragile," he said.

Similar measures have been introduced in past sessions, only to die in the then-Republican Senate. The Senate is now controlled by Democrats.

Anderson said that he grieves for the gay people whose stories of discrimination he heard during public testimony on the bill. He told of the plight of gays and lesbians denied jobs and housing

because of their sexual orientation.

He said that he grieves for the "youth suicides—children whose self-esteem has been so damaged by bigotry and bias and discrimination based solely on their sexual orientation, that they see no way out of the pain, but to take their own lives."

Fuhrman said that the bill "amounts to special rights." He said that the legislation is not necessary "because homosexuals have identical rights under our legal system that are afforded to all Americans."

Anderson called Fuhrman's remarks "offensive" in an interview, and said that he was embarrassed for the Republican members who didn't refute Fuhrman's message.

"No one responded. No one stood up and said anything," Anderson said. "The lack of response brands all Republicans with that kind of stupid bigotry."

Anderson said that he has had considerable support from both sides of the aisle in the House for the bill, and that several gay activist groups have also been very supportive.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gays in Utah military serve in doubt and secrecy; witch-hunted cited

SALT LAKE CITY, Monday, April 19 (AP)—For gay Utahns in the military, service to their country is shrouded in doubt and secrecy.

Homophobia, according to one lesbian ex-Marine, has reached witch-hunt proportions in the armed services.

She was a computer specialist who lived by the Marine motto "Semper Paratus"—always faithful. During the Vietnam War, she was bucking for gunnery sergeant with a career track all but assured.

Then someone told her commanding officer she was gay.

"Always, for the homophobics, it's the first statement: 'She's in the military, she must be queer,'" said Donna, who agreed to be identified by her first name.

Donna voluntarily left the Marines in 1977, largely because of an investigation into her personal life.

She saw it happen to friends and acquaintances time and again.

If male Marines had their own predicament, Donna didn't know of it—but, then again, she knew few gay male Marines.

"In the Marine Corps, gay men would not be flaming queens or they'd be dead," she says. "This was like witch-hunt city."

The paranoia, she said, extends to every military base in the country.

A male officer at Hill Air Force Base recently resigned under pressure when his commanding officer found out he was gay.

"It's frustrating," the man told The Salt Lake Tribune. He wasn't identified by name, saying he still fears reprisal.

His commander "thought I was a great officer. Absolutely a wonderful officer."

Except that he was gay.

Gays and lesbians have served since armies first went to war. But at no time in American history have the stakes been so high, due to President Clinton's pledge to end the 50-year military ban on gays.

The ban is pending congressional hearings and preparation of a draft executive order by July 15.

There is growing sentiment that the result will be a new status quo: homosexuals can stay as long as they keep their sexual orientation private.

With military brass falling in step with that position, the showdown would come if President Clinton asks Congress to change the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which allows court-martial for sodomy.

"I hope he does ask, because then it will be laid to rest. We'll win," said Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah, one of five Armed Services Committee members who will fight the president's position in the House.

Hansen said the issue has prompted more phone calls to his Utah office than any other during his 13 years in Congress.

"And 85 percent to 90 percent of them are opposed to lifting the ban—and not just opposed, vigorously and violently opposed," he said.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

South Carolina House committee: Gays unfit to adopt children

COLUMBIA, S.C., Wednesday, April 14 (AP)—Homosexual acts are a crime and the state must protect foster children from the perpetrators, a House committee said in endorsing a bill that bans them from adopting children.

Despite a vocal minority, the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee approved the bill that includes homosexuals and bisexuals with a list of convicted criminals who are barred from adopting children.

"Once a person has admitted to being a homosexual... it is inferred that sodomy is part of the relationship. And that's a crime," said Rep. Stephen Lanford, R-Spartanburg.

The committee agreed 11-5.

Opponents said the bill would violate the U.S. Constitution.

"We're talking about convicting people without a trial," said Rep. Joe Neal, D-Hopkins. Opponents unsuccessfully sought further discussion and review.

Last week, a subcommittee spent two days hearing public comment and debating the measure.

Supporters said they expected House passage; opponents said they would continue to fight the measure and hoped the Senate would remove the prohibition.

"The religious right has a lot of power in this state. Gays and lesbians are the first victims on their list. The question

is, who's next?" said Pete Tepley, a member of the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement.

The state needs a definition of homosexuality in law, said prohibition supporter Rep. Sandi Wofford, R-Ladson. If the bill becomes law, when investigators check a foster parent's background, they will look for evidence of homosexuality, she said.

But defining homosexuality as a crime probably would not stand up in a trial, said Steven Bates, executive director of the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"What they're doing is saying being a homosexual is an illegal status, which is not supportable. It's not against the law

to be a gay or a lesbian, just as it's not against the law to be a caucasian, or a heterosexual," he said.

Wofford said she would welcome a legal battle to resolve the differences.

The measure is one of several regarding gay rights and restrictions now in the House.

Wednesday, a subcommittee is scheduled to debate a measure to prohibit gays from the National Guard.

Rep. Mike Fair, R-Greenville, who sponsored the measure to prohibit gays from serving as foster parents, also introduced bills Tuesday to bar practicing homosexuals from donating blood and to redefine sodomy.

▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF



FRED CONRAD
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Our dear friend Fred, was born in Otterville, Missouri but made Houston his home for the past 14 years. Fred was a longtime employer of Haywood Graphics. He is survived by his sister, Linda Jeffress, nieces, Jessica and Jennifer, mother, Hazel Conrad of Otterville, Missouri, and many dear friends in Houston and Dallas including John, Debbie, Doug, Mike and Tad.

A celebration of life and balloon release will be held in his honor at Mary's, Sunday, April 25th at 1:00 p.m. We love you dear friend and will always miss your company. Until we meet again.

DANIEL H. FICKLER

Daniel H. Finckler, 48, Chairman of the Ryan White Title 1 Planning Council of the City of New Orleans died April 8 of a heart attack at Charity Hospital.

Mr. Finckler also was assistant professor and director of field instruction at the School of Social Work, Southern University at New Orleans; work consultant for the Tulane School of Social Work, chairman of the School of Social Work Council, a member of the Charters Mental Health Center Advisory Board; and a board member and past chairman of the Institute of Mental Health of New Orleans.

He was born in Superior, Wisconsin and lived the past twenty years in New Orleans. He received a master's degree in social work in 1970 from the University of Maryland, and did advanced graduate work at Tulane University.

He was a supervisor in the special education department of the Orleans Parish public school system before joining the faculty at Southern, and had been a captain in the US Army and a VISTA volunteer.

Survivors include his Mother, Elizabeth Finckler of Minneapolis; a sister, Diane Kiszewski of Superior; and three brothers, Patrick of Shrewsbury, Mass.; Charles, and Jeffrey both of Minneapolis.

A memorial service will be held Monday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. at Southern University at New Orleans, Science Lecture Hall, 6400 Press Drive. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Superior, Wisconsin.



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▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

Trucker Mom goes North for the summer; Good luck to Marchers on Washington

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston Well—it's been a hell-uv-a winter and early spring for the trucker and me. No, nothing bad really. In fact, quite the opposite. Except for one small detail. And she is small too, but she left for home this past weekend. God bless her, but you try living with your lover's 91 year old mother. Mom is a great gal, but let me tell you that if you make it to 91, I'll bet you're going to be a bit pushy and repeat yourself a lot, too. After all—when your 91, you're old enough to know everything, and who would dare to contradict you. Right? Not! I just hope I have half the life left in me at 91 that "Trucker Mom" has. Her favorite things are travel (he takes her on two cruises a year), church (she has lots of friends at MCCR and gets to dress up in her new wardrobe) and shopping (we take her to the mall a lot and set her loose to find bargains—and does she ever).

But alas, she went back to Chicago for the Summer. And the first thing we did was run naked and crazy through the house all weekend. What simple joy to walk from the bedroom to the kitchen and not worry about putting clothes on. What did we do with her while we were away cruising in March you ask? Why she stayed with Trucker's ex, the "Rancher" of course! Wasn't that sweet of him? I think so. But now that isn't a worry either. So we are off to Austin for Splash Day. Look out Chain Drive and Hippie Hollow, Tad and the Trucker are on their way! Yee-haw! We're going to wash the Peterbilt and clean the leather gear and head for the Texas Leather Pride Weekend II and all those hot, humpy hill country hunks. Woof woof woooooo! I know lots of member of NLA:Houston will be partying right there with us. A great time should be had by all. Y'all come!

Speaking of Splash Day. If you are the type to put swim wear on your buns, etc., go by Basic Brothers and check out the huge selection of swimsuits, thongs, shorts and more. If they don't have it—it probably wouldn't look good on your body anyway. I found a new line of workout clothes there that I love called "Body-Master." It's one of the lines in the International Male catalog, but at B.B. you don't pay shipping & handling or insurance or have to wait six weeks. Basic Brothers on Westheimer is across Commonwealth from McDonald's.

The Gulf Coast Transgender Community is a social, non-sexual support

and outreach group for transvestites, transsexuals and transgenderists. An open discussion group meeting will be held for anyone interested in information about the subject, whether they are transgendered or not. There will be no specific dress code or fees to attend. The meeting will be held at Missouri Street Station tonight, Thursday April 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For additional information contact Jackie Thorne at (713) 780-4282.

Gaye wants y'all to come to Mary's on Thursday afternoon and play that ever popular game of "Slop Shot" pool. You know. Anyone can play it. Everything in this game counts, except a scratch on the 8 ball. Call 527-9669 and find out the exact time and cost.

Have you checked out C & W Thursdays at "Country" Heaven. I was there last Thursday and saw some of the hot men of Houston who had put on their boots and hats and came to boogie. Cover is free and dance lessons are taught beginning at 7:30 p.m. Learn the hottest new country line dances to the tunes of special disc jockeys John Sims (of the Mining Company) and Frank Benge (from the Silver Dollar in San Antonio). It's hot. It's country. It's Heaven!

Thursday evening at E/J's it's Wheel of Fortune with B.J. Williams who has as his special guest Vanna, Madam. B.J. says everybody plays and there are lots of prizes beginning at 10:30 p.m. This week, there is also a special appearance

by Brittany Paige. Beginning April 23 to May 29 Theater LaB Houston at 1706 Alamo, just off the 2100 block of Houston Avenue near downtown is presenting a hilarious new play by Casey Kurtti called "Catholic School Girls." It's all about Catholic school life in the 1960's, Kennedy, the Supremes, nuns, twisting and chasing boys. Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. and there are Sunday Matinees on May 16 and 23 at 3:00 p.m. All seats are \$10.00. Call (713) 868-7516 for reservations.

The "Big Bucks" pool tournament continues at the Venture-N each Saturday with registration at 3:30 p.m. There is a \$4.00 buy in (\$3.00 with a pool buck from the bartender) and they match the pot. Then check out the new "Auto Bar" upstairs from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. with Lee.

This Sunday April 25 Chablis Lee Love and Tim Davenport, Candidates for Miss and Mr TGRA 1994 present "If You Can't Hide It...Decorate It!" A style show, auction and show benefiting the Colt 45's General Charities. It's always a Country Party at the BRB, 7 days a week where you can have a "Hell" of a good time.

There is to be a Leather & Flesh Uniform Party Saturday at Pacific Street with the doors opening at 9:00 p.m. with no cover charge for men in uniform, chaps, or leather jock straps! A clothes check is available to help you customize your look! A DRESS CODE for the evening will be enforced—you need to be in Uniform, Levis, Leather or Latex!!! D.J. Victor Toledo has a special program lined up for you dancing/viewing pleasure with special laser effects by Jeff. But there will be some missing faces. Jay Allen and manager, Robert Kennedy, decided that due to their fortunate circumstance brought on

by the great holiday attendance, they would send some who would have stayed behind to the March on Washington to help represent the Houston community. Way to go Jay!

Monday night is "Monday Madness" at Gentry with \$1.50 well drinks and \$2.00 longnecks all day and all night long. Go by and see the boys on Richmond Avenue. Del and the gang have quite a good time and I can personally attest to that. Gawd only knows, they had me strippin' with the male dancers one evening.

Don Dowden informs me that Mary's is now offering Croquet in the outback for anyone interested in a fun game. It will be Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the outback area where there is lots of shade for when you have to wait your turn.

Brazos River Bottom is now offering dance lessons every Tuesday night by the International Gay Rodeo Association dance champion, Charlie Collins. The lessons are free and begin each Tuesday at 10:00 p.m.

Michael K. Wilson's Wednesday night Self Healing Classes meet from 8—10 p.m. at the Spectrum Center located at 3416 Audubon. Wednesday April 28th, Dr. Ed Martin, Ph.D. director of The Path Foundation will discuss hypnosis as a tool to enhance health and the immune system. For more information contact Michael Wilson at 523-4241. No charge to attend & questions are encouraged.

Congratulations to Betsy and the gals at The Ranch at 9200 Buffalo Speedway. They have been a Houston tradition now for 7 years and will be celebrating this anniversary Wednesday April 28th. Go by and party them and enjoy the nacho bar and great live music provided by Lisa Rogers and her band "Special Delivery." The Ranch is also offering \$1.00 margaritas and 25 cent draft beer on Wednesday. There is also No Cover charge to come and celebrate with them. Sounds like a party to me!

Nationally known comedienne, Shan Carr is coming to the Brazos River Bottom on Thursday April 29th. Her show begins at 10:00 p.m. If you missed Shan at Pacific Street in the past, now is your chance to see her performance. She is a riot! You'll love her video performance of "Camp Camp." It's sort of like the gay answer to recruiting—military style. You're sure to have fun with Shan.

The Women's Tennis League is forming for play in all levels. Join them on Wednesday or Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Memorial Park Tennis Courts or call (713) 461-1730 for more information. For those interested, the San Francisco Tourney is coming up in May.

Ovations will be presenting Less Miserable, the Dallas based improvisation comedy troupe on April 30 and May 1. Performances will be at 9:30 p.m. at 2536 Times Boulevard. The troupe, which made its New York debut last fall, consists of Paul J. Williams, Steven Crabtree and Pat Skinner. Their show is a scream and includes delightful character sketches, scathing political satire and hilarious commercial spoofs. Don't miss them.

Sunday May 2 is the 3rd Annual "Cajun Belle Fest" at Lazy J from noon until 7. The event will be emceed by Miss Alabama and she guarantees music and lots of fun. Go by and try the delicious crawfish, shrimp, gumbo and other Authentic Cajun dishes and "lezze les bon temps roule." The Lazy J is at 302 Tuam. Call (713) 528-9343 for



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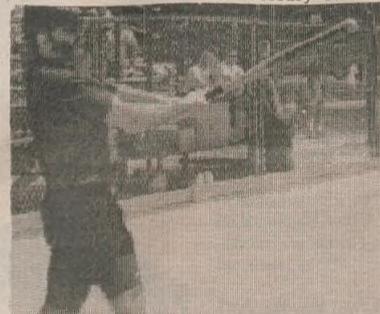
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Steve and new bartender, Richard of the Mining Company

information.

Coming Memorial Day weekend is Texas Riders big "Silverlust 25" party to be held at Buzzards' Peak campsite. They are expecting quite a crowd at this one so you might get your application (available at most of your local leather levi bars) turned in early. According to Mark of the Riders there will only be 250 allowed to attend and over 150 are already registered.

It seems Leather By Boots is having a traveling store for a few weeks coming up soon. They will be at Texas Leather Pride in Austin on Saturday May 1 from 11 to 4 at the Club 404. The it is on to Corpus Christi for them on May 7 & 8 at the Hidden Door for the Corpus Christi Rebels Anniversary Run. And finally on May 28 to 31 the will be setting up shop at the Texas Riders 25th "SilverLust" Anniversary at Buzzard's Peak. Whew! What a schedule.

There is to be a membership inquirer's class at MCCR coming up on Saturday June 12 at 10:00 a.m. Following your attendance of a four part class you may join the church as a member or remain a "friend" of the church. Call the church office at (713) 861-9149 to reserve your space in the

class or see Jay Lein, class facilitator.

In parting this week, I'd like to wish a few Happy Birthdays to "Dog Lips" (April 26), Gary "Queen of the Nile" Fowler (April 27), Scotty "the window man" of Mary's (April 27), Moi—who is 36 (April 27), David Szyal of Venture-N (April 29) and anybody else I am forgetting.

I hope that everyone attending the March on Washington this weekend has a wonderful and memorable time. Bring back lots of good pictures and I wear a size small t-shirt. Don't do anybody I wouldn't do and represent those of us who are staying behind as well as possible. See you on the news.

Bye for now!

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Demonstrators march for Maine's gay rights bill; governor threatens veto

BANGOR, Maine, Sunday, April 18 (AP)—More than 40 demonstrators marched outside the Margaret Chase Smith federal building Sunday night in support of the gay rights bill that Gov. John R. McKernan has threatened to veto.

The group, chanting "Sign the bill, stop the hate, a veto would discriminate," included several Bangor lawmakers, Bangor Theological Seminary stu-

dents, University of Maine professors and gay activists.

"We're trying to send a message of support to Governor McKernan and let him know that the reason the Legislature passed this bill is because this bill is not only politically correct, but morally justified," said Jim Martin of the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance.

The Maine House has given final approval to the bill that would provide

protection for homosexuals in housing, credit, jobs and public accommodations. The Senate will give its final vote after the Legislature reconvenes on April 26.

McKernan has threatened to veto the measure unless there is a stipulation to send the measure to a statewide referendum, or unless there are substantial majorities in both houses.

State Rep. Mary Sullivan, D-Bangor, told the group she was "150 percent"

behind the bill and pointed out that the Bangor delegation had voted unanimously for the bill.

"I certainly hope there's some way we can convince Governor McKernan that he is wrong, plain wrong," she said. "We have to look at people as people. Everybody has to have their God-given rights."

NEW ORLEANS SOAP

Doomsday retrospect; JAZZFEST enjoyment; New Orleans welcomes McCartney

By BUNCH BRITAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

The horror of Waco will be with us for years, just as it's been true of the Jonestown horror. It's hoped that when the smoke has settled and the media and the politicians have milked the tragedy for all its worth. Then, we'll all be able to look at the incident for what it was, no more and no less.

And that is an unfortunate group of 95 humans led by an insane madman to their fiery death, either by David Koresh or one of his aides. At this writing, few details are available except that Texas Rangers have sighted bodies of some of the children and one adult.

I know we are all horrified at the disaster, but this doesn't excuse those in the media from trying to blame the FBI, Attorney General Reno or President Clinton. Neither does it excuse people like that "paragon" of female morality, Senator Arlen Specter, from trying to make political gain from the tragedy. The "good" Senator was calling for the Judiciary Committee to investigate before the embers had cooled: Washington politics as usual!

David Koresh had ordered the killing of four government agents and the wounding of sixteen more. He had consistently lied to the FBI hostage negotiators time and again for 51 days. He had lied to attorneys who tried to represent him in ending the siege. He had a history of physically abusing the children in the compound to the point of drawing blood. David Koresh had a history of physically and sexually abusing the young women in the compound.

The FBI should be congratulated for the patient manner in which they tried in every way to peacefully end the siege. Attorney General Reno was especially careful to seek every kind of advice on how to bring the situation to a peaceful solution. She should be proud of having taken all the steps possible for a decision maker in her position.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing as long as it's kept within the realm of reason. There were at least two criminals responsible for Waco. The first was the person who notified Koresh 45 minutes before the ATF raid on Jan. 28. The second was David Koresh. Let's learn from this horrible



Robert at Oz

example.

Here we are once again in New Orleans for the Jazz and Heritage Festival. This annual event is anticipated happily by all of the locals since the large crowds take place at the Fair Grounds, one of America's oldest and most picturesque horse racing tracks. It's true that most of the crowds spill over into the French Quarter at night, but the people are much different from the crowds during Mardi Gras. There's not a hotel room to be had in the Crescent City. Tom Wood of Wood Enterprises is once again providing free transportation from his bars to the Fair Grounds and back on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 7 pm during each weekend of the Festival. Admission for the bus is a drink ticket from either Lafitte's, Good Friends or the Rawhide. All of our French Quarter bars will be having many drink and entertainment specials for both weekends. See the related story elsewhere in this issue.

Although it's not a part of JAZZFEST, Paul McCartney will perform in concert this weekend at the Louisiana Superdome.

While you're in the French Quarter urge you to stop by the Heart Break Cafe and Bar in the 600 block of St. Philip. Big Gary formerly of Houston is your host and he looks forward to providing you with a full menu of delicious food at a reasonable price. This small and intimate cafe is just the place to take an extra special person for an extra special treat.

If you're looking for a 24 hour restaurant with a full menu, then go to the Quarter Scene Restaurant in the heart

of the "Quarter" at Dauphine and Dumaine. This has become one of the gathering places for us because of the convenience of their location as well as their excellent chef and service. Tell Nick we sent you.

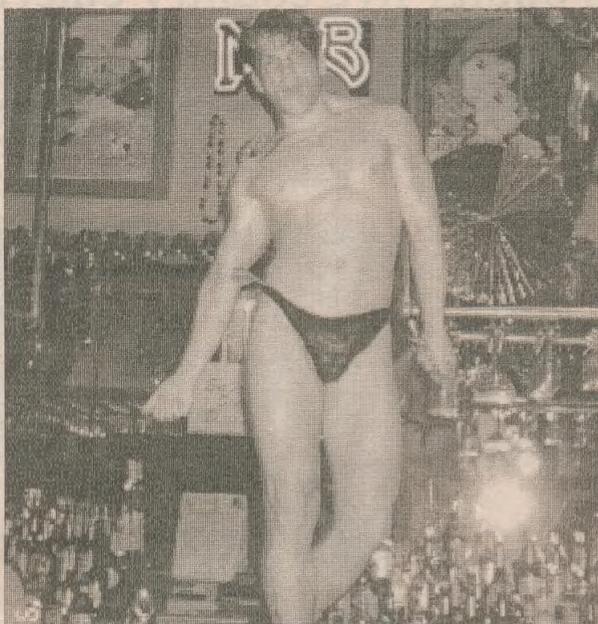
If you just can't drag yourself out of your room after a day at the "Track" then we suggest a call to St. Ann's Cafe and Deli. In addition to every salad and sandwich ever created, they will deliver a full breakfast or either of two lunch and dinner meals especially designed to soothe the savage tummy. Their number is 529-4421 and they're located at the corner of St. Ann and Dauphine.

Those of you who want a real treat in a New Orleans bar should be sure and visit the Phoenix. George and Jamie have several beer busts each week and a pool tournament you're sure to love. Their Monday night steak cookout has become legendary. They provide all the fixin's and side dishes for your steak. There's a grocery next door but they close early so plan ahead for your meat. For dessert you should try the Men's Room upstairs. They're open up there 7 days a week. Tell Leland you're a "cherry."

With shows that equal some of the best of JAZZFEST, you'll want to visit The Mint at Decatur and Esplanade, the premier showbar of the French Quarter. Robert, their manager, will be at the March on Washington this weekend but look out for him when he gets back. He's sure to bring back some exciting plans for the Mint for this spring. This bar is where the famous Becky Allen and Ricky Graham perform on Thursday and Saturday nights.

The OZ at St. Ann and Bourbon Streets is fast becoming one of the most popular dance bars in town. Especially festive is their upstairs balcony every Sunday for their \$5 "drink all you can drink" special on well drinks and draft beer from 5 pm to 9:00 p.m. Jon will drive you mad with his "state of the art" light show and sound system while he plays the top music in New Orleans.

I'm sure you'll want to take advantage of the French Quarter Camera's 1 hour photo lab while you're downtown. You will receive a 20% reduction in your film developing if you show the coupon in this week's ad. Their color balance is perfect. They can also give you enlargements in both color and black-and-white even without the negative. They're just across the street from the Cafe du Monde at 809 Decatur.



Scott at MRB

Mama Rosa's Cafe, home of the Friday night NO/AIDS huge bingo game, is also the home of the best Italian Cuisine in New Orleans. Stop by at 616 North Rampart for this treat. Make it on Friday and you can have your meal and take home part of the \$2,000 in cash from bingo.

It's always good to see The Country Club open for the sunny season. The large swimming pool is a good place to see and be seen. This year, they have Tony Coleman and the Country Club Kittens playing country and western dance music every Saturday starting at 10:30 p.m.

Congratulations to the Golden Lantern that's celebrating their 26th anniversary this weekend. They're having a special show this Friday, April 23 at 10:00 p.m.

Follow the directions carefully in the Airline Adult

Bookstore ad this week and you'll find yourself in one of the cleanest and most complete adult bookstores in the country. They're located within a few hundred yards of the main runway at the New Orleans International Airport. You can preview some of the finest in adult videos in their peep shows and rent them for a nominal fee.

Good luck and good hunting to all of our contingent going to Washington this week. Bring back plenty of pictures. If you haven't been to one of the marches before get ready to experience what will become one of the greatest events of your life. Congratulations to Joan, Craig, Larry and all of the hundreds of volunteers who have worked so hard to make this year's March a success.

Until next week we hope to see you at the Fair Grounds and around the French Quarter. Greetings from the Queen of the South, New Orleans. Thanks to forty-one year old boy genius look-alike Kyle Scafile of the I*p*c* for reminding me that I'm representative of the Walter Brennan generation. I thought it was the other way around.



Balcony festivities at Oz



New Orleans city Councilor Jackie Clarkson

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Despite gay boycott effort, Colorado resorts doing better than last year

By MICHELLE ORTIZ RAY

FOR THE NEW VOICE

DENVER, Thursday, April 15 (AP)—Unusually heavy snowfalls lured more skiers to Colorado this season than last, despite a boycott effort by activists protesting the state's new anti-gay rights amendment, an industry group says.

The number of people on the slopes in Colorado increased by about 5 percent this season. About 9.87 million lift tickets were sold from November through March, compared with 9.4 million lift tickets for the period last season, Colorado Ski Country USA said Thursday.

Snow accumulations this season have soared 140 percent above average.

"Obviously the good snow has played an important role in our bookings—perhaps overshadowing the effects of the amendment to some degree," said Cathy Kruzic, a spokesperson for the ski industry group. "They're wanting to ski the best snow on Earth and that's Colorado."

Opponents of Amendment 2, which prohibits laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination, called for a boycott of Colorado after the measure passed in November. The initiative is on hold pending a court challenge.

The lift ticket figures don't differentiate between Colorado skiers and out-of-state skiers, but the number of people

boarding planes at resort airports increased 4.4 percent, Ski Country said.

Boycott organizers say the amendment passed too late for people to cancel vacations for this season. They cite cancellations of conventions scheduled for coming years as proof that the boycott call is having an effect.

But some skiers said they came to Colorado despite the boycott.

Monique Miller, a 39-year-old elementary school teacher from Topeka, Kan., said her family discussed Amendment 2, but family tradition and great snow were hard to pass up.

"We had heard quite a bit about (the boycott)," Miller said Wednesday while vacationing at Keystone, "but it really didn't make a difference."

"We had heard that the snow was fantastic—and believe me, it really is."

Pegeen Creede of Amityville, N.Y., said she was unaware of the boycott when she arrived in Vail, but would have come anyway.

"It wouldn't affect me at all," said Creede, a 39-year-old professional figure skater. "They can do whatever they want. If they want to boycott, they can boycott."

▼▼▼BATON ROUGE SOAP

Popular live country entertainment featured at George's and the Mirror

By CURTIS E. JACKSON, JR.
The New Voice/Baton Rouge
Freddy Burch made a sensational showing at George's last Friday night. It was live country entertainment at its best. Freddy brought the house down singing "Queen of Memphis." Mitch (Tiffany Alexander), Traci, Kevin, and David (of Buddies) were there and all had an outstanding time. Gene Speas did an excellent job working the sound, without a single glitch. If you enjoyed Freddy Burch, be looking out for Sid Spencer. He will also be live at George's on Saturday, May 15th.

The Mirror also held their tri-weekly country western night last Friday. And, despite their competition, had an excellent turn out. Our friend, Frank, was there with John, a new adonis in town. John just moved to Thibideaux, but will be coming out in Baton Rouge.

Apollo held their fourth Turnabout at the Mirror last Saturday, featuring Tom Pierce as Dame Edna. The evening abounded with talented impersonators in elaborate costumes (for which Apollo is famous). Some of the entertainers

were Denny as Bette Midler, Kenny as Madonna, Raquelle & Regie as Ike & Tina, Jene Ransome as Madge, and Effie Marie as herself. D.J. and Roxie performed a splendid spoof of "In Living Color's" "Men on Balls." Ms. Apollo Chandler Sinclair dazzled the audience with one of her best performances to date (stay flawless, girl).
Next Friday, Ramona Leger will be at

the Mirror. For any of you who haven't had the pleasure of seeing Ramona, you must go out to the Mirror Friday. Here, Cher impersonations are impeccable not to mention everything else she is capable of. Her show will also feature several other local talents. So, don't miss it!

Last week I mentioned Paul was going to Florida and to expect some tea. Well, he got into trouble all right, but it wasn't what I expected. On the flight back, he called Allan at the Mirror. In the conversation, Allen started talking about bombs, terrorists and stuff of that nature. Paul, being slightly intoxicated, repeated some of this and commented back. Needless to say, the F.B.I. was waiting for him when he got off the plane. When they realized his soused condition, they just told him to get out (what a break).

Buddies' buffet, last Thursday, was scrumptious. Kyle and James are exceptional cooks. There were white beans and rice that would make you want to slap your mother. And, a chicken spaghetti that was out of this world. It's a free meal and you can't beat it. Buddies does this every Thursday; you've got to taste this delicacy.

Can you believe, the Hide-A-Way will be celebrating their five year anniversary next month. Patty and Annette will be throwing a Crawfish boil blow-out on Friday, May 8th, from 3:00 p.m. until... Bayou Sister Soul, spotlighted by Sue and Phyllis, will be the entertainment for the afternoon. Bayou Sister Soul are renowned for their incredible live country



Freddy Burch at George's



George's bartender Paul



Reggie and Kent

and jazz music. Some of the Hide-A-Way's daily specials are Sex and the Beach and STS shots, \$2; Diesel shots, \$1; and draft beer, \$1. Patty and Annette wanted to be sure and let ya'll know that the Hide-A-Way is not restricted to ladies only. From personal experience, the Hide-A-Way is a great place to go anytime; and, they don't just play country music. Go by and visit them

sometime and they will show you a good time.

Well, my phone has not rung once. I'm fairly new at this and could use some help. Any input would be appreciated. My phone number is (504) 344-3465. Just ask for me, Curtis, or leave a message; I will call back. Bye, for now.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Finding '10 percent' statistic questioned, gays to count numbers at March

By KIM I. MILLS

WASHINGTON, Sunday, April 18 (AP)—For more than 40 years, gay Americans have taken refuge in one small statistic: 10 percent—the proportion of the population that many believe to be homosexual.

But that number has come under attack recently—by researchers who question its source, and conservatives who say homosexuals are padding their numbers to promote a gay civil rights agenda.

Last week, the Battelle Human Affairs Research Centers in Seattle released a survey on men's sexual habits that found only 2.3 percent of men age 20 to 39 reported any homosexual activity in the past decade, and just 1.1 percent said they had exclusively homosexual relations.

Other studies put the gay population in the neighborhood of 5 percent.

With a major gay rights march slated for Washington on April 25, 10 percent

is a figure that's bound to be trumpeted as well as trampled.

"Politically, it's a very sensitive subject," said Robert Bray, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which lobbies on gay issues and is sponsoring several events surrounding the march.

"Our opponents would like to say there are 39 of us and we all live in the Castro in San Francisco or Greenwich Village in New York," Bray said. "We know that there are millions and millions of gay people, and people whose lives are touched by gays."

The task force uses the figure 20 million—slightly less than 10 percent—to describe the size of the U.S. gay population, although Bray said he can't prove it.

Robert Knight, director of cultural studies for the conservative Family Research Council, said that 10 percent figure "has been used with great effect by the gay rights lobby to press for political power and extra civil rights protec-

tions."

"It's been used to tell businessmen that 10 percent of their work force is gay and that they should accommodate them like they do African Americans," Knight said. "And it's been known for years that the figure's been off, even by gay activists who use it."

The figure came from the first large-scale survey of sexual behavior among American men, conducted by Alfred C. Kinsey in 1948. It has been repeated so long within the gay community that many accept it as fact.

For example, "10 Percent" is the name of a slick new gay magazine. And in Washington, one gay educational and social group is called simply "One in Ten."

What Kinsey concluded was that 10 percent of American males were "more or less exclusively homosexual" for at least three years between the ages of 16 and 55.

However, Kinsey also found that 8 percent of men were "exclusively homosex-

ual" for at least three years between those ages, and that 4 percent of males were "exclusively homosexual throughout their lives after the onset of adolescence."

There was no comparable breakdown for women, although researchers believe lesbianism is significantly less prevalent.

In recent years, social scientists have conducted what they say are better surveys than Kinsey's, all of which tend to indicate that less than 10 percent of the population is homosexual.

"When you look at the basis for the 10 percent expectation, you find there is no scientific basis for it," said Tom W. Smith, a statistician at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

"The great weakness of Kinsey's studies, unfortunately, is they were not representative samples of anything to begin with," Smith said.

Kinsey's interview subjects were mostly white and came disproportionately from the Midwest and Northeast.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Haitian, gay groups call for release of haitian refugees held in Cuba

By MARTIN FINUCANE

BOSTON, Monday, April 19 (AP)—The U.S. government's detention of HIV-infected Haitians at an American military base in Cuba was criticized at a rally that attracted about 160 people to a downtown plaza near federal immigration offices.

"We have this strange amnesia," state Rep. Byron Rushing, D-Boston, said Monday. "We're a nation of immigrants... This is a nation of people who have come from other places. We should be in solidarity today with people who are coming from other places today."

About 215 Haitians, including those with the HIV virus that causes AIDS and their dependents, are being

detained at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, said Duke Austin, spokesperson for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Haitians have been in an immigration quagmire for almost 18 months. They can't return to Haiti because they appear to have legitimate political refugee claims, but the U.S. government has refused to allow them in because most are infected.

Organizers said other U.S. cities planning demonstrations included New York, Washington, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore, Seattle and Philadelphia.

The crowd at the rally, which included representatives of Haitian, gay, and stu-

dent groups, was read a letter from ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

"It gives me joy to know that, in at least 20 cities in the United States and in France, our friends are calling upon the world to remember the refugees in Guantanamo," Aristide wrote.

"I look forward to being back in my country, so that all democracy-loving Haitians can welcome the refugees back home with open arms and begin developing a health care system where HIV-positive people can receive the care that they need," Aristide wrote.

"If the American government is talking about humanity, you cannot take pregnant women, newborn babies and

lock them in jails," said Pierre V. Doricent, a spokesperson for the Haitian Democratic Resistance, which wants Aristide's return.

David Stitt, of the gay activist group ACTUP, said some gay people were worried at the specter of people being detained in camps because they're infected with HIV.

"It seems like it could be setting a precedent for people with AIDS," he said.

Fifty-one Haitians were flown to the United States earlier this month after a federal judge ruled that the U.S. government had to provide proper medical treatment at the camp or send the refugees to where they can get it.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

General Colin Powell to speak at Harvard's commencement ceremony

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Friday, April 9 (AP)—Homosexuals in the military will be topic of Gen. Colin Powell's speech when he addresses Harvard graduates at the June 10 commencement.

Powell, who was appointed Chairperson of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1989,

has publicly supported keeping the ban on gays and lesbians in the military, a position not shared by the university or its president, Neil L. Rudenstine.

"The exclusionary policy is one that I myself strongly oppose," Rudenstine said in a statement praising Powell,

"not only because it discriminates against some Harvard students, who would otherwise be able to join the Reserve Officers Training Corps, but more generally as a matter of fundamental fairness."

Rudenstine said Powell "has an outstanding record of distinguished service

to the nation. He's played a crucial role in helping to shape global policy concerning the use of armed forces and he's also a thoughtful and eloquent speaker."

Some 6500 graduate and undergraduates are scheduled to receive diplomas at the school's 342nd commencement ceremony.

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Final week of Fiesta promises fun (and exhaustion) as the party rolls on

By LEFTY TAYLOR

The New Voice/San Antonio

This is the final big week of Fiesta and I hope everyone is having as much fun as I am! The El Jardin annual Queen William pageant raised \$1,283 for SAAF. The winner was Tica DeLarew of Bam-



New Miss Queen William, Tica

beleo's (Jim the bartender) raising over \$600 herself. The runner up was Pauletta Leigh of the Paper Moon. The last day of Fiesta buffet is Sunday afternoon with Sam.

Bambeleo's has the best caldo and they are giving it away Saturday and Sunday at noon. They've got many other great dishes out there too. The winner of the Miss Gay Fiesta USA '93 pageant was Lauren Taylor of Austin.

The Bonham Exchange is one of the best places to go before and after the parades. It's ever ready and in a convenient place. The Bonham will be well prepared for party goers these days.

Friday and Saturday night at the 106 promises to fill your belly with

free hamburgers on the patio. My assistants and I would like to express our sincere condolences to our friends there.

Tejano Tea night is coming up at the Country Club with \$1 Tecate beer. These are some of the most fun gals in San Antonio. They've even got a night out for the boys. The last Wednesday of the month has special male guests from all over town.

The last days of Fiesta (Saturday and Sunday) will be the hottest at the Paper Moon. Muscles in Action will be dancing from midnight there!

There is a surprise coming up at the Wild Club. Even I couldn't pry the information out of Raphael. So, don't be sur-



Lauren Taylor, Miss Gay Fiesta USA 1993

prised when I look surprised!

Well, Fiesta is winding down and hopefully everything will be back to normal soon. These last few crazy days are upon us, so, ya'll take care. Love ya! Ciao!

▼▼▼ RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

Cruising the Post Office; New newsletter full of good valley gossip

By ALICIA LUGO

The new Voice/Rio Grande Valley

Well, the tax man cometh, the tax man claimeth and the tax man taketh. Thank goodness the tax man is now goneth for another year. Well, at least until next payday anyway. I find it totally amusing every year to go to the local post office the night of April 15th and watch everyone scurrying around trying to beat that midnight deadline. This year there were even a group of people sitting on lawn chairs in front of the post office passing out brochures on how our tax dollars are being inappropriately spent by our elected officials. Talking about double kill! And then, there was that cute little blonde running around with her envelope in hand asking everyone how many stamps it needed because she had never filed before. I told her at least four, and the poor thing bought it! Ha! Now don't get me wrong, this is not a dumb blonde joke. I happen to think blondes are smart. Heck, I'm blonde and I'm incredibly intelligent. And think about it, Terry is blonde too!

And speaking about that gorgeous specimen of mankind, did everyone get a copy of Terry's new P.M.S. (Psychotic Mouth of the South) Newsletter? It's got all the latest on who's doing what and who's doing who. What, you say you missed it? Not to worry! Next time

you're at Just Tery's be sure and get on their mailing list so you can get next month's issue. This Friday, Just Tery's will have the Bourbon Street Country Western Bank performing live. So everyone come out and see Gloria (the girl with the tall cowboy hat and the big belt buckle that stands by the bar) singing your favorite country songs.

Then on Wednesday, Terry and Peggy invite you to come out and celebrate with their new monthly birthday party. So if your birthday is in April (or even if it's not) this is your night. There will be lots of goodies and a show as well. There will be no cover charge however any donations, cash, food, toiletries, or personal hygiene items will be accepted at the door to benefit Valley RAIN (Regional AIDS Interdenominational Network). These items will be distributed to needy persons living with AIDS throughout the Valley. So come on Valley we all need to pull together for this great cause!

Then next Friday, April 30th, the lovely and talented Victoria West will be performing at Just Tery's along with some of the guys from the Lonestar Male Revue. Don't



Terry and Rick, the Mad Hatter

forget that next month on May 14th J.T.'s will be hosting the Valley Voice Psychedelic 60's Party. So be sure and start getting all your 60's costumes ready.

Moving on over to 10th Avenue, this Friday they have a spectacular show planned for you. Monica Lane (former Miss Gay Texas) and Nakoma Shaye (former Miss Texas America) will be performing along with Misty. Then, this Sunday, they have another Super Sunday Show planned. Be sure and come out for the free barbecue on the patio on Sunday evening and stay for the show.

Zippers in Har-

lingen will be the place to be next Saturday, May 1st. The Special Collection strippers from Monterrey will be performing for your viewing delight. And, speaking of viewing delight, who was that woman who bared her breasts for the Double Trouble strippers last week? It seems that even the strippers were stripped for. I hear that they had a tasty treat as well. I ask myself, where am I every time something exciting like this happens?

Down by the border in Brownsville, the savagely beautiful, the savagely talented, Sweet Savage will be performing tonight, April 23rd. Also performing will be Nikki Wilde. Then next Friday, April 30th, 440 will be hosting the 1993-94 Miss Gay Rio Grande Valley with special guests, Miss Texas USA 1992, Oprah DeMarro and Miss Rio Grande Valley 1992-93, Kelly Kline.

Sundays is Club 440's Tequila Night with host M.C. Andrea Milani. And I hear Andrea keeps the tequila flowing (bottoms up). Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday Club 440 has no cover until 10:00 p.m and happy hour from 8:30 p.m til 11:00 p.m.

Next Tuesday, April 27, Valley Voice will bowl at Creasey's Bowl on Ed Carey Drive in Harlingen at 8:30 p.m. If you're coming from the upper Valley meet at Just Tery's by 7:30 p.m. and join the caravan with your caravan leader, the one, the only, Terry himself.

On Friday, April 30th, Valley Voice has been asked to attend a seminar being sponsored by Planned Parenthood on homophobia. Valley Voice will provide a panel of speakers addressing problems commonly faced by homosexuals. The workshop is geared for educators, counselors or anyone wanting to learn more about how to combat homophobia. For more information contact your local Planned Parenthood office.

On a more personal note, I would like to wish my honey-bunny Laurie, a Happy 12th Anniversary. What patience, what endurance, what a woman!

That about wraps it up for now. See ya next week. Bye!



Lady Laura & Gigi



Richard, Jeff & Tom at PBD's

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

New AIDS research facility opens in San Francisco General Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, April 18 (AP)—Scientists hoping to find a cure for AIDS will work in a new \$44 million facility that's second only to the National Institutes of Health in terms of funding.

The Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology officially opens today on the sixth floor of San Francisco General Hospital. Some 45 Gladstone scientists will work with the University of California at San Francisco's existing AIDS program.

Five research teams will take on different aspects of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, including how it enters human cells, what triggers reproduction

and why it produces such a devastating disease.

"HIV disease has been a big black box. We know the input, and we know what comes out, but we don't know what's going on—biologically—in the middle," said David Feinberg, 37, who runs a lab at Gladstone.

"We'll have to understand this disease to eliminate it. If HIV were like polio or smallpox, there would have been a vaccine years ago. If it were like bacteria, there would be a drug. ...It's different than anything else we've ever had to deal with," Feinberg said.

Scientists have set out to understand

the sophisticated genetic blueprint of the virus, which consists of a least nine genes. Other members in the same viral family have only three genes.

One complicating aspect of HIV research is that the virus kills a cell critical to the body's immune response, the CD4 lymphocyte. The virus then reproduces.

"HIV is very clever," said Warner Greene, director of the Gladstone research center. "It goes to the absolute nerve center of the immune system."

Researchers study blood samples from "long-term survivors" of AIDS, hoping that it will hold clues to pro-

longed survival.

"When is there going to be a cure for AIDS?" Feinberg said. "I don't think anyone can honestly answer that question."

"It's frustrating to not be able to do more," he said. "Every time you meet someone who's HIV-infected, and he's healthy, you're hopeful. But it gets harder to be optimistic."

The institute is a joint effort between the city of San Francisco, UCSF and the J. David Gladstone Institutes, a charitable trust created under the will of J. David Gladstone, a shopping center developer in Los Angeles.

▼▼▼CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

Tasty barbeque at Choices; splash action in the planning; birthdays abound

By DEBRA JEAN

The New Voice/Corpus Christi Corpus Christi "The Sparkling City by the Sea" is a phenomenon ready to explode! Summer!!! Yes...Summer is almost here. Corpus Christi is definitely the place to be! The weather is sunny, warm and very comfortable. The wind has been quite helpful to the wind surfers who play along Ocean Drive (a sight to see). The evenings have been cool, calm and the full moon makes the water look almost neon! Sailing late evening is a must! The clubs in Corpus are varied and every place has an atmosphere as individual as the people who live here! (And of course the "best" seafood is right here in Corpus Christi) Everyone knows what oysters can do for you! So eat, drink and rest assured Corpus Christi has all you need for your summer '93 needs!

Anthony's will book any 24 hour reservation or even emergency last minute calls. Ocean view rooms and the most fabulous food are only a phone call away! Call (512) 992-3496 for reservations and more information. Anthony is a sweetheart. So, when you call, ask about the Bed & Breakfast spring rates!

Remember, Splash Day is June 27th. Make plans to be there. The Splash Day meetings have been a success. Everyone is invited. Choice's, U.B.U., Hidden Door and Desert Hearts information for anyone who is interested.

Choice's, choices, choices—the choicest club in Corpus Christi has the most fabulous, mouth watering, barbecue in the world! But, you have to get there early to get some. Brisket, sausage, chicken, hot spicy beans and home-made potato salad were served out on the patio. I pigged out! All well drinks were only a dollar with the free barbecue. The patio is a fabulous place to dine. Did everyone catch Choice's ad? Lot's of things going on; men-The Dream Boys, Buns of Steel, strippers, and a new D.J. that will play anything and everything you ask. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Robby DeLeon spins the records for you. Don't miss the Third Annual Miss Corpus Christi America Pageant, Sunday, April 25, 1993 at 11:00 p.m. where the judging of the most beautiful women of Texas will be. You can see Whitney Page, Vanessa Nicole, Malissa Mycheals, Tanya Roberts, Michelle Lee, Cassandra Taylor, Naomi Warwick and All-American, Mr. Corpus Christi, Albert Hernandez. If you need any information, call (512) 888-



Arron Davis entertains at UBU

8742.

On May 15th, The Texas Riviera Empire of Corpus Christi will be having a ball at Choice's. The Texas Riviera's Rainbow Ball is a benefit for all the fabulous community events they are involved with. The fun starts at 8:00 p.m. Be there and enjoy the patio. It has been expanded. Of course, the Texas Riviera gang will be entertaining all.

If the rumor is true, watch out Corpus Christi! "Blue Light Special" has hit home! There's a "new kid" in town. Brett Smith, from Kalamazoo, says he loves Corpus Christi. Welcome, Brett!

Desert Hearts has something new for everyone on Thursdays: Dollar well drinks all day long. The pool tournament pays \$50.00, winner takes all. The action starts at 9:00 p.m. Practice your pool skills and win big bucks. Don't forget, coming up soon is "The make it your bar" contest. Your ingenious idea wins you (again) cash. Desert Hearts is giving away money! Remember, you can't win if you're not there.

Happy Birthday wishes go to Lisa (owner of Desert Hearts), Tracey (bartender at Desert Hearts) and Rita Evans (local party favorite), all my apologies to you for naming you as a bartender at Desert Hearts—Not! Sorry babe "Happy Birthday"—Love you lots!!! And Elizabeth Carlsen (local party favorite and educator), the Birthday Bash was hot! Everyone looked radiant showing off their best birthday suits and wearing that extra year proudly. A very special Birthday wish also for "my man" incognito, "Fly Boy." I love you very much!!! Go get em' honey!

The staff has left for Washington for the "Pride March." Butch says he'll march for all who can't be there. Good luck guys, "show em" what you can do! The Hidden Door patio is fresh and very comfy. Join the Hidden Door crew and hide...away!



Lauren Taylor, Corpus Christi's "Bette Midler"

U.B.U., that's right—the only club in Corpus Christi of variation. They have the hottest high energy music in South Texas and absolutely the lowest drink prices in town.

U.B.U. Talent Night was fabulous. Jasmine SX entertained while the judges tallied the scores. Last week, Walter danced his way to win the \$50 cash prize. U.B.U. has a number of community benefits coming up. On April 25th, Parents of Murdered Children and Survivors of Homicide Foundation will be the beneficiary. Then on May 6th, Texas Riviera Empire is having a benefit. Help support our Empire! On May 13th the Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation will also have a benefit. Please help support our community.

Later, on May 27th and June 24th there will be Splash Day benefits. Be a part of the "Splash Action" team! It's a special benefit show for Miss Gay Texas U.S.A. Come wish her luck! The reigning Miss Texas just returned from an out of state tour. It included South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. Way to go girl! The benefit starts at midnight, April 29th. May 4-9 is the time to be in San Antonio. Oprah will be competing for the U.S.A. title!!! Miss Sparkling City U.S.A. was a success! Everyone involved was fabulous! The winner was Brittany Andrews, 1st runner up was Austin's Jamie Perry, 2nd runner up—Corpus Christi's favorite, Raceine Coude' and Andrea Ozmond won the title of Miss Congeniality. Congratula-



Oprah DeMarro

tions to you all!

Attention! AIDS awareness is growing and becoming the thing to do! U.B.U. will be donating a color T.V. to the Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation. Thank you—U.B.U.! A benefit will also be hosted by U.B.U. for CBAF on April 22nd. Be there and remember to give! HIV/AIDS testing will be offered on Saturday, April 24th. Testing will be done in strict confidence by the Corpus Christi Drug Abuse Council. If you need any information call U.B.U. at 853-9693.

Beautiful Victoria had a fabulous benefit where over \$300 was raised by Nina Rogers, Brittany Andrews, Vanessa Richards, Cathryn Collers, Arron Davis, Alyssa Andrews, Felicia Fox (not fudge anymore) and Trisha Taylor. Trisha was hot! The house loved her!

U.B.U.'s manager Jaun Miquel would like to thank all those involved. A big thank you to the owners of U.B.U., Andres and Roberto Pena and everyone else that made his big 30 birthday bash a success.

Bruce at the Passage says "our new face lift is better than anything Phyllis Diller has seen in a long time...and will last longer too!" Bruce would also like to thank Turner's Nursery for all of their donations and hard work in making the Passage look so great. Thanks guys!

Coming up on May 22nd MCCR is holding its second volunteer workshop. For further information call Bruce at 886-5235. Also coming up Sunday, June 6th, at 12 noon, there will be a silent auc-

tion and barbecue sponsored by Mustang Ranch Catering and the Merchants of Nueces County. It will be presented by the Jalapeno Foundation. All proceeds go to benefit the Passage and the HIV/AIDS Housing Center of Corpus Christi. You can bid on over 500 brand new items. There is something for everyone! The auction will have live music, kiddie rides, wild west shoot-outs, barbecue, salads and door prizes. Anyone wanting more information please call 881-8499 or get your ticket at any Ticketmaster!

Fandango's, a new Latino party club is opening. Call 882-4626 for more information. The greatest day on earth happens on the 22nd—Earth Day. Do your part to make Earth Day every day! Remember, M.C.C. is open for everyone to enjoy. Come meet MCC's new pastor and let the spirit fill you!

▼▼▼GALVESTON SOAP

A beautiful time of the year to be in Galveston; Houston Ballet visits

By STEVIE B.

The New Voice/Galveston Beach babes and beautiful bods best describe Galveston at this time of year. This weekend, if you venture into the Island City, you'll find plenty of things to do. For those who like antiques and collectibles, the Galveston Historic Foundation is holding its Annual Heritage Sale at Ashton Villa, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. A wide variety of antiques and collectibles will be on sale at some really great prices.

Saturday evening, The Houston Ballet will be performing in the Grand Opera House at 8:00 p.m. Future events

you may wish to plan for include the May 1st and 2nd "Homes Tour." A special group of private homes will be opened to the public. Also, that same weekend, the British Festival at the Gartein Verien. Mark your calendars...

Let's get to this weekend's gossip...we know it's spring, Buffie Galore is in heat. She's been singing about her fever but she won't take the pill. I think she's looking for a spring chicken. Shouldn't you call Bill at Coker's Chicken Shack? Since I'm on the subject of chicken, it seems she was full of stuffing, or else trying for the part as Scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz. Connie Casserole is till singing torch songs. Well, at least till

she starts driving a cab!

The Kon Tiki wasn't safe. The Lafitte's Girlz went in and stole the show, including Raff. He was doing the Harlem Shuffle...Believe it or not! The Crutch Sisters, better known as (Stevie B.) and (Jerry) have been seen racing down 25th Street. (I know, I still have the swish!) I have finally gotten Dean's (bartender at Evolution's) nickname: "Bubbles." Although we're still trying to figure out how he got it, unless it's his butt. Bubbles, what was that concoction of a drink you made? Those were great!

Evolution's has bought back your favorite doorman, Mike! Welcome home! Until next week, "That's all folk's."

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Covering the World's Gay and Lesbian News

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Governor tells Rhode Island residents he supports gay rights bill

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Saturday, April 17 (AP)—Gov. Bruce Sundlun said Saturday he is committed to gay rights and supports a bill in the General Assembly that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Sundlun spoke to about 200 people

who converged on the Statehouse steps Saturday to rally in support of next Sunday's gay rights march in Washington.

He said Rhode Island was founded on freedom but that not all Rhode Islanders are "free from fear and loathing caused by discrimination."

Sundlun said human suffering because of sexual orientation has been tolerated for too long, and it is "time it came to an end."

Rally organizers said they expect about 400 Rhode Islanders to attend the march.

Julia Pell, president of the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Rights, said she expects the march to be the largest gathering in the country's history.

She said the Washington police are estimating a turnout of over 1 million.

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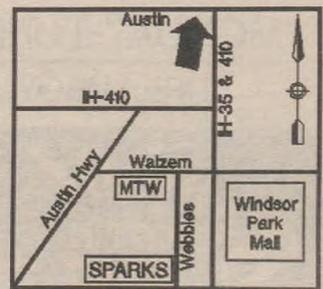
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San Antonio, Saturday, April 24

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks, 25c draft 2-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Drink specials all night, Country Club; \$1.00 margaritas 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour \$1.50 well drinks, \$1.50 longnecks & 25c draft 4-8pm, Ab's Westeraire; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$2 drinks, Memories; 50c draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; 75c draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Muscles in Action & Sweet Savage, Paper Moon; Shady Lady hosts The Wild Club Dancers, Wild Club; Leather Night, 50c draft & snacks, Stallion; Happy hour 7-9pm, Nexus; No cover til 9pm, Nexus; Adults no cover to 10pm, Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 drinks 8-11pm, Bonham Exchange; 75c draft all night, Paper Moon; 25c well & draft 9-10pm, Noo Zoo; 50c draft 9pm-2am, Silver Dollar Saloon; Open to 11pm, O'Boy's Hamburgers; Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; After hours till ??, Nexus; After hours, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange; After-hours 2-4am, Noo Zoo

San Antonio, Sunday, April 25

Sunday Tea Dance with early male dancers, Sparks; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; \$2

pitchers noon-2am, Stallion; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks 2-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; 25c draft 2-11pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Beer Bust, 25c draft 2-11pm, Stallion; 50c draft 2pm-2am, Country Club; Buck burgers 4pm, Nite Owl; \$1.50 bloodys & screws 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour \$1.50 well drinks, \$1.50 longnecks & 25c draft 4-8pm, Ab's Westeraire; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ab's Westeraire; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; T-Dance (Trash Disco) 4-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Free brunch buffet 5pm till, One-O-Six Off Broadway; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50c well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 25c draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; No cover til midnight & Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon; The Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club; 50c draft, \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 ritas & \$1 Schnapps 6pm-2am, Nexus; Dart tournament with cash prizes 7:30pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; 25c draft all night, Paper Moon; Open pool tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; Cash Dart Tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; In house pool tournament 8:30pm, Ab's Westeraire; 25c well & draft 9-10pm, Noo Zoo; \$1 well drinks 9-11pm, Wild Club; Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; 50c draft 11pm-2am, Silver Dollar Saloon; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Female strippers 11:30pm, Las Gueras; Miss Gay Texas Amazing Grace 11:30pm, Noo Zoo; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; Cowboys in Action midnight, Silver Dollar Saloon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2am, Paper Moon

San Antonio, Monday, April 26

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; 25c draft 2-11pm, Stallion; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks, 25c draft all day & all night, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Country Club; \$1.50 White Sale 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta Hour All day, all night, Bamboleo's; Social hour, \$1.50 well, \$1.50 longnecks & 25c draft 4pm-2am, Ab's Westeraire; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; 50c draft & \$2 well & longnecks, Paper Moon; 25c draft & \$2 well, Paper Moon; Pool tourney, Memories; Shady Lady Show & no cover, Paper Moon; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; Underware/T-Strap Night, Free Pool, Stallion; \$1.75 well drinks, \$1.75 longnecks & 50c draft all night, Wild Club; The Shady Lady Show, Wild Club; Dancers 11pm, Sparks

San Antonio, Tuesday, April 27

\$2 Pitchers 6am-2am, Stallion; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Handkerchief Night, wear your colors and cruise, 25c draft, free snacks 2-11pm, Stallion; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks, 25c draft all day & all night, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; \$2.00 call drinks 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Happy hour to 9pm, Memories; Social hour, \$1.5

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San Antonio, Wednesday, April 28

\$2 pitchers 8am-2am, Stallion; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; \$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks, 25¢ draft 2-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Beer bust, 25¢ draft, free snacks 2-11pm, Stallion; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, 50¢ draft & \$3.00 pitchers 2pm-2am, Country Club; \$1.50 Dark Sale 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; 75¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, Noo Zoo; Adults \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; Hot chest contest, Bonham Exchange; Muscles in Action, Paper Moon; Steak night 6-10pm, Ab's Westernaire; \$2.00 mug beer/50¢ refills, \$2 well drinks & \$1 pony longnecks 6pm-midnight, Nexus; Open pool tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; In house pool tournament 8:30pm, Ab's Westernaire; Jennifer St. John hosts 5x5 Specials, 75¢ draft, \$1.25 longnecks & 50¢ well drinks all night, Wild Club; \$1.25 well drinks, \$1.50 dom. beer, 75¢ Schnaaps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; 50¢ draft 9pm-2am, Silver Dollar Saloon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; All male revue 11:30pm, Ab's Westernaire; Talent night with Jessica Wells 11:30pm, Noo Zoo; Cowboys in Action midnight, Silver Dollar Saloon

San Antonio, Thursday, April 29

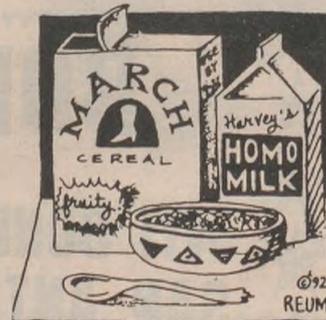
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Sparks; Show 11:30pm, Noo Zoo; Strippers midnight, Bonham Exchange

San Antonio, Friday, April 30

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks, 25¢ draft 2-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.00 Guervo & \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; \$2.00 Guervo 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour \$1.50 well drinks, \$1.50 longnecks & 25¢ draft 4-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.25 well drinks & longnecks 6-8pm, 2015; 50¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange; Muscles in Action & Chanel White, Paper Moon; Victoria West hosts the Wild Club Dancers, Wild Club; Happy hour 6-9pm, Nexus; No cover til 9pm, Nexus; Levi Night, 50¢ draft & snacks, Stallion; Male dancers 6:30-8:30pm & 9-11pm, 2015; Men & munchies 7pm, Nite Owl; No cover til 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 75¢ draft all night, Paper Moon; 25¢ well & draft 9-10, Noo Zoo; 50¢ draft 9pm-2am, Silver Dollar Saloon; Open to 11pm, O'Boy's Hamburgers; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Strip show midnight, Noo Zoo; After-hours 2am, Paper Moon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Noo Zoo; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

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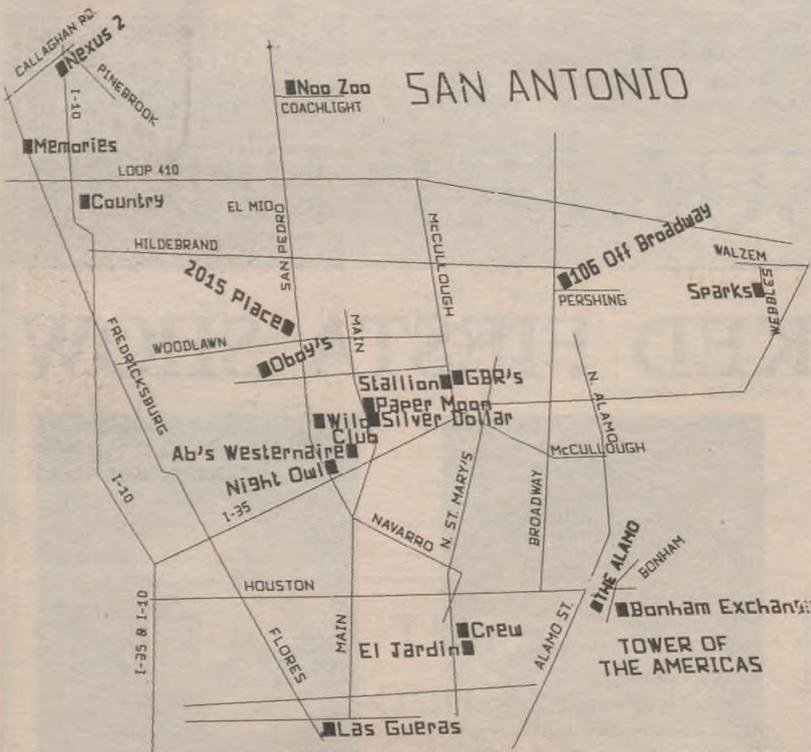


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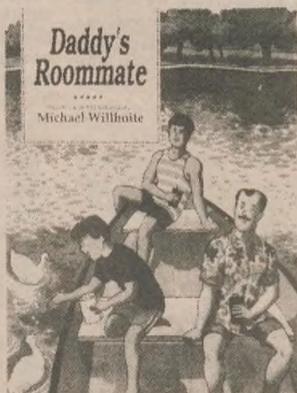
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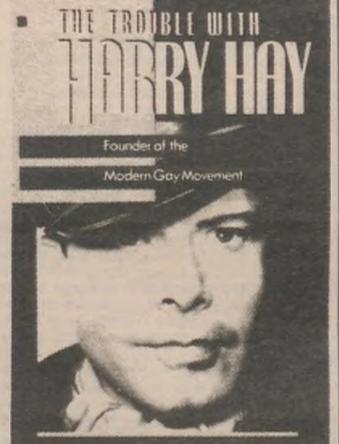
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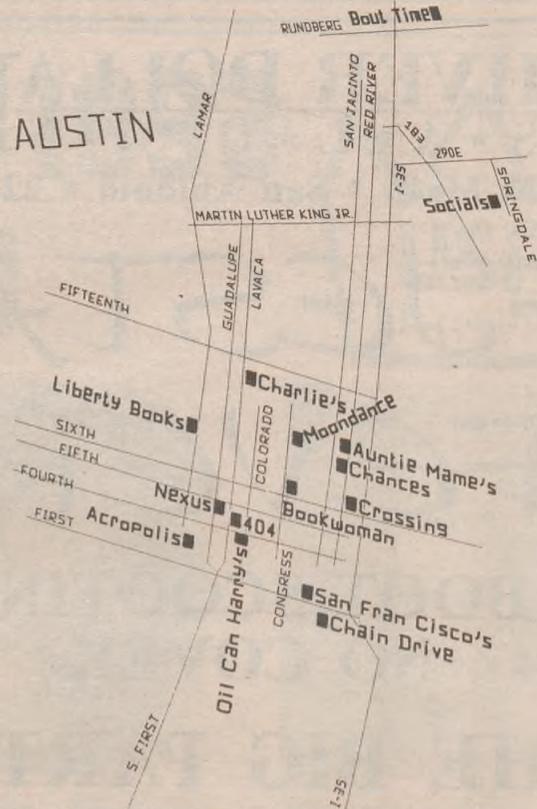
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Austin, Sunday, April 25
Liquor bust noon-7pm, Chain Drive; \$2.00 buy-in, 25¢ draft Noon-8pm, Auntie Mame's; 50¢ draft, \$1 Schnapps, Nexus; Beer bust noon-midnite, The Crossing; Free breakfast buffet 12:30pm, Auntie Mame's; \$2.00 buy-in, 25¢ draft 2-9pm, 5th Street Station; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; Well & US beer \$1.50 2-10pm, Charlie's; \$2.25 well & beer 2pm-2am, Bout Time; Happy hour, 50¢ Miller Lite draft beer 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Potluck buffet 4pm, Bout Time; Patio cookout 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Beer bust 4-9pm, Chain Drive; Liquor bust 4-8pm & 8pm-midnite, The Crossing; Patio cookout 5pm-??, The Crossing; \$2.00 Bass pints 5pm-midnight, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Volleyball league 6pm, Chances; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; Patio cookout 6-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Liquor bust 7-11pm, Chain Drive; Male dancers 7 & 11pm, Charlie's; Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus; \$1.25 Cape Cod & screws, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well 8-11pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour all night, San Fran Cisco's; Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's; \$1.25 well drinks & bottled beer 10pm-2am, The 404; Wet boxer shorts contest 10pm-2am, The 404; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Austin, Monday, April 26
\$1.50 well & domestic beer 7am-11pm, 5th Street Station; \$2 draft-25¢ refill all day & night, Charlie's; Miller products \$1.50, The Crossing; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; \$1.25 well, \$1.50 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; Buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 6-10pm, Auntie Mame's; Margaret Wright at the piano 7-9pm, Bout Time; \$1.75 well drinks & beer 8-10pm, Bout Time; Well & US beer \$1.25 8-10pm, Charlie's; C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Charlie's; Male dancers, Lone Star Male Revue 11pm & midnight, The Crossing

Austin, Tuesday, April 27
Beer bust noon-midnite, The Crossing; \$1.50 well & domestic beer Noon-2am, Auntie Mame's; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 2pm-2am, 5th Street Station; \$1.75 well drinks & beer 2pm-2am, Bout Time; \$2 draft

25¢ refills all day & night, Charlie's; 50¢ draft beer all day, Chain Drive; \$1.00 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Happy hour all night, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; Steak night 6-8pm, Charlie's; Cocktail Wheel hourly specials, Charlie's; Volleyball league 6pm-midnite, Chances; Boys Night, draft beer bust 7-11pm, Socials; Pool tourney with happy hour all night 9pm, Nexus; Pool Tourney 9pm, Nexus; Amateur male dancers 11pm, Socials; Amateur male strip contest 11pm, The Crossing; Show 11pm, Nexus; Trollop Trash Night (Amateur Drag) 11pm, 5th Street Station; Amateur male strip midnite, Charlie's

Austin, Wednesday, April 28
Free nachos, \$1.50 frozen ritas, \$1.00 draft 7-10pm, Socials; \$1.50 domestic longnecks Noon-2am, Auntie Mame's; 15 minute specials hourly 2-11pm, Bout Time; 90¢ bottled beer & \$1.50 premium beer all day, Chain Drive; \$1.75 domestic longnecks 2pm-2am, Oil Can Harry's; Cowtown Night, \$1.50 well & domestic beer 2pm-2am, 5th Street Station; Well 25¢, US beer \$1.25 & Call \$2.50 all day & night, Charlie's; \$1.25 well, \$1.50 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; 75¢ schnapps, \$1.00 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; Male dancers 4-8pm, Charlie's; Liquor bust 4pm-midnite, The Crossing; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; Pool tourney, San Fran Cisco's; Volleyball league 6pm-midnite, Chances; C&W dance lessons & 50¢ draft 7:30pm, Nexus; 25¢ draft beer 10-11pm, Acropolis; \$1.25 well drinks & bottled beer 10pm-2am, The 404; Trash disco 10pm-2am, The 404; Open mike night 11pm, Socials

Austin, Thursday, April 29
\$1.50 well drinks all day, Chain Drive; \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well 2pm-2am, Oil Can Harry's; DJ 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; Steak night 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 6-10pm, 5th Street Station; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 6-10pm, Auntie Mame's; Bisexual Network Meeting 6:30pm, Moondance Diner & Bar; Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus; All drinks \$1.25 7-10pm, Socials; \$1.75 any drink all night, Nexus; Well & US beer \$1.25 8-10pm, Charlie's; Live music 9pm, Chances; \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Charlie's; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, The Crossing; Male dancers 10:30pm, midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Austin, Friday, April 30
\$2 vodka drinks all day & night, The Crossing; Happy hour all day/all night, Auntie Mame's; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; \$1.50 domestic beer 2-11pm, 5th Street Station; \$5.00 buy-in, 25¢ draft/well 2-11pm, 5th Street Station; Well 25¢, US beer \$1.25, Call \$2.50 all day, Charlie's; Happy hour, free pool 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; DJ 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Free pool 6-8pm, Auntie Mame's; Buffet 5pm, Charlie's; Happy hour buffet 5pm, The Crossing; Complimentary buffet, \$1 well, \$1 longneck, \$1 rita with 50¢ refills 5-7pm, Nexus; Buffet 6-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; Male dancers, draft beer bust 5-9pm, Charlie's; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free buffet 5:30pm, Auntie Mame's; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; Dancers 5-9pm, The Crossing; Draft beer bust 6-11pm, Chain Drive; Girls Night, draft beer bust 7-11pm, Socials; \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis; \$1.50 well drinks & beer 10pm-11pm, Bout Time; \$1.75 well drinks 10pm-2am, The 404; Live music 10pm-2am, Chances; Amateur female dancers 11pm, Socials; After hours 2am, The Crossing

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

North Carolina's gay beating trial damages gay community's credibility, woman says

By ESTES THOMPSON
FOR THE NEW VOICE
WILMINGTON, N.C., Wednesday, April 14 (AP)—The acquittal of three Marines charged with assault at a gay bar damaged the gay community's credibility, a woman said a day after a judge issued her ruling in the case.

"It ruins our credibility," Lynda Williams said Wednesday. "It makes people think you can do anything without reprisals. It lets people know we're open for hits."

Also Wednesday, a man who claimed he was a victim of the Marines' gay bashing wrangled on network television with the defense attorney who won their acquittal.

Crae Pridgen of Wilmington, in an interview with NBC Today, said defense attorney John Burney tainted him as a criminal instead of a victim. "I was the one put on trial, not these three Marines."

Burney responded: "I'm going to be charitable. I'm not going to call him what he is. He speaks with a forked tongue."

Pridgen and Ms. Williams were among those who testified during the trial of Lance Cpls. Patrick Cardone, Colin Hunt and Walter Watkins III. The Marines were found innocent of three counts each of misdemeanor assault, and a fourth charge against each involving Ms. Williams was dropped for lack of evidence.

Prosecutors alleged that on Jan. 30 the Marines kicked and beat three men at Mickey Ratz, a bar that caters to homosexuals. Defense attorneys said the incident was a bar brawl. It occurred days after President Clinton said he wanted to lift the ban on gays in the military.

"There was a lot riding on it for the gay community. One of their main points was to portray themselves as vic-

tims," said Maj. Jay Farrar of Camp Lejeune, where the Marines are stationed.

Many in the gay community were concerned Wednesday about repercussions of the verdict, said Mab Segrest of the North Carolina Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality.

"...Our concern was how the verdict gets interpreted. We don't want it to seem like a green light that it's okay to beat up gay people," she said. "We also hope the governor and heads of military bases across North Carolina make it clear that military people stationed here are not expected to go on violent rampages."

Capt. Todd Yeatts, a Camp Lejeune spokesperson, said the Marine Corps doesn't "condone Marines being involved in any kind of violence. When people think of Marines, we don't want them to think of bullies. ... We try to teach our Marines to just walk away

from problems when they occur."

Farrar said base officials would keep their investigation of the Marines' behavior open pending the outcome of another assault trial involving two of the men. Cardone and Watkins are charged in connection with an incident that happened at a Jacksonville bar the night before the Wilmington incident. That case is scheduled to be heard in Onslow County on Thursday.

The three Marines also face a civil damages suit in New Hanover Superior Court filed on behalf of Pridgen by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The suit said Pridgen was the victim of a hate crime and should get unspecified damages.

Ms. Williams said Pridgen, who visited state and national capitals to bring attention to the Wilmington incident, also was damaged by the trial. Evidence included testimony that he had a drinking problem, and other members of the gay community testified against him.

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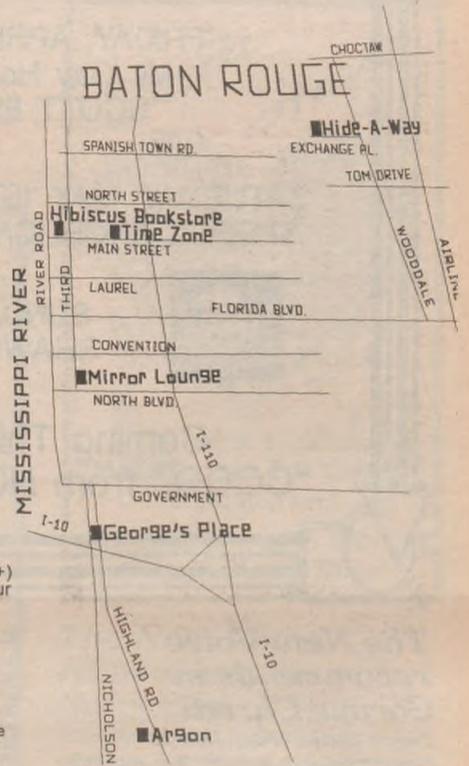
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- Biloxi, Sunday, April 25**
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- Biloxi, Wednesday, April 28**
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- Biloxi, Thursday, April 29**
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- Biloxi, Friday, April 30**
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The New Voice recommends in Beaumont

- Beaumont, Friday, April 23**
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- Beaumont, Saturday, April 24**
Party night, Copa; Hot Muscles in Action Strippers 11:30pm-2am, The Sundowner
- Beaumont, Sunday, April 25**
Draft pitcher special \$3 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; Super Sunday Show 11:30pm, Copa
- Beaumont, Monday, April 26**
\$2.00 Mega Mugs 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; \$1.50 well drinks till 11pm, Copa
- Beaumont, Tuesday, April 27**
Longnecks \$1 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; \$1.50 well drinks till 11pm, Copa; \$1.25 longnecks all night, Copa
- Beaumont, Wednesday, April 28**
Draft 50c 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; 75c well drinks all night, Copa; Talent Night, \$50 prize, Copa
- Beaumont, Thursday, April 29**
Longnecks \$1 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; \$1.25 longnecks till 11pm, Copa; Live Cabaret 11pm, Copa
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Corpus Christi, Friday, April 23

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Corpus Christi, Saturday, April 24

25¢ draft beer 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Sunday, April 25

25¢ draft beer noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Crown Royal & bloody marys \$2.00 noon-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Club night 6-10pm, Choices; Free BBQ 6-11pm, U.B.U.; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; "Choices" Show 11:30pm, Choices; Show Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Monday, April 26

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour Noon-closing, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Tuesday, April 27

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; \$2 imported beer all day/all night, Desert Hearts; Happy Hour, \$2 - 1800 & Coyote 3pm-closing, Desert Hearts; Volleyball 6-8pm, Hidden Door; Steak Night 7-10pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; Pool tournament, \$20 prize, no entry fee 9pm, Hidden Door; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; Pool tourney \$50 prize - No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Wednesday, April 28

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1.00 well drinks 11am-2am, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Absolute 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$4 steaks & real tators 5-10pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; "Choices" Show midnight, Choices

Corpus Christi, Thursday, April 29

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2 margaritas, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$25 worth of prizes 9pm, Desert Hearts; Variety show, no cover Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Friday, April 30

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Show, \$2 cover Midnight, U.B.U.

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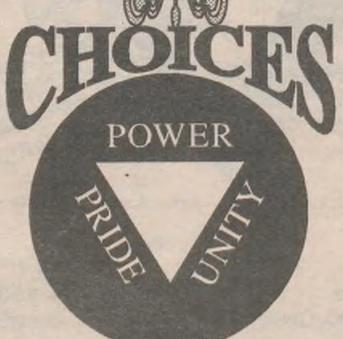
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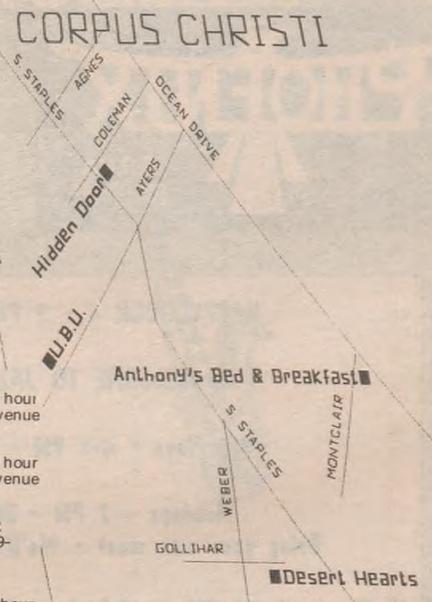
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- McAllen, Saturday, April 24**
 Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Tery's; Show midnight, 10th Avenue
- McAllen, Sunday, April 25**
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- McAllen, Wednesday, April 28**
 Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Tery's
- McAllen, Thursday, April 29**
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- Harlingen, Friday, April 23**
 Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers
- Harlingen, Saturday, April 24**
 Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers
- Harlingen, Sunday, April 25**
 Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers
- Harlingen, Monday, April 26**
 Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers
- Harlingen, Tuesday, April 27**
 Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers
- Harlingen, Wednesday, April 28**
 Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers
- Harlingen, Thursday, April 29**
 Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers
- Harlingen, Friday, April 30**
 Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers

The New Voice recommends in Brownsville

- Brownsville, Friday, April 23**
 Friday Night Super Show Midnight, Club 440
- Brownsville, Saturday, April 24**
 Dance music with happy hour 8:30-10:30pm, Club 440
- Brownsville, Wednesday, April 28**
 Happy hour 8:30-10:30pm, Club 440; \$1.50 well drinks 10:30pm-2am, Club 440; Amateur night Midnight, Club 440
- Brownsville, Friday, April 30**
 Friday Night Super Show Midnight, Club 440

The New Voice recommends in El Paso

- El Paso, Friday, April 23**
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs; \$1.50 well drinks noon-11pm, Briar Patch; Latino Disco, Cliffs
- El Paso, Saturday, April 24**
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs; \$1.50 well drinks noon-11pm, Briar Patch; Latino Disco, Cliffs
- El Paso, Sunday, April 25**
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs; \$1.50 well vodka drinks noon-11pm, Briar Patch; Latino Disco & Botana, Cliffs
- El Paso, Monday, April 26**
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs; \$1.50 large drafts noon-11pm, Briar Patch
- El Paso, Tuesday, April 27**
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs; \$1.50 well drinks noon-11pm, Briar Patch

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- Galveston, Saturday, April 24**
 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki; LaFittes in Revue 10:30pm, Robert's LaFitte; After hours 2-4am, Evolution
- Galveston, Sunday, April 25**
 Happy hour Noon-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 4pm-2am, Evolution; Beer Bonanza, 1st draft \$1 - refills 10¢ 5-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 4-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Cabaret 10:30pm sharp, Kon-Tiki; LaFittes in Revue 10:30pm, Robert's LaFitte
- Galveston, Monday, April 26**
 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; 75¢ well 10-11pm, Kon-Tiki
- Galveston, Tuesday, April 27**
 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pool Tournament 10pm, Kon-Tiki; Lone Star longnecks 75¢ 10pm-2am, Kon-Tiki
- Galveston, Wednesday, April 28**
 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 8pm-2am, Evolution; Shear Madness, \$1.25 well, \$1.25 dom. longnecks, 75¢ Schnapps, \$2 Harvey Wallbangers 8pm-2am, Kon-Tiki
- Galveston, Thursday, April 29**
 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Lottery drawing 10:30pm, 11:30pm, 12:30am & 1:30am, Kon-Tiki

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New Orleans, Saturday, April 24

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Happy hour 11am-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Roundup; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Wild Side; Happy hour 2-7pm, Ziggy's; Country music beer bust 3-7pm, Rawhide; Beer bust 4-7pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-7pm, Corner Pocket; Happy Hour 4-8pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-8pm, Jewel's; Happy hour 4-8pm, Wolfendale's; Happy hour 4-9pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, TT'S; Pool tourney 4:30pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 5-9pm, Good Friends; Happy hour 5-9pm, Cafe Lafayette in Exile; Mr. B's on the Patio 6pm-2am, Mississippi River Bottom; 2 Step Dancin', Outback 8pm on, The Four Seasons; Dancing with DJ 'Curtis' 8pm-3am, Wolfendale's; Saturday night special \$2 admission 9-11pm, The Parade Disco; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 9pm-2am, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Hot Stuff New Orleans Style, featuring Becky Allen & Ricky Graham with Joel Simpson on Paino 11pm, The Mint; Lusty ladies 11pm, Sundance

New Orleans, Sunday, April 25

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Breakfast with Bobby 8-11am, The Phoenix; \$1 juice drinks 8am-noon, Corner Pocket; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 8am-noon, Sundance; Buddy night, pay for a room, get a locker free 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Champagne Brunch 10am-3pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Happy hour 11am-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour 2-6pm, Jewel's; Happy hour & buffet 2-7pm, The Roundup; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Wild Side; Happy hour 2-7pm, Ziggy's; Mr. B's on the Patio 2pm-until, Mississippi River Bottom; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 3-9pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Sunday Madness w/ announced drink specials 3-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Trash disco 3-9pm, Cafe Lafayette in Exile; Happy hour 4-7pm, Corner Pocket; Beer bust 4-8pm, Boots; Happy Hour 4-8pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy

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New Orleans, Monday, April 26

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Diddy night, anyone over 40 gets a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy Hour 4-8pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour with beans & rice 4pm-midnight, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour to 1am, Big Daddy's; Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar; 25c draft, Quasi; Bring your own meat BBQ 7pm, The Phoenix; Monday Night at the Movies 8pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Pool tournament 9:30pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's; 90c longnecks 10pm-2am, Rawhide; Monday Night at the Movies midnight, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 3-6am, The Roundup

New Orleans, Tuesday, April 27

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; 1/2 price for everyone 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy Hour 4-8pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club; Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar; Queen's night out, come in drag & get 2 for 1 well drinks, Sundance; 75c well drinks, The Parade Disco; Margaritas \$1.75 6pm-midnite, Mississippi River Bottom; Margaritas \$1.75 6pm-midnite, Wolfendale's; No cover with Student ID, \$1 can beer, \$1 Schnaaps, Quasi; Steak Night, ribeye \$3.95 7pm-midnight, The Sterling Club; Pool tourney 8pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Beer bust 9pm-midnight, The Phoenix; Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's; Happy hour 3-6am, The Roundup

New Orleans, Wednesday, April 28

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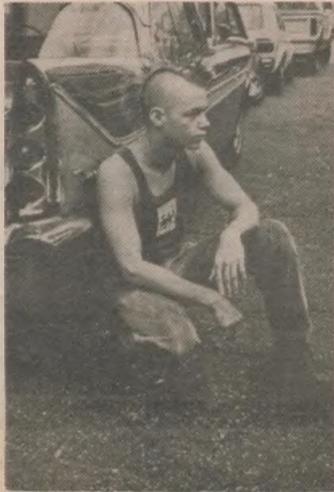
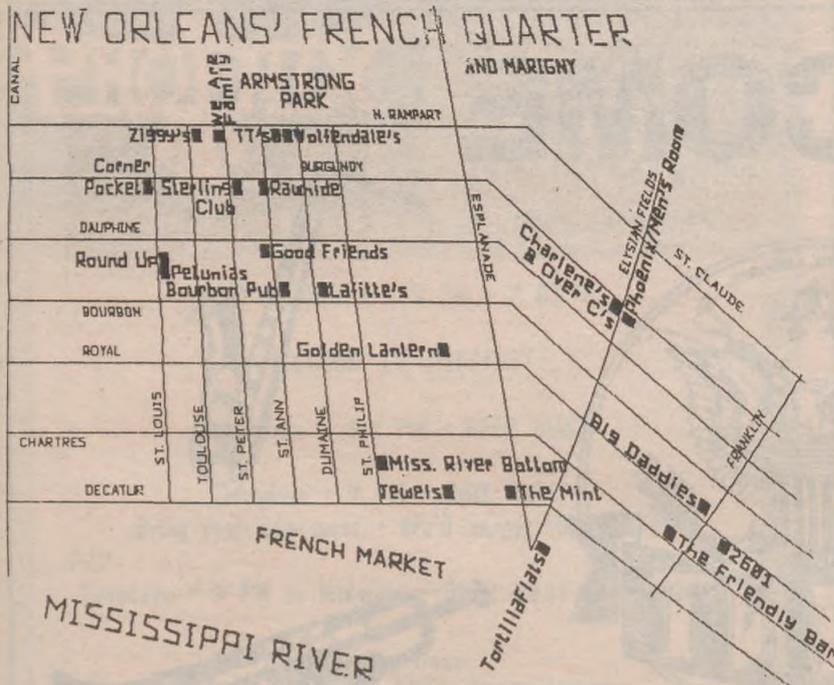


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New Orleans, Friday, April 30

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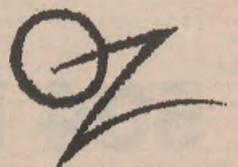
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▼▼▼**DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**

Utah gay activist apparently missing, along with AIDS benefit funds

SALT LAKE CITY, Saturday, April 17 (AP)—Friends and financial backers of a controversial gay activist say the man has apparently skipped town with money he raised for an AIDS benefit.

Police believe Randy Richardson left the state in February, two days before he planned to kick off an 80-city barnstorming tour by ultralight airplane called "Ultraflight for Life."

According to a copyright article in Saturday's Salt Lake Tribune, Richardson owes contributors some \$10,000 and a lot of explaining.

One investor is out \$4,500. Others say they are having to write off payments for advertising that never ran in Richardson's "Outfront Review" magazine.

Yet police investigating the case say it is difficult to come up with criminal charges.

"He seems to have known just how far he could push things," said Officer Shane Jones, the department's liaison to the gay and lesbian communities. "Right now, we have nothing to chase him on."

Members of the Utah AIDS Foundation have been reluctant to talk about Richardson's actions, fearing he may have hurt their cause.

"If somebody says they're raising money for AIDS, check it out," said LaDonna Moore, the foundation's executive director.

Mayor Deedee Corradini and Police

Chief Ruben Ortega were drawn unwittingly into lending their names to the AIDS fundraiser. Corradini once appeared on the cover of Richardson's magazine.

Boasting their support, Richardson got financial sponsorship from several business owners and private individuals, many of them gay men. The donors described him as charismatic, passionate and well-spoken.

"I liked this guy better than I've liked anyone in 20 years," said one unidentified middle-aged investor who accepted a fake diamond ring as loan collateral. "I trusted Randy. And that hurts."

Other frustrated investors remain anonymous, certain that going public

will force them to reveal their sexual orientation.

"This is why the gay community can make a perfect target," said Dale Sorenson, director of Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats and one of Richardson's ex-friends. "I doubt that a heterosexual could have gotten away with what Randy did."

The thin, gray-haired man emerged in Salt Lake last summer with the first issue of his free monthly magazine. Authorities know little about his past, but believe he came to Utah from California.

Richardson quickly gained notoriety by speaking out on a number of controversial issues involving the gay community.

▼▼▼**DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**

Alaska's voting rules clarified, Anchorage mayor urges 'new assembly'

By ROSANNE PAGANO

FOR THE NEW VOICE
ANCHORAGE, Monday, April 19 (AP)—A state judge crafted an order Friday barring Anchorage from counting any votes on a gay-rights ordinance on the ballot next week.

The ordinance, adopted in January and suspended a month later, remains on hold while a lawsuit progressed.

Proposition 1 is on ballots voters will use during Tuesday's municipal election.

But Superior Court Judge Brian Shortell required the city to re-program its computer to ignore votes on the question. Anchorage also agreed to post signs in each voting booth, reminding voters that the referendum was canceled.

Proposition 1 asks if voters want to retain a city ordinance that bans job discrimination based on sexual orientation. The law, adopted by the city Assembly in January, would cover city workers only and municipal contractors.

It was suspended while a petition drive that triggered the vote went ahead.

Shortell's order fulfills a state Supreme Court ruling. Justices on Wednesday decided an appeal in favor of plaintiffs who sought to cancel the gay-rights vote.

Anchorage Mayor Tom Fink in a prepared statement said voters who were ready to repeal the ordinance should target their votes at Assembly incumbents

who adopted it in the first place.

He vowed to overturn the law as soon as possible.

"If Anchorage elects six new Assembly members opposed to Proposition 1, we'll repeal the ordinance sometime in May," he said.

Fink, in his second term, has had a rocky relationship with the panel and is an outspoken critic of the gay-rights measure.

The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected the city's request for emergency reconsideration. Justices canceled the election after ruling language on the petition was biased.

Shortell also said ballots may not be resurrected for a count without a court order.

Allison Mendel, an attorney for 11 Anchorage residents who sued to stop the vote, said plaintiffs wanted to make sure there would be no "secret" tally that could be used to influence the issue if it came up again.

"There would be no point in winning this lawsuit and have someone with a vote tally use it as an organizing tool," she said.

Michael Johnston, an activist who led the anti-gay-rights petition, predicted a backlash against Assembly incumbents.

"Anchorage voters are completely outraged by what the Supreme Court has done," he said. "We don't need a new petition and we don't need a court order. We need a new Assembly."

▼▼▼**DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**

House gives OK to Maine's gay rights bill; governor vows veto

By PETER JACKSON

FOR THE NEW VOICE
AUGUSTA, Maine, Friday, April 16 (AP)—The gay-rights bill hangs in limbo as both the Legislature and Gov. John R. McKernan spend the next week outside of the State House, although the legislation appears to be doomed.

The House enacted the bill 72-60 following a brief debate. The bill did not reach the Senate on Thursday, however, preventing further action until after next week's legislative recess.

But McKernan, who departed for a weeklong schedule of business out of state Thursday, reiterated that he personally opposes the bill and will reject it if it reaches his desk.

Although both houses of the Legislature are backing the bill for the first time this year, the margin of support is substantially smaller than the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto.

McKernan said such a major change in state law should have strong biparti-

san support in the Legislature or be referred to the voters.

"It's clear to me that in this Legislature, it is not supported by even a minimal number of Republicans, much less a majority, and therefore it does not have bipartisan support," the GOP governor said.

A citizens' group has launched a petition drive seeking a 1994 referendum on a proposal seeking to bar any gay-rights laws. But McKernan said there is no

guarantee the group will collect the necessary more than 52,000 signatures and that he would prefer a vote on the legislative bill.

McKernan was asked why the gay-rights bill should be treated differently than his abortion-rights bill, which was enacted following extended debate last week and which McKernan signed Thursday.

"The difference is, I supported that," he said. "I don't support this."

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Houston, Sunday, April 25

Bluelight specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Johnny & Mike's Football Corner on the Patio noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 99¢ well vodka, juice drinks Noon-10pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour Noon-10pm, J.R.'s; \$3 pitcher beer noon-2am, Atrium; Complimentary Bar-B-Q 1-3pm, Club Body Center; Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.75 domestic longnecks 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Cook out 3pm, Midtown Spa; Chili cheese dogs, free 4pm until gone, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Steak night 4-8pm, Mary's; \$5.25 Liquor Bash with 25¢ refills 4-7pm, Atrium; \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, Juliet's; \$1.50 well drinks 4-8pm, Missouri St. Station; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Pool tournament 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Beer blast (\$2.00 buy in - 25¢ refills) 4pm-midnight, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Blue light specials 5pm til, Venture-N; Burgs & dawgs from 5pm, Venture-N; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Steak night on the Patio, steak \$5.50, sausage \$4.50, chicken \$3.50, veggie plate \$2.50 5-8pm, The Ranch; Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's; 301 dart

tournament 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Ride the Pony Express 6-10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Male dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Rich's Tea & Me, Tropic Sound on the Patio, 25¢ well, \$1.25 frozen & \$1.25 beer all night, Rich's; Man Dance/T Dance 7pm, Pacific Street; 25¢ well drinks 7-10pm, Heaven; Karaoke Sing-Along with Marsha Carlton 7-10:30pm, J.R.'s; 50¢ Miller Lite draft, \$1.75 longnecks & frozen ritas & \$2.25 Absolute Vodka drinks 7pm-2am, Heaven; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; DJ/VJ Michael Lowery, Heaven; South Beach T-Dance, free admission with pass, Heaven; Bingo 8pm, Briar Patch; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all night, E/J's; Show Directors' Gayla 9pm, E/J's; "Dangerous Disco", \$1.50 well drinks & Miller Lite all night, Red Square; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Swimwear Contest with Kofi 11pm, J.R.'s; Zack's Fun Time Revue 10:30pm, Cousins; Rollerblade Give-Away 11pm, J.R.'s; Show midnight, Club Guadalajara; Open all night, Club Body Center, Open all night, Midtown Spa

Houston, Monday, April 26

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; 75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's; Happy hour all day & night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; \$1.50 all Budweiser products 11am-2am, J.R.'s; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center; Happy hour Noon-2am, Cousins; Happy hour 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.75 well & longnecks 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.25 Frozen ritas 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Ms. B's; Pizza night 5-7pm, Past Time; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtown Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Male dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 ball slopshot pool tournament 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Bingo 8pm, Briar Patch; Pool tournament 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Dart Tourney 8pm, Cousins; Monday Night Football with Sundance Cattle Company on the Patio 8pm, Mary's; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; "Clubbers Night", no cover for men wearing colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Best Buns Contest with Randy Jobe 11pm, J.R.'s; Open all night, Club Body Center, Open all night, Midtown Spa

Houston, Tuesday, April 27

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; \$3.50 Absolute Vodka, \$2.00 all import beer 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy

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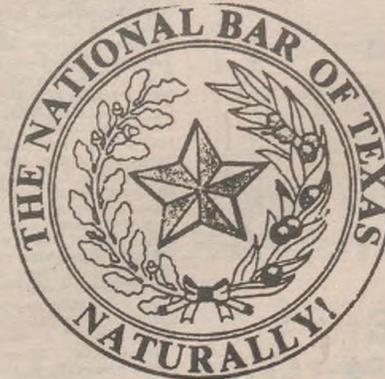
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Houston, Thursday, April 29

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's; \$1.50 longnecks all day & all night, Brazos River Bottom; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Dart Tourney 11am, Mary's; \$3.75 all top shelf liquor 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; Rooms & lockers half price noon-midnight, Club Body Center; Happy hour 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.25 longnecks-all Budweiser products 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Ms. B's; Hamburger night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; \$1 vodka & dart tournament, Juliet's; Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Male dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Dart Tournament 7pm, Briar Patch; Pool Tournament 7pm, Briar Patch; Happy Hour 7pm-2am, The Ranch; Beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, Brazos River Bottom; Group dance lessons-C&W 7:30-9pm, Heaven; Beer blast (\$2.00 buy in - 25¢ refills) 8pm-midnight, The Dance Hall & Saloon; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; DJ Paul Lampkin 8pm, Venture-N; Advanced dance lessons 9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa; \$1.50 well drinks, Miller Lite & frozen all night long, Boy Bar; \$2.00 longnecks, well drinks, frozen ritas & \$1.00 Schnapps 9pm-2am, Heaven; Country Heaven, no cover 9pm-2am, Heaven; DJs John Sims & Frank Bengé 9pm-2am, Heaven; Muscles in Action-male dancers 9pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Tan Line Night, \$3 cover, 90¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, \$1 Schnapps 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Trash Disco, \$1.50 well, frozen & beer, 18 yrs+ 9pm-2am, Rich's; Piano Sing-a-long with Steven Payne 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Live Show & Wheel of Fortune with B.J. Williams 10:30pm, E/J's; Talent Night 10:30pm, Cousins; Karaoke Sing Along with Marsha Carlton 10:30pm-1:30am, J.R.'s; Show midnight, Club Guadalajara; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Wednesday, April 28

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; \$1.50 all Miller products 11am-2am, J.R.'s; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 6 month membership special (1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4pm-2am, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Ms. B's; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Steak night 6pm, E/J's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Executive ladies/free buffet 6-8pm, Missouri St. Station; Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 frozen ritas 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Male dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Bare chest/harness night-Extended Happy Hour til 11pm, Venture-N; Montrose Cloggers 7pm, Brazos River Bottom; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Happy Hour 7pm-2am, The Ranch; Joe De Hoyas, DJ 8pm, Venture-N; Open Mike Night with Toni Rae 8pm, E/J's; Southern Country dance group 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; Boots-N-Boxers-country music 8pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; 75¢ well drinks, 50¢ Miller Lite draft, \$1.75 longnecks-all Budweiser products, Heaven; Disco Inferno - 18+ crowd 9pm-2am, Heaven; DJ Michael DeGrace, Heaven; No cover with canned good for Stone Soup, Heaven; White Hot Wednesday, DJ/VJ Victor Toledo plays top hits 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; "New Music Wednesdays", \$1.50 well drinks & Miller Lite all night long, Red Square; Piano Sing-a-long with Wayne Gray 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Best Chest/T-Shirt Contest with Kofi 11pm, J.R.'s

Houston, Friday, April 30

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Slop shot pool tourney noon, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; Happy hour 1-10pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.00 Schnapps 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Free buffet 6-8pm, Missouri St. Station; Happy hour 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's; Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Ms. B's

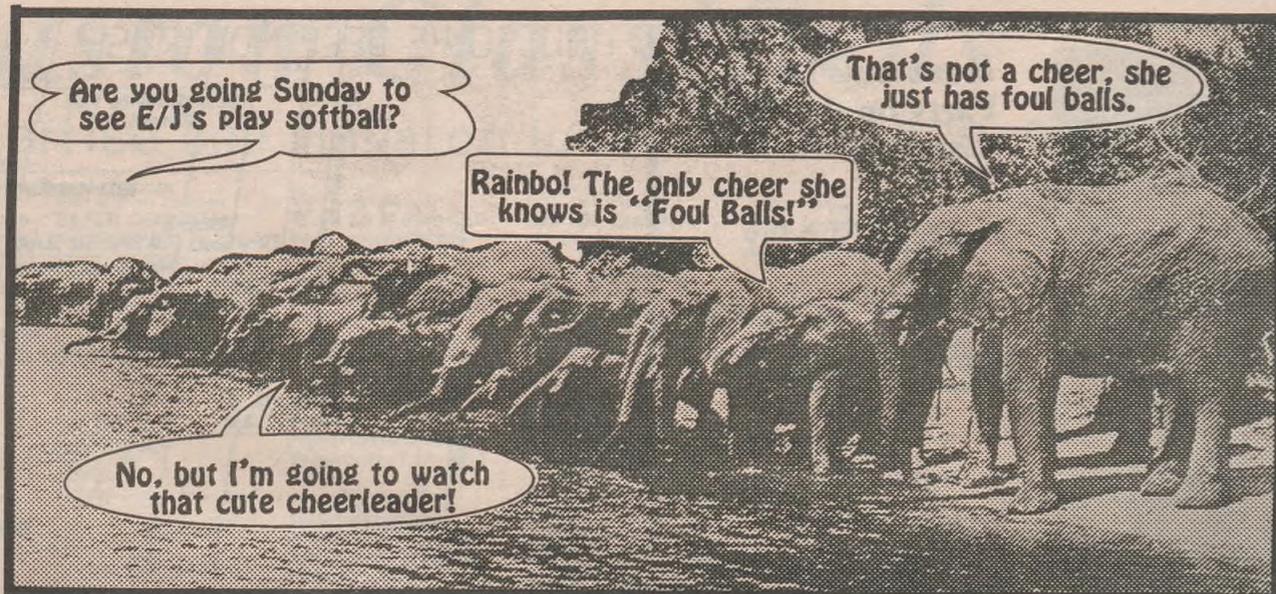
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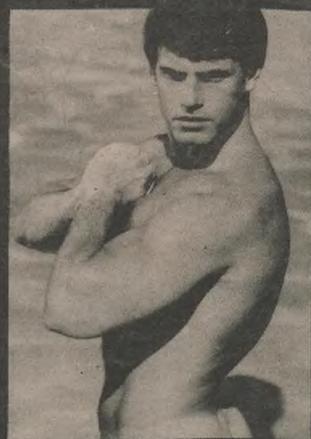
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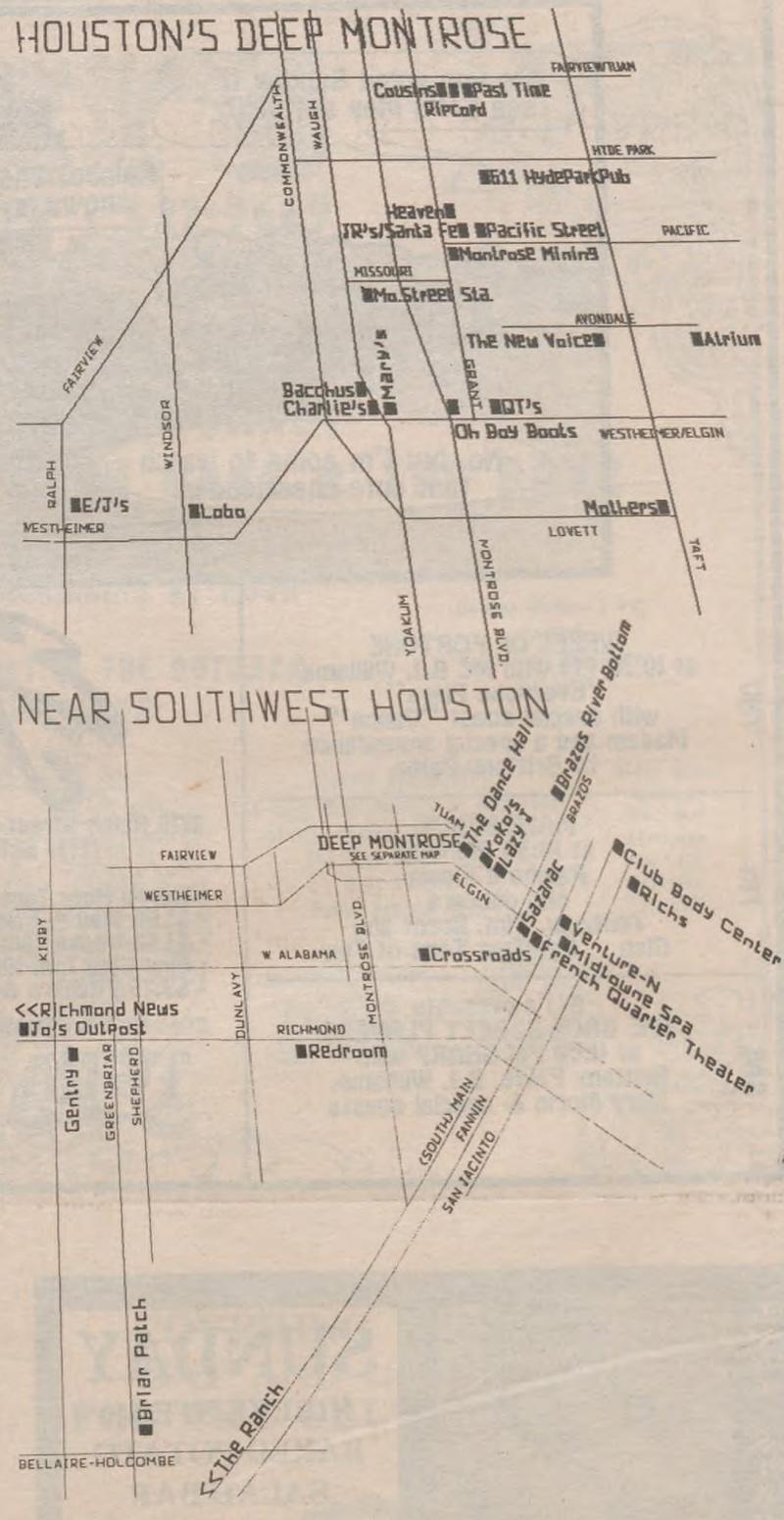
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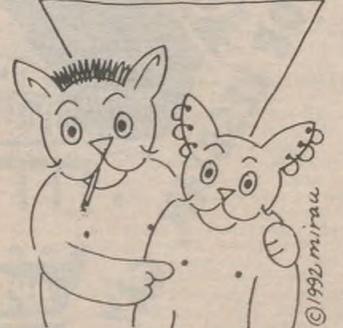


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2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
MISSING - MAN TO SHARE LIFE WITH
Seeking friendships first, monogamous commitment based on HONESTY, SINCERITY & TRUST second. Attractive GWM, 39, 5'10", independent professional, energetic, romanticist. Enjoys workouts, quiet evenings, biking, hiking, camping, CW dancing, dining, traveling, movies, FAMILY, RC faith. Seeks attractive GWM/ GHM/ Italian under 40 with similar interests. Must be disease free, nonsmoker. ad#25161

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
SINGLE, CLEAR LAKE AREA FRIENDS WANTED
Shy, GWM in Clear Lake looking for other single, clean-cut, career minded GWM's and GHM's (20-35) in the neighborhood for friendship. I'm 26, 5'8", blond/ blue eyes & weigh 150, masculine & do better with similar friends. Only genuine well-adjusted people with integrity please. ad#25155

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
Attractive, but shy, college graduate, 29, 5'9, 145, br/br, not into bars or games, seeking monogamy/friendship with someone who is sincere, reasonably nice looking, but above all who is caring and has high morale standards. I enjoy sports, outdoors, museums, dining out. Ad#25349

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
HIV+ COWBOY
Healthy, 34, 6'2, 180lbs, br/bl, mustache, masculine, professionally employed, non-smoker, drug/ free. Enjoys C&W music and dancing, leather, uniforms, camping, cooking and sports. You: GWM 30-45, hairy chest and similar interests looking for someone to share life with. Ad#25364

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
GWF, soft butch 35, 5'3, 105, blonde/blu, looking for Ultra-Fem woman with no emotional baggage; an Ultra-fluff who likes attention, affection and respect from a patient, loving, freas-can-be woman who yearns to give it. I can give 100% of myself. You must be able to also. Please respond to ad 25553.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
STRIP DOWN! LET'S DIG DEEP TOGETHER!
Quit letting looks/job/age rob you of happiness. The true beauty of a person comes from the inside. Quit worrying about your friends opinion. If you are serious about finding happiness contact me. I am 6'4", HIV-, Cajun/Indian, full of love to give to a real person only. Ad#25274

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
HAIKY CHESTED MOUSTACHED GW MEN WANTED
Let's be friends first, then ??? GWM, 37, 190, 6' br/grn, seeks masculine GWM, tall, 30-40, non-smokers with hairy chests/ moustaches for fun/ quiet times. Mature, well built, stable, professional, gym bodies, no mind games, big pluses. ad 25568

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
I'M LOOKING FOR MR. BUTCH
Someone tall and very masculine and monogamous. I'm GWM, 23, HIV-, extremely cute with an excellent personality. I'm 5'7", have beautiful brown eyes with dark brown wavy hair. I'm a little Cajun that likes totally butch men. Ad 25360.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
SEEKING GHM
Good looking GWM, 6', 165lbs, brown/blue, 30's. I work out, am well built, see humor in almost everything, like dining out, movies...all the usual. Looking to meet a GHM 20-35 with a healthy lifestyle (drug free/ weight in proportion to height), romantic and fun loving. Slim and smooth body a plus. Ad#25435.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
OUTGOING, PROFESSIONAL, ATTRACTIVE, GWM,
seeks same for safe get together and/or relationship. I am and respondent will be masculine appearing and sounding, with weight in proportion to height, 25-45 years old, friendly, outgoing, non-smoker/ drug free, healthy and have time for get together. Like volunteering, movies, walks, aerobics, travel, cooking. Respond to Ad#25011.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
ROMANTIC GAY MALE
Sensitive, caring, masculine, br/ br, 6', 175, professional, sincere, stable, considered attractive and work others. Seeking honest special someone to share quality time with. Positive attitude a must. Sense of humor, no games. Let's talk and find out if we are compatible. Ad#25971

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
HOT HISPANIC SEEKS SAFE HOT TIMES
Attractive GHM, 41, look younger, 5'9 1/2", 155lbs, passive, masculine, non-smoker, seeks GM, masculine, age unimportant, for hot, safe, fun encounters during my travels to Houston/ Galveston area. I'm not into "bar scene" and "hotel scene" gets old quickly. Prefer non-smoker/ drug-free-hairy, a plus. Ad#25352

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
GHM SEEKS GHM
I am 27 yrs. old, HIV+, non-smoker, light drinker and drug free. Looking for the same - 25 to 35, HIV+ GHM only...I like to work out, jog, eat out, got to the movies. Hope to meet you and hope you're the one. Ad#25478.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
NEED A GOOD OLD FASHIONED HAND SHAKE?
WM, 36, 5'6", 130lbs, HIV+. Looking for guys who can appreciate a good firm shake of the hand. Come by on your lunch hour or stay and watch a movie or two. No reciprocation needed. Safety and satisfaction guaranteed. Ad#25188

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
MAGICAL CREATIONS?
The entire sum of existence is the magic of being needed by just one person. SGWM, professional, 45, 5'9", 160, HIV-, non-smoker, hopeless romantic, likes travel, movies, friendship, possible magical happenings. Ad#25183.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN
That's right - for safe one-on-one physical times. Don't want relationships or strings attached. I'm 6 ft. tall, 31, muscular, HIV-, work out regularly and great looking. You are 20-40, good-looking, fit, HIV-, interested in physical pursuits only. Are you up to it? Ad#25531.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
GWM 54, SEEKS GWM 18-29
Looking for that special someone, must be drug free. I am 6'1", br/blu eyes. Interests include dining out, movies, astrology, numerology and other new age subjects. Want someone to love, care, appreciate you? To depend on? Please respond to ad#25984.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
FRIENDLY GWF 35,
Desire's GWF 25-40, blondes/ brunettes. Prefer small to medium build. No role playing, no head games. I like movies, dancing, concerts, anything fun. No drugs! Smokers, drinkers welcome. I am seeking the right someone for a partner in life but first a friend. ad 25404.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
COME TOGETHER, RIGHT NOW, OVER ME
Blue collar, independent, GWM, 35, tall, long hair, HIV+. Body is average in some ways, above average in others. Smoker, light drinker. Seeks GWM or GW couples, 20 to 40 with average or above average bodies. Should be versatile, eager to enjoy life. Ad#25292

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
SMALL TOWN TEXAN SURVIVING IN CITY
HIV-, 38 yr. old GWM, 6', 170lbs, br/ br who enjoys bicycling, football, basketball, Astros, camping, hiking, fishing, junk stores, C&W music, movies, television, Nintendo, small towns and travel seeks monogamous relationship with GM 25-40 with same interests. Ad#25288

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
VERY LONELY GHM
HIV-, 5'8", br/ br, 42, easy going with a sense of humor. I live in Southeast Houston. Passive, seeking GWM for long term relationship 50 or over. Ad#25297

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
G/W/F FORTY PLUS
If you are 38-48, tired of co-dependant, dysfunctional disappointments. Fed up with emotionally and spiritually bankrupt women. Ready to experience a life of love, support, nurturing and unconditional acceptance. Ready to share in the work that it takes to ascend to that place of peace and love then you are the special person that I seek. No Smoker/ Drinker/ Drugs/ Dikes Ad#25285

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
TO COUNTRY BOY IN BRENHAM
Enjoyed phone conversation. Call again. Mike

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
IF YOU KNOW YOUR PLACE
and are attracted to confident, demanding, kinky men, we should discuss possibilities. I am 43, 5'9", 178, hairy, bearded, Italian, intelligent, sane & assertive (sometimes even arrogant). Ad#25134.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
LOVELY BIWM ROOKIE LEANING TOWARDS MALES
I'm 5'6", weight proportionate, DDF/ NS/ LD, average looks, 44, sincere, discreet, masculine, likes sports, reading, movies, dining out and intimate evenings plus a BIGWM with same qualities as above. Experienced, average looks, height/ weight proportionate 30-50, DDF/ NS/ LD equals friends/ lovers and ?? Let's meet and talk. Ad#25378

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
LOVABLE, HONEST, PASSIONATE
Attractive GWM, 36, 5'11", 140lbs, brown/ hazel, non-smoker, HIV+, seeks romantic companion. I enjoy movies, music, reading, traveling, staying active and spending time at home with a special man. Prefer you to be attractive GWM, 30-50, with similar interests and HIV status. I have a lot to offer to the right person so let's make contact. Ad#25368

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
YOU'RE MY DESIRE
BWM, non-smoker, 5'11, 170, HIV- health conscious, smooth hard body, work out, ski, bike, fly. Looking for same in financially secure masculine. Please call Ad#25322

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
NEWCOMER
Well established professional, 53, likes the Sunday New York Times, anything by Mozart, classic 19th Century novels, Macintosh computers, Italian cuisine, comfortable friends, memorable movies, challenging conversations, exploring country roads, trying new experiences, a good laugh. Seeks an independent and self-reliant guy, 35+ with a warm personality and similar but not identical interests. Ad#25165

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2220 Individual Personal
GORGEOUS FROM HEAD TO TOE
30, 5'9", 180lbs, brown/ hazel. I am looking for a sincere, generous man to have fun and spend quality time with. Ad#25250

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE!
BGM, light complected, would like to meet a hot guy. I am seeking something more substantial than just a roll in the hay. Varied interests, passive, but not a fluff. Ad#25357

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
RED CHOCOLATE/ SPICY & SWEET
Average looking, passive, SBGM, 6'0", 16 lbs, seeks masculine, active, 5'10" or taller, SBGM, between 30 and 45 years old. I have an untapped reserve of love to give to the right person. If you are serious about a mutual companionship/ relationship, I'm extending to you a personal invitation. Please respond to Ad#25372.

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER
BGM, always active but wishes to explore versatility. Average height, 5'10", average build, 44 coat, 33x31 pant, Hal/Hal. Slightly above average looks. I have my days. Everything else, humor, personality, sex appeal etc., well above average. Ad#25355

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
WANT TO PLAY SOME GAMES?
Fit, muscular man, 5'7", 150lbs, wants to explore dominance games with a muscular, intelligent and stable man. Ad#25298

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
DISTINGUISHED HOUSTON GOURMET SEEKS 20'S GOURMAND:
You: cute, muscular, "Waspish", preppy and love the finer things but hasn't the resources. Me: intelligent, distinguished, discreet professional who requires loyalty and devotion from all who "dine at my table." This is an opportunity for a "rewarding" feast! Ad#25295

2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
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2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
MATURE, MASCULINE, VERY HAND-SOME GWM
Loving, sense of humor, in shape, youthful, stable and secure professional, 5'11", 175, dark hair, blue eyes, thirties. HIV-, love life and interested in a serious monogamous relationship with compatible gay man of similar qualities... Ad#25294.

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2200 THE PERSONALS

2220 Individual Personal
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2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MATURE, WELL BUILT, PROFESSIONAL MOUNTAIN-MOUNTED GYM
Handsome, non-smoker, 27, 6'11", 190 pounds, bl, bl, big hair chest, intelligent, sensitive, masculine, fun, seeks attractive, muscular/stocky GWM or GHM, 25-35 with facial hair for dating or more. I enjoy music, boating, movies, dancing and travel. Ad#25379.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ATTRACTIVE BLACK SEEKS ATTRACTIVE WHITE
Seeking friendship and monogamous commitment. I am 6'11", 160 lbs, 35 yrs, handsome well dressed professional individual. I like to travel, dine out and spent quiet time with that special someone who like the same and who is serious about a commitment. Only sincere person age 27 to 40 please. Ad#25273

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
TELEPHONE MAN SEEKS RIGHT NUMBER

In shape GWM, 41, 5'9", 145, br/br is looking for a sincere masculine man for dating. I enjoy dancing, outdoor activities and quiet evenings at home. Non-smoker a plus, but not a must. Ad 25956

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GWM
52, 5'8", 130lbs, blue eyes. Looks younger. HIV negative. Looking for GHM or Asian male, under 30. Prefer masculine male, weight in proportion to height. I'm not much into the bar scene, but I enjoy going to movies and all sports. Ad#25354

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GHM LOOKING FOR GWM
GHM, 33, 5'6", 160, masculine, attractive, looking for GWM also masculine, attractive, well built, uninhibited with strong drive, who predominantly likes to drill. No relationships, no strings attached. Looking for safe one on one or group encounters. Ad#25369

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
EXTREMELY MUSCULAR AND EXTREMELY MASCULINE
WMM, 5'8", 190, 25, short dark hair and mustache, professional. Looking for an intelligent man who is very muscular and above all, aggressively and confidently masculine. If you know you fit the bill, please respond to Ad#25272.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LOOKING FOR SOME TLC
GWM, 30, seeks someone for friendship and possible relationship. I'm old fashioned and very romantic. Must be drug free. Please respond to Ad#25178.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THE REST
of my life? Sensitive, a caring, masculine, discrete, stable, financially secure GWM, 54, 5'8, 145, bl/bl, 32 waist, fit, trim, muscular, healthy, young in looks-heart-spirit. Seeking GWM 25-45 with similar attributes & qualities, adventurous, romantic HIV-, who wants a lasting, viable relationship with love. Ad 25589.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GENTLEMAN PREFERRED
I'm a 24 year old GHM seeking a monogamous relationship. Good looks, average build. A real nice guy but also shy. I prefer a masculine GHM between 19-25 who is attractive and mature, yet bold and creative. A sense of humor is good too. Friends first. Ad#25170.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GF, 25, 5', 105 LBS
Blk/br, looking for someone to share a great friendship, then maybe love interest later. No mind games. You must be open & honest about yourself. I have honest wholesome qualities & like a variety of entertainment. I have a cute personality. Let's talk & see what happens. ad 25601

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GWF-F, QUIET, SHY & SOMETIMES OUTGOING
Looking for Ms. Butch, who enjoys out doors, fishing, walking the beach/ woods, dancing, theater/ plays (especially musicals), weekend drives/ travel and quiet evenings cuddling at home. Old school values, positive attitude. I'm a non-smoker, social drinker drug/ free. Friends first, ?later. Ad#25377

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
CUTE YOUNG GUY SEEKING COMPANION
GWM, 20, 5'11", 150, blk/hazel, young looking, masculine, mature, sincere and live around the Houston/ Clear Lake area. Looking to meet guys under 23 (surfer, skater, baseball cap type, prep) who are tired of playing games and ready to fill that empty space in their lives like me. Serious inquiries please respond a.s.a.p. Ad#25363

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
Professional African/American male 31, 6'3", 195, athletic build, HIV+, very healthy. Prefer masculine man under 40 who is physically fit and emotionally & mentally mature. Ad#25594

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GAY ASIAN MALE SEEKS SAME
Attractive, masculine, Gay Asian male, 23, 5'7", 135, educated, mature, HIV-, non-smoker and drug free. Enjoys working out, running and intimate conversation. I'm seeking other Gay Asian males with similar interests and background for friendship and possibly more. Stable and serious, but never afraid to walk on the wild side. Ad#25271

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GWM, 29, 5'9" and stocky, light brown hair with blue eyes, soft but seeking GWF 25-40, prefer small build, but not necessary to meet for friendship and possible relationship. No head games please. Must like children. Smokers and drinkers welcome. Ad#25361

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
CHRISTIAN GWM, 34 SEEKS STABLE SAME/ OLDER
160, 5'8", bl/bl, very conservative values. Came into this world with life and integrity. I'm leaving with my integrity intact. Enjoy healthy eating, working out, old movies, and church. Super fun-loving and optimistic, no drugs, tobacco or alcohol. Ad#25621

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GOOD LOOKING PROFESSIONAL
Good looking professional, GHM, HIV+, mid-thirties, looking for fun and good times, enjoy dining out, movies and quiet times at home and partial to tall men with masculine features. Weight proportionate to height, non-smoker, social drinker. If curious please respond Ad#25171

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HOLY COW BATMAN!
GW Boy Wonder, 23, 5'11", 150lbs, bl/bl, HIV-, very attractive, desperately seeking a tall, very handsome, dark haired (not exclusively), masculine, non-smoking/ drug free, 23-30. Batman for a story-book relationship/ friendship. Batman should definitely be fun loving but responsible, romantic, versatile and creative. Ad#25365

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LA MAFIA MUSIC LOVER

Hey ditto! If you can relate to ditto, you can relate to me. 29, GHF, 5'2", 120, loves outdoors, dancing, music, especially La Mafia (Ahora Y Siempre). Fems only. Looking for someone who likes to socialize. Loves staying at home partying with friends, playing poker, games etc. Tired of the bar scene. Seeks someone who can be able to relate. (Si Puedes Pues "Dile" A Mi). Ad#25358

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MALE FASHION MODEL NEEDS MENTOR/ LOVER
I want you and only you, but you must be self-confident, honest, generous, loving, great body, and sexually creative, daring. If your curiosity about me...think of honey and cinnamon. Ad#25268

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HANDSOME PRINCE
Wants to live like a Queen. I'm a GWM, blond, blue, 28 with boyish good looks, small build with very good bone, mature, degreed, and fun loving. Looking for a GWM is stable, wealthy, and mature who can provide the things I've missed out on. Must be adventuresome, outgoing, and drug/ free. Ad#25375

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?
Mature, professional, very hairy body/ hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You, mentally mature, non-smoker, well endowed a plus, bottom - into safe fun. Please respond to ad#25916.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HERE 3 YEARS AND NO LUCK
31yr old GHM, br/br, w/ beard, weight in proportion (?) to height, HIV-, would like to meet BRB type masculine yet versatile male who is interested in a one on one relationship. Enjoy C&W music, the arts, Astroworld and quiet times at home. Stable and secure, smokers and light drinkers okay. Please respond to Ad#25255.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LOTTA LOVE TO GIVE
Good looking WM seeking 28-35 yr. old WM or Hispanic for possible relationship. I am HIV-, 30, 150, 5'10. I'm a light smoker, enjoy sports, music, fine dining, nice evenings at home and occasional workouts. Please respond to Ad# 25373.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MARRIED MEN
Spend quality time day or night w/ semi-retired GWM in Houston. Ad 25328

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Gay Asian male 31, 135#, quiet, reserved, caring person with average looks. Like to meet slim, masculine WM/ HM mate, 20-35, sincere, responsible, good sense of humor for friendship maybe more. Ad#5270

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
POSSESSIVE GHM
GBM, mid 40's, professional seeks attractive GHM. I am masculine, sociable, fun loving, simple yet complex, honest and wanting to hear from you. I would like you to have your own unique traits as well as some of the above. If you tend to be possessing, that is fine with me. Dating will hopefully lead to a relationship. I am ready to share my life with you. Ad#25316

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HIRSUTE MALE WANTED
Black male, slightly above average looks in search of exotic, hairy men. Not seeking drop dead gorgeous guy, but will not discourage you from responding. Not into labels. I am masculine, but not butch. Have been actively masculine, but it's time for a change. Brazilian, Hispanic, or Middle Eastern is the look I crave. Don't be afraid, black men don't bite, too hard! Ad#25565

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GAY AFFECTIONATE JAPANESE MALE
A very affectionate Gay Japanese Male, 41, 5'7", 160, HIV-, I am stable, very honest, financially secure, educated, thoughtful, considerate, kind, caring and compassionate person. Like a positive attitude. Looking for a man to share a wonderful and serious relationship. Ad#25291

2200 THE PERSONALS
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SEEK OLD FASHION BOY-GIRL FRIENDSHIP
Seek TV with nice looks, personality, together life style (job, DIDF) for fun, relationship and eventually seductive romance. Am MWM 5'4", 135, 42 with great sense of humor, very together life. Professional gentleman ready to court you as the feminine Lady you are. Any race. Especially Hispanic. Chubby okay. Ad#25371

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ARE YOU INTERESTED

in a GWM, 37 (looks much younger), who likes the outdoors, travel, fun times and just likes being together with someone. I am 5'1, a good C/W dancer, loves to fish, boating or anything outdoors. I am HIV-, height/weight proportionate, stocky, muscular with boyish good looks. I am interested in you if you are active, between the ages of 38-45, is young at heart, a non-smoker with dark hair (graying okay) mustache/ beard a plus. My hobbies are woodworking, painting, different kinds of crafting etc. Your response gets mine. Ad#25367

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HUG, SQUEEZE & PLEASE
GWM 37, 5'10", 185, brown/ brown, med. blt., mustache, contacts/glasses. Enjoy going out on occasion, the outdoors, jogging, quiet evenings, cooking, cuddle up, kiss, etc. I'm S.E. inside the loop, also occasionally out to Cypress/Cy Fair area. I'm passive looking for get together. Nothing serious for now. Ad#25612

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANTED BOY-FRIEND LOVER SITUATION

Good looking, healthy, HIV+, GWM, 35, 6', 165, br/br. Seeking serious boyfriend/lover situation. I'm a fun loving, affectionate, stable non-smoker into huggin' & squeezing & kissin' & pleasin. Looking for drug-free GWM or GHM 18-25 for monogamous relationship. I have a lot to offer the right person. ad 25578.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SEEKING DARING YOUNG ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL

Masculine GWM, HIV-, 25-40, well built, secure, sincere, honest, fun-loving, sensitive, romantic, clean shaven, good dancer (not C&W). For good quality times and possible relationship with HIV-, handsome gentleman who has zest for life, is caring, loving, fun, sensual and adventurous. Enjoys travel and entertaining. Ad#25355

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
CAJUN CUDDLER
GWM 32, br/ br HIV-, out going, humorous, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out, cooking, travel and quiet times at home. Seeking GBM or GWM 20-35 with similar interests for a positive relationship and fun times. Ad#25380

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
STABLE PROFESSIONAL 40+ GWF SOFT BUTCH
Looking for a feminine but aggressive woman with a great sense of humor, stable, mature & comfortable with sexuality. Family oriented woman a plus. Enjoy camping, beach, movies & intimate evenings. Someone willing to take the time needed to truly get to know each other. Tired of playing games. ad#25614

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
DOMINANT GWM
40, 45, 5'9 seeks GWMs into S/M - B/ D. Limits respected. Ad 25336.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
QUALITY OLDER SEEKS QUALITY YOUNGER
If you are young, healthy, trim, drug/alcohol free and would enjoy fun times, friendship, and more with a quality middle aged professional who is stable, sensitive, honest, and does not go to the bars, please respond especially if you have not answered an ad like this before. Ad# 25105.

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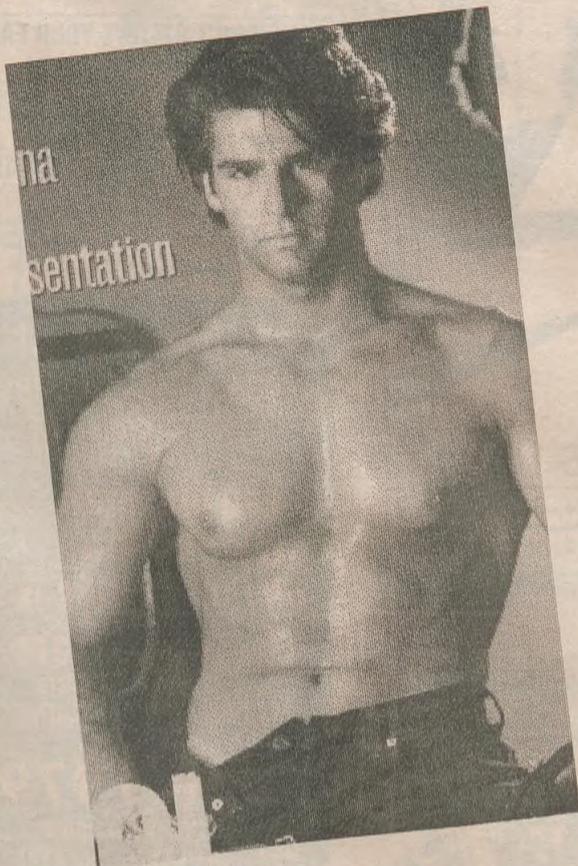
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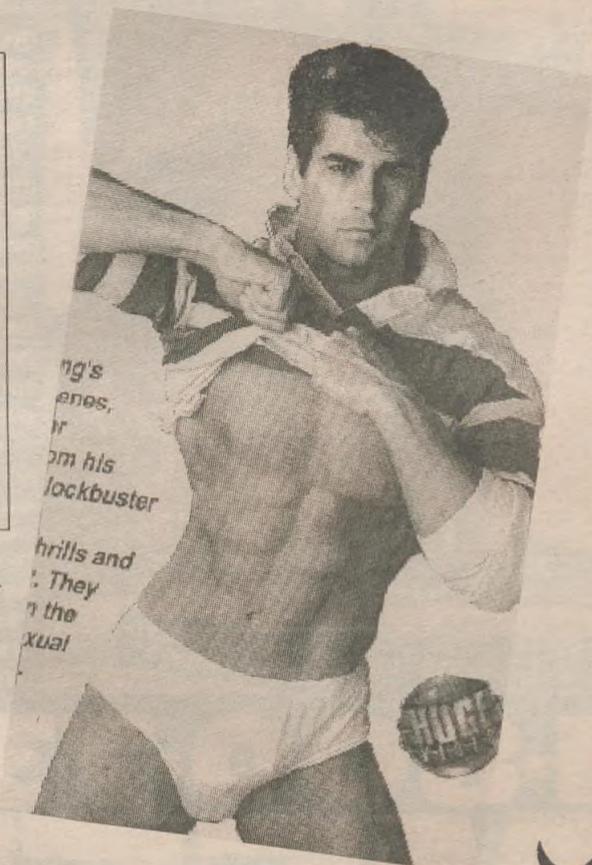


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You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. But you must call us or mail us a note every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

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▼▼▼ **DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**

City of Rochester to appeal New York Supreme Court gay discrimination ruling

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Friday, April 16 (AP)—The city of Rochester will appeal a state Supreme Court decision that ruled it discriminated against a gay group by denying them tax exemption status, city officials said.

Louise Kash, Rochester's lead lawyer, said Thursday the city would appeal last week's ruling by state Supreme Court Justice Andrew Siracuse, which ordered Rochester to give the Gay Alli-

ance of the Genesee Valley Inc. property tax exemption status.

"The city does not discriminate against gays and lesbians and we believe that the question of tax exemption is a legitimate question to present to an appeals court," said Kash.

The judge criticized the city for showing bias against the group because it had gay members and ordered the city to pay its legal fees. Siracuse also said a

hearing must be held within the next month to determine whether the city should be fined for what he termed questionable legal conduct.

The city had argued that the Gay Alliance was an advocacy group for homosexuals and didn't meet state requirements that an organization be educational or charitable to qualify for the exemption.

But Siracuse said the group served an

educational function for the city's gay community.

The Gay Alliance's lawyer, Ellen Yacknin, said the city was just wasting taxpayer money with the appeal.

"We're very surprised and very disturbed," Yacknin said. "Judge Siracuse said in the strongest of words that what the city is doing is wrong. The city should take his words to heart."

GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

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WEDNESDAYS

GROUP COUNSELING - Meeting every 1st and 3rd Wed. at Fellowship Hall. Info: (210) 781-0884.

THURSDAYS

FAMILY SUPPORT - Support group meeting for family members of PLAs at Casa Merced Activity Center at 7:30pm. Info: (210) 618-2775.

FRIDAYS

VALLEY LAMBDA AA - Open meeting each week at 8pm. Info: (210) 781-0884.

SAN ANTONIO

TUESDAYS

OPEN CHORAL REHEARSALS - Alamo City Men's Chorale holds rehearsals at 7:30pm at the River City Living Metropolitan Community Church, 202 Holland. New members welcome. Info: (210) 979-7654 or 734-7226.

CONTINUOUS

VAMPIRE LESBIANS OF SODOM - San Antonio's longest running play at Main Avenue Studio, 1608 N. Main, presented by Actors Theatre of San Antonio. Saturdays at 10:45pm. Info: (210) 227-ATSA.

OXY-MORONS - Actors Theatre also shows unique improv troupe. Audience gives the "morons" ideas and they perform skits around them. Fridays at 10:30pm. Info: (210) 227-ATSA.

SPORTS

The New Voice sports calendar entries should include the following: date, time span, brief description of event, sponsor, cost and contact number. Must be received in the Houston office, in writing, no later than noon Monday. Mail or fax to: The New Voice Sports, 408 Avondale, Houston TX 77006; Fax (713) 529-9531

AUSTIN

AGBL STANDINGS

The standings for the Austin Gamblers Bowling League as of April 13 are: 1) Chain Drive; 2) Buns of Steel; 3) Uncle Charlie's; 4) Shear Innovations; 5) Babes in Boyland; high scratch male is Phillip Ybarra, 228; high scratch female is Joni Hales, 181.

TUESDAYS

BOWLING - Austin Gamblers Bowling League meets

each week at Capitol Bowl on Koenig Lane @ Grover at 7:30pm. Info: (512) 451-5607.

SUNDAYS

VOLLEYBALL - Informal volleyball games are held each week at Bailey Park (just west of Lamar between 32nd and 33rd Streets). Just show up and play 1-5pm.

RUNNING CLUB - Austin FrontRunners meets along the hike-and-bike trail at Butler Shores (across from Zachary Scott theater). Run or walk for 30 minutes, then go out for brunch. 9:15am. Info: (512) 473-8334, 343-0106.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SKATING CLUB - Lambda Rollerskating Club is planning to begin a chapter in Austin. People interested in participating or getting on a mailing list can write to LRC, P.O. Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266.

CYCLING CLUB - Breakaway, a long-distance bicycling club for Austin/San Marcos is organizing. For cyclists interested in weekend rides of 25 miles or more. Info: (512) 447-6408.

HOUSTON

HMBL SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

The schedule for the Houston Metropolitan Billiards league for April 27th is: Kissin' Cousins v. Briar Patch @ Briar Patch; Coalition v. Ripcord @ Cousins; Scandalous Reds II v. Gold Diggers @ Gentry; Suicide Squad v. Dignity @ Jo's Outpost; King's X v. VN Juicy Fruits @ Mary's; E.J.'s Toys v. MaMa's Boys @ Mining Co.; Crystal Balls v. Mother's Nutz @ Past Time; Out' cousins v. Jackson 5 @ Red Room; Scandalous Reds I v. Crazy Eights @ Ripcord; KoKo's and Past Time Parrots have the night off.

HMBL STANDINGS - The standings for the Houston Metropolitan Billiards League at the end of Week 5 (April 13) are: 1) Out' Cousins, 4-0 (47-13); 2) Briar Patch, 5-0 (47-28); 3) Jackson 5, 4-0 (37-23); 4) Kissin' Cousins, 4-0 (34-26); 5) King's X, 4-1 (46-29).

SUNDAYS

RUNNING CLUB - FrontRunners, gay and lesbian joggers club meets every week in Memorial Park at 9am. Info: (713) 522-8842 or 522-8021.

OUTDOOR ROLLERSKATING - Lambda Rollerskating Club holds an outdoor skate every Sunday, weather permitting. Skaters should meet in Memorial Park at 100 Picnic Lane at 1:30pm. You must bring your own skates, or you may rent from a local shop. Info: Ray Ramirez (713) 862-4875.

MONDAYS

ROLLERSKATING - Lambda Rollerskating Club holds a gay/lesbian skate night every 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday from 7:30-10:30pm at Trade Winds Roller Rink, 5006 W. 34th St. @ Hwy 290, closed to the general public.

Cost - \$5, includes skate rental and raffle ticket. Info: Ray (713) 862-4875.

BASKETBALL - Open play basketball at the Love Complex, Shepherd and 12th. Cost - \$2 per person, first time free. Info: Mike Harwell (713) 860-9009.

TUESDAYS

WOMEN'S RUGBY - Houston Women's Rugby Club meets each week at the Bellaire YMCA. Info: (713) 955-1720.

RUNNING CLUB - FrontRunners, gay and lesbian joggers club meets twice a week, (Tuesdays and Thursdays) every week, in Memorial Park AT 6:30pm. Info: (713) 522-8842 or 522-8021.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

AGBL - League championship roll-off will be held at 8:30.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

WRESTLING - Houston Wrestling Club holds an instructional workout at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gary, from 1-4pm. All skill levels welcome. Info: (713) 522-5994.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE - Info: Pat De Carlo (713) 437-6218 or Cindy Cuellar 820-2244.

NEW ORLEANS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATER VOLLEYBALL - The New Orleans Water Volleyball League opens league play in May at the Country Club, 634 Louisa. Info: Bruce Manuel (504) 244-7118 or Joey LeBlanc 365-0195 or Jeff White 947-7206.

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AUSTIN

FRIDAYS

STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - Lesbian, bisexual and gay students family hour at Cactus Cafe, UT, 5pm. Info: (512) 471-4387.

SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS - AWARE holds sex addicts meeting, 500 Oakland, 7pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

SATURDAYS

DIGNITY/AUSTIN - Mass at Holy Spirit Chapel, 27th @ University, 2nd & 4th Sat., 6pm

SUNDAYS

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - Service at 425 Woodward. Interpreted for the deaf and child care is provided. 9am & 11am. Info: (512) 416-1170.

GAY AA GROUP - Lambda Live & let Live AA meeting in the Village Shopping Center, 2700 W. Anderson, #412, 1pm. Info: (512) 453-9802.

WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION - Meets weekly at Chances, 900 Red River, 5pm.

OUTYOUTH/AUSTIN - A young people's support group. 5-7:30pm. Meeting info: (512) 476-0880.

SHAMAN'S CIRCLE MEETING - Gay group sharing spirit and heart connections; honoring and empowering sexual diversity; exploring heart fire and gay spirit. Bring instruments of sound, objects of meaning, written and spoken words to share and an open heart to Crosswinds, 3355 Bee Cave Road #101, 8-9:30pm. Info: John or Michael (512) 477-1578.

MONDAYS

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP - Meets at Waterloo Counseling Center. Info: (512) 322-9653.

SOBER WOMEN - AWARE Women for Sobriety Group meets 500 Oakland, 5:30pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

TUESDAYS

TREEHOUSE SUPPORT GROUP - For Lesbians Considering Children meets at 607 Nueces, 2nd & 4th Tues., 7-9:30pm. Nominal fee. Info: (512) 477-5822.

HIV TESTING - Informe Sida conducts HIV testing, 1643 E. 2nd St. 7-8:30pm. Info: (512) 472-2001.

WEDNESDAYS

HIV SUPPORT GROUP - For HIV+ individuals and their significant others at David Powell Clinic, 1000 Toyath, 4-5:30pm

EDITH SUPPORT GROUP - For 18-22 year olds. Meets 7-8pm. Info: (512) 476-0880.

ACT-UP - Weekly meetings at the Grassroots Peace Building, 227 Congress, 8pm.

COMING OUT GROUP - For women meets at 607 Nueces. Interview required. 1st & 3rd Wed., 6-7:30pm. Nominal fee. Info: (512) 477-5822.

LESBIAN AL-ANON - AWARE sponsors a lesbian Al-Anon group, 500 Oakland, 7:30pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

ALLGAIN/INFORME SIDA - Gay Latino HIV+ support group sponsors. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed., 7pm. Info: (512) 472-2001.

TREEHOUSE SUPPORT GROUP - For Lesbian moms meets at 607 Nueces, 2nd & 4th Wed., 6-7:30pm. Info: (512) 477-5822.

THURSDAYS

GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - Waterloo Counseling holds a meeting in the evening. Info: (512) 322-9653.

OPEN ORCHESTRA/CHOIR REHEARSAL - MCC/Austin holds an open orchestra rehearsal at 6pm; choir rehearsal at 7:30pm. Info: (512) 416-1170.

HIV+ LESBIANS - Support group meets at Waterloo Counseling Center, 7:30-9pm. Info: (512) 322-9653.

GAY STUDENTS MEETING - ACC Organization meets in the Rio Grande Campus Building, Rm. 124, 2nd & 4th Thur., 8:30pm. Info: (512) 469-9337.

STOP THERAPY ABUSE - A consumer advocacy and educational support group meets monthly at the North Loop Library, 2210 Hancock Drive, 3rd Thur., 7pm. Info: Marie (512) 458-2605.

CONTINUOUS

HIV TESTING - Austin Travis County Health Department offers free, anonymous HIV testing. On April 18 at Charlie's from 9-9pm; and on April 25 at San Francisco's from 6-9pm.

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - AIDS Services of Austin is facilitating a 6-month, bi-monthly group. Views and experiences on issues of concern in a non-sexual, chemical-free environment. Topic for April 21-"HIV and How It Affects Our Lives." Available to any gay man at no cost regardless of HIV status. Info: Oscar Lopez (512) 406-6165.

HOUSTON

FRIDAYS

HATCH - (Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals) has peer support group, restricted to ages 16-21, 7:30-10pm. Info: (713) 942-7002.

LESBIAN GROUP - Lambda Women's Social & Support Group meets 6:30-8:30pm. Info: Cheryl (713) 736-1439 or July 724-7222.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOP - Confidential program of information and free medical testing for persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 2606 Montrose, 3rd Fri. from 2-4pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

CODEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS - With emphasis on gays/lesbians meets at MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur, 7-8pm. Free. Info: (713) 861-2808.

GAY/LESBIAN RADIO - New radio show focusing on gay/lesbian issues includes news, Womyn's music, reviews and commentary. KPFT 90.1 FM, 6-8pm.

SATURDAYS

HIV FITNESS PROGRAM - Low impact aerobics sponsored by LIFE Physical Therapy and the PWA Coalition at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, 10am-12pm. Info: (713) 965-2272.

COMMUNITY GARDEN - Volunteers needed to help tend garden at Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. All produce goes to needy PWAs, 10:30am. Info: (713) 524-2374.

DIGNITY MASS - Dignity/Houston holds a mass, followed by a social, for gay/lesbian Catholics at 1307 Yale, Suite H, 7:30pm. Info: (713) 880-2872.

GAY/LESBIAN RADIO - AfterHours, gay/lesbian radio show is heard on KPFT 90.1 FM, 1-3am. Info: (713) 526-5738.

PARENTS GROUP - Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Group holds a social for parents and their children every 2nd Saturday. Info: Glenda or Suzanne (713) 666-8256.

SUNDAYS

DAWN OF FAITH METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - Gay/lesbian worship service, 10595 Telephone Rd. @ Fuqua, 10am. Info: (713) 991-6766.

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH - Charismatic religious service, 501 E. 18th @ Columbia, 11am. Info: (713) 880-9235.

NAMES PROJECT WORKSHOP - For anyone interested in creating a quilt panel for a loved one who has died of AIDS at 1410 Fairview, 1-5pm. Info: (713) 522-NAMES.

LAMBDA AA GROUP - For women meets at Watergate Marina Clubhouse #2, 8pm. Info: (713) 326-1025.

AMIGA DE HOUSTON - Holds monthly business meeting and potluck, 3rd Sun., 5pm. Info: (713) 520-5667.

LOAF - (Lesbians Over Age 50) meets at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, 3rd Sun., 2-4pm. Info: (713) 661-1482.

OPEN 12-STEP GROUP - Meets to discuss one step per week and share experiences on that step at MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur, 5:30-7pm. Info: (713) 861-9149.

MONDAYS

SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP - Kolbe Project sponsors a support group for HIV negative survivors in its location, 1508 Hyde Park, at 8pm. Info: (713) 522-8182.

GAY FATHERS - And their partners meet for discussion group, 8-9:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Info: (713) 265-8191.

MOTHERS' SUPPORT GROUP - Bilingual group meets every other Monday at AVES, 2510 Broad Street, #200 at 6:30pm. Info: (713) 640-2837.

LONE STAR SYMPHONIC BAND - Open rehearsal. New members welcome regardless of degree of expertise. Info: (713) 521-0181.

TUESDAYS

HIV+ MOTHERS - And their children have a support group that meets at Casa de Esperanza, 2-4pm. Info: (713) 529-0639.

WOMEN'S HOUR - KTRU 91.7 FM, 6-7pm. Info: (713) 527-4050.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOP - Confidential program of information and free medical testing for persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 2606 Montrose, 1st and 2nd Tues. from 6-8pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

AIDS EQUITY LEAGUE - Meets at Charlie's Coffee Shop, 2nd Tues., noon & 4th Tues., 5:30pm. Info: (713) 871-0092.

CARING STEPS WORKSHOP - Information and education for spouses/partners of persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 4606 Montrose, Every 4th Tues. from 6-8pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

MCCR SUPPORT GROUP - Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection holds "Empowerment for Living," support group for persons dealing in some way with HIV, at their location 1919 Decatur St., from 6-8:30pm. Buffet served until 7pm. Info: (713) 861-9149.

DEAF/HEARING IMPAIRED GROUP - with HIV concerns and questions meets at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7-8:30pm. Info: (713) 529-0037.

FRIENDS, LOVERS, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS - Support group at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, if you have a loved one afflicted with AIDS. Donation requested. 7:30-9pm. Info: (713) 529-0037.

WELLNESS TRAINING FOR YOUTH - Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth (HIPY) offers support group to teach young people how to stay healthy with HIV in 811 Westheimer, #201 at 6pm on alternate Tuesdays. Info: (713) 942-9884.

LIVING WELL - A support group for people living with HIV providing unconditional support, updated information on treatment, and coping skills at 6pm for people in the Bay area. Info: (713) 333-2278.

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP - Kolbe Project hosts support group at 1508 Hyde Park from 10-11am. All are welcome. Info: Brother David (713) 522-8182.

PARENTS/FAMILY GROUP - Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 6-7:30pm at the Central Presbyterian Church, 3788 Richmond at Cummins. Info: (713) 621-2424.

PWA/PWARC SUPPORT GROUP - Meets 7:30-9pm at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Info: (713) 529-0037.

WEDNESDAYS

GAY/LESBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION - University of Houston group meets for discussion groups, 3:30pm & 7:30pm in the Caspian Room of the University Center Underground. Info: Damon (713) 524-9711 or Landis 921-3152.

KOLBE PROJECT - Hosts a gay issues support group in its new location, 1508 Hyde Park. New members always welcome. (Closed meeting) 6:15pm. Info: (713) 522-8182.

AA MEETING - Weekly mixed-group meeting for people in Clear Lake/Bay area at Watergate Marina #2, 7pm. Info: (713) 326-1025.

SEX ADDICTS - SORA (Sex or Relationship Addicts Anonymous) a support group for lesbians meets at MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur, 7-8:30pm. Info: Glenda (713) 666-8256 or Kimber 529-1827.

SELF HEALING CLASS - Michael K. Wilson's class meets each week at the Spectrum Center, 3416 Audubon. Guest speakers each week. 8-10pm. Info: (713) 523-4241 or 868-4251.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOP - Confidential program of information and free medical testing for persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 2606 Montrose, 3rd Wed. from 2-4pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION - Open meeting of women committed to action on issues affecting all women, 7pm. Info: (713) 867-9581.

MEN'S NETWORK - Education and social gathering for gay men. 1st and 3rd Wed. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Donation requested. 7-9pm. Info, including topic: (713) 529-0037.

WOMEN'S NETWORK - Education and social gathering for lesbian women. 2nd and 4th Wed. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Donation requested. 7-9pm. Info, including topic: (713) 529-0037.

YOUTH RAP GROUP - HIPY sponsors support group with clinical social worker for young people to discuss homelessness, runaway and throwaway youth, 811 Westheimer #201 at 7pm. Info: (713) 942-9884.

THURSDAYS

GAY MEN'S CHORUS - Holds open rehearsals at the Bering Memorial Church, 1440 Bering, 7pm. Info: (713) 630-0333.

ACT UP - Gulf Coast meeting takes place at Montrose Place, 1505 Nevada @ Commonwealth, 7:30pm. Info: (713) 524-5863.

POSITIVE SUPPORT GROUP - For people with HIV, at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Donation requested. 6-7:30pm. Info: (713) 529-0037.

NEW AGE SPIRITUALISM - en-LIGHT-en UP, a spirit seeking group for gay men, meets at the Crystal Dolphin, 3400 W. Lamar at 7:30pm. Suggested donation - \$5. Info: Michael (713) 520-6996, Howard 528-6174, Gary 520-7254.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOP - Confidential program of information and free medical testing for persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 2606 Montrose, 1st and 2nd Thur. from 6-8pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS - Support group for the entire family. Childcare is provided. Info: (713) 666-8256.

YOUTH COPING GROUP - HIPY holds discussion group dealing with issues facing gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, 811 Westheimer #201. Info: (713) 942-9884.

HISPANIC SUPPORT GROUP - Meets at AVES, 2510 Broad Street, #200 at 6:30pm. One group in English; one group in Spanish. Info: (713) 640-2837.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - Meets every other Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm at Central Presbyterian Church, 3788 Richmond at Cummins. Info: (713) 664-6610.

HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP - Sunset Heights Civic Club meets monthly on last Thurs. Info: (713) 880-5855.

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH - Mid-week services at 7:30pm, 501 E. 18th Street.

CONTINUOUS

AIDS TALK HOUSTON - The forum for AIDS/HIV issues in Houston is on Public Access Cable Programming. Program #5, sponsored by I.V. Team Pharmacy, will be aired on 4/17 @ 9:30pm; 4/18 @ 6pm; and 4/19 @ 7:30pm. Program #6, sponsored by Affirmative Life-styles, Inc., will air on 4/16 @ 8am; and on 4/19 @ 11:30am. Info: (713) 785-4343.

MIXED ANTIPODY COUPLES - A ten-week group for gay/bisexual male couple of mixed antibody status on Tuesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Donations accepted. Info: (713) 529-0037.

SOBRIETY AND YOUR FAMILY - 12-week program to explore the family's role in an addict's recovery on Tuesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Sliding scale fee. Info: (713) 529-0037.

TEENS WITH GAY PARENTS - Just for Us, a social group for teens with gay/lesbian parents meets on an irregular basis. Info: Dawn or Ray (713) 666-8256.

"RENAISSANCE TAPESTRIES AND MINIATURES" - From the permanent collection, bronze sculptures, decorated religious books, painted dishes and a Clouet portrait miniature at the Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross, through mid-May. Free. Info: (713) 525-9400.

"ENDANGERED" - A fundraiser for the HIV outreach art program of the Art League of Houston. Etchings for sale on display at Lawndale Art & Performance Center, from April 26-May 8. Info: Linda Carter (713) 523-9530 or Eric Shamban 528-5909.

"THE CUTTING EDGE: 200 YEARS OF CUT CRYSTAL" - Museum of Fine Arts exhibit featuring works from 18th century to present, 1001 Bissonnet. Info: (713) 639-7300.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT - Contemporary Arts Museum presents "Works by Lorna Simpson" from Mar. 20 - May 30 in Gallery Two, 5216 Montrose. Info: (713) 526-3129.

IMPERIAL AUSTRIA - Treasure of Art, Arms and Armor from the State of Styria, presented by the Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet, through June 27. Info: (713) 639-7300.

MEXICO'S HOLIEST SHRINE - MFA presents "Treasure from the Basilica of Guadalupe" featuring sacred objects from the most important pilgrimage church in Mexico. Info: (713) 629-3700.

JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT - Exhibition of graffiti-style paintings and works on paper at the Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross through May 9. Free. Info: (713) 525-9400.

"HEDDA GABLER" - Skyline Theater, 1617 Fannin (on the 9th floor of the Houston House) presents the classic drama by Henrik Ibsen. Through May 8. Tickets - \$8. Info: (713) 759-0701.

"LEND ME A TENSOR" - Comic farce at the Company OnStage, 536 Westbury Square, runs on Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm through April 24. Cost - \$9. Info: (713) 726-1219.

"FRIDA AND DIEGO-A LOVE STORY" - Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Pkwy, and Houston International Festival present story of Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Performances Wednesday thru Saturday at 8pm and Sundays at 5pm beginning April 9. Tickets - \$15 and up (discounts for students, seniors, and group of ten or more). Info: (713) 52-STAGE.

"TRUE WEST" - Actors Theatre of Houston presents play by Sam Shepard depicting sibling rivalry in all its facets. Being presented on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from April 16-May 22. Cost - \$12 (Fri.), \$15 (Sat.), \$10 (Sun). Curtain is at 8pm, 4pm on Sundays. Info: (713) 529-6606.

"FLORA, THE RED MENACE" - Main Street Theater presents musical comedy about spirited young fashion designer who falls for a shy American-born Communist. Shown Wednesdays thru @ 7:30pm, Thursdays - Saturdays @ 8pm; and Sunday @ 4pm from April 14 - May 23. Tickets - \$10 (Wed.), \$15 (Thu. Fri.), \$18 (Sat.) and \$12 (Sun). Info: (713) 524-6706.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL CLASSES - The Inter-Tribal Council of Houston presents various classes promoting aspects of their culture at 9180 Old Katy Rd. On Saturday 4/17, 9:30-11:30am, Finger Weaving, cost - \$35 (materials included); and on Sunday, 4/18, 2-4pm, Shawl Making, cost - \$25 (materials not included). Info: (713) 464-1164.

"COMEDY ITALIAN STYLE" - Five-week film series sponsored by Italian Cultural and Community Center. Films are shown on Mondays, beginning with introduction at 7pm, at the Center, 3033 Chimney Rock, #601. On 4/26, "Bread and Chocolate" (Pane e Cioccolata). Free. Info: (713) 524-4222.

LITERARY WORKSHOP - DiverseWorks presents a literary event. On April 23, Waldman will conduct a workshop "Wide Awake Writing" at 7:30pm - \$4 (\$3 for members and UH students). At Diverseworks, 1117 E. Freeway. Info: (713) 228-2882.

MEXICAN HISTORY IN PHOTOS - FotoFest, in conjunction with the Houston International Festival's salute to Mexico, has organized an exhibit of little known photography from three major archives in Mexico. "Four Decades of Mexican History, Mexican Photography, 1905-1945" will be on display in the main lobby of the Wortham Center from April 20 - May 2. Free.

"THE MURDER ROOM" - Theatre Suburbia, 1410 West 43rd at Oak Forest, presents Jack Sharkey's mystery farce with the cat as its victim. Shows April 16 - May 15 on Saturdays and Sundays at 8:30pm and Sundays at 3pm. Tickets - \$6-8. Info: (713) 682-3525.

"WHEN YOU COME BACK, RED RYDER?" - Theatre Southwest presents modern classic of drug smuggler disrupting lives of patrons in an all-night diner from April 16 - May 8. Shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30pm and Sundays at 3:30pm. Tickets - \$9. Info: (713) 661-9505.

"TEXAS WORKS" - An exhibit by Donald Lipski, well-known for objects and sculpture of irony and curiosity, will run at the Davis/McLain Gallery, 2627 Colquitt, through May 22. Info: (713) 520-9200.

"CATHOLIC SCHOOL GIRLS" - Houston premiere of 60's comedy at Houston Theater Lab, 1706 Alamo. Show will run from April 23-May 29, on Fridays and Saturdays @ 8pm; on Sundays @ 3pm. Tickets - \$10. Info: (713) 868-7516.

CITY COUNCIL ZONING HEARINGS - Committee on Comprehensive Planning and Community Goals will hold public hearings on zoning ordinance in the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor City Hall, 901 Bagby, Free and open to public. Meetings on Sat., 4/24, 9am-12pm; on Mon., 4/26, 1:30-5pm; on Thu., 4/29, 1:30-5pm; and on Thu., 4/29, 8:45-10:45pm. Info: (713) 754-9663.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

BENEFIT SILENT AUCTION - Expressive Therapies Center will hold a silent auction of works of Houston artists at Treabear's second floor gallery, 315 Travis. All proceeds benefit Expressive Therapies, an agency that provides therapy to both children and adults on a sliding scale.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

SPIRITUAL LECTURE - Ram Dass, psychologist, philosopher and spiritual leader will present a lecture, "Awareness, Compassion and Current Events" at Cullen Performance Hall, UoH Central Campus, at 7pm. Tickets - \$17. Info: (713) 526-6674.

ART OPENING - Meredith Long & Company, 2323 San Felipe, will present an exhibition of paintings by Catherine Behrent. Reception from 5:30-7:30pm. Artist will be present. Info: (713) 523-6672.

ART CAR BALL - The 3rd Annual Art Car Ball starts off the activities leading to the Art Car Parade. Ball will be held on the roof of the 1600 Smith Garage in the Cullen Center. Tickets - \$25 (in advance), \$30 (at the door). Info: (713) 926-6368.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

"URBAN/RURAL" - Oil paintings by Louise Williams depicting contrasting scenes in rural France and urban Houston will be on exhibit at Archway Gallery, 2600 Montrose Blvd. Reception for artist from 5:30-8:30pm. Info: (713) 522-2409.

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