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TDH: Houston won't be forced to comply with HIV name reporting

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

HIV service providers and activists in Houston appear to have won another round in a recurring struggle to protect the confidentiality of service clients, in the face of a nearly two year old call from the Texas Legislature to impose a data collection system that includes clients' names as identifiers.

Officials of the Texas Department of Health in March had informed the Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, the local lead administrative agency for state AIDS funds, that they would be required to maintain a database of all persons using local AIDS services funded by TDH and Ryan White Title II grant monies. In a meeting on March 21, Michael Springer, executive director of the Resource Group, said he was

told by TDH that the agency could use the system used by Harris County to collect data, but that after the data was downloaded into a computer at the Resource Group's offices, client names would have to be added for cross-checking to avoid duplication. That data would be kept in Houston, and names and other client identifiers would be removed before giving the data to the state.

But Tuesday morning, after meeting in Houston with service provider members of the HIV Care Consortia, representatives of the area's two lead administrative agencies and community activists, officials from TDH's Office of Data Collection agreed to allow Houston to use a system of reporting that does not use client names.

"What they have agreed to do is to allow us to meet to develop a system that meets their

requirements (without using names)," explained Steven Bradley, chair of the HIV Consortia. Representatives of the Consortia, the Resource Group, the Harris County Division of HIV Services, will work together to develop a reporting system, he said.

The resulting system likely be similar to that used by the county, which utilizes an 11-digit number called the Uniform Reporting System (URS) number to cross-check client information with identifiers other than the client's name.

"We believe the county's system is adequate...it may have to be expanded (to meet the state requirements)," Bradley said. "It may ultimately cost more money than the original recommendation, but in terms of (confidentiality), it's worth it."

The officials, Betty Cooper and Darla Metcalf, came to Houston to explain the

requirements after being informed by Bradley of community concerns.

The issue came to light largely through the efforts of Jeff Hallauer, chair of the HIV Community Caucus, an independent local advocacy group. After learning of the pending requirement that TDH contractors must report client names, Hallauer called local activists and the media, as well as calling and writing administrators and service providers to express his concern.

But Tuesday's meeting was almost conspicuous for its unity. Local AIDS agencies, known for sparring with each other in the past, joined together to convince the state officials that the area has already demonstrated that data could be collected, with a very high degree of accuracy, without using name identifiers.

Some who attended the meeting said it was only a partial victory.

"The good news is, they won't have to use (client) names. The bad news is, this only applies in the Houston," said AIDS activist Gene Harrington. "They say that they haven't gotten any complaints from other parts of the state."

Data reporting systems using client names have already been implemented or are being developed in other parts of the state. However, the dynamics of providing services to HIV-positive people also vary from region to region, Bradley noted. "In some other cities, it's one-stop-shopping," he said, referring to the provision of many services (in rural areas, often to more than one town) by one agency. "Houston has a unique situation; in every city, it's different."

The quest for Gay Culture...

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

From Radical Right initiatives at every turn to the fight for same sex marriage in Hawaii to the ongoing battle here in Texas to preserve Austin's domestic partner policy, Gay and Lesbian rights have continued into this year to be at the forefront of the American media attention. That spotlight began in 1993, the year of the Gays in the Military debate and the million-strong March on Washington.

But what do a Gay military officer, a "Castro Clone," a flamboyant drag queen, an ACT UP activist and a self-indulgent "gym bunny" really have in common? National Public Radio journalist Frank Browning, in his controversial best seller "The Culture of Desire: Paradox and Perversity in Gay Lives Today," which came out in hardback last year and is now available in paperback, explored the question of the ever-changing Gay culture, and whether there truly exists an identifiable cultural link between Gay men.

The transitional atmosphere—a paradox—continues today. So does Browning's constant questioning of the constantly evolving



Frank Browning, author of "The Culture of Desire: Paradox and Perversity in Gay Lives Today" (Photo by Marc Geller)

notion of Gay culture.

"The Gay movement has attempted to organize using an ethnic model of self-organizing," observed the author, in Houston on a promotional tour for "Desire's" paperback release.

Since the late 60's, that model has provided the organizing principle for all political movements, he said.

But unlike other minorities, Gays had no ethnic inheritance on which to shape their emerging culture, according to Browning. A diverse society that is almost impossible to define or capture at any given moment, Gay people "have had to invent themselves. We're doing it from scratch," he said.

Another paradox might be found in the objection by some "conservative" Gays to the use of the word "perversity" in Browning's title. It is that constantly changing perversity that should and ultimately will be celebrated, he suggests, because it is in queerness that we are linked.

Browning's book unsettled many in the Gay community because of its frank admission of a disturbing reality: that the vision of a unified, squeaky clean Gay community and single-minded heritage is as much a distortion as the pictures flashing across the screen in a right-wing propaganda film.

The Gay community—and Browning even limits his examination to Gay males—is in fact a melting pot of many communities, with varied heritage and cultural connections: a microcosm of society at large, but not quite.

For, in the Gay male experience, there is a link. And, as much as many may try to evade it, that link is sexual desire, says Browning.

"There are radical differences, even among Gay white males,

Browning points out.

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...And Lesbian Essence

Linda Villarosa, a slim, elegant young woman, recounts to the members of Houston's Lesbians in Business being the "project" of relentless co-workers at "Essence" magazine. "Would you like to go out with my friend's brother...my brother's friend?"—she recalled being asked. She once thought to herself of telling a co-worker, "You know, there must be plenty of Black men out there...they've all been offered to me," she said to hoots of approval from her all-lesbian audience.

A very personal pain of guilt by omission, of "passing" for heterosexual, led Villarosa to desperate measures: she came out as a lesbian in the pages of the national magazine, targeted at Black women.

Villarosa is a senior editor at "Essence," specializing in medical and health topics. She has written for the publication for nearly ten years and has been on the editorial staff for more than four years.

In the May, 1991 issue of "Essence," Linda and her mother, Clara, co-wrote an article called "Coming Out," in which each woman discussed Linda's coming out as a lesbian. (Though not "out" at work, Villarosa had revealed her sexual orientation to her family long before).

That article received more letters than any other article in the



Linda Villarosa, senior editor of "Essence" magazine (Photo by Amber Ratisseau)

23-year history of the magazine, and prompted the mother and daughter to follow up in October with "Readers Respond to Coming Out." For those articles, Villarosa received the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) media award for that year.

At LIB's monthly meeting Friday, April 15, Villarosa talked about the experience and her reasons for wanting to come out in a big way, and read some of the response letters sent to the magazine after the article's appearance.

Villarosa said the original idea was for her mother to write an article Mother's Day, telling her feelings about her lesbian daughter's coming out. But Villarosa's editors urged her to tell her own story as well, and in making her decision, the writer also had to deal with painful memories of the past.

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HRCF project aims to document cases of anti-Gay discrimination

INFORMATION and ACTION FORUM

Have you, or has anyone you know, ever been a victim of anti-Gay discrimination in employment, housing and public services?

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is launching a national project to document cases of discrimination based on sexual orientation. HRCF announced last week that it will attempt to collect information on anti-Gay discrimination from all over the country as part of "a major effort to mobilize support for non-discrimination legislation."

The Campaign Fund will work with other national organizations, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, to collect the information on discrimination, according to Tim McFeeley, HRCF executive director. "We are asking everyone who has ever been discriminated against to come forward and tell their story," McFeeley said. "We will distribute documentation forms for people to fill out at Lesbian and Gay Pride events this summer, and will be mailing them to organizations throughout the country."

McFeeley said the project was launched to overcome two major misconceptions confronting advocates of equal rights for Gay people. "First, most Americans don't know that discrimination against Gay people is a serious problem. Second, they mistakenly believe we are already protected by current laws."

In fact, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is legal in 42 of the 50 states.

People of all sexual orientations who wish to participate in the documentation project are encouraged to contact HRCF's Public Policy Department at (202) 628-4160. (Source: HRCF press release)

'Tales' Cut Off

The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) has decided not to fund the sequel to "Tales of the City," one of the highest-rated programs ever distributed by the network. PBS executives claim that the sequel, "More Tales of the City," would not provide programming that is "new, different, controversial and interesting."

This plea for "new" and "different"

comes from a network that has provided years of "Wall Street Week," but has yet to support such national Lesbian/Gay programming as "In The Life." In an independent survey published last year, researchers examined 114 episodes of PBS public affairs programs and could not find a single Lesbian or gay representative.

Unfortunately, viewers might be in for further cutbacks of Lesbian and Gay programming. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation reports that confidential information obtained from PBS sources indicates that new PBS president (and former George Bush lackey) Ervin Duggan will continue the retreat from truly diverse, multi-cultural programming. According to GLAAD's source, Duggan feels that PBS should not broadcast programs that "Americans find distasteful..." specifically, programs that deal with Lesbian/Gay themes or abortion.

Duggan's position is not only distasteful, it's criminal. After all, the mission of PBS, as mandated by Congress, is to "help us see America whole, in all its diversity" and to "provide a voice for groups in the country that may otherwise be unheard."

Contact Ervin Duggan, President, PBS, 1320 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. 22314-1698, tel. (703) 739-5000 or (800) 356-2626. Richard Carlson, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 901 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20004-2037. (Source: GLAAD Media Watch)

Under-Exposure?

On May 2, CBS's "Northern Exposure" will once again explore Gay/Lesbian themes. This time, the series will feature the marriage of Ron and Erick (who play the town's Gay innkeepers). While CBS has been generally supportive of the program, the network refuses to portray a kiss between the two characters as they wed.

Executive producer Andrew Schindler has acknowledged that a man and woman would surely be shown kissing in the same dramatic situation but, he rationalizes, the show's producer's are trying to "unload a loaded issue."

Send your letters (sealed with a kiss?) to: Jeff Sagansky, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., L.A., CA 90036, tel. (213) 852-2345.

Houston Spotlight



POKEY ANDERSON

One of the longest term leaders of Houston's Lesbian/Feminist community is also something of a "hidden treasure." You can usually find Pokey Anderson at Inklings, the women's alternative book shop she co-owns with Annise Parker. Petite, soft spoken Anderson has been in the trenches for years: she was co-host, until last year,

of KPFT's long running feminist radio program Breakthrough. And when the station management revamped the format to exclude the women's music and talk show, Pokey's fans rallied. Pokey and her bookstore still serve as informational "hubs" of the Lesbian community, enduring proof that the best things come in small packages.

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On June 26th, 1994, the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People will take place in New York City. It promises to be one of the largest human rights marches in history.

Come celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Make your plans NOW! You can help make Stonewall 25 a success!

Author Carol Flake: transplanted Texan un.masks New Orleans

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

Houston Voice/New Orleans

Carol Flake is originally from Texas. She came to New Orleans some years ago, "with Baptist trepidation," and left bedazzled if not converted to Crescent City hedonism.

After a "stretched-out" eight year hitch at Tulane University, Flake left Bagdad-On-The-Bayou for Boston. "I'm afraid I'm one those people who say with as much regret as pride, they escaped the decadence of New Orleans." Currently Flake lives in Boston where she writes a weekly column for Boston Globe Magazine.

Flake may have "escaped" in body but not in Spirit. "I am someone who knows what it means to miss New Orleans."

In 1992, Flake briefly forsake the harsh Massachusetts Winter for the earlier Spring of South Louisiana, "to research a book about America's most famous party: New Orleans Mardi Gras."

As fate would have it, Flake arrived as The

Great Swamp City was mired in debate about recent City Council extension of civil rights laws to cover not only race, gender and sexual-orientation, but to apply such rules to private clubs and even—holy of holy—Mardi Gras Krewe! Krewe are the social clubs that sponsor the balls and sixty-plus parades that make up much of Carnival's revelry.

The resulting book, "New Orleans: Behind the Masks of America's Most Exotic City" (Grove Press) is a pleasant read, though it is sometimes painful seeing The City's dirty laundry peeking out through Carnival bunting. Racism, elitism and economic decay are reported by



Carol Flake, author of "New Orleans: Behind the Masks of America's Most Exotic City" (Photo by Josephine Sack)

Flake along with the divine kind of decadence that make New Orleans so famously the adult playground it is.

"Masks" is a superb example of a social/literary genre known in New Orleans as "Smart Guys Talking About Us." Texas, it seems, more than any place produces commentators on the follies of New Orleans. From Frank Parsley, the Houston based homoerotic ice-box magnet photographer, to Carol Flake,

such social critics ride in from the Lone Star State to observe, participate, and comment.

Like Parsley's photographs of Mardi Gras excesses, Flake is a "smart guy" making a picture with words of the existential

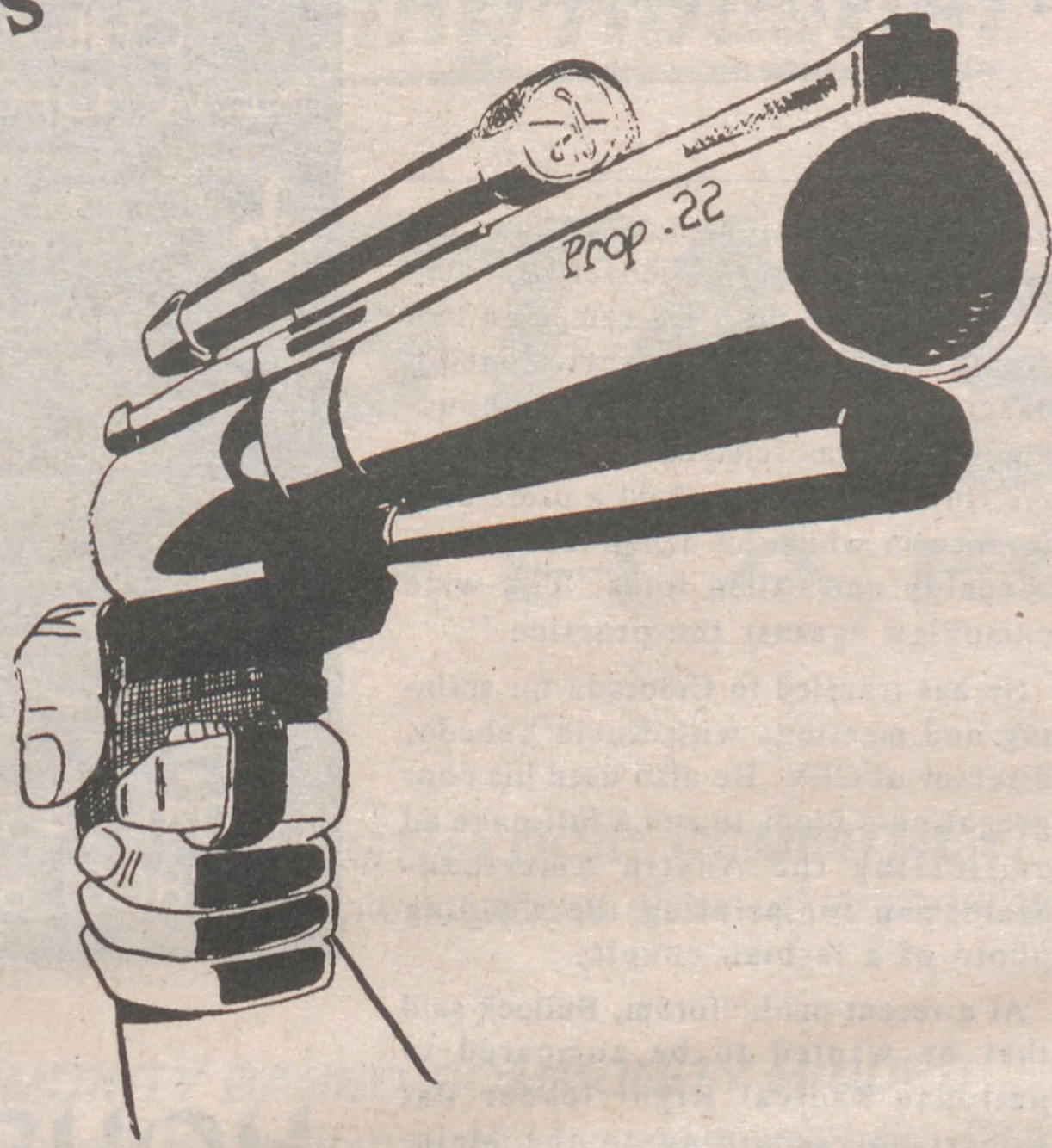
spirit of Carnival—which is to say the spirit of New Orleans. She shows that spirit turned mean in upper-crust presumption that after the three old-line Krewe of Comus, Momus and Proteous stop parading Carnival will cease. It did not. "It was like Reagan's trickle-down theory applied to partying." Flake says.

"Two years later," she goes on, "Carnival is doing well. New Krewe and new parades have joined the merriment, and the old liners seem left cutting off their own parades to satisfy their own spite."

Flake rode with Iris (a prestigious all-female Krewe exempted from the new rules by a compromise Comus, Momus and Proteous would have no part of) tossing beads to the pleading masses. "Parading is such a god-like experience, I'm sure they miss it."

If you want an understanding of America's most exotic city you will have to understand Carnival. New Orleans is truly a city located on the Mississippi and organized around Mardi Gras. "Masks" is a great place to start, or continue your quest.

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United Way president says
Christian group spreading lies

RICHMOND, Monday, April 18 (AP)—The president of the United Way of America says a Virginia-based Christian lobbying organization is misrepresenting the United Way's support of homosexual groups.

The Christian Action Network, a pro-family group based near Lynchburg, placed a full-page advertisement Monday in The Washington Times saying that money from a United Way organization went to support two gay groups in the San Francisco area.

The advertisement said that the "United Way allowed its good name to be used by a homosexual group to distribute 'gay and lesbian' textbooks into the public schools," and United Way money went to a group that is "promoting homosexuality among teen-agers."

Only \$6,000 from the Bay Area United Way went to the gay groups mentioned by the network, said United Way of America President Elaine L. Chao, who attended a conference in Richmond on Monday. According to the United Way of the Bay Area, however, the organization provides \$456,600 to the gay and lesbian community.

The network is "using United Way in an inflammatory fund-raising method" that is highly irresponsible, Ms. Chao said. "They'd like nothing better than to have more and more publicity."

Ms. Chao said local United Way chapters raise their own funds and distribute them as they like.

According to Jillian Elliott, the Bay Area United Way's vice president for advertising and communications, community fund allocations have gone to help

"underserved populations," including gays and lesbians.

United Way funds were given to two gay groups as grants, she said.

One went to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance against Defamation. Another was given to the Bay Area Network of Gay/Lesbian Educators to provide material and training to educate people about gay issues, Ms. Elliott said.

"These homosexual groups are using United Way's name to gain additional funding from other private foundations and to add credibility to their program," said Martin Mawyer, president of the 80,000-member Christian Action Network.

Mawyer said his group does not oppose homosexuals, "but we are opposed to some programs they initiate."

He called upon officials of the national United Way to issue a policy statement saying financing homosexual-related programs is "not within the goals of the United Way."

The United Way's national organization provides local units with training, advertisement and support with the U.S. corporate community. It is dependent on local contributions for its \$21 million annual budget.

The United Way is the country's largest charity. Its local affiliates raising more than \$3.1 billion annually for such organizations as the American Red Cross, the Girl Scouts, Catholic Charities, the Jewish Appeal, the Salvation Army, and the YWCA and YMCA. The local affiliates also provide grants to thousands of charities.

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ACT UP reacts to Galveston GOP's HIV quarantine resolution

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From ACT UP GULF COAST

Houston, Texas

ACT UP/Gulf Coast is outraged that, fourteen years into the AIDS epidemic, the Galveston County Republican Party has resolved to quarantine persons infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. Quarantining the HIV-infected was rejected by every responsible medical authority in the

nation well over ten years ago.

How will the Galveston Republicans identify those to be quarantined without violating confidentiality laws? Will there be separate camps for children and adults? Where will the camps be located and how will they be funded? Will the party of "fiscal responsibility" propose a tax increase to pay for this inane proposal? The Galveston Republicans do not address these nuts-and-bolts questions because their resolution was proposed, not to end the

AIDS crisis, but to inflame the passions of every right-wing political crackpot and Bible-toting Neanderthal in the state. The Galveston County Republican Party's resolution exemplifies the volatility of combining vacuous minds with fresh salt air.

*Thanks To Bunnies From
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From LYNN PANILL

Executive Director, People With AIDS Coa-

lition Houston

On behalf of the clients, board of directors and staff of the People With AIDS Coalition Houston Inc., I would like to express our sincere thanks to the participants and hosts of "Bunnies on the Bayou" 1994.

Your generosity will be of great help to the People With AIDS/HIV in the greater Houston area. We are extremely honored to have been chosen a beneficiary of this event.

Thank you again!

Support bill that aims to prevent Gay and Lesbian youth suicide

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From MICHAEL CRAWFORD

Houston, Texas

Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth suicide has reached epidemic proportions. It is estimated that 30 percent of all queer teens attempt to end their lives. Trapped in hetero-dominated familial situations where they dare not reveal their sexual orientation and isolated from the queer communities, many gay and bisexual young people are left feeling alone and confused. Issues important to gay youth have been ignored by both straight and gay adults for far too long. This silence must end because it is costing too many young people their lives.

Recently a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives (HR 4148) that aims to prevent gay and bi youth suicide. The bill seeks to set up a National Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth Suicide Prevention which would include 30 members

to be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Its goals would be to gain inclusion for gay youth in existing state and national prevention programs, and make recommendations to HHS and other agencies on how to stem the tide of gay youth suicide. I urge to write or call your members of Congress and ask them to co-sponsor and/or support HR 4148.

To write to your senator, representative or President Clinton here are the addresses: Senators—Hon. (Name of senator) U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-3121. Representatives—Hon. (Name of representative) U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-3121 or President Clinton, White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, (202) 456-1414.

*TG Group Calls Stonewall
Protest*

From PHYLLIS FRYE

Executive Director, International Conference of Transgender Law and Employment Policy

"Stonewall 25," the international march on the United Nations to affirm the human rights of only lesbian and gay people, will be on the 25th of June 1994 in New York City. Despite numerous pleas, the event organizers refuse to include the words "transgender," drag and bisexual" in the title of the event. Therefore, ICTLEP issues these educational guidelines for non-violent, civil disobedience.

Participants in the "Educational Protest of Non-Inclusion" will be three types: those who will carry signs, wear special t-shirts, place themselves (in repeating teams) into the march route and allow themselves to be arrested; those who will carry signs, wear special t-shirts, shout "And, And, And" and observe the arrests from the curbside; and those who will carry signs, wear special t-shirts, shout "And, And, And" and march in the

event. All signs and t-shirts will be white with black lettering. Signs are to be of posterboard only, either hand carried or on cardboard tubes (not wooden sticks). The signs and t-shirts will emphasize the need to inclusify the lesbian, gay, transgender, drag and bisexual movement.

Those wishing to participate shall meet at 3:30 p.m., Saturday the 25th of June, in the law offices of Margo Dienenhouse, 844 Sixth Avenue #404, New York, New York 10001, (212) 473-4750, fax (212) 685-8362 for organization and my instruction in non-violent civil disobedience: No one will be in the arrest teams who does not attend. Teams will be organized for repeated stopping of the march, Not for resisting arrest. Every effort will be made to notify the police.

I will be on the first team to be arrested. The observers will follow the arrest teams through the arrest-jail-court-release sequences.

Austin ballot measure could have statewide, national implications

Gay and Lesbian rights advocates statewide will be watching closely as Austin residents go to the polls on May 7 to decide the fate of the city's domestic partnership policy, which extends health insurance benefits to both Gay/Lesbian and heterosexual partners of city employees.

The city wide vote could set a precedent across the state, and set the stage for a broader attack from the Radical Right in Texas, some fear. In other states, ballot initiatives in one city, whether they passed or failed passed or failed, have spawned "cousins" in scattered sites throughout a state, or led to rightist campaigns for statewide initiatives.

As the campaign moves into its final weeks, the Mainstream Austin Coalition, a grassroots group formed to fight repeal of the policy, has said it will not allow Austin "to be 1994's first casualty in the Radical Rights continuing war to write their national agenda into law."

The Austin initiative, Proposition 22, would amend the city's charter to include a definition of "family" that excludes domestic partners of the same or opposite sex. It was placed on the ballot after a petition drive by the Rev. Charles Bullock, pastor of the Christ Memorial Baptist Church, and his political action committee, Concerned Texans Inc.

Organizers say a victory by the Radical Right in Austin could provide momentum to the national campaign to pass anti-Gay initiatives in eight other states and raise countless millions of dollars for their causes.

"The people of Austin will recognize the anti-domestic partnership initiative as the Radical Rights first assault this year on the rights of Gay and Lesbian people," said state Rep. Glen Maxey, one of the coalition's leaders.

Maxey, the state's only openly Gay legislator, also said the coalition was preparing to fight "the Radical Right's typical stealth campaign," and had recruited over 400 volunteers to wage its own grassroots effort.

Since their petition drive, Concerned Texans has been conspicuously silent. Maxey said he and other coalition leaders believe that Bullock was waging a "stealth campaign," set to explode in the last couple of weeks with a large infusion of out-of-state money.

"We think they are keeping such a low profile because they are waiting until the last weeks of the campaign to receive enormous amounts of cash from the national Radical Right organizations and flood the city with misleading ads." He noted the same thing happened last fall in Cincinnati. In the final days of the campaign to repeal the city's Gay rights law, Colorado for Family Values funneled \$390,000 into the repeal of that law.

Bullock claims that his group has received no money from outside sources. But he and his followers have said that they want to translate a May ballot victory into political action in other cities, and Bullock's political history is tangled in ties to anti-Gay campaigns, near and far.

Bullock publicly led efforts to deny tax abatements to Apple Computer Inc. last November, because of that com-

pany's domestic partners policy. His campaign manager, Michael Brandes, was a leader of the 1982 campaign that sought to legalize discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, which was rejected by Austin voters. In 1992, Bullock held a press conference in which he denounced homosexuality and called for a "city-wide campaign against the practice."

He has traveled to Colorado for training and meetings with Kevin Tebedo, director of CFV. He also used his congregation's funds to run a full-page ad criticizing the Austin American-Statesman for printing the wedding photo of a lesbian couple.

At a recent public forum, Bullock said that he wanted to be compared to national Radical Right leader Pat Robertson, according to the Mainstream Coalition.

Since approval by the city council last September, less than one percent of the total city work force had signed up for the benefits. Of those employees who did, 30 percent registered a partner of the same sex. The policy will cost the city an estimated \$104,000 this fiscal year.

Maxey admitted the election will be close, but stressed that it is winnable, "if we have the support, both emotionally and financially, of Gay men, Lesbians, their families and friends from across the nation."

Contributions to the "No On 22" campaign may be sent to Mainstream Austin Coalition, Post Office Box 2062, Austin, Texas 78768-2062.

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"MAC" was a well known member of our community in the 70's and 80's. He was one of the first diagnosed cases of HIV and became a powerful voice for the rights of persons living with HIV/AIDS. He was a vocal proponent for City action in the face of the HIV and was a generous contributor to HIV studies. Michael MacAdory personified empowerment, dignity, and generosity in the face of indifference, hostility, and fear. MAY MAC'S SPIRIT NEVER DIE!

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Gay rights marchers rally at South Carolina statehouse

COLUMBIA, S.C., Saturday, April 16 (AP)—A diverse crowd of 1500 to 2000 gay rights supporters marched through downtown and staged a rally on the Statehouse steps Saturday.

Marchers dressed in business attire and biker garb participated in the fifth annual parade sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Pride Movement. It was the largest such gathering yet in South Carolina, said parade organizer Matt Tischler.

"I hope especially for those in the parade for the first time that this is a turning point in their lives," Tischler said. "For some, this is the first time they can show affection in public, a freedom others feel all the time and take for granted."

Marchers carried signs that read, "God made me gay," and "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." One marcher wore a t-shirt that read "Loving Dad."

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Montrose Softball League reports on second week of play; Inner Loop Alternative Bowling League kicks off

SPORTS NOTES

The second week of action in the Montrose Softball League was filled with double headers!

In the Competitive Division, the Mining Company defeated the Houston Voice and the Hellraisers; the Houston Voice defeated the Hellraisers in a close game; Briarpatch defeated the Venture N and Pacific Street.

In the recreational Division, Travel in Style defeated BRB #1 and Gentry; Rich's Prime defeated BRB #2 and the Ripcord; E.J.'s defeated the Ripcord and J.R.'s; BRB #2 defeated Gentry and J.R.'s defeated BRB #1.

Action continues Sunday, April 24 at Tim Hearne Field at 10:00 a.m. For more information, or to answer questions about MSL call 867-3913.

Bowling Leagues

The first week of bowling for the Inner Loop Alternative League produced the following standings: first place was taken by Sisters of Dorothy; second place by Who Took My Ball?, and third

place by Lucky Strykers. High Scratch game and series was bowled by Dean Ainsworth for the males and by Lori Ann Bender for the females. For information about joining this league call Tom O'Dell at 522-9612.

For information about other leagues, call the following contact persons:

Thursday Night Mixers bowling, 9:00 p.m. at Emerald Lanes, Mace Adams at 432-7239.

Montrose Monday Nite Men's League 9:00 p.m. at Fairlanes Southway, Gardy Harvey at 641-5424.

Monday Nite Women's League, 6:00 p.m. at Fairlanes Southway, Pat DeCarlo at 437-6218.

LRC Picnic And Skate

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Gay 'culture' continues to change and re-identify itself, says author

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"The Gay life that has been marketed to the mainstream is based on a sort of nationalism. But now we are seeing a new crop of young people who do not want to be categorized, the new 'Queer' culture," he said.

That culture emphasizes co-mingling of Lesbians, Gays, other sexual minorities and people of multiple ethnic heritages, and even "hip" heterosexuals. "You go to a hip dance club frequented by the young and it's confusing trying to figure out who's who," says Browning.

But this "culture" he notes, is rapidly replacing the heavy, exclusive world into which the men of the 70's and early

80's, described by Browning as deeply misogynistic, had withdrawn. "That world is fading away," he said. "But the changes blur the line even more of, 'is there a gay culture?'"

To an extent, the fanning out of cultural connectors, the self-admission of diversity, can seem threatening. "In our case, success (of the Gay movement) ultimately means disappearance," he noted.

Because the quest for community is universal, Browning says he believes Gays will continue to re-invent and re-identify themselves. "I think it's inevitable that people will search" for heritage and cultural base, Browning said.

Lesbian tells of coming out in national, mainstream magazine

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"I thought of my history as a black woman... My family was almost destroyed by 'passing,'" said Villarosa, who is of mixed racial heritage. "My grandmother was light enough to 'pass,' and did. So when my father married my mother, it was like this huge scandal, because my mother couldn't 'pass.'" She recalled seeing her mother literally shuffled into her grandmother's house through a back door.

"I didn't want to pass as heterosexual. I said to myself, you know, even though I'm out at work, I can still pass as heterosexual...I didn't want to think I'm expected to bring in my friends who look like 'real' lesbians through the back door," she said.

So, when asked to write her side of the story, Villarosa decided she would not use a pseudonym. After the article came out, she said, the phones rang off the hook...and most of the callers were encouraging and supportive.

Since then, Villarosa has become a popular spokesperson on the issues of Gay minorities. At a separate workshop, also

sponsored by LIB on Saturday, she discussed the Radical Right and its ploy of targeting Black church congregations. At that presentation, she showed the venomous film "Gay Rights, Special Rights," and a response tape she made with a multi-racial collective titled "Sacred Lies, Civil Truths."

The response letters Villarosa read at the LIB meeting ranged from congratulatory to hostile, but a distressing number were from young black lesbians who seemed deeply troubled. These young writers, before the article, felt they were alone, that they had no one to talk to, and the later article was in part to support them, she said.

As a freelance writer, Villarosa has written pieces for "American Health," "Mademoiselle," "Working Women" and many other national magazines. She also is the editor of "The Black Health Library Series," a four book series, and "Body and Soul," a book about black women's health to be published in September, 1994.

Univ. of Washington in uproar over rejection of ex-porn star's appearance

SEATTLE, Monday, April 18 (AP)—The student government at the University of Washington is refusing to pay for an appearance by a former porno star.

Annie Sprinkle, a performance artist, was scheduled to appear as part of Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days in May.

Her show usually consists of her stripping and inviting members of the audience to view her cervix with a speculum. But Charles Drabkin of the Gay, Bisexual and Lesbian Student Commission, which invited her, said Sprinkle had only planned to lecture and show slides at the UW.

UW student body President Parag Gheewala said funding was rejected because of the high cost and concern about breaking pornography laws.

"I'm being called everything from a censor to a homophobe," Gheewala

said last week. "I'm not going to cave into name calling."

The refusal to fund Sprinkle's appearance has gained the support of an aide to California Congressman Robert Dornan, who called for pro-family groups to bolster the student government's decision.

In a memo Wednesday to the Traditional Values Coalition and the Christian Coalition, Dornan aide Kent Patton wrote that supporters of homosexuality "have raised an uproar and brought in the ACLU. The student conservatives are getting no public support from any quarter."

Doug Honig, public-education director for the ACLU in Washington state, said the office received a complaint about the student government's decision and has asked to see more material regarding the refusal.

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Nothing too weird for John Waters (even a big-budget movie)

By STEVE WARREN

"Nothing in America is too weird to become true in five minutes." John Waters says, reflecting on the difficulty of creating a contemporary parody like his latest film, "Serial Mom."

At the suggestion that the time span may have dropped to four and a half minutes, he goes further: "Really zero minutes. To me, being on Oprah is the reverse of fame—it's mortification. Why do these people tell the whole world things they should only tell their psychiatrists? Do they sign autographs after they go on there and talk about their mothers' b.o.?"

"Dysfunction has become celebrity," says the man who celebrated dysfunction before that was true, in such cult classics as "Pink Flamingos," "Female Trouble" and "Desperate Living."

In Waters' delightfully warped world view, the Sutphin Family in "Serial Mom" are "not dysfunctional. They're a functional family, loving and supportive." They stick together when Mom (Kathleen Turner) goes on a homicidal rampage. The writer-director claims, "Nobody's done a comedy before where you root for her to kill more." He discounts the "Freddy" and "Jason" movies because "they're

about monsters. Mom is so 'normal,' and her crimes are politically correct." (She executes people who fail to recycle, rewind videotapes or heed their dentist's advice.)

Harder to believe than the movie's plot is Waters' contention that he had no problems working with his first true Hollywood star, Kathleen Turner. "She was a movie star's dream of a cooperative movie star," he insists. "She liked the part and she did everything I asked her to do. I'd work with her again in a New York second, as we say in Baltimore."

If there's no gossip there, how about his private life? Waters has traditionally been as secretive about the specifics of his sex life as he's been open about the generality of being Gay. "If (other celebrities) are dumb enough to tell everything, that's their business," he says. "I don't want to name people I'm sleeping with who are not in public life, who wouldn't have their names in the papers anyway." He does reveal that he's not currently in a relationship: "I'm a single man again."

To cite one small example of life imitating Waters' art in "Serial Mom," Joan Rivers makes a cameo appearance, host a talk show about "serial hags—women in love with serial murderers." "I heard

after we filmed it," Waters says, that the subject had actually been done. "There was a book called Women Who



John Waters, king of on-screen dysfunction (Photo by Steve Warren)

Love Men Who Murder." He adds it was "badly written." (Continued on following page)

Report: Consortium launching multi-drug tests on AIDS virus

NEW YORK, Thursday, April 14 (AP)—A consortium of 16 pharmaceutical companies is launching an unusual test to see if a combination of AIDS drugs can control the virus, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

AIDS researchers have failed to find a single drug that is effective against AIDS because the virus mutates quickly to resist drugs. The companies hope that combining drugs will overwhelm the virus before it replicates.

Such tests are unconventional, but some drug combinations have shown promise in test tubes, and similar drug bombardment was used to find treatments for tuberculosis, leprosy and some types of cancer.

Tests are scheduled to begin this fall on four groups of 100 relatively healthy patients who have not had previous AIDS drug treatments. Each group will get a combination of three drugs for up to a year.

Federal judge orders Chicago doctor to treat HIV patient

CHICAGO, Wednesday, April 13 (AP)—A doctor cannot refuse to treat a patient infected with the virus that causes AIDS, a federal judge has ruled.

Rodney Trovinger, 43, of Los Angeles has chronic hepatitis B, a

potentially fatal liver disease. He came to the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights last month to be treated by Dr. William Mauer, an osteopath and one of the few doctors in the country who administers a special blood cleansing treatment Trovinger hoped could

save his life.

Mauer refused to treat him, saying his staff would be uneasy about it, Trovinger said.

Trovinger sought a court order compelling Mauer to treat him and won it Tuesday. U.S. District

Judge William T. Hart ruled that Mauer's refusal to treat Trovinger violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mauer agreed not to appeal and said he would treat Trovinger within 48 hours.

Mauer said he initially refused treatment only to protect himself from a lawsuit if the treatment failed. The treatment is unproven and Mauer has never treated an AIDS patient, he said.

Similar court orders have been issued elsewhere in the country.

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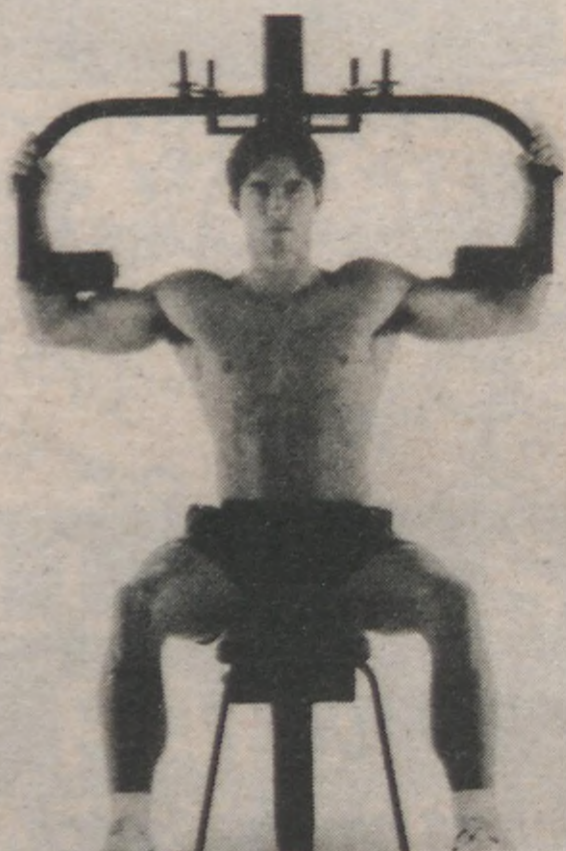


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Reports of Utah AIDS agency cuts prompts community offers of time, money

SALT LAKE CITY, Sunday, April 17 (AP)—Recent contributions and offers of volunteer help may allow the Utah AIDS Foundation to resume normal office hours by May 1.

The nonprofit organization announced last week that dwindling donations and a shortfall in federal funding would force shortened hours and staff cuts.

The agency closed on Fridays, cut one job, reduced the hours of another employee and cut the remaining 17 employees' salaries by 20 percent.

The public responded to news reports of the cuts by offering their money and time, said La Donna Moore, foundation executive director.

The foundation has received many offers of volunteer support in general for such tasks as office work and event organizing, Moore said.

"We have had many people call wanting to participate in our major fund-raiser 'The Walk For Life' 10K pledge walk June 18. Some have never done it and some are wanting to get involved again," Moore said.

Monetary donations also have been coming in, but the exact amount is difficult to calculate, she said.

"We just don't break it down that way where we can tell what came in as a result of people hearing about the cutbacks and what would have come in normally," she said.

The limited hours will continue at least through the month, but the foundation is hoping that by May 1 it will be able to restore some of what was cut, Moore said.

"It's unclear how much we will be able to restore, but we're hoping to at least reopen on Fridays. We won't know for sure until the end of the month," she said.

The main fear with the limited hours is that someone needing immediate help would find the doors locked, she said.

As funding decreases, the need for services increases. A recently completed state survey found the AIDS virus may infect as many as 6400 Utahns.

Since the initial outbreak in 1983, 506 Utahns have died from AIDS. That does not include another 194 whose AIDS was diagnosed elsewhere, but who died in Utah.

The AIDS Foundation offers crisis counseling, grief therapy and a state-wide hotline, and provides companions for those who have no family to be with them when they die.

Film maker John Waters: 'Everything funny is Gay'

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Although he dismisses the talk genre ("All those shows for me are close to parody anyway"), Waters says he's proud of the one hosted by his friend and discovery, Ricki Lake. "I'm thrilled for her success," he says, adding that she was just married and he likes her husband, a commercial artist who has no desire to be in the movies.

As for the controversy surrounding Lake's recent "I'm angry because people think I'm Gay" show, "I don't want to get into it," Waters says before getting into it. "I've heard Ricki's side and I believe it. There's certainly nothing homophobic about her—she's a Gay man trapped in a woman's body!...You have to have people you don't agree with on those shows, and I think that's where you can run into trouble." He says he didn't see the show in question, but he accepts Lake's version, "which you can read anywhere."

"I've become much more selective," he says, but Waters, who turns 48 on April 22, used to go to trials the way Jack Nicholson does Laker games. He would have liked to see the "A-list" trial of the Menendez Brothers, but he was shooting "Serial Mom" at the time and besides, "They only had three seats for the public."

Waters used his expertise to keep the trial scenes in "Serial Mom" zipping along. "You have to know what happens in a courtroom to speed it up," he says. "My biggest fear was that those scenes would drag." He thinks Mom's strategy is less unrealistic than it will appear to some viewers. "Your defense is just confusing the jury. She doesn't disprove any of the evidence against her." That the Menendez trials could end in hung juries after they'd been convicted in the media and the court of public opinion shows anything is possible,

Waters believes.

On a trivial note, Waters says the collection of clipping about mass murderers in Serial Mom is not his own, but belongs to his friend, film critic Dennis Dermody. "That is, however, John Wayne Gacy's real Christmas card!"

Asked whether that elusive thing known as a "gay sensibility" can be defined as a John Waters movie with no specific gay content or transvestites, the filmmaker replies, "Anything that has good humor has gay content. We learn early about humor. Gay people have always used humor as a weapon. Any movie that's funny is Gay."

Although "Serial Mom" was filmed around the period of Ricki Lake's tremendous (125 pounds) weight loss, Waters said there was no problem of keeping her appearance constant during the shoot. "She was a little chunkier than she is now. It's hard to get thin working on a movie with a crafts services (food) table. We had more trouble in Hairspray, where we had to keep feeding her milkshakes."

While there would seem to be trade-offs in having a \$13 million-dollar budget but having to answer to people about it, Waters, who made his first film, Hag in a Black Leather Jacket, in 8mm in 1964 for practically nothing, doesn't see it that way. "It's what I always wanted to have—all the fun of making a Hollywood movie," he says; "only now I can have color and real movie stars and all the trimmings. I think "Serial Mom" is exactly in the spirit of my best films."

Tired from his current publicity blitz and "looking forward to going home to Baltimore to recharge my batteries," Waters assures us his life is going well: "I'm happy. I have great friends and a career that brings me joy. What more could I want?"

Arizona judge upholds law barring gay marriages

TUCSON, Thursday, April 14 (AP)—Four gay and lesbian couples who tried to overturn a state law against same-sex marriages say they will appeal a court ruling rejecting their legal challenge.

Superior Court Judge Bernardo Velasco ruled Wednesday that it is up to the Legislature to decide whether gay couples should be allowed to marry.

"In Arizona, moral judgments are generally left in the hands of the Legislature," Velasco wrote in denying the couples' motion for a pre-trial ruling in their favor.

Eileen Jutras, one of those who sued, called the decision a "big letdown."

"This is not a matter for the Legislature. It's not a moral issue. It's civil rights," Jutras said.

"I find it offensive that they were questioning my morals," said Stephen Baker, another a plaintiff.

The suit, filed Aug. 27 by two male couples and two female couples, contended that the law cited by Pima County Superior Court Clerk James Corbett violates their rights to privacy and equal protection under the law.

The law states a marriage license is to be issued only to couples that include one male and one female.

"The statutory definition of marriage is a passive recognition of Arizona's societal desires," he continued. "Arizona's marriage statute was not enacted to discriminate selectively against any particular individuals. It merely codifies what has traditionally been defined as marriage."

Paul Gattone, an attorney represent-

ing the couples, said Velasco's ruling gives lawmakers too much latitude to determine whether the laws they pass are constitutional.

"Legislators have their own set agendas and viewpoints, and very often they pass laws that will not pass a constitutional challenge," Gattone said. "Historically we turn to the courts to make that determination."

Corbett said he was pleased by Velasco's ruling. "I believe the Legislature must change the law if it's to be changed," he said.

The plaintiffs in the case were denied marriage licenses by Corbett.

The couples suing: Jerry Callender and Antonio Muniz, John Duran and Baker, Lizbeth M. Petrucci and Jutras, and Kathy Greaves and Alleen Jacinta McMurrer.

The lawsuit sought a ruling declaring the law unconstitutional, an order forcing Corbett to issue marriage licenses to the couples and an injunction preventing the future denial of licenses based on that law.

Gattone compared Velasco's ruling to trial court decisions in the 1960s that upheld state laws prohibiting interracial marriages. Those decisions were appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which struck down such laws in 1967.

"The court ruled those statutes were unconstitutional because they violated the constitutional guarantee of equal protection," he said. "We've proceeded on the same theory in this case."

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Agora meeting moved, guest speaker to discuss importance of advertising

QUICK NOTES

The Monday, April 25 meeting featuring a speaker from the American Advertising Federation has moved to the Coastal Tower in Greenway Plaza.

Dwight Douthit, national public service director for the American Advertising Federation, will illustrate how ads can change attitudes. Douthit is one of the creators of the new "Country Music Cares about AIDS" media campaign and has directed two Ad Federation public service committee initiatives on AIDS and cultural diversity. His slide presentation will focus on the kind of educational advertising/PSA campaign the Agora is about to launch.

The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Suite 3000 (Acacia Financial Group) in the Coastal Tower, 9 Greenway Plaza. Visitor parking is available in the Houston City Club garage located between Coastal Tower and Houston City Club on City Club Drive (behind the Summit, between Edloe and Timmons).

The Agora will continue to meet the fourth Monday at the City Multi-Service Center on West Gray, but was forced to relocate for April, because of a conflict with the city. Please try to attend Monday to hear this outstanding speaker. New officers also will be elected at the Monday meeting. So far, nominations include President, Bart Loeser, and Vice President, Cicely Wynne. No one has been nominated for secretary or treasurer. Only dues-paying members can vote.

NLA Pride Activities

The National Leather Association/Houston will be contributing to the official 1994 Gay/Lesbian Pride Week with two official events and a parade entry. Like most of the country's Pride celebrations, Houston's has been moved from the traditional fourth weekend of June to June 3 through June 12 so many of the city's citizens can celebrate here and then travel to New York City for Stonewall 25, Gay Games, The International S/M, Leather, Fetish Celebration, etc. which will take place June 23-26.

NLA/Houston's Pride Week schedule follows:

Saturday, June 11 NLA: Houston will celebrate Houston's Hot VI: A Night in Black Leather at their home bar Venture-N, 2923 Main. For the last three years this party has drawn upwards of 600 attendees. A buffet hosted by NLA: Houston members will open at 10:30 p.m., and then at 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. a Leather Harness/Halter & Jock contest will take place with judges awarding prizes in many creative categories. All are invited to attend this leather and fetish party. Admission is free with \$2 entry fee for the contest.

Also Saturday, June 11, NLA: Houston's PEM Committee (Program Education & Media Watch) will present The Leather Symposium in the afternoon. This two hour symposium will include "Electricity and Electric Play," and one or two other subjects. Again this will be free and open to the public. Location will be announced in the near future.

Finally, Sunday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m. NLA: Houston will march down Westheimer proudly hand in hand with Houston's Gay/Lesbian Community as they celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Stonewall, the beginning of the Gay Revolution and the fight for equal rights. The entry will celebrate the diversity of the community, the importance of unity in the community and ask one or two critical questions of our city. NLA: Houston feels it is important to celebrate this event even though we are a

pansexual organization (all orientation welcome) since our rights to the leather lifestyle are tied to the same struggle for equal rights as the Gay/Lesbian movement. This will be NLA: Houston's fourth year to participate.

Black Velvet Art Show

ArteVivo is sponsoring a silent auction of artworks incorporating black velvet as its fund-raiser. The event will take place on April 23, 1994 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fergus-Fernandes Gallery located at 2606 Dunlavy and Westheimer. The deadline for entries is April 13, 1994 until 7:00 p.m. All proceeds from sales will be 50 percent for the artist and 50 percent for ArteVivo. The event is cosponsored by Talento Bilingue de Houston.

Black velvet painting a genre in Mexican fold art, celebrates the pop culture of Mexico. It can also be traced back to other cultures such as The Chinese and Muslim cultures. The contributed artworks will range from the traditional to the kitschy/campy for a fun and unique event.

ArteVivo is a newly formed group of Latino artists in Houston. It was formed as a vehicle to mainstream contemporary art and artists into the community. Its goal is to educate, preserve, and promote our culture. Its membership includes professional artists, emerging artists, internationally recognized artists, college and high school students. "Amidst the diversity in styles and genre, we thrive on our power to create and to share ideas and our dreams."

Dizinger Foundation Offers Art Classes

The Dizinger Foundation is offering free art classes for people living with HIV/AIDS on Thursday mornings, beginning May 4, at 9:00 a.m. The classes will be taught by well-known local artist Kermit Eisenhut, and will concentrate on individual, hand made Christmas cards in oils or acrylics.

As with all the Dizinger Foundation's art and photography classes, this class is offered free of charge and all materials will be provided. The foundation will also purchase the art from the participants for resale to the public. Enrollment is very limited. Call now to sign up: 522-8660; first come, first admitted.

Audition Notice for Play

Auditions for Don Maines' play "Wheels of Justice," directed by



Rebecca McAllister (NAMES Project), Jack Rhodes and Carlos Rodriguez (TGRA) peddle their wares in front of Mary's at the Street Fair (Photos by Amber Ratisseau)

John Russel, will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, May 8-9 at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road in Houston. "Wheels of Justice" will open the theatre's 40th season this summer. The cast includes three women and two men.

Maines wrote "Wheels of Justice" in Pulitzer Prize-winner Edward Albee's playwriting class at the University of Houston. He directed last summer's production in Chicago, and the play's 1992 premiere at the Alley Theatre, which benefited artists with AIDS.

Other Meetings and Events This Week:

April 23-24: NAMES Project Houston, monthly panel making workshop from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at 2410 Woodhead. The Project is working toward a Houston Memorial Panel Dedication Ceremony, scheduled for June 4, 5:00 p.m. at First Unitarian Universalist Church. Call 52-NAMES for more information.

"Girlfriends!" Over 1000 high quality wigs are on sale at 614 East 19th Street, the former home of Kingdom Community Church. Last two days are Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 2:00 p.m. Besides wigs and other beauty supplies, antique lights and craft supplies are available at this sale. Proceeds benefit Omega House and Kingdom Community Church.

Casa, A Special hospital, offers several support groups. Thursdays: HIV support group for patients, friends and family, 6:30 p.m.; cancer support group for patients, friends and family and American Cancer Society Dialogue, 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays: Helping Mothers (for mothers of HIV-positive persons), 6:00 p.m.



Spring in Montrose finds outdoor fundraisers for community groups sprouting everywhere. Here, Bobby Bass (foreground), president and Alma Aguirre, vice president of HATCH wash cars in the Basic Brothers parking lot to raise money for Gay and Lesbian youth projects

Dartmouth: ROTC stays but Pentagon should change gay policies

HANOVER, N.H., Monday, April 18 (AP)—Army ROTC will stay at Dartmouth College, but the school's Board of Trustees says it's not happy with the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy and will try to persuade the government to change it.

The board voted Saturday to keep ROTC but says last year's federal policy on homosexuals in the military places schools in an unacceptable position.

"The policy forces Dartmouth, as well as other col-

leges and universities, to make an unconscionable choice as to which students they wish to disadvantage," a statement said.

The board says it wants to ensure Dartmouth students can participate in the military program, but it wants an officers' training program that does not discriminate against anyone based on sexual orientation.

ROTC's anti-gay policy runs counter to Dartmouth's equal opportunity policies.

The school said it might join court cases challenging the homosexual ban and might try to pressure the White House, Congress and military leaders.

"The trustees believe that American society is in a period of transition that will ultimately lead it to embrace full and equal participation of homosexuals in the military. President Clinton's attempt to change military policy, while not wholly successful, has nonetheless accelerated

this development. The trustees now commit Dartmouth College to help push the transition forward," the statement said.

ROTC has been disputed at Dartmouth for years. It was phased out in 1973, at the height of anti-Vietnam war sentiment. Army ROTC was reinstated in 1985. Four years ago, the college urged the Pentagon to drop its ban on homosexuals in ROTC.

"The security interests of the United States are best served

by public policies that assure a supply of talented officers from our colleges and universities and that the public regards as fair and appropriate. In my judgment, the Department of Defense's policy of discriminating against homosexuals in ROTC, at a time when all other forms of invidious discrimination have been prohibited, puts both of these goals at risk," said a letter from university president James Freedman to the Department of Defense.

DiverseWorks kicks off Gay and Lesbian performance series with Holly Hughes

Four years ago, DiverseWorks presented the ultimate in theme exhibitions for at least ten percent of Houston's art patrons. Brazenly titled "OUT: Voices From A Queer Nation," the alternative art venue's first Gay and Lesbian series was constructed as a mixed performance-and-visual arts experience celebrating not only Gay artists, but their often starkly political "topic art." Performance artists booked for the month-long show in June, 1991 included two of the infamous "NEA Four," Holly Hughes and Tim Miller.

This weekend, one of those performers returns to Houston to kick off this year's edition of the now annual Gay and Lesbian Series at DiverseWorks, 1117 E. Freeway.

Good Golly, Ms. Holly

Dubbed "Hell on Heels" by C. Carr of The Village Voice, deliciously irreverent lesbian playwright/performance artist Holly Hughes will be a

rousing opener for "Beyond Desire: New Gay and Lesbian Performance and Film Series." Her one woman show, "Clit Notes," was held over in New York City last month. The piece focuses on Hughes' early experiences, "during the reign of Eisenhower," explores her relationship with her late father and is full of bits on waitressing at Red Lobster, childhood erotic experiences, and swipes at lesbian theorists.

The author of such plays as "The Well of Horniness" and "No Trace of the Blonde," Hughes is one of the nation's best-known lesbian playwrights, the popularizer of "Dyke Noir" theater. She got her start in the exploding lesbian theater movement of the early 1980's by "acting out" at New York's WOW Cafe. Since then, her plays have been widely presented throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

In 1990, Hughes was a member of the P.S. 122 "Field Trips." She gained considerable national attention that year as a member of the "NEA Four," a group of artists whose grants were yanked by the NEA due to their controversial subject matter—in Hughes' case, homosexuality. The grants were restored after a court fight. Now, Hughes jokes that she has a "ten point plan to advance lesbianism globally using song, dance and monologue."

DiverseWorks first presented Holly Hughes in a solo concert in 1988. (Continued on following page)



Holly Hughes opens DiverseWorks' 1994 Gay and Lesbian performance and film series with her one-woman show, "Clit Notes"

Man killed after leaving bar

A man was shot dead in his car in the early morning hours Friday, April 15, after he, his female companion and two others were asked to leave a local Gay bar for fighting.

Police said William Sean Vlasek, 24, was killed as he and his girlfriend attempted to return to Rich's Club, 2401 San Jacinto, where they had been seen earlier arguing with another male-female couple, for help. The fight began when one woman bumped the other on the dance floor, according to witnesses. All four were asked to leave the bar. When they started to fight again outside the club, police working security there broke them up and walked them to their cars. After Vlasek and his companion left, the other couple followed, police said.

Vlasek turned around in an apparent attempt to get back to the security officers, but the other vehicle pulled up along side of his and opened fire.

The woman suffered minor injuries when the car Vlasek had been driving crashed into a building.

Ken McIntyre, owner of Rich's, said it was the first such incident to occur at the club. "I was concerned, but according to the police, we (club staff) did everything right," he said.

McIntyre stressed that the incident was isolated and "was in no way gang or race-related."

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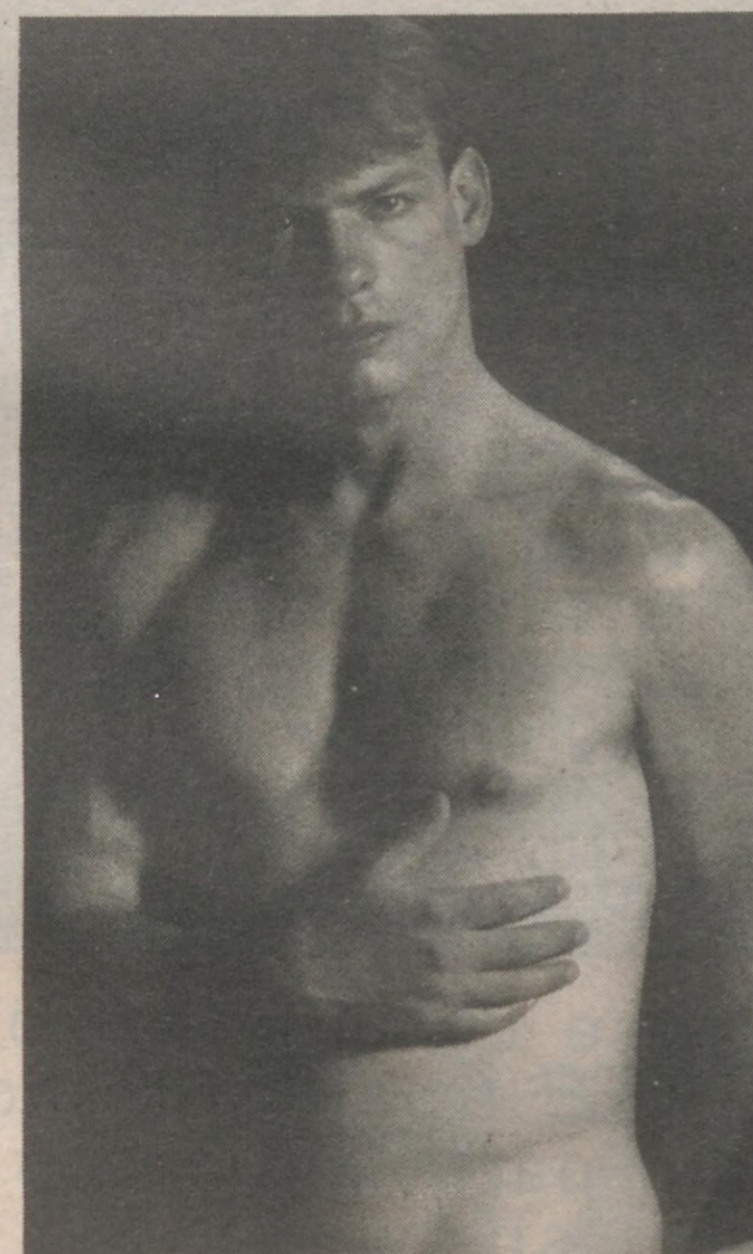
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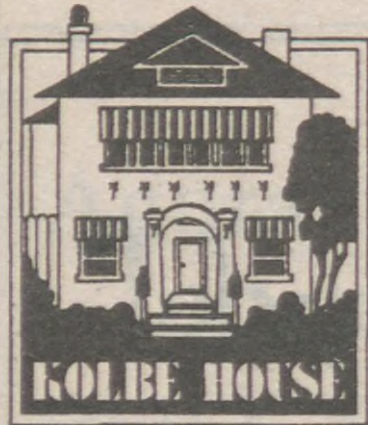
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DiverseWorks' 'Beyond Desire' programs to span four months

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"Clit Notes" kicks off the art space's "Beyond Desire" series this weekend with three performances, Friday and Saturday (April 22 and 23) at 8:00 p.m. and a benefit performance for Milam House on Sunday, April 24 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 for DiverseWorks members, \$7 for students and seniors).

Hughes is also scheduled to conduct a free writing workshop, focusing on developing autobiographical material, on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Participants are asked to "wear loose clothes and clean undies." (Limit 20; call 223-8346 for reservations).

Other Live Performance Events:

Luis Alfaro in "downtown"/David Zamora Casas in "Born Again American Mexican, May 20 and 21, 8:00 p.m., \$12/\$10/\$8. Luis Alfaro, a "reckless saint" familiar to readers of Genre, Artweek and The Advocate, does to Los Angeles what Baudelaire did to Paris, but with compassion and "a wicked sense of cross-cultural humor." San Antonio's eccentric David Zamora Casas, whose studio is known as the "Anti-Oppression Church of Hardcore Folk Art," combines sculpture, poetry and music in this performance.

Five Lesbian Brothers in "The Secretaries," June 3 and 5, 8:00 p.m., \$12/\$10/\$8. Eat your heart out, Lorena Bobbitt! The Bessie award-winning Five Lesbian Brothers have gone from bawdy to bloody in their smash hit fright farce "The Secretaries..." don't let their

makeovers fool you!

"Beyond Desire" Benefit Performance and Party, June 4, 8:00 p.m. (performance) and 10:00 p.m. (party). An evening with the Five Lesbian Brothers and Austin's Girls In The Nose. The cost of both events is \$25, (performance only, \$15; party only, \$10), benefiting DiverseWorks' Gay and Lesbian performance and film series.

Andrew Edmonson in Berlin Stories, June 10 and 11, 8:00 p.m., \$10/\$8/\$6. Andrew Edmonson in Berlin Stories. The Alley Theater's Michael Wilson directs Andrew Edmonson in his portrayal of a young queer Texan who journeys to Berlin.

Reading, Rafael Campo and Robin Reagler, June 14, 8:00 p.m., Free. San Francisco's Rafael campo, author of the award-winning "The Other Man Was Me," and Houston's Robin Reagler.

"The Naming Project" with Mary Ellen Strom. Six New York City gay and Lesbian teens team up with Houston youth for an evening of fearless performance and video work that explores the early formation of sexual and cultural identity and the emerging queer culture.

Film Festival

For the second time this year, DiverseWorks will present the "cream of the crop" of new Gay and Lesbian-themed film and video in conjunction with "Beyond Desire." The screenings will be held Wednesdays in May, 7:00 and 8:45 p.m. (Schedule is listed separately).

New Hampshire senator says gay rights bill won't pass Senate

CONCORD, N.H., Tuesday, April 19 (AP)—A leading opponent of gay rights legislation says the bill won't make it through the Senate.

"The way I see it, we have 14 votes now, maybe 13" against the measure, said Sen. John Barnes, R-Raymond. "It is close, but the good guys are going to win."

Legislation which passed the House 226-131 on Feb. 15 would make it illegal to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Gov. Steve Merrill believes the bill is not needed, and has indicated he would veto it if it passed the Senate. According to Merrill, Attorney General Jeffrey Howard has told him current laws protect all citizens, "including those in the homosexual community."

Proponents say current law doesn't address homosexual concerns about discrimination.

The 24-member Senate initially appeared to favor at least a compromise bill, but the chance of passage was reduced when the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester reportedly backed off negotiations with bill proponents.

The diocese, in a letter obtained by The Union Leader, told Marcus Hurn of the Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights and one of the measure's co-sponsors, Sen. Susan McLane, R-Concord, that the discussions "have been moving too quickly, and the matter needs more thought and consideration."

Last Tuesday, Hurn and McLane, in a letter to Monsignor Francis Christian, proposed revisions in the bill. They said they hoped the changes would "offer the church the opportunity to support legislation that accurately reflects its teaching."

Key among the proposed changes was a dis-

claimer that says the Legislature does not sanction, approve or condone "promiscuity, infidelity, illicit cohabitation, homosexuality or bisexuality, it being recognized that stable families are the basis for a strong society."

Christian rejected the proposal last Thursday.

"Frankly, the basic concerns of the church on this matter remain," he wrote. "Primarily, they are the impression which will be left by passage of this as an amendment that will give value to all sexual lifestyles."

"We assure you that we would be willing to discuss appropriate and specific legislation for consideration by the Legislature at a later date to address those concerns we share."

Another co-sponsor, Sen. Burt Cohen, D-New Castle, was disappointed by the diocese's decision.

"The Catholic Church said they were against discrimination, but had a problem with the bill. We tried to work with them, knowing their power and influence," Cohen said.

"If they were truly opposed to discrimination as they say they are, it would seem essential to recognize that there is not a legal basis now to address discrimination based on sexual orientation."

On Monday, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 3-2 in favor of the bill with the changes. Cohen and fellow Democratic Sens. Barbara Baldizar of Nashua and Beverly Hollingworth of Hampton voted for the bill. Chairperson, Sen. Eleanor Podles, R-Manchester, and Sen. Thomas Colantuono, R-Londonderry, voted against passage.

The bill could reach the full Senate as early as Thursday.

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BUSINESS NOTES

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"The 1990's have shown us that Gay business is big business," says Victory! publisher MJ McKean-Reich, who cites a recent Advertising Age report that puts the total spending power of the national gay and lesbian community at over \$500 billion.

"From publishing to travel, gay businesses are growing, and growing fast, in every industry imaginable," he says. "The Victory! 100 represents the fastest growing, most exciting companies among them."

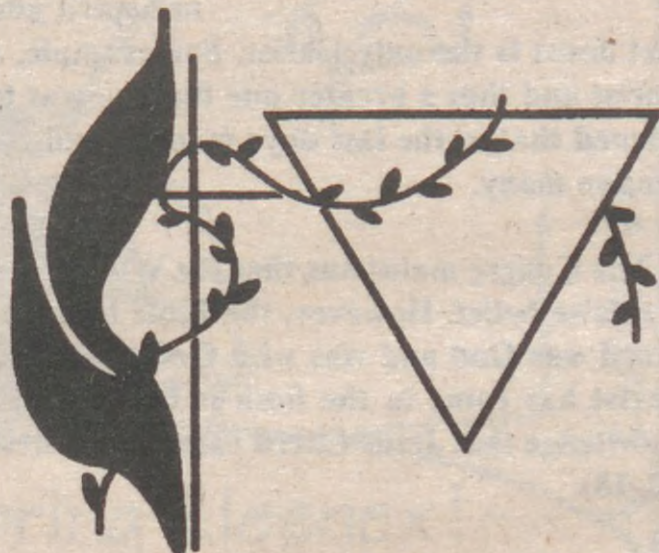
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Winners will be announced in the October issue of Victory!, and awards will be presented at the first annual Victory! 100 Awards banquet to be held in New York City on Oct. 6, 1994.

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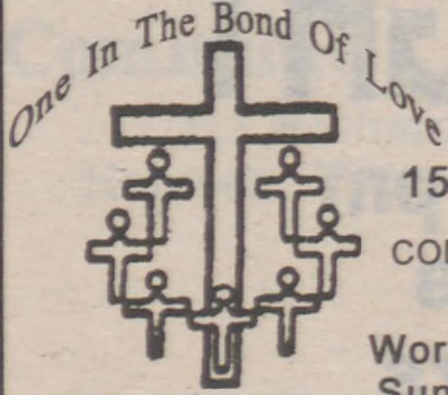
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Q: "What do you know about a psychotherapy program called "A Course in Miracles" recently popularized by Marianne Williamson's book, "A Return to Love?"

A: I addressed a few weeks ago the origin of "A Course in Miracles" and began last week to show how the philosophy and thinking of New Age parallels this Course. "A Course in Miracles" does not harmonize with the Bible. Let me share with you a few additional discrepancies that it has with the Bible.

1. The Course teaches that Jesus is Christ but not only Christ—we are all Christs. This is what author Helen Schucman was told by her spirit guide who called itself "Jesus." The Bible shows clearly that Jesus is the only Christ. For example, John the Baptist freely confessed that he was not the Christ and that a greater one than he was to come (John 1:20). Jesus Himself in Matthew 24:4-5 warned that in the last days many would come in His name claiming to be the Christ and would deceive many.2. The Course maintains that the Word (or thought) could not have been made flesh and that this is a false belief. However, the Bible testifies that the Word (Jesus) was in the beginning, that the Word was God and was with God (John 1). Moreover, every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, the Bible teaches, and every spirit that does not acknowledge that Jesus Christ came in the flesh as God is the spirit of Antichrist (1 John 4:1-3; John 1:1-18).3. According to the Course, Jesus was not punished on the cross because of our sins or because we are bad. This, it says, is a distortion. Obviously this is in direct contradiction with John 3:16, Isaiah 53. II Corinthians 5:21 tells us that Jesus, who had no sin became sin for us so that we might have the righteousness (right standing) of God. Jesus bore our pain, our shame, our humiliation, our rebellion, our stubbornness, our self-sufficiency, our independent self-righteous attitudes while on the cross so that we might be set free to be all that God intended for us to be.4. The Course tells its readers that their works and their holiness will result in their individual salvation. For example, it states "My salvation comes from me. It cannot come from anywhere else." Clearly, this is heresy for we see in God's Word that salvation is found in no one else but Jesus Christ, for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved (see Acts 4:10-12 and John 3,14).**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND WOULD
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667032, HOUSTON, TX 77266-7032****Book on k.d. lang to benefit Camp Sister Spirit; national AIDS activist conference planned; OUT magazine publishes 'Out in America'****NATIONAL NOTES**

(Ovett, Mississippi)—Camp Sister Spirit, the women's conference center being constructed by Brenda and Wanda Henson in Ovett, Mississippi, and under attack for the past several months from local right-wing religious groups, are about to receive much needed financial help for their legal battle from author Victoria Starr.

Starr, whose writings have appeared in Billboard, Village Voice, and OUT magazine, and Rebecca O'Bryan, owner of Music for the Masses, a mail-order music company, have joined forces to raise money by marketing autographed copies of Starr's new book "All You Get Is Me," a biography of singer k.d. lang. Ten dollars of each sale will be donated to CSS.

Starr, a freelance journalist, radio and TV producer in New York says, "I wanted to find some way to help these women, and if I can give something back from the sale of my book, then I'm delighted."

"I have been sending small amounts to CSS," said O'Bryan, "but I'm hoping that this will generate the badly need dollars to continue the legal fight against these so-

called Christians."

Last summer, Camp Sister Spirit bought a 120 acre abandoned pig farm, intending to renovate it into a feminist conference center and retreat. For their efforts, CSS has had to endure everything from crank phone calls to shotgun-toting trespassers to bomb threats.

For information on obtaining an autographed copy of the book please contact Music for the Masses at (408) 236-2224, or write MFTM, P.O. Box 90272 San Jose, CA 95109.

AIDS Activist Conference

(Philadelphia)—The AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) of Philadelphia will host an AIDS Activist Conference on April 30 and May 1, 1994. Hundreds of AIDS activists from across the United States and Canada will gather for two days of strategy exchange, coalition building, brainstorming, agitation, and socializing. This conference, endorsed by the ACT UP Network, will bring together activists of diverse sexualities, colors, economic backgrounds, and ethnicities to discuss a wide range of issues. The lead speakers at the Conference will be Robert Vazquez-Pacheco, Program Direc-

tor of the Philadelphia Minority AIDS Coalition, and Keri Duran, a lesbian with AIDS from ACT UP Boston.

Conference sessions will run on four parallel tracks, which are research and treatment; activist tactics and organizing; national/international issues; and social and legal issues. Session topics will include new directions in research; clinical trials systems and issues; complimentary and alternative treatments; networking against the religious right; sustaining and strengthening the ACT UP Network; the state versus AIDS activists; media issues; housing and homelessness; coalitions of people with AIDS; youth and AIDS; immigration; national health care; harm reduction and syringe exchange; prison issues; and caucus meetings. In addition, meeting space for ad hoc discussions will be available throughout the conference.

The new media will be able to attend the opening General Session, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, and there will be a press conference from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Conference social events will include a Friday night reception and a Saturday night party organized by the Bleeding

Heart benefit collective.

Out In America

(New York City)—What began as a 12-page photo essay in "Out" Magazine's June 1993 issue will become a groundbreaking picture book from Viking Studio Books this fall. Out editor and president Michael Goff announced today.

In an unprecedented arrangement with Viking, the magazine will produce "Out in America," an unforgettable portrait of gay and lesbian lives across the country. Produced by the staff of Out, the full-color, hard cover book will be published in Nov. 1994.

Inspired by a 1993 photo feature commissioned for its first anniversary, "Out in America" marks Out's first venture into book publishing. In a single, random day, the photo essay captured images as wide-ranging as Boston cop and Iowa farmer, Omaha beautician and Alaska dogsledder, New York drag queens and Michigan frat boys.

It's been written and said that gay people everywhere, but nothing will show it more completely, immediately, and clearly than this collection," Goff said. "Out in America will

present the broad range of gay and lesbian lives in the tradition of the classic photo books." According to Goff, Out and Viking will complete the book in just six months.

According to Michael Fragnito, publisher of Viking Studio Books, "We are very proud to be publishing this book with Out. It is important, timely, and honest, and will be a true reflection of the diversity of the gay and lesbian community."

The book will feature essays and portraits by some of America's most respected photographers, journalists, and personalities, including comedienne Kate Clinton, Village Voice and NY Daily News columnist Michael Musto, Chandler Burr (author of The Atlantic Monthly's controversial "gay gene" story), Boston Globe reporter Renee Graham, and Seattle Times reporter Lily Eng. Out's May issue carries a call for entries from amateur and professional photographers seeking real scenes of real people, organized around themes of work, home, play, love, spirituality, and liberty."

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Washington's Supreme Court justices to consider request to dismiss suit against initiatives

By JOHN WHITE
 FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE
 OLYMPIA, Saturday, April 16 (AP)—
 Washington's Supreme Court justices will consider the state's request to dismiss a lawsuit that seeks to keep two proposed anti-gay-rights initiatives off the November ballot.

The justices will meet behind closed doors on May 12 to consider the motion by Attorney General Christine Gregoire, Supreme Court Commissioner Geoffrey Crooks said Friday.

The justices can either grant the motion to dismiss or deny it and order a public hearing on the merits of the lawsuit, Crooks said.

The suit was filed by religious and civil-rights groups, including the Washington Association of Churches, the Women's Law Center, the American Civil Liberties Union and Rep. Cal Anderson, D-Seattle, the only openly gay member of the state Legislature.

The lawsuit asks that the secretary of state be barred from placing Initiatives 608 and 610 on the ballot and that both measures be declared "beyond the scope of the initiative process."

Both are judicial rather than legislative in nature, violate a requirement that an initiative be limited to one subject and are "patently unconstitutional" attempts to restrict the fundamental rights of a group of Washington residents, the lawsuit says.

Gregoire's dismissal motion says that while there may be a "clash of fundamental rights, it is best to first allow voters their choice, and then to assess the final product."

The courts have been reluctant to consider the constitutionality of any issue before it becomes law, and Gregoire urged the justices not to make an exception in this case.

"The court should view with great caution the invitation to bar an initiative from the ballot based on the assertion that the mere public debate on its merits would be too divisive or painful," Gregoire said in a brief accompanying her motion. "The free exchange of ideas is at the heart of our constitutional process."

Gregoire acknowledged the two initiatives contain "non-legislative material" but rejected the argument that rhetorical language or the scope of the initiatives was a basis for barring their consideration by voters.

Petition signatures are being gathered by supporters seeking to get the measures on the ballot. At least 181,667 signatures of registered voters must be gathered for each initiative by July 8.

Initiative 610 would bar state and local government from granting gays minority status, outlaw adoptions and marriages by gays and bar public schools from presenting homosexuality as a healthy lifestyle.

Initiative 608 would prevent homosexuals from claiming minority civil rights status and bar schools from presenting homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

The lawsuit is the second attempt to keep the two initiatives off the ballot.

In February, King County Superior Court Judge Marsha Pechman refused to bar the secretary of state from filing ballot titles for the measures. Pechman did say, however, that "a very serious challenge has been raised as to the constitutionality of those issues."

Shortly after the initiatives were filed last January, Gregoire said she had serious questions about their constitutionality and said she may be unwilling to defend them if they win voter approval.

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'Beyond Desire: New Queer Film and Video' schedule

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For the second annual "New Queer Film and Video" series, presented as part of DiverseWorks' "Beyond Desire" Gay and Lesbian series, Marian Luntz, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts' Associate Curator of Film and Video, has selected the best of new and innovative film and video by gay and lesbian artists from the U.S. and beyond. A special appearance by Rosa von Praunheim, "the bad boy of German underground film making" highlights the series. He is presented in cooperation with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and the Goethe Institute-Houston.

The series runs Wednesdays and one Saturday in May at DiverseWorks, and one weekend at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston beginning with:

(WEDNESDAY, MAY 4)—7:00 p.m. "They are Lost to Vision Altogether" (Tom Kalin, 1989, 13 min.) From the director of "Poison" and "Swoon" comes this erotic retaliation to the Helms Amendment which recontextualizes heterosexually charged songs and images. "Homo Promo" (1956—1976, 75 min.) Jenni Olson presents her ongoing archival project which gathers together the "coming attractions" preview trailers that promoted the original theatrical releases of homosexual-themed films. This fast paced overview offers a crash course in gay and lesbian movie history, with a cast of thousands. "Homo Promo demonstrates that the coming attractions are often not only the best part of the movies, but the most enlightening," says the Boston Phoenix.

8:45 p.m.—"Butch Wax" (Jennifer Lane, 1993, 6 min.) This video collage explores female-to-male cross dressing and lesbian desire. Austin's Kathryn Korniloff, as writer and performer, furthers the discourse on gender and the current explosion of popular interest in drag through a lesbian perspective. Work it, girl.

"Greetings From Out Here" (Ellen Spiro, 1993, 58 min.) Tongue in cheek and pedal to the medal, the artist and dog Sam travel back roads of the South documenting gay life in the boonies and beyond. "Odds and Ends: A New Age Amazon Fable" (Michelle Parkerson, 1993, 28 min.) In the year 2096, Black women warriors in love face the ultimate challenge in war. By the director of "Sweet Honey and the Rock."

DiverseWorks, The Museum of Fine Arts and the Goethe Institut-Houston present Rosa von Praunheim, "the bad boy of German cinema," in person! Described as "the senior member of the Berlin school of underground film making," Von Praunheim has made over 25 features since 1967, each more controversial than the last. In 1970, German television banned his documentary "It is Not the Homosexual Who is Perverse, But the Situation in which He Lives," and when the film was finally shown, it was the homosexual community that was most outraged by its double-barreled attack on gay monogamy and respectability. Von Praunheim will introduce both features of the program tonight and answer questions following the screenings.

(WEDNESDAY, MAY 11)—"A Virus Knows No Morals" (1986, 82 min.) Vincent Canby called this black comedy "armed camp." Praunheim's most controversial film is a vicious burlesque on the AIDS crisis, playing on everyone's worst fears at 7:00 p.m.

"City of Lost Souls" (1982, 91 min., subtitled in German and English) Von Praunheim calls this film about a group of Americans living in Berlin "a grotesque musical...my most entertaining film" at 8:45 p.m.

Screenings At MFA

Additional Rosa von Praunheim films will be shown at the Brown Auditorium in the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston:

On Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.—"It is not the Homosexual who is Perverse, But the Situation in which He Lives" (1970, 70 min., subtitled) The story of a young gay man who moves to Berlin from the country who, after a series of relationships and transformation, discovers a truly liberated life at 7:30 p.m.

8:45 p.m. "Army of Lovers" (1972-79, 107 min., subtitled) The product of seven years of filming the American Gay movement before AIDS, "Army of Lovers" is a unique document of courage and struggle for gay rights in America at 8:45 p.m.

On Sunday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. "Underground and Emigrants" (1975/7, .90 min., subtitled) Von Praunheim's personal document of the New York City cultural scene, the underground, and the artists who survived it, as well as some who didn't.

Admission for features presented at the Museum of Fine Arts are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and DiverseWorks and MFA members.

Additional Diverseworks Screenings

On Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 p.m. "Freebird" (Suzie Silver, 1993, 11 min.) In this music video rendition of the Lynyrd Skynyrd cult-rock anthem, Silver does a send up of straight mass culture. "The Spy" (Hester Reeve Does the Doors) (Susie Silver, 1992, 4:15 min.) is a gender-bending mixture of pure visual pleasure with disturbing undercurrents. "Totally F***ed Up" (Greg Araki, 1993, 80 min.) From the director of "The Living End" and other homo hits comes this frank and refreshing, honest look into the lives of six racially mixed gay and lesbian teens struggling with their emergent identities in the homophobic '90s—sort of a queer John Hughes number. Shot guerrilla-style on the streets of L.A., Araki provides what "The Advocate" describes as "a candid, knowing, often funny look at gay teen hell."

On Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. "Rage and Desire" (Rupert Gabriel, 1993, 17 min.) An elegant, personal memorial to black gay photographer Rotimi Fani—Koyode, tracing his work to its origins in Yoruba Art. At 8:45 "Freebird, The Spy (Hester Reeve Does the Doors) and Totally F***ed Up. (See May 14.)

On Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m., "Rules of the Road (Su Friedrich, 1993, 31 min.) Whimsical and somewhat caustic, this road movie, which made Deneuve's Top 10, is about the breakup of a lesbian love affair. The Nation called it "a film like a perfect short story."

"Fast Trip, Long Drop" (Gregg Bordowitz, 1993, 53 min.) Extraordinarily archival footage and an exuberant soundtrack propel this brave autobiographical film about testing HIV+.

"The Attendant" (Isaac Julien, 1992, 8 min.) From the maker of "Looking for Langston" and "Young Soul Rebels" comes this stylish reverie about the pleasures of sado-masochistic relationships.

"Unforgiven Fire" (John Killacky, 1992, 14 min.) A moving document by artist John Killacky deals with the deep and personal pain of losing friends and lovers to the AIDS virus.

At 8:45 p.m. "No Porque Lo Diga Fidel Castro" (Not Because Fidel Castro Says So) (Graciela Sanchez, 1988, 13 min., subtitled.) Gays and lesbians candidly articulate their experiences living in the repressive climate of contemporary Cuba in this enlightening documentary.

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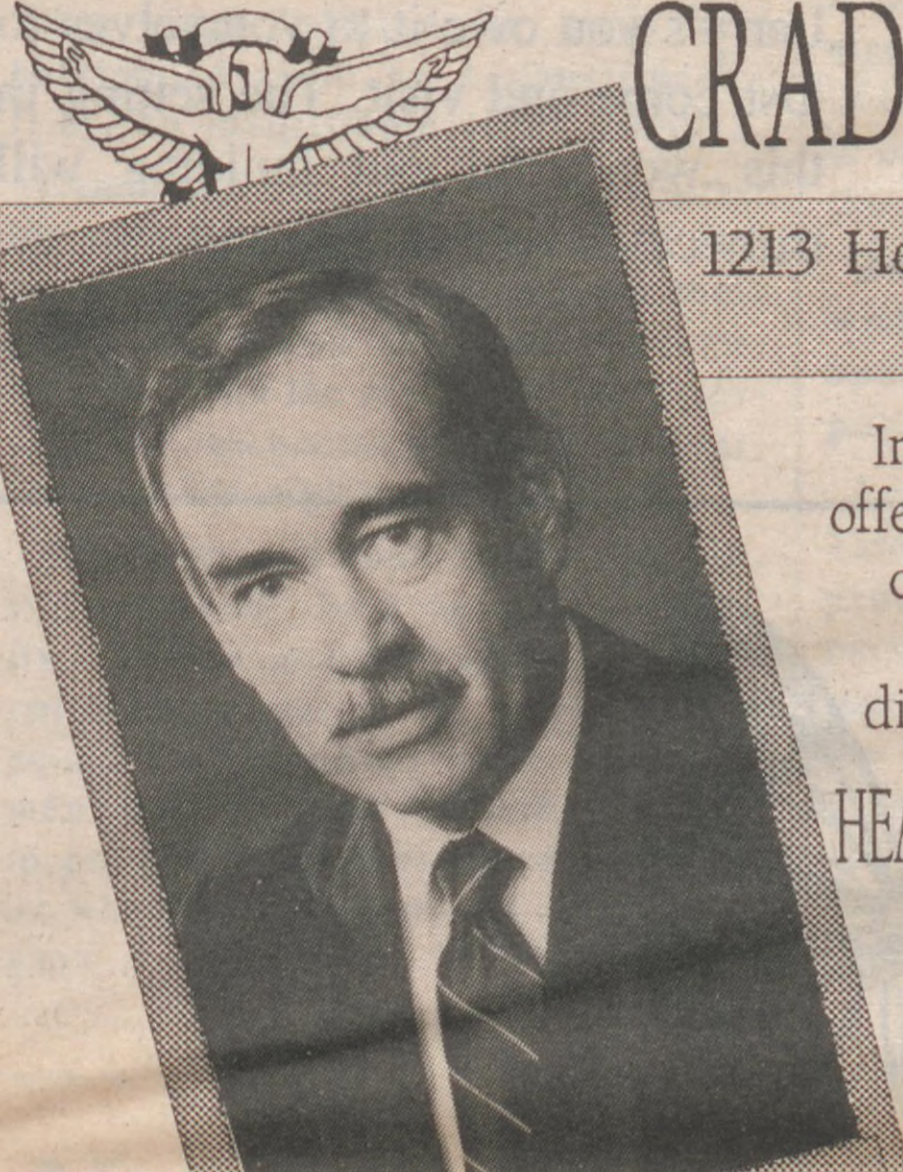
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Q-Patrol, Pride Week organizational honoree, explains its role; atheists to protest National Day of Prayer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Q-PATROL

Houston, Texas

(Editor's Note: Q-Patrol was recently selected as Organization Grand Marshal for the 1994 Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week Celebration. Organizations receive the recognition from the Pride committee "for contributing significantly to the positive outlook and support of the Lesbian and Gay community." Following is a statement released by the group, explaining its history, activities and goals. The group is also currently recruiting volunteers. If interested, see the contact information below).

Q-Patrol is a volunteer organization dedicated to the prevention of hate crimes against Lesbians and Gays. Q-Patrol is affiliated with H.P.D.'s Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) program.

We primarily patrol the Montrose area during the weekends, and as of late, we have begun periodic patrols during the week and for special events within the community. Q-Patrol has patrolled events such as last year's Pride rally in Spotts Park, the Montrose high Prom and the AIDS Foundation Houston Walk in November, 1993. We also put together emergency patrols for events such as the tor-

nado which destroyed the apartment complex last year.

Q-Patrol began in November, 1991 as an affinity group of the now—adjunct chapter of Queer Nation in response to a series of hate-related murders in our community, specifically the brutal slayings of Paul Broussard and Phillip Smith. Unlike the group from which we were spawned, Q-Patrol's focus has never been political. We seek recruits from all parts of Houston's diverse Gay and Lesbian population.

The organization became Q-Patrol Inc. in December of 1993 and is registered as a non-profit corporation with the state of Texas. We have submitted an application to the IRS to gain tax-exempt (501 (c) 3) status.

We use non-intervention techniques to achieve our goals. Our patrols are on the lookout for potentially dangerous vehicles and individuals. We log vehicle tags, data and location and send this information to the

police when circumstances warrant such action. If there is an offense, we send a postcard relating the details of the incident to the registered owner of the vehicle involved. This is often a parent. We have also pressed charges and testified in

police apprehended the group, baseball bats and firearms were confiscated. Q-Patrol has tailed many other vehicles in the community, always maintaining a safe distance. Usually, these vehicles leave once Q-Patrol's presence is recognized.

We are branching into education and have provided (or will provide) self-defense and first aid/CPR workshops to the public. There is much to be done here, and we believe that a large part of the solution to the problem is education.

For more information, contact Q-Patrol, P.O. Box 58131, Houston, Texas 77258, or call 871-8518. Donations are always welcome.

AGLA Protest

From DON SANDERS
American Gay and Lesbian Atheists
During the Reagan Administration, a "Meet at City Hall" ceremony was declared to be a part of a National Day of Prayer which officially began under the Truman Administration. "Meet at

court for more serious offenses.

One of the more memorable incidents in Q-Patrol's history involved a pickup truck packed with hoodlums. Q-Patrol reported gunfire from the vehicle, and while maintaining a safe distance, relayed this information to the police. When the

City Hall" was the brainchild of a group of fundamentalist Christian businessmen as a means to involve local public officials at the grassroots level in the National Day of Prayer. For fear of losing votes and insulting the Christian majority, local officials dare not to refuse to partake, even though they promised to defend the U.S. Constitution which calls for separation between state and church. Each year since its inception, Houston mayors and many council members have involved themselves, along with an array of ministers, priests and rabbis, in a Christian fundamentalist "revival-style" meeting on the steps of your city hall. Last year, Mayor Bob Lanier stated that prayer is good for "every Houstonian." "Every Houstonian" even includes you!

Join AGLA, Thursday, May 5, at the reflecting pool of Houston City Hall. Signs will be provided. Gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Picketing the National Day of Prayer ceremonies has become an annual event for AGLA. Your presence is needed. AGLA's pickets are always peaceful and legal. Join us during your lunch hour. Come hold a sign. It's time that Atheists stood up for our rights. Tell Bob Lanier that Atheists are citizens too!



Q-Patrol members Dan Weiner, Kent Busby and Danny Yacklin, staff booth at last weekend's Westheimer Street Festival (Photo by Amber Ratisseau)

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In the shadow of the backlash, why more Gay conservatives?

OBSERVER'S NOTE- BOOK

By PAUL VARNELL

For perfectly understandable reasons, gay activism began on the political and social left and has, until recently, had its center of gravity there. In broad and simplified strokes

Gay communities first coalesced and began their political efforts in the major U.S. cities, almost all of which were controlled by Democratic Party machines. So it was the Democrats who were first lobbied by gays and befriended them as a constituency (i.e., an identifiable voter group).

Democrats are much more comfortable with the sort of "civil rights" language gays used to articulate their goals. Democrats are more comfortable, too, with the sort of intrusive government mechanisms needed to guarantee those rights.

Democrats and (non-communist) leftists generally have held up "equality" as their pre-eminent social goal: certainly equality of status, often equality of condition. Such a commitment—however merely verbal—seemed to provide an obvious conceptual basis on which to make demands on behalf of gays.

Some (many?) of the activists in the immediate post-Stonewall period had already been involved in the anti-war effort, primarily an exercise of the left. They simply transferred over to the new movement, bringing their ideology as well as their energy.

It all could have been different. It would be a fascinating exercise in alternative history to imagine how a gay movement might have eventually begun on the right. Or to imagine how little different conditions need have been for one not to have risen on the left. It is sufficient for the moment to understand how contingent was the creation of the gay movement in the way it was. It is only after the fact that history gives the illusion of being inevitable.

But now we are suddenly confronted with a significant increment in gay openness and assertiveness on the political right.

Log Cabin Republicans, under Rich Tafel, opened a Washington office and promptly began working within the party to neutralize homophobia. Long-time conservative gray eminence Marvin Liebman founded the National Coalition for Understanding to promote acceptance of gays in the language and concepts of moderate conservatism. (Continued on following page)

University of New Mexico offering benefits to same sex domestic partners

ALBUQUERQUE, Thursday, April 14 (AP)—The University of New Mexico is proposing to offer homosexual couples the same benefits, such as insurance coverage and tuition remission, that would go to heterosexual couples.

The university has offered such benefits to employees and their legal spouses and dependents, but same-sex partners have been ineligible since they can't legally marry.

"By adopting this change, we will be fully implementing our current policy of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, and we'll be part of a growing movement across the country that involves dozens of private and public sector employees," said Anne Thomas, director of UNM's Equal Opportunity Programs.

The proposed policy has been sent to deans, directors and the faculty and staff councils for comment. It's expected to be approved within a few weeks, a university news release said Thursday.

But it said the proposal doesn't mean UNM endorses a homosexual lifestyle.

"UNM's primary function is to educate students, not worry about lifestyles," the news release said. "The institution does not endorse or con-

demn any lifestyle."

Martha Trolin of the New Mexico Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance said she was "thrilled" by the proposal.

"It's certainly a step in the right direction," Trolin said.

She said her organization would ask the city of Albuquerque to adopt a similar policy.

Thomas said the economic impact of the change isn't expected to be significant. Most benefits—such as tuition remission and use of university facilities—cost little or nothing, she said.

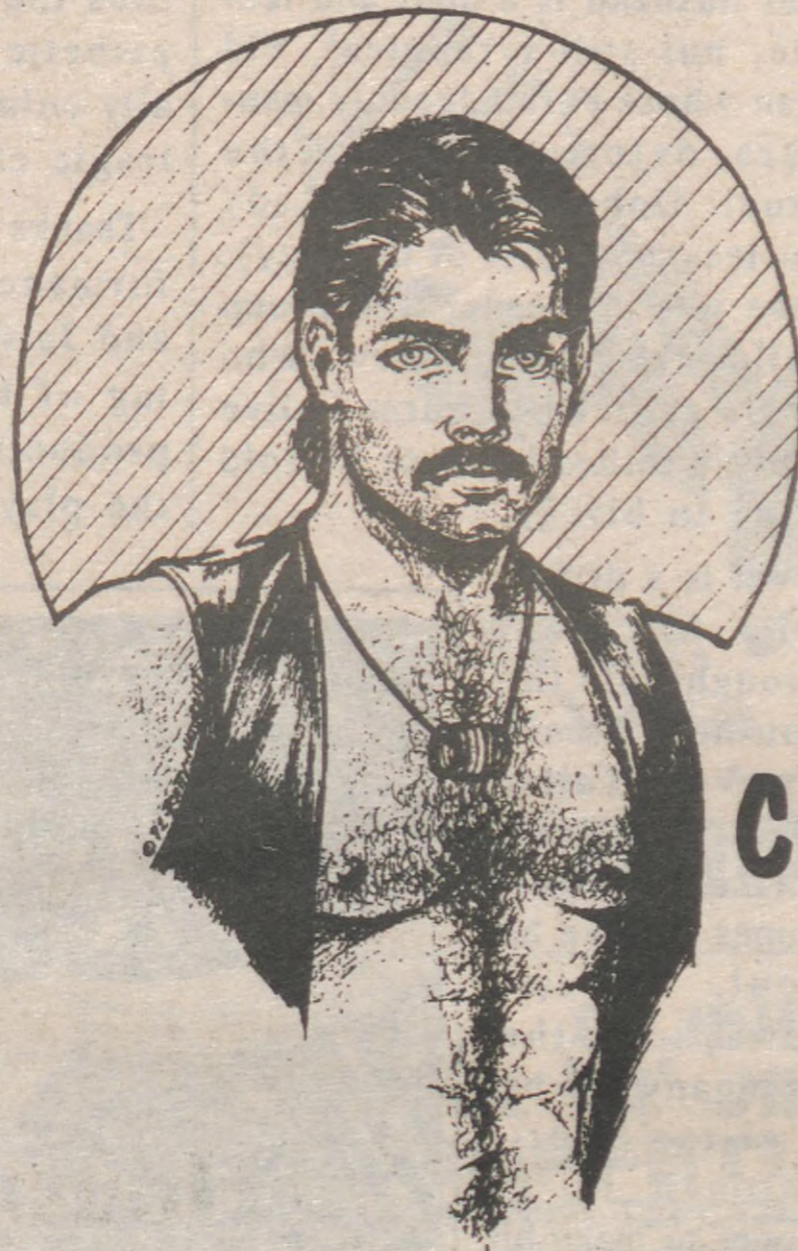
The cost of added health care benefits is estimated at about \$76,440 a year.

In studying the issue, UNM found that "fewer than 1 percent of the employees of any corporation or institution in the country offering domestic partner benefits take advantage of them," possibly because they have benefits from their own job and because benefits are subject to taxes, Thomas said.

UNM said universities, companies and communities already offering same-sex benefits include Columbia, Stanford, Harvard and Yale; Microsoft, Levi Strauss, Lotus and Apple Computers; and San Francisco, Atlanta, New York City, New Orleans, Seattle and Austin, Texas.

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'Orpheus Descending' at the Alley: vintage Williams, good theater

THEATER REVIEW

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

Tennessee Williams is as brilliant a dramatist as any this country has produced. During his creative heyday—the late 40s and the 50s—he was hugely prolific, creating some of his best work including "The Glass Menagerie," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "The Rose Tattoo," "Suddenly, Last Summer," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and "Sweet Bird of Youth." Also in this group is "Orpheus Descending," which is being presented on the Alley Theatre's Large Stage through May 8.

This is vintage Williams. Like so many of his plays, it is set in the Deep South and revolves around a disenfranchised woman, a dangerous man and the people and predicaments in their lives with which they are at odds. The language is rich and florid; the characters are desperate and strident; the premise is morally questionable, even lurid; and somewhat unfortunately, the allegory utilized is as wide as the human landscape he depicts, just as open to interpretation and, in many instances, smacks of the ridiculous rather than the poetic.

"Orpheus Descending" is about Lady Torrance (Gordana Rashovich) and Val Xavier (Mark Devine). Lady is an unhappily married, middle-age woman, who has devoted her energies of late to the construction of a confectionary in the general store owned by she and her geriatric husband, Jabe (Ken Graham). Lady is the daughter of an Italian immigrant, and she speaks with a heavy accent.

Her husband is a dour and feeble, but still tyrannical, old man whose curmudgeonly manners deteriorate into the cruel. Unbeknownst to Lady (at least for most of the play), Jabe was the leader of a group called the Mystic Crew, who years earlier had burned alive Lady's father because he sold wine to blacks.

Val is a drifter, who has been brought into this southern hamlet by Vee Talbot (Bettye Fitzpatrick), who hopes to save his soul. Val is always in the company of his "gi-tar" for through it, he hopes to make his mark in the world—a mercifully distant possibility given this character's capacity to sing. Val is running from his past, but he knows not to where.

Surrounding these two lonely souls are a predictable variety of southern town folk: two gossipy bitches, two spinster sisters, a soul-saving matron, a slick, hick sheriff and Carol Cutrere (Annalee Jefferies), a drunken, salacious whore, who lures Val away from the reborn clutches of Vee, thereby dispensing with Val's guise of puritanism, which was never convincing anyway.

Lady offers Val a job in the store, which he accepts, and

thus the two begin a tawdry, pathetic affair that eventually culminates in a fierce and tragic climax.

Thanks in large part to the performances from Rashovich and Jefferies and the directing of Michael Wilson, this production does better than the play itself.



Gordana Rashovich as Lady Torrance in "Orpheus Descending"

"Orpheus Descending" is a vivid example of Williams' metaphorical leanings gone completely awry. The title, for instance, is taken from the Greek myth of Orpheus who descends into the Underworld, where he plays the lyre so beautifully, he is able to win back the life of his beloved Eurydice, only to lose her because rather than trust the

Gods, he looks back to see she is following before he reaches the surface world. The myth is about love, and there isn't anything remotely similar in the play. Instead you find mendacity (a word I learned from Williams), betrayal and lust. Though it is certainly possible to draw some lines of connection between the play and the myth from which the title is derived (in literary analysis, interpretation is limited only by imagination), there is precious little point in making one's intentions too enigmatic.

Also there is Uncle Pleasant or the Conjure Man (Clarence Whitmore) a strange, possibly half-witted character who makes two brief appearances.

Though he resembles a Rastafarian, the spells he incants are clearly taken from Native American ceremonies. His presence and his chanting send Carol into near orgasmic palpitations, while the rest of the characters are terrified. His presence is solely for metaphoric value because the character contributes nothing to the movement of the plot. I can only assume Williams' intention is buried somewhere in the incantation, because it escapes me.

Williams' dramatic eccentricities aside, this produc-

tion is heady stuff. Gordana Rashovich as Lady gives a knock-out performance in her Alley debut. She's strong and sexy and there's noticeable ardor in everything she does on stage. Rashovich is sensational.

Annalee Jefferies is also great as Carol, the vixen with a brazen candor. Jefferies gleams with relish with every purposefully provocative prance she takes; she's super.

Mark Devine does well enough as Val, which is also his Alley debut, but his voice is annoyingly squeaky at times. Still his overall demeanor varied appropriately from the awkward and gangly to the worldly and opportunistic. Taken as a whole, though, Devine's performance lacked the punch that marks the outstanding.

Michael Wilson's directing shows his usual insight for character interpretation, but he goes well overboard with unnecessary enhancements. Severe and brooding music is supplied as a background mood setter at times, and Wilson makes a pronounced effort to match the background sky with the condition or situation being described on stage. Wilson has an undeniably strong talent for evoking performances and interpreting text, but he should let his strengths be his mark and leave the utilization of "special effects" to less talented artists.

"Orpheus Descending" is an unhappy portrait of small town life in the south, and Wilson's production at the Alley captures all the paths. You won't leave feeling chipper, but you will have seen good theater.

Analyzing the increased visibility of conservative Gays

(Continued from preceding page)

Controversial conservative journalist David Brock chose to interpret a public charge of "misogyny" as an "outing" and promptly came out in a Washington Post interview. Yet he is being retained as chief writer by the sophomoric homophobic American Spectator.

Moderate Republican Wisconsin Rep. Steve Gunderson delivered a ringing endorsement of gays in the military on the House floor, referring to his recent experience of being "outed," announced for reelection, and then addressed a Baltimore dinner of the Human Rights Campaign Fund where he talked about "Rob and I."

In the wake of Bruce Bawer's important "A Place at the Table," there are more books in process by gay conservative authors. Some of them are "coming-out books," others are analyses of gay-related

issues. I am told there is work in progress that suggests the identity of (though apparently without naming) many of the gays in Republican and conservative circles.

No doubt, since such activity on the (moderate) right follows activism on the left, it has been influenced by it. But we may assume from its sudden growth now that it also has its own objective conditions and its own dynamic. The task is to figure out what those are.

Here are some hypotheses, not an exhaustive list, to consider as part of the explanation:

International communism vaporized. It is important to keep in mind that many gays in conservative and Republican circles shared the view in those circles that communism was the main threat to American liberties. So thinking, many were unwilling to make any major public claims on behalf of their sexually (so

long as it could be conducted unobtrusively with relative freedom) because they did not want to cause dissension in the organizations they were working with, taint them in public opinion, or frankly-jeopardize their own ability to contribute. The point was not to make waves while there was real work to be done.

I have talked to many gay leftists who delayed a public coming out for analogous reasons related to their own issues.

Disestablishment. For the first time in a dozen years and except for the feeble Carter interregnum-for the first time since Stonewall, the Republican Party was swept from power. That means that there was far less any benefit in paying silent obeisance to party orthodoxy, trying to avoid offending the sensibility of party leaders, no lure to stay near power by staying in the closet. There is little possibility of patronage or promotion to positions of influence. And

there exists no longer the rationale (or rationalization) of staying in the closet in order to be able to fight conservative homophobes from "the inside."

Houston. The Republican Party orthodoxy, at least its agenda of social conservatism, was seriously harmed by "Houston-the 1992 Republican National Convention, where the bared teeth, narrowness and ignobility of the social conservative agenda was clearly revealed in speeches by Pat Buchanan, Pat Robertson, etc. Harmed-"delegitimized," we might say-even "desacralized."

Many conservative gays realized, "If that is where the party is going, I want nothing to do with it," and many more were angered enough-anger being a great solvent of fear and decorum-to actively oppose that agenda on their own behalf. The subsequent electoral defeat gratifyingly confirmed to them, too, the

political reasonableness of their position.

It is far easier now to come out than it was 10 or 20 years ago. The social climate is more comfortable, major institutions more receptive. In many circles, though, it remained not so much bad or wrong to be gay, but somehow simply tasteless, or a breach of social etiquette, to bring up one's homosexuality, much less insist on it. "They know, but we don't talk about it," is the frequent claim by many conservative gays.

But now with "Gay" constantly in the air-literature theater, discussion of gays in the military-occasions for "mentioning" it, even making a (low-key) issue of it have been multiplied. Many people who were sort of "in" found to their surprise that they are a little more "out." And once that trajectory began, it will not automatically stop at any particular place.

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Opponents say Idaho anti-gay initiative backers violating state, federal laws

BOISE, Idaho, Friday, April 15 (AP)—Opponents of the anti-gay initiative are accusing the proposal's supporters of violating state and federal laws by engaging in prohibited legislative and partisan political lobbying.

In a complaint filed with the Internal Revenue Service on Thursday, the Idaho Citizens Alliance was charged with violating the requirements to maintain its tax-exempt status by pushing the initiative and endorsing Republican candidates for the Ada County Commission and governor.

And in the complaint filed with the Secretary of State, the alliance political action committee was accused of violating the state campaign finance disclosure law

by failing to report any expenditures associated with signature gathering efforts at the state fairs last year in both eastern and northern Idaho.

Kelly Walton, the Burley businessperson who founded the alliance, denied the allegations by Don't Sign On To Discrimination, one of the leading groups opposed to the initiative that would prohibit state or local governments from banning discrimination against homosexuals.

"If we've done anything wrong, it was inadvertent," Walton said moments after the complaints were filed. "This doesn't surprise me. Beyond this, I fully expect them to hire private investigators to check out my past and the history of some of my county

leaders."

"This is just another great example of the boogey man-obsessed left, and I think someone needs to tell them just to relax," Walton said.

The initiative campaign reportedly is facing an uphill fight to collect the 32,000 signatures of registered voters its needs by July 8 to put the proposal on the ballot. Nearly every state political and civic leader has come out against it.

Walton maintained that the initiative campaign and any effort made on behalf of specific political candidates has been handled through the Stop Special Rights Political Action Committee, which has complied with state disclosure laws and is not tax

exempt. That status allows contributors to deduct donations in calculating federal income taxes.

He said the alliance political action committee has not operated since it was registered last year and that the alliance itself has stayed out of political activities.

"So they need to get their facts straight," he said.

But Brian Bergquist, a leader of Don't Sign On, said alliance newsletters have specifically endorsed Gary Glenn and Phil Childers for the Ada County Commission and Larry Eastland for the GOP gubernatorial nomination. He also cited Walton's campaigning for the initiative on behalf of the alliance.

As for failing to disclose expenditures as required by state law, Bergquist said it is clear the initiative petitions themselves and accompanying literatures were paid for by the alliance political action committee.

Bergquist, maintaining anti-initiative forces have complied with the laws, said he wants the alliance's tax-exempt status revoked and its political action committee forced to disclose its expenditures along with the source of the money it used to finance them.

"We take it seriously," Bergquist said. "I guess we think they should take it seriously too. This is not a game. We're talking about the future of our state."

Once-rejected AIDS treatment resurfaces

By HENRY STERN

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 15 (AP)—With notes of caution about creating false hope, proponents of a limited study to review a once-dismissed AIDS treatment that heats a patient's blood say every potential weapon against the disease must be explored.

"Right now, the situation is pretty grim," Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said Thursday. "If there is a chance to do something, then perhaps it's a situation for a great deal of optimism."

Lautenberg, who began advocating consideration of "hyperthermia" after learning of it from a constituent, spoke at a news conference giving further details about a feasibility study

for the treatment.

Officials with the Food and Drug Administration said HemoCleanse Inc. of West Lafayette, Ind., recently won approval to conduct the experimental treatment on six patients in Miami. The FDA remains doubtful of its effectiveness, but said it is worthwhile to explore alternative approaches.

The National Institutes of Health blocked similar research in 1990 by Dr. Kenneth Alonso and another doctor in Atlanta, after declaring that one of the supposedly cured patients, Carl Crawford, had cat scratch fever, not AIDS.

The experiment was moved to Mexico, where another patient treated with hyperthermia died.

Crawford, 37, of Atlanta; and

another former patient, Chuck DeMarco, 35, of Union City, N.J. were at Thursday's news conference with Lautenberg and Alonso. Both said they are healthy and credited hyperthermia with their recovery from AIDS.

DeMarco, who told Lautenberg of the procedure at a town meeting, said he quickly began recovering after being treated three years ago in Rome. He had suffered from a chronic cough, was sleeping at least 18 hours a day and had Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer common to AIDS patients that created lesions on his throat and thigh.

"I went walking around Rome for a couple of hours, hopped a train to Venice and spent 10 days there," DeMarco said.

Alonso said Pittsburgh-based

IDT Inc., which is working with HemoCleanse, will test the safety of the device used to heat the blood up to 115 degrees and put it back in the patient at a slightly cooler temperature to kill off the virus in bone marrow and organs. He said researchers need to see if the virus was killed, and if patients' immune systems are stimulated.

He said the original tests have been modified to reduce the flow of blood back into the body, thus improving safety levels. He likened the procedure to dialysis.

Alonso said 19 of 31 patients who underwent the procedure in Italy survived the first year, when statistics indicated only 11 would have survived without any treatment. He said learning survival rates for subsequent years have

been hampered by difficulties in tracking patients since the studies were conducted outside the United States.

"We have demonstrated a survival advantage," Alonso said. "In this illness, what counts is survival. Do you live?"

Derek Hodel, treatment issues director for the AIDS Action Council in Washington, said the FDA has been appropriately cautious to allow studies on AIDS treatments to compile data.

Hodel said it is too early to point to "blood boiling" as reason for optimism.

"Hyperthermia had a big media splash before," Hodel said. "The consensus in the community about hyperthermia is that it really had unwarranted publicity several years ago."

UCLA researchers: Black, gay, and female adds up to load of stresses

By JANE E. ALLEN

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Thursday, April 14 (AP)—It's tough facing the dual prejudices of being black and gay—but it's even more stressful being black, gay and female, according to UCLA researchers.

A homosexual or bisexual black woman suffers more depressive distress, which may include suicidal thoughts, than a gay black man infected with the virus that causes AIDS, they found.

However, their national survey of 1432 homosexually active African-Americans found the most stress in black, gay men sick with AIDS. Their distress scores were high enough to hint at probable clinical depression.

Study co-author Susan D. Cochran, a psychology professor at

California State University, Northridge, and a research psychologist at the Institute for Social Science Research at the University of California, Los Angeles, said Thursday that the 20-question survey cannot diagnose depression. But it gives an indication of chronic strain, "a chronic feeling that life is hard."

The findings, published in the April issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry, were based on levels of depressive distress measured through such indicators as blues, loneliness, fears, physical symptoms, relationship problems and frequency of suicidal thoughts.

The survey of 829 men and 603 women who identified themselves as homosexually active African-Americans showed to have substantially higher levels

of chronic strain than heterosexual blacks or whites. The comparisons were based on past studies of depressive distress among straight and gay white men and straight blacks of both sexes.

"This study shows that distress and depression are problems that for African-American homosexually active men and women have gone unaddressed. Clearly, homosexually active men and women represent a highly stressed population with specific needs for mental health intervention," said Vickie M. Mays, a UCLA psychology professor and study co-author.

"It's a population we haven't heard from before," said Mays.

"African-American gay men are just coming to our attention as a result of HIV. These are individuals who are likely to be your next

door neighbors, who are likely to be working in a variety of jobs, who may not choose to openly identify as gay."

She noted a past tendency to equate stresses among gay African-Americans with stresses among any gay group.

"We found that this population experiences high degrees of depressive distress, most likely brought on by the combined social stigmas often attached to being African-American, homosexual or both," Mays said.

Sylvia Rhue, a Los Angeles clinical social worker with a doctorate in human sexuality, said she's heard the triple whammy of racism, sexism and homophobia discussed among black lesbians.

"It's not because we're lesbian, gay and black that we have higher levels of psychiatric dysfunc-

tion, but because we have so many things put upon us by being lesbian, gay and black," Rhue said.

"Let's look at the economic factors that cause stress and depression. If you're female, you statistically make less than a man. If you're black, you make statistically less than white people. If you're gay, you can be fired at any second and potentially have fewer opportunities if you're out of the closet," she said.

And, 33 percent of black lesbians also face the stresses of being mothers, she said.

The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, both in Washington, D.C.

New Hampshire lawyers AIDS theory cited in lawsuit

CONCORD, N.H., Monday, April 18 (AP)—A New Jersey company says there's no evidence to link its polio vaccine to the AIDS virus, but a couple with an HIV infected daughter disagrees and is suing, citing a Franconia lawyer's theory.

When Walter Kyle published his theory in the British medical journal "The Lancet," many scientists denounced his speculation connecting acquired immune deficiency syndrome with the experimental use of the polio vaccine.

In his March 7, 1992, article, Kyle discussed the presence of unknown viral agents in polio vaccine lots made by Lederle Laboratories in 1976. He said the unknown agents held up distribu-

tion of the vaccine for an unprecedented 20 months. The vaccine lots, which are produced in monkey kidneys, were ultimately released.

Kyle suggested the unknown agent was HIV or some variant and has called for testing stored samples of the vaccine lots.

Based on Kyle's theory, the parents of Whitney Williams, 12, have filed a \$10 million suit against American Cyanamid Co., parent company of Lederle Laboratories. They contend American Cyanamid, based in Wayne, N.J., knew the vaccines contained viral contaminants.

The family from Morton Grove, Ill., filed the lawsuit Feb. 25 in the U.S. District Court in New Jersey.

The Williams also have notified the federal government they intend to sue the Food and Drug Administration for \$10 million.

But in a recent statement American Cyanamid said, "There is absolutely no scientific basis for linking HIV virus or AIDS to the oral polio vaccine."

When Whitney was diagnosed two years ago with HIV, sexual abuse was suspected. But her parents and all four siblings tested negative for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Medical investigators came up empty-handed. Whitney had no blood transfusions and never had used intravenous drugs. She became one of 49 juvenile AIDS cases classified by the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion as NIR—no identifiable risk.

Bruce Williams, Whitney's adoptive father, told the New Hampshire Sunday News that Kyle's research helped him come to his conclusion that Whitney was infected by her polio vaccine.

Vaccine laboratories have screened all monkey tissue for simian retroviruses, including simian immunodeficiency virus, since 1985. Whitney Williams was vaccinated in 1982.

American Cyanamid's statement says the lawsuit is based on a theory that "has been dismissed and rejected on scientific grounds by the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control, and other scientific organizations."

Kyle said these government agencies have not responded directly to his article, but they reacted instead to a different theory linking the origin of AIDS to trials of polio vaccines in Africa in the 1950s.

Why didn't more children get the virus if the vaccines were tainted? Kyle said the virus may have infected only teething children, those with mouth lesions or sores when they took the oral vaccine and conceivably released the virus into the bloodstream.

"This whole issue can be closed, if they would take the lots I've identified and test them. My suspicion is they have already tested them and they don't want the data out," Kyle said.

Free-speech organization wants S.F. mayor to show respect to the Constitution

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Thursday, April 14 (AP)—A free-speech organization named for Thomas Jefferson wants San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan to show a little more respect for the Constitu-

tion.

Jordan and Attorney General Janet Reno were among seven winners Wednesday of the 1993 Jefferson Muzzle awards for curbing free speech.

The nonprofit Thomas Jeffer-

son Center for the Protection of Free Expression singled out Jordan for removing a clergyman from the city's human rights commission for saying he believes the Bible says homosexuality is immoral.

Other winners named on the 251st anniversary of Jefferson's birth included: —Attorney General Reno, for pushing for greater federal regulation of TV violence. —The Bradford County, Fla., Board of Education for barring Miss America

Leanza Cornett from using the word "AIDS" in talking to students in 1993. —The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, for declining to carry AIDS-prevention advertisements because of their double-entendres.

Wisconsin congressman accuses critics of damaging GOP

LA CROSSE, Wis., Sunday, April 17 (AP)—Rep. Steven Gunderson told his Republican critics that he's sorry his support of gay rights is viewed by some as disloyalty to the party.

"There is so much that unites us, why are we so concerned with that which divides us?" he told about 150 people attending a 3rd Congressional District Republican caucus Saturday.

Gunderson, 42, has said his re-election campaign would be his last. His campaign committee held an evening fundraiser in nearby Onalaska after the caucus, featuring Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., as a guest speaker.

Gunderson has been criticized by party members for opposing the Defense Department's opposition to gays in uni-

form. He has declined public reply to comments about his personal lifestyle.

Gunderson said his House statements in favor of allowing gays in the military and a recent speech on gay rights before the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Baltimore, Md., have attracted more publicity than his stand on other issues.

He regrets that his belief in equal rights has been interpreted as disloyalty to the party, he said.

"Unless we are a unified Republican party, we have no hope of holding" the western Wisconsin district against Democrats, he said.

Donald M. Brill of Eau Claire announced Friday he will challenge Gunderson in the Republican primary in September. Four Democrats are seek-

ing their party's nomination, including Peter Bear of Hudson, Lee Rasch of La Crosse, Karl Krueger of La Crosse and state Rep. Harvey Stower of Amery.

"I don't think what they're doing (in Eau Claire) represents what's going on throughout the district," delegate Cole Heller of Alma told the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram. "How deep the controversy goes, I have no idea."

Gunderson also elaborated on his position concerning AIDS education in schools, saying teachers should not endorse homosexuality but should be allowed to tell children how to avoid the virus.

Several delegates insisted Gunderson's voter appeal remains strong among Republicans.

"He's got more support than he's ever had," Gordon Sill of Eau Claire said. "There's dissidents out there but that's normal."

"I don't think he's threatened at this time," said Richard Ziemann of Fall Creek. "Those who are wringing their hands are premature."

At Gunderson's suggestion, the caucus did not endorse a candidate in the September primary.

"Let the people decide," he said.

Gunderson accused the Clinton administration of being weak on foreign policy. He said last week's accidental downing of helicopters by U.S. fighters over Iraq may indicate a dangerous weakening of U.S. defense resources.

Sister Spirit founders and opponents report fund raising success in S.F.

OVETT, Miss., Wednesday, April 13 (AP)—Brenda and Wanda Henson say they will spend part of the \$10,000 in donations received during a trip to San Francisco for security improvements at Camp Sister Spirit, a feminist retreat operated by the lesbians.

"I feel more empowered," Brenda Henson said of the March 31-April 7 trip. "Just to know that you've got that support—we needed that."

Brenda and Wanda Henson, who consider themselves married, spoke on San Francisco radio stations, in churches and at a benefit dinner held in

their honor, among other activities.

Brenda Henson said the \$10,000 came from a combined effort of about 30 San Francisco community organizations. She said the San Francisco-based Prairie Fire Organizing Committee was the main group sponsoring the Hensons' visit.

Camp Sister Spirit has been the target of opposition in the Ovett area since Nov. 1993. The Hensons are converting a 120-acre pig farm in rural Jones County into what they say will be a feminist educational and cultural retreat.

The lesbians claim they have been fre-

quently harassed, citing a mailed bomb threat that has sparked an FBI investigation, phoned death threats and a dead dog's carcass left over the mailbox at the retreat's entrance.

Brenda Henson said some of the funds from the California trip would be used to add more alarms, barbed wire fences and an emergency generator among other things.

Mississippi for Family Values, the group opposing the camp's presence in Ovett, has raised about \$11,000 to fight the retreat, said James Hendry, one of the group leaders.

Currently, the fund is being used to pay attorneys representing 11 neighbors suing Camp Sister Spirit in federal court on the basis that its presence as a retreat constitutes a nuisance.

Hendry said the organization planned a second fund-raiser May 14 in Ovett. The first was held in March at Glade Elementary School in rural Jones County.

"This will be real informal. It'll only last a couple of hours," Hendry said. "It's mainly to keep people informed about what is happening, but we also plan to take donations."

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Taylor Dayne with Rich's production manager, Dave Hemmer

HOUSTON SOAP, PART ONE

By CAROLYN LARSON
Houston Voice/Houston
Hello Montrose !!

Latest news on the Tad and the Trucker... I flew out to San Antonio early Saturday morning to bail them out, and to my surprise both Tad and the Trucker had been extradited...to Hawaii...of all places. The nice police officers would not give me any details, but they had the Peterbilt in storage. So, I got the truck out of "hock" and drove it back to Houston. (NO jokes about sweet little ever so fluffy me driving a diesel). The trip home was very eventful. Now I know why people tell me 18 wheelin' is the way to travel!! By the time I got back to our office, there was a box of chocolate covered Macadamia nuts on my desk. A note attached said: Having the time of our lives, see you next week...Hugs...Tad and the Trucker. Sounds like Tad will be back next week. Maybe then we will find out just what did really happen!! Good, cuz I am going back to that rest stop just this side of San Antonio and just kinda "HANG OUT"!!!

LAST WEEK:

The BOY TOY of the YEAR contest was held at Gentry this past weekend. The winner received \$10K worth of cash prizes, bookings and other fun stuff. This year's winner is Chris Clark aka RIP. The first runner up is Cory Diloreto, and second place went to Randy Good. We would like to thank Gentry's, the contestants, judges, Miss Jill Jordan and all

who come to watch the festivities. Looking forward to next year.

This past weekend The Art Festival was in full swing. On the way to the Airport, I went over to "Under the BIG TOP" at Bering Church for the Pancake Breakfast. It was a great success!! There were lots of hungry people milling about. The rummage sale was just getting under way. Thanks to all the hard working people that made this an "Event to be at" during the busy weekend.

The Brazos River Bottom held the "Miss Montrose" Contest. The retirin' Miss Montrose "Animal" gave his crown to "Miss Ousia..." (from Mary's, Naturally). The BRB's own "Tommy Sue Ellen" came in 1st runner up!! Way to go girls!!

Pet Patrol and Basic Brothers held a "Doggie Dip". Keep up the support in our community. We really, really appreciate it!!

Midtown Spa had the April BLOW OUT party. Mark (Mgr.) reports it topped all the previous parties. So, if you missed this one, you missed a good one!!

Taylor Dayne wowed the SRO crowd Saturday night at RICH'S. Fabulous vocals and tight dance routines made this one of the best RICH'S has done. Next up in May is JODY WHATLEY. Keep your eyes and ears open for details.

ABOUT TOWN:

Past Time has "MOVIE NIGHT" every Monday. The movie starts at 9:00 p.m. Carlos is offering Happy Hour Prices and FREE Popcorn during the show.

Amie's is the place to be on Monday nights. At 7:00 p.m. Robert starts a dart tournament. Cash pot to the winner. Go by and toss a few around.

Monday, Monday, just about everyone hates Mondays, but not those that go to Pacific Street on Mondays. It is Clubber's night. Doors open at 9:00 p.m. Monday is the night your favorite bartenders and waiters party. No cover with a current pay stub for any restaurant, bar and night spots employee. All Club

members welcome with no cover while in Colors.

Every Monday night at J.R.'s and Santa Fe Miss Lindsey Love's strip contest. Enter to win cash and prizes.

Over at E/J's on Monday nights, B.J. Williams hosts the Male Strip Contest. The clothes start to go at 11:00 p.m.

If you are over Murphy Brown and Northern Exposure, or even if your not, set the VCR and head over to the MINE for their weekly pool tournament with Pool Mistress Bill. The games begin at 8:30 and continues until there is no one left but the winner... of course, if you hit your balls right it could be the one!!

The Brazos River Bottom opens at 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning. Stop in for Happy Hour prices.

My favorite place on Tuesday is Mary's... Naturally. It is 2 for Tuesday. Cuervo shots are only \$2 all day all night. No wonder I'm a little groggy every Wednesday morning... and thru the afternoon... and into the evening!!

Tuesday at Midtown offers FREE LOCKERS To MEN 18-22 plus half price lockers, rooms and video rooms. All you need to do bring 3 items for donations to Stone Soup! So clean out your pantry and put it to a better body for you and help someone eat a little better!!

This Tuesday there is only one place to be... JR'S for the BIG SOLOFLEX GIVEAWAY. At Midnight emcee KOFI will draw for your chance of a new SOLOFLEX work out machine... or \$500 in cash. You have had all month to register, so the time has finally arrived to find out just how lucky you really are!! Good Luck!!

If you are hungry on Tuesday nights, David at Amie's has quite a spread prepared. Dinner starts at 4:00 p.m.

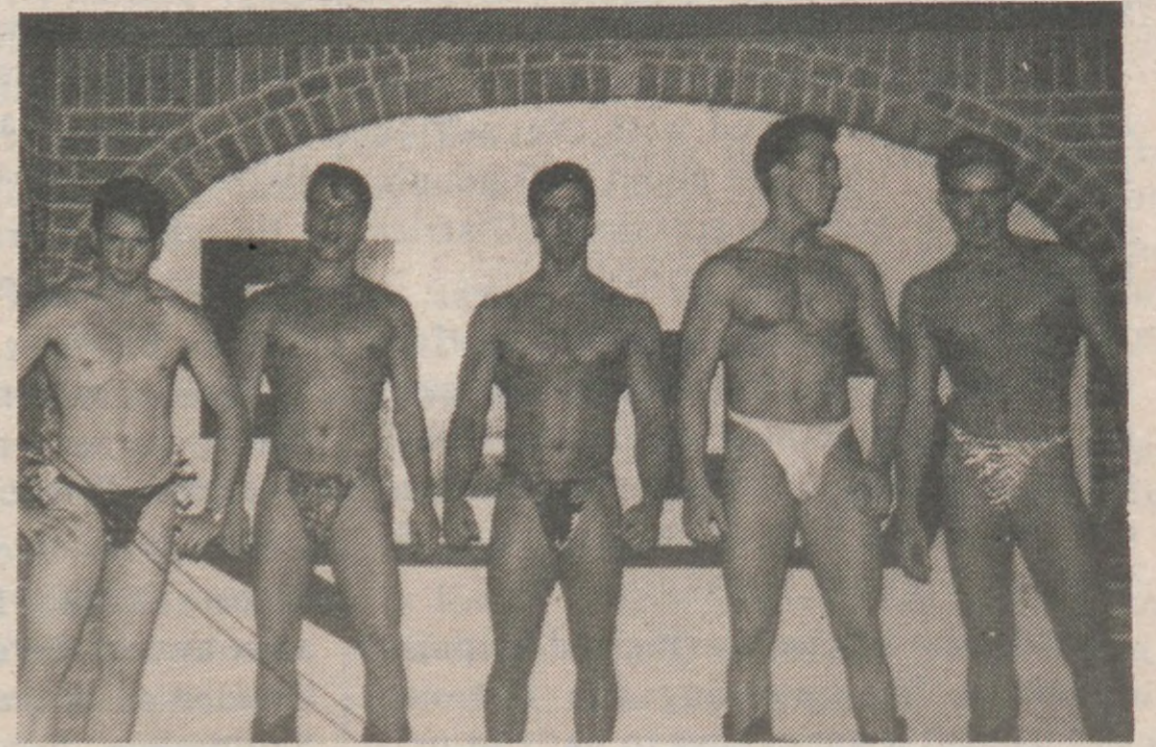
Wednesday is a busy night around town. The CLUB has "Buddy Night" Buy a room and your buddy gets a free locker. You might want to run by E/J's first to enjoy Steak night on the Patio with Lucy. It starts at 6:00 p.m.

If you are in the mood you dance your dinner off, check out Hot Hump night at Pacific Street. No cover with a pass from your favorite bartender.

Maybe you feel like being entertained, Wednesday nights sizzle at Gentry. As Ms. Gay Texas, Dyan Michaels hosts a male strip contest. The club is packed to the rafters for this weekly penile projection extravaganza.

J.R.'s and Santa Fe offer happy hour till 10:00 p.m. Imported beer specials as well as hot dancers to help you work up a thirst.

By Thursday you should be ready to start work up for your weekend parties.. Think about "Happy Hour" at the



Rip (second from right) wins first place in Gentry's Boy Toy contest last Friday

Red Room. It is a great place to unwind and relax after a long day at work.

Thursday is Latina Love's Revue at AMIES. Show starts at 9:00 p.m.

Talking about Happy Hour hang outs, the Venture-N still has the original Power Hour 5-7 every day. Go by and check out Bruce and Rita's act. The V-N has a few new faces behind the bar!!

Next Weekend is SPLASH WEEKEND in Galveston. The KON TIKI asks you to join the MAN HUNT. Friday you can PICK YOUR TARZAN in ACTION. Saturday is Muscles in Action and Sunday is "BARE AS YOU DARE." They round up the weekend with more Muscles in action and KOFI and Co. on Sunday at 9:00 p.m.

The Montrose Mining Company opens every day at 1P:00 p.m. Most days you will find Red there to serve up a drink, a smile and maybe just a pinch of attitude (Love ya, Honey). Don't forget the Mine is open for AFTER HOURS until 4:00 a.m. every Friday and Saturday nights, NO COVER and Hard Core Dancers...

Friday nights, wander over to Amie's for Miss Laura Lee and the BOY TOY dancers.

Fridays, you can disco down at Rich's. Trash Disco is back. Jon Mott spins the best of the 70's and 80's every Friday.

E/J's features Nikki Collins, Naomi Warwick and Shawna Roberts in the Saturday Night Super Show. The lovely and curvatures of Miss Brittany Page. The show starts at 11:00

p.m. ... SHARP. (Not Gay Standard Time!!).

Get your jock strap out and head to Pacific Street... Flesh and Fantasy night. Clothes check is available. Doors open at 9:00 p.m. every Saturday night. Be sure to check out the laser lights and the music by Adrian.

Saturday at AMIE'S Lady D with the Rhythm and Blues Express Band of Texas. The show starts at 8:30 p.m.

The E/J's Softball Team is having a CAR WASH This Saturday 10 AM to 5:00 p.m. Stop in to get your car or truck a spruced up.

Every Sunday, 2 step to the Brazos River Bottom for Steak Night on the Patio. Only \$5.00 gets you a 14 oz. T-Bone, a Baker.. ALL THE WAY, and a tossed salad. Only at the Brazos.

Sundays at Heaven are getting even better. Dance to the sounds of DJ/VJ Steve Underwood and enjoy \$.25 well drinks until 11:00 p.m. All of that and there is NO cover all night long with a pass from your favorite bartender at 800 Pacific Street.

This Sunday at E/J's Don't miss the FINALS for the MALE DANCE contest. Emcee's are B.J. and PAVI. The humpin' and bumpin' starts at 9:00 p.m.

The Garden Party Presents HAIRSPRAY... A Musical review. It will be Sunday April 24 at the Brazos River Bottom. There will be drawings for tickets to the Garden Party!!!! Leave it to the Guys and Girls of GARDEN PARTY to pull this one off!!!



The new (left) and the very old (right) Miss Montrose with Pickles, Rita and Tommy Sue Ellen



Bill, Peggy, and Lady D. with Amie (right) at Amie's Saturday night

This weekend: Fem 2 Fem at Heaven, 'White Party' at Rich's



Dan Weiner, Kent Busby and Danny Yacklin distribute info for Q-Patrol at the Art Fest

HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

By CAROLYN LARSON
Houston Voice/Houston

At Gentry on Saturday April 23, is the Gay Bowlers Car Wash from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Drive on by to get your car or truck all shined up.

Also at Gentry's Every Sunday is a POOL Tournament. A GUARANTEED cash prize of \$60. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m. and the games begin at 5:30 p.m.

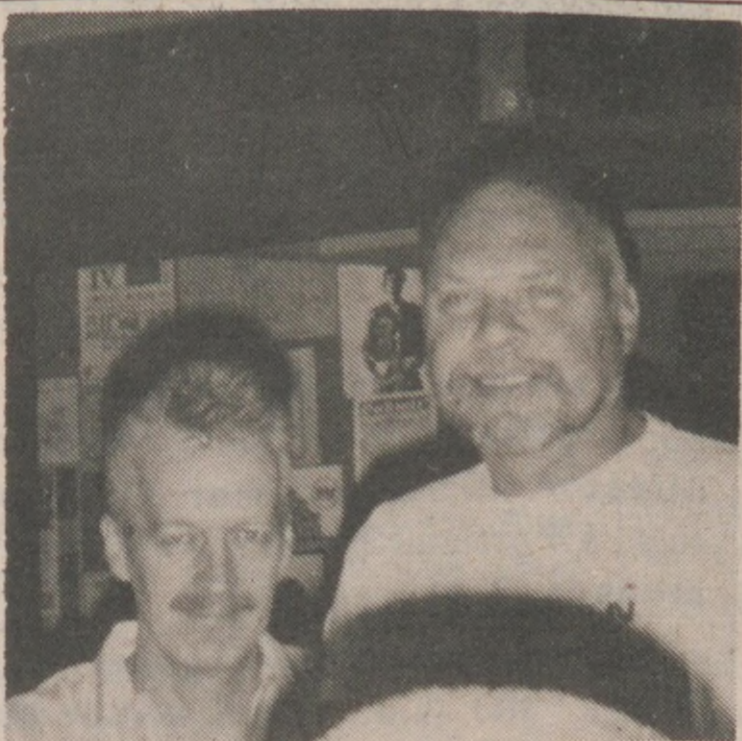
Heaven screams "Switch you Bitch!" to herald the return on America's favorite Lesbians FEM 2 FEM. Saturday, April 23, dance music's most controversial success story returns to Houston with an all new show that is guaranteed to leave you screaming for more.

Club Tar Tare is serving it up RAW every Sunday. And besides hot men, music and videos, you can see some of the best female impersonation shows in town, upstairs. Downstairs offers some of the hottest talented dancers.

On Sunday April 24 at Gentry is DISCODAZE. It is presented by the Imperial Court!! Make sure to mark this one on your calendar. It is billed as TRASH WITH A FLASH!!

Sunday April 24.. Pull out your white's for "THE WHITE PARTY" at Rich's. Special guest, America's sexiest twins Derick and Erick will bump and grind on the main stage, plus eight gorgeous dancers. @ shows upstairs in the locker and live music on the patio.

Fundacion Latino Americana Contra El SIDA is proud to cordially invites you to attend in the assistance in the opening of the inauguration this Sunday April 24, 10:00 p.m. at ENERGY (6121 Hillcroft). A large benefit show for F.L.A.S. with a variety of presentations, artists and first time to introduce: The Taller of Danza Contemporanes, Lola Flame, Beatriz Adriana, Mr. Energy 92-93 Thomas Rodriguez, Mr. Energy 93-94 Ruben Rodriguez, Ms. Butch 93-94 Margaret, Ms. Butch 94-95 Lupe, and one lucky number for a big prize and many gifts.



David (VN-Houston) and Big Jim (VN-Tucson)

F.L.A.S. appreciates your kind presence. For information call Elias Chino 995-6862 or 616-2321.

Team Houston has a fund raiser: A Car Wash, May 1 at Heaven. Next meeting April 13, 7:00 p.m. at 1475 W. Gray. You can find many places around the Montrose to purchase raffle tickets. They are good for a free trip for 2 and hotel accommodations at the Gay Games. Pull out a buck or two to maybe win a trip to this most memorable event.

I have been informed that the FOOD BARRELS for the PET PATROL are at AMIE'S this month. Amie's needs only 200 more pounds of food to beat the current record. Good Luck!

TNT T-shirts has a great fund raiser going on right now. The Red Ribbon T-shirts are on sale for \$17. Of that, \$5.00 is going directly to the Pet Patrol.

Angels, Women's Softball begins March 12, anyone interested call Mary Beth at 864-0871.

The Women of F.I.S.T. (Females in Search of Trouble) are still recruiting. I know most of the "members." F.I.S.T. is having a meeting April 21 at 7:30 p.m. This month's subject is "Learning the Ropes." Call 528-2127 for address and directions. Also listen to KPFT on April 23, 12:30 a.m. for a one on one interview with F.I.S.T.'s President Josie.

Remember Gentry has Houston's Hottest dancers 7 days a week!!

When you feel like dancin' and glancin,' check out the Brazos River Bottom, Where the Men are Men and they dance together. Montrose has a visitor. ... Someone we ALL know and Love. Welcome to BIG JIM of the VENTURE-N (Tucson). He will be in town until this Thursday or Friday. Stop in the Venture-N or call.

John Water's new film "Serial Mom" is this film maker's campiest yet. Don't miss the party on Wednesday, April 27 when Heaven presents a John Water's film party where they will feature clips from the movie plus his movies on the video walls all night long.

Shaheen Shary flies in his tribal drum show for Club Hedonism on Thursday, April 28. Fierce, Wild and moving... you'll dance, jump and shake all night.

The Mining Co. is gearing up for the return of the TORN LEVI Party. This welcomed return will feature one of Adult Video's biggest... RIC DONOVAN. He will ride into the Mine on Friday, April 29th, displaying all of his many talents for your approval. Ric will take the stage at Midnight, followed by autographs and photo's. The MINE will never be the same, and neither will you!!

Joel from the Q-Patrol stopped in to see me this week. They NEED VOLUNTEERS !!!!!!!!! NOW !!!!! Q-Patrol is a one our community's most needed and under appreciated organizations. The need help!! Call Charles Long at 871-8519 for information and to sign up!! They CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT OUR HELP !!!!!

Don't forget: LONESTAR 10 is approaching!! The Texas Conference of Clubs invites you for a weekend of Leather, Levi, Uniform and More.. if you've got what it takes. Applications are available at most of the Leather/Levi bars in Montrose, or call Mark Johnson, LONESTAR 10 Coordinator

at (713) 520-8902, or Bill Castango, LONESTAR Registrar at (713) 522-5508. Runs fees are as follows: Before May 1, \$70. May 1-15 \$85. and after May 15 \$100. So Sign up early and save a few bucks!!

Coming up April 29 at Rich's is the theme "The Other White Meat." Now what do they mean by that. Get to the white party and you'll find out!!

I understand congrats are in order:

First to Scotty (Mary's) on having been made an Honorary Member of the TEXAS RIDERS, and Second to 2 friends of mine Pec and Greg (The FAN Dancers). Happy Anniversary. Sorry I could not make the party!! And last but not certainly least, Happy Anniversary to Mary's own WILMA and TIM!! How in the Hell you two have stayed together 16 years I will never know. Tim I have a special set of Jacks with your name on it, super ball included!!

AND NOW FOR SOME DIRT !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Miss QUIA (The NEW Miss Montrose) I hear you won the contest hands down (the judges pants that is!)

Gaye (Mary's) You posted 10 rules to live by. How come you broke 3 of them already??

Animal (BRB) been directing traffic lately??? It is hell trying to hail a cab!!

Dog Lips (Wolf Pack) just how many guest lists have you been deleted off of anyway?

John (TNT) It appears you are trying to impress people while sitting at the bar at Mary's. But really, a book of plays by your side!!! I know it may look good, but how can you read in there, with all the Budweiser bottles in your way!! Also, why were you dusting the walls there?????

Dean (NLA:H) Rumor has it you have a new nick name...Deanella Just what did you do to deserve it??

Lance (Tejas Air), you look great in that Q-Patrol T-shirt. Keep up the good work. They need more volunteers like you.

I would like to thank Devin and Joe (Mary's) for your ever so flattering imitation of me behind the bar. I'm sorry Joe, but you gotta bounce more when you do the "point and look routine" and Devin.. you have the "throw the shot glasses and the bottle on the bar" routine down pat. Next time make sure it is Cuervo!! Love ya!

Henry (Montrose Inn).. I understand you have a new room rate! A protected source informed me you do special interviews over the phone to get a "Barter Rate."

A Belated Happy Birthday to Shirley (Leather by Boots). Rumor has it you got a piece of Dolphin for your present, or was that a piece of the waiter that had a Dolphin dick. Details can be so sketchy after too many "Speed Bumps." (If you recall last year's Birthday events included Shirley drinking her Speed Bumps out of a Playtex Nurser). I also heard you finally got a pair of combat boots, (they are little boy size 5) from your youngest son. This gives a truly new meaning to "Your Mama wears combat boots!!"

...And of course, we haven't forgotten our fearless leader, who is due for a Happy Birthday! We love you, Tad...Happy Birthday, wherever you are.



Keenie (Sundance) reads BevNaps; Carolyn just wants a Cuervo (or is it the other way around)

Zack (Of everyone, I mean everywhere). The picture of you in the TNT T-shirt ads is too cool. I got to see the original in color. I understand you had it blown up to a poster size to impress your dates. It hangs in your bedroom. Go get em girl !!!!

Brian (TWT), I JUST LOVE YOUR NEW "FINGER CROWN." Now you can give some one the TRUE ROYAL FINGER!!!!

Wilma Jean (Mary's Naturally) has a new dress code. It has been stated that to get a drink, come in on Wilma's shift in only a T-Shirt and you get a special discount!!

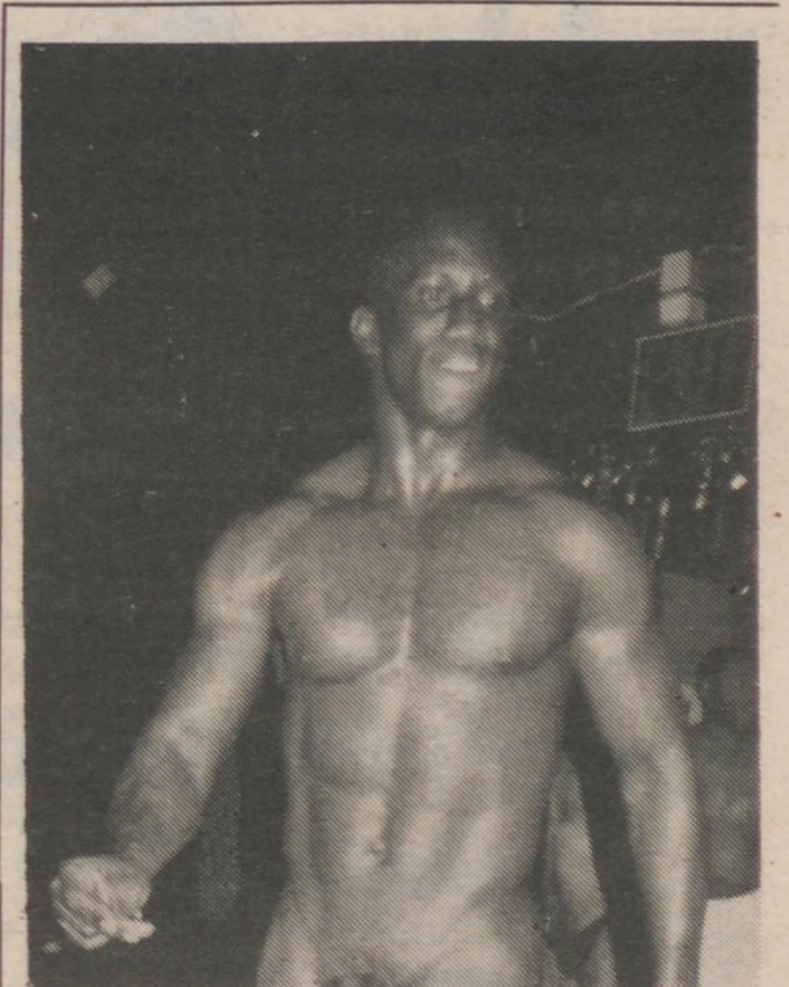
The rumor mill has been churning up a real doosey... Vera and Miss Alabama are getting married. The bridesmaids are Beau and Tommy Sue. (Always a bridesmaid never a bride, yeah really... those two have been married so many times they have rice scars!!

On a personal note, believe it or not, the LAZER WIZARD and I have moved... deep into the heart of Montrose. So, if I haven't had a chance to call all of our friends to give you our new home phone number, call me at the office. It a bit smaller than our last place. I've seen Winnebago's larger!! I'm thinking about installing a lazy susan on the floor in the kitchen. I could just "Stand and Spin" and be able to reach everything. Party details to follow later... after we unpack!!!

On a final note, Since Tad will be back by next printing, hopefully he will fill you in on his travels. It has been fun the past few weeks, but I better get back out of the office and hit the streets. Thanks Tad, for letting me "dish out" what I can take.

And Michelle Michaels, where are you? This town is too small for you to hide forever!

Well, it is Cuervo time for this Cuervolyn...have a great week.



Edgar, a feature dancer at Midtowne Spa's April Party

Gay, lesbian partners will be covered under University of Colorado health plan

BOULDER, Colo., Friday, April 15 (AP)—A revised student health-insurance program to be implemented next year at the University of Colorado will extend coverage to gay and lesbian partners.

CU officials said the new policy is part of a growing national trend to recognize the rights of homosexual partners.

Two years ago, CU-Boulder appointed a task force in response to incidents of harassment and discrimination against homosexuals. School officials

said the program is temporary and will be reviewed later by the Board of Regents.

The new policy is one of the task force's recommendations. Officials said this week it will not increase student premiums and will be available to both same-sex and opposite-sex couples.

So far, only a handful of colleges and universities offer this benefit.

"I believe there are very few institutions of higher education across the country that have this kind of benefit

for domestic couples," said Sam Makris, director of CU-Boulder's Wardenburg Student Health Center.

The plan was approved by the student union.

About 34 percent of the students on the CU-Boulder campus are enrolled in one of three health-insurance plans offered by the university.

However, officials said they do not expect a large number of students to claim benefits under the new plan.

According to Makris, the university predicts about 100 students to qualify for the plan.

Charlie Sweet, CU's legal counsel, said similar benefits for gay and lesbian employees have not been considered.

Applicants wanting to claim gay or lesbian lovers will have to detail their relationships in special insurance forms.

Hawaii Senate approves same sex marriage bill on 21-4 vote

By BRUCE DUNFORD
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

HONOLULU, Wednesday, April 13 (AP)—The State Senate voted 21-4 Tuesday to approve its version of the bill to block same-sex marriages, setting the stage for negotiations with the House which has approved a substantially different version of the controversial measure.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairperson Rey Graulty led off in the 45-minute debate on the measure intended to negate the state Supreme Court's ruling last year that it is unconstitutional for the state to deny marriage licenses to couples of the same sex.

The Senate measure sends a clear message to the high court that the Legislature believes the court's ruling attempts to establish a state policy that should be decided by the Legislature, Graulty said.

In the same-sex marriage case, the Supreme Court "has substituted its own judgments for the will of the people of this state," Graulty said.

However, Sen. Matt Matsunaga, one of the four opposing the bill, said it attempts to set a policy outside the bounds of the state Constitution.

"The state's highest court has already ruled that denial of marriage licenses to same-gender couples is a form of gender-based

discrimination, which is expressly prohibited by our state Constitution," Matsunaga said.

Sen. Randall Iwase, however, said the Constitution's prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex does not mean sexual orientation, something he said the high court misunderstood.

Matsunaga disagreed, using the Flintstones cartoon series as an example.

"If Wilma is permitted to marry Fred, but Barney may not marry Fred, then, assuming that Fred would be a desirable spouse for either, Barney is being disadvantaged because of his gender," Matsunaga said.

While some may argue there is no discrimination because members of both genders are equally forbidden from marrying anyone of the same gender, "similar arguments failed to save the laws against interracial marriage, in which everyone was equally forbidden to marry anyone of a different race," Matsunaga said. "Parallel discriminations are still discriminations."

Sen. Rick Reed, however, said it was absurd to grant special rights based on sexual behavior.

It is offensive to equate homosexual behavior with ethnicity and comparable to the civil rights movement on behalf of blacks in America, Reed said.

"There are many former homo-

sexuals in the community, although we don't often hear their message since the media doesn't like what former homosexuals have to say about the homosexual lifestyle, but there are no former blacks," Reed said. "Homosexual behavior is not an immutable trait and homosexuality is not a civil rights issue."

Sen. Rosalyn Baker, who was one of two key votes in bringing the bill out of the Judiciary Committee, said she supported the bill because it sets in motion consideration of benefits that might be given to same-sex couples entering into domestic partnerships.

Florida student who made telephone death threats to gays suspended

TAMPA, Fla., Thursday, April 14 (AP)—The University of South Florida student who made telephone death threats to a gay and lesbian student group has been suspended from the university for two years.

The student, sophomore Nelson Trujillo, was told he could reapply to USF before then but that he must first undergo counseling with a licensed mental health counselor. To be readmitted, Trujillo also must be willing to have his counselor discuss his case with USF's counselors.

Trujillo, 20, still faces possible criminal charges through the Hillsborough State Attorney's Office, which is reviewing the case.

Trujillo's suspension from the university was disclosed Wednesday after student discipline officials reached a compromise with USF's victim advocate.

The student discipline office originally had resisted any release of the information, arguing that disciplinary matters are always confidential, except in cases of violence to particular people.

But under prodding from USF President Betty Castor, vice president Harold Nixon ultimately agreed to forward the information to victim advocate Mary Poole, who then relayed it to two individual students who had come to her office for counseling after feeling victimized by the threats.

In several anonymous calls to the USF Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Coalition, Trujillo had identified himself as a killer and promised that particular numbers of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals would be murdered on certain dates.

Pam Morris, the co-chairperson of the coalition, was one of the students who went to Poole's office for help. She

agreed to tell reporters Trujillo's punishment, saying it was important that students and others know whether the university treated the death threats seriously. Morris said Wednesday that she was satisfied with the two-year suspension. Now she and other students can put the episode behind them, she said.

Morris originally had gone to Poole after failing to get any other university office to respond to the threats. Castor has since said that campus police should have responded to the threats more quickly.

Trujillo has declined to answer questions from reporters. But in a letter he sent to the USF Oracle newspaper earlier this month, he apologized for making the phone calls, saying he was acting out of "deep, deep frustration" with homosexuals and a "lifestyle" he cannot agree with.

Oregon Citizens Alliance drops alternate measure plans for 1994

SALEM, Ore., Wednesday, April 13 (AP)—The Oregon Citizens Alliance will not try to qualify a new anti-gay rights measure for the statewide ballot this year to replace one that was ruled unconstitutional. But it will continue legal efforts to have the court ruling reversed.

Alliance Chairperson Lon Mabon said there would not be time to start with a new proposal now and collect enough signatures to get it on November's general election ballot.

Marion County Circuit Judge Rod Miller has ruled the original proposal ineligible for the ballot on grounds it violates a ban on proposed constitutional amendments containing more

than one subject.

The alliance split its proposal and filed it with the state Tuesday as two initiatives—but for the 1996 ballot—pending its appeal of Miller's ruling.

Voters in 20 cities and counties have passed anti-homosexual rights measures sponsored by the alliance. A 1993 state law, which also is being challenged in court, bars enforcement of the local ordinances.

Mabon said alliance leaders initially planned to file new statewide initiative proposals meeting the court's objections with the aim of submitting them to voters this year. But they realized that was not realistic.

He said processing and court time to get a ballot title approved could leave the organization with as little as a week to gather 89,000 petition signatures.

The deadline is July 8 for submitting petition signatures for proposed initiative measures for the general election.

The alliance's maneuvering came as no surprise to Julie Davis, executive director of Support Our Communities, a Portland-based group fighting alliance measures.

"Clearly they're not going to go away," she said. "OCA will be back again and we have to plan and prepare to fight its initiatives."

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Tony-winning musical veers off the beaten track

By JACKIE HYMAN
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Tuesday, April 12 (AP)—The song titles are the first clue.

One can't imagine Rodgers and Hammerstein writing a tune called "Four Jews in a Room Bitching" or "Marvin at the Psychiatrist: A Three-Part Mini-Opera."

Not to mention "My Father's a Homo."

As the Tony Award-winning musical "Falsettos" unfolds the story of a man who leaves his wife and son for another man, it's clear to audiences that they're not in "Oklahoma!" any more. Or Kansas, either.

"Certainly the overriding factor is that there's never really been any musical that has dealt with the subjects in this way, either homosexuality or certainly not the AIDS crisis," said Michael Rupert, who was nominated for a Tony in the leading role of Marvin.

"It just isn't a downer," he

added. "The fact is, a lot of the show is hysterically funny."

"Falsettos," which won Tony Awards for music, lyrics and musical, will run April 28-July 3 at the UCLA James A. Doolittle Theater in Hollywood. Previews begin April 19.

William Finn wrote the music and lyrics and co-wrote the book with James Lapine, who directed. The show stars Rupert, Stephen Bogardus, Chip Zien, Barbara Walsh, Heather MacRae, Carolee Carmello and Sivan Cotel.

The first act is set in 1979 and the second in 1981. "Falsettos" combines two short musicals, "March of the Falsettos," first produced in 1981, and "Falsettoland," from 1990.

Rupert, Bogardus and Zien are veterans of the previous versions.

"It's kind of been interesting because, God, in the last 13 years, since I've kept getting

back to Marvin, it's like you've kind of BEEN Marvin for the last 13 years," Rupert said by phone from his New York home.

"My attitudes and my feelings have changed about the material and just about life and people and how I view people and relationships, so I bring that to Marvin as well," he said.

"Putting them (the two plays) together, it really started to take on this incredible resonance for us in the play and certainly for people who came to see it," he said.

The first act focuses on Marvin, his male lover, his wife and his son. In the second act, the son prepares for his bar mitzvah while the lover falls ill with an as-yet-unidentified disease that would later be called acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"It was so interesting to go back after we did the two shows, to look at that material knowing what we know now,"

Rupert said. "The attitudes were so different in '81. We just didn't understand what was beginning at that time."

He was 30 years old and appearing in a Broadway show called "Shakespeare's Cabaret" when director Lapine spotted him and asked him to audition for a workshop production.

"I had to audition for Bill Finn, who wrote it," he said. "Bill, I think, kind of grudgingly gave me the job. Because I know for a fact that initially Bill didn't like me. ... (but) ultimately I think with myself and with Chip Zien and Stephen Bogardus, I think that we all three became those characters for Bill."

Despite so many appearances as Marvin, Rupert said he has no problem keeping his performance fresh.

"It's relatively easy with this kind of writing. Bill's writing, I think, is very talented and very rich," he said.

"The show also goes like a bat

out of hell. It's so fast and furious that you almost don't have time to be bored. You just have to keep up with it."

A native of San Marino, near Pasadena, Rupert has played roles in television series including "Cheers" and "Alice." On Broadway, he received a Tony nomination for "The Happy Time" as well as appearing in "Pippin," "City of Angels" and the 1986 Bob Fosse revival of "Sweet Charity."

He also writes musical scores. His works include "Mail," which was produced at the Pasadena Playhouse and ran briefly on Broadway, and "3 Guys Naked From the Waist Down," an Off-Broadway production that received a Drama Desk nomination for best score.

Rupert is currently working on a musical called "Strange Vacation," about two college friends on vacation in New York. Book and lyrics are by Allan Heinberg.

Hawaii tourism caught in middle of same-sex marriages fight

By BRUCE DUNFORD
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

HONOLULU, Monday, April 18 (AP)—Joseph Melillo and Pat Lagon have been together for 16 years. They love each other. They want to get married.

That desire has led to a legal and political standoff that could have wide-ranging implications: Should Hawaii be the first state in the nation to license same-sex marriages?

For Melillo, there's an obvious answer.

"Marriage is to show your love for each other," he says. "Same-sex couples love each other just as much as opposite sex couples. We just want the same rights as everyone else—nothing more and nothing less."

That doesn't sit well with many members of the state Legislature, or with a number of religious and family groups.

One of the benefits of marriage, says Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo of the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, "is that children are literally loved into existence. Society protects the true marital relationship and grants it a certain status and benefits because it values the bearing and raising of children."

The issue has ramifications beyond Hawaii.

Because each state recognizes marriages performed in another state, opponents fear that same-sex couples who got married in Hawaii would be considered married everywhere else, too—though experts say that would be

unlikely.

And the potential impact on Hawaii's tourist industry, the state's economic lifeline, figures prominently in the debate: Threats of travel boycotts have come from both members of religious and family groups and from gay and lesbian organizations.

It all started in 1992 when Melillo and Lagon and two lesbian couples were denied marriage licenses. They filed a lawsuit, but a state judge rejected their arguments and dismissed it.

The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled last May, however, that the ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional on the basis of gender discrimination, unless the state can show a compelling reason for retaining it.

The case isn't scheduled for trial on the "compelling interest" issue until April 1995, but lawmakers are trying to head off a judicial decision by devising a legislative resolution.

The state House of Representatives passed a bill this session saying the compelling interest is a concern for the health and well-being of future generations. That concern is the basis for the state regulating marriages and issuing licenses only to male-female couples, the bill said.

The bill does not change any existing rights, and arguments that it makes procreation the state's policy are false, House Judiciary chairperson Terrence Tom says.

"The bill does not denigrate

anyone's lifestyle," Tom says, "or dictate anyone how to live their lives or who to love."

The Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project, formed in the wake of the court ruling, has vehemently opposed Tom's bill.

"We believe that marriages and families should be based on love, commitment and dedication to the happiness and well-being of our loved ones, and not on our appearance or our ability to bear children," group spokesperson Maggie Tanis said.

Kevin Kailey, president of the International Gay Travel Association, has warned that a tourism boycott stemming from Colorado's recent anti-homosexual referendum would pale in comparison to what could happen to Hawaii.

William & Mary student council back benefits for same-sex partners

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Wednesday, April 13 (AP)—The College of William and Mary student government has backed a proposal to extend benefits to the same-sex partners of school employees

The decision by the Student Association Council on Tuesday night is not binding on the school administration. Any change would have to be made by the General Assembly.

During the recently concluded General Assembly session, several key legislators said they would oppose any change in state benefits that would extend those benefits to same-sex partners.

William and Mary's Faculty Association earlier this year embraced the plan. School President Timothy J. Sullivan said it was not in his powers to extend the benefits.

FDA clears way for female condoms to be shipped to U.S.

By JEANNINE AVERSA
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 14 (AP)—Female condoms will start appearing in American drugstores this summer after the administration acted Thursday to allow an American company to ship them into the country.

The Food and Drug Administra-

tion notified Wisconsin Pharmaceutical, which makes the Reality female condom, that it had approved the export of the product from a London plant, said company spokesperson Holly Birnbaum Sherman.

The Reality female condom was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in May 1993.

It is currently available only at some family planning clinics and AIDS treatment centers, mostly on the East and West coasts.

It will retail for about \$2.50 per condom, packaged three to a box, wrapped and prelubricated in individual packets, with additional lubricant provided.

The Reality condom will be avail-

able in August, Sherman said.

Sherman said while Reality acts as a contraceptive it is designed to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases. The condom, made of a thin plastic called polyurethane, covers the cervix, lines the vaginal canal and partially extends over the labia.

The high capacity Chartex Inter-

national plant in London manufactures the condoms and has been supplying European and other countries for the past two years. Wisconsin Pharmaceutical, which has sold roughly 80,000 condoms at a reduced price to 400 health and family planning clinics since Sept. 1993, manufactured the condoms at a small production plant in Jackson, Wisc.



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Expelled gay Boy Scout official continues appeal

GUILFORD, Conn., Thursday, April 14 (AP)—A local man who was expelled from the Boy Scouts because he is gay has lost an appeal to the regional scouting office.

David Knapp, 67, said he has been denied a hearing on his dismissal as one of five regional commissioners of the Quinipiac Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The council has about 2000 scouts in 50 to 60 troops, Cub Scout packs and Explorer posts in towns between New Haven and Madison.

Robert Walker, a public relations spokesperson for the Boy Scouts, said Knapp was aware of the organization's policy against having members or leaders who are "avowed homosexuals."

Knapp, who was dismissed in November, said he intends to take his appeal to the national headquarters.

"I expected them out of common courtesy and decency ... to at least give me a chance to tell my side of the story and to defend myself, to hear evidence against me other than the fact that I am a homosexual," Knapp said after the regional office denied his request for a hearing.

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Village People hit gets the boot at Pittsburgh's hockey games

PITTSBURGH, Saturday, April 16 (AP)—For most of the hockey season at Pittsburgh's Civic Arena, disco was king.

Pittsburgh Penguins music coordinator Jamie Belo this season added the Village People's 1978 hit "YMCA" to the songs that are played during breaks in the action. Fans jumped up and down and spelled out Y-M-C-A with their arms.

But in late March, two male fans held up a sign saying, "Real hockey fans know: gay music's gotta go."

"People started booing when I played the song again," Belo said. "You don't have to have to many people booing for it to be loud."

The song quickly got the boot.

"We don't play music so that the hockey game is distracted, so that the players notice," Belo said. "I wouldn't take away from the game. But it's a shame."

Belo added the song after hearing it in the movie "Wayne's World 2." It also has been played in hockey arenas in Montreal, Detroit and Chicago.

The Village People, who had million-selling hits in the late 1970s, were known for performing in the costumes of a sailor, police officer, cowboy, biker, indian and construction worker. Other hits included "Macho Man."

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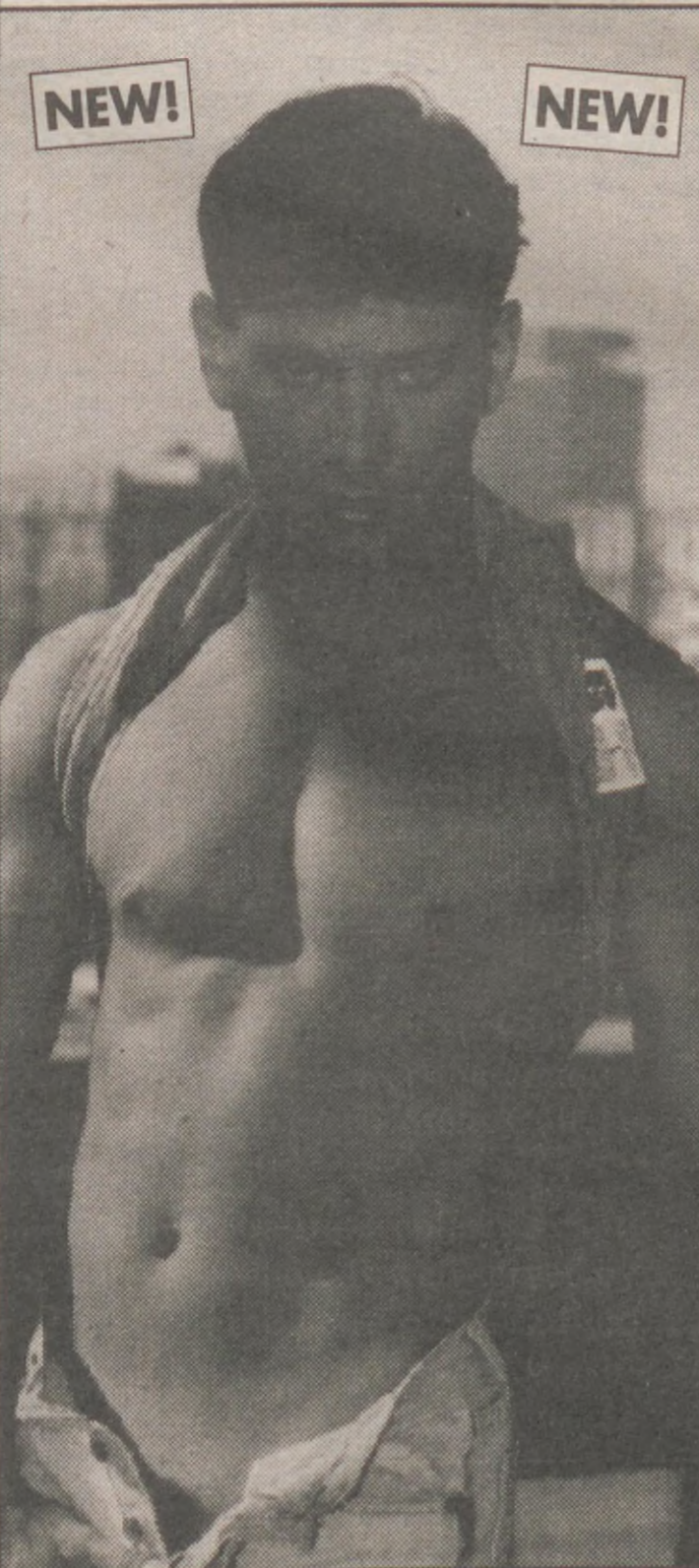
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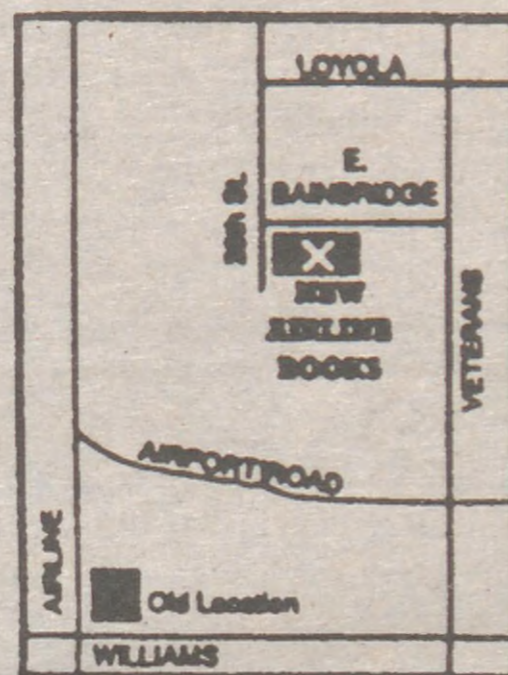
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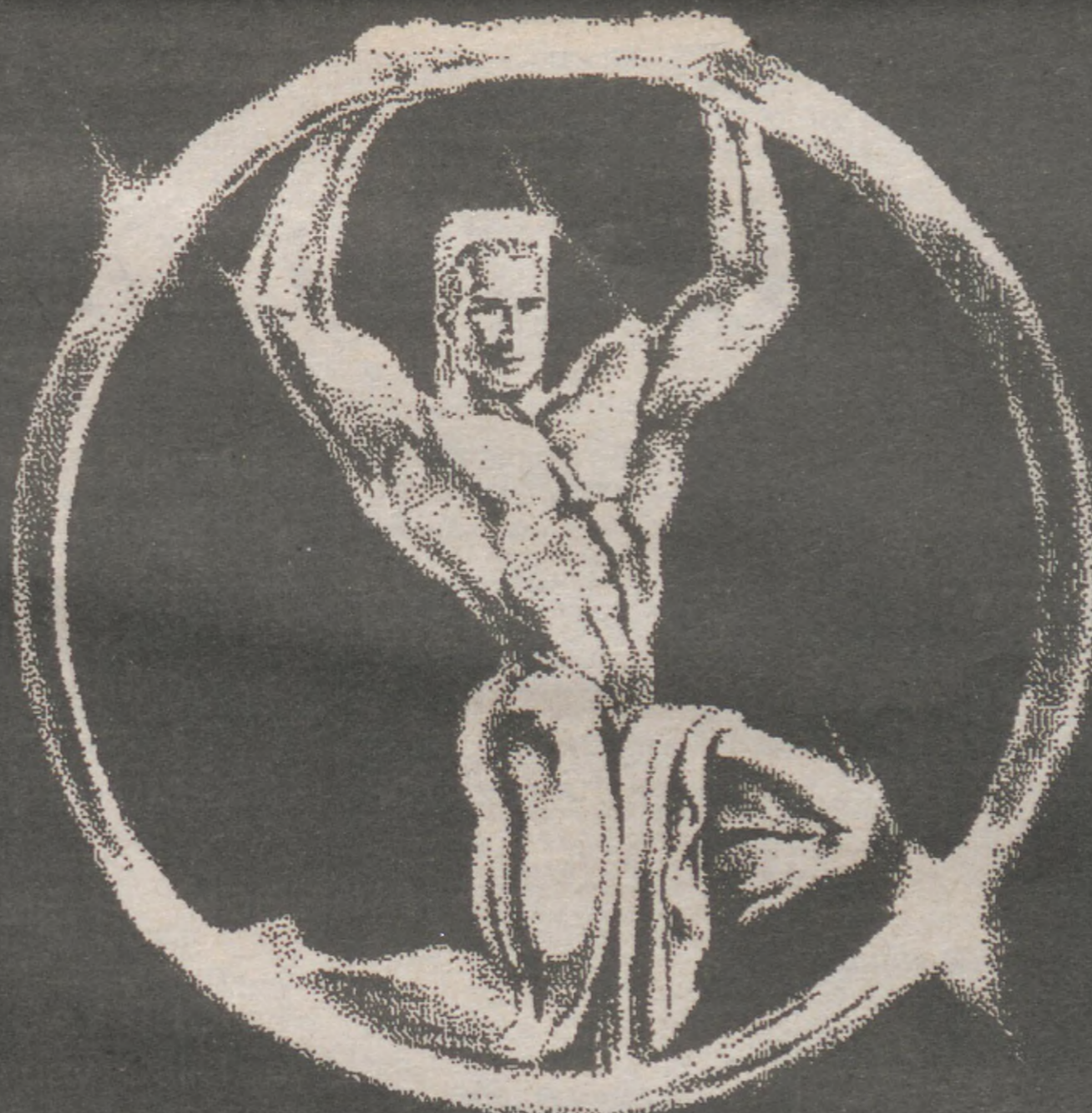


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C.C. Rae, in the habit

GALVESTON SOAP

By JERRY STUART
Houston Voice/Galveston

I sure hope you guys got a chance to see the C.C. Rae show that premiered at the Kon Tiki club Friday night. The show only lasted an hour, but it was one of the most



Oprah DeMarro, "Miss Fiesta '94" at KT

entertaining live shows I have seen in a while. C. C. did illusions of Barbara Streisand, Peg Bundy, Eunice, Pee Wee Herman and my favorite, the Nuns. Keep in mind this was a one man show. Aside from being a wonderful illusionist, C. C. also did great routines with puppets. The crowd applauded and cheered after each character. After the show he signed photos at side state for those who wanted one. He also sold T-shirts with his eunice character on the front.

Soon after the show I walked over to Evolution to find Rip entertaining their crowd with his fine toned body. This guy not only had a great body. He also had a pretty face to go with it. Speaking of bodies the clubs here on the island have been gearing up for Splash Day. May 1st is only a couple of weeks away. All kinds of activities are planned for the beach and some real cute after beach parties at the bars. One club is even having a Mr. Splash Contest with cash prizes. Who do you think the lucky guy will be this year? And John, you will have to be there to give up your title. I also heard that they are going to have a wet T-shirt contest. I wonder if Shawna will get in on that one. I heard she is real proud of her new chest. This might be the perfect opportunity to show them off. Oh, I haven't mentioned to you all about Shawna Brooks coming to town for Splash weekend. She is going to be performing at the Kon Tiki along with a friend of hers from Atlanta. Check the ads for details for exact show times and dates. I also heard mention that April might pop in for a show at the Kon Tiki.

This past weekend we had the newly crowned Miss Fiesta, Oprah DeMarro in the Saturday night show along with Linda Love. It is always a pleasure to see Oprah perform because you never know what

kind of drama she'll be serving up for us. Congratulations on your new crown O. P. We also had a birthday to celebrate over the weekend. Hope you had a great birthday Nina, and many more. Mr. Bill at the Kon Tiki also has a birthday coming up soon and they're planning on throwing him a party he won't soon forget.

There was also another party on Galveston last weekend called "Spring Thing '94," but I'm not suppose to mention it. Imagine that, a party with an invitation list of over 300 people from all over Galveston that is suppose to benefit the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas and the Hospice of Galveston County. However, I was told that they wanted no publicity. I don't know about you, but I sure would like to know what's up with that! What kind of benefit party that involves the gay community, and sells tickets for \$35 but wants no free publicity? Mmmm. I guess a lot of you have already heard I am going on a well overdue vacation. I plan to start it with a stop in Pensacola, Florida since it is becoming our new Gay Riviera. Then I'm off for a tour of the Caribbean Islands starting with San Juan. I plan to be gone for a month, so there will be a guest reporter covering Galveston for me. He happens to be a well know local and someone that can dig up the dirt who is not afraid of getting his knees dirty. Tune in next week for this mystery writer. Speaking of getting their knees dirty, sorry about the fall you took at the Art Festival in Houston, Misty. Sources told me that after a bath you were good as new.

Until whenever, I hope you all have a good Splash weekend. I will send you all a postcard and won't miss any of you! This has been your friendly island reporter now signing off.



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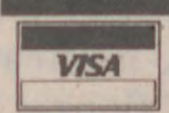
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Washington state lawmaker critical of Lesbian-Gay Cinema Days proclamation

OLYMPIA, Monday, April 18 (AP)—Gov. Mike Lowry's proclamation declaring April 29 through May 1 as "Lesbian-Gay Cinema Days" in Washington was sharply criticized today by state Rep. Steve Fuhrman, R-Kettle Falls.

"It is shocking to have the governor officially proclaim the value of pornography and the radical gay lifestyle," said Fuhrman, who noted the period coincides with the Northwest International Lesbian-Gay Film Festival held at The Evergreen State College in Olympia.

Lowry's proclamation, dated Jan. 7, notes the increasing prominence of the film festival and the fact it draws viewers from around the Northwest, and adds that "the strength of our great state is derived from its wonderful diversity."

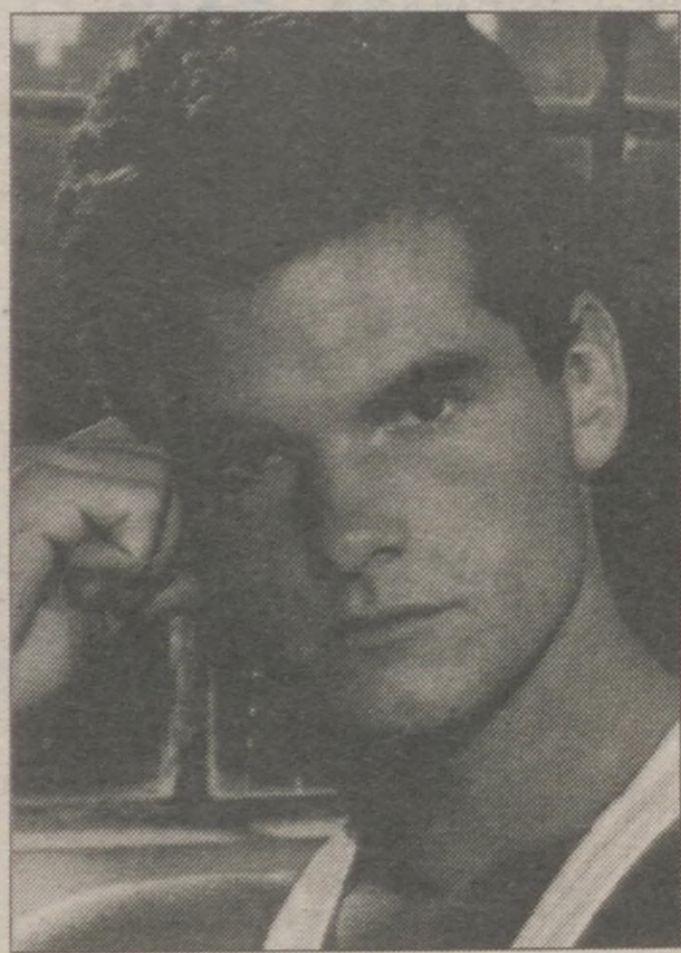
"In his official statement, Lowry declared the film festival has 'consistently brought excellent cinema to our community,'" Fuhrman said.

"This 'excellent cinema' includes such pornographic films as 'Bill and Ted's Homosexual Adventure,' 'A Good Dyke Gone Mad,' 'Queer Son' and 'Faerie-film,'" Fuhrman said.

Fuhrman said the event also serves as a magnet for gays from all over the country who flock to The Evergreen State College for the annual event.

"I don't believe our state college, capital city or state as a whole is well served by this official endorsement of a radical lifestyle that the vast majority of Washington residents oppose," he said.

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California Assembly committee approves 'domestic partners' legislation

SACRAMENTO, Thursday, April 14 (AP)—Unmarried couples, regardless of their sexual orientation, would share many of the legal rights currently enjoyed Assembly panel.

The bill by Assemblyman Richard Katz, D-Panorama City, is intended to provide legal protections for wills and property sharing when one partner becomes incapacitated, among other things. It would set up a state registry

for domestic partners and their families, Katz said.

"It allows the basic right of hospital visitation, for example, and makes it easier to will each other property," Katz added.

A supporter of the proposal, former Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin, said that "it goes against tradition, but so what?"

But the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Tradi-

tional Values Coalition said allowing people to cohabit without benefit of marriage would weaken society.

"When people stop marrying for whatever reason, their continuity as a culture is in serious jeopardy," Sheldon said.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee approved Katz's bill and sent it to the Ways and Means Committee, its final hurdle before the Assembly floor.

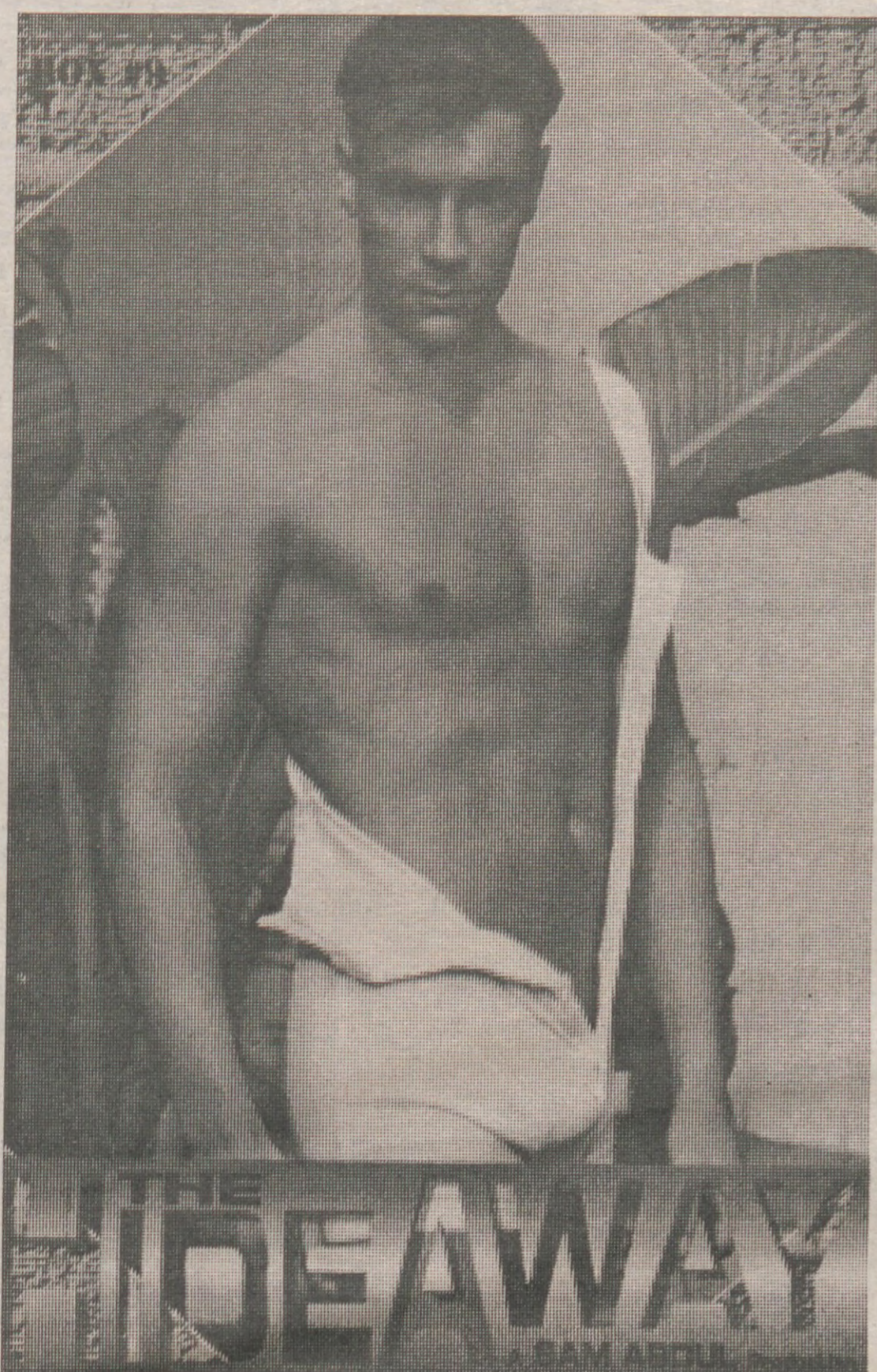
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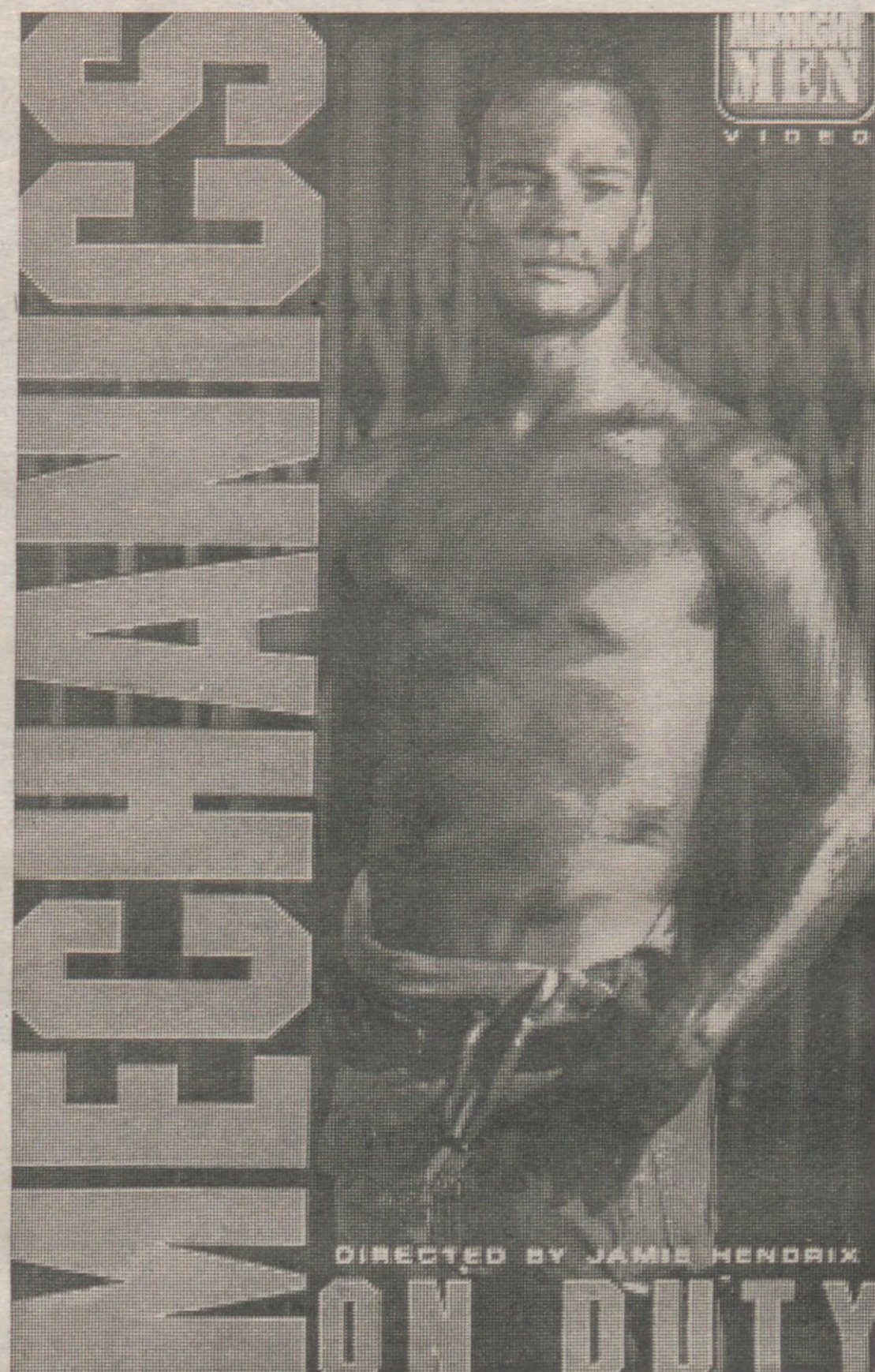


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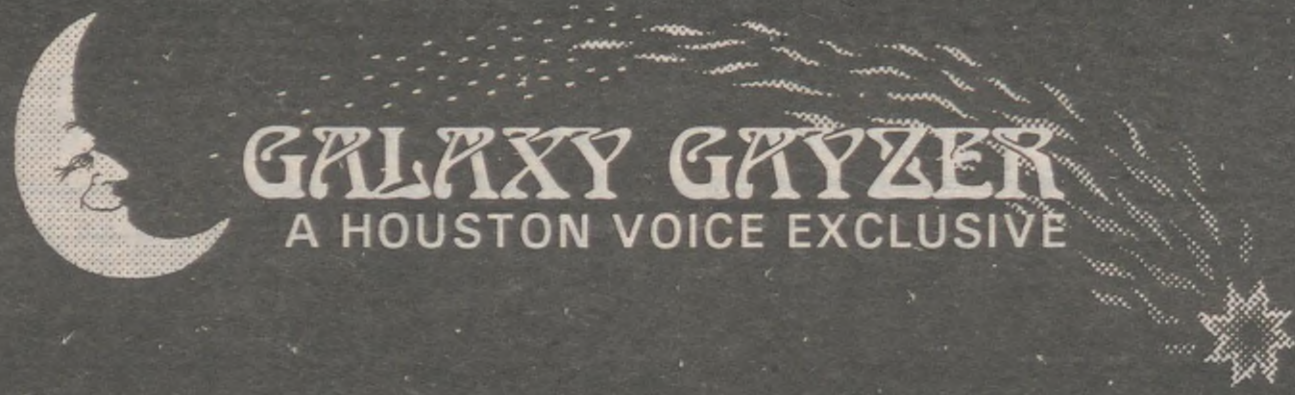
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HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23 - APRIL 29, 1994



Houston Voice readers born during this week share with the noted militant gay journalist, John Paul Hudson, born 1929, the urgent sense of freedom in our lives.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Happiness will take on new meaning for you in this coming week, as you feel healthy, look and feel attractive, and receive complements from friends on work accomplished. Nothing like having a smile on your face to attract someone special into your life, or to draw that person nearer to you. Enjoy the fruits of your efforts earlier this month, for life can be a wonderful bowl of cherries.

TAURUS (Apr 20 - May 20) Getting back into a more usual routine after your wonderful globe trotting Holiday. Your tan looks great on you, and extra energies will give good results at the Office as you greet success.

Your work of earlier this year is showing benefits now, and fuel more efforts this month. Bright and bold colors continue to look handsome on you. It is nice to be loved, isn't it.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) Your outgoing personality is a strong part of you, and will work wonders for you these next two weeks. Firm and pleasant voice tones, definite handshake, and an upright posture; all give the type of signals to others to benefit you. Pay attention to details at work to achieve all that you are capable of. This quality is a strong point for Gemini's and is a reason for success in many things that you do.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) The strong personality that is a key part of being a Cancer will be a central point of your actions this week. Having confidence in what you do and say adds to the strength of your body language. So as to not be overbearing with co-workers or your lover, soften your voice and manner of dress. You have good observations and ideas, and others will benefit from listening to your thoughts.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) Having saved some monies from previous pay checks, this maybe the week to use some of these dollars for a special purchase. The item to be purchased will accidentally be seen and not pre planned. Expect to bargain a bit to obtain the lowest price, as the item maybe a 'big ticket' item. Make the selection as a long term purchase with careful thought as to color and features. Happy shopping.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22) House and car cleaning projects are ideal for this week, and will yield benefits for you in many ways. First of all will be the sense of accomplishment which is particularly important to you. And then there will be the positive sign in having a clean and 'ship shape' environment, which will be impressive to friends and someone special that you will want to impress. Cleanliness equates with discipline and having your act together.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 23) If you are in a relationship at this time, have special attention to meeting as many of the needs of the other person in your life. If there is a special need that the other woman/man has and you are not able to meet it, tell the person that and let them know that in no way means that you are not committed to the relationship or that you do not love the other person. If needs are met in general, your relationship will last.

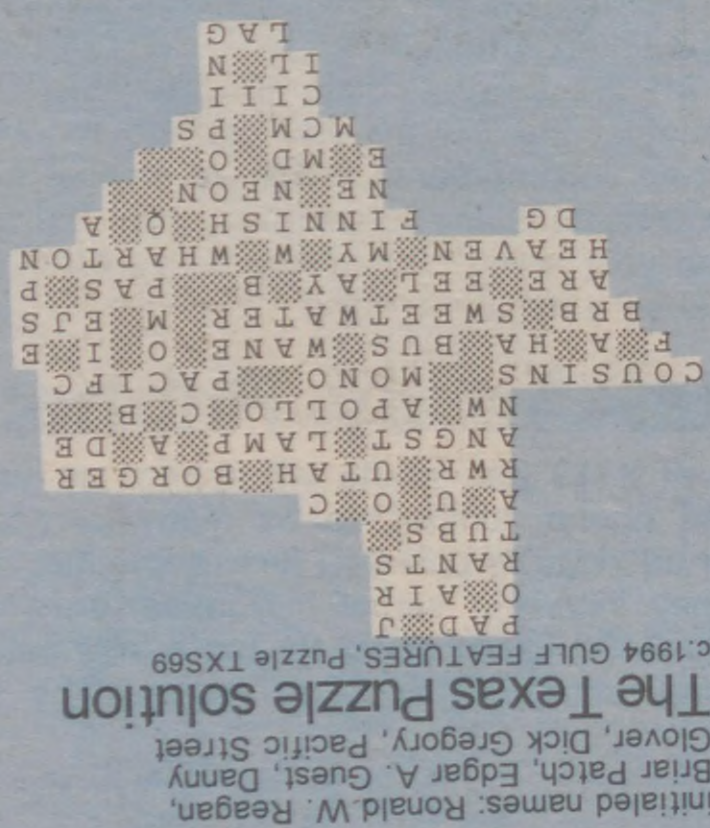
SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 21) Watch your spending this week and next. You are getting away from your income and tending to make impulsive and perhaps even foolish purchases. "Do I really need this", and "do I have something similar at home already", are two good test phrases. Buying an item is sometimes a way of getting a temporary sense of well being, and this is what may actual drive your spending.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Work on making your self as indispensable at the Office as you are able to, so that your supervisor could not imagine running the Department without your knowledge and effort. No need to brag about your goals, as they will be self evident if you are consistent with your efforts. Learn as many things about your position as you are able to, and then gradually take on added responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19) If you are single, you are very likely to meet a new person who has the potential for being Ms./Mr. right for you. In all likelihood, this new individual will not be exactly as you have pictured the person to be, in part because you tend not to be realistic about the qualities that are really important to you in a long term relationship. The meeting will occur when not expected.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Go through your closet and dresser drawers and take inventory of the wonderful clothing items that you have at hand and have forgotten about. Your excellent sense of style to put together some 'new' wardrobe ideas from items already at hand allow you to be the best dressed person about town. I wish that I had your sense of blending colors and patterns. Try for an understated look.

PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20) You may have gotten yourself into a dull rut, sexually, and both you and your partner (s) are getting bored. Before you look elsewhere for sexual excitement, try some new sexual fantasies including having sex in different (non public) places. The excitement of the unknown fuels your sexual drive, in part. Taking your partner to the books stores, or to the baths are two ideas.



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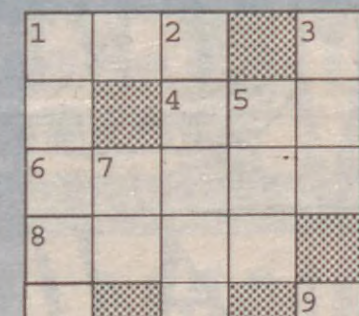
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By Henry McClurg

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- 1 tablet of paper
- 4 atmosphere
- 6 orates
- 8 baths
- 11 actor & 40th U.S. President, initials
- 13 state with most



- 14 2001 computer
- 15 piano bar on Greenbriar, initials
- 16 symbol for chemical element radium
- 17 verb suffix

- 36 1994 is San Antonio's 103rd time
- 38 existed or lived
- 40 positioned
- 41 state with Lincoln as capital, abbrev.
- 42 cable sports network

DOWN

- 15 Pan-handle oil boom city that had 40,000 population in 1920's, has 16,000 today
- 19 anxiety
- 21 light-producing device
- 23 state with peach blossom as official flower, abbrev.
- 24 direction Tyler to Sherman, abbrev.
- 25 early space program
- 29 Ron Sue's place
- 33 not stereo
- 34 street with J.R.'s, Heaven, Mine, P.S.
- 37 interjection for surprise
- 38 Greyhound's passenger vehicle
- 39 grow smaller
- 43 home of Colt 45s
- 45 In 1882 the whole town moved 2 miles to be on the Texas & Pacific Railroad

- 48 only bar with its own zoo
- 49 exist
- 51 snakelike fish
- 52 an affirmative vote, one spelling version
- 53 a ballet dance
- 55 Houston dance bar with same name as famous London dance bar relating to me
- 58 newsman Dan Rather's 1931 Texas birthplace
- 59 actor Glover or comedian Gregory, initials
- 60 of the country with Helsinki as capital
- 62 direction Temple to Longview, abbrev.
- 63 rare gas used in TV tubes
- 64 Roman numeral for 1500
- 65 Roman numeral for 1900
- 66 dance bar with leather Saturdays, initials

- 67 Roman numeral 103
- 68 Land of Lincoln state,
- 69 fail to keep up
- 70 Langhorne Clemens, i.e. "Mark Twain"
- 71 Show Me State, abbrev.
- 72 over
- 73 Golden State, abbrev.
- 74 prefix for 'two'
- 75 distinguished by 31 Bernhardt, French actress, or Vaughan, American singer
- 76 state with purple lilac as official flower, abbrev.
- 77 by means of
- 78 Mama Jo's bar
- 79 Al, our city councilman
- 80 direction Houston to Lubbock, abbrev.

- 44 procreated
- 46 very small
- 47 20th century American actor John, "all right, pilgrim"
- 50 20th century English-born American journalist Guest, initials ("The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds.")
- 54 Land of Opportunity state, abbrev.
- 56 nickname for Montrose Mining Co.
- 57 world's tallest, 114 feet, is in Littlefield, Texas
- 58 Aransas Wildlife Refuge is home to these cranes
- 61 direction Sherman to Tyler, abbrev.
- 64 Roman numeral 1201
- 65 Solution elsewhere this issue

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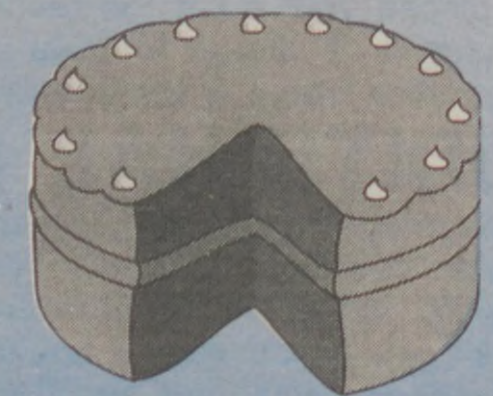
How would ya'll like to have another dessert? I thought so, so here is one that is fixed a lot up North, but not too many people here in the South have heard about it. In fact, when I talk about it, many people turn up their nose until they taste it. So, if you choose to turn up your nose, then it's your loss!

MAYONNAISE CAKE

- 3 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons soda
- 3/4 cup cocoa
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups cold water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Sift dry ingredients. Add rest of ingredients and mix well. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Bake in 13 x 19 inch cake pan that has been greased and floured. There you go, you get out your Crisco again!! Like its ever put away.

Instead of using real mayonnaise, I use Miracle Whip. It's not that I'm cheap, but when I was a kid, all Mom ever bought was Miracle Whip. The cake was made a lot, because back then, Miracle Whip was much cheaper than eggs. My how times have changed!



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