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Leaders supporting different candidates as 'Super Tuesday' nears

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As the deadline rapidly approaches for the March 10 "Super Tuesday" Texas primaries, many gay and lesbian leaders in Houston remain uncommitted in a region-by-region "salad toss" presidential race.

Many activists who say they are still undecided, or only loosely committed, are actually watching closely the confusingly shifting perception of which candidate is most electable of the front-running five in the Democratic primary—former Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts, Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas, Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, and former Gov. Jerry Brown of California.

At a roundtable discussion of the presidential race on the eve of the nation's first primary in New Hampshire, five local gay and lesbian leaders agreed that electability is "probably the most important consideration" for the gay community in gauging who to throw the support behind, but disagreed on which Democratic candidate had that ever-elusive quality in this race.

That day, lesbian/gay activist and recent politician Annise Parker and newly elected Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus president Chris Bacon, indicated they believed blows to his character image from charges of infidelity and draft-dodging had "mortally wounded" Clinton's campaign. Clinton, however, made a quiet rebound in the first primary, finishing second to the expected New Hampshire front runner Tsongas. Both Bacon and Parker stated that they were supporting Tsongas, whose own electability index had made a surprising leap in the recent weeks.

"Gay leaders tend to be much more liberal than the general gay population," said Bacon. Tsongas' oft-quoted pitch for a cautious economic policy combined with a good record on human rights make him especially attractive to more conservative gays.

The group also included former GLPC vice president Robert Bridges, a Harkin supporter; Nancy Molleda, an organizer for Clinton in both Houston and Austin; and former GLPC president Larry Lingle, who said he believes the Democrats should "draft" a more well-known and charismatic candidate.

Missing support at the meeting was the candidate everyone in the group conceded had the best and most solid record on gay and lesbian rights. Jerry Brown—who surprised even pundits predicting a good showing for him in the Maine primary by finishing virtually neck-and-neck with Tsongas at 29 percent—is criticized in Houston by even those committed to his early 70's style of liberal idealism. Brown's candidacy, with its war chest of hundred-dollar campaign bites, is no option, according to local activists. (One confided before the meeting: "If we're looking just at their records on gay and lesbian rights ... Jerry Brown definitely is the best ... but let's face it, he's a mood ring.")

The candidates all have good, but sometimes mediocre records, said Lingle. "From what I can tell, all of these are B-team candidates ... I don't see one who can



Five Houston gay and lesbian activists attended an informal discussion on the Democratic Presidential Primary on Feb. 17. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus will host an open forum on the candidates March 4

beat an incumbent. I'd love to see a candidate who can really get up and talk persuasively," he said, suggesting New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as possibilities.

But others in the group noted President Bush's weakening within his own party. "I think enough of the Republican right wing are frustrated with Bush (that) there's going to be more unity at the Democratic convention," said Parker.

Molleda said she believes Clinton would sweep the delegation in Texas, and that he is the candidate most likely to pull support from across the country, to win the nomination and defeat Bush. She said she does not feel his image was damaged by the recent media reports.

"I don't think most people care one way or the other," she said regarding reports that Clinton had an extramarital affair and objected to serving in Vietnam. "In Texas, almost all of the Democratic leaders support him, and he has support across the country, not just in one place."

But others in the group said that Clinton has been forced to mount a defensive campaign, and that other negative characterizations could surface later in the campaign as Republican opponents take aim at this weakness.

The activists said that gays and lesbians should be visibly involved in all of the campaigns to assure that the message is carried.

—Presidential forum

Because the HGLPC has not endorsed any candidate for president in the upcoming primaries, the group will host a panel discussion and open forum at its March 4 meeting. The meeting is free and is open to the general public.

"While GLPC is not making any Presidential endorsements, it wants to ensure that members of the community are informed on each of the candidates' positions on gay and lesbian issues," said Chris Bacon, caucus president.

HGLPC will also have a short presentation on participation in the caucuses which will take place at 7:15 p.m., on election day. Bacon is encouraging participation in the precinct caucuses, saying that

with increased gay/lesbian presence at the various conventions, "We will have a greater effect on party politics."

HGLPC meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada.

—Gay/lesbian issues record capsules

(This information was compiled from information provided in two reports on the presidential race, by the lesbian caucus of the National Women's Political Caucus and the Human Rights Campaign Fund. President George Bush, Patrick Buchanan and Jerry Brown did not return the HRCF's questionnaire; the Republicans were not rated by the Democratic caucus.)

Bill Clinton: During his service as governor, was largely silent on gay and lesbian issues; as a presidential candidate, has taken strong human rights positions, which reportedly surprised some of his gay and lesbian Arkansas constituents. The Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force recently requested that Clinton respond in writing to clarify his positions on gay issues; the questionnaire was not returned.

Clinton answered "yes" when asked if he would issue executive orders ending the Department of Defense's policy excluding gays from military service and prohibiting discrimination against federal employment, contracts and government services. He answered "no" to same-sex marriage, and indicated he could not support the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act in its current form. He does support comprehensive health care reforms including universal medical coverage and managed care health networks. On Arkansas' sodomy law, he remained silent when State Sen. Vic Snyder introduced a repeal bill; the legislation was defeated.

Paul Tsongas: Tsongas introduced the first lesbian and gay civil rights bill in the Senate in 1979. Overall, he has a strong track record on gay and lesbian issues both nationally and locally.

Tsongas supported the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill which passed in 1990. As a senator, he opposed the appointment of the anti-gay Rev. B. Sam Hart to the U.S. Civil Rights Commis-

sion. He answered "yes" to eliminating the anti-gay military policy and forbidding discrimination in federal employment, contracts and services; but was non-committal on marriage/domestic partnership rights.

Tom Harkin: Tom Harkin has been supportive of some gay and lesbian issues. He answered "yes" to eliminating the DOD policy and federal anti-discrimination legislation. He gave the most positive answer on marriage/domestic partnership rights for same-sex couples, and noted that his detailed health plan would not discriminate on the basis of marital status. Harkin was a co-sponsor of the federal Hate Crimes Bill, including gay and lesbian crime victims, in 1989, and voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in 1990.

However, Harkin's record shows some contradictions. Although he states he supports and would sign the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, he has steadfastly refused to endorse the bill. His record on AIDS legislation shows disturbing votes in favor of several anti-gay bills. In 1987 and 1988, he supported amendments introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) restricting funding for AIDS education and materials that "encourage" homosexual activity; in 1991, Harkin voted in favor of a Helms amendment that would provide stiff penalties for health care workers who perform certain medical procedures knowing they have HIV.

Bob Kerrey: On the local level, Kerrey has a history of not responding to constituents on gay rights issues. On the national level, he has supported many federal issues of concern to the gay community. He has an above-board voting record on AIDS legislation at the federal level; however, Nebraska has no state AIDS funding, and Kerrey did not address this during his tenure as governor. He said "yes" to removing the military policy and federal anti-discrimination legislation; he said that states should have jurisdiction in marriage/partnership rights.

On the Presidential campaign trail, Kerrey told a graphic joke about lesbians to Bill Clinton; the incident was caught on tape by CSPAN. After negative publicity, Kerrey apologized for the joke.

Jerry Brown: Brown, as governor of California, took a number of progressive, pro-gay and lesbian positions. During his tenure, he signed a Consensual Sex Bill which repealed the state sodomy law. He came out strongly against "Proposition 6," filed by state Sen. John Briggs, which would have prohibited a school district from hiring gay people or those who support them.

As state Democratic Party Chair, Brown assisted in modifying the California Democratic Party's delegate section to mandate that a minimum of five percent of the delegation are lesbians and five percent are gay men.

As a Presidential candidate, he supports passage of the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill and other proposed federal civil rights legislation.

(All of the Democratic candidates say they support a woman's right to choice on abortion and increased funding for AIDS research, prevention, education and treatment; and that they oppose censorship in the arts.)

Opening of first trial in Paul Broussard murder is delayed

The opening of the trial for the first of the defendants in the Paul Broussard murder case has been postponed.

An attorney for Jon C. Buice, whose trial was scheduled to begin Monday, was granted a continuance due to

health problems of the attorney, according to Assistant District Attorney Mike Anderson. The trial is delayed until March 23, with a pre-trial hearing scheduled for next Friday, March 6.

Pam Oglesby of the Texas Human Rights Foundation said the delay may

in fact help the case against Buice, charged with the July 4, 1991 murder of Broussard along with 10 others. Oglesby previously had speculated Buice was selected to be tried first because the prosecutors believed the state had strongest case against him.

"It gives the state more time to prepare their case," said Oglesby, who has been following developments in the case. "Apparently, (prosecutors) now believe they might have a stronger case than they initially thought. They're still talking to people."

A movie we missed the first time around, "Europa, Europa," is back at the River Oaks 3 and is a far better cinema product than many of the touted best pictures of the year. For our purpose here, however, the movie well illustrates the Nazis' efficient use of education to instill in a generation of German youth the policies of Aryan destiny and the inferiority of all other races, specifically the Jews.

Having spent our early formative years - ages five to nine - during that great war against fascism, we well recall the efforts of our own country to portray our enemies as more than just bad folks in an effort to evoke the national war effort. And while Hitler and the Nazis were certainly portrayed as evil, even during the war the German people were never pictured as racially inferior. With Japan it was a different story. From the movie newsreels to the classrooms the Japanese people were cast as evil, little people with the morals of the Mongol hordes of yesterday.

We vividly recall bond rallies with touring two-man Japanese submarines which made the simple point that these were such dastardly evil people, that they would stoop to any treachery to unfairly fight our brave troops in the Pacific. We knew of their kamikaze pilots who wouldn't fight fairly in the air. The Japanese were pictured as the yellow scourge which we, as Americans, must wipe from the face of the earth. With all due respect to one of our earliest heroes, Harry Truman, a strong case can be made that the United States would never have used the atomic bomb against Germany.

Now we appear to be engaged in yet another battle with the Japanese, an economic struggle not forgetting that it was an economic battle for Asian markets which led to that earlier strife. The difference this time is that Japan is a nation of capitalists,

not generals. That Japan offers the United States an economic challenge is obvious, that the American response is racial is equally obvious.

When Japanese leaders, from the prime minister down, comment on American business, the American press grabs for hot words to incite a heated reaction. When Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa spoke of the current and other phrases which appeared to belittle American workers and rightly stirred a strong reaction throughout this country.

Let us consider the record, Miyazawa said, in part: "We have these leveraged buyouts where those without their own money can buy up things, and then, unable to pay the interest on their debts, fall into bankruptcy. It should be obvious to anyone that such a situation could not continue long. Yet, over the past ten years, this very situation has continued. I have long felt that this might involve something like a lack of a work ethic."

Here, concisely and directly, the Japanese leader states the case for what is wrong in America today: Ten years of Reagan-Bush deregulation which led to the S&L crisis and the rampages of merger-makers fueled by junk bonds resulting in the collapse of one conglomerate after another. This is not an indictment of American workers but of a system rightly called "voodoo economics" by one George Bush in 1980. Bush was right then and wrong today. Bush was right then when he supported the Equal Rights Amendment, but wrong today when he supports repeal of Roe vs. Wade.

But Miyazawa being misread is not the real sin of the press and the national leadership. The European Economic Community is a greater political and economic challenge to United States leadership in the world. But we hear no national uproar against those damn Europeans and their sneaky business

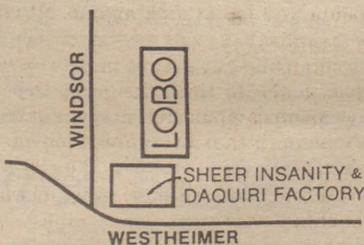
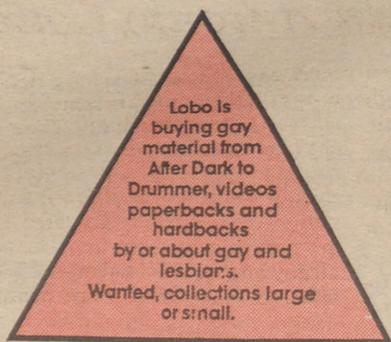
practices.

Once again, our national response to a challenge from the East is racial. We did not imprison Americans of German blood in World War II as we did Japanese. We did not hide the fact that the atomic bombs of August 1945 killed hundreds of thousands of Japanese as we tried to obscure the devastation of Dresden, Germany, in April and May of 1945, only days before the Nazis surrendered.

The United States has the ability to economically compete with Japan. The United States has the ability to learn from the Japanese. The only question: does the United States have the ability to come to terms with its continued racism, a racism rooted in slavery and perpetuated in second-class citizenship. The hot words of 1988, "Willie Horton" and "quotas" are still there, now joined with veiled signals of the new yellow peril.

Until this nation comes to terms with this disease called racism we can never resolve our own problems and treat Japanese economic competition for being just that and nothing more.

These racially motivated hate words such as "quotas" filter down even into our struggle for lesbian and gay rights. Only recently a gay Clinton supporter justified that candidate's lack of support for the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act "in its present form" because of its inclusion of quotas and hiring of gays by religious organizations. Hopefully, any gay leader should know that the gay rights bill does not carry any quota requirement and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 already includes a religious exclusion. Now they have only to communicate these facts to Bill Clinton. We must not allow ourselves to become part of the receiving end of racist attacks, we need not become instruments of self destruction. Only when we are all free from the evils of racism will we, as lesbians and gay men, be truly free.



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Over 350 attend Krewe of Olympus-Texas annual Mardi Gras Ball

The Krewe of Olympus-Texas presented its 22nd annual Mardi Gras Ball last Saturday evening, Feb. 22 in Houston. Over 350 guests were treated to a spectacular tableau presentation of costumes—"There couldn't be a feather left on a live running fowl in the city," boasted the Olympians—the return of King and Queen Olympus XXI and the announcement of the new King and Queen Olympus XXII at the end of the ball.

Guests also participated in the krewe's finale fund-raising effort, benefiting the Pet Patrol. Donations totaling \$1,241 from the ball guests, in addition to a \$500 donation from the krewe, was presented to Pet Patrol president Kevin Turk.

The Krewe of Olympus produced its first Mardi Gras Ball in New Orleans in 1971. Since then, the krewe has evolved and experienced many changes—the most recent being the change of base and re-establishing as the Krewe of Olympus-Texas.

The re-emergence of Mardi Gras in Galveston has given a new awareness of the Carnival to Houstonians, said krewe members. Olympus-Texas is the first Mardi Gras krewe to present a ball in Houston.

—“Leaping Lesbians”

San Francisco comic Marilyn Pittman will perform in Houston on “Leap Day”—Saturday night, Feb. 29—as featured entertainer at a “Leaping Lesbians Party” to benefit the 1993 March on Washington Mobilization effort. The party will be held at Juliet's Place, 903 Richmond.

Marilyn is a writer/actor for “Out for Laughs,” a national gay and lesbian video comedy show, which premieres May 17 in gay/lesbian clubs across the country. She is also a headliner comic at Josie's Cabaret and El Rio in San Francisco and at Just

Rewards in Walnut Creek, Calif. Some of her favorite topics include her “WASP” family (“I suffer from dysfunctional Presbyterianism”); the media “President Bush said something today—full detail at 4:00 a.m.”) to language (“What exactly do people mean when they say, the computer went down on me?”).

She takes on such sizzling and contemporary topics as lesbian sex, the personals, trashy self-help books, the New Age, her cat and relationships (“I knew this one relationship was going badly when one night we were reading in bed and I looked over and she was reading ‘Healing Through Grief’ and I was reading ‘Living With Joy.’”)

Door cover charge for the event is \$2. For more information on “Leaping Lesbians” or the march mobilization, call Deborah Bell at (713) 521-0780.

—MCCR skate night

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection is sponsoring a roller skating party on Tuesday, March 3, 7:30-10:30 p.m. The cost is \$5, which includes the skates. The location is the Carousel Skating Rink, 9190 Old Katy Road (between Campbell and Blalock). The first Tuesday skate nights will benefit MCCR's building fund. For more information, call (713) 861-9149. Everyone is welcome.

—Ice skating

The first Tuesday evening gay and lesbian ice skating get together saw about 25 men and women enjoying the beautiful ice and surroundings on Feb. 11. Most wore the recommended red shirts, and several beginners took advantage of the free lessons offered by Chuck of the Gay Blades. The Galleria lowered the admission to \$4.50



Gaye Yancey, co-owner/manager of Mary's, Bruce “Wolf Daddy” Chambers of the Wolf Pack and Cliff Owens of MXXII Inc. present check for \$273 to Mark Gartner of the Q-Patrol

which included skates.

The next ice skate night will be Tuesday, March 10 from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Cost will be \$4.50 including skates; skaters are urged to wear St. Patrick's Day green.

The informal gatherings are sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club, the Houston Outdoor Group and the Lambda Rollerskating Club. Everyone is welcome. Call (713) 523-6381 for more information.

—“Band AIDS”

The Lone Star Symphonic Band is recruiting “Band Aids”—volunteers who don't play an instrument but who would like to get involved with the band or participate in other ways. Band Aids help the band players out at concerts, parades and social events.

Also, there is still time for those who do play an instrument to join LSSB and play in the band's big spring concert. The event, set for March 21, 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, will be LSSB's first concert of 1992. For more information, call (713) 522-0181.

—Q-Patrol benefits

Two recent benefits have brought the Montrose citizen's patrol group Q-Patrol almost \$800 in funds to go towards purchase of equipment.

Texas Gay Rodeo Association was the sponsor of a benefit show, titled “Stop the Violence,” on Sunday, Feb. 16 at the Brazos River Bottom. The show raised over \$520, which Q-Patrol coordinator Mark Gartner said will go towards needed additional radio equipment and magnetic door signs.

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Wolf Pack raised \$273 at a “Full Moon Madness” ben-

efit for the patrol at Mary's.

Q-Patrol is currently working on obtaining a 501-c(3) IRS non-profit tax status, which would make donations tax-deductible, Gartner said.

—Alethia celebration

Alethia Praise and Worship Center/Community Gospel Church, has announced some changes in the schedule for “Celebration Weekend” this Saturday and Sunday, Saturday (Feb. 29), there will be a gospel concert with special musical guests; and on Sunday (March 1) is the ordination and installation of Chris Chiles as pastor.

Rev. Jerry Weems is the special guest for the Sunday ceremonies. Community Gospel Church is located at 501 E. Columbia; phone (713) 880-9235.

—“The Way We Were”

The Montrose Counseling Center Men's Network on March 4 will feature a presentation by Ray Hill, titled “Gay Houston...The Way We Were.” Hill, who is a well known leader and long time activist in the local gay community, will speak on a time when gay life was very covert and very oppressed, facilitators said.

Ray Hill's activism during that period prompted him to describe himself as “the only faggot with a face.” The presentation is intended to take participants “down memory lane” for an evening of meaningful reminiscences.

The Men's Network discusses issues which impact gay and bisexual men. The group is sponsored by the Montrose Counseling Center and meets there every first and third Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. A donation of \$3-5 is requested; however, anyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay.



Queen Olympus XXI at the Krewe of Olympus-Texas' 22nd annual ball, held Feb. 22. The krewe is the first to hold a Mardi Gras ball in Houston

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New group at Lambda Student Center for students of San Antonio College

By CORINNE SABO

Saturday night, Feb. 22, saw the birth of a new lesbian/gay student group in San Antonio. Four students held an organizational meeting at the Lambda Students Center to create a group primarily for lesbian and gay students attending San Antonio College (SAC). The community college presently has an enrollment of about 20,000 day and night students, and at present, there is no group solely for SAC students, on or off campus.

“Basically, we are trying to create a fellowship, where we can come together, for lesbians and gays who are coming out of the closet, fresh out of high school, who don't know what it's like to be lesbian and gay,” said Gloria, so far the only lesbian in the forming group. “We want them to

know that we're here and that we know what it feels like to come out just out of high school, and to provide some sort of support system for them.”

Although a minister present at the SAC orientation offers his help to anyone who needs guidance, there is no resource available to help guide lesbian and gay students through what can be a very hard adjustment. For those who have never had the unique experience of attending SAC, the group's organizer's say, the very size of the campus can be intimidating and confusing. One of the future goals of the core group is to have an information table during registration. They also will be available during orientation sessions so people will know there is support and understanding available.

Members say the group has no political agenda and is not seeking one, although the group will provide information on other lesbian and gay groups that do have political goals. In time, the group hopes to have an on campus presence; one of the requirements is that an organization have at least ten members. However, the group has already encountered some resistance to establishing a presence on campus. After members contacted the student round table to inquire about on-campus status, the president of the round table reportedly promised to do anything possible to prevent the group from ever having a presence on the SAC campus.

Meetings will be held every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at the Lambda Student Center at 1136 W. Woodlawn (behind the MCC, one

block east of Fredericksburg Road). There is no criteria for membership; anyone who shows up may participate. There are presently no dues, though in time, because the group wants to be self-supporting, fund raising events will be planned and any donations are gratefully accepted. Lesbians are particularly urged to participate; and all gay and lesbian students of SAC are invited to make their voice heard at the weekly meetings. According to the core group, the new organization's agenda will depend on what needs are expressed by the members. Contact persons are John, (512) 992-7884 and Gloria, (512) 736-8177.

The next meeting of the forming SAC group is this Saturday, Feb. 29 at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following this meeting at 7:00 p.m. (same building), Lambda will hold its annual officer elections.

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Noted AIDS researcher Mathilde Krim endorses needle exchange

NEW YORK, Thursday, Feb. 20 (AP)—AIDS researcher Mathilde Krim testified Thursday in favor of distributing clean needles as a way to decrease the spread of AIDS.

Bills to legalize the sale, possession or distribution of needles without a prescription have been introduced in the state Legislature and could come up for a vote later this year.

Krim, who heads the American Foundation for AIDS Research, said at a Manhattan hearing that half of the city's 250,000 intravenous drug users are believed to be infected with the AIDS virus.

"Society denies them access to sterile drug-injection equipment," Krim said. "They share, therefore, such equipment and so transmit the virus to each other."

They also transmit the virus by having sex with non-drug abusers. Among women with AIDS, Krim said, a third do not inject drugs themselves but were apparently infected by men with AIDS. In turn, many of these women infect their babies.

Krim said studies have shown that the availability of sterile needles does not increase drug use and does not encourage people who don't use drugs to start.

Krim said New York has the highest

prevalence of HIV infection in addicts of any state. "Texas, on the other hand, which allows needle purchases without prescription, has a very low proportion of HIV-infected people among its IV drug users," she said.

More than 20,000 people have died in New York City from AIDS.

The legislation to legalize non-prescription needles was introduced by Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, D-Manhattan, and Sen. Velmanette Montgomery, D-Brooklyn.

The hearing was sponsored by the assembly committees on health, codes and alcohol and drug abuse.

New York City had a pilot program to give addicts clean needles in exchange for their used needles in 1989 but the program fell apart because addicts didn't use it.

The program had many opponents who believed that distributing needles encourages drug use, an assumption that is not borne out by studies, Krim stressed.

Mayor David Dinkins, who initially was not receptive to the needle exchange program changed his mind and had proposed distributing clean needles in addicts' neighborhoods, but that program has yet to begin.

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Police arrest man in year-old killings of Minnesota gay men

By LAURA BAENEN

FOR THE NEW VOICE

MINNEAPOLIS, Friday, Feb. 21 (AP)—Police arrested a 24-year-old man early Friday in last summer's killings of two gay men, including a former legislator.

A letter distributed earlier this month to some Twin Cities news organizations about the killings led police to the suspect, believed to be the letter writer.

The letter, which claimed to be from an unknown group called the AIDS Com-

mission, said that someone else identified earlier by police as a suspect but never arrested wasn't the killer.

The man, a restaurant worker, was arrested without incident at his Roseville rooming house where he lived alone and is expected to be charged with murder on Monday, Police Chief John Laux said. Police think the suspect is gay, Laux said.

Authorities would not say what the

motive was for the killings of Joel Larson and former state senator John Chenoweth, but said the man arrested Friday is the prime suspect and is believed to have acted alone.

"At this point, we don't know what the purpose was of sending the letter out," Laux said.

Larson, formerly of Urbandale, Iowa, was shot to death July 31 in a Minneapolis park, and Chenoweth was killed Aug.

10 at a Mississippi River beach, a popular meeting area for gays. A man with Chenoweth, Cord Draszt of Coon Rapids, was seriously wounded.

"The murders were in fact related, and the same gun was used," Laux said.

Police recovered a .38-caliber revolver from the suspect's residence, along with evidence related to the letters. They're waiting for test results to show whether the handgun was the murder weapon.

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Klanwatch report: Hate groups and bias crimes on the rise

By KENDAL WEAVER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Wednesday, Feb. 19 (AP)—A surge in hate-crime killings last year coincided with a nationwide increase in the number of white supremacist groups, an organization that tracks bias attacks said Wednesday.

The annual report from Klanwatch, a project of the Southern Poverty Law

Center in Montgomery, said there were 25 bias-linked killings in 1991, up from the previous record of 20 in 1990. The project has tracked hate violence for 11 years.

The report cited five killings each in California and Texas, four in New York, two in Minnesota and one each in nine other states.

Eight whites and eight blacks died in

racially motivated slayings. Seven other victims were killed because they were gay or their assailants thought they were gay. The other two were a white transient killed in a Skinhead initiation and a former neo-Nazi killed after attacking a black.

Danny Welch, director of Klanwatch, said Wednesday his organization identified 273 specific hate groups in 1990 and

346 in 1991. There were 144 Skinhead groups, the largest faction within the white supremacist movement.

Most hate groups are concentrated in urban areas on the East and West Coasts. But all regions have some activity from either traditional Ku Klux Klan or neo-Nazi clubs or more recent, young gangs such as Skinheads, the report said.

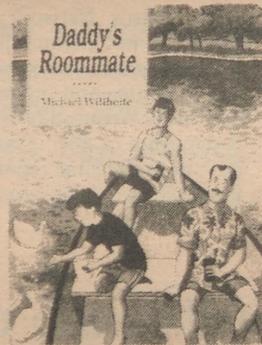
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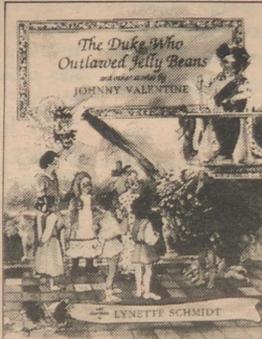
Alyson Publications has started a new line of books about kids with lesbian and gay parents. And we're off to a great start: Michael Willhoite just won a Lambda Literary Award for his first book in our series: **DADDY'S ROOMMATE** (\$15.00 in cloth; \$9.00 in paper).

Our new season kicks off with **THE DUKE WHO OUTLAWED JELLY BEANS**



AND OTHER STORIES (cloth, \$13.00), which presents five original fairy tales, colorfully illustrated, about the adventures of such kids. It's already

been named in the prestigious *Horn Book* magazine as one of the best children's



books of the season.

Another welcome addition to this line is **BELINDA'S BOUQUET** (pamphlet, \$7.00). Upon hearing a cruel comment about her weight, young Belinda decides she should go on a diet. But then her friend Daniel's mom tells her, "Your body belongs to you," and that just as every flower is different, yet has its own special kind of beauty, so does every person. Belinda realizes she's fine just the way she is.

Sixty years ago, Forman Brown wrote one of the earliest positive gay novels, the vibrant *Better Angel*. Now, at the age of 90, he's back, with **THE GENEROUS JEFFERSON BARTLEBY JONES** (paperback, \$8.00). A boy with two dads brags to his friends that one of them is al-

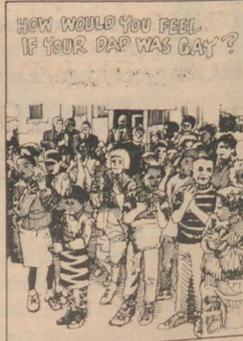


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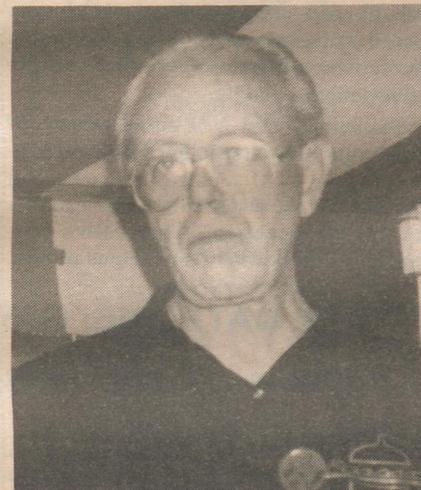
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—WILLIAM SWENSON

Bill Swenson died of cancer on Feb. 13, 1992 at age 57. Born in New Jersey, Bill lived for some years in California and then in Houston where, in recent years, he was self-employed as a computer consultant.

An involved member of the community, he served on the boards of the Montrose Counseling Center and of KPFT Radio Pacifica, was a lifetime member of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, and handled the membership data for several organizations. Highly admired in the computer community, Bill was a director of the Houston Area League of PC Users (HAL-PC) as well as leader of its Consultants SIG and tireless worker for that organization.

He leaves a sister in North Carolina and a brother in Colorado, and close friends in the Houston area. A memorial service honoring his life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the HAL-PC headquarters, between San Felipe and the West Loop at 1200 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 106.



—WILLIS D. HALLER

Willis D. (Will) Haller, born Oct. 29, 1931, died at 2:15 a.m. on Feb. 18, 1992 of a heart attack. Willis is survived by his wife, Mary Haller, and two children, Mark and Cathy, all of Minnesota, and by his companion, Alfred Engstrand, of San Antonio.

Will spent four years in San Antonio as the owner and operator of Rosario's after spending 35 years at 3M in Minnesota as a chemist-scientist. Will's largest contribution to 3M was the development of video tapes.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday evening, Feb. 21 at Rosario's for family and friends. Memorials and donations in memory of Willis Haller may be forwarded to the AIDS Foundation, 818 E. Grayson, San Antonio, TX 78208.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Prosecutors want bond revoked for man who set victim on fire

TAMPA, Fla., Saturday, Feb. 22 (AP)—A man suspected of terrorizing Atlanta's gay community as the "Handcuff Man" has been seen cruising the same Tampa neighborhood where a Florida victim was picked up, prosecutors charged.

Former Atlanta lawyer Robert Lee Bennett Jr. pleaded guilty Feb. 13 to charges he set an itinerant worker on fire and was sentenced to 17 years in state prison.

But he was allowed to remain free on bond temporarily to settle similar charges in Atlanta and make arrangements for his invalid mother in nearby Clearwater.

Assistant State Attorney Chip Purcell

filed a motion Friday to revoke Bennett's \$300,000 bond based on a detective's report that he saw Bennett cruising around the same Salvation Army shelter where the Tampa crime began.

Bennett admitted an attempted murder charge in the plea bargain for attacking Gary Clapp, 36.

Clapp accepted a ride from a stranger and was plied with drug-laced vodka, driven to a remote area, doused with flammable liquid and set on fire a year ago Saturday. His burns were so serious that his legs were amputated.

Tampa police Detective Bob Holland, who investigated the case, said he saw

Bennett driving his convertible on streets around the Salvation Army where Clapp was picked up.

"Detective Holland saw the defendant stop his car and talk to a male person that was walking down the street," the prosecution motion said, describing the act as similar enough to the night of the crime to warrant revoking his bail.

Bennett denied cruising the area, but declined further comment.

"Whether he was out there or not, it's not a violation of his bond," said defense attorney Rochelle Reback. "He was specifically permitted to be in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties."

In Atlanta, Bennett is scheduled to plead guilty this week to the two cases against him and receive a concurrent 17-year sentence. He was charged with aggravated assault and battery in attacks that left two men burned in 1985 and 1991.

Bennett, who divided his time among Clearwater, Atlanta and a family estate in Towanda, Pa., has long been suspected as Atlanta's Handcuff Man, who picked up men, drugged them and sometimes handcuffed and tortured them.

A bond hearing is set for Wednesday in Tampa after Bennett's return from Atlanta. Mitcham had ordered Bennett to surrender to begin serving his sentence March 9.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

University of Colorado regents approve gay rights resolution

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Friday, Feb. 21 (AP)—The University of Colorado Board of Regents on Thursday approved a resolution reaffirming the school's affirmative-action mandate.

The action, seen as a small victory for gay-rights activists, followed recent comments by CU football coach Bill McCartney characterizing homosexuality as an "abomination." The coach's comments set off howls of on-campus protest.

All eight of the regents present approved the affirmative-action resolution by Regent Bob Sievers.

Christof Kheim, a gay who serves as a co-executive of CU's student union, presented a resolution calling for the same equal protection for students—a motion Sievers has promised to present at next month's board meeting in Denver.

Sievers' resolution states that qualifications shall be the only criteria used in hir-

ing at CU, and decisions on retaining workers must be based on job performance.

Another part of the regents' resolution says CU will avoid discrimination in employment based on such things as race, religion, sex, age, political affiliation, disabilities, or veteran status.

McCartney's comments came at a Boulder campus news conference in response to criticism about his involvement with Colorado for Family Values. The Colorado Springs-based group is backing a proposed

constitutional amendment for the November ballot that would repeal city laws and state policies that make it illegal to discriminate against homosexuals.

Tony Marco, the group's founder, said Thursday that Colorado for Family Values had no quarrel with the anti-discrimination resolution passed by the regents. But the group does oppose policies that give homosexuals the protected status that should be reserved for groups such as minorities or the disabled, he said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Leaders of the country's largest Protestant group condemn homosexuality

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Wednesday, Feb. 19 (AP)—Leaders of the Southern Baptists, the nation's largest Protestant group, condemned homosexuality but deferred voting on a proposal to make anti-homosexuality a condition for church membership.

The denomination's Executive Committee issued a resolution Tuesday night condemning homosexuality.

The Rev. Guy Sanders of Lake Wales, Fla., told the committee that it needs to take a strong stand against two North Carolina churches that are moving toward what he called "unscriptural moral behavior"

Churches gain membership in the denomination by giving money to Southern Baptist Convention causes, agencies or missions. One trustee proposed adding a restriction to that bylaw that would enable the denomination to refuse to accept donations from the North Carolina churches.

A Raleigh, N.C., church soon will vote on whether to sanction the union of two men, and a Chapel Hill, N.C., church is preparing to vote on whether to license a gay man to preach.

"We've never been faced with this kind of aberration before," Sanders said.

Biblical fundamentalists control the 15 million-member denomination.

The motion recommended that the convention refuse to seat delegates from the two churches at the denomination's national meeting in June. It would require a change in the denomination's bylaws, meaning delegates to the annual convention must approve it in two consecutive years.

The 71-member Executive Committee of the Nashville-based denomination sent the motion back to committee.

Stan Hastey, director of the Washington, D.C.-based Baptist Alliance that is aligned with Southern Baptist moder-

ates, said he wouldn't be surprised if Southern Baptist churches eventually screen prospective members.

"Any effort to impose a penalty or sanction a church with respect to membership would be another example of the obtrusiveness of the fundamentalists in the affairs of the local congregation," Hastey said.

The Rev. James Morton of Grass Valley, Calif., cast the lone dissenting vote against the resolution, saying church leaders ought not speak to the actions of a local church since congregations are self-governing under denomination by-laws.

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"This represents distinction and honor that I treasure and immensely appreciated," states Rios. As a respected physician who practices at Twelve Oaks Hospital, Rios was a founder of the AIDS Hospital and is noted in his achievements of obtaining clinical trials. His association with the study of the HIV virus since its early stages actively continues with the study and research of the virus and its medical implications. The Texas Human Rights Foundation, the AIDS Equity League and AIDS Foundation/Houston have all been enhanced by Rios' contributions and all greatly appreciate his efforts in planning the Houston AIDS Conference for the past four years, which includes this year's conference scheduled for March 20th and 21st at the Westin Oaks Hotel.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Legislator to ask that health department report be made public

DALLAS, Monday, Feb. 24 (AP)—A Northeast Texas legislator says the Texas Health Department has decided it will not release the results of an investigation into reports that some Northeast Texas high school students have tested positive for the AIDS virus.

State Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said Sunday that his office in Austin learned of the decision Friday from senior Health Department officials.

Ratliff said he plans to ask Gov. Ann Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock for help in reversing the decision.

"The damage is done, and certainly, if it is not true, people have a right to know," Ratliff said. "Having no report released is going to appear to be confirmation that it is true. It is an injustice to the people of the that community if in fact (the incidence of HIV cases) are not that

serious, and they don't let them know."

Dona K. Spence, an AIDS/HIV counselor with the Ark-Texas Council of Governments, reported that six students at Rivercrest High School in Red River County had tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS.

Health Department officials announced plans last week to investigate

the reports from Ms. Spence by reviewing her case management files.

High school principal Ray Miller said has become increasingly skeptical about the reports because of questions raised about Ms. Spence.

"I've been suspicious all along," Miller said. "If this all turns out to be a big hoax, there is a lot of innocent students that have suffered because of this."

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO LIVE

Jump Start Performance Co. presenting 'Womandingo' through March 15

Jump-Start Performance Co. is presenting "Womandingo," a collaboration between resident Jump-Start playwright Sterling Houston and Arnold Aprill, an award winning Chicago producer and director.

The play was to open Thursday evening (Feb. 27) at the Jump Start Theater, 1035 South Alamo, and continues Thursday through Sunday Feb. 28, 29 and March 1; and March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

"Womandingo" is described as a deconstruction of "pride and passion on the old

plantation" epics popular in film and pulp fiction. In "Womandingo," all sex and race roles are reversed, with men playing women, women playing men, blacks playing the masters and whites playing slaves. The play combines tragedy and farce and, according to Jump Start, "contains enough sex and violence to satisfy even the most jaded."

"Our intent," said Houston, "is not to comment on the horrors of slavery in American history, but to make a statement about how race and sex roles are depicted

in genre films and pop literature.

Director Arnold Aprill is artistic director of City Lit Theater of Chicago, an 11-year-old theater company which specializes in adapting works of literature to the stage, including the much acclaimed "The Good Times are Killing Me" and the current production of Alice Walker's "Meridian." He came to Jump Start as part of a grant to study multi-cultural theaters in 1991.

Guest starring in "Womandingo" is Chicago/New York actor Michael Shepperd

as Annabelle Kincaid, the six-foot-five Southern belle from hell. Also featured are Gertrude Baker, Kim Corbin, Kitty Williams, Roger Alvarez, Deborah Basham, Paul Salinas, Tommy Burns, Robert Rehm, and Sterling Houston as Scarlett O'Hara.

"Womandingo" contains language and situations that may be offensive to some, and is recommended for over-18 audiences.

For more information, call (512) 227-JUMP.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS LIVE

Tennessee Williams Fest to feature 'Sweet Bird of Youth'

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Next month's city wide Tennessee Williams Festival will feature one of New Orleans' famed gay playwright's most popular plays, "Sweet Bird of Youth." Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre' will present the

drama through March 28 with night performances at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

"Sweet Bird of Youth," whose story line is of an aging actress and young stud is often viewed as being drawn from Williams' own life experiences. The play is directed

by John Grimsley, who is also designer of the set.

Sharon Winn Smetherman is Princess, the star in descent. William Mahoney portrays her opportunistic boy-toy, Chance.

Tickets are on sale at Little Theater's

box office, off Jackson Square, and by phone, (504) 522-2081. Performances are Friday, March 6; Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 matinee at 2:30 p.m.; Friday, March 12; Saturday, March 14; Sunday, March 15 matinee; Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28.



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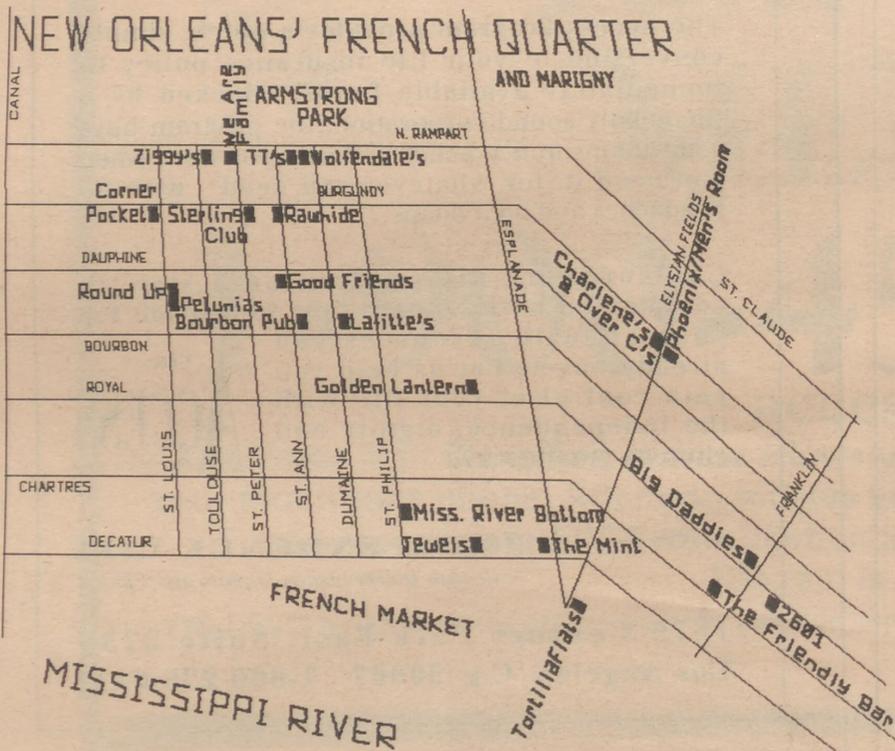
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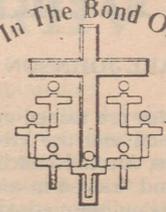


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▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

Annie Hendrix presents clay sculpting classes at Over-C's

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

As Carnival parades are rained upon by weather, city council and the krewes of Comus and Momus, Annie Hendrix, born in New Orleans and "raised in a culture that is known for its unique methods of expression" sits at a sculptor's table at the lesbian/gay bar Over C's. Over C's is over Charlene's, 940 Elysian Fields.

Hendrix's sculptures are wistful transformations of clay into anthropocentric figures: close-eyed clarinetist and small-scaled watermelons, sliced to eat are examples of the images she creates. Her work, which she teaches students of her classes at Over-C's represents the human form and its involvement on and with the earth.

"Pinch pots" is the name I use for what I do," said Hendrix on an evening threatened with rain. A foot pumped wheel had just been added to her studio above Charlene's. None of the work on display there had been thrown on a wheel. "I got it cheap and I'll learn to use it," she said.

Hendrix, 45, taught herself how to make pinch pots after taking an introductory

class at Southwestern Louisiana University in the Acadian capitol of Lafayette. While living in Lafayette, she was assisted in marketing her pottery in neighboring Mississippi by USL fisheries Professor Mark Konikoff.

Konikoff, who spends summers working for the Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, showed Hendrix work to area galleries who agreed to handle her "pinch pots."

On Fridays, Hendrix works at Charlene's, and on Saturdays she holds the fort upstairs at Over-C's. "Both the bars and my Studio Four classes are open to men," Hendrix said.

An exhibition of sculptures by the potters who work with Hendrix will be held at Over-C's Sunday, March 8 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. She has also just received word that her request for a booth at New Orleans' popular Spring Jazz Fest has been granted. This will mark Hendrix's second year at Jazz Fest. "That's just great," she said.

For information about classes or the pottery show, call (504) 486-2792.

—NO/AIDS Gallery

The NO/AIDS Task Force Windows Gal-

lery at Rue 1407 Decatur will show a series of paintings by artist Francine Perlman, beginning March 6, 1992 and running through the month.

Perlman's series of oils and pastels display her "ability to move people through the graphic reality of the images she is able capture..." according to NO/AIDS art coordinator Elwood Richardson.

Perlman, a native of New York, studied at the Art Students' League. She is a member in the National Arts Club, Pastel Society of America and the Tao's Art Association.

—Pastor, producer to wed

Valda Lewis, producer of "Just for the Record" and the Rev. Shelly Hamilton, pastor of the Vieux Carre' Metropolitan Community Church have announced their intent to marry.

"A church wedding is planned, of course, at the VCMCC, soon."

Just for the Record, the New Orleans gay and lesbian television show produced by Lewis, an award winning video artist, can be seen on Cox Cable Channel 49, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and again Sundays

at 9:30 p.m. (For more information on the show, write Just for the Record, P.O. Box 3768, New Orleans, LA 70177; phone (504) 943-3067.

—A Krewe production

Loretta Mims, former co-producer of Just for the Record, is airing a new television show in New Orleans. The show, titled "A Krewe Production" can be seen on Cox Cable Channel 49, Mondays at 10:00 p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

The current production features a visit to the LaBranche Dependency House in Saint Rose, La., and a discussion with black historian Lester Sullivan—who is white—on the topic of Joe Bartholomew. Bartholomew designed many of the city's golf courses but was only allowed membership at Gentilly's all-black Ponchartrain.

—Mardi Gras balls

The remaining 1992 gay Mardi Gras Balls are the Armenius Ball, Feb. 29 at Saint Bernard Auditorium, Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette and the Lords of Leather Ball, March 1, also at Saint Bernard Auditorium. Attendance at Carnival balls is by invitation only.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

Carnival in Rio de Janeiro: The 'other' Mardi Gras getaway

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

Ever since first splashing down in the Great Mother Swamp more than 20 years ago, I have seen ads screaming "Mardi Gras ski trips to Colorado," and listened to a perennial, tired joke about traveling to Rio de Janeiro to escape New Orleans' Mardi gras madness.

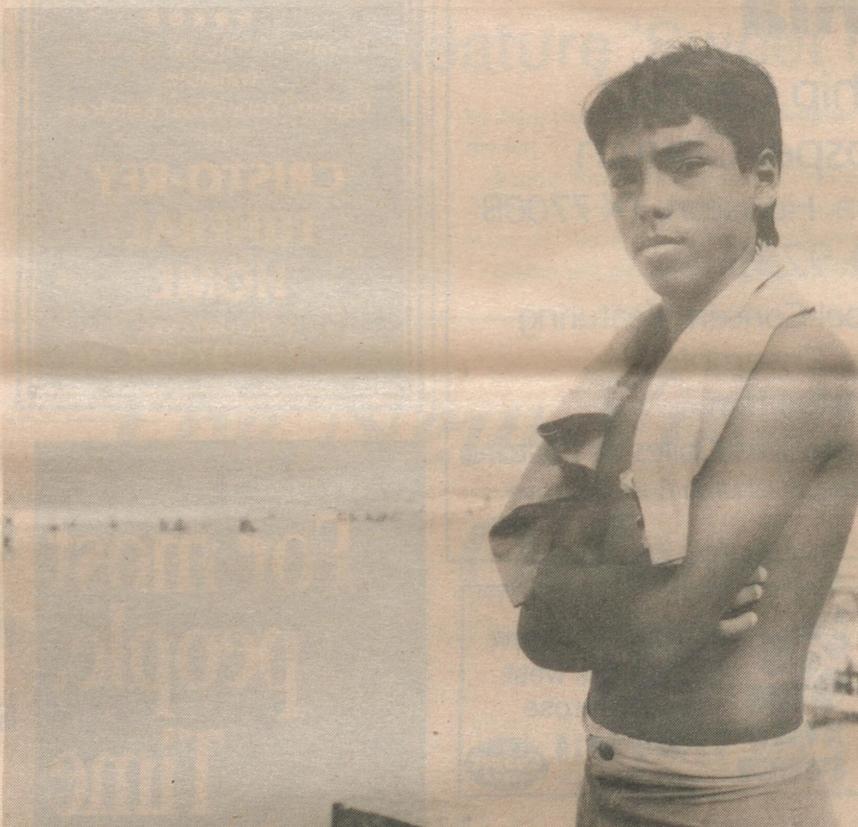
Though I really do prefer Carnival in New Orleans, I must admit it is wilder in Brazil. Mardi Gras in Rio is to Mardi Gras in New Orleans is what Mardi Gras in New Orleans is to Mardi Gras in Mobile, Alabama. If you get my drift.

Parades in Rio are really samba dances. Throws are not the custom, so it is not possible to dicker with beads for a fleshy peek-a-boo. "Show me something, mister is not heard on the Carnival streets of Rio de Janeiro. But, on the other side of the double, dickering is not necessary. Nudity is as common at Rio's Mardi Gras as hypocrisy in Ash Wednesday confessions.

Near the final days of Carnival, Rio (which is 99-100 percent pure Catholic), residents receive spectacularly unheeded advice from the Archbishop to not wobble about in the buff on Mardi Gras. Then, the Rio representative of Rome proclaims himself a recluse for the duration.

Brazilians are a racial mix of mostly Europeans, Africans and American Indians, with a dollop of this and that, producing some of the world's most beautiful people. And some of the most unbridled libidos. By the way, all sex-free, for pay, gay, "straight," and in between, is legal in Brazil.

As one might imagine, those who preach their vision of "The Truth" from the vantage point of sexual crowd control, have their work cut out for them, in Rio or in



Rio—home of the "boy from Ipanema" and other beautiful people—enters the Mardi Gras season slowly, much like New Orleans

New Orleans... "all on a Mardi Gras day."

Rio, like New Orleans, enters the Carnival season slowly. First, shops have dis-

plays speaking of costumes and high times a-coming. Then endless rounds of parties. (A word of caution, parties in Rio begin about 10:00 p.m. and go 'till the last

person drops, at the next day's light). The last five days are non-stop sambas, put on by the samba schools.

Samba schools are much like New Orleans' krewes. However, one difference might cause New Orleans City Council members' chins to fall agape on their lofty chests: membership in the samba schools is an honor controlled by the poor and otherwise powerless. The symbolism in Rio's Carnival sambas is of the poor and dispossessed tweaking the rich and the powerful. (This may never catch on in New Orleans.)

For the final three days, through Shrove Tuesday and officially ending at noon on Ash Wednesday, the samba schools present as many as 5000 dancers at a time, interpreting each school's theme. There are judges and there are winners. This is very like New Orleans.

By Ash Wednesday, most everyone is ready for a rest. But not all. Remember the cloistered Archbishop? You got it, this is his day to costume and parade.

Rio is in the smothering embrace of tropical summer at Carnival time. Watching the Archbishop and his group parading about in heavy, medieval Roman costumes on a steamy Brazilian Ash Wednesday, one cannot help but wonder if nudity is not better fitted for the realities of this world.

If you go to Rio, it is well to remember the rules of life in the 1990's. AIDS is on a level with New York and California. The U.S. state department warns not to walk barefoot or swim in the ocean. Street crime is high but not nearly as violent as in the U.S.; if you are street wise enough to walk the streets of any city you are street wise enough to visit Rio. Prices are highest at Carnival time, and the frenzy makes it the absolute worst time to see this marvelous city, "Cidade Maravilhosa!"

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Hoffmann-La Roche announces new plan to widen access to AIDS drug

NUTLEY, N.J., Friday, Feb. 21 (AP)—Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. said it is starting two new programs that will make its experimental anti-AIDS drug HIVID available to more than the 8000 people now receiving it in the United States.

The New Jersey-based drug maker, a subsidiary of the Swiss pharmaceutical giant F. Hoffmann-La Roche, hopes the programs will make enough HIVID available to fill the void caused by the stop in sales of ddC, the underground version of the drug, spokesperson Paul Oestreicher said Thursday.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration urged two weeks ago that sales of ddC be discontinued because of large variations in potency and quality.

AIDS patients reacted angrily to the FDA recommendation that 18 so-called buyer's clubs in the United States stop selling ddC because some samples tested contained none of the drug and others

had potentially dangerous doses.

A study published last Dec. 30 in the Annals of Internal Medicine said the drug combined with AZT, the first drug approved to treat AIDS, worked better than either alone against the fatal disease.

But Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief of the U.S. government's AIDS research program at the National Institutes of Health, said that while the study deserves attention, it was too preliminary to lead to a recommendation of treatment.

Hoffmann-La Roche expects an FDA Advisory Committee could review HIVID, or Zalcitabine, ddC, this spring, Oestreicher said.

But the company felt some AIDS patients could not wait until then to receive the drug and therefore came up with the programs to make it more widely available until then, he said.

"There is an immediate need to make this drug available," Oestreicher said. "We're providing a bridge until we can get approval."

Oestreicher did not know exactly how many more patients would be eligible for the free drug through the new programs but said Hoffmann-La Roche would not set a cap.

The first program, to be started in the next two weeks in consultation with the FDA, is intended for those who had to stop using underground ddC because of the agency's recommendation.

Since June 1990, the company has made the drug available in the United States to 2000 people in clinical trials and 6000 in a program for those who found AZT ineffective, he said.

An undetermined number of patients in Canada and Australia also receive the drug, the company said.

Patients with a CD4 cell count of lower

than 300 who aren't already taking part in clinical trials would be admitted in this program. CD4 cells are necessary for a normally functioning immune system; a count of 1000 per milliliter is normal.

The second program, which is being developed, would admit healthier patients with cell counts between 300 and 500, the company said. It is to be designed with input from the AIDS community and the government.

Hoffmann-La Roche said it filed registration documents for HIVID at the end of last October in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

They will be filed with the European Community this month, with Germany chosen as the lead country.

The company advised physicians to call the ddC Coordinating Center at 800-332-2144 for enrollment information.

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Magic Johnson shows life goes on, regardless of HIV status

By LEE SIEGEL

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FOR THE NEW VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Saturday, Feb. 22 (AP)—When Magic Johnson announced he contracted the AIDS virus, he vowed to go on "living for a long time." Now he's making good on that promise with a dazzling All-Star game performance and plans to play in the Summer Olympics.

Some people are concerned that Johnson is hastening his illness by playing basketball, but others say he's educating the public that people infected by the AIDS virus don't just roll over and die.

"He's exploded a lot of myths about this disease. One is that you get the AIDS virus and it's an immediate death sentence," said Anthony Sprauve, spokesperson for AIDS Project Los Angeles.

By continuing to play, Johnson provides "an important message: life goes on and, as is true for many Americans, you work and live with your diseases and disabilities, you don't let them take over your life," said Arthur Caplan, director of the University of Minnesota's Biomedical Ethics Cen-

ter.

People can go two to 15 years between contracting the AIDS-causing human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and actually developing AIDS symptoms, with seven years about average. Patients usually die two or three years after symptoms appear.

Studies suggest moderate exercise may delay AIDS symptoms and death, but exhaustion may weaken the immune system, said Arthur LaPerriere, a psychologist and exercise physiologist at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

So if Johnson does play in the Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain, "there may be a certain degree of risk, but we just don't know," he said.

As a result, Johnson would be wise to "avoid exhaustive exercise and limit his activity. ... Maybe not play a full game, maybe play for five to 10 minutes, then take a rest period, then play a few minutes," LaPerriere said.

Johnson announced Nov. 7 he was retiring from the Los Angeles Lakers because he was infected by HIV, although he hadn't yet developed AIDS. The illness eventually

causes death by crippling the body's disease-fighting immune system.

Johnson's doctors had advised him that the regular exhaustion of playing professional basketball might impair his immune system and hasten the onset of AIDS.

So it surprised some people that Johnson decided to play in the NBA All-Star game on Feb. 9—when he was named Most Valuable Player after scoring 25 points—and in the Olympics. He also left the door open for an eventual National Basketball Association comeback.

Some NBA players and a doctor with Australia's Olympic basketball team raised fears Johnson might spread the deadly virus to other players if they collided, suffered cuts and exchanged blood while playing.

But players are far more likely to die in a plane crash on the way to a game than to catch the AIDS virus by competing against Johnson, LaPerriere said.

Johnson's decision to play is "something he needs to think about with his wife, doctor, minister and friends, but not you and

me," Caplan said.

He said public debate might be warranted if there was evidence Johnson got bad medical advice that encouraged him to play despite a known, severe health risk, but "I can't imagine that Magic Johnson doesn't have good advice."

LaPerriere, however, said Johnson should be informed of recent research on exercise and the immune system.

LaPerriere and his colleagues recently studied more than 100 AIDS-infected men. They found moderate, aerobic exercise helps boost the immune system and possibly extends life in people infected by the deadly virus.

Yet studies of uninfected, world-class athletes show "the immune system is suppressed and individuals are more susceptible to infectious diseases when they are training for highly competitive events such as the Olympics," LaPerriere said.

Even a single bout of exhaustive exercise can suppress the immune system, but little is known about whether that makes athletes prone to catching cold or other infections, LaPerriere said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

New fundraiser surpasses goal, raises over \$12,000 for Bering Foundation

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

TNV Editor

The first offering of "Soiree Aubergine," a three day fund raiser held this year at Gentry, 2303 Richmond, surpassed its "ambitious" goal of \$10,000 by almost \$3,000, with receipts still being counted as the total was announced this week. Staff of the club called the \$12,800 total a conservative estimate, and said the actual amount after silent auction pledges and credit cards were collected would probably be from \$13,000-14,000.

Gentry's owner Del McGee said "Soiree" was the brainchild of a club customer, Barry Petree, during cocktail conversation on a Sunday afternoon and started out with a stated goal of \$3,000. During the planning process, so much volunteer support and charitable response was received that the organizers gradually increased the fund raising goal to more than triple that amount, he said. This year's event had 48 hosts.

Planned over about five months, the benefit was generated through off-hand cocktail conversation about South Louisiana, pirogues, boudin and the latest rerun of Steel Magnolias, according to the organizers. The staff of Gentry suggested that a loose and less formal interpretation of the title might be "The Purple Party." (A more literal translation from the French would be "The Evening Reception of the Eggplant," but the guests didn't seem overly concerned).

With its Cajun theme and locally unprecedented concept of three separate and distinctly styled parties, Soiree played to a packed house throughout the weekend, McGee said. Winning the gumbo cookoff, on his first attempt at



Some of the hosts of last weekend's "Soiree Aubergine" benefit at the opening reception

cooking the Louisiana standard, was Steven Minier.

Proceeds of the event, which will probably become an annual community benefit in the tradition of several other organized parties and shows with their own charity organizations, this year go to the Bering Community Services Foundation.

A prize drawing held at Sunday's finale brought in about \$3,600 and a silent auction raised \$2,700 of the total.

The largest individual contribution—a \$2,000 cashiers check—was given by an anonymous donor on his way out, McGee said. "He was out the door and out of sight before we had a chance to see who he was."

The rest of the money was raised through door proceeds at two general admission and one invitation/contribution event; buffet sales following the Saturday Gumbo Cookoff; the show, individual donations and the sale of AIDS awareness ribbons during the event.

Bering Foundation's programs for people with AIDS include the Bering Dental Clinic and Bering Care Center. While funds from Soiree are already being funneled to the foundation, McGee said a formal presentation will be made after the final totals are determined.

Future locations and beneficiaries of the event will be determined by the hosts, who plan to hold an organizational meeting for next year's benefit after "taking a break for a couple of months," said McGee.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Austin Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus announces primary endorsements

The Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus held its endorsement meeting for the 1992 primaries on Feb. 4. A total of 28 candidates appeared at the candidate forum to ask for the group's endorsement—including, for the first time in years, several Republicans. (The AL/GPC endorses candidates for their respective primary races, meaning that a candidate from each party may receive an endorsement for his or her party's primary in the same race).

Speaking to a moderate-sized crowd, the candidates outlined their respective

records and qualifications, then responded to questions from the audience.

Only two candidates were endorsed in the Republican primary. Dr. Jim Orr received AL/GPC's endorsement in the Republican primary race for the Texas Senate, District 14, and Herbert Spiro, challenging incumbent J.J. "Jake" Pickle, was endorsed for the United States House of Representatives.

Orr's Democratic general election opponent, Gonzalo Barrientos, also received AL/GPC's endorsement. Howev-

er, Rep. Pickle did not return his questionnaire or seek the group's endorsement, said co-chairs Gail McDonald and Paul von Wupperfeld.

Others endorsed in the Democratic primary were: Texas Supreme Court, Paul Banner; Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, Charles Baird; Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2, Morris Overstreet; State Legislature, District 47, Jimmy Day; State Legislature, Dist. 48, Sherri Greensberg; State Legislature, District 49, Elliot Naishtat; State Legislature, District 51, Glen Maxey;

353rd District Court, Margaret Cooper; 167th District Court, Mike Lynch; 200th District Court, Paul Davis; 98th District Court, Jeanne Meurer; County Commissioner, Precinct 1, Sam Biscoe; County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Barbra Carlson; County Commissioner, Precinct 3, Valerie Bristol; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5, Jade Meeker; County Court at Law, No. 3, David Crain; Tax Assessor-Collector, Nelda Wells Spears; Constable, precinct 3, Kevin Miskell; Constable, Precinct 4, Margaret Gomez; Constable, Precinct 5, Stacy Suits.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Howard Ashman can't share in 'Beauty and the Beast's' spotlight

By BOB THOMAS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Thursday, Feb. 20 (AP)—An Indiana University graduate nominated for an Academy Award won't be able to stand in the spotlight for his achievements at the ceremony March 30.

Howard Ashman died of complications from AIDS last March after completing "Beauty and the Beast," which is nominated for best picture.

"We wouldn't be in this position today except for the genius of Howard," says producer Don Hahn. "He had a profound effect, not only on the story but on the animators as well. The fact that three of his songs were nominated is further tribute to his genius."

A 1974 IU graduate with a master's degree in theater and drama, Ashman was a producer, director, librettist, lyricist and playwright since his college days.

As executive producer of "Beauty and the Beast," Ashman is likely to win an Oscar for his lyrics to one of the songs he wrote with Alan Menken. His other contributions to the film were considerable.

His health failing, Ashman helped shape the story, integrated the songs into the plot and oversaw the recording. While on his deathbed in New York, Ashman listened by telephone to Angela Lansbury singing "Be Our Guest" in a Burbank studio.

It was Ashman who suggested animating the household objects like the teapot and candelabrum to provide com-

ic relief and speed the story along. The film credits end with a tribute to him as the man "who gave a mermaid her voice and a beast his soul," referring to Ashman's work on "The Little Mermaid."

The 1989 movie about a kingdom under the sea brought him a Golden Globe Award for best original song and an Academy Award for best song.

"Beauty and the Beast" centers on the Beast's imprisonment of Belle in his enchanted castle, where every night he asked her, "Will you marry me?"

When the Disney animation program was revived under a new studio regime in the 1980s, "Beauty and the Beast" was considered a possible project. Writer Linda Woolverton's script—along with story suggestions by Ashman—con-

quered the plot problems, and the film went into production in 1990.

Woolverton, producer Hahn and directors Kirk Wise and Gary Trousdale were first-timers in their jobs.

Veteran actors like Lansbury, Jerry O'Connell and David Ogden Stiers were hired for the voices, and the studio took a chance on the Beast with Robby Benson, onetime teen-age idol. He proved surprisingly robust.

The film has already sold \$106 million in tickets in the U.S. and Canada.

"It is gratifying that something so quintessentially a team effort would be nominated not only for best picture but in all the other categories," said Disney Chairperson Michael Eisner.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON LIVE

'Miss Evers' Boys' at the Alley is theater of the highest order

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice

There have been times when a playwright's work struck in me a powerfully resonant chord; when one of the "messages" being espoused, intentionally or otherwise, churned up a well of recognition and situational association. Such was the case for me as I watched the Alley Theater's tour-de-force production of "Miss Evers' Boys."

Written by David Feldshuh in 1989 and based on the book "Bad Blood" by Houstonian James H. Jones, this play is a fictionalized account of a notorious study, conducted in a rural Alabama county, of the effects of untreated syphilis on black males. It is being co-presented by the Alley, the Ensemble Theatre and the Dallas Theater Center.

It is a tremendously significant drama that touchingly exposes one of the more horrifying examples of disregarded medical ethics and troubling governmental involvement. It underscores the shameful consequences that result when a certain group of people are deemed expendable, and it is in this vein that "Miss Evers' Boys" hit home. Anyone who was witness to the long and frustrating struggle to obtain AIDS research funds; anyone who shook his head in disbelief at the outrageous notion that AIDS, being a "gay" disease, did not require immediate attention, will understand the disgusting tragedy of the men who served as unwilling guinea pigs because of the unspoken social tenet of medical and governmental authorities that relegated their lives to a heap of dispensability.

Feldshuh brilliantly dramatizes this stirring indictment and the experience of the 400 men who served as the test subjects through the chronicle of four sharecroppers and the nurse who becomes an integral part of their lives.

The story opens in 1972 with Eunice Evers (Constance Jones), a nurse with the U.S. Public Health Service, testifying before a Senate investigating committee. Throughout the play, her testimony before the Senate is interspersed with the action which occurred decades before.



Jim Ponds (Ben), Constance Jones (Nurse Evers), Russell Andrews (Willie) and Akin Babatunde (Hodman) all give powerful performances in "Miss Evers' Boys." (Photo by Jim Caldwell)

it is 1932. Eunice has arrived at the Tuskegee Institute in Macon County, Ala. full of optimism and cheer. She is thoroughly convinced that she arrives to do good work for the impoverished community, and she confidently persuades the four men to participate in the study, overcoming their unease with promises of free medical care and a "hot lunch."

Feldshuh drew the four men as composite characters. Hodman (Akin Babatunde) is very superstitious and goes along with the study even though he believes strongly in mystic cures. Ben (Jim Ponds) is old and illiterate. Caleb (Alex Allen Morris) is the most defiant and least trusting. Willie (Russell Andrews), a skilled hooper who loves to show off his dance steps, is full of youth and energy.

Initially, all goes well. Eunice applies mercury rubs, which was the most effective treatment at the time, to each of her "patients." She befriends them and even drives them to a local dance contest for which they've been rehearsing.

Things begin to sour for Eunice when money runs out for the mercury treatments. The doctors insist that it is better to

continue to monitor the men and pretend they are still being treated. Under continuing pressure, Eunice persists in deceiving the trusting men, and even must comfort them as they undergo painful spinal taps.

The two doctors primarily responsible for the study use a wickedly deluded rationale in seeing that the study progresses. The white doctor, John Douglas (John Feltch), has a warped sense of scientific contribution and is interested only in data. The black doctor, Eugene Brodus (Tyress Allen), has the sadly misguided belief that the study will actually benefit blacks in the long run, because it will show them to be biologically equal to whites.

So the study continues. With the opening of Act II, it is now 1946, and the disease has begun to take a visible toll on the men and on Eunice. When penicillin becomes available as a recognized cure for the disease, Eunice begs the doctors to administer the drug to the men, but the doctors insist that using penicillin as a treatment in this stage of the disease will have dire effects. Eunice endures the wrenching dichotomy in her heart, until it is too late for two of her friends.

The inevitable demise for some of the characters is a given, but Feldshuh slightly diminishes that stark reality with a coda in which the four victims appear in white tie and tails—perhaps a testament to the song and dance team that could now never be.

The performances here are staggering. The agony that envelops Eunice is a remarkable portrait of a tormented figure. Constance Jones plays the part with such moving ardor that she could have carried the show alone. Such a task, however, was far from necessary. Although difficult to understand at times, Akin Babatunde is masterfully effective as Hodman, particularly when driven to syphilitic madness. Alex Allen Morris makes Caleb forceful and challenging while still maintaining a likeability. Russell Andrews is wonderful as the vivacious dance man, Willie, but his performance is especially poignant when his energy level is lowest—when Willie learns that his legs have deteriorated to a point where he will no longer dance. Jim Ponds as the unschooled Ben is amazing. He shows unswerving loyalty to Eunice and in the play's most touching scene, she must have him sign his name (which she taught him how to do) on a permission form so the doctors can conduct an autopsy. His dogged fealty to Eunice, even at this point, will steal your heart.

Director Claude Purdy has done an outstanding job of giving the characters, none of whom are really well-developed, enough substance that they connect with the audience. His direction, the manner in which he has the "dramatis personae" portrayed, provided the essence to the playwright's crux.

The set by James D. Sandefur is slightly obtuse but works well enough. Two platforms on either side of the stage serve as an abandoned school and doctors' offices. A long ramp in the middle is easily utilized for a number of depictions, and the stage floor is painted to resemble the seal of the U.S. Public Health Service. The lighting was subdued befitting the subject matter, and the music and choreography were near flawless.

"Miss Evers' Boys" is theater of the highest order; it's the best play on a Houston stage this season.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Alabama gay leader trying to set up gay Auburn alumni group

AUBURN, Ala., Sunday, Feb. 23 (AP)—An Auburn University graduate who as a student talked about his homosexual dates in code names to avoid ridicule 10 years ago is trying to organize an Auburn Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association.

Padraig McLoughlin, a college mathematics instructor in Atlanta, is working to start the alumni group as the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association controversy smolders in the background.

"There's been some form of gay and lesbian association at Auburn since the 1970s," said McLoughlin, a 1982 Auburn graduate.

He expressed surprise at the rift between the AGLA and the AU Student

Government Association. "A number of the staff and faculty there now are gay," he said.

McLoughlin remembers his days at Auburn University, days when he would talk to friends about dating "Bridget."

"We used to use code letters to talk about things," said McLoughlin.

Bridget, as it turns out, was a man.

"You'd use the first letter of the name of the person you were dating and change it to a girl's name," McLoughlin said in a recent interview from Atlanta. "For instance, if you were talking about Bill, it was 'Bridget.'"

McLoughlin, who is chairperson of the Atlanta chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said the

forerunner of the AGLA—the "Auburn Lambda Organization"—was close to receiving a charter in 1986 when it was revealed that an AU student had contracted the HIV virus.

"Panic overtook the campus," said McLoughlin, then a graduate student. "At one point, an effeminate man's tires were slashed. He wasn't even gay, just effeminate."

McLoughlin, however, said the truth set him free. He decided to "come out"—to reveal his sexual identity.

"My friend (who contracted the AIDS virus) died. He had told me that there is nothing more important than the truth. The truth is the ultimate safety."

McLoughlin is one of the few white in-

structors on the predominantly black Morehouse College campus in Atlanta.

As for his AU alumni status, McLoughlin says the formal AU Alumni Association is trying to dissociate itself from the fact that it represents gay graduates. Recently, the AU Alumni Association threw its support behind the SGA, which is seeking to revoke the AGLA's charter.

Betty DeMent, assistant vice president of Auburn Affairs, did not respond to requests by the Opelika-Auburn News for comment about McLoughlin's plans.

Nevertheless, McLoughlin said he would continue trying to set up a support group for AU gay graduates.

"We are doctors, lawyers, Catholics, Baptists," he says. "We are just people."

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Public forum on HIV-AIDS and health department consolidation planned

The AIDS Equity League is sponsoring a public forum on HIV/AIDS and the consolidation of health department services with Houston City Councilmember Al Calloway on Wednesday, March 4. The meeting will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at

the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray.

Participants will be discussing the issues surrounding consolidation of city and county services and how this change will impact HIV/AIDS education and preven-

tion. Issues on the agenda include implementing the education/prevention recommendations in the HIV Plan for Greater Houston and reviewing how the city's education/prevention funds, totaling over \$3 million per year, will be applied and spent

in the new organization of health departments.

City and county health department representatives were also invited, but at press time it was not known who would be attending.

▼ ▼ ▼ NEW VOICES

San Diego actor and gay 'soap' producer wrote new book just for 'Fun'

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

TNV Editor

Stephen A. Chrysler, a San Diego, California based author, actor and producer of the gay soap opera "Azalea Park," was in Houston recently hoping to teach people how to have fun. It isn't that Chrysler believes the course of his own life reflects exemplary enthusiasm and spontaneity. Quite the contrary, Chrysler admits he has been through a 12-step program to overcome an addiction and—like many other who are in recovery, he says—he reached a stage when he found he lacked interest in social activities.

"A lot of people (in recovery) wind up going through the motions...they are able to function again, as far as getting their work on track and other things on track...but they're no longer doing anything they enjoy."

Chrysler, in town to promote his book, "The Fun Course," believes that most people, especially those with addictive or compulsive personalities, either never really learned to have fun or developed "obstacles" to fun through social and self-conditioning. Combining his own experience and consultations with numerous experts in counseling and social work areas, he produced a self-help manual that addresses learning to enjoy life through a series of exercises designed to condition participants to make time for themselves. Though originally conceived for 12-steppers, Chrysler said the book wound up with a more universal focus.

The book is geared to the mainstream, and the cover illustration features an opposite sex couple. But Chrysler said some parts were written with the lesbi-

an/gay perspective in mind.

"There are certain things, I think that (gay and lesbian) readers will pick up on that others might not—for example, in the sexual fantasy section," he said.

He added that he deliberately made references to sexual intimacy and couple interaction non-gender specific, using "open" words for partners.

"The Fun Course" proposes that there are three main obstacles to enjoying life, to which many people fall prey without even realizing. These are extreme self-assessment, society's approval/disapproval and doubts of self worth. (The latter, according to Chrysler, is often cloaked in concerns over time and money).

The book offers a check list of preconceptions—"excuses" that people use to talk themselves out of doing things they might enjoy: "I'm frightened," "It's a waste of time/money," "I don't like doing this/I won't do this," "This is wrong," "Someone else won't like it," "God won't like it."

"The exercises (in the book) go through each of these preconceptions and (explain) what's wrong with them,"

he said.

Chrysler believes that gay and lesbian people are more likely to have problems with self-expression and self-esteem, as well as with addictive and compulsive behaviors, because of a learned self-oppression. Gay people learn not to follow their own desires and instincts because of general societal mores and pressure.

"The result is that a lot of gay people wind up doing what they think others would want them to do, instead of what they want to do. They suppress their own instincts; in a sense, they're forced to become actors."

In this area, the author can claim some experience. Chrysler is also an actor, and has a minor role in "Azalea Park," which airs weekly as part of the gay/lesbian cable television program "Out In San



Stephen Chrysler says his book "The Fun Course" focuses on learning how to let go of self-imposed oppression and enjoy life

Diego."

The show deals with current gay/lesbian issues and problems, including unemployment, gay parenting, hate crimes against the gay and lesbian community, and maintaining long term relationships. It also addresses some of the same dependency and post-dependency problems that inspired the book.

Like Chrysler, everyone who appears in the soap has some acting or modeling background. The project is an all-volunteer effort, and the show takes only about a third of the 30-minute "Out" program each week.

Characters on "Azalea Park" include a long term lesbian couple and a "Spring/Fall romance" with a gay son. The show has been airing on "Out In San Diego" since November and the producers are now looking into syndication. The most attractive offer so far has come from out of the country, Chrysler said.

"We've been offered \$3,000 a week by a network in Amsterdam to produce a full 30-minute program," he said. There, he explained, gays and lesbians are treated the same other legitimate minorities, and the government in Holland has been encouraging cultural offerings geared to minorities including gays.

But Chrysler said since so many people are involved even in producing the ten minute spot for "Out," he didn't think even \$3,000 would be sufficient to pay people for the work needed to produce a full show.

"Right now, we're an all volunteer operation, and (the show is) only ten minutes...I would think doing the longer show every week would take an amount of work." He said the team is still considering the offer.

Groups in other areas, including New York City, have expressed an interest in picking up the show for their local gay-themed programs, he said.

(Next week: "Odd Girl" Lillian Faderman's mark on American "herstory")

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Man claims hospital wouldn't do bypass surgery because of HIV

TYLER, Thursday, Feb. 20 (AP)—An unidentified man who claims Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital and one of its physicians refused to perform emergency open heart surgery because he tested HIV positive has filed a lawsuit in federal court.

The plaintiff, identified only as Joe Doe, seeks unspecified compensatory damages, punitive damages, costs and attorney's fees. The lawsuit alleges the hospital violated the federal anti-patient dumping law, were negligent and engaged in medical malpractice.

The damages are sought, the lawsuit says, because Doe has suffered physical pain, emotional distress and has a "substantially shorter life expectancy."

In the suit, Doe alleges that he was suffering an apparent heart attack on April 18, 1990, and Dr. Blaine R. Bakestad, a cardiovascular surgeon, agreed to perform emergency bypass surgery at the Nacogdoches hospital.

The plaintiff alleges that he did not know he was tested for the human immunodeficiency virus which causes AIDS.

He tested positive.

"Upon learning that plaintiff Doe tested positive for the HIV virus, the defendants refused to provide the surgery and were satisfied to allow plaintiff Doe to die," the lawsuit alleges.

The suit, filed last week, has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Robert M. Parker.

Doe was ultimately transferred by helicopter to a Houston hospital where the surgery was performed, although the lawsuit alleges the delay resulted in

"substantial additional damage" to the heart.

Jim Richardson, administrator of the East Texas hospital, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

"I've not yet received the petition at this time, and in any event I could not comment because of legal advice," Richardson told the Tyler Morning Telegraph Wednesday.

Doe, a Nacogdoches County newlywed at the time of the surgery, says he apparently contracted the HIV virus from a prior blood transfusion.

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Levi Strauss offers health benefits to workers' unmarried partners

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Feb. 23 (AP)—Levi Strauss & Co., the world's largest clothing manufacturer, announced it will offer health benefits to unmarried partners of its U.S. employees.

The policy, which takes effect June 1, applies to any worker who lives with and shares finances with an unmarried lover.

"We want a nondiscriminatory workplace," said Reese Smith, Levi's director of employee benefits. "And when we looked at our policies prohibiting discrimination for race, sex, origin, or marital status, we realized our own practices were not in compliance with our policy."

The decision makes Levi's the largest

company in the United States to extend benefits to partners of unmarried employees. It applies to all of its 23,000 U.S. workers, but is expected to be used primarily by homosexual couples, who are forbidden to marry under civil law.

More and more lawmakers around the country are rewriting ordinances to accommodate unmarried couples. San Francisco, Berkeley, Santa Cruz and Seattle allow municipal workers to add unmarried lovers to health plans.

But business has actually led the way on the issue. The Village Voice, the American Psychological Association and Ben & Jerry's ice cream adopted similar policies in

the mid-'80s.

The Montefiore Medical Center in New York City and the computer software giant Lotus Development Corp. outside Boston granted health benefits to unmarried lovers last year.

Reese said he does not know how many Levi's workers will take advantage of the new policy. He would not estimate the company's cost.

A Levi's-commissioned study by benefits consultant Hewitt Associates found that only 750 employees nationwide have signed partners up for benefits, out of 50,000 who were offered the option.

Under the Levi's policy, unmarried cou-

ples will be eligible for the same benefits as married ones. However, benefits for an unmarried lover are considered taxable income to the employee, so the value of the dependent health care will be taxed, Reese said.

Levi's will use the "honor system" to ensure that people who join the health plan are really live-in, unmarried lovers, Reese said. "If we find out later they're lying, we'll take disciplinary action," he added.

He said Levi's is considering extending the new policy to its international employees, but most of those workers are in countries with some form of national health care.

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Advertisers hold back as they are drawn into gay-St. Pat's fray

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Feb. 19 (AP)—Advertisers are considering their options in deciding whether to buy time on the nationally syndicated broadcast of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, at the risk of being drawn into the fray between a gay group and St. Patrick's Day Parade organizers.

Aer Lingus said it had decided not to advertise during the March 17 broadcast, "based on the cost of the advertising package" and "not related to any other factor."

Two other sponsors were reevaluating the situation and "waiting until the tur-

moil inside the Irish community dies down," said independent producer David Marr.

But Marr insisted it had nothing to do with a letter that the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization said it had sent to Aer Lingus, the Irish Tourist Board and Guinness Ale on Jan. 30.

"...The only way to avoid the shameful violence visited on ILGO and its supporters last year is for Irish business and community leaders to take a strong and public stance in favor of inclusion and diversity," it said.

Last year, the gay Irish group was not

allowed to march as a unit but did march with a division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Spectators threw cans of beer at them and at Mayor David Dinkins, who accompanied them.

Marr said the real controversy revolved "around problems with the organization of the parade. There's been a lot of negative publicity. ... To my sponsors, the gay issue is a non-issue."

Guinness and the tourist board did not return calls for comment.

In January, Dinkins recommended that the Hibernians' state board receive this year's parade permit. The New York

County Hibernians, who ran the parade for 150 years, are challenging the decision in court.

Meanwhile, the state group reportedly is negotiating a compromise that could get ILGO into this year's parade.

Marr said he has commitments from three advertisers—he wouldn't identify them—that will cover the \$100,000 cost of a two-hour broadcast via WPIX. If more come on board, he'll expand it to a four-hour telecast for \$175,000 to \$200,000, as originally planned.

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Sex and religion in Nebraska fuel debate on anti-discrimination bill

By CHARLENE SMITH

FOR THE NEW VOICE

LINCOLN, Neb., Wednesday, Feb. 19 (AP)—Debate on a bill to ban discrimination against homosexuals boiled down to two issues: Sex and religion.

The Legislature's Judiciary Committee heard two hours of arguments Wednesday on a bill (LB1270) to ban housing, job and other discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

The bill, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Tim Hall, would prohibit age discrimination as well, but it was the sexual orientation provision that prompted two hours of debate.

The committee took no action on the bill. The committee heard arguments from

people who said the bill condones "sinful" homosexual practices and others who said sexual preference shouldn't be a license to discriminate.

"What we have here is a clash in values," said Wade Pittman, a University of Nebraska law student testifying against the bill.

People on both sides of the issue based arguments on religious beliefs. Some said homosexuals "are in bondage to sin," while others said gay people can be good Christians.

"Sanctioning homosexuality is an affront to Christianity," said Guyla Mills, who offered to share her religious convictions with others after the hearing.

Lowen Kruse, a Methodist minister from Omaha, said the gay couples in his congregation "may appear to be sinners to someone else," but he'd compare their love and salvation with anyone else's.

Nancy Brink, pastor of an Omaha church, said religious groups are divided on the moral issues of homosexuality, but not on the civil rights issues.

"The spirit of this bill is strongly in keeping with the religious values we cherish," she said.

Kelly Rosati, also a University of Nebraska law student, told the committee that passing the bill would infringe on the rights of some to practice their religious beliefs.

She gave an example of a couple running a housing project who, in the practice of their religion, seek to exclude homosexual couples. The bill would turn them into criminals, Rosati said.

Other opponents said the bill was a step toward condoning bestiality.

Kris Stroda, who often preaches on the streets of Lincoln, asked the committee, "What gives you the right to put your morality on me?"

The bill would contribute to the downfall of the country and "its blood will be on your hands," Stroda said.

Parents of homosexuals said it's unfair for their children to be denied fundamental rights granted to everyone else.

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San Francisco activists urge more funding to fight second wave

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Feb. 20 (AP)—More funding for AIDS prevention programs targeting high-risk groups is needed to avoid unexpected jumps in the number of new cases, health officials said.

The city's AIDS office on Monday predicted that this year about 1,000 people in San Francisco would be infected by HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS.

The estimate dwarfed earlier predictions of about 500. The difference was due to unexpected increases of infection among young gays and bisexuals who had not been reached by prevention campaigns, and older gays who had lapsed into unsafe sexual practices, according to the study written by George Lemp of the city's AIDS surveillance branch.

The non-profit San Francisco AIDS Foundation said the increases were due to a lack of money to sustain prevention messages—and an emphasis on less effective programs aimed at the general population.

"There is no mystery here. We know how it works, we've seen it work," executive director Pat Christen told a news conference. "When these programs are funded we see

effective HIV infection prevention."

Christen also urged state legislators to adopt a pending bill to fund programs to provide clean syringes for intravenous drug users.

The study also showed that intravenous drug users and their sexual partners were expected to make up about a third of the new cases.

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Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police, AIDS activists reach agreement

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 20 (AP)—The police union, the city and an AIDS activist group have settled a lawsuit prompted by police handling of a demonstration during President Bush's

appearance Sept. 12.

The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power and other groups sued the city, saying demonstrators were roughed up by police. The city announced a settlement

last month but the Fraternal Order of Police objected.

A sentence was inserted that says the agreement can't be interpreted to affect the rights of officers who might be sued

for civil rights violations.

The settlement, which must be approved by a federal judge, said the city would pay \$76,500 to 14 individuals and six groups.

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Student ousted from student government after handing out condoms

LANSING, Mich., Thursday, Feb. 20 (AP)—A member of Lansing Community College's student government was removed from the council after handing out condoms on campus.

But school officials say Todd Heywood was dismissed for handing out unauthorized material—not specifically condoms.

Heywood said he distributed about 60

condoms following a college-sponsored program on AIDS on Monday. He was appointed to the student government as a sophomore representative two weeks ago and dismissed by the council Wednesday.

"I'm basically being told I need to shut up about an issue I know is affecting this college," Heywood said.

School officials say Heywood didn't

have the necessary written permission from the dean to distribute materials.

"He did not follow procedures on campus the same as anyone else has to do," said Jacqueline Taylor, vice president of communications.

Student government President Curt Smith said the action wasn't necessarily a statement against condoms.

"AIDS hasn't been brought to us as an official topic," Smith said. "As long as it's brought to us as an official item, we will respond to it objectively. We'd go through all the proper procedures and make sure what we were handing out was authorized by the administration."

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AIDS disclosure pilot program launched amid controversy

AUGUSTA, Ga., Monday, Feb. 24 (AP)—In a pilot program being launched in Augusta next month, people who test positive for the AIDS virus will be asked to inform their sex partners.

If they are uncomfortable doing so, public health officials can contact the partners.

Critics fear the program will stop those most likely to spread AIDS from

being tested for the presence of the virus.

Health officials say people will be encouraged—but not forced to divulge names.

"It's strictly voluntary," said Vera M. Greeson, East Central Health District principal community epidemiologist.

"Our goal is to try to reduce the spread of the infection by making people more aware they are at risk," said Willa Mit-

chell, East Central Health District AIDS coordinator.

Partner notification—or contact tracing—is the same method used to control the spread of syphilis and gonorrhea. But activists and some of those infected with the AIDS virus question whether it will work with HIV-positive patients.

"They are going to run and hide instead of being tested," said Howard, a 34-

year-old Augusta man infected with the AIDS virus.

"It will have a chilling effect for people to come forward to be tested. That's one of the worst things that could happen to this epidemic," said Sherry Sutton, a lobbyist for AID Atlanta, a group that offers help to 900 people with AIDS.

"People are going to panic," Howard said.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

Last week was busy, but Mardi Gras-LUEY party week is just starting

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

It was quite a busy week last week. Tuesday night was festive at Mary's where the Wolf Pack had a great time bartending at the Q-Patrol benefit.

Wednesday, it was a good thing there were extra pencils at the Mining Company because we used them all to tally the scores for the hunks in the Bear of the Month contest. From a field of ten contestants, hot, hunky and hairy Barry Bass, our very own roving photographer, was unanimously selected by the judges including Dean of NLA:Houston, Randy Ormes of J.R.'s and moi.

Heaven packed them in too for Nu Muzik with DJ Wes Wallace. Thursday, Miss Gay America Tiffany Bonet makes her Houston debut when she joins Naomi Sims, Donna Day and the renowned Day-Glo dancer's on stage for the club's weekly Deee-Drag Show. Coming up in April: the first-ever club appearance of Mr. Universe Bob Paris and his lover, international model Rod Jackson.

At J.R.'s, Mardi Gras was officially welcomed to Houston with the club's Union Jack Mardi Gras Fashion Show, featuring the Men of Santa Fe modeling the latest styles in workout and leisure wear, emcee'd by Rick East (better known in Houston as Trixie Galore).

And this last weekend at Gentry, if you didn't attend you missed the Eggplant Evening (oops, sorry), Soiree Aubergine (see related story in this issue). By the way, if you read about Miss Maude accepting dates for Mardi Gras, well we tried to get her one and even made it an auction item. When they found out what they were getting they turned it back in.

Moving on to this weekend/week:

The first official fundraiser for Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992 was scheduled for Thursday night, Feb. 27, the Pre-Mardi Gras Pride Party at Pacific Street. The \$3 cover will defray some of the expenses for the Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade '92, but look at what the patrons will get: free beads and trinkets; grab bags with prizes and gift certificates; participation in the crowning of the King and Queen of Montrose Mardi Gras. Also, there's Kendall and Hollywood as the hot Caged Heat male dancers, a prize balloon drop and more games and surprises. Costumes are encouraged.

Then, Friday is the TGI Mardi Gras Weekend Warm Up, adding Pacific Street's cruising and dancing to the hot sounds of DJ/VJ Victor Toledo and Masked Men Behind Bars, leading to the Leather and Flesh Fantasy Ball on Saturday night. Remember, there is no



While in Galveston, visit Kon Tiki's bartenders Dennis, Walter and Jimmy



At the Miss Gay Houston Pageant at Rich's: Tina Louise, Lori Love, Oprah DeMarro (winner), Nancy Taylor, Nikki D'Andre, Siricqua Shivon, Monique Johnson, Lee Chardon and Poison Alexander

cover charge for men in chaps and leather jock straps. There's a cash prize for the best costume.

Sunday, for the "Bourbon Street Balcony Party," Pacific Street turns into Bourbon Street with bead tossing from the balcony, street dancing and a whole carnival experience at Crocker and Pacific Streets. And Monday is the Mardi Gras Clubbers night with free cover to bar and restaurant personnel and Houston gay social club members.

More party favors, beads, prizes and surprises. The beat continues though the week and ends on Let Us Entertain You Weekend, with Pacific Street hosting the finale called "Diamonds and Studs" which, we're told, will be similar to NLA's recent Loading Dock Party. ...

This Saturday at E/J's is the RSICSS Investiture from 7:00-9:00 p.m. followed by the Super Show. It should be an interesting evening with two shows.

Both the BRB and the Ripcord having excursions to Mardi Gras Galveston by bus on Saturday. And the BRB is having a Cowboy of the Month contest for March on Sunday, March 1 7:00-9:00 p.m. And the Ripcord is having a Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras buffet Tuesday, March 3 at 9:00 p.m.

And lots more is going on around town this week! Check your favorite bar's ad in this edition of The New Voice. Everybody

should be getting ready for Let Us Entertain You Weekend, which will be festive indeed. Each year about 200-300 people from various clubs and organizations from all across the states get together the weekend after Mardi Gras for a continued weekend of fun and frolicking. The Houston Council of Clubs and various leather and social clubs will move from bar to bar and party to party between March 6-8. So get ready for the party!

Following the final event of LUEY Weekend will be a benefit for the mother of Randy "Ernestine" Zachary who



The Wolf Pack tended bar during the full moon at Mary's, naturally!



Carolyn and Mark were seen partying recently at Pacific Street



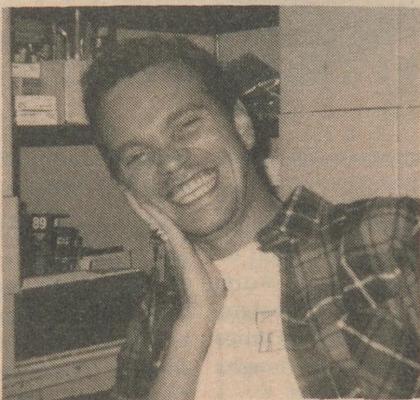
Shown backstage at Bear Night were emcee Brian Keever; second runner up Gary; winner Barry and Mine manager Charlie



Pageant title holder Shauna Roberts is one of "We Three" at Mothers



Jason Wallenberg (center) danced around for your pleasure with the men of Santa Fe



Who's this? Could it be Damian of Club Houston?

passed on recently. It will be held at the Venture-N and anyone who wishes to participate is encouraged to call Buddy Thompson at 524-9538.

And no, we didn't forget the dirt this week:

Del (Gentry) tells us that Joe P, famous barback, tried to wash the plastic cups last "Soiree Aubergine" weekend, only to find that they don't wash well, but do warp in hot water. We've heard that Joe is also known as the Acid Queen, from a previous adventure in sink cleaning.

Cousins has a replacement for Curtis, and we're told it's Fred aka Fredia, formerly of Mother's and the Oasis—go by and see him in the afternoon sometime.

Miss Dee of E/J's tells me her archrival Vera of BRB won a blue ribbon in the hog division at the livestock show. Sorry, Vera, I forgot whether Dee said for callin' or wallerin'.

Bruce aka Bubbles of BRB wants you to come by on Monday or Tuesday after-

noons for his specials: the talking of the hands and the laying on of the tunes.

—Island Soap

Before we get off the subject of Mardi Gras completely, we must note that in Galveston, the Kon Tiki is planning a special celebration this weekend, including a special After-the-Ball party for those who attend the Silk Stocking Ball. Muscles In Action, a Kon Tiki exclusive, will be performing all weekend long with special guest Taylor Kennedy on Friday and post-parade entertainment on Saturday night. (Last weekend, the guys from M.I.A. kicked off the first week of Mardi Gras Galveston with a Super Show starring Brad, Matt, April and Rip.

If you're partying in Galveston this weekend, be sure to go by Kon Tiki and let their bartenders serve you a stiff drink and throw you free beads (what the hell, it's Mardi Gras!)

Have a great week! Bye for now!

▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Patio bars at Crossing and Auntie Mame's; Charlie's celebrates Mardi Gras

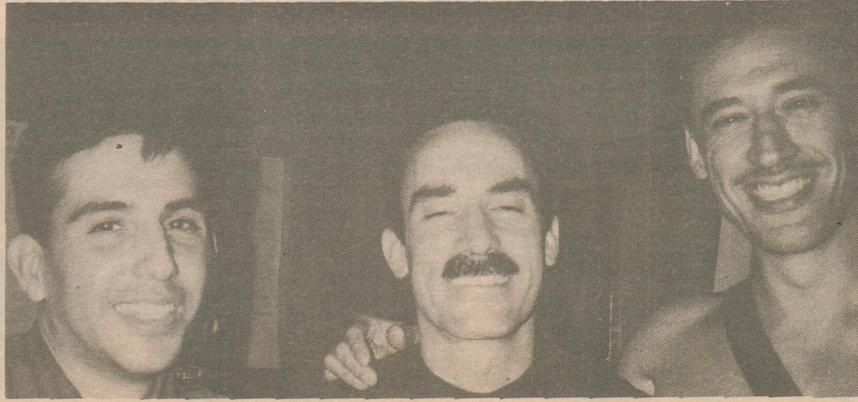
By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

In the never-too-soon-for-my-tastes anticipation of the coming spring, The Crossing has reopened their patio bar. Don, a reported expert on such springs, told me that this romantic little hideaway will be open Thursday through Sunday as weather permits—which as we've noted this past week can change in a drag queen's heartbeat.

Soaking up the sun while it lasted this past Sunday, along with more than just a few tequila shots, was Joe Gonzales and his friend with a more original name, Franko Maria Macias Luisa Ruiza Cha Cha Cha. These kind visitors, from LA and San Antonio respectively, both enjoyed the gentle cruisiness of Sunday afternoon and the regular Sunday buffet. Doorman Robert Smith asked me to remind you that the Friday Night and Sunday buffet table goes to AIDS service organizations like ASA and Project Transitions. So for less than brunch at La Fonda San Miguel you can get an eyeful, a mouthful and a heartfelt. 'Course then, if someone wishes to take me to La Fonda....

Paula, the ever gregarious bartendress at Dear Auntie Mame's has advised me that they too will soon be opening their "From Here I Think I Can



Dean Alvares, Mark Roberts and Richard/Maria Ramirez show their prized dental work



Kenneth Justice-Alford (Boom Boom) and Frankie Woodruff (Ceil) of Street Theater continue their antics at Capitol City through March 7



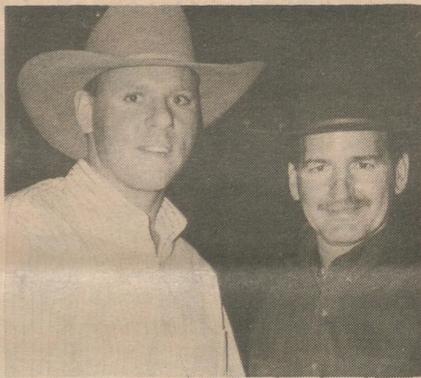
Michael "Neeely-not-Neally" with Dave (Oil Can's) and Chris Wilson (Street Theater) at Glen Maxey's birthday party



Jeff Fullington and "skinless" Roberto Leal under the stars at the Crossing



Glen gets his birthday gifts



Still lovers after all these years: Bruce Heidelk and Hubert Guidry at San Francisco



Cisco's manager Dan engages in heavy petting with Sex, the dog



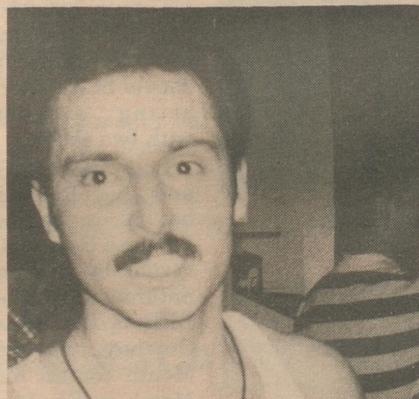
Charles Andres and Eric Long, conspiring at the Chain Drive



Leslie, Karla and Melissa at Charlie's



Robbie skates around the CD like Midori on ice



Robert Smith welcomes you to the Crossing's new patio bar



Helen B. (Jaston Williams) explains life at the Tasty Freeze

Rule The World" patio. There's definitely some potential here: With a little paint, tiny little twinkly lights, a few comfy chairs and some shade for the day, this quiet little club's deck could be quite the ticket. Drop by on Friday night, grab a fajita and see if you don't also see the possibilities. Surely there'll be a designer in the crowd just ripe with ideas. There always is.

Talent, queer and otherwise, literally filled the room when Friends of Glen Maxey threw a birthday bash for the celibated—er, make that celebrated, state rep. It was nice to see Glen, who has been caught up in a tight race for his seat, relax and let his hair down for a while. (No matter how much my nasty little fingers try I will not, repeat, I will NOT take the cheap shot.)

Greater Tuna's Jaston Williams was on hand as Helen B., queen of the Tasty Freeze. Helen told the crowd about her

ongoing love affair with Scooter, and recanted Lubbock's long history of cultural and political activism. "During the Vietnam War, Lubbock was known as a hotbed of student activism ... (the students) were chanting, "Forget Hanoi, bomb Lubbock!" I wouldn't say it if it wasn't so.

The crowd was entertained by a host of rising stars, including the (can I say it again) fabulous Chris McKay (with Rich Brotherton on the guitar) and comedian Rob Nash. Nash, a favorite at the local talent incubator, the Velveeta Room and a new member of the Laff Staff comedy troupe, never fails to shatter a crowd, gay or "straight," with his sometimes stinging, always hilarious queer perspective. With so many comedians declaring open season on women and gay people in their hate based "humor" (Gallagher, Murphey, Dice Clay, Kinison) it is refreshing to see a gay

man having the courage to include queers in his routine in a way that inspires a better understanding, warts and all. It's not that he doesn't use stereotypes, it is just that we are not the props for violence and profanity. He laughs with us, not at us. Catch his act.

Rob quickly left after his stint, his writer/lover Derek Roberts at his side. The speed of his departure reminded me of the one of the mixed blessings we have here in Austin. For whatever reason, there is an incredible wealth of talent in this town. If you are not going to some of our many comedy and music venues you are missing out on one of the real joys of living in this burb. On any given night you can catch some world class performers honing their art.

The flip side of this coin is that eventually each of these artists will be forced by show business realities to move from these sleepy shores to the never ending

circus on the coasts. McKay, Brotherton and Nash are not immune. With the coming SXSW smorgasbord they will likely be seen, signed and sent. With any luck they may come back to visit occasionally. The song remains the same, as "developers" in other cities' high rises continue to plunder and pilfer Austin's natural resources, from musical talent to Barton Springs.

Speaking of New Orleans, Charlie's is celebrating Mardi Gras this entire weekend. Head honcho David said that the Charlie's Austin conglomerate will be giving away a trip for two to New Orleans. The drawing will be next Tuesday, FAT Tuesday, at Charlie's on Lavaca. You can enter at any of their three Austin bars: Charlie's, Buckles or 'Bout Time. If you win, please bring back some of that nasty "Lafitte in Exile" spirit, but leave the crawdads in the swamp.

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

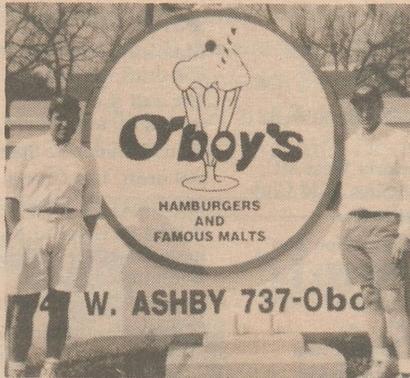
New in '92: Nexus patio, Visions, Miss USA in SA and new manager at W.C.

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice

What's new in '92? San Antonio Soap dishes: New in '92 for you—the Patio of Many Colors will be opening at Nexus of San Antonio, located at 8021 Pinebrook Drive. Look for the volleyball, darts, horse shoes and rings. Anything else you think Nexus could squeeze in?

Get your teams ready. Dart leagues are now forming for Wednesday nights. On Sunday, look for Super Sunday Beer busts—50 cent Miller Lite drafts. So you don't like beer at all? You might want to try the \$1.50 high balls, or you can always try the margaritas, frozen or on the rocks. Nexus is a great place to go an have a quiet, casual conversation, since it provides a quiet



O'boys owners, Gary LaBiche and Marcus Jepeda

room (to the right as you walk in) with a large screen TV. Nexus also has about the fourth largest dance floor of inner circle bars in San Antonio, and full length mirrors from the dance floor to the ceiling! I suggest you mark Nexus on your calendar for your next night out on the town.

Have you experienced Visions, the newest night club in town? Visions is located at 5709 South Flores at Southcross Boulevard and South Flores, now the South Flores Strip. This club is conveniently located between Las Gueras and the New Ponderosa two blocks—whichever way you go. Visions' format provides a great mix of music and entertainment. For instance, where else can you find Tejano

mixed with a little bit of rock and roll, a large variety of the hottest Top Forty, and a place that thrives on the most current of the 90's?

Saturday nights, you can always find \$1 long necks. Sundays, Visions has female and male strippers with emcee Donna Daniels. Monday through Friday, Happy Hour is from 7:00 p.m. 'till midnight, with shows on Friday and Sunday nights and a DJ on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. I recommend Donna Daniel's show on Friday nights.

Las Gueras, located at 5930 S. Flores, has 50 cent drafts and \$1.25 bottles and long necks on Thursdays; Friday and Saturday is 50 cent drafts and \$1.50 long necks and cans. Sunday, Las Gueras really wants to party with 25 cent draft, \$1 long necks and cans and female strippers, starting at 11:30. (As you can see by Las Gueras ad in this week's paper, this is a show worth seeing). This show is always hosted by Cinnamon. Drop by and have a cold one...and tell them The New Voice sent you!

The Wild Club, located at 820 San Pedro, is still running with the ball in San Antonio. Since the Wild Club opened its doors last year, it has had excellent management. Let's give a big hands up to the new manager, Raphael, for the great remodeling job. This club has some of the hottest men in San Antonio. I suggest that you drop by on Wednesday to see Victoria West and the Hot Oil Wrestling Show. On Fri-



Terry, Rosie, Donna and Bill of the new Visions Club, 5709 S. Flores

days and Saturdays, the sexy Sassy St. James, with male dancers, entertains until 2:00 a.m., and every Sunday Oscar and Jimmy move the earth with the latest and best of the Top 40's. And don't forget Licorice from 8:00 'till 11:00, and never a cover before 10:00 p.m. Coming March 26: Switch Night—the whole world of drag will be turned upside down. This is your chance to come and see Randy, Nate and Raphael in mini-skirts, wigs and lipstick. I'm sure you've already seen the rest of the crew...

Miss Gay Fiesta has been going on for many years in San Antonio; some people say 50 or more. This year there will be an added attraction! We will have the first Miss Gay USA Pageant to be held in San Antonio. Miss Gay Fiesta is the last regional qualifying pageant for Miss USA and to go to Miss USA you have to have a preliminary title.

Miss USA will be held April 17 at the Bonham Exchange, with registration at 5:00 p.m. A short rehearsal will follow registration and immediately following the rehearsal, a personal interview will be held. Over \$1,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded.

Miss Gay Fiesta will be sponsoring two, perhaps three, contestants for Miss USA

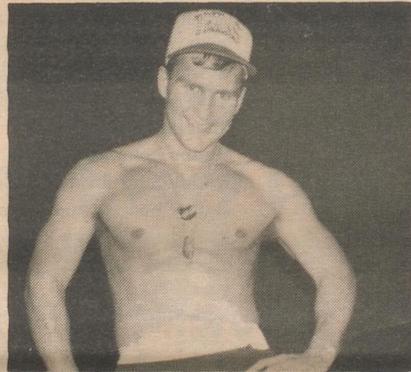
by providing hotel rooms and entry fees. We'll keep you posted as we find out about special entertainment and other events for Miss Gay Fiesta.

For additional information regarding the Fiesta or the pageant, contact Babe Myers at (512) 738-0910 or Craig Henderson at (713) 944-6176.

GBR's, 2022 McCullough, wishes to thank the many folks who turned out Friday, Saturday and Sunday to help celebrate the grand opening of this comfortable, laid back neighborhood bar. GBR's is a place to take your significant other. Gene, Bill and Richard...hands up to you guys!

Rosario's, 1014 S. Alamo, has suffered a great loss with Will Haller's death. However, the fine foods will continue to be served under management and ownership of Alfred Engstrand. Drop by and help Alfred continue Rosario's old traditions and begin a new one. Alfred is expanding Rosario's with the addition of an all-you-can-eat Sunday Brunch from \$4.95 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This buffet includes fresh fruits, biscuits, cakes, numerous egg dishes and Happy Hour drink prices.

P.S. to all of San Antonio: if you have anything to be mentioned about your club, restaurant, shop, store or organization, call Richard Wright of The New Voice at (512) 222-8558. Deadline is Sunday night.



Kendall performs at the Bonham Exchange



Sassy has a wild time on the Wild Club Stage



The Lady Francis at Las Gueras on Sunday

▼▼▼ GUEST COMMENTARY

When discrimination is 'OK': Employers and health insurance

By THE BAR ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

(Note: This column is part of an occasional series sponsored by the Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater Houston Inc. B.A.H.R. members are legal professionals who are concerned with human rights issues and who seek to provide a forum for the discussion of the important legal issues facing the gay and lesbian community. For specific legal advice relating the general information in this column to particular facts or individuals, however, readers should seek the assistance of competent legal counsel.)

So you have health insurance; doesn't this mean that you don't have to worry about unexpected or expensive health care costs? Think again. A recent court case indicates that many people with health insurance have reason to wonder whether their health coverage will really be there when they need it.

Most people who have health coverage acquire it through employment. For employees, this is a wonderful benefit that provides on more reason to get to work in the morning. For employers, health insurance benefits are a source of overgrown

costs, badly in need of trimming. Under a recent interpretation of federal law, an employer can cut its health insurance costs however it wants, even in a discriminatory manner.

Suppose you are a long time employee of ABC Co. With a comprehensive health insurance plan that provides a lifetime benefit of \$1 million. You are understandably upset when you discover that you have AIDS, but you are grateful for at least having coverage for the expensive medical treatments necessary to extend your life. After you file some claims for benefits, however, your employer decides to cut costs by switching to a new plan. The new plan caps AIDS benefits at \$5,000, but leaves the \$1 million cap for almost all other medical conditions. You might assume that the employer acted illegally, but you would be wrong.

These are basically the facts of "McGann v. H&H Music Co.," a case recently decided by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The court ruled that the employer was free to provide whatever benefits it wanted, and to change those benefits at will, even if the change was motivated by a desire to dis-

criminate against a particular disease. Under the old plan in McGann, the employer had provided health coverage by contracting with an insurance company to provide benefits. The insurance company was regulated by Texas law, which required, among other things, that the company not discriminate against AIDS in its policies. The new employer plan in McGann was self insured, which meant that the employer rather than the insurance company bore the risk of health claims. This simple change in the plan resulted in a large change in the applicable law. Self-insured employee health plans are regulated only by a federal law called ERISA; therefore the Texas insurance statutes forbidding discrimination in benefits no longer protected the employee.

ERISA specifically prohibits employers from discriminating against an employee solely for the purpose of keeping the employee from using his or her health insurance benefits. McGann tried to argue that his employer's new AIDS cap violated this provision of ERISA. The Court of Appeals rejected McGann's claim, holding that a self-insured employer was free to "discriminate between or among categories of diseases" in deciding which, if any,

health benefits to offer. (McGann v. H&H Music Co., 946 F.2d 401, 408 (5th Cir. 1991)).

What does this mean for the average employee? First, under ERISA employers may still not actually fire employees in an effort to keep them from using their benefits. Second, employees whose insurance benefits are provided by a commercial insurance company or by Blue Cross are still protected by some state laws. But, third, employees should not rely on the current structure of their health care plans because an employer may avoid state regulation by changing from a state-regulated insurance policy to self-insurance. Persons with HIV are particularly at risk under the "McGann" decision, because employers may assume that other employees will not object to AIDS discrimination due to the social stigma surrounding the disease. But any employee might be affected. An employer could just as easily decide not to provide full coverage for transplants, certain genetic conditions, or any other disease, or it might decide to stop offering health benefits altogether. We will return to the problem of health insurance in a future column, where we will discuss the scope of your right to continue health insurance after leaving employment.

SAN ANTONIO

WELCOMES YOU

The New Voice recommends in San Antonio ...

(Listings are furnished by the clubs and are subject to change)

●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, FEB. 28

Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, 75¢ draft, \$2 frozen kamis, Wild Club
Men & munchies 7pm, Nite Owl
Donna Daniels Show, dancers, Visions
10¢ well & draft 8-10, strip show midnight, after-hours, Noo Zoo
50¢ draft, Las Gueras
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
O'Boys Hamburgers open to 3am
After-hours Paper Moon, Wild Club, Bonham Exchange

●SAN ANTONIO, SATURDAY, FEB. 29

Adults no cover to 10pm, \$1.25 drinks 8-11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
Gong with the Wind Gong Show, Hardhat \$2 drinks, Memories
The battle of the XXX-bartenders 9pm, male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am \$1 longnecks, Visions
O'Boys Hamburgers open to 3am
10¢ well & draft 8-10, after-hours, Noo Zoo
After hours, Nexus, Wild Club, Bonham Exchange, Paper Moon

●SAN ANTONIO, SUNDAY, FEB. 1

50¢ draft, pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

Buck burgers 4pm, open pool tourney 8pm, Nite Owl
Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, \$1.75 Cuervo Olé, Memories
Adults no cover, show 11pm, \$1.50 well, \$1.25 beer, Bonham Exchange
Liquor rush 8-11pm, Sunday show, 50¢ draft, Wild Club
Donna Daniels Show, dancers, Visions
10¢ well & draft 8-10, \$1 shots, 25¢ Old Milwaukee Light, Noo Zoo
25¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras
"A Sunday Kind of Love" 7:30pm, Nexus
T dance & 25¢ draft 8-9pm, 50¢ draft 9pm, Cowboys in Action midnight, Silver Dollar
Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon
Bartender tag team hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

●SAN ANTONIO, MONDAY, FEB. 2

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat
No cover for adults, Wild Club
50¢ draft, \$2 well, Paper Moon
25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar
\$1.75 frozen margaritas, pool tourney, Memories
Talent contest & square dancing, no cover, Bonham Exchange

●SAN ANTONIO, TUESDAY, FEB. 3

Male dancers, Hardhat
Happy hour 10am-10pm, El Jardin
Happy hour all night, Nexus
Happy hour to 9pm, Memories
PWA benefit show 11pm, Noo Zoo
\$1 well & longnecks, pool tourney 10pm, Noo Zoo
Male dancer 9pm, Nite Owl

Amateur male strip, 50¢ draft, Wild Club
No cover, Bonham Exchange

●SAN ANTONIO, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus
Strip dancers 11pm, Wild Club
Muscles in Action, Paper Moon
Cowboys in Action, 25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar
Hot oil wrestling with Victoria West MC, 75¢ draft, \$2 frozen margaritas, Wild Club
Open pool tourney 8pm, Nite Owl
50¢ well, talent night 10:45pm, Noo Zoo
\$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories
Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft (cover charge), Bonham Exchange
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, THURSDAY, FEB. 5

Steak night 7pm, Nexus

Tandi's Talent Search finals Feb. 27, Wild Club

25¢ draft, Silver Dollar

Adults no cover to midnight, amateur male strip contest midnight, 25¢ draft, boxer shorts theme, Bonham Exchange

Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories

\$1 well & longnecks, show 11:45pm, Noo Zoo

50¢ draft, \$1.25 cans & longnecks, Las Gueras

River City Pool League 8pm, Nite Owl
Hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, FEB. 6

Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, 75¢ draft, \$2 frozen kamis, Wild Club

10¢ well & draft 8-10, strip show midnight, after-hours, Noo Zoo

Men & munchies 8pm, Nite Owl

50¢ draft, Las Gueras

All drinks \$2, Memories

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Boy Scouts renews charter of troop that said it would accept gays

SAN JOSE, Calif., Saturday, Feb. 22 (AP)—The Boy Scouts of America renewed the charter of a troop that defied a national policy excluding homosexuals by announcing it would accept gay people as scouts and leaders.

The national organization says its action doesn't indicate a retreat on Boy Scout policy. Scouting officials said Friday that if San Jose Troop 260—or any other troop—admits homosexuals, its charter will be revoked.

"They do not have any gays and have agreed not to seek any gays," said Buford Hill, western regional director of the Boy Scouts of America. "If they have gays, they cannot be members of the Boy Scouts of America. Those are not negotiable standards."

Gay advocates took the news as a victory, however.

The San Jose troop leaders in December adopted a resolution stating it would not reject any members based on sexual prefer-

ence. No current member is openly homosexual.

Last month, the troop was threatened with loss of its charter unless it complied with the national policy that bars homosexuals.

But Grant Robinson, the Boy Scouts' Northern California director, wrote to the pastor whose church sponsors the 26-member troop saying the troop could remain affiliated if it agreed not to "actively seek to register known or avowed homosexuals."

The request is easily met, since the troop has never said it would actively recruit anyone, said Scoutmaster Michael Cahn.

"I feel that our resolution (to accept gays) is unchanging," Cahn said.

Ken McPherson, co-founder of Forgotten Scouts, a group of gays who were once scouts, hailed the charter renewal.

"We simply want to be treated like everyone else," McPherson said. "We will hold up Troop 260's resolution as a model for scouting across the country."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

City of Houston provides money to hire professional AIDS planner

The city of Houston has granted \$80,000 to the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance to hire a professional planner to work on implementing its recently adopted three-year HIV plan. It is the first city

funding to be set aside for AIDS to date.

According to Mo Jones, a member of the Alliance board of directors and budget and finance committee, the Alliance also approved four other new staff

positions on an emergency basis and is considering an additional six positions.

Other than the planner, the new positions will be funded largely through Ryan White funds dedicated to administra-

tion.

Alliance executive director Sue Cooper approached the new city administration with a specific request and was granted the funding, Jones said.

The New Voice recommends in Austin ...

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●AUSTIN, FRIDAY, FEB. 28

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, The Crossing

Happy hour buffet 5pm, Marilyn's \$1.25 longnecks 5-10pm, Auntie Mame's

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, Charlie's

●AUSTIN, SATURDAY, FEB. 29

\$1.50 well 9-11pm, Auntie Mame's

●AUSTIN, SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Sunday brunch 5pm, Texas Gentlemen 10:30 & midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Patio cookout, Crossing

Well liquor bust 5-10pm, Auntie Mame's

Food Feast, Buckles

Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's

●AUSTIN, MONDAY, MARCH 2

C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

50¢ well 9-11pm, Auntie Mame's

●AUSTIN, TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

\$1 well, Auntie Mame's

Pool tourney 9pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

C&W dance lessons 7:30pm, Nexus

50¢ well 9-11pm, Auntie Mame's

●AUSTIN, THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

\$1.50 well, Auntie Mame's

Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, The Crossing

\$1.25 longnecks 5-10pm, Auntie Mame's

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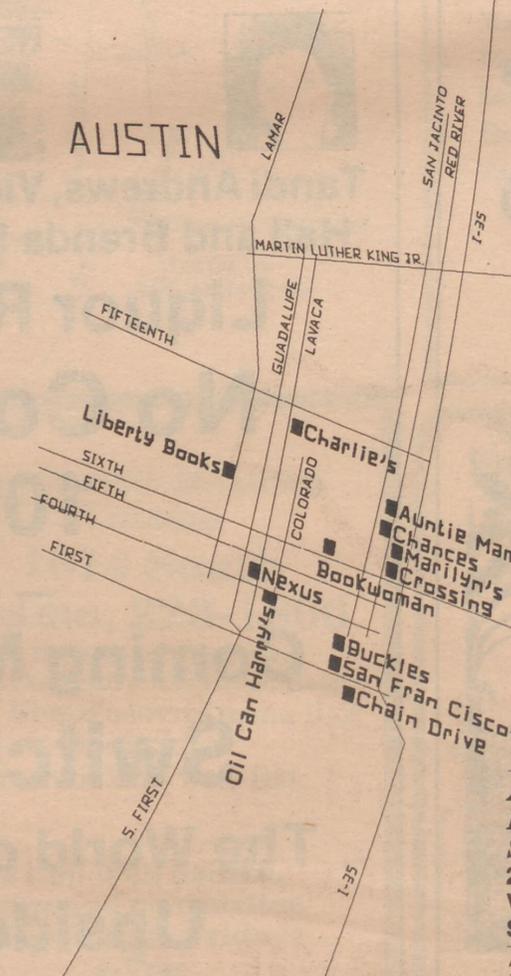
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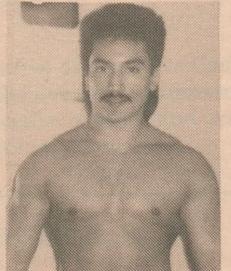
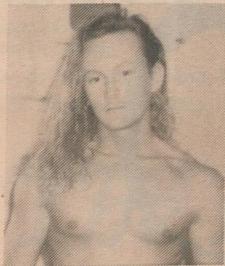
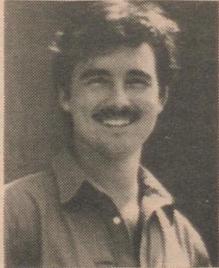
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Gemini: In the middle of the night, you awake briefly with an awareness that you have at no other time. Remember your thoughts then. Use them to guide you for the next few days.

Cancer: Nothing in life is really free. Eventually, each one of us pays for it all. In other words, what seems to be free at the moment will be paid for later. Physical, meta-physical and mental.

Leo: Your world of routine may take on entirely new light with a surprising event. A stranger in the night? We're not exactly sure but you will be when it happens.

Virgo: Sharing some moments with a new friend signals a promising spring. Spring? The season of new-found life? Welcome. Even though we didn't really have a winter this year, spring is in the air.

Libra: There is the tendency now to do far too much. It is a far, far better thing that you do, if you don't do it to excess. Save some energy for a big event next week.

Scorpio: A new friend will appreciate your honesty. Share what you are doing; don't make it a guessing game this time. Listen to yourself. Listen to a new friend.

Sagittarius: Do not invite your parents over for a quiet dinner now. Save that for next time. Instead, make a romantic date. With a tall stranger. The stranger the better.

Capricorn: Your strong sense of self and purpose continues to grow and change your life. This is a good attribute. Some day, a long time away, you'll look back and say, "I did it right."

Aquarius: Your memory is working overtime? No way. A busy mind is a growing mind. Always look for new ways to look at things. What was fuzzy at one time is now clear as a bell. What's confusing now will someday too be clear, if you keep you memory working ... working.

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Friday, Feb. 28
Little Bit of
Texas



Saturday, Feb. 29
Galveston Mardi Gras Bus
Leaves BRB 11:30am
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Sun., March 1
Calling All
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7-9pm, BRB
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BRB Schedule for March 6-8
"Let Us Entertain You Weekend" Events

Sat. 3pm, TGRA Cocktail Party
Sat. 7-9pm TX Renegades and TX Riders Serve Dinner
Sat. 9:30pm TX Renegades Cocktail Party
Sun. Noon Brunch Provided By the BRB with Colt 45's
Sun. 1pm Showtime, 3pm Awards

Coming Soon: Sunday, March 8, Benefit Show Hosted By Charlie Collins, Mr. TGRA 93 Candidate
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HOUSTON, FRIDAY, FEB. 28

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool
tourney 11:30am, Mary's
1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm,
Midtowne Spa
Buffet 4-8pm, BRB
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action
dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers
10pm-2am, Gentry
No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street
dance bar
Little Bit of Texas band, BRB
"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Male dancers 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
TGI Mardi Gras Weekend Warmup,
Pacific Street
Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's

Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm,
E/J's
Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body
Center, Midtowne Spa
HOUSTON, SATURDAY, FEB. 29
Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's
Bus trips to Galveston Mardi Gras from
Ripcord (with Krewe of Hydra) and from
BRB (11:30am with Colt 45's)
Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-
10pm, E/J's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.
Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
75¢ vodka 6-11pm, Mother's
9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Leaping Lesbians Party, Juliet's Place
Leather & Flesh Fantasy Ball 9pm,
Pacific Street
Caged Heat/Men Behind Bars strippers,
Pacific Street
Maude's Madcap Mayhem talent
showcase 10pm, Gentry
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 After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa
●HOUSTON, SUNDAY, MARCH 1
 \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's
 \$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all day, E/J's
 Leather day and beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 5pm, Mary's
 BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
 Beer bust noon-11pm, Montrose Mine
 Food & blue light specials from 5pm, Venture-N
 \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's Place
 Steak-n-tater 5pm, Gentry
 No cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street dance bar
 Steak night 5-9pm, blue light specials 6-11pm, BRB
 Cowboy of the Month Contest 7-9pm, BRB
 "Bourbon Street Balcony Party" 5pm, Masked Monster T-Dance, Pacific Street
 \$1 beer, 50¢ draft, daBronx
 \$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all night, E/J's
 Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
 Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●HOUSTON, MONDAY, MARCH 2
 75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's
 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N
 "Mardi Gras Clubbers Night" 9pm, Pacific Street dance bar
 Pretty Boy of the Year preliminary contest, Mother's
 Happy hour all day, all night, BRB
 Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center



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R	AT 6:30 PM
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S	MAUDE'S
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T	SHOWCASE
S	STEAK-N-TATER
U	5:00 PM
N	DANCERS 7:00 PM
M	MALE STRIP
O	CONTEST
N	10:30 PM
T	COMPLIMENTARY
U	PIZZA AT 6:30 PM
E	VIDEO CLASSIC 9:00
W	WET JOCKEYS
E	CONTEST
D	10:00 PM
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H	COUNTRY NIGHTS
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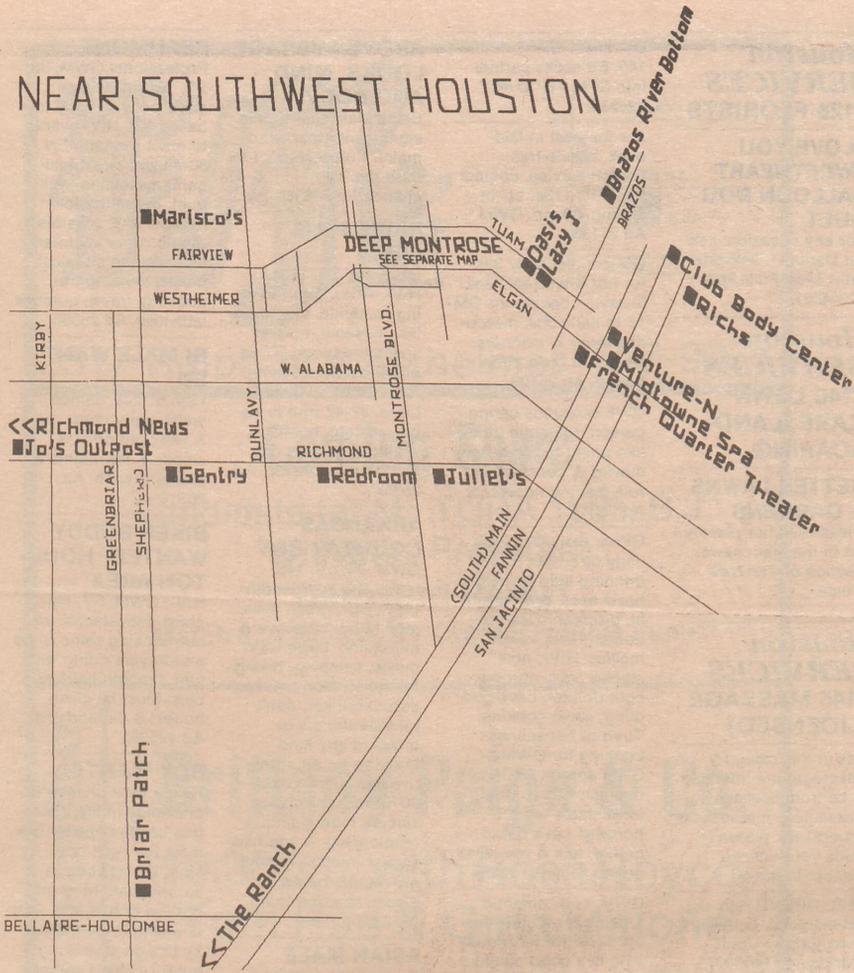

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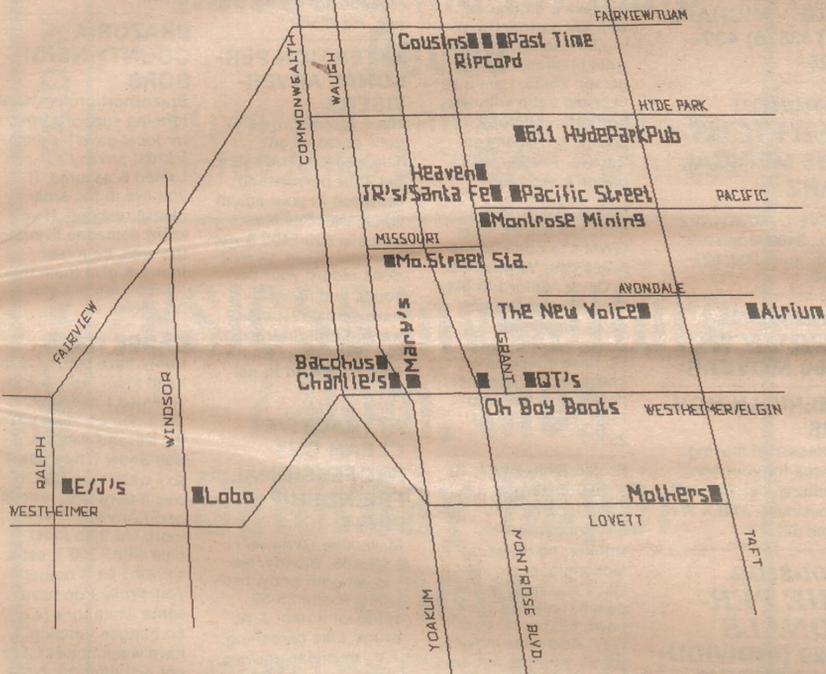
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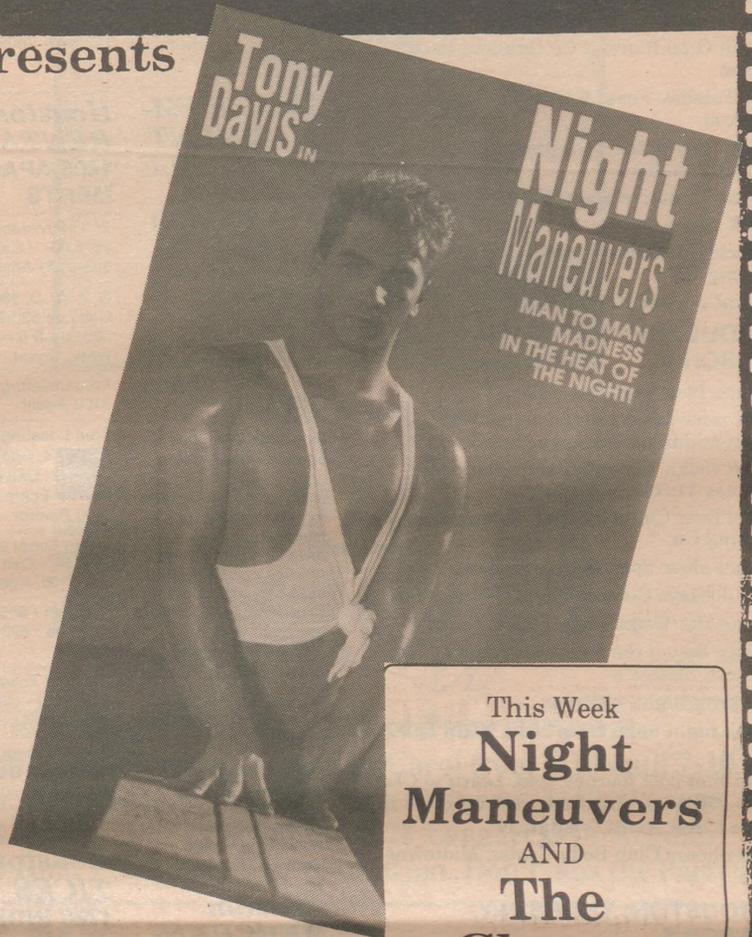
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After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's
Pizza Party 6:30pm, Gentry
Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm, Mother's
Chili night & \$1.50 beer, Juliet's Place
Dart & pool tourneys, daBronx
Mardi Gras Blowout Celebration, Pacific Street
Fat Tuesday Feast & Crawfish Boil 9pm, Ripcord
Pretty Boy of the Year preliminary contest, Mother's
Young executive night, Pacific Street
C&W dance lessons 10pm, BRB
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's

HOUSTON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
"The Bear Club for Men," Montrose Mining Co.
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry
White Hot Wednesday, Pacific Street
Pretty Boy of the Year preliminary contest, Mother's
1/2 price night, daBronx
Steak night 6pm, Open Mike Night 8pm, E/J's
Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Learn to Clog 7pm, BRB
Bare Chest Night, Venture-N
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, THURSDAY, MARCH 5

\$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's
Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
50¢ burgers 6-9pm, beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, advanced dance lessons 9pm, \$1.50 longnecks all night, BRB
\$1 vodka, dart tournament, Juliet's Place
Pretty Boy of the Year preliminary contest, Mother's
Brittany Paige & Co. 10:30pm, E/J's
Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Country Night, Gentry
Show, daBronx
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Houston Council of Club's Let Us Entertain You Weekend
1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa
Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
Buffet 4-8pm, BRB
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
Hors d'oeuvres 5:30-7:30, male dancers 8pm-2am, J.R.'s
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm-2am, Gentry
No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar
Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa
Pretty Boy of the Year preliminary contest, Mother's
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's

Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

LATER

Thru March 8: Pretty Boy of the Year contest, Mother's
Thru March 8: Houston Council of Club's Let Us Entertain You Weekend
March 7: L.U.E.Y. TGRA cocktail party 3pm, dinner 7-9pm, cocktail party 9:30pm, BRB
March 7: Diamond & Studs 9pm, Pacific Street
March 8: L.U.E.Y. brunch noon, show 1pm, awards 3pm, BRB
March 8: Charlie Collins show BRB
March 20-23: Venture-N's Adventure-N Tucson

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Attractive GWM, 21, seeking interesting, fun, different, honest, GWM 18-29 for friends? You tell me. I am open to different ideas (relationships, friends, ?) Willing to give 101%, but it takes 2 to make things work. Ad 25929.

Austin humanoid seeks intellectual companionship & more. HIV-, Houston, Austin & San Antonio. ad 25980

Can't hurry love but lets get it in motion. GBM, 32, 6'1, 200lbs, above average looks & mind. Seeks fit GWM, 28-45, 100% single, unjaded & tired of flying solo. Ad #25388

Cute Indo-European male, 5'9, 145, college grad, seeking monogamy/friendship with someone who is reasonably good looking & down to earth. Interests are museums, sports, movies, theater & camping. I am loyal & believe that respect is a foundation of a good friendship. Ad 25349

Dominant GWM, 40, 145, 5'9 seeks partner into S/ M - B/ D.ad #25336.

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GM couple, early 30s, for hot & wild safe sex 3 ways. Looking for GM 18 to early 30s, masculine looks & manners, weight in proportion to height. Ad 25109

GWF sensuous caring person, romantic times, like going to the beach, movies & concerts. No role playing necessary. Ad 25311

GWM, early 60's look early 50's, 160, 5'10, thinning light br hair, hazel eyes, professional, discreet loves outdoors, travel, music, & movies. HIV-, non-smoker, non druggie, light drinker. Love cuddling, some cooking. Tired of bar scenes. Looking for GWM or GHM approx 40, HIV- of small frame. Must have stable work & honesty. Let's get together, talk & see what comes of it. Ad 25354

GWM, soft romantic looking for a considerate sensitive individual who is a good communicator, able to listen & understand. Aware of obstacles in life & able to give life a challenge to make a difference with life partner. Looking for friendship, possible relationship with person 25-35. I am a 29 year old Latin with well proportioned body, HIV pos., & physically attractive. Answer with phone #. Ad 25961

Mature GWM, HIV-, 5'11, 155, wants other GWM's to come to my home near Westheimer & Dairy Ashford to play the following games: cards, dominoes, checkers, cribbage, Chinese checkers or chess, or put together jigsaw puzzles. Also FREE body rub. Ad 25320

Professional GWM, 40, 6', 150 lb., brn, grn, good looking, HIV-, stable, educated, non-smoker, no drugs, affectionate, plays safe, Likes massage, leather, denim, uniforms, cowboys, tall boots, boot play. Also likes movies, travel, working out, being active. Seeks good looking slim or muscular man, 30-55, any race, with similar adjectives & interests. Reply to Ad 25081

Smooth oriental 27, 5'11, 155, HIV-, good-looking swimmers body, outgoing, sense of humor, busy worker. Seeks GWM, HIV-, 24-35, good-looking, weight in proportion to height. Please respond to Ad #25384.

This attractive, mid-50's, GWM has affection, energy & talent to share. Insist on replies from dependable, stable men with no alcohol or drug problems. Defined tastes, fun-loving, sexual & spiritual awareness combined, promise a rewarding friendship/relationship. Ad 25358

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GBM 6'1, 190, br/haz, 40ish, discrete, hairy, masculine, professional, well educated & traveled in search of a sincere, sensitive, attractive professional GM, 30-50, non-smoker, drug-free, enjoying cultural arts, dining out & romantic evenings at home, surprises. Not into bar scene, lets get together & talk. Ad 25316

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Black Male seeks Latin significant other (also male). I urge you not to miss this rare chance. Ad #25386

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GHM, 39, 5'8, 160#, HIV-, Aries, good-looking romantic. Like movies, museum, bowl & spectator sports. Tired of bar scene. Looking for a GWM or GHM, Libra, 32-42 who is stable, sincere, honest & willing to build a one on one relationship. Ad 25357

ARKANSAS COUNTRY BOY

GWM, 26, 5'9, 145, HIV+, shoulder length black hair, green eyes, med build, attractive & masculine. Likes C&W music, camping, hiking & movies. Non-smoker, casual drinker, don't tolerate drunks or drugs of any kind. Looking for an attractive masculine GWM, 20-30 for very honest, sincere monogamous relationship. If you have similar interest & meet my requirements, please respond to ad #25335.

ASIAN MALE

21, HIV neg., college student, looking for males for friendships & possible relationship. Must be fun loving, HIV neg. Ad 25969

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ATTRACTIVE CLEAN CUT PROFESSIONAL FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Masculine GWM, 47, 5'10, 185, Blonde, tattoo, smooth body, likes same. Prefer 35-50, sense-of-humor & no drugs. Like gardening, T.V., musician, movies, dinner in/out. Likes cuddling, homebody. Friendship & possibly more. Instant attention to muscular non-hairy body. Will answer all. Ad 25324

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28, 5'8, 155, HIV- in good shape, have real heart for a attractive, masculine, mostly top GWM or GHM, career oriented, 28-35, 5'8 or more in shape. Enjoy new culture, travel, music, dining, gym, movies & quiet evenings with a compatible partner. Happy to build a future home & loving relationship only with you to make life worth living. ad 25304.

BEAUMONT

Professional GWM, 38, 5'9, 165, masculine, good body, drug & tobacco free, HIV-, wants to meet similar MEN 30-40 who are intelligent, masculine, well-built, & healthy for friendship & possible relationship. My interests include classical music, working out, cooking, travel, outdoor activities. Ad 25066

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I am 6', 225, 38inch waist, hairy chest, HIV- & like light drink & smoke & hot nights & lots of French. Ad 25310

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COLLEGE STUDENT SEEKS FRIEND

GWM, 21, 6', 170, my interests are movies, out-of-doors, current events, C&W, top 40 & classical music. I am drug free & non-smoker, seeking sensitive, intelligent, individual for friendship & possible relationship. Would like to find someone to share new experiences with. Also interested in finding someone to begin working out with. Ad 25312.

CUTE ROMANTIC SOFT BUTCH

GWF, 40-plus, blonde, brown eyes, cute professional, mature & stable & believe in honesty, trust & communication. Have great sense of humor & am incurable romantic. Don't smoke, drugs or drink & enjoy outdoors as well as indoor activities. Looking for new adventures to share with new friends or partner. Ad 25225

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Well even Sundays & Mondays ok, I have a very public face - you must be extremely attractive & masculine (boy next door) 18-29, I live in Austin but have fabulous Houston home for our assignation. Ad 25306

DO YOU WANT

A tall daddy, a big guy, a good buddy who's 40 yrs old. I want a younger man, trim, gentle, a real daddy's boy. Some of these would be nice; long hair, no facial hair, smooth body or slim build. Ad 25928

DON'T NEED ANOTHER FATHER

Very handsome masculine GWM, 19, 6', br/gr. Hobbies include reading, working out, collecting music. Looking for a very handsome, faithful & caring guy, 21-29, for possible relationship. Must be drug & smoke free. If this fits you please respond to Ad 25116

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GWM, 5'1, 26 yrs, seeking same for stable companionship & hopefully more. 5'5 a plus. Your search for a sincere, honest, warm companion has ended. I am an understanding, compassionate & affectionately laid back person. I don't get the opportunity to meet many guys with the same qualities who can return them. Ad 25182

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GWM, 35, 5'6 130lbs, likes to give long hours of French Service to guys who can just sit back & appreciate it. No reciprocation. ad 25309

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ing GWM, 30's with similar qualities, also capable of passion, intimacy & affection, mature, stable & looking for a meaningful relationship. Ad 25960

FRENCH SERVICE

GWM 18-40, if you like to sit back & watch movies while being serviced, this is the ad to respond to. Looking for men who are quiet & enjoy slow, long, sensual evenings. No reciprocation needed. I'm 150, 40, 6', average looking & hairy chested. Ad 25241

FRIENDSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

Attractive GBM, bottom, 28, 6', 175, seeks GM, 30 & older for friendship or possible relationship. Interests include: Movies, reading, cooking & good conversation. Come on, let's share life together. ad #25331

GBM'S

GWM 46, very tall, thin, very hairy, HIV-, seeks GBM'S. You 25-40 smooth chest, weight in proportion to height, healthy, HIV-, non-smoker, non-drug user, interested in safe fun or something more. Ad 25380.

GHM, 32, 5'6, 125#, SELF-MOTIVATED PROFESSIONAL

brn hair/ eyes, smooth, athletic, cute, boyish looks, masculine, intelligent, witty & upbeat just fun to be around. I enjoy working out, swimming, tennis, bicycling, the fine arts & specifically traveling. Seeking GWM, 25-40, masculine, slim/ muscular build, intelligent with good sense of humor & superb human quality for monogamous relationship. Ad 25360

GM - 35 SENSITIVE & CARING

Easy going, cuddly, humorous, playful. Tired of bars, attitudes, lies & sleeping alone. Seeking GWM 25-35 to enjoy life with. Must be employed, stable & non-smoker. (Light drinking ok). Ultimate goal is a long lasting intimate relationship for the enjoyment of life, self & others. ad #25341

GOODLOOKING GWM

Seeks intelligent & attractive men under 40 for good times, friendship & possible relationship. I'm a college teacher, 53, 6'4, 195, green eyes, dark thinning hair with trimmed beard. Ad 25334

GWF IN ALIEF

28, 5'3, br/ br med. build. I am seriously looking for friends to go out with & someone who can teach me to C&W dance. I prefer people who are down to earth, funny, sincere & honest. Friendship first, romance later. I like to travel so if you're from somewhere outside of Houston, lets hear from you too! I like movies, dancing & sharing special time. ad. 25327

GWF, 35

Seeking a monogamous life-time relationship. enjoy peaceful romantic evening at home. Infrequent fun evenings out. Am open to various types of entertainment. movies, reading, plays etc ... Enjoy romantic interludes on beach till sunrise. I'm a people person & I enjoy children & families. would like to meet a woman who truly loves women. No role playing. ad#25301.

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Looking for that special someone. Must be drug free. I am responsible,

good listener, with a lot of love to give. Interests are astrology, numerology & most new age subjects. Enjoy watching pro sports, movies & dining out. Looking for someone to depend on? Ad 25984

GWM SEEKING GHM

Me: 26, 6', br/ green, stocky build. I enjoy working, eating, laughing for no reason & cuddling up with a nice pair of fruit-of-the-looms! Looking for GHM 20-35 with traditional values, but also able to drive the loop in their underwear, butch at heart, a plus! ad 25321

GWM, 32, 6'5, 285

mostly bottom, but can be versatile. Enjoy camping, canoeing, politics, movies, theater. Non-smoker, occasional glass of wine. Know what & who I am - hope you do too. Looking for friendship/ companionship - worry about the rest later. If this sounds interesting, let's have lunch/ dinner & see where things go. Ad 25919

GWM, 40, 5'9, 145, br/ br

slim but very firm. Big moustache, big heart, responsible, sincere, stable. I enjoy music, anything from country to disco, also enjoy movies, opera, theater, the outdoors & quiet evenings at home. Looking for someone who is in good shape, 35-45 years old, good sense of humor. Ad 25956

GWM, TOP SEEKS BOTTOM

For hot fun. Discreet, safe. ad 25213.

HAIRY CHESTED, MOUSTACHED GW MEN WANTED

Let's be friends first, then ????. GWM, 36, 190, 6', brn/ grn, seeks masculine GWM, tall, 30-40, non-smokers with hairy chests/moustaches for fun/quiet times. Mature, well-built, stable, professional, gym bodies, no mind games, big pluses. Ad 25238

HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL:

42/ 5'11/ 170 lbs/ salt & pepper hair/ blue eyes/ degree/ professional/ masculine. Interests: travel, working out, collecting antiques, writing, self-improvement, dining out. Good Listener. Great conversationalist! Seeking significant relationship with good-looking GM of similar or intriguing qualities. Could this be THE one for you? Let's get together & find out! Ad 25237

HEY, CAN WE TALK SERIOUSLY?

GWM, 31, 6', 180, B/BR, hairy chest, attractive, seeks GWM, GHM boy-next-door type, 21-30, slim, smooth, stable & attractive. I have varied interests & enjoy life. Need a special person to share it with. Need someone open, honest & not into games. ad 25314.

HOT BOTTOM SEEKS HOT TOP

GWM, 39, HIV-, 5'11 165, br/ br attractive, good body, hairy chest, Seeking aggressive hot top, 35-45, attractive good body, weight proportion to height. If you're looking for hot sexy fun with hot bottom, I'm your man. Guaranteed satisfaction. Call back for direct contact information. Ad 25330

HOT GM COUPLE

GWM couple, early & mid 30s, would like to meet other couples &

singles for hot, safe fun. We are looking for similar men who are uninhibited & who enjoy B&D within limits. Ad 25210

HOT HANDSOME INSATIABLE ROMANTIC & INTELLIGENT GWM

32, smoker 6' slim, healthy, long dark hair/eyes, seeks passionate playmate who understands the significance of natural scent at playtime. Interests include the visual arts, reading, classical & alternative/progressive music, pleasure & smooth handsome young men. Do you believe in magic? Ad 25355

INTERESTING

GWM, 21, seeks same 18-30 for friends first, who knows next. Must be mature, loving, but fun & honesty & trust is a definite plus. Are you that special one out there. Well let me know. There is no greater bond than the one of love, & friendship is part of the bond that holds that together. Ad 25929

LISTEN UP NOW

Seek handsome GWM with a nice body, dark hair, 5:00 shadow, unclipped thick curly dark chest & stomach hair, employed, easy going, healthy yet HIV+, kinky, into leather, masculine, & not looking for a meaningful, monogamous relationship, or walks on the beach or quiet quality times alone. Do not respond if you don't have all of above traits. Ad 25318

LOOKING FOR A TEDDY BARE?

GWF 42, 5'9, heavy set, carry weight well, bluish grey eyes, salt & pepper hair, soft butch, romantic, passionate, good sex appetite, quiet evenings, soft music, candles, incense, reading, pets, outdoor activities, photography. Love to love women. Ad# 25389.

LOOKING FOR GWF-F 40-50 YEARS,

who knows that pines whisper & gossip. Likes to hear the critters sing the sun to sleep each night. Likes to see dawn flirting across the sky & thru the trees. Knows that showers wash away soil & 1 but not the love of soul-mates or nature. ad 25305

LOOKING SOUTH

Colombian baby bear, (GWM) (HIV-) wanted by Gringo Papa Bear, (51) (HIV-) would like non-smoking/ drinker, sincere, masculine, mature & affectionate. Person should also like to travel, cook, listen to serious music & know how to drive a nail. Tall order? not for the long term monogamous relationship that I seek. Ad# 25382.

MARRIED MEN

Spend quality time day or night w/ semi-retired GWM in Houston. Ad 25328

MARRIED W/BI MAN

I am a married professional man seeking same. I am in the closet & so are you. I am 37, 5'11, 160, br/grey. You: red hair (not a must) married, white closeted man, 21-40 discretion a must. Small tool, no problem. Enjoy golf, hunting, hiking, camping, reading, cooking, relaxing & nude swimming. Beaumont is better, but come to Houston once or twice a month. prefer non-smoker/drugs, weight in proportion to height. I am HIV- & serious about safe sex. Ad 25300

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LONER

Mid 20's, 6', 150lbs, looking to meet others in my area. Don't care too much for mainstream gay life. Likes C&W, cowboys, camping & just hanging out. Masculine & expect same. Don't need a whole lot of friends, just a couple of good ones. Ad 25240

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

Looking for healthy mind & body, fun loving, versatile man. You - blue/ green/ hazel eyes - prefer body hair - safe sex a must - over 21. Me - 30's, stocky Hispanic - HIV +, on occasions called handsome. Looking for butt buddy. Ad 25346

NOT MARRIED WITH CHILDREN

GWM 37, 5'6, 130 lbs br/hz Italian, moustache, nice looking, firm build, HIV pos. Raising two young teen boys alone. This dad needs companions & distractions, like to party on week-ends. Into old cars, dancing & raising hell. Would like to make friends & meet others in similar situation. Ad 25362

PROFESSIONAL BUT CASUAL

Friendly nice looking GWM, 32, 5'9 170, Br/ Br, moustache, hairy chest, non-smoker, HIV-, Seeking relationship oriented GWM, 26-36, med-build who enjoys movies, dining out & good conversation. Friendship or romance could result. Ad 25326

QUALITY OLDER SEEKS QUALITY YOUNGER

I am a middle-aged professional, sensitive, caring & decent. seek that young, healthy, clean cut boy-next-door type for friendship/relationship & more. Not attracted to men my own age, but can be a great companion to someone younger. I love touching, eating out, movies, quiet evenings at home. If you are a quality young person seeking a quali-

ty older guy, please reply, I'll give a quick response. Ad 25105

ROMANTIC GHM, 34

br/br 6'1, 170-175, attractive, workout, smoker, social drinker, professional. Enjoy quality time with special person. Seeking GWM, 18-35, attractive, weight in proportion to height, honest, sincere, tired of the games, for friendship and/or possible relationship. Ad 25971

ROMANTIC SEEKING SPECIAL LADY

GWF, 37, sincere, mature, stable, rft into head games or role playing. Looking to meet similar lady for dating and/ or lifemate. Age or weight not a factor. ad #25329.

SEEK SLIM, FEMININE T.S., HIV-

I am Bi-WM 5'10, 160, smooth body, HIV-, non-smoker/ drugs, workout, great pecks. Ad 25322

SEEKS TRUE LASTING RELATIONSHIP

Asian Indian male, mid 30's, (looks young), 5'7, 132, educated, professional, well mannered. Seeks masculine top refined Black Male of compatible background & vision. interested in committed companionship & different cultural outlook. Interests include travel, cultures, reading & of course, Romantic Rendezvous. Please respond. Ad 25307

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING YOU WILL FIND.

A handsome professional, 6'0, 185, GWM. Well educated & traveled, enjoying a unique lifestyle: opera, ballet, theater, collecting antiques, restoring autos, classic movies, loving animals, working out, dining by candlelight. In search of attractive, masculine, non-smoking/drug-free, healthy GWM, 25-45, discrete, responsible, sincere & sensitive, for a very special, long term, mo-

nogamous relationship. ad 25373.

THE CHALLENGE

GBM, 36 complex, honest man seeks young GWM with a spirit of adventure to share my interests. I've searched long enough, let's get together. Ad 25236.

THE MAN I LOVE

will have values & standards, but will realize that relationships are more important than possessions. He will also love to kiss! GWM, late thirties, br/br, 5'10, 150, moustache, hairy chest, nice looking, nice guy, healthy, financially secure, romantic, seeks nonsmoking GWM, twenties or thirties for fun, romance & spirited conversations. Ad 25169

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TUTOR NEEDED

Attractive, GBM, 29, seeks tutor (any race) for intense studies & friendship. Willing to open my heart up for the right person. Inter-

ests include romantic evenings, dancing, jazz & cooking. Prefer non-smoking individual who is gentle, fun, intelligent, & emotionally stable. Let's play school. My favorite subject is anatomy. Ad 25987

UNABLE TO CONFORM

Late 20's professional GWM with no niche to call my own. I eat Chocolate, Decadence ice cream after workouts, watch CBS sitcoms or Euro-films at the RO, listen to Mozart or Front 242, & work cattle or discuss sex over coffee at Pie's on weekends. Tell me what makes you different. Ad 25985

VERY COUNTRY, VERY MASCULINE BEAR

Southeast metro: LaPorte/ Baytown area. Gay Anglo male, 49, 6'5, 220, honest, friendly & sincere. Have wide variety of interests but loves outdoors, horseback riding, working cattle, country music & dancing. Looking for younger, Anglo male, slim or trim smooth or hairy, masculine yet somewhat submissive, for friendship or more. Ad 25369

WHAT IS TRULY ESSENTIAL IN LIFE ...

is invisible to the eye. True vision is an element of heart & mind combined. A certain level of vulnerability must exist in order for one to fully embrace life. I'm a GHF, 5'2, 37, shy, soft butch who is an artist at heart. If your beauty glows from within you, we are destined to meet. Ad 25183

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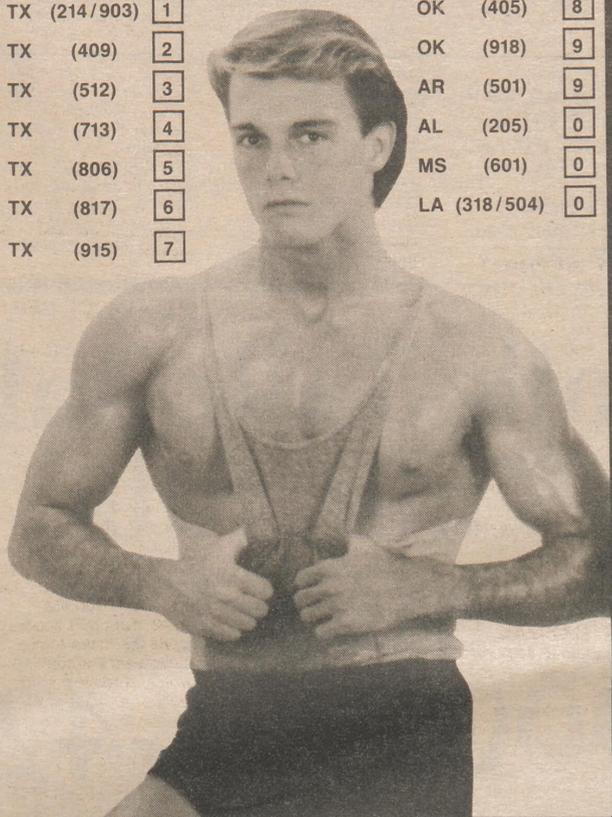


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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

University of Montana faculty wants alternative to hate speech ban

MISSOULA, Mont., Friday, Feb. 21 (AP)—The University of Montana faculty wants a "more sophisticated, subtle approach" than an outright ban to control hate speech on campus.

The Faculty Senate made that decision in an unusual evening meeting

Thursday that generated some heated, if not hateful, speech.

The proposed ban, which would be included in a revision of UM's student conduct code, has triggered an intense debate among students and faculty and even outside the campus.

One proposal would prohibit ethnic or racial slurs, demeaning comments about race, sex, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, marital status, creed, religion, color, age, mental or physical disability, or any speech that would create an intimidating or hostile environment.

Proposed punishments could range

from warnings to expulsion from school, eviction from dormitories or campus events, or required attendance at special classes or programs, and even psychotherapy.

Opponents have argued that restricting speech even with good intentions is dangerous business.

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Where are you? I've been looking & I can't find you! I am a GHM, 23, HIV-, attractive, well educated & a aggressive, stubborn, humorous, honest & dedicated to living life to the fullest. I enjoy the arts & long conversations. I'm looking for a GWM-GHM, 23-33 with similar traits, who is interested in becoming good friends or whatever comes after. AD#25333

WM/ BI MARRIED TV

Married professional 5'9, 42 wants to meet TV, TS in Houston & surrounding area. Travel some to San Antonio. Tired of the bar scene. Also interested in meeting mature professional person for relationship. Discrete & disease free. Your response will be answered. ad 25317.

WANT TO PLAY?

I seek men of varied sexual interests but I am particularly interested in those who enjoy being of service. I am 42, 5'9 178, hairy, Italian, assertive. Ad 25134

WANTED GWM COMPANIONS

GWM seeks other GWM(s) for companionship & hopefully

more. I am 5'7", average looks, shy but friendly & willing to develop a value-for-value relationship. You need only be easy-going, playful, open-minded & willing to meet in person, HIV neg. I like nudism, giving/getting sensuous body rubs & meaningful time spent together. Ad 25104

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mail multiple responses in a single envelope.)

► To RECEIVE Responses to Your Personal Ad:

We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail.

To see if you have any verbal messages waiting to be retrieved, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. Follow the verbal instructions. If the recording there says you have verbal responses waiting, have your 5-digit code and secret 4-digit PIN handy and call 1-900-454-4242 to retrieve your verbal responses. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill from "Micro Voice."

► RULES of Etiquette:

All personal ads, and all responses to personal ads, should be in good taste. An advertiser may not describe sexual activity or anatomy. All advertising should be "positive." That is, describing only those people or traits desired. (People or traits not desired must not be listed.)

► Additional REQUIREMENT:

As of Sept. 1, 1991, to take advantage of this \$19-per-year extraordinary offer, we require that you participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals by calling a special 1-800 number we will give you at the time you place your ad. There, by following the verbal instructions, you will record, in your own actual voice, your personal ad. If you do NOT participate in this "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals, you will not be eligible for the \$19 per year unlimited rate but may instead purchase a personal ad at our regular rate of 40 cents per word per week.