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▼▼▼ DATELINE TEXAS

Gay and lesbian student groups call for end to DoD-ROTC discrimination

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

Leaders of lesbian and gay student groups in Houston and Austin joined in a national student protest last Friday, April 10, calling for an end to anti-gay policies in the Department of Defense and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Simultaneous news conferences in recognition of the "National Day of Action Against Discrimination" were held at Rice University in Houston, the University of Texas at Arlington and the State Capitol. As well, a letter was delivered to Gov. Ann Richards from the Coalition of Lesbian and Gay Student Groups, South West Texas State University and the University of Texas at Austin, asking her to support the rescission of DoD Directive 1332.14, the military's anti-gay and lesbian policy. Later, a protest rally was held on the SWTU campus in San Marcos.

The actions were part of a regional response coordinated by members of the C.L.G.S.G., which includes gay and lesbian student groups at colleges throughout the Southwest. Coalition members from Oklahoma State University were also scheduled to present a letter to Oklahoma Gov. David Walters calling for his support against the discriminatory policy.

But in Texas, the student protests were ironically timely, coming on the heels of renewed attention to the military policy in the wake of recent service personnel restrictions against an El Pa-

so gay bar. Lesbian/gay activists, enraged by an official excuse from Ft. Bliss citing concerns of "disease transmission" for the bar's "off limits" status, issued a renewed call to action regarding the DoD two weeks before.

—Rice U. conference

In Houston, members of Gays and Lesbians of Rice (GALOR) and the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville presented statements against the policy and distributed a flyer comparing its text to that of a 1941 policy that excluded African-Americans from service with whites in the military. (Both reason that the exclusion is necessary to maintain morale in the close and intimate conditions necessitated by military service). The students also pointed out the irony that such prejudiced reasoning still provides grounds for a mandate in 1991, "with an African American at the top (of the defense department) and reporting directly to the president."

"Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said to Congress that the Armed Forces ban on openly lesbian and gay participation is 'a bit of an old chestnut,' said Cory West, president of GALOR. "President Bush should end this policy with an executive order, just as President Truman ordered an end to racial segregation in the Armed Forces in the forties."

The students also distributed a background sheet outlining the military's history of discrimination against lesbi-



Gays and Lesbians of Rice (GALOR) members Eric D., Stephen Sachitano, Cory West, Anderson Brandao and Geoffrey Stafford participated in lesbian and gay students' National Day of Action against military discrimination on April 10

ans and gays, and cited published results of internal DoD studies that indicated gay service members perform as good or better than their heterosexual counterparts.

Under military law, it is criminal to be lesbian or gay regardless of behavior. Military regulations also suggest that mixing lesbian and gay soldiers with heterosexual soldiers is bad for morale despite the Personnel Security Research and Education (PERSEREC) report of January, 1989 refuting this.

Katherine Mahaffey, chair of the Sam Houston State GLBA, noted, "The Department of Defense wastes millions of dollars each year on witch hunts to identify and remove lesbian and gay soldiers who have been serving successfully. Even the department's own think tanks (in the PERSEREC report) have found that lesbian and gay soldiers are not only as good as heterosexual soldiers but often better."

—Austin action supported

In Austin, the student groups were joined by several other activist organizations and gay/lesbian leaders in a news conference at the State Capitol. Participating in support of the National Day of Action were representatives of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, Veterans for Peace, ACT UP Austin, Queer Nation and the Gay Graduate Students Association.

"Because of the military's presence in Texas, this is an extremely important is-

sue (here)," said Laurie Eiserloh, executive director of LGRL.

"Recently, both San Antonio and El Paso have seen military harassment of gay and lesbian service members. In San Antonio, the military has resorted to such tactics as using local police to block exit doors at gay bars while checking identification cards to locate military personnel."

Surprisingly, Eiserloh noted, "two of the most useful documents in the fight against gay/lesbian discrimination in the services were produced by the Department of Defense." The 1988 and 1989 reports, favorable to the integration of lesbian and gay people in the military and citing evidence that gays often perform at above average levels in the armed services, were at first covered up by the military, she said.

Eiserloh also pointed out the similarities between the military policy on gays and lesbians and the former policy regarding racial segregation.

"It is the belief of LGRL that the military policy must be changed because it gives credibility to the idea that gays and lesbians are second class citizens," Eiserloh said. "This policy sends a message beyond the armed forces and affects the lives of millions of people."

Eiserloh later joined the Coalition of Lesbian and Gay Student Groups in a rally at Southwest Texas State University protesting the military exclusion of lesbians and gays.



Laurie Eiserloh (Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby) and Lori Thomas (Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Student Groups) were among participants in a "Day of Action" rally at Southwest Texas State University

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Ray Hill loses JP race to Dale Gorczynski by 3-1 margin

Openly gay candidate Ray Hill managed 25 percent of the vote, but lost his race for Justice of the Peace, Precinct One, Place One to his opponent, long time Houston City Council member Dale Gorczynski in Tuesday's runoff by a overwhelming margin. Gorczynski, the victor in the nine-candidate March 10 Democratic primary, gathered almost 75 percent of the runoff vote, with unofficial closing results giving him about 15,000 votes to Hill's 5,125.

Hill was one of two openly gay candidates in the state in a runoff election Tuesday. The other, 47-year old Michael O. Robert, was also running for justice of the peace, in the tiny resort city of Port Aransas, near Corpus Christi. Robert lost to opponent Duncan Neblett by a margin of not quite 2-1: (500-290 in late results). Port Aransas has a population of about 2,000. Among the similarities in the two races: neither Neblett nor Gorczynski made an issue in campaigning of their op-

ponents' sexual orientation.

Rob Bridges, manager of Hill's campaign, said while the results were disappointing, they should not be interpreted as meaning an openly gay person cannot be elected to office in Houston. "What we need to do is find out what is wrong, what is right and what it will take to get that extra margin, (for a gay candidate) to have a broader appeal," he said.

Chris Bacon, president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus noted that there is a "certain frustration" in observing that the openly people who have run serious campaigns thus far "seem to hit a ceiling of about 25 percent." However, Bacon said, it is important to consider that in each of these races, the candidate faced popular, well known opponents—Annise Parker ran for council against incumbent Vince Ryan, while Hill faced a long term council member who, because of recently passed term limitations, would have had

to petition voters in his district to be able to run for the seat again. Gorczynski chose, instead, to seek the JP post, which also receives a higher salary. As Gorczynski has no Republican opponent in the November general election, he has essentially won the post.

Half of the candidates endorsed by GLPC did win their runoff races, Bacon noted. However, candidates in key races—Hill and Ben Reyes, who lost his race in the newly created 29th U.S. Congressional District to Gene Green—watched by the caucus did not, though according to Bacon the results for these candidates would have been much bleaker without the endorsement.

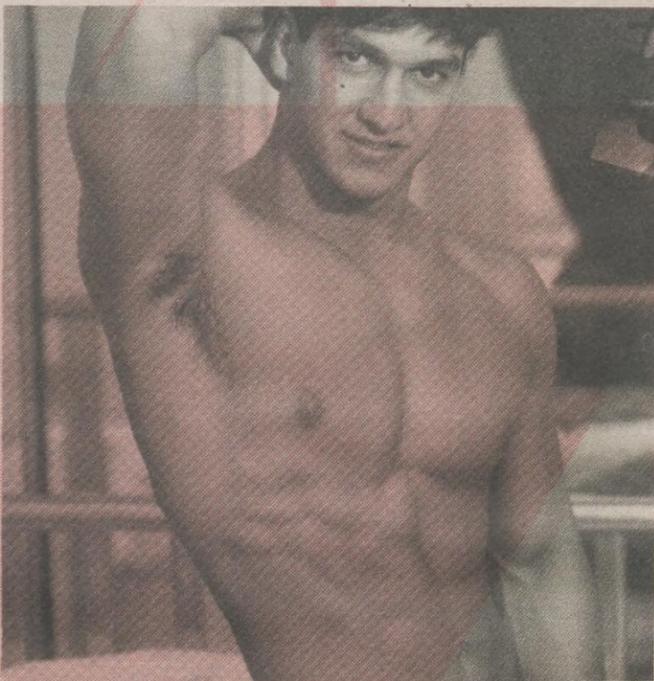
"I think it has been shown time and time again that our support helps (candidates)...one thing that's encouraging is that in this race so many of the candidates sought the (GLPC) endorsement," he said. "It may be hard to get (openly gay) candi-

dates elected...but we've show that in a close race, our support can make the difference.

Bacon said it is not mere coincidence that candidates are avoiding "gay baiting," but a sign of increased awareness of the power of the gay and lesbian vote.

Endorsed candidates who won their runoff races were Alma Allen (Board of Education), Paul Day (Harris County Sheriff), Diana Davila (state House Dist. 145) and Ken Bentsen (Democratic Party Chair).

Bridges noted that while turnout in Montrose was down, the endorsed candidates were heavily supported in the area. "Basically, it was our community that did turn out (to vote)," he said. The overall turnout in Montrose mirrored that in the runoff city wide, about seven percent of registered voters, Precinct results were not available at press time.



Kris Lord

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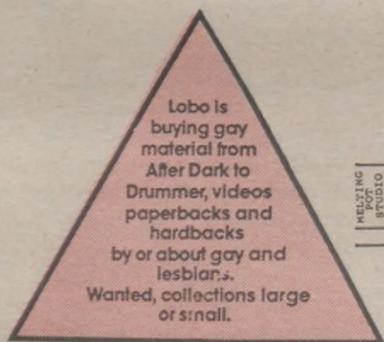
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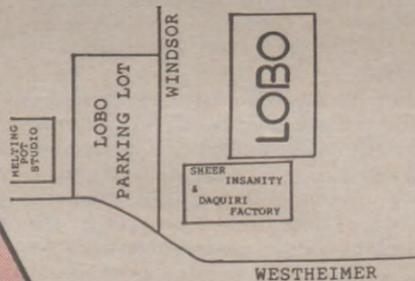
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▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO QUICK NOTES

Unique items up for bids at 'Heart Strings Fantasy Auction'

A "Fantasy Auction," with items ranging from live ostriches to an Alice in Wonderland tea party, will highlight two black tie galas being held in conjunction with the upcoming musical production, "Heart Strings," set for May 4 at the Majestic Theater.

Scheduled for the Travis Ballroom at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel, 205 East Houston, the preview party begins at 6:00 p.m. and will carry a Broadway show theme with show tunes provided by the Fletcher Goodman Band. A cocktail buffet will be catered by Savories, and over 200 auction items with retail value ranging from \$35 to \$6,000 will be available.

Immediately following the "Heart Strings" performance, a cast party will be held at the Travis Ballroom, where patrons will have the opportunity to bid for the items, which will be sold in both a silent and live auction. Jazz will be the theme and Goodman's band will also be featured at this event. Decorations for both parties are being coordinated by Dana DiCastro and Marcus Cerda.

Auction chair Theodocia Schrader said,

"We sought and secured items which could fulfill anyone's wildest fantasy, and I believe that our patrons will find this auction unlike any ever held in San Antonio." Schrader revealed several of the items, including a filly from the bloodline of movie ("The Black Stallion"; "The Black Stallion Returns") star Cass-Ole. With an approximate value of \$6,000, the Arabian was donated by Dr. and Mrs. Leo Cuello, owners of San Antonio Arabians.

The Alice in Wonderland tea party, valued at \$1,000, includes a private party for 50 at the estate of Dr. Peter Weston and Myrna Von Nimitz, catered by Magnolia Garden Restaurant with champagne and sherry from Northridge Liquor and music by harpist Marianna Scuros. Custom designed invitations are included in the package; additional donors include Schrader and Cerda.

Also up for bids are two exotic ostrich birds, a male and female valued at approximately \$6,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miles and the American Ostrich Corporation—"We rather doubt these would be appropriate for a back yard setting,"

Schrader noted)—a natural mink jacket from Saks Fifth Avenue with a retail value of \$3,500, and a private luncheon with S.A. Mayor Nelson Wolff (value undetermined). Also: a \$2,000 custom designed beaded jacket by Jana Jaffee; \$1,000 gift certificate for designer clothing and accessories from Julian Gold, and \$1,000 worth of designer shoes from Julian Gold Designer Shoe Salon.

Patrons paying \$125 are entitled to the pre-premiere gala, preferred seating at "Heart Strings" and the post-premiere cast party; \$75 includes the post-premiere party and the performance. Tickets can be purchased by calling Dr. Maurine Porto at the Metropolitan Health District between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (512) 299-8790.

Those wishing to purchase tickets for the "Heart Strings" show only (\$25), should call the Majestic Theater, (512) 226-3333.

—S.A. NAMES Project

The NAMES Project headquarters at 231 Post Street (off Broadway) is now "The Home of Hope, Care and Love." The work-

shop will be available all year round for those who wish to make Memorial Quilt panels for loved ones, said Project chair Jose Castaneda. All contributions are welcome, from anyone who wishes to help by volunteering, visiting or giving monetary donations, he said.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the display scheduled May 9-10 as part of "An Event in Three Acts: Heart Strings, the AIDS Memorial Quilt and You," Castaneda noted. The NAMES Project is seeking volunteers to help with media and publicity, sales and information and to work as Quilt monitors or provide emotional support to visitors volunteers during the weekend. For set up of the Quilt (scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 8), 30-40 volunteers are needed, a total of about 500 are needed for the two day display. Opening ceremonies will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 9.

Volunteers are also needed to help fold and pack up the Quilt on Sunday evening, March 10. To volunteer or for more information, call NAMES Project San Antonio at (512) 226-9828.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

A conversation with celebrated photographer Tom Bianchi, Part Three

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

TB: "One of the shoots I did recently had a diversity ranging from a young black man in his very early twenties to a friend of mine, a man closer to fifty who is a 'silver fox,' as somebody said when they saw the pictures. Everybody needs the same space, you know. There are certain fears that we all have about whether or not we are going to get separated out of life at some point, whether age will be a sexual barrier."

LEJ: "The current issue of 'Empathy,' the journal edited by James T. Sears (Gay and Lesbian Advocacy Research Project, Columbia, S.C.) has three essays on intergenerational sex that might interest you."

TB: "It might, my lover is 27 and I'm 46. Initially, I was concerned as to whether a viable relationship could exist with the age difference. Two of my very dearest friends—in fact they own the (swimming) pool site where the first chapter of 'Out of the Studio' is shot—have the most successful long term relationship between two men that I know of, and they have that age spread."

"I was talking to the older of those two and he said, one of the things the age difference may do that the sex difference does in a heterosexual relationship, is provide that sense of 'the other' which creates a certain dynamic that a narcissistic relationship doesn't have."

LEJ: "What do you mean by a narcissistic relationship?"

TB: "When both people are looking at each other as mere views of themselves. In other (intergenerational) relationships, you have this element of difference which creates focus on the soul of the other."

"Once I realized that my gayness was not my cross to bear, but instead it was my opportunity to find myself, I found life truly wonderful. I can tell you, that my life now is totally amazing to me and totally a subject of celebration every single day."

"I was raised in the suburbs of Chicago and grew up to be a lawyer. I could have never fantasized the possibility of growing to a role where I could be an artist, where I could travel and that in the context of a large community of wonderful people. Where I could do that in the company of beautiful men with whom I have made a life commitment."

LEJ: "Have you ever seen the college boyfriend since leaving Northwestern?"

TB: "No, 'D' died. He went off to practice law in another city, I'd been out of contact with him for years. He was in the Midwest and I had moved to New York. I finally got back hold of him a couple of years ago. He was just leaving for a trip, so we only had a ten minute conversation. It was barely time to touch base."

"I'd meant to get back to him but it wasn't until a year later that I called again. The reason I called was to tell him that one of our best friends from college,



Yours Truly, in a San Francisco Mime troupe T-shirt

from those days on the Near North Side of Chicago, had just died of AIDS.

"I had called his law firm. One of his partners came on and said that D. had died a short time before. I asked if he died from AIDS. He said no, it was some form of cancer. I don't know how much of D's sexuality was known to his partners so I asked nothing further."

"In fact, I recall one night years ago when D. learned I had gone out to a gay bar—I had worn that night a T-shirt he had given me, which was a Notre dame T-shirt—the last thing he said, almost in tears, was, 'I can't believe you dragged the name of my school into that disgusting place.' It gave me some insight into, well, what we all had. We all were brought up with that buried shame."

"I looked at the way men were depicted in photography, particularly gay men. All this closeted nonsense. You know, these Bruce Weber pictures of models pretending to be sleeping, and Herb Ritz photographs of models pretending to be gas station attendants."

LEJ: "Your work, though clearly gay, is well received by straight audiences. Why is that?"

TB: "I think that the more authentic you can be as a person and as an artist, you line yourself up with powers that are greater than yourself. Art is the ability to find in the specific the universal."

"It is that close observation of the specific, which may be outside the other person's experience but as soon as they realize your specific relates to their specific and is part of the same story it helps them feel connected."

LEJ: "Tell me your feelings about politics."

TB: "What I feel is, tonight I go home and edit photographs for my next book."

"The only way I can be effective is if I work seventeen hour days, doing what it is that I do. I would not be comfortable finding myself standing on the streets with a sign saying everybody else is an asshole."

LEJ: "The argument against your position is, of course, with political involvement and confrontation, the possible coup d'etat of JFK might have been avoided."



"Pyramid," one of Tom Bianchi's popular images that explore the connection between the specific and the universal

The AIDS issue would be more effectively dealt with and the government's motives less suspicious were it not so far to the right."

TB: "The way I look at that, those are misapprehensions of the way power operates. I don't believe viruses cause AIDS, much less a political right wing could produce an agent that would induce the virus. That is just allowing yourself to be a victim."

"The political fights are about people thinking they are each other's victims. My editor (Saint Martin Press) just did the book 'Mortal Error' It clears up the inconsistencies of the Kennedy assassination, have you heard of it?"

LEJ: "No, but New Orleans is where much of the Garrison coup d'etat conspiracy went on"

TB: "This is the book that explains the Kennedy assassination. Here's what happened. Oswald fired the first shot, the secret service agent behind Kennedy discharged the fatal bullet accidentally when the car lunged forward and Oswald fired the third shot."

—Mime Troupe member visits N.O.

Footnote: Greg Tate, of the highly acclaimed San Francisco Mime Troupe, recently visited New Orleans on his way from a touring date in Florida to another in Los Angeles. In between, Tate splurged on a room in the Hyatt Regency New Orle-

ans, "overlooking the Superdome."

While in town, Tate visited New Orleans nouveau night life along rumpedly fashionable Frenchmen Street. Ellis Marsellis was at Snug Harbor the night Tate toured the Faubourg Marigny's cultural street that forms a friendly border with the more tourist-dominated French Quarter. He ate Middle Eastern food at Cafe Istanbul while three Tennessee Williams plays beckoned outside. Two little known one acts by Williams were at Cafe Brazil and a critically acclaimed production of "Night of the Iguana" was down the Street at Theatre Marigny.

While in New Orleans, Tate also presented this columnist with a T—Shirt, with letters reading "The San Francisco Mime Troupe" circling around the troupe's red star logo, and we discussed correspondence from San Francisco columnist Herb Caen. In May, I got a complimentary nod from the S.F. Chronicle's famed senior columnist, who recognized a reference to himself in "Yours Truly in a Swamp" with a thank you note. Caen apparently also follows the mime troupe's act.

TB: "Herb Caen is a popular columnist, a 50 year institution at the San Francisco Chronicle. Caen often jokes in his daily column about the San Francisco Mime Troupe finding a new name for itself, since we no longer do mime."

LEJ: "I guess that makes us brethren." Anyway, the shirt is a fine, fat-concealing black, and I love it!

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Traditionalists clash with homosexuals over Rhode Island gay rights bill

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Thursday, April 9 (AP)—Homosexual activists have clashed with self-proclaimed traditionalists over a bill that would ban discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment, credit and public accommodations.

The measure being considered by the Senate Finance Committee would make it illegal to deny someone a job, a home, a loan or a hotel room based on sexual orientation.

Several of the bill's proponents on Thursday told stories of verbal and physical abuse they had suffered because of their homosexuality.

"At age 19, two men made an attempt on my life. ... In order to escape from their grasp, I had no other option but to run into traffic and came within inches of being run over," said Terry Sapp of the Rhode Island Network of Gay Student Alliances.

"We are not criminals, perverts, or

mentally ill as some opponents of this bill wish to have you believe," Sapp said.

Opponents, some of whom quoted The Bible, said passage of the measure would lead to a deterioration of family values.

"If the state must legalize all private sexual acts between consenting adults, it would have to legalize polygamy, incest, marriage between parents and adult children or between adult siblings as well as prostitution, adultery and sodomy," said Judith Ryder, president of Ea-

gle Forum of Rhode Island, a group that claims to protect traditional values.

"Does it make sense to elevate habitual lawbreakers to a protected minority?" Ryder said.

A vote was not expected before Friday's committee deadline, but bill sponsor Sen. Rhoda E. Perry, D-Providence, said the measure could get called to the full Senate at a later date.

The House Judiciary Committee approved a similar bill Wednesday.

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Newspapers say New York mayor to appoint his own AIDS czar

NEW YORK, Thursday, April 9 (AP)—Mayor David Dinkins will appoint Ronald Johnson to the newly created position of city AIDS czar today, according to published reports.

City officials told the New York Post and New York Newsday that the mayor is making the appointment to better coordinate

the city's fight against AIDS.

The 44-year-old Johnson, who is black and openly gay, has been executive director of the Minority Task Force on AIDS for the last four years. He will report to Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Cesar Perales.

"I'm not supposed to officially comment on this until the mayor announces it,"

Johnson told the Post. He added: "I'm thrilled."

He said the AIDS czar would coordinate the \$300 million to \$400 million in AIDS programs spread among various city agencies.

Dinkins' press secretary, Leland Jones, told the Post that Dinkins and Perales have long been considering establishing

the AIDS coordinator position.

The state AIDS Advisory Council, the Citizens Commission on AIDS and other groups have lobbied city officials to appoint an AIDS czar.

Health officials estimate that about 20 percent of the 1 million Americans infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, live in New York City.

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Dutch filmmaker Paul Verhoeven defends his movie 'Basic Instinct'

By BOB THOMAS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Friday, April 10 (AP)—"Basic Instinct" has aroused controversy from its beginnings as a \$3 million script, and the film's director, Paul Verhoeven, appears to be relishing the hullabaloo.

The TriStar Pictures release has incited homosexual activists to protest because of the depiction of lesbians. Michael Douglas' reported salary of \$14 million and his sex scenes with Sharon Stone have also drawn much notice.

Verhoeven had to make cuts to earn an R rating instead of the NC-17, meaning no one under 17 is admitted.

Reviews have been decidedly mixed, with many critics citing the improbable, convoluted script. The opening weekend take was impressive though not record-breaking: \$15 million from 1,567 screens. A year ago, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II" collected \$20 million.

After Verhoeven's films in Holland were criticized for explicit sex, he shifted his operations to the United States. But the Dutch director denied that's why he left

Holland. He explained that the committee that dispensed subsidies "felt that my films did not reflect society in the nicest way, so they were refusing me money for my projects."

In an extensive interview, Verhoeven responded to questions raised by "Basic Instinct." Excerpts:

Q. Is all that sex necessary?

A. Yes, it's necessary for this movie. It's a thriller, but it's a thriller about a female who kills during sex. To be more precise: during orgasm. That was a strong plot point. ... The threat of a violent act during sexual act, I thought, was the basic threat of the movie. I thought it was important during the sex between Michael and Sharon, there would also be the threat of murder.

Q. You had to do some editing to get an R?

A. Yes, but we shot it in so many different ways. I knew beforehand I wouldn't be able to get away with everything. I discussed it on the set with Michael and Sharon: "Well, this is probably too much to get an R." We welcomed an R. We felt it was a mainstream movie, that it was not pornographic.

Q. Were all of the cuts in the sex scenes?

A. No, also in the violence. In the murder scenes at the end of the movie, they felt that what I had done was too strong for an R, not acceptable to a normal audience.

Q. Without an R, "Basic Instinct" would not be commercially viable?

A. That's right. It could have been different if the NC-17 had a position between the R and the X. What happened is that the NC-17 replaced the X. Now, I think, NC-17 is identical to pornographic. Major theaters and chains and video chains will not accept an NC-17. So the fight that directors set up to get a category for adult movies is lost.

Q. How much did you eliminate?

A. Forty-two seconds. I made it more elliptic and changed the shots so that it would be less specific. A lot of people who see both versions would have difficulty seeing what changes I made.

Q. What is your answer to those who say that the depiction of lesbians is defamatory?

A. That their statement is incorrect. The

movie is not portraying lesbians in any negative way. I think the gay character, the bisexual character (Stone) is wonderful. She is a strong female character, beautiful, intelligent, wealthy; she is in control, she is not a victim of man or anybody else. She's bisexual and she's perfect.

Q. Why did the protests begin ever before you started shooting?

A. Because they read the script, and they read it in the wrong way. If you don't know how to read notes and you look at a score, you can't read music. That's how it is when you read a script. It is difficult. You're not looking at a movie, you're looking at a sort of blueprint printout.

Q. Some reviewers have found similarities between "Fatal Attraction" and "Basic Instinct." Are there any?

A. I have never felt that way. If you want to see similarities, you can certainly find them. This is a thriller. "Fatal Attraction" is not a thriller situation per se, it's not a murder mystery. We know exactly what the woman is aiming at. In "Basic Instinct," there are three women, and we don't know who is the killer.

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Here are the candidates' official stands on benefits for homosexual couples

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, April 7 (AP)—Here are the views of the major presidential candidates on the question: "Should gay and lesbian couples be allowed to marry and receive all benefits available to heterosexual spouses?"

DEMOCRATS

—Jerry Brown: A spokesperson said that Brown "supports the local enforce-

ment of the Domestic Partnership Act, which would entitle some same sex couples to the benefits available to married couples."

—Bill Clinton: "No."

REPUBLICANS

—George Bush: Has not taken a public stand on the issue.

—Patrick Buchanan: A spokesperson says Buchanan opposes spousal rights for homosexuals. "I just disagree strongly with the agenda of the gay rights movement, profoundly," Buchanan has said. "And I don't think the laws of the country should be altered to accommodate their political agenda."

Rhode Island House committee votes to stop discrimination against homosexuals

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Wednesday, April 8 (AP)—Discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment, credit and public accommodations would be prohibited in a bill approved by a House committee.

The Judiciary Committee on Wednesday voted 12-1 with two abstentions for the measure, which would extend to homosexuals the same civil rights

protections currently afforded minorities, women and other groups.

The measure now goes to the House floor for consideration by the full chamber.

"Discrimination will not end by the passing of statutes, but as we saw in the civil rights movement, the passage of statutes are the first steps toward chang-

ing attitudes," said bill sponsor Francis A. Gaschen, D-Cumberland.

Only Rep. Mabel M. Anderson, D-Pawtucket, voted against the bill. Reps. Elaine Bucci, D-Providence, and Charles T. Knowles, D-Narragansett, abstained.

A Senate version of the measure is still in committee.

Colo. governor's AIDS council wants state funding to cover federal cuts

DENVER, Tuesday, April 7 (AP)—The Governor's AIDS Council, faced with the loss of half of its federal funding, has agreed to ask state lawmakers to pay for a drug program for victims of the disease.

On April 1, Colorado's share of a federal grant for AIDS services was cut in half, to \$832,808, under the Ryan White Act of 1990. The measure mandates the diversion

of more federal money to the states with the 10 highest AIDS caseloads.

The grant now funds drugs for AIDS patients; community—and home-based care and programs that assist AIDS patients with rent, food, medical and mental health services.

Council members on Monday rejected a proposal from a subcommittee that would

have restructured the way the federal grant money is allocated. Council members said they lacked sufficient information about the programs' alternative funding sources and restated their contention that the state should help pay for AIDS services.

The council chose to seek state funding for the drug program because its effectiveness is easily measured, members said.

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

'Follow the Yellow Brick Road' to benefit March on Washington mobilization

In 1987, over 650,000 lesbians, gays and their friends and families converged on Washington D.C. for four days of celebrations, protests, remembrance, and civil disobedience. "It was the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of this nation, irrevocably changing the lives of every single person involved," said Deborah Bell, regional representative for the planned 1993 "March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation." The march is scheduled to take place on April 23, 1993. The national goal for this third march is 1,000,000 people.

A kickoff fundraiser titled "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" will be held at Juliet's Place, 903 Richmond, next Saturday, April 25 starting at 9:00 p.m., for the local march mobilization effort. The female duo, "Two Hearts," will be performing and there will be other entertainment and chances to win prizes.

"The march is going to be a cumulative effort of thousands of people," said Bell. "Right now, there is a serious need for people to help build the infrastructure that will be able to mobilize over one million people in just over a year."

The Houston March Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 900 Lovett Blvd. from 6:30-8:00 p.m. "Help! I want Texans to be involved, not only by planning to be at the march, but by helping to make (the march) happen," Bell said.

People are needed to serve as speakers to get the word out to various organizations, for outreach to other cities and rural areas, and other activities, she said.

A national planning meeting will be held in Dallas May 9-10 at the Gay/Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Regan St., (214) 528-4233.

To volunteer or for more information regarding the Houston committee or the events planned in Washington, call (713) 529-6979.

—"Voices for Life"

Thirteen musicians of the Houston Symphony donated their services in a recording session at Sunrise Sound Stu-

dios on March 28 for a project benefiting charities providing direct assistance to people living with AIDS. The CD and cassette production, to be titled "Voices for Life," will feature Houston area artists and musicians.

On the album will be 70 minutes of music by such artists as Kirk Whalum, Atwood and Comeux, Shake Russell, Franchise, Little Joe y La Familia, Kellye Gray, Craig Smith and Pierre and the Zydeco Dots. Houston Symphony musicians involved are Tom Elliott (contractor), Amy Teare (leader and violin), Ferenc Illenyi, Y an To, Bill Chandler, Kevin Kelly and Harvey Weschler (violins), George Pascal, Linda Goldstein, Kerry O'Hare and Dan Strba (violas), Chris French and Jeffrey Butler (celli). The recording engineer was Les Williams. Former Houstonian Shelly Berg was the musical arranger and director. The Houston Professional Musicians' Union sanctioned and approved the session.

As a gesture of gratitude to the musicians for their efforts, the project creator Scott Evans contributed \$300 to the Houston Symphony Musicians Project Fund. The "Voices for Life" CD will be released Aug. 1. A video is expected to be released in early June, and a related event is being planned for World AIDS Day (Dec. 1).

—Beach party

The Pride Week Beach Party at Pacific Street club, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26, will be the third fundraiser this year for HLGWP. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. with a coat/clothes check available. Door cover of \$5 will go to HLGWP.

Those attending are urged to show off their latest beach wear at this pre-First Splash Day event. Classic Chassis Car Club will be on site to shoot photos of participants (individual or group) with any of about 15 of their hottest classic cars (\$2) with proceeds going to HLGWP, members said.

Inside, the bar will be transformed into beach front property, including a sandy beach on the patio, hot dogs and popcorn for sale, organizers said. Also

being vended will be HLGWP T-shirts, buttons and hats and fruit spritzers in Pride Week cups will be sold on the patio. Aerobic demonstrations are also scheduled, in which audience participation is encouraged, starting at about 4:30 p.m.

Swim and beach wear are encouraged, but not required. Ribbons will be awarded around 7:00 p.m. for brightest swim suit, best overall tan, tightest buns, oldest swim suit, and most original homemade suit. (The latter category is for "street legal" suits made with non-fabric items—"cotton material no, cotton balls yes"—organizers explained). Best beach theme by a group will also receive an award.

—Bering fundraiser

The Bering Community Services Foundation will be the beneficiary of the May 9 performance of "The Baltimore Waltz" at the Alley Theater.

Curtain time for the evening performance is 9:00 p.m. Tickets for the benefit performance, which will help pay for renovation of the Bering Care center, are \$50 and include a dessert reception hosted by Acadian Bakers. For ticket information, call the Bering Foundation office at (713) 529-6071.

The Bering Care Center an adult day care center exclusively for people with HIV. In addition to nutritional services which include individual nutrition assessments, the Bering Care Center offers financial counseling and direct rent and utility assistance, HIV education, physical therapy assessments, client advocacy and social support. (For more on "The Baltimore Waltz," see review in Houston Live).

—Leather art show

National Leather Association:Houston will be hosting Leather Pride Weekend II in conjunction with Houston's Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '92 celebration, June 20, 26, 27, and 28. In connection with this event, NLA:Houston will sponsor a Leather Art Show, opening June 26 and running for one month at the Venture-N, 2923 Main. Local, state

and national artists are encouraged to contact NLA:H's information line, (713) 434-2417 or FAX, (713) 434-2417.

Participating artists are also encouraged to attend the organization's Leather Art and Erotic Fantasy Show at the Venture-N on June 27, an official event of HLGWP. All sales of art will be handled by the artists; the only requirement is that a percentage of sales go to a charity of the artist's choice. Houston artists Frank Parsley and Larry Crawford have already agreed to participate. Contact NLA:Houston at the above numbers for more information on the show or LPW II.

—Professor awarded

Professor Gene Harrington of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University was awarded Professor of the Year Awards by both the Student Bar Association and the Chicano Law Students Association of the law school. The awards were announced at separate Law Day banquets on Saturday night, April 12.

The Chicano Law Students Association banquet was held at Stouffer's El Presidente Hotel. The Hon. Raul Gonzales of the Texas Supreme Court gave the banquet speech.

Later that night, Harrington received the law school's Teacher of the Year Award from the Student Bar Association at the Four Seasons Hotel. Judge Morris Overstreet of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals was the featured speaker.

Harrington is one of the few openly gay and openly HIV-positive law professors in the nation. He has taught at TSU for over 25 years.

This is the first time that both awards have been given to the same honoree, although Harrington has received both awards, in different years, in the past. He commented, "Being honored like this is humbling. For a predominantly Afro-American and Hispanic and feminist student body to honor an Anglo male, whose orientation is in a large minority is more of a tribute to the institution than it is to me."

▼▼▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

Second Austin Lesbian and Gay Town Meeting is next Saturday

On April 25, the second "Town Meeting" sponsored by the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus is scheduled to be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Auditorium of the downtown Austin Public library, located at 8th and Guadalupe.

Austin's first gay and lesbian Town Meeting was held on Jan. 18 of this year. Over 200 people packed the auditorium to exchange information and ideas about ways that Austin's gays, lesbians and bisexuals could work together. Topics discussed included establishing a gay and lesbian community center, protecting one's self from anti-gay violence, the need for funding for AIDS service organizations and the latest political developments. The attendees agreed that more meetings should be held, preferably on a quarterly basis.

The spring meeting, organized by ALGPC, will be an open forum. All concerned and interested members of the community are encouraged to attend. According to ALGPC co-chair Paul von Wupperfield, the Town Meeting is designed to bring Austin's gays, lesbians and bisexuals together to network. "We face so many challenges, we cannot afford not to work together," said von Wupperfield. "Different groups and individuals have their own particular goals, but we need to be supportive of one another as much as possible."

Some topics expected to be discussed include combating discrimination, an update on plans for a gay and lesbian community center in Austin, and ways that the gay/lesbian/bisexual movement can become a part of the political

process.

For additional information about the gay Town Meeting, please contact the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus at Post Office Box 822, Austin, Tx. 78767; telephone (512) 474-0750.

—Atheists convention

American Gay and Lesbian Atheists, a non-profit educational foundation whose national headquarters is in Houston, is holding its annual national open membership meeting in Austin Friday (April 17) in connection with the 22nd annual National American Atheists Convention this weekend. The meeting was scheduled to take place from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Texas 5 Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, where the conference will continue through Sunday.

AGLA's breakout meeting this year was scheduled to feature Texas state Rep. Glen Maxey as guest speaker. Maxey, the state's first openly gay official, was scheduled to present an update on the wins and losses legislation regarding gay and lesbian issues in the Texas Legislature. In addition, Steve Dean, Austin representative of the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) was scheduled to speak.

On Saturday, April 18, AGLA is sponsoring a large contingent in the Second Atheist pride March, part of the activities of the national convention. The march beginning at 10:00 a.m., will travel up Congress Avenue to the state Capitol, where a rally for atheist rights will be held. National AGLA chair Don Sanders said Austin was chosen as the

march and rally site because an atheist was imprisoned here in 1987 for refusing the jury oath "So help me God."

AGLA is also sponsoring screenings of two controversial PBS films during the convention: "Stop the Church," a film documentary of the 1989 protest of St. Patrick's Cathedral and "Tongues Untied," about urban black gay life. Both films were chosen because they have been targets of right-wing Christian censorship, said Sanders.

—Youth help line

The University YWCA—Austin recently became the first organization in the United States to offer a national toll-free help line for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth that is answered every day from 5:30-9:30 p.m. The YWCA's program OutYouth Austin now provides telephone support to the nation's youth who are questioning or coming to terms with their sexual orientation.

"Many teens in the rural parts of the U.S. do not have the chance to attend drop-in sessions like those we have in Austin. Providing a national toll-free help line allows us to reach youth who are isolated, and isolation is the number one factor in all suicides," said Lisa Rogers, OutYouth Austin co-founder.

"What we want to do is lower this isolation by providing a friendly voice and referrals to groups in their areas, if any," Rogers said. The help line number in Austin is (512) 476-0880; outside of Austin, the number is 1-800-96-YOUTH.

—Outyouth wish list

OutYouth Austin, a peer support pro-

gram for same-sex oriented youth, is in need of the following items: book cases, folding chairs, office chairs (with wheels), Macintosh computers and equipment, overhead projector, audio-visual equipment, clock, pencil sharpener, lesbian and gay books.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information or to make a donation, please call Lisa Rogers at (512) 474-9246.

—NAMES benefit

A benefit concert for the Austin NAMES Project will take place on Sunday, April 26 at Waterloo Ice House on 38th Street and Medical Parkway from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Popular local performers scheduled include Kris McKay, David Garza, Kirk Kemper and the Therapy Sisters. Amos Ewing will emcee.

The event, sponsored by 107.1 KGSR, the Austin Chronicle, Fuller travel Agency and Continental Airlines, also includes a drawing with many prizes, including two round trip tickets from Austin to any Continental Airlines destination within the Continental USA. Other raffle prizes (chances included in the cost of ticket) include a bed and breakfast for two in Fredericksburg courtesy of Guest Haus Schmidt and a year's grocery delivery service from Whole Foods.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Waterloo Ice House, Liberty Books and Book Woman. For more information, call (713) 453-1250 or contact the Austin NAMES Project at P.O. Box 14, Austin, TX 78767, (512) 385-3094.

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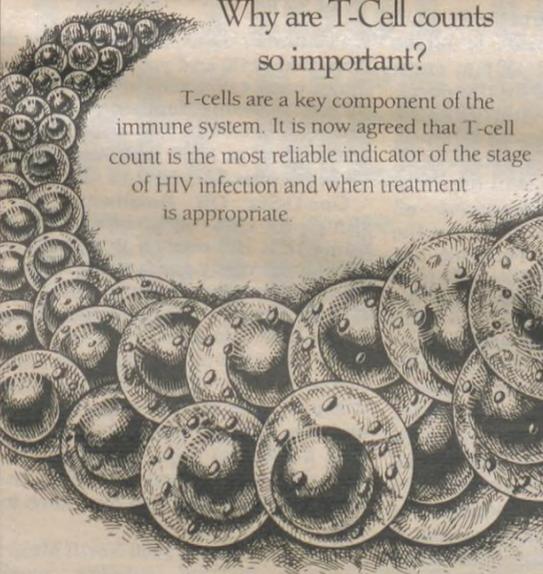
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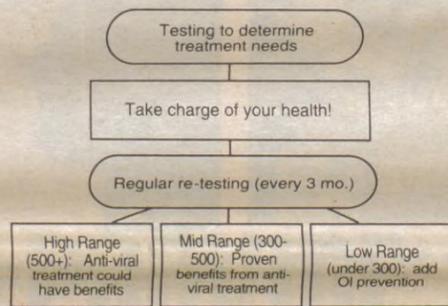
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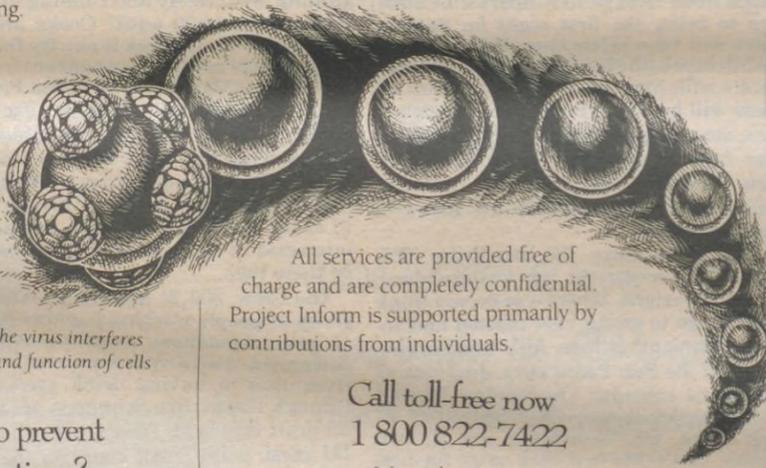
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

N. Car. Gay divinity student cherishes 'free-church spirit'

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Tuesday, April 7 (AP)—A homosexual divinity student says he hopes Southern Baptists will some day be able to overlook his sexuality and appreciate him for his abilities as a preacher.

John Blevins, 24, on Sunday was licensed to preach Olin T. Binkley Memorial Church in Chapel Hill. The action may have set a precedent among Southern Baptist congregations and is expected to bring on criticism and possibly ouster of the church by state and national Baptist leaders.

"One of the things I would hope is that eventually people will be able to see past the fact that I am a gay minister, that I am a minister," Blevins said Monday.

Blevins said he struggled for years. "I grew up as a Baptist, was raised in a Baptist congregation from birth," he said. "I finally came away realizing that I was a Baptist, that I cherished the free-church spirit of the Baptists."

After Binkley's board of deacons voted last month to endorse Blevins' candidacy, a committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted to condemn "the gross perversion and unquestioned sin" of homosexuality. The same committee in June is expected to consider whether to oust congregations that condone homosexuality.

Blevins said Binkley's actions demonstrated Baptist autonomy.

"Binkley acted in what seems to be historic Baptist tradition ... and as a congregation led by the spirit of God to do what it did," he said.

An overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists, probably more in excess of 90 percent, would oppose the licensing or ordination of a homosexual or lesbian to the ministry, according to Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission in Nashville, Tenn.

"...And its hard to find an issue on which more than 90 percent of Southern Baptists

agree," he said.

Land said that while the denomination has renounced the argument that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle, such resolutions aren't binding on the local church.

"No one that I know of in Southern Baptist life has even suggested that the church did not have the right or the authority to do what it did. ... What they have been saying is that the Southern Baptist Convention ought to refuse to accept the money and the messengers from the Binkley Church," thus rejecting the church's membership in the convention.

Land heads a commission that is charged with educating Southern Baptists on moral, social, public policy, religious liberty and church-state issues. The commission also takes the Baptist position on various issues to policymakers.

Blevins, a Duke University divinity student, sought to be licensed by the church because he is a member there. He has not

been offered a staff position.

Licensing is a step short of ordination. It means the church congregation recognizes his gifts for the ministry and plans to support him, and it indicates he has sufficient preparation to preach, church officials said.

Binkley is thought to be the first Southern Baptist congregation in the nation to publicly state it will disregard a person's sexual orientation during the ordination process, Southern Baptist officials said.

Blevins said Binkley is affiliated with both Southern Baptist and American Baptist denominations.

"American Baptist is more moderate and is a place where lesbians and gay men are finding more opportunities for work," he said.

Church officials said at a news conference that of 544 members eligible to vote, 145 voted yes and 107 voted no. The vote followed four hours of debate.

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

A guide to S.A. bars and their Fiesta events, for visitors and regulars

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice

Welcome Fiesta visitors to the 101st annual Fiesta San Antonio. Sit back and let The New Voice take you on a stroll through San Antonio's bars and the long list of events planned for Fiesta 1992, April 18-26. And guess what? There will be lots of "pre"-festivities and even more "post"-festivities. Located in the San Antonio section, there is a map to show you how to find your way around the Alamo City, and you might find that by carrying this paper around with you, you'll have help in finding the various clubs and other festivities.

Here's a flash: "Sparks," 8011 Webbles (653-9941)—a flash of light—will be the new name for The Hard Hat, effective this Friday (April 17). There will be a change in format and decor. Same management, with a face lift, including upgraded sound and light system and changes coming in the look of the bar and dance floor—lots of new Sparks! In addition to being the first night for Sparks, there will be a celebration Friday of Joe Middlebrook, the D.J.'s birthday. Come celebrate with him! On Wednesday, April 22, there will be a pre-grand opening celebration, including a buffet and drink specials. The first annual Mr. Texas Newcomer Strip Off will be held on Friday, April 24—please, professionals with at least two years experience.

Ab's Westnaire, 722 San Pedro (227-9258)—that means Ab has western music in the air—right. Where else do you think you can go to swing your partner and dose-do—none other than Ab's Westnaire, right off the San Pedro strip. Just look at this April calendar. On Sunday, 50 cent drafts, pool tourney with a cash prize for first place. On Wednesday, get 50 cent drafts, and there is a cash prize for first place and dinner for two for second place in the pool tourney. On Thursday, drink and have fun with 50 cent drafts. On Friday and Saturday you can dance to the music of D.J. Rene, and also there's a cash prize for first place in the pool tourney.

Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham (271-3811)—for you history buffs, especially, this was one of the Alamo's heroes names. Happy Fiesta from the Bonham Exchange. Hands up to Eva—the new evening general manager along with crazy



JJ (Silver Dollar) has yet to reply



The original Pointless Sisters at Ab's Westnaire

Robbie, Nicey, Eric and Danny—we knew you had it in you. Fiesta kickoff will feature food on the Patio—yes, fiesta style, serving nachos, fajitas, and gorditas beginning Wednesday and running through Fiesta from 10:00 until? Cooks are Trip and Lucia. Come check it out. By the way, the last final preliminary pageant for Miss Gay USA is the Miss Gay Fiesta Pageant that will be held at the Bonham exchange on April 17. Mark this on your Fiesta calendars. This will be an event not to miss. There will be lots of entries worth seeing. Registration is at 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 17 at the Bonham Exchange, and anyone interested in entering the pageant should be there then.

The Crew, 309 W. Market (223-0333)—a group of people working together—is one of your friendliest neighborhood bars downtown. Just across the street from the river, they're having drink specials all through Fiesta, like Schnapps are \$1 and all draft beer is \$1. Also, there will be live DJ music with trash disco on the 19th, 20th, 21st and all the way through the 24th. And a BIG Easter bash on Sunday. Monday, April 20 for River Parade, the Crew will provide a big screen TV so you can sit back with a cocktail in a cool environment and not have to deal with the downtown traffic. Leave it to The Crew to bring out the newly remodeled patio on Thursday, the 23rd—the bar will provide margaritas, wells and a large variety of specials.

On Sunday, April 26, come watch the male dancers in the evening with a live DJ, and enjoy finger licking good barbecue.

El Jardin, 106 Navarro (223-7177)—The Garden. You won't be disappointed in coming to the oldest gay bar in Texas. You will find out that it is small, but you'll also find a Texas size welcome and they always put out the fanciest hors d'oeuvres. Special parties every month. I suggest you mark this on your Fiesta calendar.

Las Gueras, 5930 S. Flores (923-7944)—in English this mean white complected person. So of all of you out-of-towners who are looking for hot Spanish women, swing by the south side and feast your eyes on what Las Gueras has to offer. Thursday night specials are 25 cent drafts and jumbo drafts (quart), \$1. On Friday and Saturday nights, \$1.50 long necks and cans, 50



Unique talents are often uncovered at the Paper Moon Talent Night

cent drafts and jumbo drafts for \$1. Sunday, April 19: 25 cent drafts, \$1 jumbo drafts, female strippers at 11:30 p.m. and a special show with Jam and the Jammers.

The Wild Club, 820 San Pedro (226-2620) is a club that is not domesticated or tamed, it's wild and wicked. That's right, Fiesta, Fiesta, Fiesta, Yes, Fiesta is in the air at the Wild Club. They invite all you out-of-towners to come and party. Come see the new patio (it just opened). This club has gone all out. The patio provides a 20 inch screen color TV so you can see all of the wild action. Or maybe you want to stroll into the outside open bar and enjoy a starry, romantic night in Old San Antonio. This is a dark and cozy corner for people who want to get to know each other better, surrounded by four brick walls with a dark glass coating, with the TV lighting turned down to set just the right atmosphere. By the way, hands up to Tandi Andrews. For those of you from out of town, she is one of San Antonio's own stars, born and reared here. Tandi is on her way to Miss USA 1992, and is now returning to San Antonio after promoting herself in Florida. Let's all turn out on Sunday, April 19 and welcome her back and give support to the Miss USA benefit for Tandi Andrews. And just when you thought there was nothing else to do at the Wild Club—jump back, pretty boys because the California Male revue is coming to town. That's right, the Wild Club has brought them back to you by popular demand on Wednesday, April 22.

The Nite Owl, 330 San Pedro (223-0WLS)—A "Nite Owl" is a person who stays up late at night and enjoys one of San Antonio's fine, small, cozy and quiet bars on the San Pedro strip. Be sure to keep the strip in mind while you're in San Antonio!

The Noo Zoo, 10127 Coachlight (341-4778) has Noo spring and summer hours of 9:00-1:00, and After Hours Friday and Saturday until 4:00 a.m. On Monday, they are closed while they go fishing. Tuesday specials are \$1 well, long necks and shots. On Wednesday, don't forget Jessica's Talent Night at 11:00 p.m. and 50 cent wells, \$1.50 long necks, \$1 schnapps and \$1.50 frozies. On Thursday there is a variety show at 11:00 and \$1 well, long necks and shots. On Friday, Billy's Bodies is at midnight with 25 cent well and draft from 9:00-11:00 p.m.



Rick at the Bonham Exchange (pictured) challenges JJ from the Silver Dollar to a Hot Oil Sumo Wrestling match!

On Saturday night, 25 cent well an drafts from 9:00-11:00 and you can dance, dance, dance until 4:00 a.m. The Noo Zoo has an all new Amazing Sunday, with wells and drafts from 9:00-11:00, \$1 shots and frozies and a show at 11:30 with Amazing grace for a \$2 cover.

One-O-Six Off Broadway, 106 Pershing—the One-O-Six, the address with a name that indicates a principal theater district—is ready and waiting. They have totally repainted the inside and outside, and they are planning to build a fireplace soon—how romantic! That will probably make this club one of the most romantic places in town. Easter Dinner is free at 2:00 p.m., with an Easter egg hunt at 5:00, and the Easter Bonnet Judging contest with a \$50 first prize, \$25 second at 7:30 p.m. Open from noon 'till 2:00 a.m.! Always, \$1.75 well and beer from noon to 8:00 p.m.

The Paper Moon, 1430 North Main (225-7330)—a natural satellite revolving around San Antonio, has Savage muscles in Action on Saturday with Sweet Savage, Miss Gay Southwest USA '92; 75 cent draft all night, after hours until 4:00 a.m. Monday Madness has the Shady Lady Show with special guest Vanessa Gordon and Musical Chairs with no cover all night, 50 cent drafts, \$2 well and long necks.

The Silver Dollar Saloon, 1418 N. Main (227-2623) has a large area for receiving and entertaining guests, with Silver Dollar (\$1) specials—Mondays, 25 cent drafts, \$1.50 wells and long necks; Tuesdays, same and free C and W dance lessons; Wednesdays, 50 cent drafts, \$1.50 well and long necks and T—dance until 9:00 p.m., then 50 cent drafts from 9:00-2:00 with Cowboys In Action.

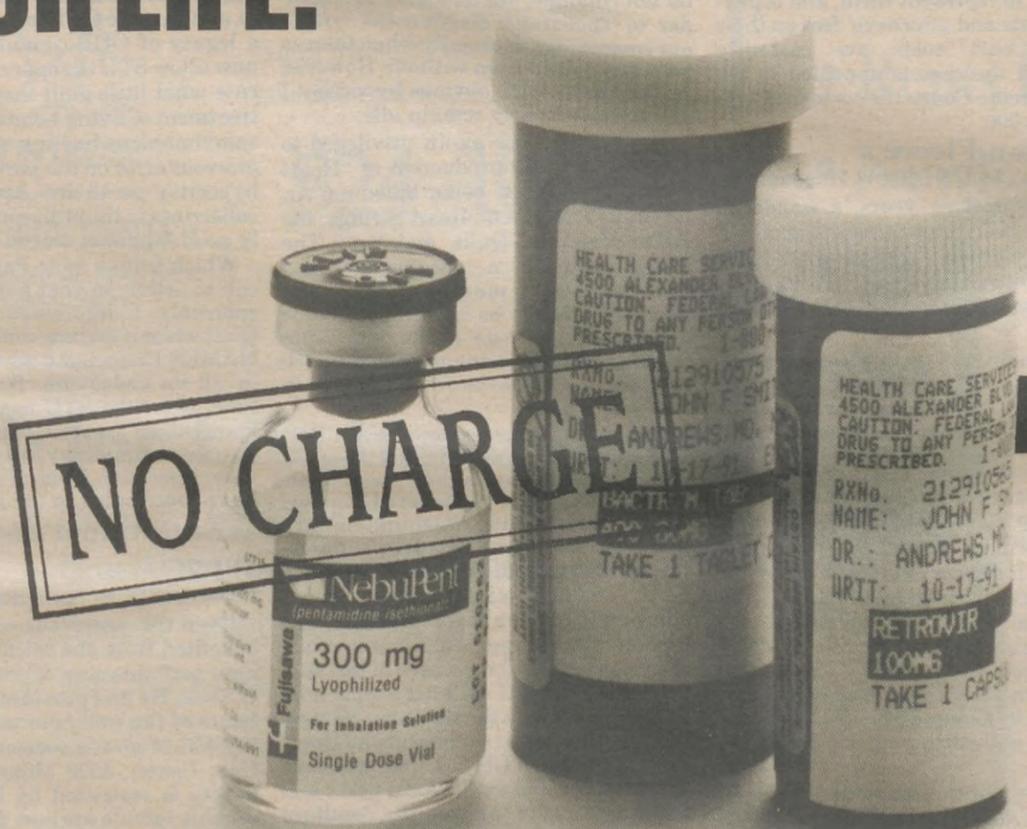
The Stallion, 2003 McCullough, has free pool on Monday and Thursday. On Monday is their Underwear T-Strap Night, with free pool and 25 cent drafts from 2:00-11:00 p.m.

GBR's, 2022 McCullough—the name stands for Gene Bill and Rose—has free pool on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Sunday through Thursday from 2:00-11:00 p.m., pick up 50-cent seven ounces.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Gay rights battle moves to higher court in 'no-win' situation for state

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
FOR THE NEW VOICE

AUSTIN, Thursday, April 9 (AP)—An attorney for gay and lesbian rights advocates said the state is in a no-win situation in its appeal of Texas' 113-year-old sodomy statute.

"With other issues that need to be resolved, why should the state be expending tax dollars to fight over an issue that everyone concedes is an outdated statute?" Patrick Wiseman, an attorney for plaintiffs in the lawsuit, asked Wednesday.

The Austin-based 3rd Court of Appeals has denied the state a chance for rehearing in the case. Last month, the court upheld a

district judge's ruling that declared the sodomy law unconstitutional.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said he would appeal to "a court of statewide jurisdiction"—either the Texas Supreme Court or the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The law makes sodomy a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a \$200 fine. It defines sodomy as "deviant sexual intercourse" between people of the same sex.

State officials say the law has never been enforced, but gays and lesbians contend that having it on the books encourages discrimination and hate crimes.

Wiseman said that because the law is not enforced, whether the state succeeds or fails in its appeal will have no meaning. "It's a no-win situation for them no matter what they do," he said.

Ron Dusek, a spokesperson for Morales, said a final appeal should settle the question once and for all.

"If we don't use this opportunity ... then somewhere along the line it will be challenged. So why not just do it now and get it over with?" Dusek said.

Dusek said Morales was researching to determine to which court the appeal will go.

The sodomy law is a criminal statute, and most criminal cases are decided by the Court of Criminal Appeals. But the challenge was a civil lawsuit, and the Supreme Court decides civil cases.

The Texas Human Rights Foundation brought the lawsuit against the state on behalf of homosexuals from Austin, Houston, and Dallas.

In the lower court's opinion, Chief Judge Jimmy Carroll wrote: "It cannot be constitutional to prohibit lesbians and gay men from engaging in the same conduct in which heterosexuals may legally engage."

In Dec. 1990, State District Judge Paul Davis ruled the law was unconstitutional.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

N.O. Officials, family, recognize AIDS losses at NAMES Quilt display

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

More than 14,000 individual panels representing the lost life of someone special have been sewn together to create the famous NAMES Project Quilt, a part of which was placed on display at the New Orleans Convention Center Friday, April 10. The size is such that the entire Quilt is no longer displayed at one time. The panels displayed in New Orleans were selected to represent the thousands lost in the Gulf Coast region.

In a special unfolding ceremony, scheduled from 6:00-9:00 p.m. panels were placed along the Convention Center floor as names were read aloud by politicians, AIDS activists, individuals with the disease, family, loved ones and others. New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy, U.S. Representative William Jefferson and City Councilmembers Johnny Jackson (District E) and Jackie Clarkson (District C) all read names, as well as several volunteers from the community.

Panels measure three by six feet.

Each is put together by people who knew and loved the person depicted, providing an opportunity to both celebrate that person's life and express their personal sense of loss.

Panels include memorabilia such as clothing, photographs, needlework, stuffed animals and baby blankets. Panels representing people from Texas and Louisiana were placed on display and contained items such as Mardi Gras masks, award ribbons and phonograph records.

Viewing of the quilt was free and open to the public for the three day weekend, which coincided with the Crescent City's latest French Quarter Festival. The contrasting events—NAMES Project and music/food festival—were a poignant reminder of the Quilt's symbolism of great loss and of hope.

The bittersweet truth that life can go on while "The largest pandemic since the plagues of the Middle Ages stalks each and every one of us is both painful beyond words and reassuring," said a middle aged mother standing over her son's panel.



New Orleans Councilmember Johnny Jackson was among local officials who read names during the NAMES Project Quilt display last weekend

▼▼▼ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THRF urges letters opposing appeal of 21.06 ruling to Texas Supreme Court

From SUZY WAGERS, Texas Human Rights Foundation

The Third District Court of Appeals in Austin (on April 8) denied the State's Motion for Rehearing in the Texas Human Rights Foundation's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, the law which criminalizes homosexual conduct.

The Third District Court ruled 21.06 unconstitutional in a unanimous decision on March 11, 1992. Attorney General Dan Morales filed a motion for rehearing on March 26, asking the court to reconsider their decision. The motion was denied last week.

Morales has stated repeatedly that he is appealing the Third district Court's decision to the Texas Supreme Court. Already his office has received more than 400 letters in support of the appeal.

THRF is urging individuals to write and request that the decision NOT be appealed. We believe the state has more important things to do than waste the taxpayers' money on this appeal. The state is supporting a law which criminalizes conduct between consenting adults that takes place in the privacy of their own home, a law which is blatantly discriminatory. We strongly urge people to write Dan Morales and let him know that we have mobilized and that we do not support this appeal.

Write: Attorney General Dan Morales, P.O. Box 12548, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711.

THRF conceived of lawsuit challenging 21.06, located five individuals who were willing to be named as plaintiffs,

retained Austin attorney Patrick Wiseman to represent them, and is paying all costs and attorneys' fees on their behalf. Court costs are currently \$60,000. If the case is appealed to the state Supreme Court, the costs could exceed \$100,000.

—Golden Fleece

From COL. M.J. NIABOW, Houston

For the past 21 years, a wonderful thing has been happening in the mountains of Colorado. People from all parts of the country converged on a location 80 miles west and one mile higher than Denver.

We brought our tents, sleeping bags, and feelings of brotherhood, to a place where the Golden Fleece was sought and friends were found. Members of the Rocky Mountaineers Motorcycle Club (RMMC) welcomed us, as only they can, to the land site where their tradition and fellowship is, the Golden Fleece Run.

There will be no Golden Fleece Run this year. It appears that local county officials have located an obscure ordinance that prohibits people from congregating on the land owned by RMMC. As an associate of RMMC, I know that the Golden Fleece Run is not dead. The members in Colorado, as a last resort, will seek out other property for future runs.

Speaking for the Texas Conference of Clubs and the Lancers Motorcycle Club, I offer our heart felt regret to all who would have participated.

—Bothered by event site

From ROBERT SEILER, Houston

It is not without some reservation that

I submit the following letter, because I do not condone, nor do I wish to engender or encourage divisiveness within our community, especially when there is so much hatred from without. However, in the face of such obvious hypocrisy, I cannot consciously remain idle.

Houston is once again privileged to have the touring production of "Heart Strings," this year being billed as "An Event in Three Acts: Heart Strings, the AIDS Memorial Quilt, and You!" The show itself is a spectacular and unforgettably moving experience, which should not be missed by anyone who has a heart (or needs one). I am proud to have been involved in the 1990 performance and to be involved again in this year's show.

And of course, everyone knows Part II, the Quilt. I have personally designed and sewn more panels than I want to remember, and have volunteered at showings in Houston and Washington, D.C. But I will not attend this year's presentation. Unfortunately, the chosen venue, St. Thomas University, has without compunction rallied around the homophobia banner whenever it suited their needs. Recall the fiasco of last September when STU violated a time honored contract with the Montrose Singers because they billed themselves as Houston's Gay Men's Chorus. The situation was well covered in the local press and television media, as was the resultant protest. This flagrant homophobia underscores the bottom line: St. Thomas U. is not, nor have they ever been our friend.

Granted, one may argue that AIDS is no longer only a gay problem (as many

would still have it), but no one can deny that we have suffered disproportionately, and that the Quilt remains very much a legacy of OUR community. That we now allow STU the opportunity to vindicate what little guilt they feel from the treatment of living homosexuals by this sanctimonious hosting of the Quilt is a grievous error on our part, and a blatant hypocrisy on theirs. Apparently, STU subscribes to the philosophy that the only good faggot is a dead one...

Which brings us to Part III, "You." A call to action on your part to behave responsibly. I urge everyone to see the Quilt when it arrives, and to support the NAMES Project and what it represents in all its endeavors. But at the same time, enter the STU campus under acknowledged protest, and with keen awareness that they are doing us no favors. I question what, if anything, they have contributed to the AIDS cause.

—Entertainer needs support

From JANIE B. TIJERINA, Houston

Over the years our community has benefited from the talented show business performances of entertainer Rikki O'Shea. He has provided us with many hours of fun and entertainment.

Rikki is now a resident of Montrose Care Center, 3508 Milam. His famous agility is restricted by his wheelchair and his talents are now directed toward his health.

I know many will want to go visit Rikki and give him a bit of cheer and caring in reciprocation for all the good times he has presented to us in the past. Don't let him be lonely.



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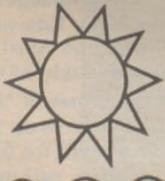
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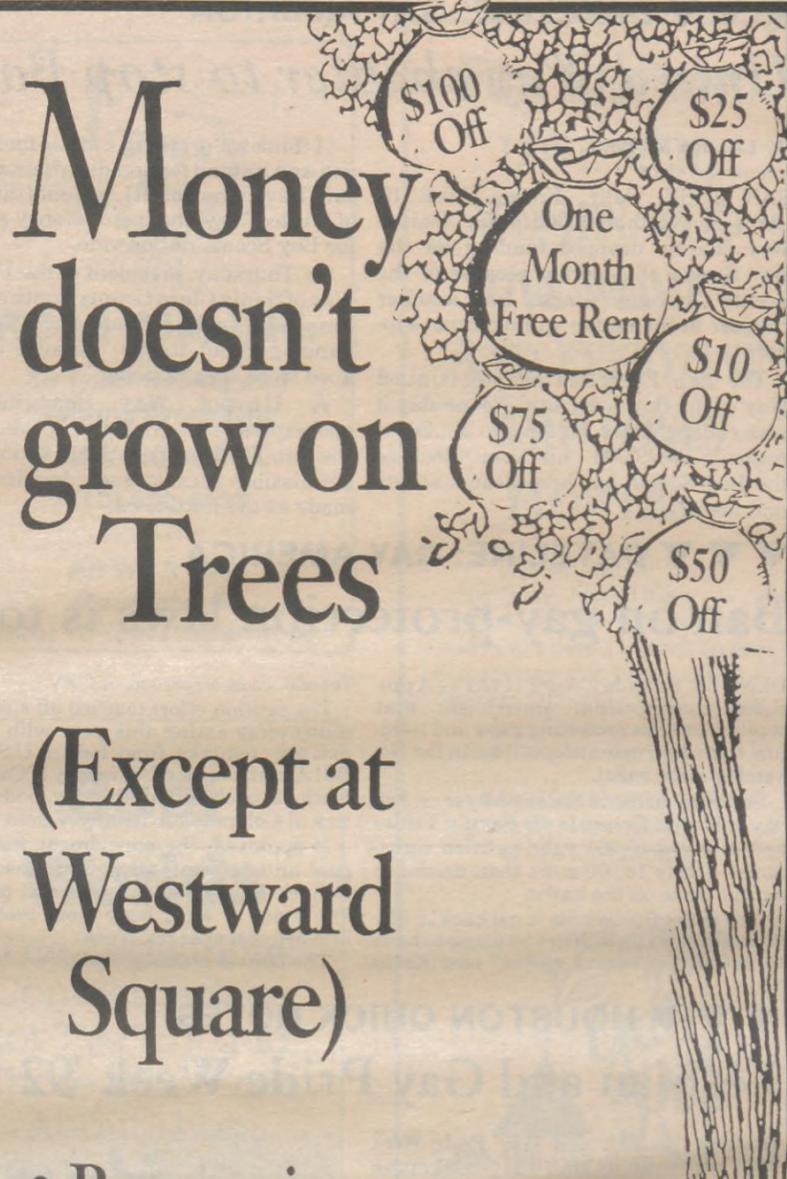
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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

United Way chapter to stop Boy Scouts funding because of gay ban

By LAURA MYERS
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN JOSE, Calif., Friday, April 10 (AP)—A Northern California United Way chapter dropped funding for the Boy Scouts of America because of the Scouts' anti-gay stand, but another chapter in the region will continue support.

The San Francisco chapter, United Way of the Bay Area, said Wednesday it was ending direct funding to six Scout councils—\$849,000 this year—because the Boy Scouts bar homosexual scouts and leaders.

"I think we're taking a stand for integrity and a stand for non-discrimination," said Dave Wharton III, regional director of United Way, the major money source for Boy Scouts nationwide.

On Thursday, president of the United Way of Santa Clara County, south of San Francisco, said his chapter will keep financing Scout troops "because of the good work they're doing."

A United Way headquarters spokesperson in Alexandria, Va., said the San Francisco chapter's action was permissible because such decisions are made at the local level.

The spokesperson, Karen Freeman, said the chapter is the only one of the United Way's 2100 agencies to cut off money in protest of the Scout policy.

The Boy Scout oath requires its takers to be "morally straight." The Scouts have used that provision to exclude gays.

Doug McDonald, executive director of the Santa Clara County Boy Scout Council, said the youth organization relies on United Way for about one-quarter of its annual funds. But the Scouts don't plan to change their anti-homosexual position.

"It seems like the San Francisco United Way is an isolated case," McDonald said. "We're getting support from everywhere else."

The United Way chapter in Santa Clara County gave two Boy Scout councils \$580,000 this year, about a quarter of the youth group's annual funds.

"We have had a valued relationship with them for 35 years and we want to maintain that," said Ed Rivera, chapter president.

The San Francisco chapter said it will end funding next year.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Ban on gay-protection laws is to be on Colorado ballot in November

DENVER, Saturday, April 11 (AP)—A proposed constitutional amendment that would ban laws protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination will be on the November state ballot.

Secretary of State Natalie Meyer on Friday said that Colorado for Family Values had collected 65,391 valid petition signatures—nearly 16,000 more than needed to put the issue on the ballot.

"We're the first people to get back in (the homosexuals) faces. They're going to have to put on the boxing gloves," said Kevin

Tebedo, co-chairperson of CFV.

The petition effort touched off storms of controversy earlier this year with harsh anti-gay remarks from former U.S. Sen. Bill Armstrong and University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney, both directors of Colorado for Family Values.

If approved, the amendment would repeal anti-discrimination laws passed by Denver, Boulder and Aspen and prevent any state or local body from protecting non-heterosexual residents.

The Denver ordinance protects job, hous-

ing and public accommodations rights regardless of religious status, sexual orientation, race, age or a number of other personal characteristics. The ballot issue would strip only those protections offered to "homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals."

The fight against the amendment will be led by Equal Protections Campaign, which successfully pushed for the Denver anti-discrimination ordinance and last May defeated an attempt to repeal it.

EPC spokesperson said "as far as we're concerned the campaign to keep discrimi-

nation out of the state constitution has begun."

Colorado for Family Values argues that gays and lesbians are protected from discrimination under current law.

Legal experts say that no federal or state laws currently prevent homosexuals from being fired for their sexual orientation.

"There's not that much going for the gay community and it's incorrect to advertise that they have protection," said John Reese, a constitutional law professor at the University of Denver.

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '92 rally to be held June 28 next to Mary's

Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1992 will wrap up its 10-day celebration with a rally on the day of the Pride Parade, June 28, in the parking lot next to Mary's, organizers confirmed this week. The event will borrow elements from both the Spotts Park rallies hosted by the Gay Political Caucus (now HGLPC) in the early years of Houston's lesbian and gay pride observance and the Star Nite Festival of the last two years.

"The Pride Rally...Naturally" will include on-stage speakers and entertainment as well as booths for community businesses and organizations at the site. Activities at the rally site will open at 3:00 p.m., with main events taking place after the parade. The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m.

The site was chosen partly because it is traditionally a central location along the parade route and brings the rally festivities "back home" to Montrose, said co-chair Jack Valinski. The pride committee has rented the space and will soon be distributing applications for booth space, Valinski said. Charges for booths will be \$25 for community organizations; \$50 for businesses. Any vendor who would like to provide food must obtain a food permit on their own. No business will be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages except for Mary's, the anchor business, if they so choose. There will be no charge to attend the event.

In other news, HGLPW sold about 100 "Pride Equals Power" T-shirts during the Westheimer Art Festival last weekend. Although cut short by rain, the recent yard sale held in conjunction with other local organizations raised about \$300 for pride week.

The next HGLPW '92 planning meeting, which will include the election of parade grand marshals, is Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray.

For more information, call the Pride Line, (713) 529-6979.

—AFH grant approved

AIDS Foundation Houston Inc. was awarded a \$111,700 grant for the purchase of a building that will be used for its Stone Soup Food Pantry. At its meeting on Wednesday, April 8, council approved the contract that will allow AFH to proceed with plans to transform the 608 Westheimer—now QT's—the new pantry location.

The new Stone Soup will provide a waiting room for clients as well as additional storage space, said Tom Combs, AFH director of governmental affairs.



State Rep. Garnet Coleman, Trish Morgan (co-director), State Sen. Rodney Ellis, Jay Asher (co-director), an unidentified HATCH youth and Toni Knight, past president of GLPC are shown at HATCH's Easter dance last Saturday

The grant, which was sponsored by Councilmember Vince Ryan is "the result of over 1000 hours of AFH volunteer time spent locating an appropriate facility that met City of Houston requirements," Combs said.

Janice Thomas, chair of the AFH board of trustees, stated, "A very special thanks must go to Councilman Vince Ryan. He and his staff made themselves available day and night to help us." Thomas added that "Max Patterson and his staff at Housing and Community Development (also) went out of their way to expedite the project."

AIDS Foundation Houston Inc., Houston's oldest and largest AIDS—specific service provider, founded Stone Soup in 1987. The food assistance program currently serves 560 needy PWA's per month. AFH Inc. currently serves over 1300 clients and will reach over 80,000 people this year with its AIDS awareness programs.

—Youth dance

The Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH) held its first lesbian and gay youth dance last Saturday, April 11. Special guests at the event, organized by the group's teenage members, included state officials, Rep. Garnet Coleman and Sen. Rodney Ellis, as well as Toni Knight, past president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

HATCH youth planned the Easter-themed event, arranged the music and prepared the food and decorations. The dance

is the first of several events intended to provide alternatives for gay youth—who often have problems with their families—who need a supportive social network of their own, according to the group's director/facilitators.

—Spring picnic

Body Positive/Houston, the People With AIDS Coalition and the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection will host the 1992 Spring Picnic on Sunday, April 26 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Blvd.

This year, donations in the form of canned goods and household items are requested for Cornerstone House, a family care center and the Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry's (FIRM) pediatric and family AIDS program.

Games, barbecue brisket, sausage, chicken and drinks will be provided by the co-sponsors and guests are invited to bring their favorite picnic fare to this "pot luck" event. However, organizers noted, it is not necessary to bring anything to attend.

The annual spring picnic is underwritten by ONCOL Center for I.V. Therapies. For more information or to volunteer to help, call Body Positive/Houston at (713) 524-2374.

—MAC board members

The Montrose Activity Center is seeking committed, hard working individuals to fill board positions. The MAC board is not a ceremonial board, and those applying

should be prepared to give at least 10 hours per month in direct fund raising efforts, said Clyde Williams, president. There is no monetary compensation, but board members will get to contribute to establishing a community center in Houston for the gay, lesbian and transgender community, she said. Those interested may contact Williams at (713) 236-0064.

Volunteers are also needed to haul and deliver items, write articles, solicit funds, do art and legal work for MAC, as well as call people with notices, manage volunteers and plan fund raising activities. For more information, call Clyde Williams at the above number.

—Signing class at MCCR

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection-Houston is offering a six week course on sign language as part of its continuing Christian Education Series. The class will begin on April 20 and will meet every Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

The title of the course is "Poetic Signing," and its focus will be on interpreting music. There is a small fee for the class. For more information, call the church at (713) 861-9149.

—Easter bonnet ride

The Chain Gang Bicycle Club is inviting daring bicyclists to "wear your finest Easter bonnet" and join them on a holiday ride on Easter Sunday, April 19. The ride starts from Heaven, 800 Pacific, at 10:00 a.m., and will be about 20 miles at an easy pace.

"Come out and join us for our first official ride of Spring," said Keith Krum, club president. All Chain Gang rides are free and everyone with a bike is invited to participate, he said. For a one year membership and a subscription to "The Chain Gang Informer," send \$5 to the Chain Gang Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 130064, Houston, Tx. 77219.

—"Trial Skate"

Houston's Lambda Rollerskating Club will hold a "Trial Skate Nite" on Friday, April 24 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the Trade Winds Roller Rink, 5006 W. 34th Street at 290. The \$4.75 admission includes skates. This trial skate will also be open to the general public.

After this trial, club representatives said gay and lesbian Tuesday night skating parties (closed to the public) are expected to be restarted, either at Trade Winds or the Almeda Skate Center. For more information, call the Lambda Rollerskating Club at (713) 523-6381.

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Fears over liability are slowing AIDS vaccine research, study shows

By PAUL RECER

AP Science Writer
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 9 (AP)—Fear of being sued by patients is slowing and even stopping some AIDS vaccine research, according to the journal *Science*.

In an article to be published Friday, *Science* reports that some companies and laboratories have postponed or canceled testing of promising AIDS vaccines because they worry about lawsuits that could be filed by people who contract the virus after receiving the vaccination.

Already, said the journal, a company with a candidate vaccine has gotten out of the AIDS vaccine business, while one university laboratory was forced to abandon an AIDS vaccine project. Other test programs awaited changes in state law before proceeding, *Science* said.

The magazine drew its conclusions from an analysis of activities of laboratories and pharmaceutical companies involved in developing an AIDS vaccine.

The journal points out that no vaccine is 100 percent effective and that some people may develop the AIDS virus infection despite a vaccination. Also, it notes, vaccines are given to healthy people with the aim of keeping them healthy. If a person becomes ill after taking the shot, then a lawsuit could follow, the magazine said.

"If a vaccine protects 99 people and one person develops complications and they trace that back to the vaccine, that one case will send the company down the drain," the journal said.

Science said that one tried and true method of developing vaccine is to use whole, killed virus. This technique, which was used by Jonas Salk to make polio vaccine, can cause the body to

make antibodies against all the protein molecules in the virus.

Vaccine researchers generally have avoided this approach because there is a possibility that some of the virus in the vaccine could survive and cause illness.

"As a result of those fears, almost all other researchers are relying on genetically engineered vaccines that contain no HIV genetic material," the journal said, referring to the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

Only one company, Immune Response Corp. in California, has tested a candidate vaccine using a killed virus, and it was forced to delay testing the vaccine on healthy people because of liability concerns, *Science* reports.

Another California firm, Genentech, halted HIV vaccine research until the state supreme court made a ruling that defined the limits of liability for drug manufacturers in the state, *Science* said.

Another factor in the company's decision to resume vaccine development was that it managed to buy insurance protection for trials, *Science* said. Insurance companies traditionally have been reluctant to provide such coverage.

The journal said that another company, MicroGeneSys, decided to change the site of human trials of an HIV vaccine designed to prevent transmission of the virus from mother to baby. The vaccine trials were moved to Connecticut after that state passed laws offering legal protection to firms testing AIDS vaccines in pregnant women. The tests had been planned for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., but Tennessee law offers vaccine makers little protection from liability, the magazine said.

Science, one of the world's most widely read, peer-reviewed journals, is published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Six rush stage of Saturday Night Live to protest 'Basic Instinct'

NEW YORK, Sunday, April 12 (AP)—Six people were arrested after they tried to rush the stage during a live broadcast of Saturday Night Live, city police said.

A man who said he was a spokesperson for the six told the Associated Press that the group was protesting the movie "Basic Instinct" and its star, Sharon Stone, who hosted the show Saturday.

"We are protesting Hollywood's homophobia and misogyny as exemplified in the film," James Wagner said.

The broadcast of the show was not interrupted but the voices of the protesters could be heard on the nationally televised show as Stone mimicked a scene from the movie during the show's traditional opening monologue.

Saturday Night Live is broadcast from an NBC studio in the General Electric Building on Rockefeller Plaza in midtown Manhattan. Stone, a guest host, appears in "Basic Instinct" as a bisexual suspect in a murder case.

NBC security escorted the six off the sound stage at 11:35 p.m. and kept them until city police arrived. All six are charged with disorderly conduct and harassment, police department spokesperson Sgt. Mary Wrensen said. Their names were not available early this morning, she added.

The group was able to gain access to the show from the make up room by pretending to be production people, Wagner said. "We dressed like production people, talked like production people. They thought we were part of the show."

Jon Winklaman, who said he was with the group but not arrested, said the three men and three women yelled "Fight AIDS, Not Women," "Hollywood Kills" and "Boy-cott Hate" as they tried to get onto the stage.

"Basic Instinct is a movie that portrays woman and lesbians as serial killers who are a threat to men," Winklaman 25, of New York, said. "We are also angry at a scene where Michael Douglas date rapes his girlfriend and afterwards she thanks him for it."

▼▼▼ HOUSTON LIVE

Vogel's 'Baltimore Waltz' at the Alley is one of the best AIDS plays yet

REVIEWED BY JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice

In a letter, dated March, 1987, Carl Vogel, who was dying of AIDS, wrote to his playwright sister Paula, "Well, I want a good show, even though my role has been reduced involuntarily from player to prop."

Carl was referring to whatever ceremony his family intended in his memorial following his death. However, Paula Vogel did far more for her brother than the obligatory ritual; she did what so many superlative artists have done before her. She took her personal tragedy and channeled the resulting torrent of emotions into a beautifully crafted work for the stage.

"The Baltimore Waltz" is the best play yet written about AIDS, and it is being presented at the Alley Theatre's Neuhaus Arena Stage through May 10. In it, Vogel espouses her message with complete irreverence but never trivializes the issue. This black comedy is tinged with pathos and marked with frustrated anger and trenchant political commentary.

The play opens in a hospital waiting room. Anna (Alma Cuervo) and Carl (Willis Sparks), her gay brother, are somewhat fidgety while they sit in anticipation of news from a doctor, presumably about Carl. The doctor arrives and bombastically recites absurd medical jargon. It is not Carl that is ill, but rather Anna. She is suffering, the doctor tells them, from a new malady, Acquired Toilet Disease (ATD). It afflicts elementary school teachers who share restrooms with their students, and there is no cure.

Faced with certain death, Anna and Carl depart on a whirlwind tour of Europe. While Carl, a cultured librarian who speaks six languages, initially visits art museums, he hopes to make contact with an old college friend who might be able to provide access to an experimental drug and an eccentric scientist in Vienna, who has been using unproven methods of treatment.

Anna is determined to make up for years of spinsterly living and goes on a flesh



Alma Cuervo as Anna and Willis Sparks as Carl in Paula Vogel's "The Baltimore Waltz" at the Alley

binge with a waiter, a bellboy, an old Dutchman, who saved his village as a child by putting his finger in a hole in a dike and a young German radical, who screams when he learns of Anna's affliction.

Carl succeeds in communicating with his friend from college. This friend turns out to be Harry Lime (an infamous Orson Welles character from "The Third Man"), and he can offer little and even that at an exorbitant cost.

With nowhere else to turn, Anna and Carl go to Dr. Todesrocheln. The doctor is wildly quirky, a la Dr. Strangelove, and he requires that all his patients provide large urine samples, which he uses for his own unconventional purposes.

The denouement is, of course, never in doubt. Anna's fate in her fantasy world mirrors the fate of her brother, and it is only when his life has reached its inevitable conclusion that she returns to reality—a reality she confronts with a final waltz with her brother.

Plays like this, which are so painfully/joyfully drawn from the playwright's own

experiences, are almost always laden with symbolism. "The Baltimore Waltz" is no different. The nefarious "third man" and the quack Viennese doctor with peculiar tastes are both emblematic of false hope given to victims and their loved ones at prices worthy of political blackmail.

The "third man" (Arnie Burton), who is actually all the other characters in the play besides Anna and Carl, first appears as the doctor in the hospital waiting room. He puts on surgical gloves as he explains ADT, and they never leave his hands, no matter who he is portraying. Is Vogel mocking the feared methods of transmission that seem to abound among the less well-read? Perhaps she intends it as a none-too-subtle reminder that safety is only a piece of latex away.

In a far more telling allegory, Vogel has Carl, who even in Anna's dream world is still gay, talk lovingly of his stuffed bunny rabbit. It was given to him, he tells us, because little boys aren't supposed to play with dolls, and it is meant as a substitute. In her fantasy, it becomes much more. The rabbit, common to many gay men appar-

ently, becomes a means of communication between two strangers in search of brief companionship. They look at each other askance and show their stuffed comrades to each other only furtively.

Vogel's experience with her brother's death is also captured in Anna's anguished cries: "There is nothing I can do." And a biting observation on the attention given the plague: "If one grandchild of George Bush caught this thing during toilet training, that would be the last we hear of the space program."

The inherent brilliance of the play is compounded with equally effulgent directing from Anne Bogart. She captures every essence of this production from the wicked humor to the pervading angst. She elicits first rate performances from her cast and does a remarkable staging job, particularly with the satirical quips.

Alma Cuervo, Willis Sparks and Arnie Burton are all exceptional. Cuervo's frantic rush through what Vogel has deemed the seven stages of death is a riveting display. Sparks conveys the anxious concern of a sibling with crystal clarity and Burton offers a wonderful collection of thoroughly disparate personages.

The set consisted only of two benches and a gurney. The benches were repositioned a number of times to represent various airport terminals, hotel rooms and restaurants. The gurney serves as a constant reminder of the stark reality beneath the fantasy.

The costuming was ingenious. Both Anna and Carl wear pajamas. Hers are frequently hidden by a trench coat. The result is another reminder of the bleak reality of the situation, but it also lends comic credence.

"The Baltimore Waltz" is as magnificent a tribute as anyone could hope to fashion. Vogel is quoted as saying "This is my AIDS quilt for my brother. I'm amazed it's being shown around the country. It's not like he's alive, but there's something that keeps his spirit moving." Indeed there is. It's the love of a sister for her brother and the way she shares it with the world.

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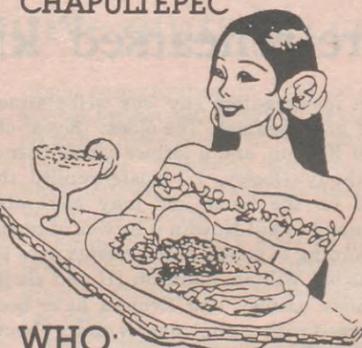


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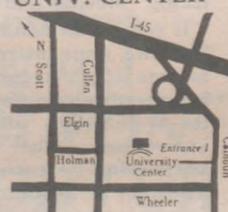
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Nine arrested in 'pre-rehearsed' killing, robbery of Kingwood man

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

Karl D. Nowlin, 44, is remembered by his close friends—including some who called him "Mother"—for a rare generosity and concern for others, a factor which might have contributed to his shooting death last Thursday, April 9, by a band of teenage robbers at his home in Kingwood, a Houston suburb.

The alleged leader and trigger man once stayed at Nowlin's house and in fact had stolen from him before, a close friend of the victim told *The New Voice* this week. The youth, who has been charged with capital murder, knew Nowlin "sometimes kept large amounts of cash around the house," the friend said.

Nowlin, a former Montrose resident known in Houston's gay and lesbian community for his frequent contributions to AIDS-related charities and as an early organizer of community fundraisers and parties, was shot three times in the head at about 9:00 a.m. that morning after letting one of the youths into his house. His Sharpei dog, Missy, was also killed.

On Monday, nine New Caney area teenagers were arrested in the robbery-murder

that investigators say was well-planned and pre-rehearsed. The oldest 18-year-old Dan Reagan, and a former school friend, Anthony Dooley, 17, masterminded the raid on the home and may have also planned to kill Nowlin if he was at home, according to police. Also arrested were 17-year old William Johnson III and six juveniles. Dooley and Reagan have been charged with capital murder and are being held without bond.

According to police, the group gained access to the house when Reagan told Nowlin he needed to get something he had left there. Nowlin let him in, then other youths rushed into the house, surrounded him and pushed him to the ground. The youths, armed with two .22 caliber rifles, then reportedly said they were going to shoot the dog. According to detectives, the suspects said Nowlin then responded, "If you're going to shoot my dog, you might as well shoot me," and they did.

Homicide detectives said robbery was the motive for the attack, described in broadcast news reports as a pre-planned, military-style raid. All of the youths except Reagan attended New Caney High School, and at least one—Dooley—was a

member of the school's Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC).

David Mingus of Ft. Meyer's, Fla., a long time close friend of Nowlin's, said Reagan stayed at the Kingwood residence for about a week last year, but was asked to leave after stealing cash and a garage door opener from the home. Mingus said Nowlin met Reagan at the Luby's cafeteria in Kingwood, where he worked, and invited the teen to stay at the house after his parents "kicked him out." Nowlin took pleasure in helping people through hard times, and had hired Reagan to do yard work around the house.

"Danny didn't stay there very long, maybe a week or two before Karl threw him out," he said.

Although Reagan reportedly suggested to authorities that he and Nowlin had a more intimate relationship, friends said they doubted that was the case. Nowlin had numerous health problems, including a recent stroke, heart problems and HIV, and often paid people to help with upkeep of his home and yard when no one was around to care for him, they said.

Nowlin's friends described him as an outgoing personality who had become de-

pressed over his extended ill health after open heart surgery in 1983, his family's refusal to accept his orientation, and isolation from his friends and the parties he once enjoyed. He was motivated by a desire for companionship rather than sex, said Mingus.

"I was one of the (friends) who came sometimes and took care of him," said Mingus. "I called him my 'Gay Mother,' (as did) some of his other best friends. He had always helped me before...In some ways I felt closer to him than my own family. We developed a friendship...there was nothing sexual, except maybe me holding him, crying on his shoulder.

"Karl was the kind of person who always helped everybody out. He would always go the extra mile for everybody. That's just the way he was. Whenever someone died, he would make a large contribution (to charity) in their name. And he would send flowers, in his name and mine, and then tell me about it later."

Nowlin was one of the hosts of the "Mardi Gras Madness Party," an annual Houston event of the late 1970's, and an organizer of the "T-for-2000" parties held at the original Montrose Activity Center.

▼▼▼ FILM REVIEW

Derek Jarman's quirky 'Edward II' makes 16th century play timeless

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Edward II, directed by Derek Jarman for British Screen and BBC Films is not the 16th century version originally penned by Christopher Marlowe, but I believe Marlowe would approve.

Jarman, one of Britain's most original and politically outspoken film makers isn't afraid of exploring sexual politics and in *Edward II*, he embraces Marlowe's classical play with his unusual style.

The overall feel of the film may be homoerotic in nature due to the sexual orientation of the title character, but it can be enjoyed by anyone interested in British history, art films or even world politics since it mirrors what's happening right now with certain restrictive laws in England—as well as the U.S. and other parts of the world.

While murder, jealousy and doomed love are still central to the plot in this version, the stylization Jarman uses makes this telling "timeless and stateless."

If you are unfamiliar with Christopher Marlowe, some interesting facts are that he was a contemporary of Shakespeare but a radically different sort of character—a notorious intriguer, atheist and known homosexual who died in a pub brawl before he reached 30. He was denied his place in Westminster Abbey's Poet's Corner because of his "acknowledged life and expressions," so it seems appropriate that he wrote about one of Britain's known homosexual kings.

Steven Waddington is believable as the obsessed king, Edward II, who neglects his wife and duties to the throne. Like classic tragic heroes, Edward's fall from power is swift, brutal and ultimately lethal.



Edward II (Steven Waddington) and Gaveston (Andrew Tiernan) in "Edward II," directed by Derek Jarman

Overlooked and shunned by Edward for his homosexual lover, Piers Gaveston (played by Andrew Tiernan), Isabella—Edward's true Queen—takes solace in opu-

lence and spends excessive amounts of treasury money on clothing. (This is more recently reminiscent of Imelda Marcos of the Philippines). Jarman explained that

while researching the film, "I discovered Isabella spent everything she could on countless dresses. I think she had 300 pearls and as many rubies on just one dress.

Isabella is coolly played by Tilda Swinton, who received the Best Actress award at this year's Venice Film festival for her portrayal of the jealous wife of Edward II.

A surprising moment of the film features Annie Lennox of the Eurythmics singing her rendition of Cole Porter's "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye." It could easily have been the music video to the "Red, Hot and Blue" Porter tribute CD where it originated.

The dialogue in the film is from the original play, although it has been adapted for the purpose of bringing it to the screen. If the viewers were to close their eyes for a minute or so during the film, you could imagine the characters in 16th century finery behind castle walls. But one of the most interesting things about Jarman's production is the use of current-day fashions, props, noises, makeup and hairstyles.

The sets are dark and shadowy and Jarman's use of lighting gives the combination of bright costumes, dark sets and beautiful actors a very contrived "arty" quality. Some scenes are nearly futuristic in quality, as when Edward is confronted by his army, which is reminiscent of scenes from the George Lucas student production of THX-1138.

If only for curiosity's sake or the big screen effect of this haunting historical drama I recommend seeing this film, which begins its exclusive Houston engagement at the Cineplex Odeon River Oaks Plaza Friday (April 17).

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Dino Cinel case investigator transferred by D.A. Connick

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

Sgt. George Tolar, who served as District Attorney Harry Connick's chief investigator, has been transferred to uniformed street patrol in the New Orleans Police Department's 5th District.

Chief investigator is considered to be a choice assignment, and some have suggested that Tolar was demoted as a punishment for running afoul of Connick in a celebrated pornography investigation involving Connick's parish priest.

As chief investigator, Tolar handled

the case of former Catholic priest Dino Cinel. Cinel, formerly at St. Rita's church, was charged with violation of child pornography laws.

Tolar testified in pretrial hearings that he recommended in 1989 that Connick prosecute Cinel for possessing commercial photographs and magazines of nude boys. He said Connick was only concerned whether young men having sex with Cinel in homemade videos were consenting adults. (Apparently they were).

Connick testified that Tolar never recommended prosecuting his former

priest.

Connick did not bring charges against Cinel until two years later when the Washington, (D.C.) Times exposed the cover up. Connick later admitted one of the reasons for not prosecuting Cinel earlier was to avoid embarrassing the Catholic Church.

Judge Frank Marullo dismissed the charge against Cinel on Jan. 10, saying that Cinel had been assured by Tolar in 1989 that Connick would not prosecute him. The reason given privately by Connick at that time was that the young men were of legal age. The judge ruled

this promise to be legally binding.

Tolar had held the position of chief investigator for three years. He joined the DA's office after Connick was first elected in 1974. During this period, Connick's office often prosecuted or threatened prosecution of gay/lesbian oriented video rental stores in New Orleans dealing in legal material.

No such stores currently exist in New Orleans. The last to operate was located on Decatur street and was owned by a Texas outfit. It closed a few years ago, after Connick confiscated the customer list.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Minnesota pastor who tested HIV-positive quits his conservative church

PLYMOUTH, Minn., Thursday, April 9 (AP)—The head of a conservative Lutheran denomination has resigned because he tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

He also has acknowledged having homosexual relationships during the last 20 years, church officials said.

The Rev. Richard Snipstead, president of the Plymouth-based Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, also told church leaders that his wife, Leone, has AIDS, said the Rev. Robert Lee, a pastor from Newark, Ill.

Lee is acting as president of the denomination until a permanent successor is elected.

"This is very tragic," Lee told the Saint Paul Pioneer Press. "We're a very conser-

vative church body. We're hoping that we'll grow through this."

Snipstead, 63, and his wife have been struggling with medical problems since last summer. But Lee said it wasn't until last week that they learned that Snipstead was HIV-positive and that his wife had AIDS. Church officials were notified shortly afterward.

The couple have six grown children and many grandchildren.

Lee said Mrs. Snipstead has developed cystic pneumonia, has been hospitalized frequently and is undergoing treatment with drugs.

A friend who answered the telephone at the Snipstead home said the family does not want to comment.

Before becoming president of the na-

tional congregation in 1978, Snipstead served for several years as dean of the church's Bible school in Plymouth. Earlier, he served parishes in Saskatchewan, northern Minnesota and Washington state.

During Snipstead's term as national president, the church underwent the greatest expansion in its 30-year history, Lee said.

The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations has about 220 congregations around the nation, including about a dozen in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area,

with a nationwide membership of about 24,000.

"We're grieving," Lee said. "Today I've received many calls from pastors, and all were in tears. There's a real sense of grief sweeping the church body."

The denomination considers homosexual activity an "abomination" and sinful, church officials said. Snipstead has been removed from the clergy roster of the denomination due to "breach in moral conduct," they said.

The Snipsteads have a retirement home in western Wisconsin near the Minnesota border and worship in Amery, Lee said.

The pastor in Amery told the congregation about the Snipsteads on Sunday, then asked how many would welcome them into their church.

"Everyone stood up," Lee said. "It was a real outpouring of love and acceptance. I hope that we'll see things like that in the future."



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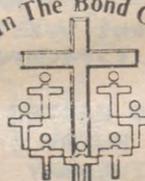
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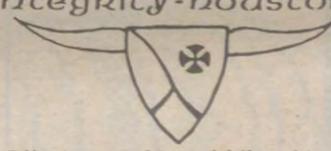
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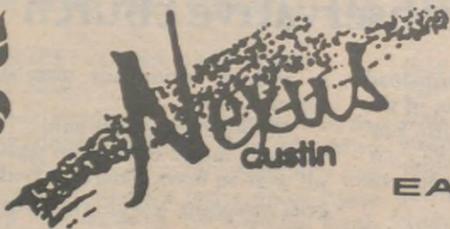
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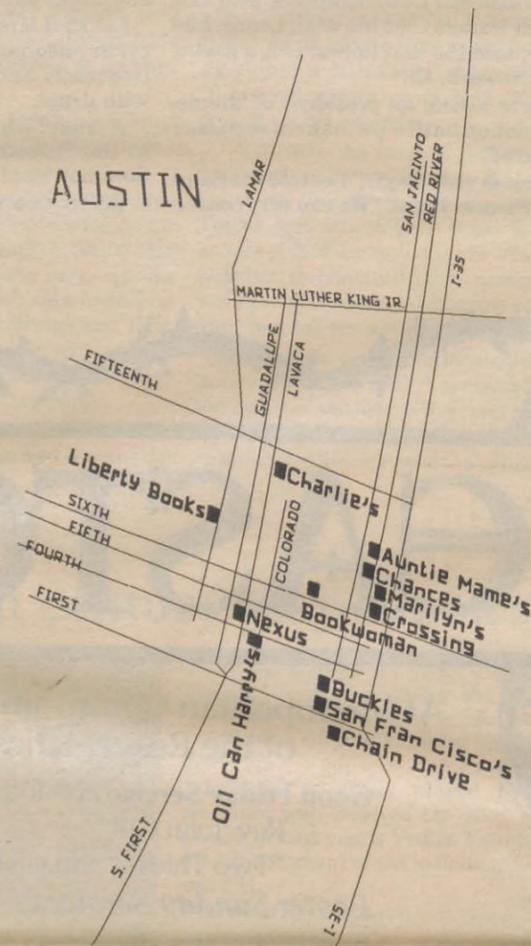
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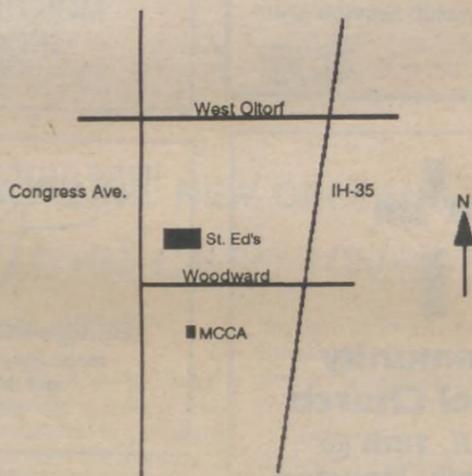
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Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, The Crossing
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●AUSTIN, SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Lunch & live music 11am-2:30pm, Chances
Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, Crossing
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
Grand opening champagne party 9pm, Austin's
Happy hour buffet, live music with Bonnie Baker, 7:30-9pm, Nexus
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Easter
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Happy hour prices all day & night, Charlie's
Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, MONDAY, APRIL 20

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's
Lone Star Male Review, 10:30pm &

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●AUSTIN, TUESDAY, APRIL 21

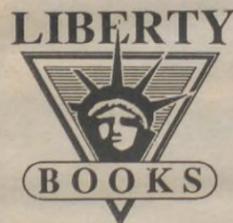
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Vermont House gives preliminary approval to gay rights measure

By ROSS SNEYD

FOR THE NEW VOICE

MONTPELIER, Vt., Friday, April 10 (AP)—A proposal to prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians appeared well on its way toward becoming law Friday after the House gave preliminary approval to the controversial bill.

Lawmakers voted 78-51 in favor of the bill after a relatively low-key debate lasting only about 30 minutes. But they refused to suspend their rules and give the bill final consideration, opting to delay that until Monday.

"I'm very pleased. I think it's in the long Vermont tradition of protecting the civil rights of all groups," said Gov. Howard Dean, who spent the morning personally lobbying lawmakers in the Statehouse hallways.

Friday was the first time a gay rights bill has been approved by the House since it was first introduced in 1986.

If it gains final approval next week, the

bill still would have to go back to the Senate because the House modified language governing the definition of household members and of a family in an employee benefit plan.

"This is incredible," said Keith Goslant of the Vermont Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men. "This deals with all Vermonters, making sure we are offered the same opportunities."

Susan Sussman, executive director of the Vermont Human Rights Commission, said she was "ecstatic, very proud of the Vermont House and Legislature. Finally, gays and lesbians will be able to have a remedy to redress discrimination."

The debate lacked much of the emotion the issue has provoked in the past. But Rep. Ronald Squires, D-Guilford, who identified himself as the "only openly gay member of the Legislature," gave an impassioned speech imploring his colleagues to abandon "hate and bigotry and fear and ignorance."

"This bill is not about special privileges or rights," Squires said. "It's about giving gay men and lesbians the same rights that you all have."

What made the difference in Friday's vote was that several former opponents changed their minds and decided to support the measure. Rep. Orland Campbell, R-Manchester, was one of them.

He said he went through all the reasons to continue opposing the bill. "Then I wondered why any American citizen should stay in the closet. And I couldn't answer that question," he said.

Backers of the legislation preferred to describe it as a civil rights issue rather than gay rights. It would add sexual orientation to a state law that already prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, marital status, national origin, age or handicap.

Opponents argued there was no need to protect homosexuals as a separate group. Several lawmakers said they could not sup-

port a law that sanctioned homosexuality. Rep. Richard Smith, R-Danville, said homosexuals were "the same group which introduced AIDS in this country."

Rep. L. Domenic Falzarano, R-Northfield, said he was concerned that the bill would promote homosexuality. "Does this mean that all forms of sexual orientation will be taught in our schools?" he asked.

But for the most part, the debate steered away from the hyperbole that has characterized the issue in the past. "Let us have the courage to live with what we can't understand," said Rep. Doris Lingelbach, D-Thetford.

Speaker Ralph Wright, D-Bennington, wanted the bill given final consideration Friday by suspending House rules. But Republicans, after caucusing, decided against it.

"The members felt strongly there were some members absent and they deserve the right to vote on it," said Republican leader Sara Gear of Burlington.

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AIDS agency shuts down just months after celebrity auction

LOS ANGELES, Friday, April 10 (AP)—Four months after it was launched with a gala celebrity fund-raiser, an AIDS service agency folded due to financial problems and a lingering recession.

In December, Northern Lights Alternatives auctioned off T-shirts decorated by Hollywood stars. A Madonna shirt went for \$4,200 while one from Elizabeth Taylor fetched \$4,000.

But now Northern Lights has shut down and directors are looking for other agencies to take over its counseling services and weekend-long workshops.

Executive Director Rodney Scott blames the recession, cash-flow problems and stiff

competition for AIDS donations. Some contributors were unable to deliver pledged donations, and the T-shirt auction was not as successful as it appeared because of cost overruns, he said.

Another agency director said donations have become so scarce that other small non-profit groups could collapse under the strain of the recession.

"There is a natural shakeout which unfortunately happens in major economic recession," said Torie Osborn, executive director of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center. The center operates one of the region's largest AIDS service programs.

"They're probably not the last organization that's going to face restructuring, being absorbed by another organization or folding."

But Northern Lights board members said Scott didn't let them know about the financial troubles in a timely manner. An audit was planned, said board chairperson Jackie Black.

She and Scott said they didn't understand why financial disclosure statements weren't on file with the state or at the agency's headquarters in Hollywood. State law requires disclosure statements from groups qualifying for tax-exempt donations.

"We are overwhelmed with new informa-

tion that we are trying to digest," Ms. Black said. "So far we haven't had any explanation, satisfactory or otherwise."

Black said the board learned the depth of the financial problem shortly after Scott announced he was resigning to work for an Orange County AIDS agency.

Northern Lights occupied "a small but critical niche" in the city's network of AIDS services, Ms. Osborn said.

The agency, with an annual budget of \$200,000 and five full-time employees, provided the community's only free clinical counseling service for homebound acquired immune deficiency syndrome patients.



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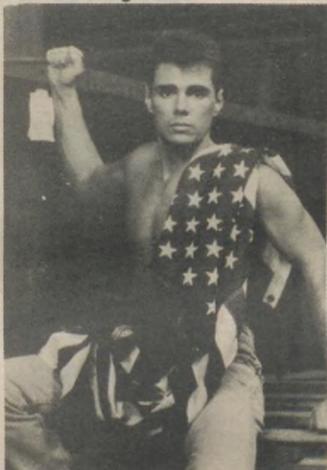
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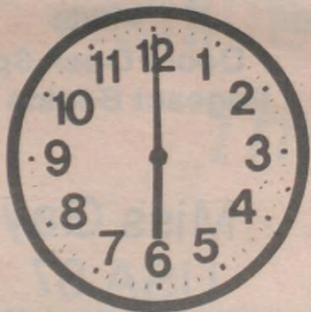


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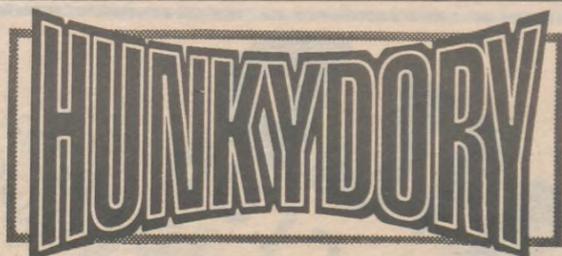
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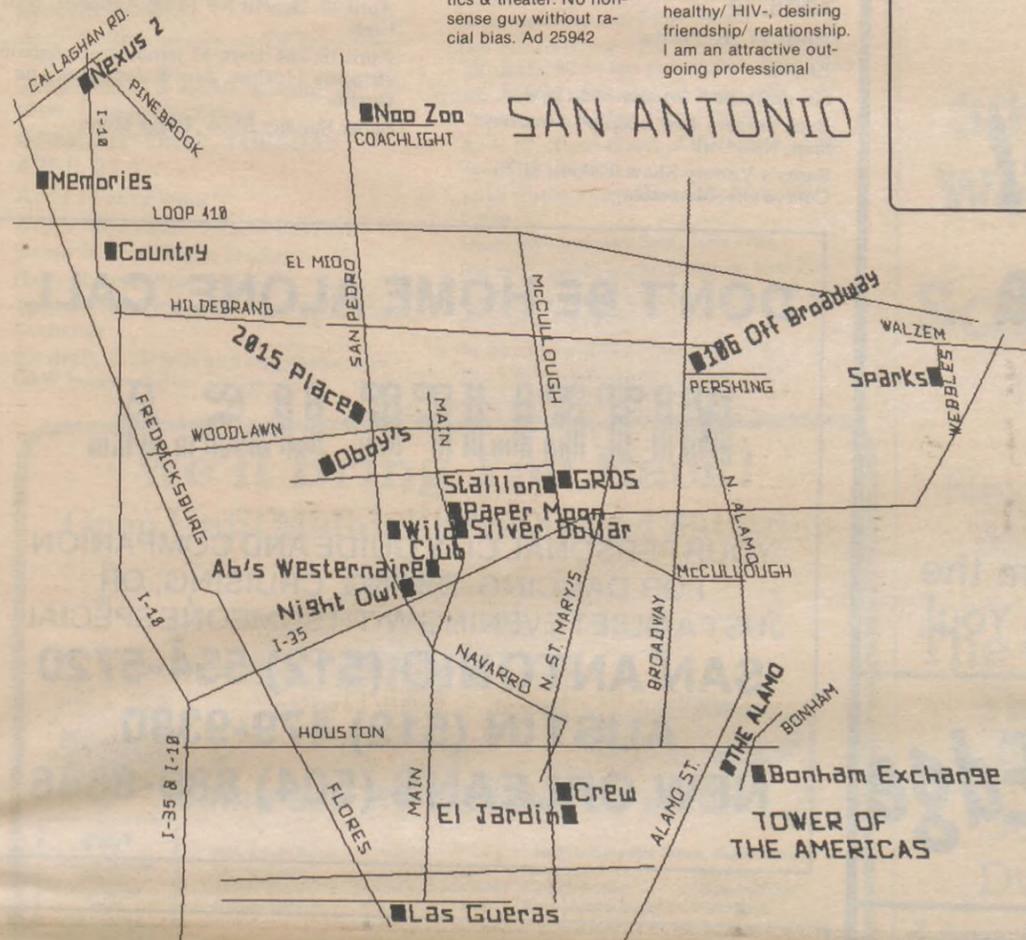
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April 17-26: Fiesta
Easter
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April 17-26: Fiesta

Happy hour 10am-10pm, El Jardin

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Happy hour to 9pm, Memories

April 21: NAMES project benefit, Bonham Exchange

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April 21: Popeye Muscles Fiesta, amateur strip contest 8pm, The Crew

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April 21: Royal Court of the Queen of the Sea, The Crew

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April 23: Mr. Chili Pepper Pageant, chili cook off, Bonham Exchange
25¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar
Jockey shorts contest, Sparks
\$1 16oz. draft 2pm-2am, male dancers 11pm, 2015 Place
25¢ draft, \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras
River City Pool League 8pm, Nite Owl

●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, APRIL 24

April 17-26: Fiesta
April 24: Battle of Flowers Parade
Buffet from 6pm, Mandy Woods at Happy Hour, Nexus

Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, 75¢ draft, Wild Club
10¢ well & draft 8-10, strip show midnight, after-hours, Noo Zoo
April 24: Fiesta male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange
Men & munchies 8pm, Nite Owl
50¢ draft, \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras
50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar
TGIF Day, \$1 well, \$1 longnecks, male dancers, 6-8pm 2015 Place
Mr. Texas Newcomer Stripoff, Sparks
All drinks \$2, Memories
Adults no cover to 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, male & female strippers, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
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April 17-26: Fiesta
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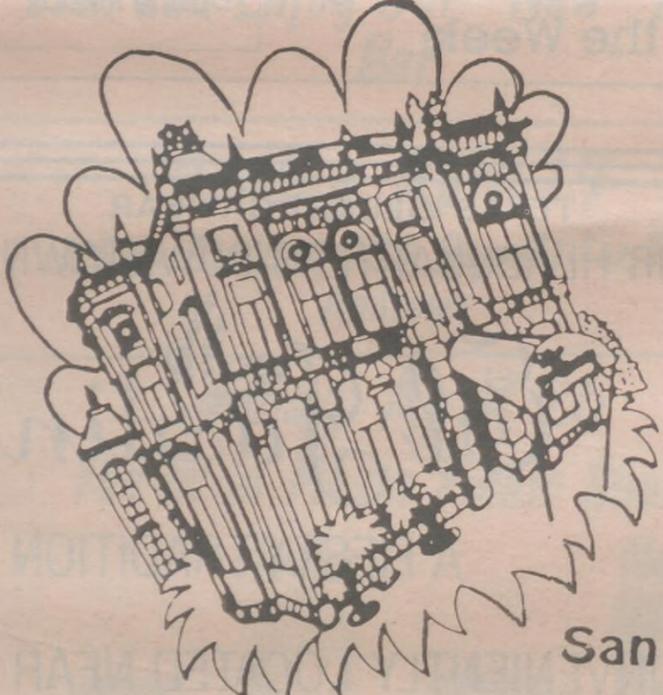
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▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Austin's opens; Dykes at the Dobie; Pre-splash at Oil Can's; New tattoos

By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

This past weekend, Austin was blessed with the opening of a BRAND NEW CLUB!!!

Named after one of my favorite cities, Austin's Niteclub has opened on lower San Jacinto. Those who dropped by on Friday found a sophisticated little spot that promises to put some new life into the scene. Austin's offers a rad place where you can dance to CD quality progressive and Top 40 music, without having to put up with all the anti-gay harassment from the Underground (which has, by the way, gone underground). Manager, musician and all-around nice guy and super stud Mac has added new credentials to his title, namely painter and interior decorator (course then we knew he had it in him). "Er, is this grey industrial carpeting?" your roving reporter coyly asked. "Steel blue," he said not falling into that trap. New lights, new sound system, new music—this place may just be the ticket. Now where was my black turtleneck?

Move over Catherine! You leave us as cold as Stone. And in spite of what Hollywood would like us to believe we all know that a homosexual's basic instinct is his humor—followed closely by a strong sense of style. Confirming this basic tenet of modern queer life will be some really keen women asking their way through these parts this weekend.

Proving the pen is indeed mightier than the ice pick, nationally syndicated Lesbian/Feminist cartoonist Alison Bechdel will be bringing her powerful arsenal of ink to Austin. On Friday night, "Dykes to Watch Out For: The Slideshow" will debut on the Dobie Theater's silver screen. This epic (with a lower case "e") is a hilarious collection of renegade art and private memories shamelessly paraded in public by an astute observer and critic of all things PC. The work, benefiting UT's Gay and Les-



Mitya and his tattoo at the Crossing

bian Student Association, has Ms. Bechdel chatting about overcoming her childhood drawing frustrations and the action-packed career of a professional cartoonist. Shows are at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

If you miss her routine at the Dobie, you can catch Alison on a more personal level Saturday. Bechdel is promoting the release of the fourth installment in the popular "DTWOF" book series, "Dykes to Watch Out For: The Sequel." Long time fans of "Dykes" will be given the opportunity to have their personal favorite individually blessed from noon 'till 2:00 p.m. at Bookwoman or from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Liberty Books.

While I haven't gotten enough skinny yet to find out if they also fall into the "Dykes to Watch Out For" category, the three woman rock group Betty will be rattling some walls and some cages when they make their Texas debut at Esther's Pool on 6th Street. "Billed as the World's Foremost All-Girl Bi-Racial Rock and Roll Performance Cabaret Trio," they have racked up quite a gay following on the east coast. Their hard-hitting sassy attitude, matched with equal amounts of musical adroitness, has been recognized by finger-on-duplicate mags like the New Yorker, Vanity Fair and the Village Voice. The best de-



Sean, Tom and Skip at Austin's newest club—Austin's

scription I've heard is kinda Laurie Anderson meets James Brown. Betty will be here through the 25th. Tickets at Esther's, Bookwoman and Liberty Books. My question is, if four performers is a quartet, why isn't three performers a Try-it?

Singing a different song entirely (perhaps "Love Will Find A Way") is the Capitol City Men's Chorus. This growing group of accapellists are stretching their vocal chords in new directions. The CCMC is preparing for a big June trip to Denver to participate in GALA IV, an international festival of gay choruses. On Friday, Oil Can Harry's will continue its support of the arts by holding a Pre-Splash Underwear Bash. The proceeds from this little get-together will help them on their way. Sam Luna of the Chorus told me that he expects the party to be a way for more people to become aware of the chorus. I expect it will be a fine opportunity to separate the basses from the baritones.

When those clothes go off perhaps we will see how well people have taken care of themselves during the winter. Most interesting will be the number of new tattoos that have sprouted on the local trend setters and visiting celebs during the winter months. For example, should Chevy Anz drop by after another stellar

performance as Eva at Capitol City Playhouse, her gathered fans may see that she is taking more than rave reviews home with her from Austin? Word is she will have a clever little dragon sharing her airline seat with her back to Tennessee after the show finishes its run. Tush, tush, tush.

This past weekend the Stealth Camera caught new brands peeping out from under various taverns. The thing so wonderful about tattoos is that they are so permanent. Not too easily removed. Consequently, you should be careful about what they say: "Mother" is OK, "Tom loves Bruce" is very iffy. Are you still considering this embellishment? First talk of Old Reliable Kendal at the Crossing. Reportedly he spent thousands of dollars and weeks in agony to get his tattoos from a previous lifetime blasted away. Then a "before" picture suddenly appeared in, of all places, a card pack. You just can't ever seem to run away from your past.

Multiply pierced Steve seems to have figured out a better way. Rumor had him also sporting a new tattoo. But on closer inspection I discovered it was only a US customs stamp.

Once you get that new tattoo you can drag it over to the Chain Drive. This weekend they will be celebrating six sensational seasons serving psycho sexual satisfactions. Seriously! Saturday night the Drive will have a special buffet lined up. Then on Sunday, hip with the season, they will have Butch, Mr. Austin Drummer, dressed up as a fuzzy bunny rabbit, hiding Easter eggs while Men of All Colors hold their monthly patio cookout. While you may be tempted otherwise, bartender Frank suggests you keep any smart comments about Butch to yourself.

"He's a killer bunny, with a short fuse. One wrong remark and a proctologist won't be able to find that egg."



Kyle, Randy and Geraldo hanging out at Charlie's



Tattooed Kelly with Michael at the Chain Drive

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Panel restores funding to gay group at University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Wednesday, April 8 (AP)—A University of Alabama administrator reversed a decision by the student government to cut funding to a campus group for homosexuals, saying "it is the right thing to do."

The Student Life Committee, which is comprised of students and faculty members, voted 10-2 Tuesday to override the student senate's decision to cut funding to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance from \$800 to \$264—roughly the amount of the group's telephone bill last year.

Student government leaders ex-

plained after the March 24 vote they were trying to comply with an advisory opinion issued by Attorney General Jimmy Evans, who said public funds should not be allocated to groups that advocate violation of state sodomy laws.

But the Student Life Committee recommended to Harry Knopke, vice president for student affairs, that the organization's funding be restored. Knopke said he would accept the committee's recommendation.

"I would hope (the decision) would alert them (the student senate) to pay

heed to broader realities," he said. "That's not to say the legal implications of this ought not to be considered, but that's a separate issue."

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance was the only student organization singled out for funding cuts by the student senate during recent budget hearings. Knopke's decision means the group will receive \$300 more than it got last year.

"We were singled out unfairly by the (Student Government Association) senate and it was nothing but blatant discrimination," said Cindy Vordenbaum,

president of the organization. "I'm glad the committee saw fit to give us back our funding."

Evans' advisory opinion was issued during the ongoing dispute at Auburn University over that school's gay and lesbian group. The Auburn board of trustees recently filed a federal lawsuit to get a judge's ruling on whether the campus must grant a charter to the group.

Annabel Stevens, faculty advisor to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, said the Alabama group does not and has never advocated that state sodomy and sexual misconduct laws be broken.

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(Some specials require "buy in" or cover charge. Since virtually all bars have weekday afternoon happy hours, that event is not listed here.)

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Good Friday
Happy hour 4-9am 2601; 5-9am Golden Lantern
Jeopardy 4:30pm The Friendly Bar
Bear's beer bust 7-10pm Boots
Beer bust 10pm-1am Jewels
April 17: Knights d'Orleans Gaggie Awards 9pm, beer bust, Phoenix
Full moon birthday bash 11pm, Jewel's
April 10: Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt display 6-9pm, N.O. Convention Center
Happy hour 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi)
New Meat Night dancers 10pm Corner Pocket

NEW ORLEANS, SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Happy hour 4-9am 2601; 5-9am Golden Lantern
April 11: Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt display 9am-6pm, N.O. Convention Center
Happy hour 2-7pm Roundup, Ziggy's & Wild Side; 2-8pm We Are Family
Beer bust 4-7pm Phoenix
Happy hour 4-7pm Corner Pocket; 4-8pm Jewel's & Wolfendale's; 4-9pm The Mint, Bourbon Pub, MRB, TT's, 2601, Phoenix & Sterling Club; 5-9pm Rawhide, Lafitte's & Good Friends; 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi)

NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Easter
Happy hour 4-9am 2601; 5-9am Golden Lantern
\$1 juice drinks 8am-noon Corner Pocket
Happy hour 2-6pm Jewel's; 2-7pm Wild Side & Ziggy's
Happy hour 2-7pm & buffet Roundup
Happy hour 2-8pm We Are Family

Trash disco 3-9pm, happy hour 5-9pm, Lafitte's
April 19: Easter BBQ 2pm, Phoenix
Happy hour 4-7pm Corner Pocket; 4-8pm Wolfendale's
Beer bust 4-8pm Boots
Easter bonnet contest 5pm April 19, Good Friends
Happy hour 4-9pm Phoenix, TT's, The Mint, 2601, MRB & Sterling Club
Tea dance 5pm, beer bust 5-9pm, Parade
Happy hour 5-9pm Good Friends
Bear night, 1st drink free for facial hair 6-9pm, Rawhide
Beer bust 6-9pm Jewel's
Happy hour 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi)

NEW ORLEANS, MONDAY, APRIL 20

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am, Golden Lantern
Happy hour with beans & rice 4pm-midnight, 2601
Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar
Bring your own meat BBQ, Phoenix
Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's
Happy hour to 1am, Big Daddy's
Happy hour 3-6am, Roundup

NEW ORLEANS, TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am, Golden Lantern
Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar
Pool tourney 8pm 2601, 9pm We Are Family
Beer bust 9pm-midnight, Phoenix
Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's
75¢ well, Parade
Happy hour 3-6am Roundup

NEW ORLEANS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am Golden Lantern
Jeopardy 4:30pm The Friendly Bar
Happy hour 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi)
Happy hour to 2am, MRB & Wolfendale's
2 for 1 night, Parade
Progressive music, Joey's (Biloxi)
Happy hour 10pm-1am Jewel's & 3-6am, Roundup

NEW ORLEANS, THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am, Golden Lantern
Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar
Happy hour 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi); 10pm-1am Jewel's; 3-6am Roundup

NEW ORLEANS, FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am, Golden Lantern
Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar
Bear's beer bust 7-10pm, Boots
Happy hour 8-10pm, Joey's (Biloxi)
Beer bust 10pm-1am Jewels
New Meat Night dancers 10pm, Corner Pocket

NEW ORLEANS LATER

April 26: Divinity's Spring Show & Extravaganza 9pm, Phoenix

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Cafe Lafitte in Exile (M,V,D), 901 Bourbon, 522-8397
Charlene's/Over C's (W,D), 940 Elysian Fields, 945-9328
Corner Pocket (M,NH), 940 St. Louis, 568-9829
The Country Club (M,W,EG), 634 Louisa, 945-0742
The Four Seasons (M,W,D), 3229 Causeway, Metairie, 832-0659
The Friendly Bar (M,W,NH), 2301 Chartres, 943-8929
Golden Lantern (M,NH), 1239 Royal, 529-2860
Good Friends (M,W,EG), 740 Dauphine, 566-7191
Jewel's (M,L), 1207 Decatur, 523-9237
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The Men's Room (M,L,NH), 941 Elysian Fields, 945-9264
The Market (M,W,YC,V,D), 1135 Decatur, 522-5011
The Mint (M,W,EG,E), 504 Esplanade, 525-2000
MRB (Mississippi River Bottom) (M,NH), 515 St. Philip, 586-0644
The Parade Disco (M,W,D,V,YC), 801 Bourbon, 529-2107
The Phoenix (M,W,L,NH), 941 Elysian Fields, 945-9264
The Rawhide (M,L,NH), 740 Burgundy at St. Ann, 525-8106
The Roundup (M), 819 St. Louis just off Bourbon, 561-8340
The Sterling Club (M,W,EG,NH,F), 700 Burgundy, 522-1962
TT'S (M,NH), 820 N. Rampart, 523-9521
Twenty-Six-O-One (M,NH), 2601 Royal, 948-6968
We Are Family (M,W,NH,T,L), 700 N. Rampart, 524-7654
The Wild Side (M,W,NH), 439 Dauphine, 529-5728
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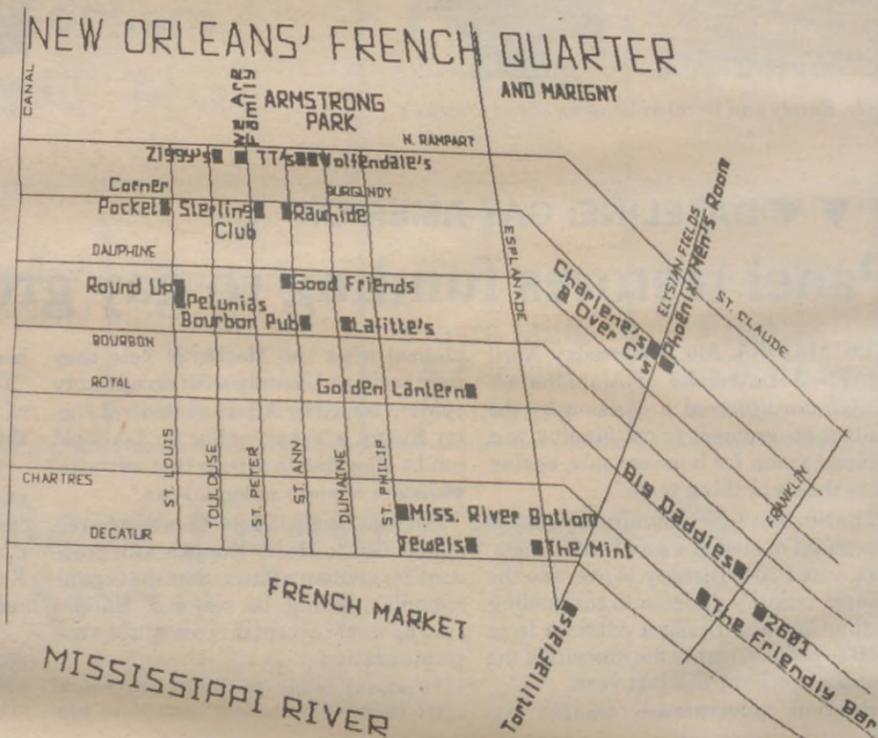


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▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

Annual French Quarter Festival draws crowds back to party in Vieux Carre

The streets of the Vieux Carre' swelled with larger than usual crowds over the four day weekend of April 9-12 as the City the Care Forgot set out to throw itself one more party.

The French Quarter Festival, now in its ninth year, had everything from second line parades winding down crowded

Bourbon Street to free concerts along Rue Royal and along the Mississippi River at Woldenberg Park.

Dozens of food and drink stands dotted Jackson Square and Woldenberg Park. Food stands were limited to French Quarter establishments such as the world famous Gumbo Show on Rue

Saint Peter.

Perhaps the most idyllic place in The Crescent City to listen to New Orleans music is standing with a foot up on the rail, looking out over Old Man River, while sipping a Festival sponsoring Miller beer. What could be more New Orleans? Sunday night hundreds did just that, as the great sounds of sister/broth-

er team Lillian and John Boutte set feet to tapping and spirits soaring.

The French Quarter Festival, some say, is destined to rival the Jazz and heritage Festival, returning at month's end for its 21st year at the fair grounds near City Park. Certainly the Vieux Carre's Mississippi River bank is known as a great site for a party.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

Louisiana has ninth-highest AIDS rate in the United States

BATON ROUGE, La., Saturday, April 11 (AP)—Louisiana has the ninth-highest AIDS rate in the country with one in 170 residents carrying the virus that causes the disease, state health officials say.

The state's rate surpasses the national average of 1-in-250.

"We are in some deep, deep trouble," said Dr. Meg Lawrence, medical director for HIV-AIDS services in the state Office of Public Health.

Nearly a fourth of the state's 3300 cases have been diagnosed in people in their 20s, state figures show. Since as many as 15 years can elapse between infection and a

diagnosis of AIDS, this means most in this group were infected as teen-agers.

"We are in dire need of education and prevention services. We really have to start taking this seriously, not as a homosexual disease or a drug users' disease or a black disease. We have to convince people that this is all of us," Lawrence said.

The federal Centers for Disease Control estimates that for every AIDS case, there are eight infected people.

The District of Columbia, with an infection rate about six times that of Louisiana, ranks at the top of the list, the CDC said. North Dakota, with a rate of one infected person in 200,000, is at the bottom.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Surgeon General: Don't wait for your heroes to get AIDS

SYRACUSE N.Y., Thursday, April 9 (AP)—Americans can't wait for heroes to develop AIDS before they start paying attention to the disease, U.S. Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello said Thursday.

Novello was in Syracuse to speak at a luncheon hosted by the Onondaga County Medical Society. She also delivered the opening address for the 75th anniversary of the Syracuse University College for Human Development.

A day after tennis great Arthur Ashe re-

vealed he has AIDS, Novello said the key to fighting the disease is prevention.

She said each day 130 more people get infected with the HIV virus that causes AIDS. But it's important to know how and why.

"We should not wait just for heroes to develop AIDS before everybody catches attention," she said.

Novello defended the U.S. government's efforts in battling the disease, saying "we have moved as fast as the epidemic has

moved."

She said 10 percent of the National Institutes of Health budget goes to AIDS research. In 1991, the U.S. government spent \$4.2 billion on AIDS research, she said.

"We are trying to move as fast as we can," she said. "But no matter how fast, there will always be someone who would always believe we are not moving fast enough."

After Ashe announced Wednesday that he got AIDS from a blood transfusion during open heart surgery in 1983, blood

banks fielded calls from worried transfusion recipients.

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

Westheimer Art Festival was great, but Easter party weekend is almost here

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

Hello Houston! Well, it was an absolutely gorgeous (but warm) Art Festival Weekend and there were more people out for this festival than this gossip monger has seen in a long time. For those of you who went only to "THE" official art show, too bad for you. Lower Westheimer was a sea of beautiful bodies. And did you get a gander of those insane bungee jumpers? The lines were non-stop both days and people actually paid \$50 apiece to jump off a giant crane. Sorry, but you would have to pay me, give me lots of cuervo and then beg me to jump until you were blue in the face. My favorite jumper was the one who freaked half way down and continued to freak for ten minutes— don't you know he'll treasure that video of his jump for years to come! Or how about the woman they forgot to unhook from the safety harness and when she finally did get up enough nerve to take the plunge, only fell twelve feet and dangled at the end of a very unnerving rope. Nope, no way! The roof at Mary's was too high for me. (Or was that the people on it!)

I need to correct a few things for this week's Soap. First, BRB is having the Registration Party for the Lone Star Volleyball Association TONIGHT (Thursday, April 16) at 9:00 p.m. Next, the April 19th Easter Basket and Bonnet Contest at 8:00 p.m. with \$100 is happening at GENTRY! And finally, my apologies to Mary's for believing what someone told me without checking my information. I need to let everyone know that the U.S.G. Veteran's Association does not call Mary's its home, although with permission from proper authority they would probably be allowed to hold a function there, as most organizations are welcomed by the friendly people at The National Bar of Texas, naturally! Oh, yeah, and Edwina won't do absolutely anything for a buck, but I'm compiling a list of what she does do, see me for details or to add to the growing list.

Last Friday's fashion show by Basic Brothers at Pacific Street satisfied the large crowd gathered to watch the cute, shy hunks who modeled apparel, near apparel and semi apparel. No doubt about it,

Mark received the most cheers of all the models, but was it because you blushed the brightest? And to the men of Caged heat/Men Behind Bars goes my personal gratitude for your display of the see-through swimwear, play wear, t-backs, etc., especially Kendall who was another big crowd pleaser. And if the fashion show didn't push your buttons, then maybe you were at Saturday's Leather and Flesh Party where an estimated 200 or more people were in attendance attired in various states of leather and bare flesh.

A quick congratulations to daBronx softball team "Desert Heart," who won their first two games of the season, beating out Shameless 12-2 and Dignity, 12-3.

Don't miss burgers on the patio at E/J's with Giovanni for \$1.25 with the fixins each Thursday evening (Sundays too).

Thursday Steak Nights at the 611 are turning out pretty interesting these days. We saw the Wolf Daddy and a few extra wolves last week. But seriously, for a really great steak dinner try the 611 and you'll find plenty of table seating, too!

Thursday from 8:00 p.m. at the Venture-N its 2X Full Moon Madness with the Texas Riders and NLA:H guest bartending.

The Lone Star Volleyball Classic gets underway this Thursday and will last through Sunday. Check out the bar listings in this issue for where to find the players when they're not on opposite sides of the net. Registration begins Thursday at 9:00 p.m. at the BRB.

Speaking of the BRB, Friday Walter wants y'all to come down for a fish fry at 5:00 p.m. and hear Miss Havard tell about the big one that got away, then stick around to hear Little Bit of Texas, live, on stage.

Don't miss Cobra at Rainbo's All Male Revue this Friday night, he's definitely "all male." Rainbo will also have the winner of the Thursday Night Strip Show with Brittany Paige as a guest in his Friday Revue.

Start your weekend off right with your friends at 800 Pacific— beginning Friday at J.R.'s Bar and Grill, for Houston's Biggest Office Party featuring seven gorgeous male dancer. Later tonight, the club hosts the Lone Star Volleyball Association Classic IV Friday Night Bracket Party. In attendance will be over 200 of America's hot-

day night, he's definitely "all male." Rainbo will also have the winner of the Thursday Night Strip Show with Brittany Paige as a guest in his Friday Revue.



Fan the Hot Dog Lady at Pacific Street was paid a visit by Dean of NLA, but who was selling?



Leo was seen serving beer bust at the Mining Company



Basic Brothers' volley ball team modeled sports wear at Pacific Street last Friday



Some of the hosts of the Four Seasons Spring Fiesta Party are Tim O'Reilly, Michael Carney, Dick Bolyard, Rob Schnerler, Bill Waddle and Gale Clayton

test volleyball players, fresh from an exhausting day at the net.

Across the street, also Friday night, the men of the Montrose Mining Company celebrate the April Full Moon with 92 cent frozen margaritas all night, plus the club's popular Mine Shaft happy Hour until 10:00 p.m.

And at Heaven, the rafters shake on Fridays with the pulsating sounds of DJ Michael Lowery and 50 cent well drinks all night long.

Edward II begins Friday, April 17 at the River Oaks Cineplex Odeon Theaters. read my review in this issue for more information on this unique and definitely homoerotic film.

This Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon, Mary's will be having an egg coloring contest with judging at noon.

There will also be egg coloring at the Venture-N at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday.

E/J's Saturday Night Special Show will be hosted by Lee Chardon at 11:00 p.m. with special guests Erica Lane and Loretta Lick and a surprise guest. Be there.

Saturday night, Heaven welcomes the LoneStar Volleyball Classic IV video party, featuring footage of tournament play, and the 200-plus athletes from around America who have come to Houston for this Easter weekend.

Still on Saturday, the Montrose Mining Company welcomes the hosts of Bunnies



Barry captured the beauty of the girls of Miss Camp and bonnets at the Mad Hatter Party at the 611

on the Bayou for a private party on the club's tropical patio. Come by and meet the hosts of this annual Houston extravaganza under the light of the full moon.

Easter at Pacific Street will be observed by the many contests and parades that include the club on their routes. Watch for a very special egg hunt, sort of a go fish game with prizes, you may want to play.

The regular Sunday Mandance Giant T-Dance starts at 5:00 p.m. with no cover until 7:00 p.m. and the beat inside will match the heat outside as the weekend comes to a close and the men gather to dance.

Easter Sunday at the BRB, go join in their egg hunt and win some prizes. And later, from 7:00-9:00 Mike Romero, Mr. TGRA Candidate '93 presents hats off to MAC.

Once again, don't forget the Easter Bonnet and Easter Basket contests at Gentry this Sunday beginning at 8:00 p.m. ("Please don't use my name in any soap dirt provided by Rita this week.") Huh, I wonder what that was about? Guess I'll have to ask Miss Boulevard. Oh, yeah! If you need some sustenance besides alcohol and Easter eggs try Gentry Steak and Tater Night, Sunday at 5:00 p.m. with a salad bar to boot.

Sunday at the Venture-N looks like an all day event beginning at noon, with an all day egg hunt and basket chase. At 1:00 p.m. the Annual Greater Montrose Highhell race begins at the Venture-N and at 5:00 p.m. is the return of Burg and Dawg feasts. From 6:00-9:00 p.m. it's the "Funny Bucks" Party and \$1 will buy your favorite well drink or beer. At 9:00 p.m. a \$100 cash prize goes to the "Best Leather Bunny."

On Sunday, as a gorgeous Houston crowd gathers at J.R.'s, a great Sunday afternoon hot spot. This week, the sights are even better looking as the club welcomes former Mr. Universe Bob Paris and his lover, international model Rod Jackson to Texas for an exclusive autograph and book signing appearance beginning at 5:00 p.m. Then, at 10:00 p.m., the gorgeous DUO moves next door to Heaven, the club that introduced New York-style BVD dancers to Houston.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Toxoplasmosis can be serious problem for those who are HIV-positive

WASHINGTON, D.C., Thursday, April 9 (AP)—Toxoplasmosis, the disease that alerted Arthur Ashe to the fact that he had AIDS, is caused by a microscopic parasite. It can be spread by the consumption of

undercooked meat or through exposure to the feces of infected cats.

In people with normal immune systems, the parasite rarely produces any symptoms. Sometimes it causes a mild disease

similar to infectious mononucleosis.

In people whose immune systems are weakened, however—such as people with AIDS—the toxoplasmosis parasite can cause a serious infection marked by rash,

high fever and chills, according to The Merck Manual, a standard medical reference source.

Toxoplasmosis can be treated with several drugs, and is rarely fatal in adults.

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Think you would make a great parent? The Future Parents network is open to all gay men & women who know they would! We're exploring modern, alternative methods of parenthood, such as surrogacy, adoption, etc. For further information, & time/date of next meeting, reply to ad 25921

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9PM: \$100 CASH PRIZE TO BEST "LEATHER BUNNY"
AFTER 9: REFER TO AFTER 6 ... (BLACK TIE OPTIONAL)
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YEA!
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LONE STAR MALE REVUE
 HOT HUNKS FROM ALL OVER TEXAS

SUNDAY STEAK-N-TATER
 WITH SALAD BAR 5:00 PM

EASTER BONNET AND EASTER BASKET CONTEST
 8:00 PM



\$10000 IN CASH PRIZES

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Gentry HOUSTON
 HAPPY EASTER

S&M, GIVE OR TAKE

Light to heavy leather violence raunch. Novices welcomed. Race, physique, HIV status unimportant. Ad #25423.

SEEKING FRIEND

I am 21, 5'7, 160, Bk/Br. Looking for discreet goodlooking masculine gay man, 18-29, to meet & be friends with & maybe lead to more if we like each other. ad #25006.

SEEKS FRIENDS IN EAST TEXAS

GWM, 32, br/ blu, 5'9, 160, seeks friends under 35, especially those who live in East Texas. Possible relationship with special guy who can accept & return lots of love. Let's go fishing or just cuddle up & watch a good movie. Tell me about you. Ad #25005.

SENSITIVITY AND HONESTY A MUST.

Attractive, GBF, 31, 5'4, 135 (working for 125), HIV-. Looking for soulmate. Enjoy going to gym, sports, reading, movies & quiet romantic evenings at home. Occasional nights out are acceptable. May be won over by a attractive GWF/ GHF, 25-35, Confident, down to earth, career oriented with similar interests. Monogamous relationship desired. ad #25412.

SEXY, PROVOCATIVE, CAREER MINDED FEMALE SEEKS SAME.

Black married female, 26, 5'7, 135, very proportioned, seeks married or single female for companionship, outings & intimate moments. Must be feminine, mature & sexy. No preference of race, no studs, no games. ad #25426

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, monogamous relationship. ad 25373.

STRONG SILENT BUTCH COUNTRY TYPE

Very romantic GWM, 28, 6'2, 185, br/ blu, groomed beard, HIV-, smoker, drinker, varied interests from Shakespeare & Poe to Brooks & Hank Jr. Looking for that special someone 21-30, green eyes a plus, but not a requirement. ad #25418.

TILL THE RIGHT MAN COMES ALONG

GWM, 29, 5'9, 154, fun-loving & old-fashioned seeks same for friendship & possible relationship. I enjoy C&W dancing & having fun. Let's spend some time together. ad 25390

TIRED OF BEING USED

GWM, 25, HIV- who's tired of giving all he's got & getting taken for it. I'm romantic, outgoing interesting & enjoy life. Not into the bars, but do enjoy dining out, dancing, parties & quiet times. Looking for GWM's 25-40 who are financially & mentally secure & have similar interest & are willing to be friends first before anything else. ad 25399

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If the advertiser has his phone number in the ad, then call him direct. If the advertiser has a 5-digit ad number starting with 25, then you can write to that number, c/ o The New Voice, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. We'll forward your letter unopened at no charge. OR, for \$1.49/ min., you can call 1-900-454-4242, punch in access code 25, listen to the advertiser's actual voice, & leave a voice message (with your phone number) so the advertiser can call you back direct

UNIFORMED MILITARY HOT TOP

GWM, 39, 6', 175, bearded blue eyes into real men that like it hot & intense. Uniformed Military Drummer type, palm drive video type. You will not be disappointed. Interested in hearing from other uniformed or Leather men. Discretion assured. ad #25017.

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

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

Eyes Brown, Hair dark, Height 5'7 or taller, Weight, in proportion to height, Race, White. Wanted for braking & entering my dreams night after night. He is looking for me, a blonde/ blue male, 5'8, 151. His looks is dominating, but versatile at times. He knows that I am nice looking with nice body & HIV-. There is a substantial reward on this man. If anyone has any knowledge of the man of my dreams, contact me. ad #25430

WANTED: HOT TOP

Attractive GWM, HIV-, 5'11, 160, br/br, moustache, sexy body, hairy chest, sensuous, enjoys lots long hot foreplay. Exceptional oral & knows how to satisfy a good man on top. Looking for sexy well built attractive tip who knows what to do when he's on top. ad 25330

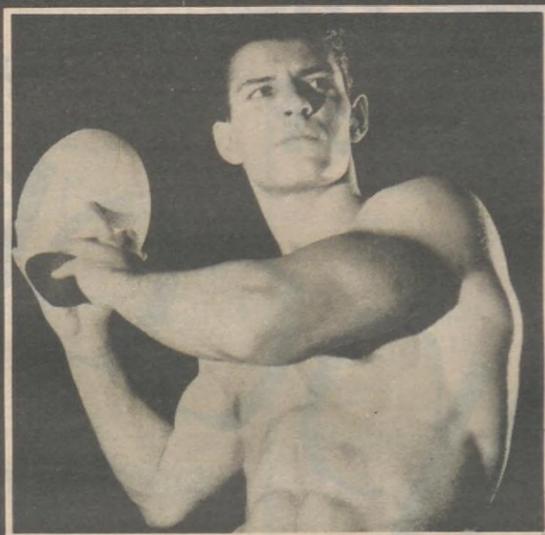
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late 20's. Venture beyond the self-confident smoke screen & discover an educated, well traveled, body conscious, gourmet cook who is actually terrified of first encounters. Seeking a secure, discreet, non-role-playing GWF. Just looking for some insanity, that temporary kind. Ad 25936.

YOUNG UN-NAMED BB STUDS WANTED

Seeking & needing additional hot, versatile, aggressive, well equipped tight studs (18-26) for serious fun. I'm 30, GWM, 6'2, 185, goodlooking, muscular & very well equipped. Will answer all, couples & groups welcome! ad #25422.

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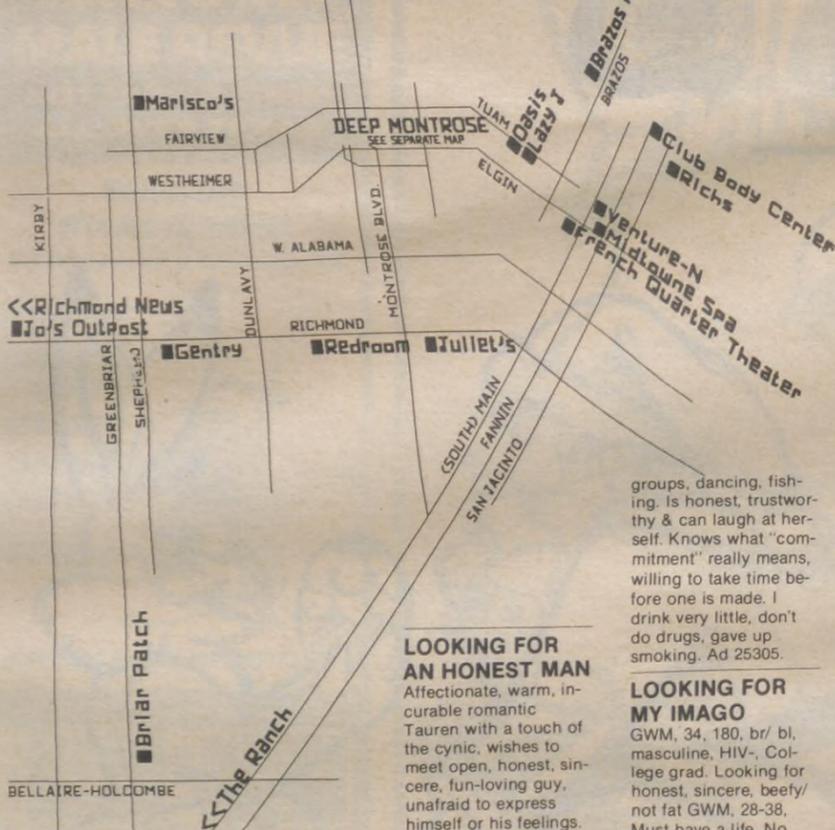
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Have A
Happy
Easter
Holiday!

715 FAIRVIEW

NEAR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON



LONG MAGICAL WAND

I want a man with heart, brains & a creative imagination; someone aware, awake & a little wild. I am 39, 5'10, 165, HIV-, handsome, muscular, learning & growing. I want to share life, love, laughs & my long magical wand with one fine man. Please respond now. Ad 25392

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 AN HONEST MAN

Affectionate, warm, incurable romantic Tauren with a touch of the cynic, wishes to meet open, honest, sincere, fun-loving guy, unafraid to express himself or his feelings. Interests include movies, museum, moonlight walks, fireside love making, but mainly enjoying life, objective... dating, friendship or whatever happens, happens! Prefer masculine yet versatile men. Virgos +++ Help me prove good guys finish first! ad #25415

LOOKING FOR GWF 40-50 YEARS

Of sound mind & body, interested in building, living in the country. Likes small social

groups, dancing, fishing. Is honest, trustworthy & can laugh at herself. Knows what "commitment" really means, willing to take time before one is made. I drink very little, don't do drugs, gave up smoking. Ad 25305.

LOOKING FOR MY IMAGO

GWM, 34, 180, br/ bl, masculine, HIV-, College grad. Looking for honest, sincere, beefy/ not fat GWM, 28-38, Must have a life. No married, out-of-town or straight guys who don't know who they are. Want to date & settle down, not just settle. ad #25001.

LOOKING FOR T.L.C.

GWF, 48, 5'7 1/2, slim build, HIV-, attractive, blonde hair, romantic, passionate, outdoor activities, pets, good times, quiet evenings, sports, pleasurable, no game playing, friends first, maybe more, then friendship later. Love to love women. ad #25431

LOOKING SOUTH

Colombian baby bear, (GHM) (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

NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature professional, very hairy body/ hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You mentally mature, non-

smoker, large equipment a plus, bottom - into safe sex. Ad 25916

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

OFF ROAD TYPE

Rugged body w/ 4 on the floor. Am capable of handling big load. Seeking masculine driver (GWM) who knows how to handle a stick. Between the ages of 28-40. (Me: GWM, 33, B/ br, med-build, smoker. You: no drugs, stable, weight in proportion to height) Ready for you to drive

me crazy. ad #25425.

POLISHED, ROMANTIC, MULTI-FACETED PROFESSIONAL

38 yr. old GWM with bright, youthful good looks & personality seeks handsome, spiritually enlightened, ambitious GWM between 25 & 45 who is comfortable with his sexuality, Passionate, responsible, & enjoys the finer things in life. ME: 6', br/ haz. You B at least 6', clean cut, non-smoker, & drug free. Please respond to ad #25016.

QUALITY OLDER SEEKS QUALITY YOUNGER

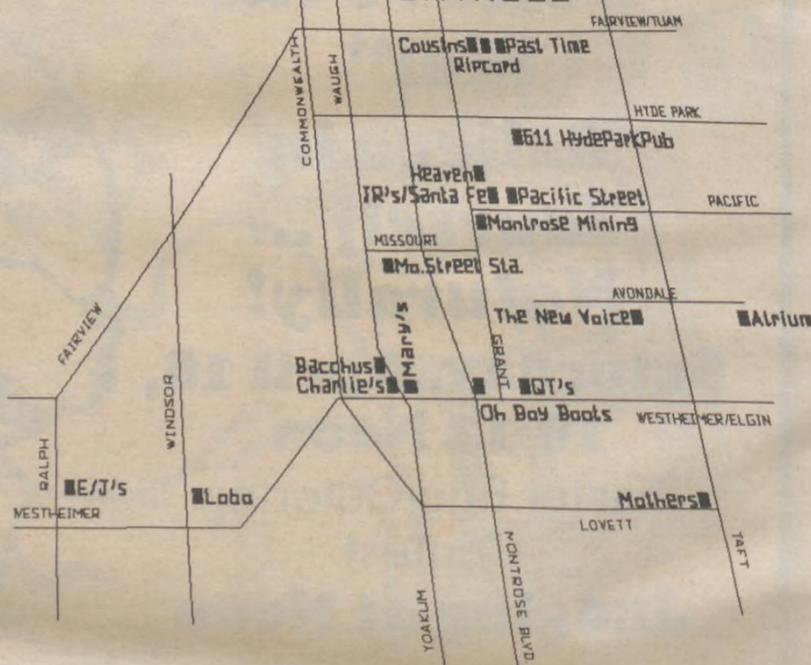
I am a middle-aged professional, sensitive, caring & decent. seek that young, healthy, clean cut Boy-next-

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 quality 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

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**Thurs.,
April 16**

Welcome to All
Players of Lonestar
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Registration Party
9pm

Coming Events

April 26th: Cowboy of the
Month, Little Bit of Texas &
Celebration of the Life Of
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If You Would Like to Host
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Fish Fry 5pm**

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**Then
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Easter Bonnet and Join in
On the Fun and Win Some
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**GWF SEEKS
SAME**

I'm seriously looking
for friends to go out
with, prefer sincere &
kind people who are
not into game playing. I
like movies, dancing,
concerts & sharing special
times together. ad
25404

**GWF, 29, SEEKS
FUN PEOPLE**

GWF, 29, br/br, 5'3,
ave/med, I am looking
for friends who are
honest, sincere, down-
to-earth, funny & has
patience to teach me to
C&W dance. I like mov-
ies, flea markets, shop-
ping, travel, etc.. I am
very open & spontane-
ous. I like spending
special close times too,
but friends first, then
romance. Ad 25327.

GWM 22

6'3 tall, 225, br/ haz, I
live in SE Houston. I
am looking for a mas-
culine GWM or BIWM
with similar or slightly
smaller build. 20-25 yrs,
who is into dance
clubs, movies, dining
out & just having fun
being together. ad
#25015

**GWM 52 SEEKS
GWM 18-29**

Looking for that special
someone. Must be drug
free. I am responsible,
good listener, with a lot
of love to give. Interests
are astrology, numerol-
ogy & most new age
subjects. Enjoy watch-
ing pro sports, movies
& dining out. Looking
for someone to depend
on? Ad 25984

**GWM SEEKS
GAM**

Happy, intelligent, lov-
ing 41 yr old HIV- GWM
professional in New Or-
leans, loves life, laugh-
ter, sharing, learning,
growing, gentle touch-
es, warm embraces,
meeting new friends &
having new experienc-
es. Enjoys meeting GM
from Asian cultures, but
open to any nationality

with similar heart. Ad
25413.

**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

**HAIRY CHESTED,
MOUSTACHED
GW MEN WANT-
ED**

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

**HANDSOME
GWM PROFES-
SIONAL:**

42/ 5'11/ 170 lbs/ salt &
pepper hair/ blue eyes/
degree/ professional/
masculine. Interests:
travel, working out, col-
lecting antiques, writ-
ing, self-improvement,
dining out. Good Lis-
tener. Great
conversationalist! Seek-
ing significant relation-
ship with good-looking
GM of similar or intri-
guing qualities. Could
this be THE one for
you? Let's get together
& find out! Ad 25237

**HARD BODY,
OPEN HEART**

GWM, 39, 5'10, 165,
HIV-, handsome, hard
body, open heart, curi-
ous, creative mind. A
Wild animal in bed, a
compassionate creature
in life. Work hard for
social change, live fully
with feeling & enjoy be-
ing alive. Want same,

respond now to Ad
25392.

**HEY, CAN WE
TALK SERIOUS-
LY?**

GWM, 31, 6', 180, B/BR,
hairy chest, attractive,
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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 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 en-
joy B&D within limits.
Ad 25210

**HOT LITTLE
SPORTS MODEL**

Looking for racy driver.
Must be willing to put
in extensive hours test-
ing performance. Femi-
nine & have stamina to
break endurance rec-
ord; Licensed driver be-
tween 23 & 37 that can
handle a hot engine.
(GWF, 5'3, 105, 30's) I
want you to drive me
crazy! ad #25418.

**HOT STUD
SEEKS HORN
HISPANIC**

GWM, 29, 5'10, 160,
handsome endowed
top. Dark hair, hazel
eyes, moustache, hu-
morous, professional,
sincere, affectionate,
masculine energetic
Taurus. Enjoy traveling,
dancing, swimming, bi-
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Needed by part-time female impersonator (I do shows) You: GWM or

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GHM, attractive, swimmers build, 28, looking to meet slim guys into safe sex & fun times. ad 25961

GBM & GWM

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

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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

GM seeking straight or lesbian woman to marry for convenience, arrangements possible. Please respond to ad #25420.

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

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 \$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom
 Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
 Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord

April 17: Full Moon Madness, Montrose Mining Co.

Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, Gentry
 No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

April 17: Fish fry on patio 5pm, BRB
 Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 Male dancers 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
 Little Bit of Texas Band, BRB
 Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's
 Lone Star Male Revue, Gentry
 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, APRIL 18

Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's
 Easter egg coloring contest 10am-noon, Mary's
 Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
 Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's
 Super show 11pm, E/J's
 Egg coloring contest 2pm, Venture-N
 Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.
 Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
 75¢ vodka 6-11pm, Mother's
 April 17: Full Moon Madness, Montrose Mining Co.
 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time

Leather & Flesh 9pm, Pacific Street
 Lone Star Male Revue, Gentry
 Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Easter
 \$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
 Beer bust noon-11pm, Montrose Mine
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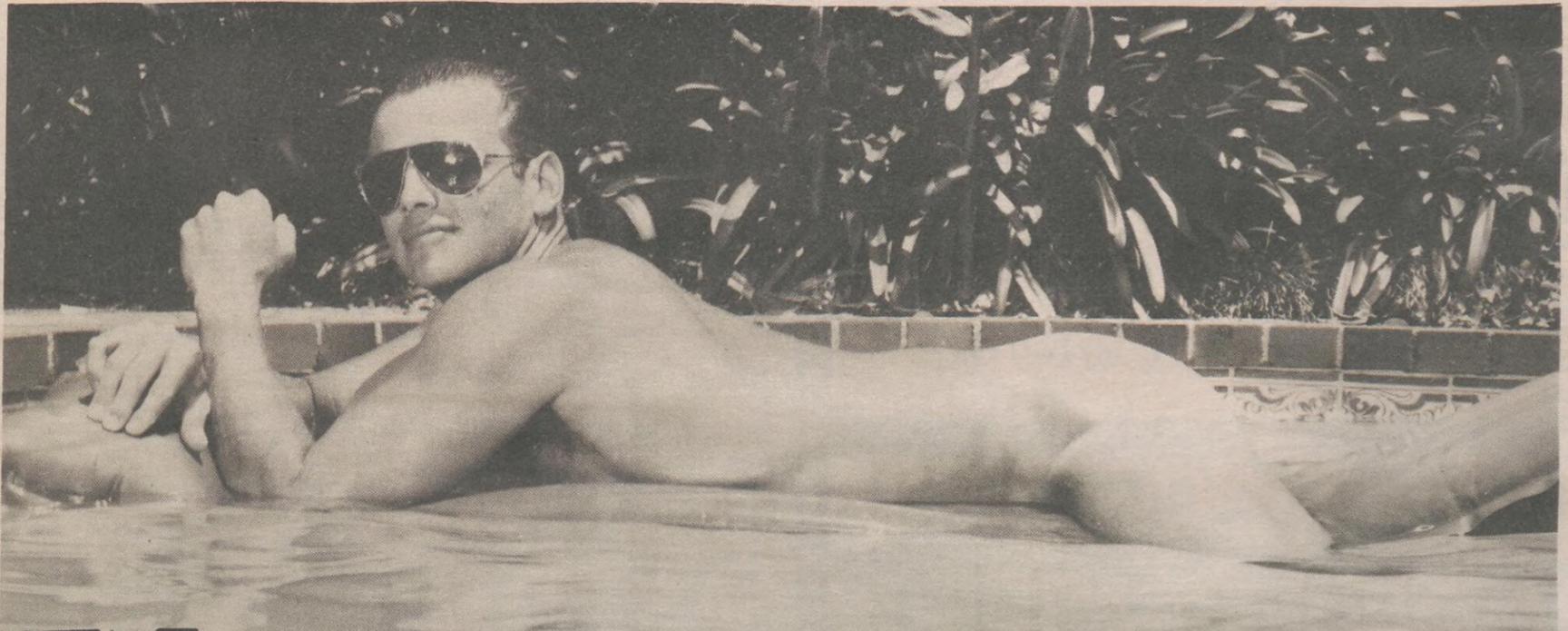
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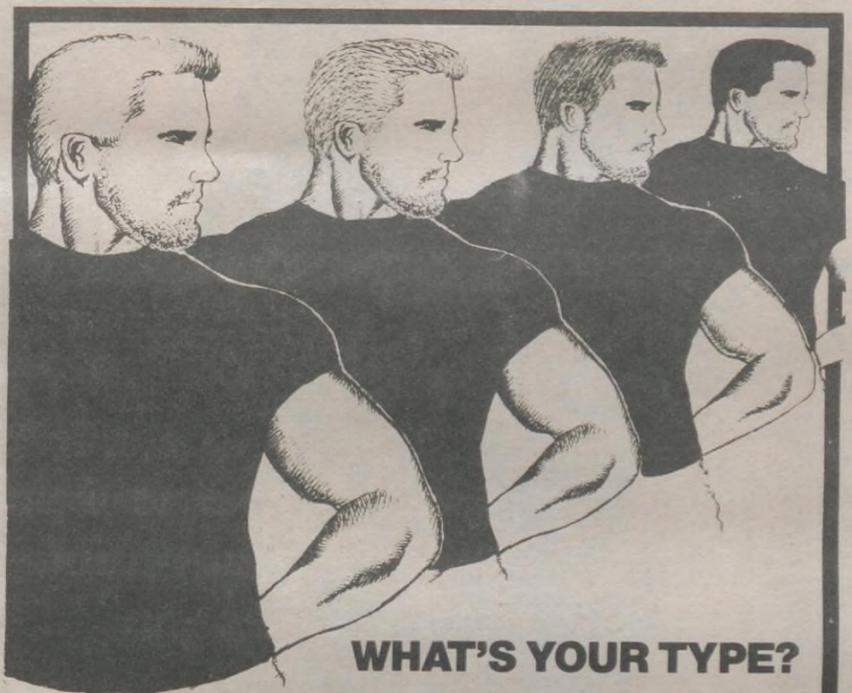
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April 19: Leather Bunny contest 9pm, Venture-N
Easter basket & bonnet contest 8pm, Gentry
Beer blast 4-11pm, 3-in-1 happy hour to 11pm, Montrose Mine
Happy hour to 11pm, Pasttime
Show tunes and Sha-Boom balloons, Venture-N
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Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa
HOUSTON, MONDAY, APRIL 20
75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's
Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N
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"Clubbers Night" 9pm, Pacific Street dance bar
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Light well \$1.25 noon-8pm, Pasttime
Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center
Male strip contest with Maude 10:30pm, Gentry
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa
HOUSTON, TUESDAY, APRIL 21
Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

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6 month membership special noon-midnight, Midtowne Spa
Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's
Pizza party 6:30pm, Gentry
Dark well \$1.25 noon-8pm, Pasttime
Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm, Mother's
Chili night & \$1.50 beer, Juliet's Place
Dart & pool tourneys, daBronx
Young executive night, Pacific Street
Video classics 9pm, Gentry
C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's
HOUSTON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord
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April 22: "The Bear Club for Men" April Bear of the Month, Montrose Mining Co.
Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry
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Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Learn to Clog 7pm, Brazos River Bottom
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HOUSTON, THURSDAY, APRIL 23
\$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's
Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's
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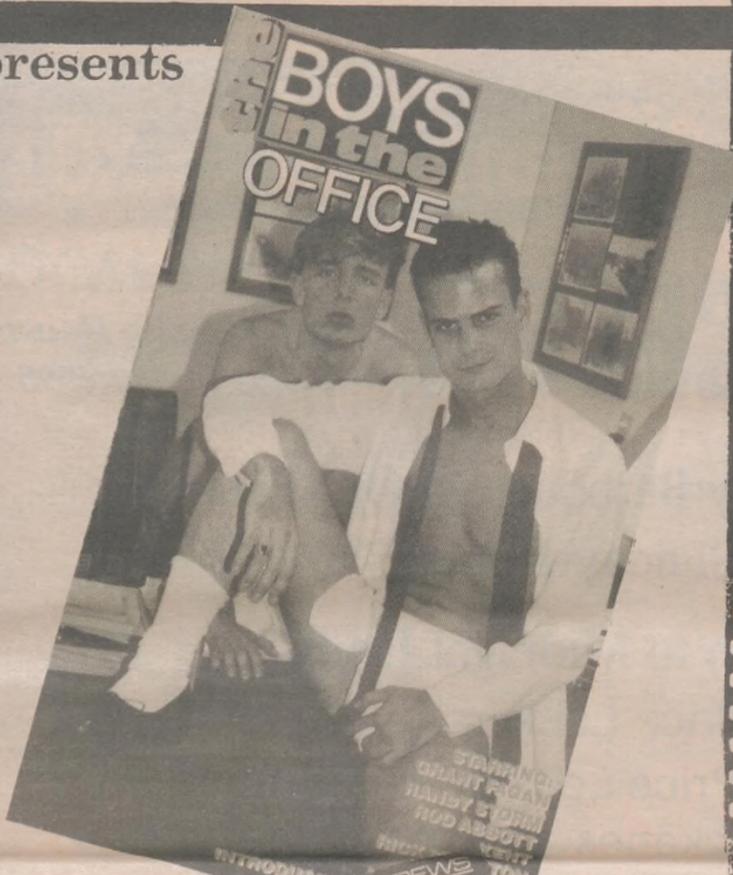
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Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa
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Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom
\$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, Gentry

April 24: Miss Galveston USA Pageant 10:30pm, Kon Tiki (Galveston)
No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's
Lone Star Male Revue, Gentry
\$1.25 light well noon-8pm, Pasttime
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm E/J's
Miss Gay Latin 1992, Club Guadalajara
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa
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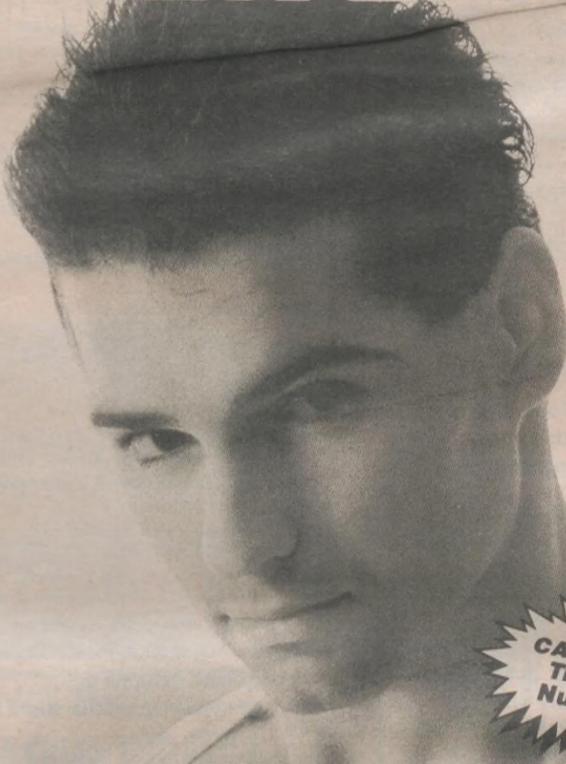
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