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▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Austin Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus co-chair to head statewide lobby

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON
The New Voice/Houston

After a several month, national search, Dianne Hardy-Garcia has been named Executive Director of The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL). The decision was announced Monday.

Hardy-Garcia replaces Laurie Eiserloh, who after heading LGRL for three years has decided to step down. She plans to pursue a career in law, but has previously said she also plans to continue to lobby for lesbian and gay causes.

Harriette Audreadis, one of six members of the LGRL search committee assigned the task of finding the popular Eiserloh's replacement, said that she feels that the lobby is in very competent hands and looks forward to working with Hardy-Garcia.

Audreadis said that the committee reviewed resumes from many qualified applicants. Three of these she identifies as "eminently well-qualified," making the decision difficult. "We were looking for two main qualities," she said, "someone with effective management and organizational skills, and someone who would also be effective as a lobbyist—



Dianne Hardy-Garcia

found that in (Hardy-Garcia)."

Hardy-Garcia has been in the public eye frequently in the last several months. As co-chair of the Austin Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus, she took a leading role in the group's fight to establish domestic partnership rights for Austin city employees. That was a successful effort. Benefits will be extended to domestic partners of city employees beginning in January, 1994.

Describing herself as a "transplanted social worker with a public policy emphasis," Dianne Hardy-Garcia has previously worked as a legislative aide. That mainstream political exposure is balanced by involvement with more radical groups such as Queer Nation and Act-Up/New York.

She finds, by her own admission however, that she fares better in mainstream politics. "I think in this job," she told The New Voice, "it is essential to have both elements, the radical and more mainstream."

Having worked as an aide in the past legislative session, Hardy-Garcia said that she feels comfortable in that "she knows the players."

She envisions the LGRL continuing

its on-going effort to eliminate the Texas sodomy law. "I'm not confident," she said, "that it is going to be struck down as unconstitutional in the courts. It is going to take a real grassroots effort." LGRL had a near miss with the sodomy law last spring when Texas' revised penal code appeared destined to pass without including it. In the last days of the session however, conservative members of the House were instrumental in reinserting the provision.

Hardy-Garcia also plans to work toward the inclusion of sexual orientation in other state civil rights legislation, and focus on other health and human services issues that are important to the gay and lesbian community.

"I want to see a lobbying effort on a mass scale...I'm not talking about a march—it's time for us to be in the halls."

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas is one of only three such state level organizations in the country. Previous to Laurie Eiserloh's tenure, it was headed by long-time activist Bettie Naylor and now-State Representative Glen Maxey.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

NOMA and CAC sends out call for ornaments in 6th annual 'Art Against AIDS'

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

The 6th annual Art Against AIDS holiday ornament sale is rapidly approaching and the Contemporary Arts Center and New Orleans Museum of Art are putting out the call for donations from any artist who wishes to contribute holiday-themed ornaments.

Art Against AIDS is sponsored by both NOMA and CAC. It opens Thursday, Dec. 2 at Canal Place Shopping Centre with a 9:00 a.m. ribbon-cutting and reception honoring donor artists.

A public show will be held the following Saturday, Dec. 4, at the same location. This will coincide with the traditional "First Saturday" art gallery openings.

Beginning First Saturday, Art Against AIDS ornaments, wreaths, jewelry and teddy bears dressed by fashion designers will be available for purchase at a gala sale and auction from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets to the gala are \$50 each.

Over 4000 artists have been invited to participate. Any artist is welcome to

contribute, and a gallery affiliation is not necessary.

Participating artists should design their contributions to hang or wear. Artists are also asked to label and suggest prices for their work(s). Ornaments should be delivered to Canal Place, Level 3, beginning Friday, Nov. 12 through Sunday, the 14th between noon and 6:00 p.m.

Art Against AIDS benefits the NO/AIDS Task Force, the oldest and largest HIV and AIDS service organization in Louisiana. The benefit was established

by the CAC and NOMA in 1987. This annual fund raiser has generated over \$300,000. Last year \$99,000 was raised.

"The overwhelming support of contributing artists and galleries has been the backbone of Art Against AIDS," observed George Lancaster, event chairperson and general manager of Canal Place. "We are delighted that the visual arts community has rallied to support AIDS Education and Services."

For more information, call (504) 945-4000.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Judge says shareholders may vote on Tennessee based firm's anti-gay policy

NEW YORK, Monday, Oct. 18 (AP)—Shareholders of Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores will be allowed to vote on the company's policy of refusing to hire homosexuals.

U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood ruled recently that shareholders must be allowed to vote on employment practices concerning discrimination.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, a Tennessee-based restaurant chain, had announced in 1991 that it would only hire heterosexuals. At least 11 workers were then fired.

The New York City Employees Retirement System, a pension fund that holds stock in Cracker Barrel, sponsored a shareholder proposal prohibiting discrimination at the company.

But Cracker Barrel claimed that it could simply ignore the proposal on the grounds that the company's anti-gay policy was "ordinary business." The federal Securities and Exchange Commission agreed.

The city pension fund and two other groups with stock in Cracker Barrel sued the SEC.

Judge Wood ruled Friday that the SEC

may not allow companies to keep their shareholders from voting on employment issues without going through formal rule making procedures, a lengthy process that involves issuing an opinion and collecting public comment.

Cracker Barrel did not return a call seeking comment Monday, and a spokesperson for the SEC declined to comment.

Cracker Barrel shareholders will now be allowed to include the anti-discrimination resolution on the company's 1993 proxy statement, which will be voted on in November.

The vote will be the first ever taken on a resolution on employment discrimination and sexual orientation.

Such resolutions are merely advisory, and companies are not required to take action on them. But shareholders see them as a powerful way to pressure companies to change their positions on issues such as the environment, workplace safety and investment in South Africa.

City Comptroller Liz Holtzman, an investment adviser to New York retirement system, called Wood's ruling "a victory against all kinds of discrimination."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay group protests Pat Robertson invitation to NY State School Boards Association

ALBANY, N.Y., Wednesday, Oct. 13 (AP)—A gay rights group picketed the New York State School Boards Association and argued with its leader to protest the group's decision to invite TV evangelist Pat Robertson to speak.

Association Executive Director Louis Grumet responded to the Lesbian Avengers' protest Tuesday with a lecture about free speech.

The Avengers, a homosexual rights group from New York City, mustered 13 members Tuesday to protest Robert-

son's scheduled speech at the association's annual conference Friday in Syracuse.

The group said positive portrayals of gays and lesbians are important in schools. A federal study has shown suicide is the leading cause of death for gay youths, because the young people feel isolated and confused, said Avengers member Lorna Gottesman.

"If there are positive images, then gays, lesbians and bisexual youth would have a more positive image of themselves," Gottesman said.

Grumet argued that Robertson should be allowed to speak.

"The First Amendment is only important when you disagree with the person speaking," said Grumet.

"We're bringing in people from all over the spectrum including Governor Cuomo and Senator Moynihan," Grumet said. "Robertson says he wants to replace all school boards with people he likes. ... We want our members to hear him in person. Sometimes listening to someone helps in dealing with him."

Grumet said the association had set up a workshop on alternative family lifestyles and would consider inviting homosexual speakers in the future.

Grumet said he expected Robertson's views would be countered by other speakers during the four-day event, including Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union.

After meeting with Grumet, the Lesbian Avengers headed for Syracuse where they planned to protest Robertson's appearance.

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Bearded man in drag says 'ptui' to Oklahoma City Council

OKLAHOMA CITY, Wednesday, Oct. 13 (AP)—A bearded man dressed in women's clothes let the Oklahoma City Council know in a word that he disapproved of a vote rejecting an ordinance banning discrimination against homosexuals.

He carried a sign that read simply:

"Ptui."

The Oklahoma City man, who called himself "Pearl," appeared at the city council's meeting Tuesday carrying the placard.

"I came here to let them know I say 'ptui' to their rejection of the proposal,"

said Pearl, who performs in drag as Pollyanna Peters.

"I need job protection. Not only me, but the disabled and the aged."

The council last week refused to consider a human rights ordinance that would have banned discrimination based on sexual orientation, age, family

status and disability.

Pearl said he lost a job and residence based on discrimination by people who unfairly assumed things about his lifestyle.

He left the meeting before addressing the council, but said he plans to return to speak next week.

AIDS EQUITY LEAGUE Finds Lease Discrimination!

The AIDS Equity League has been made aware of yet another case of discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS. A Houston health clinic has refused to treat PWAs because of a "lease agreement." Their lease reads, "...due to the concerns of Landlord and other tenants of the Building...no abortions are to be performed on the Leased Premises) and no patients are to be treated on the Leased Premises for acquired immune deficiency syndrome."

Letters have been delivered to the building's landlord, tenant, and property management demanding on behalf of our confidential client that 1.) The discriminatory language be removed from any and all leases involving said participants. 2.) A written apology be sent to the AEL on behalf of our confidential client. The League is deeply concerned this type of blatant discrimination still occurs. While investigating this case we were continually reminded of the harsh reality that "...the band plays on..."

The Equity League encourages anyone who feels like they may have been discriminated against to contact the AEL immediately. The League applauds the individual who brought this case to our attention. We are thankful he had the courage to ask questions and come forward to say, "No! This is not acceptable."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader and local activist urges gays and lesbians to support their own

From MATT LOCKLIN
Houston, Texas

My name is Matt Locklin, host of the public Access Channel series AIDS Talk Houston and a local resident surviving AIDS. Last year the AIDS community of Harris County elected me as a consumer member representative of the Thomas Street Clinic Citizen's Advisory Council. In turn the council membership elected me Vice-Chairperson and I was also appointed as the HIV representative to a board seat on the Harris County Hospital District At-Large Council. As well I have volunteered hundreds of hours of professional advertising services to various nonprofit service provider groups and AIDS advocacy organizations. I have worked hard for the fight against AIDS and earned the communities trust. Some say I have made a difference.

On Nov. 2, 1993 with your one ballot you can change the destiny of the HIV virus here in Houston. By now you may have heard five gay candidates are running for office. Each of them is qualified, capable and has a proven track record of achievement. Did you know that two of the five also have HIV or AIDS. Some people have asked me what impact having these candidates elected

would make for someone trying to survive this virus. This is my honest reply:

1. Council members with a priority on an AIDS agenda can set the tone and pass the city ordinances to end discrimination for AIDS patients in areas such as employment, housing, medical and dental treatment and other public accommodations.
2. They can attract federal dollars and assistance by applying for such funds for the City's use.
3. They can take the lead in providing city dollars for education and research on HIV.
4. A Council member can make HIV housing a city priority.
5. They can bring Houston city laws into the 1990's through modern progressive thinking.

These are just a few things that a candidate with a real sense of urgency can do in office. In the past our elected leaders have promised a lot and delivered very little. The reason? They are not yet infected or affected by this unforgiving virus called HIV. They feel no real sense of urgency. Where were these council incumbencies who want our vote now, when the HPD was out clubbing us like baby seals at the Republican National

Convention on national TV. With the exception of Ben Reyes' mild protest speech on the action and calls for investigation, who else on Council was crying out for our rights?

When Paul Broussard was viciously murdered for being a queer in Montrose who stood up for the gay community? Who has taken the lead on Council for our fight for life, very few, most of them like Eleanor Tinsley and Al Calloway just don't give a s—if we die or not.

Now think...If you wanted a protest action for gay rights or civil rights issues, or to get somebody to file a law suit over HIV discrimination or do a PR campaign about an issue that might extend the lives of thousands of us living with HIV, or check the constitutionality of a new city law who would you turn to for help?

Three names come to mind: Ray Hill, Brian Bradely and Gene Harrington.

All three are trusted, qualified, educated, responsible, outspoken and dedicated to our rights. All three were in the field the night the police came at us at gate number 4. Two of the three are running for city council against incumbents who fit in the "I don't give a s— about gays or AIDS;" and the third, She-

ila Jackson Lee, has had most her work on these issues hand delivered to her by these very same three candidates. If you add in the votes at the table of the Houston City Council of candidates Rob Bridges and Gary Van Ooteghem, who are gay men with a political history of successful advocacy in gay and lesbian civil rights, I think just maybe we can make a difference in the bayou city once and for all.

The most radical thing anyone of us can do right now is to flex our political muscle and say to City Hall we mean business. We show them by getting out the voters. On Nov. 2nd...Take 5 and strike a blow against homophobic, AIDS-a-phobic city government that has done little for our right to life. This will truly be the shot that will be felt all across the nation. This is history baby...get involved! Tell your friends, parents, lovers, children, neighbors anyone who can vote.

This is life or death for the AIDS fight in Houston. If you don't have HIV and were thinking of supporting any of the other incumbents or challengers, I will personally plead for my life, and ask that for once please vote for these 5 gay candidates...Take 5 Nov. 2.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund benefits from several recent Houston events

From CAL MORAN, Vice President
External Affairs, Colt 45's

On July 28, 1993, the Garden Party held their yearly premier of baubles, bangles, and beads at Rich's. This wild, wacky, and wonderful event inspired the sum of \$4,000 for our AIDS Trouble Fund clients. Through the years of working hand-in-hand with the Garden Party, we have nothing less than our highest admiration and respect to offer them. Truly, the Space Cadets soared to the highest heavens through their hard work and determination this year, as is their constant mode of accomplishing any goal.

The Colt 45's eagerly await the move-

ment when we can once more join forces for the betterment of those less fortunate. For through our continued communication, cooperation, and charity we will make a difference in our fight against the devastating effects of AIDS.

Also, on August 28 and 29, 1993, the Knights of Magic bewitched and bewildered the Ripcord audience for the Colt 45's. We wish to thank this group of talented men for their generosity. Likewise, the Colt 45's would like to recognize the Brotherhood of Pain for their gift of \$100 at Saturday evening's performance. All of you have helped improve the lives of our clients because you have shared with us from your

hearts.

We also thank the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star's Oct. 1st through 3rd, 1993 Celebrity Auction as it dazzled attendees at Gentry. Through true elegance and style, the Court proved without a shadow of a doubt that they could do anything Dolly Levi could do and accomplish it with expertise and grace. For the outstandingly royal sum of \$3,500 the Colt 45's humbly thank each and every Court member and each celebrity contributor.

In addition, the Colt 45's most highly praise Lady Victoria Lust for all her past and present generosity and compassion which she has selflessly given

to our causes and clients. We most humbly and eternally thank her for what and who she is to our community. LVL has been one of our most notable spangling spartans who venture forth into all territories for the good of those in need, and for that, she deserves no less than our eternal gratitude.

Lastly, the Colt 45's would like to extend a most sincere thank you to the community. Without your continued support, we would be a ship without a sail or wind to travel by. You are our means of providing respect and dignity to our brothers and sisters suffering from the AIDS crisis. Truly, our highest praises extends to you all.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Poll: one third of Florida voters oppose restrictions on gay rights

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Thursday, Oct. 14 (AP)—More than one third of Florida's voters say they haven't made up their minds on a proposed constitutional amendment that would cut back on laws that protect gay men and women.

The telephone poll of 806 likely voters conducted Oct. 7-10 by Mason-Dixon Political/Research, Inc., showed 34 percent undecided while 35 percent were opposed and 31 percent favored the measure. The poll has a margin of error of 3.5 percent.

The American Family Association of Florida is heading a statewide petition drive to put the question on the 1994 ballot. The group needs 429,000 valid signatures to have the measure placed on the ballot in Nov. 1994.

The American Family petition lists race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, ethnic background, marital status or familial status, but omits sexual orientation.

A gay rights group, the Human Rights Task Force, has begun a competing drive to broaden personal privacy

rights under the Florida Constitution.

The Mason-Dixon poll was published Thursday, one day after a similar poll conducted for Florida Family Council by The Wirthlin Group showed 72 percent would vote for the amendment.

The Mason-Dixon poll also showed:

Solid support, but not quite a majority, for two petition drives to limit government's taxing power. One proposal would limit the growth in state tax revenue to 10 percent below the average growth rate of personal income in the preceding five years; the other would

require a referendum for most new taxes, tax increases or repeal of tax exemptions.

Republican U.S. Sen. Connie Mack, who so far is unopposed in his bid for a second term, is as popular as his Democratic colleague, Bob Graham.

Two out of three voters called Mack an "excellent" or "pretty good" senator, and 57 percent said they would vote today to re-elect him. Mack easily outpolled several hypothetical Democratic rivals—including U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, who has expressed no interest in running for the Senate.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Colorado Amendment 2 supporter: gays unfairly depicted during '92 campaign

By CARL HILLIARD
FOR THE NEW VOICE

DENVER, Monday, Oct. 18 (AP)—Boycott Colorado Inc. received little support or funding from the gay community in its fight to focus national attention on passage of Amendment 2, one of the group's co-founders testified.

Terry Schleder, called as an adverse witness for the state attorney general's office, testified the organization actually was formed after boycotts had started.

Amendment 2, approved by voters last November, bars any state or local law protecting the rights of gays. It is being challenged by six individuals and

the cities of Boulder, Denver and Aspen on the grounds it violates homosexuals' constitutional rights.

Denver District Court Judge Jeffrey Bayless, who blocked the measure from taking effect last Jan. 15, is hearing the case. The defense is scheduled to call its final two witnesses today. Trial is expected to end Friday.

The state called Schleder because it believes gays are an economically powerful group and that the boycott has cost the state as much as \$81 million in canceled conventions and business trips.

But Schleder said Tuesday that a number of organizations and businesses canceled their trips to Colorado "because they believed it to be the politi-

cally correct thing to do," not because they had any particular concern about Amendment 2 directly.

Boycotting the state was a divisive question in the gay community, and there was no strong financial support to carry out the boycott, she said.

Boycott Colorado Inc. is now down to two board members, shares office space with another organization and is using Schleder's personal office equipment for its business transactions, she said. It has received just \$8,000 in donations during the past 11 months.

"A lot of people don't even know of our organization," she said, "It sort of ticks us off."

Schleder wore a black paper chain that encircled her neck and her waist, but wasn't asked about it by the judge or the lawyers for either side.

Later, she told reporters the chain symbolized pain and oppression gays feel and will continue to feel until Amendment 2 is overturned.

Ignacio Rodriguez, a former member of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, said he favored Amendment 2 because it was difficult to determine who is a member of the gay community, and because of that, hard to say how they were being discriminated against.

He was the only commission member to dissent in its 6-1 vote against the amendment on May 28, 1992, he said.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Los Angeles City Council resolution favors insurance for gay and unmarried couples

LOS ANGELES, Friday, Oct. 15 (AP)—The City Council on Friday unanimously endorsed a League of California Cities resolution favoring health insurance coverage for unmarried, gay and lesbian couples.

"This is an important step toward improving health care for unmarried couples, some with children," said Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg, who sponsored the motion. "Also benefiting would be gay and lesbian couples who have no other way of

obtaining family coverage."

Goldberg, the council's first openly homosexual member, said she intends to introduce domestic partnership legislation in the city.

The resolution will be presented at the

annual convention of the League of California Cities in San Francisco next week.

The measure calls for supporting efforts to extend health insurance coverage available to public employees to include domestic partners, not just spouses.



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HOUSTON QUICK NOTE

Eighth annual 'Service of Hope and Remembrance' planned for November

The Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM) celebrates the eighth annual Service of Hope and Remembrance, Sunday, Nov. 14th at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 South Main at Calumet.

The Service will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the church's main sanctuary. Reverend Joe Ratliff, pastor of the Brentwood Baptist Church, will be the principal speaker. An interpreter will be provided for the deaf and hearing impaired. St Paul's United Methodist Choir will per-

form under the guidance of Director, Francis Anderson.

The Service of Hope and Remembrance is open to all Houston area residents and offers an occasion for reflection, consolation and celebration to the thousands of Houstonians living with AIDS, their family members, friends and caregivers. Participation by representatives from Houston's religious community and clergy from various faiths and denominations has reinforced The Foundation for Interfaith

Research and Ministry's continuing effort to promote a compassionate response to AIDS and to heal people estranged by disease or alienation from the community.

The Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry is the largest religious based AIDS care-response program in the nation. Founded in 1986 by Dr. Earl Shelp and his associate Dr. Ron Sunderland, FIRM presently coordinates over 1200 volunteers organized into congregation-based AIDS and Alz-

heimer's Care Teams. With training and supervision from FIRM's staff, these volunteers lovingly and tirelessly provide emotional support, meal preparation, housekeeping tasks, transportation and respite to caregivers of critically ill men, women, and children.

Immediately following the Service of Hope and Remembrance is a reception in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

For more information, call Barbara Alexander at (713) 682-5995.

NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

Zets brothers present Another Civil War at New Orleans gallery this month

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

Gasperi Gallery, located in the Crescent City's Julia Street "gallery row" is noted for exhibiting outsider, folk and contemporary works. This month the gallery is presenting the first New Orleans exhibition of collages by Jeff and Mark Zets, two identical twin brothers from Pennsylvania.

The Zets brothers work independently and in collaboration to create collages of contemporary life, using cut-outs and pieces of magazines, wallpaper, menus, canceled stamps and photographs. Often this results in controversial statements.



Another Civil War

Included in the exhibition is a composition by Jeff Zets titled "Another Civil War." This large collage shows two half-naked young men kissing while President Clinton, dressed in military fatigues, is saluted by army regulars. In the background are images of other "Civil Wars," while overhead military helicopters hover.

The exhibition runs through the month. For information, phone (504) 524-9373.

Evelyn White signing

Faubourg Marigny Bookstore, the oldest lesbian/gay bookstore in the South, is hosting a signing and reception for Evelyn C. White, editor of "The Black Women's

Health Book." (Seal Press) this Friday, Oct. 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FMB is located in Faubourg Marigny, on the downtown edge of the French Quarter, at the corner of Frenchmen and Chartres Streets. For information call (504) 943-9875.

Free films continue

This Sunday at the New Orleans Lesbian and Gay Community Center will offer a free screening of "Swoon" at 7:00 p.m. The Leopold/Leob 1920's murder with a gay and elitist motive, and a defense by the famed attorney Clarence Darrow scandalized the public at the time.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Some Massachusetts cigarette tax money will be diverted to help gay students

BOSTON, Tuesday, Oct. 19 (AP)—Gov. William F. Weld's administration plans to help gay students with \$450,000 in cigarette tax money that was to be used only for anti-smoking programs.

Department of Education spokesman Alan Safran said a little more than 1 percent of the agency's \$33 million share of the increased cigarette tax will go toward programs aimed at stopping harassment of gays at schools.

Safran denied the money would be used for purposes not authorized by last year's ballot question which voters

approved.

"The cigarette money can be used for comprehensive health education, and keeping schools free of harassment falls under the general rubric of physical and emotional health," Safran told the Boston Herald.

The law said the tax money could go to comprehensive school health education programs "provided that such programs shall incorporate information relating to the hazards of tobacco use."

Safran said the department's overall plan for the \$33 million includes infor-

mation on tobacco use, even if the school safety program does not.

"It sounds like a pretty long stretch," said House Minority Leader, Rep. Peter V. Forman, R-Plymouth.

"We're doing, frankly, what some people thought would happen by stretching the definition and interpretation of the law to grab money," Forman said. "In some cases, it's not even a stretch but an outright fantasy."

The \$450,000 will be used toward implementing recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Gay and

Lesbian Youth, which the state Board of Education adopted.

The commission urged schools to develop anti-harassment policies, create support groups for gay teen-agers, train teachers to prevent suicides and violence against gays and provide family counseling.

The Education Department plans all-day workshops around the state for teachers on the problem of harassment of gays at school.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Investigation ordered into leak of recording of Boston police emergency line

BOSTON, Friday, Oct. 15 (AP)—Police Commissioner William Bratton has ordered an investigation into the leaking of a tape recording made of calls to the police emergency line last March by City Councilor David Scodras.

The tape was leaked to Howie Carr, a columnist for the Boston Herald and a talk show host for radio station WHDH, The Boston Globe said today.

Carr played the tapes on the air repeatedly Thursday and sometimes chuckled

when callers made antigay jokes.

Scodras, who is seeking re-election Nov. 2, is openly gay. He has been a city councilor for 10 years but faces a tough battle this year from Thomas Keane, a businessman.

On the tape, Scodras, in a slurred voice, demands that 911 operators put him through to police officials. He complains that an unidentified member of the department called him antigay names.

Scodras acknowledged making the

calls, but said he was taking antipain medication for a broken leg at the time. He also has said he is a recovering alcoholic.

"To say the commissioner is outraged is an understatement," said Bratton's spokesperson, Sgt. Robert O'Toole.

"We're outraged that somebody here—we have to believe it was someone in the department—took it upon themselves to make a copy and release the tape."

The Police Department has a policy of not releasing tape recordings of calls to the

911 line, he said.

O'Toole said he and Bratton heard the recording on the radio while in a car and that Bratton immediately called two police superintendents to demand an immediate investigation.

"To turn on the radio and hear these tapes on the public airwaves is an outrage," O'Toole said.

"It was clearly a violation to play these tapes," said Elizabeth Conner, manager of Scodras' re-election campaign.

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

Enchanting New Orleans with a reading by Austin's great poet Dennis Ciscel

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

Dennis Ciscel is a tall Texan ridding high in the poetic saddle. He was in New Orleans last week reading at Faubourg Marigny Bookstore from his recently published second volume, "Patting The Air."

FMB is the oldest lesbian/gay literary-bookstore in the Old South and owner Alan Robinson is justly proud of its history of bringing gay/lesbian writers to this "city grammar forgot."

"This is my second time reading here," says Ciscel, who clearly loves our sensual spot in the swamp. He is on a book reading tour and "delayed my arrival in Memphis to spend an extra day here."

Memphis' loss of one of her allotted days with this talented observer/commentator was New Orleans' great gain.

Ciscel lives in Austin and plowed the Texas mental health fields ten years ago. He saw the arrival, early growth, and pandemic explosion of AIDS. "It cut a wide swath out of the heart of Texas." And the rest of the world.

That experience caused him to pick up

the pen to battle "the pain of this damn AIDS." His first book "Tiny Stories" deals specifically with the horror and death of this ongoing pandemic. "Patting The Air" is broader in its reach.

His poems will likely bring tears. Heaven knows, AIDS is something to cry about. Cathartic tears are one weapon we all have to help us keep our sanity in this second decade of unremitting denial, death and suffering.

Ciscel's poems remind me of something Sloan Coffin said when Chaplain at Yale, during America's troubled sixties: "Yes, religion is a crutch, but who ever told you weren't limping was lying?" These poems are just such a needed crutch.

When frustration overwhelms, when the knot in your stomach makes you want to toss your lunch at the thought of another AIDS-charity fund-raiser, when your personal death gallery haunts your sleep pick up one of Dennis Ciscel's little books and suffer through the pain with someone whose hand is guided by the gods.

"In 'Patting The Air' I try to assume

the voice of those who are no longer able to say the things I think they might. I hope it works." It does.

"Patting The Air" and his first, widely acclaimed "Tiny Stories" are available from your bookseller or through the publisher, Plain View Press; P.O. Box 33311; Austin, TX 78764; phone: (512) 441-2452. Both are grade AAA, highly recommended.

The following is reprinted with permission from "Patting The Air." It is titled "Ned":

I dreamed of you last night/my little brother,/all pale and naked fourteen year old./standing there just waiting/ not sad but not happy.

It has been 3 or 4 years since I last saw you/and you are fourteen/or pale/or naked/or a student in a school.

And it has been longer since I wrote you/and told you if you ever needed help/while growing up./back home with the f—ed-up family./I would try to be there.

I'm sorry,/but I couldn't help when you wrote./I couldn't write or call/or say good luck./I was frozen in my own bad

luck./and poor excuses.

I am not now./and have sent off reindeer to spy on you,/see if you are well./ And they have returned with the news/ that you are not sad but not happy.

So this evening I will send off a lion/ to give you strength./a bear with a gift of endurance./and my sole remaining harspichord/ to sing you a blessing.

Beware of them./for they are my most powerful agents/and will fight off all enemies/no matter how long it might take/ to restore you to happiness.

And they will smile all the while/in the knowledge that for you the air has been filled/with the song of my love/and my sorrow/at not coming sooner.

It is sunset./I will sit here and do my meditation/in the quiet changing world./When I open my eyes there will be no more sun./only the stars in and out through the sky./and there will be a silver moon on the horizon/behind me./ But first I have a message/for my pigeon to carry to you:

May this evening's purple sunset/ Caress you all evening/Wherever you are/As I wander these desert hills.

▼▼▼ PROFILE

Drag as a sense of inner-self: a profile of Austin artist Fausto Fernos

By STEPHANIE GRIEST

When Fausto Fernos was ten years old, he decided to be a woman for Halloween. He bought a curly brown wig and shut himself into his bathroom to try it on. "Look, I'm a little girl," he said to his reflection in the mirror. In awe, he realized that he could escape his own body.

Minutes later, his father barged into the bathroom to see what his son was doing. In his fury, he ripped off the wig, threw it into the trash can, and slapped Fernos across the face. "The boy should not dress as the girl!" he yelled.

Young Fernos sat down on the bathtub and cried. His father made him feel like he was doing something wrong. Yet, for Fernos, dressing as a woman felt right.

When Fernos was 10 years old, his parents divorced. At age 12, his only brother went off to college. For the next seven years of his life, Fernos was the sole male in a house of four in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"I saw female issues all around me: menopause, contraceptives, the pill," Fernos said. "Monthly cycles are usually hidden from men but I think I've been blessed—I saw the real life menstrual cycle in my own bathroom."

Living with his two sisters and mother for the majority of his teenage years gave Fernos tremendous respect and admiration for the female body. He soon learned to identify more easily with women than men.

"Some people just feel that their body is going against their natural selves," explained Fernos. "Cross-dressers deal physically with this issue. What I'm wearing now (slacks and a button-down shirt) is male drag."

Yet Fernos did not dress as a woman again until he came to the University of Texas in the fall of 1989. In a non-majors drama class, he was assigned the role of an old lady in "Greater Tuna." He bought a dress, wig, and shoes from the Salvation Army and spoke in a high pitched voice. It was a small part but it changed Fernos's life forever.

"Cross-dressing allowed role playing and escape," he said. "(For me) it allowed the weak to be strong and the shy to be bold. It allowed the prisoner to

take a trip out of his own body."

After his brief role in "Greater Tuna," Fernos decided to turn this philosophy into tangible art. While listening to old Linda Ronstadt records with friends one day, he realized it was a shame that drags in Austin only lip-sync to pop music rather than deal with their own culture. Fernos wanted to see African-Americans perform tribal music and Hispanics play mariachis.

With inspiration drawn from his own Puerto Rican culture and favorite Aunt Clara, Fernos created Clara Luz—his first drag persona. Fernos's Luz was a Mexican refugee who murdered her husband and came to America to be a star.

"She came to America because it was the land of plenty. To change her life, Clara needed to take action. She had to change society and herself," Fernos said.

As Luz, Fernos wrote "La Charreada," a drag play. The show was performed around The University of Texas campus and in local Austin theaters.

"When he's in drag, he is a different person and takes on different personalities," said Alexandria Carrion, Fernos's friend of three years. "He's not Fausto anymore—he is Clara Luz."

Fernos could identify with this woman of his own creation.

"I see myself in her: Clara is the role of the underdog," he said. "She is the kid who wasn't picked to play on the volleyball team. She is the effeminate boy that felt alienation."

As Fernos pointed out, such alienation exists even today.

"We as a society try to make the world so homogeneous. Individualism is very challenging and stressing; it is easier to blend in than to be different," he said. "When I'm in drag, I challenge the world to challenge itself. Maybe people are not as progressive as they think."

After "La Charreada," Fernos joined Austin's rendition of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and became a chorus girl. On the set, he learned the fine art of makeup and discovered that the transformation from man to woman can be a timely process. The hair must be big, the nails must be red, and a big lack beauty mark is absolutely essential.

"I know some L.A. (Los Angeles) drags that take four hours to get ready!" Fernos said. "I personally never like to spend more than 30 minutes but I give myself an hour. If you're in a hurry, it shows."

Drag queens around Austin are notorious for such perfectionism, local hair stylists and beauticians complained.

"I prefer not to do drag...they are pickier than woman," said Luis Hernandez, a hairdresser at Vogue Beauty College. "They want their makeup dramatic, dark, and noticeable. Women want it natural and light."

Alas, beauty salons are often too expensive for drag queens. Such a luxury is not feasible to Fernos who coined drag "blue-collar art."

"I make up myself, but I look forward to the day when I can pay someone else to pamper me and prim me to my highest expectations of masculinity and femininity," he said.

October of 1990 proved to be a major turning point in Fernos's life. After 19 years of emotional torment from living like a male, he finally came out of the closet and told the world he was gay.

"The first person I came out to was...me," Fernos said. "It was time to face the facts. I didn't want to hide it anymore; I wanted to be happy."

Having overcome the "heterosexual obstacle" in his life, Fernos forever shed his skin of masculinity and became a professional drag queen. His first show was a drag soap opera called "Soft Men." Fernos and his cast performed 52 episodes at XO on Sixth Street.

"We had a tremendous response—the show lasted an entire year," Fernos said. "In fact, the NAAO (National Association of Artists Organization) invited us to perform at the Gay and Lesbian March in Washington, D.C. this year. It was intense."

Proud of his new life as a woman, Fernos invited his family to see one of his shows. The father who once slapped his face for cross-dressing simply said "You're a very good actor."

"Sometimes he's really tacky, but with the wigs, heels, and the makeup he makes a pretty woman," Carrion said after watching one of Fernos's performances.

But despite the success of "Clara Luz" and "Soft Men," Fernos feels that America has a long way to go before accepting his new lifestyle. Even though famed queen RuPaul is working his way into the Top 40 and local queen Jamie Perry entertains hundreds each night at Austin clubs, drag queens are largely overlooked by media and society.

"America is in a cultural crisis. We don't create our own culture—we import it," said Fernos. "It is difficult for media to write about me. I don't fit in a section of their newspaper."

Sometimes however, as Fernos noted, people take a kindred to drag. Some people have a soft inner heart for cross-dressers.

"It's very touching when people come to me after a show and say 'You remind me of my aunt' or 'You look just like my mom,'" he said.

Others simply take drag for what it is: pure entertainment.

"I love drag—it's very entertaining," said Helen Rayborn, manager of Austin's gay club 404. "It's not a political statement about gay rights; it's who they are."

There could be hope for America, Fernos concluded. Movies such as "The Crying Game" (where a drag queen tricks another man into falling in love with him) have taken steps to educate the public about queens.

At 21, Fernos has a Bachelors in Studio Art and a new movie called "Nobody's Children" premiering at the Dobbie Theater's 6th Annual Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. His latest revue, The Big Wig, premiered at Diva's on Sixth Street on Oct. 9th. With the twisted road of fortune and fame before him, he stops to reflect on his past life and his dreams for the future.

"I hope to still be with James, my boyfriend. He thinks I'm sexy in drag," Fernos said with a twinkle in his blue eyes.

"I also want to grow old and famous, like Lucille Ball, and have people worry that I'll fall over dead any minute. I want to be so famous that I can't even go to the mail because teenage boys and girls will knock me over asking for my autograph," he said.

(Editor's note: Stephanie Griest is a freelance writer based in Austin.)

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Cable TV tapes first-ever gay comedy special; scheduled for December

By ELIZABETH WEISE

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Oct. 14 (AP)—So what is it about gay comics—are they born funny or do they just choose to be that way?

That was one of the few issues left untouched by "Out There," billed by cable TV's Comedy Central as the nation's first lesbian and gay comedy special.

The show was taped, appropriately enough, on Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. It's scheduled to run in December.

"We're supposed to come out to ten people today," host Lea DeLaria told the enthusiastic crowd. "But there aren't ten people on this planet who don't know I'm a lesbian. They'd have to be blind."

Nattily attired in a blue pinstriped suit, DeLaria introduced the lineup of eight gay comedians, each eager to prove his or her open-mindedness.

"I'm not prejudiced against heterosexuals," said Mickey Liddell, a gay man from a small town in Oklahoma. "I just don't want to know what they do in bed. It gives me the creeps."

The producers expect the program's audience to be mainly heterosexual, but they didn't limit the material. Although a few of the jokes might be too subcul-

ture specific to draw a chuckle in Dubuque (hint: Sylvester was a San Francisco rock star and drag queen), most are funny whichever side of the fence you live on.

Basic questions were answered, including, "Just how do people get to be homosexual?"

It's grueling. Suzanne Westenhoefer explained.

"First we're chosen on talent. Then there's an interview, and after that a swimsuit and evening gown competition."

The military came in for its share of drubbing. If the army doesn't want gay men and lesbians in the army, that's fine, said Westerhoffer.

"All the straight people will have to fight and die for our rights, and we'll be hanging out here."

She paused while a wicked grin spread over her face.

"And don't worry. We'll take good care of your wives."

Certainly, some stereotypes were milked for their full comedic potential. Comedian Bob Smith told the crowd he always knew he was gay growing up in Buffalo.

"I was a gay kid. My tree house had a breakfast nook. When I was in the Scouts, my Swiss Army knife had a

melon baller."

Much of the humor was universal, as when Smith described his dysfunctional family reunion—"You know, where you bring a casserole and an unresolved issue?"

And if the right wing was watching for the gay and lesbian agenda, he was quite willing to disclose it.

"Full civil rights, and a 25-minute dance version of the national anthem."

San Francisco's Marga Gomez was actively concerned that heterosexuals weren't being properly served by television. She ticked off recent programs—"Lesbians with long hair" on Oprah, "Lesbian's who've never been on Oprah" on Donahue. "Straight people can't get on talk shows anymore. It's not fair."

Although the audience was mixed, only one man was brave enough to publicly identify himself as heterosexual. His outfit didn't pass muster.

"You're lucky you're here," Scott Capurro harassed him. "You need a gay friend to dress you."

Host DeLaria said that while the show was meant to be funny, not political, it didn't hurt that for once it was gay people telling the jokes, instead of being the joke.

Comedy Central expects that 80 to 90 percent of the show's audience will be

straight, but that doesn't worry senior vice president for programming Mitch Semel.

"We're here to showcase new talent. They're funny and that's what matters. We didn't do it just to prove how liberal we are," he said.

Not that the comics disdain the media's sudden discovery of the gay community.

"It's the new thing. A woman on your arm is more fashionable than a Gucci handbag," said DeLaria.

If that's what it takes to get major market recognition, then so be it, she said.

"But guess what? They're going to find out we're talented, just like the young black comics who got signed because they wore their hats backward and then turned out to be great."

"The network isn't worried about this one," said Comedy Central's Jodi Geiger. In fact they think the show will appeal to a wide enough audience that they're considering doing a monthly gay special, she said.

If they do, there's to be more work in the future for Smith, despite his confession that he experimented with heterosexuality in college.

"Yes," he said. "I slept with a straight guy."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Elton John praised at opening of Atlanta's state of the art AIDS clinic

By ROBERT ANTHONY WATTS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ATLANTA, Thursday, Oct. 14 (AP)—Elton John, long active in the fight against AIDS, was praised Thursday at the dedication of an AIDS clinic in Atlanta.

John, who created his own AIDS foundation last November, was the keynote

speaker at the opening of a state-of-the-art infectious disease clinic of Grady Memorial Hospital.

John spoke briefly, praising the work of nurses, doctors and health workers, those "who do the day-to-day care" of people with AIDS and the HIV virus.

The opening of the clinic is "an amazing achievement, eight years of hard work,"

John said. "It's my belief that people, no matter their gender, race, creed or sexual orientation, should be treated equally and it's my belief that this clinic will do this."

The \$7.5 million clinic includes facilities for mental health care, support groups, dental care, outpatient treatment and a pharmacy.

John, who lives in Atlanta, received a

standing ovation from the health care workers and others attending the opening.

"There are so many celebrities out there who will throw their name to a cause, but they don't really do anything," said Tony Braswell, administrative director of the clinic. "I don't know how many of you know this, but Elton actually delivers hot meals to patients."

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Expert explains why gays not protected class in civil rights act

By CARL HILLIARD
FOR THE NEW VOICE

DENVER, Friday, Oct. 15 (AP)—The businessperson who led Colorado's anti-gay-rights amendment to passage said today he got involved in the homosexual rights debate after becoming aware of a gay-rights proposal in his community.

Will Perkins, chairperson of Colorado for Family Values, testified at the trial of Amendment 2 in Denver District Court that the term "sexual orientation" was not part of his vocabulary until that time two years ago.

Perkins was one of the first witnesses for the state of Colorado at the trial before Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless on whether Amendment 2 is unconstitutional. It is being challenged by three individuals and three Colorado cities that have ordinances forbidding discrimination against gays.

Amendment 2 was approved by Colorado voters last November by a wide margin.

Perkins said he became keenly interested in the issue of homosexual rights when activists in Colorado Springs began pushing a measure that he said would have enabled government to ask whether his business employed gays. Perkins operates a car dealership.

"Frankly, I thought something like that (the measure that got his attention) would make the Gestapo embarrassed," he said.

Perkins said Amendment 2 was intended only to keep government out of private business and the affairs of individuals.

Asked whether he employs any homosexuals, Perkins said he did not know, but said if he did they were doing a good job.

Earlier today, a civil rights legal expert testified that homosexuals were not listed as a protected class in the 1964

Civil Rights Act because they hid their sexual orientation 30 years ago.

Attorneys played the taped testimony of Burke Marshall, a law professor at Yale University. Marshall was a Justice Department attorney specializing in civil rights law in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

Marshall said people usually were not openly gay in the early 1960s.

"People disguised their sexuality, so the problem was not apparent," he said.

Marshall said that since homosexuals have become more open about their sexuality, discrimination against them has worsened.

"We were not all-wise, not all-seeing," he said of the lawyers involved in drafting the Civil Rights Act. "The perception of that discrimination (against homosexuals) did not exist then."

On Thursday, witnesses against Amendment 2 testified that the nation's gay community has neither the political nor economic clout their critics claim they have.

Dr. Kenneth Sherrill, professor of political science at Hunter College in New York, also testified gays and lesbians are particularly disadvantaged and are, in fact, a "politically powerless"

minority that finds it difficult to gain access to the political process.

Sherrill was one of the final witnesses for challengers who filed a lawsuit challenging Amendment 2 in the court of Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless.

Amendment 2 bars the state, cities or counties from passing laws protecting gays from discrimination. It also strikes down ordinances protecting homosexuals in Aspen, Denver and Boulder.

Bayless earlier this year issued a preliminary injunction preventing Amendment 2 from going into law, and later the State Supreme Court upheld that deci-

sion. Now, Bayless is in court challenge to Amendment 2 filed by three individuals and the three cities with protective ordinances.

Sherrill testified Thursday that a major setback for homosexuals was the Helms Amendment to the budget for the Centers for Disease Control. It bars funds that could be used to "encourage

homosexual activity"—that is, instruction on safe sex.

"The result was death for thousands of people (because of AIDS)," Sherrill said.

He said the message to the nation barring openly gay individuals from military service is that people was that "these people aren't good enough to die for their country."

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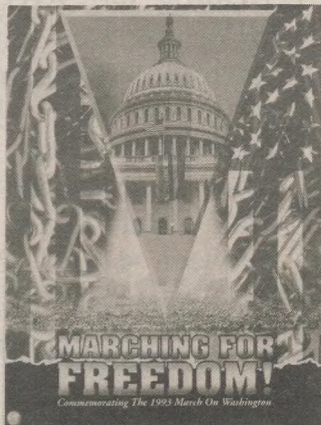
The New Voice/Houston

In the last several months, it has seemed that everyone who attended the March on Washington and owned a video camera felt compelled to make a "documentary" on the event. Unfortunately, as you may have periodically read in these pages on several occasions, the term "documentary" was grossly misused. Propping up a camera and recording the entire six hours does not a documentary make.

Producer Craig Landy has succeeded in making an actual, viewable documentary of the event in "Marching For Freedom."

Unlike some of the efforts that have foisted their way on to cable access schedules (C-SPAN already did that for us anyway), the tape runs a highly consumable 78 minutes and works in true documentary form.

Brief excerpts from podium speeches are artfully intercut with impressions of the crowds that made the largest lesbian and gay rights demonstration in history. Entertainers get their space in



Documenting the March

the film as well. The film is produced in verite style, without narration, but creates a document that captures the spirit of the event effectively without overstatement...and without dragging the viewer through every technical disaster at the podium.

"Marching for Freedom" is available on videotape via association with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The cost is \$29.95 including shipping. For further information, call (800) 993-1993 or write to Project 1993, 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Houston's Venture-N will offer a preview screening next Thursday, Oct. 28th at 5:00p.m.

Gay Candidates

The New Voice/Houston

Three of Houston's five openly gay City Council candidates will make an appearance on Access Cable next week.

Producer Mike Stubblefield, who operates the Alternative Broadcasting Service said, in a printed statement that "all five were invited, but only three showed

up.

The hour-long program, "Meet the Candidates," will be seen on Houston's Warner and TCI cable access channels five times. The first broadcast is scheduled Monday, Oct. 25th at 1:00p.m. It will be repeated on Friday, Oct. 29th at 5:00p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30th at 5:30p.m., Monday, Nov. 1st at 4:30p.m. and Tuesday November, 2nd at 5:00p.m.

Matt Locklin, the producer of the Access series AIDS Talk Houston hosts the program.

AIDS Talk Houston continues this month with its eleventh program. This month's edition is a special on AIDS issues in prison, shot on location in the state penitentiary in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Members of the Harris County Jail Citizens Advisory Team Task Force are also featured, including activist Ray Hill, Dr. Tom Schnorr and Rory "Eagle" Levy."

That program can be seen on Houston Access on Monday, Oct. 25th at 2:30p.m. and on Tuesday, Oct. 26th at 7:00a.m. Three rebroadcasts are scheduled for early November.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent unhappy with candid new biography

By SUZY PATTERSON

FOR THE NEW VOICE

PARIS, Sunday, Oct. 17 (AP)—Widely hailed as the king of haute couture, Yves Saint Laurent is now the subject of a candid new biography which juxtaposes his genius with an often tormented private life.

Saint Laurent and his associates, who cooperated with the author, are unhappy with the final product, which offers detailed accounts of the designer's homosexuality, his battles with depression and his problems with drugs and alcohol.

The book, "Yves Saint Laurent," was written by Laurence Benaim, 31-year-old fashion editor of Le Monde, and published by Editions Grasset. There are no definite plans yet for an English edition.

For the 472-page biography, Benaim

was given full cooperation from the Saint Laurent fashion house, including access to company files, interviews with the couturier himself and introductions to many of his friends and associates.

"Yves Saint Laurent just started reading the book, and is not happy at all," said Christian Girard, secretary-general of the company and right-hand man to its president, Pierre Berge. "We are all quite disappointed, and Pierre Berge is particularly upset."

"I don't understand why they're upset," Benaim said in a telephone interview. "The house was friendly, gave me the run of their wonderfully organized archives, and helped me all the way for the two years it took to write the book."

However, Girard said, "We feel the book lacks depth, subtlety and clout on the cultural level." He said he thought that Benaim did not get to know Saint

Laurent and his friends well enough, and contended the book was too "American" in its approach, pandering to a thirst for sensationalism.

Overall, however, the biography takes a serious, sometimes awe-struck approach to 57-year-old Yves Mathieu Saint Laurent, and his prodigious output since he first started designing for Christian Dior in the late 1950s.

His father was a businessperson and his mother, Lucienne, a coquettish beauty interested in fashion.

Saint Laurent remembers being unhappy at school and scorned by other children as a "sissy," but he already was interested in fashion, occasionally rifling his mother's wardrobe to tear up an old dress to make a doll's outfit.

Saint Laurent's progression from early interest in art up through the sen-

sational collections at Dior in 1957-58 are well-chronicled, as are all his later designs.

"I built the biography around his collections," Benaim said.

On early homosexuality, he says: "I went with anonymous people. Arabs. It was hidden. I was ashamed ... and said nothing to my parents."

He conveys his anguish about presenting collections, his worries about his health, his ideas on money.

"I couldn't live without making dresses," he says. "Without that, I'd die."

"It was a labor of love to write this book," Benaim said. "He inspires a kind of passion, has tried nearly everything in life, and hates conformism."

"There are so many fashion phonies around today," he said. "Saint Laurent remains true to himself."

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Alaska Supreme Court: Anchorage 'unnecessarily' deprived of gay-rights vote

By ROSANNE PAGANO

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ANCHORAGE, Friday, Oct. 15 (AP)—The state Supreme Court said Friday that Anchorage must adhere to state standards of fairness when it comes to petition drives seeking to place issues on the municipal ballot.

The ruling, which arose from a bitterly contested gay-rights ordinance, expands the court's order in April which canceled a ballot question just days before city elections.

The decision also applies to other home-rule cities.

The court in a 4-1 decision Friday said a petition leading to the vote was flawed because it did not meet standards for truthfulness and impartial language

required of statewide petitions.

Writing for the majority, Justice Warren Matthews complained about the petition title, which referred to repeal of a "special homosexual ordinance." The court said wording was partisan and potentially prejudicial.

In his nine-page dissent, Chief Justice Daniel Moore said the panel had indulged in "ivory-tower thinking," and was confusing a ballot and a petition.

"A biased, misleading or inaccurate ballot undermines the voting process," Moore wrote. "A petition, however, is the vehicle by which citizens bring an issue into the public arena. It is the beginning, not the end, of political debate."

Anchorage was poised to vote after the city Assembly passed an ordinance

sought by gay-rights activists and barring job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Public hearings spanned two months and attracted 195 witnesses. The ordinance, which the Assembly eventually repealed, would have covered city workers only.

The case reached the high court when plaintiffs objected to petition and ballot wording and a lower court refused to stay the election.

Writing for the majority, Justice Warren Matthews said the issue for the court was whether referendum petitions are legal even if they do not "accurately and fairly" characterize the laws they target.

Matthews cited an Alaska Supreme

Court opinion from 1985 which said the panel's main concern was that "all matters (including) legislative enactments, initiative petitions and even proposed resolutions should be presented clearly and honestly to the people of Alaska."

But Moore in his dissent said the court in April had "unnecessarily and unreasonably interfered" in the election. He also said the majority ignored Anchorage municipal codes which do not require petitions free of partisan wording.

"The practical reality is that petition tables are staffed by enthusiastic advocates, (with) banners and slogans," Moore said. "I find it highly doubtful that a neutrally worded petition title would have measurably affected the petition drive itself."

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

NGLTF activist says 'religious right' is small but threatens freedom

WICHITA, Kan., Monday, Oct. 18 (AP)—Even though religious conservatives are relatively small in number, they pose a large threat to freedom, says a gay-rights activist.

The "religious right" is part of a permanent counter-insurgency in the United States, Scot Nakagawa told an

audience Sunday at Wichita State University.

The group opposes democratic values and the hope for the establishment of a true gender-equal and multiracial democracy.

Nakagawa, head of the National Gay

and Lesbian Task Force's "Fight the Right" project, made his address at the invitation of Equality Kansas, a statewide gay-rights organization, and 10 Percent, a WSU gay and lesbian student group.

A small group of protesters picketed outside while about 150 people listened

to Nakagawa's speech.

Gay rights are only one target of the movement, which Nakagawa said also seeks to impose prayer and the teaching of creationism in schools, oppose feminist legislation and affirmative action, restrict immigration and institute voucher systems for education.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Maryland library decides to keep books on homosexuality

SALISBURY, Md., Wednesday, Oct. 13 (AP)—Four books on homosexuality geared for juveniles will be returned to the shelves of the Wicomico County Free Library.

The library's board of trustees voted 14-2 Tuesday in favor of keeping "Heather Has Two Mommies," "Daddy's Roommate,"

"The Daddy Machine" and "The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans" on the shelves.

Pastor Phillip Alan Lee of Salisbury's Liberty Church of Christ, who had complained about the books, said he has sought legal advice on whether the board can be abolished.

Board member Kay Crouch said she found nothing in the books that was lewd or suggestive.

She then cited the Library Bill of Rights which states librarians cannot assume the role of parents or make decisions about what children can read.

"Can I decide what the lifestyle of somebody else will or won't be?" she asked.

But library board member Kenneth Matthews said parents fear the books will influence their children. He asked that access to the books be restricted by placing them on reserve with the children's librarian.

**IN MEMORY OF
FRANK XAVIER HUERSTEL, III**

Frank Xavier Huerstel, III, died Monday, October 11 of complications from AIDS. Mr. Huerstel was 29. He died at home in Metairie.

Mr. Huerstel was a sales manager for David's Car Stereo in Baton Rouge. He was born in New Orleans and lived in Metairie for many years. He was a graduate of Holy Cross High School and attended Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Survivors include his parents, Frank Xavier Huerstel, Jr., and Grace Fust Huerstel; his grandparents, Carmel Senac Cull and Violet Elstrott; his stepgrandfather, Joseph Cull, a brother, Steven Huerstel; and a sister, Rhonda H. Bosarge.

A noon Mass was said at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake Lawn Park Mausoleum.

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Q: "My mother asked me how I could justify being gay/lesbian and being Christian when the Bible says in Romans 1:26,27, 'Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.' Does this scripture condemn me?"

A: A common mistake that many people make in reading the Bible is to make it a question and answer book. The Bible is given to us as a living, viable and practical book on how to live in relationship to God. When we take scripture out of its context, that is called "proof texting." This means that we lift a portion of scripture out of its intended setting to prove the point that we are trying to make. The particular scripture in Romans is commonly used to justify condemnation of homosexuality for both men and women. The Apostle Paul, author of Romans, is addressing the Roman church consisting primarily of Gentiles. In Chapter 1 of Romans, Paul is addressing the spiritual condition of all humanity. Both Jews and Gentiles alike are separated from God, are out of fellowship with God and are in need of salvation. God's revelation of who God is begins with the display of creation. This revelation is given to all. For those who would accept God's first revelation, more will be given, until an element of faith is reached for this person to believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior. For those who reject this revelation, they begin on a path that is a downward spiral toward destruction. The people that Paul is referring to are idolaters. An idolater is one who worships a created thing: inanimate objects, animals, higher powers such as the sun, moon, forces of nature, deceased ancestors, or a symbol or image that is in created form. Idolatry as referred to in the Bible involved manipulation of the gods so as to gain favor. One of the activities used to manipulate was prostitution. Sexual activity was thought to be a sacred act that would please the gods. Prostitution involved both heterosexual and homosexual activity. An idolater would engage in both what was their natural behavior as well as what for them was unnatural so as to gain favor. This activity was considered an abomination (detestable) in God's sight.

As you can see, this scripture is not isolating a person with a homosexual orientation. For a person who loves God, serves God, and is a homosexual by nature and is not involved in idolatry, there is no condemnation.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT ADDRESSED BY REV. JANET PARKER, PLEASE WRITE TO: MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP MCC, P.O. BOX 667032, HOUSTON, TX 77266-7032.

▼▼▼RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

Monique Duval passes on her title as Miss 440 to Melissa Jones Saturday

By ALICIA LUGO

The New Voice/Rio Grande Valley Club 440, in Brownsville, was really hopping last Sunday night as they held their 1993-94 Mr., Miss, Mr. Butch 440 Pageant. There were two contestants in each category. They were judged on presentation, talent and formal wear.

Last year's Miss 440, Monique Duval, gave up her title in an emotional performance as she sang "Hero." Friends and fans showered her with roses.

This year's winners were Melissa Jones, the new Miss 440, Giovanni, Mr. 440 and Joshua St. James, Mr. Butch 440. Also competing were Alexa Blake, Robert Solis and Marty.

Melissa put on a very entertaining skit to the music of "You're Gonna Love Me," along with the help of several friends. Giovanni and his cast also put on a terrific skit to the disco version of Aladdin, complete with costumes and all. And Joshua St. Michael did a medley of songs from the Broadway show "Jeckyl and Hyde." The winners received huge trophies and medals and will represent Club 440 throughout the next year and various competitions.

Incidentally, have you checked out the decorations for Halloween at Club 440? Be sure to mark your calendar for Halloween night, when they will be having a ghoulishly great time at their Halloween bash. Cash prizes will be given away for the best costume.

This Saturday, Zippers in Harlingen, will be having a Birthday Bash in the patio celebrating Gabriel and Chris' birthday (both sweet 16). There will be lots of free munchies and a keg. Don't forget, on Monday nights, Zippers has Football Night, so come and root for your favorite team and meet your



Gina Hall???



"Aladdin," Jasmine & the boys

friends there. Zippers will have their Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 30th, with a costume contest too. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

P.B.D.'s, in McAllen, had a pool tournament this past Wednesday. Winners will be announced next week. Of course, P.B.D.'s will also be having a Halloween party and costume contest, so be creative!

Just Tery's will be having a fundraiser this Sunday night for the UTPA Gay and Lesbian Alliance. There will be a \$2.00 cover and all proceeds go to the organization. The show starts at 11:00 p.m. And next Sunday on Halloween, Just Tery's will be hosting the 1st Annual Pumpkin Festival. This means that at Midnight everyone will be zapped into Pumpkins. Oh no, that's not it, it means they are planning one big Spook Bash. They will have a dunking booth, a kissing booth, a fishing booth, a cake walk, and a jail house. They will also have a pumpkin carving contest, food booths and Valley Voice will have a

Buy A Title booth. All proceeds will go to Valley RAIN for AIDS clients. So come out and support this very worth while cause. The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. and will continue into the night with a show and a costume party.

This Friday, 10th Avenue, will have a home show with lots of the local talent. On Sunday, 10th will

have a barbecue and show. And get ready for next weekend and 10th Avenue's Halloween Extravaganza, complete with costume contest and cash prizes. Don't forget that on Sunday's, the New Hope Congregation meets at 11:00 a.m. in the back bar of Just Tery's for worship. Also the Metropolitan Community Church of the Rio Grande Valley meets on Sunday's at 7:00 p.m. The church is located on Earling Road between Morningside and 907 in Alamo.

Valley Voice met last Tuesday for a meeting and movie. They saw "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" complete with special effects by a few of the crowd. This coming Tuesday, Valley Voice will be bowling at Creasy's in Harlingen at 8:30 p.m.

Before closing, I would like to make a correction from last week's article. Kristian Kline, Mr. Gay Texas is not associated with the Maverick Dancers as I had stated. My apologies.

That does it for this week. See you on the flip side, bye.



Joshua St. Michael, Melissa Jones & Giovanni

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Former Lewiston, Maine mayor wants police chief muzzled on gay issue

LEWISTON, Maine, Thursday, Oct. 14 (AP)—A former mayor demanded Thursday that police Chief Laurent F. Gilbert Sr. be muzzled in the city's gay rights referendum campaign, saying his activities intimidate voters.

The chief, who opposes a move to repeal the anti-discrimination law, said he has already agreed to not work on the campaign on city time, but that he "most definitely" will do so on his own time.

Former Mayor Lillian Caron-O'Brien made her demands as the campaign

continues on the Nov. 2 repeal referendum.

Caron-O'Brien, a leader of a pro-repeal group called Lewiston Citizens Opposed to the Special Treatment of Homosexuals, charged that Gilbert's actions on behalf of the campaign to preserve the ordinance intimidates voters and violates the city code. She also accused him of malfeasance.

"How long will it be before he stops protecting the safety of those who dare to disagree with his political stance?" said Caron-O'Brien, who was mayor from 1976 to 1980. "Lewiston is Amer-

ica, not Gestapo Germany."

Caron-O'Brien demanded that City Council act immediately "to make sure our citizens are not intimidated or inhibited by the actions of the chief to vote exactly as they wish to on Nov. 2."

City Administrator Robert J. Mulready said he, not council, has authority over employees' conduct in Maine's second-largest city.

Mulready added that he issued a memo Oct. 7 to department heads ordering them and their employees "to keep out of any and all political activities

while on duty and not to be involved in any lobbying whatsoever, either pro or con, on the anti-discrimination ordinance." The letter cites city charter restrictions on political activity.

The letter was sent a day after Gilbert joined other law-enforcement officials, including Maine Attorney General Michael E. Carpenter, in a news conference urging voters to reject a proposal to repeal Lewiston's ordinance.

Gilbert said anti-discrimination laws are needed in the face of growing violence across Maine against homosexuals and those perceived to be.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Some Denver gay leaders don't support new amendment proposal

By AMY LIGNITZ

FOR THE NEW VOICE

DENVER, Sunday, Oct. 10 (AP)—A Denver man is gathering support in rural Colorado for an amendment that would protect gay rights, but some gay-rights leaders in Denver are withholding support for the Equal Protection Amendment.

Daniel Brewer-Ward, author of the proposal, said the 1994 election is a "window of opportunity" to get gay rights written into the state Constitution. He and his organization, People for a Stronger Colorado, are collecting signatures to put his amendment on the ballot. He said it would repeal the anti-gay-rights measure Amendment 2, passed by voters last November.

The Equal Protection Amendment says no one can be denied rights to property, education or employment based on "gender, race, national origin, creed,

sexual orientation, religious beliefs, disability, ancestry, marital status, familial status, military status, political affiliation or age."

Brewer-Ward needs 49,279 signatures to get the measure on the 1994 ballot; at last count in September, he had collected 50,000 signatures. He wants to collect 80,000 to ensure enough of the signatures are valid.

"This is our only opportunity," he said. "If it's not on the '94 ballot, the only other time is '96 and by that time, so much time has passed, voters don't want to hear about it any more."

Representatives of Equality Colorado and the Colorado Alliance to Restore Equality disagree. They said another ballot-box loss would devastate their movement, and be a waste of money. They said too little research and thought went into writing the Equal Protection Amendment.

"It's going to be an awkward position if it gets on the ballot," said CARE's acting director Linda Fowler. "We have a very marked difference on how to go forward with this."

"There's no question any organization around the state would not feel like endorsing civil rights. That's not the question. It's what's tactically the best way," Fowler said.

Amendment 2, approved last November, would prohibit the passage of any law in Colorado protecting gay rights. It would strike down laws already on the books in Boulder, Denver and Aspen.

The constitutionality of Amendment 2 is being challenged in federal court, and plaintiffs obtained an injunction keeping the measure from going into effect until its legality is determined. The case goes to trial Tuesday.

Brewer-Ward said Colorado voters passed the measure because they didn't

understand it. He said backers of Amendment 2 presented the measure as banning "special rights" for gays.

"People listened to what they heard on TV," Brewer-Ward said. "The '92 campaign against Amendment 2 fell into the trap of 'equal rights' and didn't get the message across."

Brewer-Ward said gay rights groups in Grand Junction, Jefferson and Eagle counties, southwest Colorado and other locations support his proposal. The group is gathering support in rural areas before campaigning in the metro area.

Some gay-rights groups in Denver are lukewarm to the proposal.

"I think we need to look at long-term goals rather than a short-term electoral result," said Lawrence Pacheco, spokesperson for Equality Colorado. "I think we need to look at our strategy for 1996."

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

University of Kansas officials to work toward tolerance of gays, bisexuals

LAWRENCE, Kan., Monday, Oct. 11 (AP)—A pledge by University of Kansas officials to work toward more tolerance of gays, lesbians and bisexuals on campus drew a mixed response.

"Being open and committed to the realities of diversity on campus is a tough thing to do," said social welfare professor Dennis Saleebey, who called Monday's assurance the mark of a new era. "I expect we will see change."

But Carl Burkhead, professor of civil

engineering and an outspoken critic of the gay and lesbian lifestyle, criticized it as "a tragic mistake."

Ed Meyen, executive vice chancellor for the university's main campus, on Monday released an 18-page response to a report submitted by a university faculty and student committee appointed in 1990 to study concerns of gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

"In an academic community where diversity and tolerance are goals and

the focus is on education, we must lead the way to improved understanding of the issues facing this important part of the campus community," he said.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Study Committee, chaired by Saleebey, made several recommendations, including that:—University governance and administration openly support gay, lesbian and bisexual faculty, staff and students.—An office of gay, lesbian and bisexual concerns be opened.—Domes-

tic partners of gay, lesbian and bisexual university employees be extended benefits held by heterosexual spouses.—A library reading room be created for books, journals, magazines and newspapers of interest to gays, lesbians and bisexuals.—The university seek financing for an endowment to support research related to homosexuality and bisexuality.—Education be stepped up for Department of Student Housing staff concerning homophobia.

▼▼▼CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

Carnival '93 comes to Corpus Christi; show us yours—we'll pay you

By SUZETTE LOCKE

The New Voice/Corpus Christi

Get your pens and date books ready for all the ferocious Halloween festivities going on by the sea. Ready?

Carnival '93 comes to Corpus. It's a costume contest, a haunted house, games, arts and crafts festival, face painting, cash prizes, and lots and lots of food. Be there: Saturday, Oct. 23rd, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., rain or shine at the M.C.C. Christ's Temple, 1315 Craig. Bring your friends and be in the indoor parade. Call Dick Stuart at 883-6823 or Christ Foley at 851-1037.

Halloween at U.B.U. in the Pharaohs Plaza is going to be a blow out! Best drag, best couple and the scariest costume win their costume contest! D.J. Cue mixes some of the hottest hip-hop in the coastal bend. Come and dance all night and party on witch's brew and Halloween munchies.

But before the holiday, U.B.U. does it again, 5 (straight-Not!) consecutive days of fabulous parties. Every Wednesday—"Show us your's—we'll pay you" talent contest. This week is the finale for October. Win a \$100 cash prize. Thursday, come and help support a CBAF benefit. Support the char-

ity shows for AIDS services. We only have our community to depend on!

Friday, two special guests from San Antonio, Melissa Crawford and Ms. San Antonio—USA Aaron Davis will appear.



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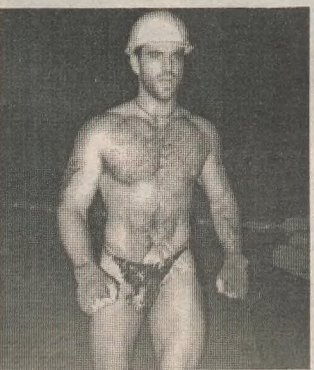
Every Saturday night party with DJ Cue's hot mixes—every Wednesday through Sunday night.

Recently, The Loving Spoonful (PLA) Kitchen benefit raised over \$170. Special guests included Emperor VII Aaron Deal, his Empress VII Kay Y, Tanya Robyrts, Tommy Ross, Oprah DeMarro, Chanel Stevens, and Aaron Davis. Last week's talent winner was Daniel (who did it live...sing that is). Look forward to new changes about to take place at U.B.U.

Tony Garrett does

it again! Ladies, a beautiful songbird from Victoria will be at the Desert making it hotter than hell Oct. 28th from 9:00p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Come early to get a seat—gotta feeling it's gonna be standing room only!

Then Saturday, Oct. 30, Zondra goes all out for the ladies! Moving her festivities up a day allowing for a full weekend of mind blowing, goblin—inviting, Halloween horrors! There will be three \$100 cash prizes for



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best couple, most original and scariest costume contest. Then, Halloween night the party continues with D.J. Scotty G. mixing the latest and hottest country and dance mixes along with fantastic drink specials! Whoof! There it is Brave-n-Crazy ball team did it again 3 and 1! Come on—take it all the way!

Hey, did you know that Hidden Door will cook your meat for \$4 on Tuesday nights? It's Steak night from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eat theirs or bring your own!

Choice's staff and management would like to thank you for three wonderful years! To all their friends in Corpus, San Antonio, Austin, Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Arlington, The Valley and the surrounding areas. TRE and Texas Crown Productions...three cheers and a toast to you!

Choices has a killer line-up for the rest of the month. On Friday, Oct. 22nd it's Kofi with a Touch of Cream, featuring Tony Fontane; Saturday, Oct. 23 party hearty with no cover; Sunday, Oct. 24, Texas Crown Productions brings you The Entertainer of the Year benefiting CBAF.

Monday night is a talent night with Kay Y. Halsey. Tuesday is a little out of the ordinary—Keyhole Productions brings you male strippers...live with no cover charge! Yes! But wait! Hump Day brings more male strippers with Lindsey Love, live from Houston! And Thursday The Pretty Boys pump it up! Ye-ow!

On Friday see Ms. Texas America, Dyan Michaels, with your invited guests. (still with us..?) Sunday you're invited to a ghoulish Halloween night show hosted by The Wicked Mother, Tanya Robyrts with Oprah DeMarro and Raceine along with many others at 10:30 p.m. including a Halloween costume contest. There are three categories, three great prizes! Alan, Maurice, Darel, John, David, Sam, Billy and Richard personally invite you.

Attention, please! Hilltop Lanes at 12150 IH37 (Callicote Road) bowling lanes presents their first annual CBAF benefit bowling tournament. Nov. 13



Judy & Brandi

and 14 (Saturday and Sunday) with two shifts daily—10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., \$20 per bowler. Singles handicap tournament 90 percent of 200. \$50 High Men's game scratch. \$50 High Men's game handicap. \$100—\$1 prizes—splits, spares, strikes, etc...please make reservations by contacting Hill Top Lanes at (512) 241-2700. Proceeds to benefit the Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation.

Judy and Brandi are very pleased to bring a "family oriented bowling ball" to you! Join them for Monday night football buffet (Pizza and beer). Watch the game on a 55" big screen and Monday night "Top of the Hill" bowling tournament. Check in at 6:15 p.m., bowl at 6:30 p.m. Karaoke at 10:30 p.m. on Friday night! And on Sunday \$1.25 a game from noon till 5:00 p.m. Colored pin bowling at 8:30—? (All bowlers bowl one game at regular price, get one free!) Support "family" owned business; the job you save could be your lover's!

Congratulations to Anthony's Bed and Breakfast by the sea in Rockport! Luxurious, affordable get aways for you and your's are awaiting you! The Chamber of Commerce was at Anthony's for their Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting...details next week.

▼▼▼SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Wild West opens and promises hot new entertainment; Rodeo coming soon

By LEFTY TAYLOR

The New Voice/San Antonio

This is one exhausted person. I have spent the last several days helping Randy get the Wild West open and it's going to be one of the hottest new clubs in town. I don't really think anyone is going to be prepared for this. I have shoveled logs with Vicky Van Damm (other wise known as Victoria West) and Brenda K. Stallone. There will be a lot of old faces here and a few new ones.

By the time you get this, the grand opening will have already been and gone, but I don't want anyone to miss the excitement that will be happening every Sunday. There will be Wild beer busts and drink specials that will blow your socks off. Oh, yea, don't ever let anyone tell you that Dena Malloy isn't a pushy queen. She is bossy with a hammer in her hand.

At the Wild Club this Saturday night is Colt super stud, Scott Sloan. If anyone wants to take a peek at my nude picture of him, I won't charge that much... Keep your eyes open for a Wild Halloween surprise at both bars.

This weekend at Memories is the special drag queen wrestling challenge. There is always something surprising going on in that baby pool, and its not always Sassy

either. In case anyone is wondering, Memories is now the place where you can get some of the hottest meat in town. I know. Also this Sunday is Debbie Harris and Friends.

New at the 2015 is a wet underwear contest on Wednesday nights. This special show begins at 10:30 p.m. At the 2015 you can get a frozen Margarita for \$1.25 on Wednesdays. Sounds like fun to me. There are dancers there also on Thursday nights and Friday and Sundays.

I haven't seen my special friend Robert out at Sparks since his schedule changed, but I know he's still there. I can feel it. If anyone gets the chance to drop by and say hello to him for me, I'd deeply appreciate it. There's Karaoke on Monday and Thursday nights if anyone is interested in being mortally embarrassed as I have done before. Sparks has the latest and hottest music videos on all day for your enjoyment and again I will remind you that Sparks is not open at noon any-



Birthday girl Malibu

more, they now open at 3:00 p.m.

It's always party time at the El Jardin. This last Thursday was Miffy and Malibu's birthday bash and it was a rousing success. Even Pauletta dropped by. As usual, Leo and Jose were great and there were party favors, cakes, sandwiches and cheese trays provided by Leo and Jose and Rudy Garcia. Thanks for keeping those chicken sandwiches cold this time Rudy!

The greatest Halloween contest in town will be at the El Jardin. Get your costumes ready and get set to win prizes. I sure hope Miss Billy wears something different this year. She's been wearing the same costume for years and its beginning to stink.

This last Saturday night at the 106, Miffy and Tica, of the Hardley Girls, with special guests Tommy Manhattan, Anita Litia, Rachel Chavez, and Mr. Texas Tumbleweed Tom raised \$349 for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. It was the first time that Eddie (now known as Tyree Macentush) has ever appeared and did a great job. Also appearing that night was Prince doing the Firedance. Keep a watch for the Fire Marshall! I think Miss Miffy shocked them there when she picked up this one poor guy and dragged him around the stage.

Of course my new friends from the Wild West who were there had no time to pay any attention to the show considering how Fred was hiding from the fatal attraction and Bryan was too busy sucking face with various other members of the Hardley Girls and their husbands, but who am I to accuse anyone of anything? Miss Blaire is too quick with her tongue.

Its Rodeo time and its coming to San Antonio! There will be a special Rodeo article next week, so watch for it.

Its also time to get your rooms for the Rodeo. The San Antonio Bed and Breakfast is located conveniently to downtown and has the biggest hot tub that I ever sat in. Get your rooms.

When I told Ken Bradshaw at Value Housing that there was a man that lived near him that raises cobras, he nearly



Hawaiian Sam & Billy

went into a fit. Of course if he wants to move, its very convenient considering he can get himself or you into a new home in less than a week for less than renting an apartment. No snakes included in the deal.

Now Textures is even more than a bookstore. Martha will soon be serving gourmet coffees and espresso (or is it cappuccino?) I don't remember but you can ask her when you go by to look at her books, movies, magazines, jewelry and T-shirts.

As usual I have to end the article with Jim. Today of all days he had an experience that would shock most people. One of those harmless people that you always see sitting beside the road without a home decided he wanted a home and decided he wanted mine. Well, I wasn't here, but Jim had to call the police to have the man escorted out of my house. Please note that this is the second time this has happened. There's always something going on around here. Thanks to you all, Chw!



Alamo Area Resource Group at Wild Club

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

The Tadwina search, part two; planning early for Halloween festivities

By RON SHAWN AND DON DOWDEN

The New Voice/Houston

We want to thank all our readers for your countless cards, letters and calls congratulating us on our Soap column last week. As we hinted in the last issue, good help is hard to find and there are many stories flying around as to why Tadwina is not in the office writing this as usual.

We did hear a faint, very faint voice on our Inner Office Citizens Band Radio, supposedly coming from a truck out in West Texas (as you know Tadwina boasts about some hot trucker always on the scene). After our investigative team went out to check, they found the CB source to be from an underground installation facility at Tadwina's home! It's true! It's true!

Another reader called in and said he truly was in West Texas killing rattlesnakes for a venom refill for his new Parker Poison Pen!

The fax machine just went off and a sketchy little blurb came on with a signature that really looked like Tadwina's, saying "I will be in the office this week to write the upcoming Halloween Soap!" That was all that was on the fax. Just imagine, no apologies, "thank you" note, or other courtesies. Well we sent our scouts out again and guess what! He bought a new broom!

Of course Tadwina had to have the souped up model and he was forced to trade in the Maserati, the Rolls, the Mazda and even the flat-tired Schwinn in the garage. Of course we already know he will be flying in screeching, "Stop the presses!" It's like grandma use to say, "We'll see, we'll see!"

In case you're wondering why we are dishing Tadwina so heavily and if it appears to be too harsh, you might go back to some of the past Soaps where he attacked us unmercifully on the length of time we have been gracing this planet with our presence. Remember Tadwina, stars do not age, they shine on forever!

We hope everyone had a great party weekend. If you were able to attend the Grey Party Host Kick-off, Leather and Lace anniversary run and color hanging, Wigs on Fire, two days of Westheimer Art Fest, and the Grey Party, then you're a better man than I am and I hope they will let you out on a pass real soon. And for those of you who had sense enough not to over-do last weekend, Houston still offers some of the best entertainment in Texas. So this weekend, relax and enjoy.

Don't forget this Saturday is the 14th Annual Fantasy Ball to be held at the Magnolia Ballroom, 715 Franklin at Milam from 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. If you've been before and didn't receive an invitation, contact your previous host and remember it's invitation only. Can't wait to see what some of you sick puppies are wearing for a costume this year.



F.F. Ross

Coming attractions:

West-Mon Repertory Theater will be presenting Apartment 3-D/Sweet Eros, starting Wednesday, Oct. 20th and running through Saturday, Nov. 6th. Admission is \$12.00. For tickets sales or season subscription information, call (713) 523-3571. Also remember: no kiddies because this play is for mature audiences only due to its sexual content and nudity.

Over at Pacific Street, Oct. 29th (next week) will be a Dungeon Party. Oct. 30th is a Fantasy Party for all to show off their leather and costumes. On Halloween, Oct. 31st, its Witches, Bitches and Warlocks. Doors open nightly at 7:00p.m. and a clothes check is available for the daring ones.

This weekend, Sunday, Oct. 24th, Rick Chew and Tim Davenport invite you to Lean On Me...A Night of Illusion at the Brazos River Bottom. Sunday is Steak night from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. with a \$5.00 donation. There will be a raffle drawing, a cash bar, and a show starting at 7:30 p.m. featuring Dyan Michaels as Reba McEntire, Daley Edwards as Wynonna, comedienne Diane Johnson plus other special guest! All proceeds to benefit the Bering Clinic Dental Laser System in memory of Randy Hodde.

At E/J's, Lady Victoria Lust and the Texas Renegade Club will host "Lust In Las Vegas Four." Games start at 8:00 p.m. and then the show will begin at 9:00 p.m. We would also like to wish a happy birthday to Paivi.

At Mary's, "The Original Levi" Leather Bar, where anything can happen...Naturally," on Oct. 26th go by and wish Cassandra a happy birthday and then two days later on Oct. 28th, wish Cliff a happy one and a bon voyage as he goes south to Acapulco. Actually you

might want to do that along with Cassandra's wishes! Also on Oct. 26th, your guest bartender will be Jack Dymke from the Montrose Mining Co. from 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. I almost forgot...Happy Birthday Jack! On Oct. 30th, the annual Pumpkin Carving Contest will be held a.m. and judging will be at noon.

Over at the Venture-N, there have After Hours every Friday and Saturday till 4:00 a.m. with non-alcoholic schnapps and beer so you cool down after a hot night in the Montrose.

Every Monday night starting at 5:00 p.m., it's Spaghetti Night for \$2.00. Power Hours from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. every day feature \$1.00 well, beer and wine. Need your boots shined? Let Chris do it Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Everybody likes movies and so does A.J., so here's what he's got for this coming Thursday: a video preview of the March on Washington. Let's not forget that Rosebud is coming up Oct. 29th through Oct. 31st. Halloween at the Venture-N is always strange with the Freakers Ball. If you've never been, you've got to try it!

Some of the greatest looks for Halloween are to be found at Basic Brothers. This year the selection of masks, leather, feather and well you name it, is outstanding, as is the skin tight or skin revealing outfits. When I was in, Bill Pearce, Basic Brothers Vice President, gave me personal preview of the looks for Fall/Winter. With Basic Brothers recent expansion, their clothing selection now includes many looks from denim and cotton, to silk and linen, from gym wear, to formal wear and everything in between. Bill assured me that Basic Brothers Fall/Winter merchandise will be on the selling floor by this weekend, so while you are deciding on your Halloween costume, ask Bill or any of the Basic Brothers sales staff to show you the 93/94 merchandise.

Do you want three nights of terror? Well then, try Rich's on Oct. 28th, 29th and 30th. First Thursday the 28th, Club Hedonism starts it off with "The

Natives Are Restless" with Witch Doctors and Tribal Dancers. On the 29th, "The House of Porn" featuring Ty Russell, Falcons hottest new Video Star and trench coats are the suggested wear for this erotic video party. On the 30th, Rich's goes to the movies with popcorn and special monster surprises. I almost forgot about Halloween night! Sunday the 31st, "Cinema of Terror" climaxes with monsters, mayhem, and a costume contest with cash and prizes.

This Sunday night at Gentry's, 2303 Richmond, is the Annual Imperial Court Turnabout Show where the male line does drag and the female line does their best Garth Brooks and George Michael impressions. This one will be down and dirty. It will be great fun, so don't miss it! Gentry's is gearing up for Halloween with costume contests on Saturday and Sunday plus a special Scarecrow Revue at 9:00 p.m., Sunday Oct. 31st.

The Krewe of Olympus raised over \$450 at their costume sale and car wash at Gentry's last weekend. The Krewe's charity this year is the Bering Dental Clinic.

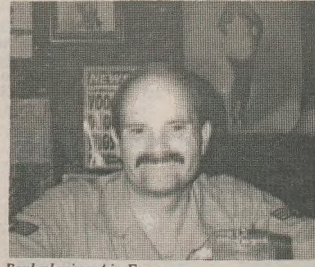
Tuesday night, the 19th, was sure nostalgia at its peak when Billy Stritch, Sharon Montgomery, Jeanne July and Steven Davis starred with Ned Battista's American Pops Orchestra in the "Cole Porter Revue." The show was hosted by Mimi Moyer. Stritch, Montgomery and July are Houstonians who have gone on to add many new events to their long list of acclaims. The voices, movement and overall talent displayed on the Jones Hall stage for this one night only show was not to be believed. Sheer magic are words to describe this tribute to the sheer genius of the legendary Cole Porter. Many of you will remember being entertained through the 80's by the group "Montgomery, Plant, and Stritch" which broke up in '90, as they went their separate ways.

This show just returned from Japan the night before but for sure, there was no sign of any jet lag.

Now for the dirt: Beau (BRB) stare at those liquor boxes as close and as long as you want to but trust me, the break down instructions are not printed on the side. By the way JoAnn, its Vodka before the sun goes down, then Scotch.

Carolyn (V-N), why don't you get your navel pierced? Just think, you could wear your bar keys there...

Rita (Gentry's), Congratulations to you and your Hubby on your new baby. But why the tears? One survivor out of a litter, at your age, ain't that bad.



Paul playing Air Force



Johnny & Reenie



Lee Chardon



Gaye & Cliff

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Massachusetts teens come out in support of gay students' rights bill

By ROBERT W. TROTT

FOR THE NEW VOICE

BOSTON, Wednesday, Oct. 13 (AP)—The low point of Mark De Lellis's middle school career came when his soccer teammates threw dog feces and spit on him "until my shirt was soaking wet."

De Lellis hadn't really wanted to play any sport, but somehow felt he should. He didn't yet know he was gay, but he knew he didn't fit in. Eventually, his peers figured that out, too.

What followed was physical and verbal harassment, he said Wednesday, and he started cutting school.

"If these were racial slurs, I'm sure students would be expelled, school would be ended, we'd probably hear it on the six o'clock news and we'd have an assembly the next day," De Lellis told about 300 straight and gay teens from

across Massachusetts at a Statehouse rally.

De Lellis, 17, served on the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights' student advisory council, which helped draw up the bill.

Current law prohibits discrimination in schools on the basis of race, religion, sex and national origin. The measure—cosponsored by Rep. Byron Rushing, D-Boston, and Sen. Robert Havern, D-Arlington—would add sexual orientation to the law.

Schools would be expected to end harassment against gays and punish harassers, said coalition director David LaFontaine. Students could file lawsuits.

"It's time to grade our schools on this issue ... Massachusetts schools are fail-

ing gay students," LaFontaine said.

The Legislature passed a gay rights law in 1989, 17 years after it was first proposed. Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci said gay teens couldn't afford to wait that long.

"The concept of schools as safe havens should apply to all students, including gay and lesbian students," said Cellucci.

Gov. William Weld, who named LaFontaine to head a first-in-the-nation commission studying gay youth issues, has promised to sign the bill, which passed the House on Oct. 4 and is now in the Senate.

LaFontaine cited a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that said 28 percent of gay teens drop out of school because of harassment. He blamed such attacks for the

suicides of gay youths, which he said account for 30 percent of all suicides by teen-agers.

A state survey of 400 students at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School indicated that 97 percent of the students there had heard anti-gay remarks in school.

Another gay teen, Chris Hannon, said verbal and physical abuse from fellow students compelled him to drop out of Boston College High School in May. He said school officials offered no help.

"I stand before you a high school dropout," he said.

But William Kezema, principal of Boston College High, said Hannon was harassed by some students, but the youth turned down offers of counseling and other help. "He had total support from the school," he said.

▼▼▼ GALVESTON SOAP

Club Evolution struck in armed robbery Saturday; weekend Greek Festival

By JERRY STUART

The New Voice/Galveston

Hey Gang: It's me again, signing on to give you the latest and greatest news direct from the Island City.

Well this past week was sure a hoot! I started the weekend off by stopping at Lafitte's for a cocktail. It was their annual Customer Appreciation Day and they had a pretty festive little crowd. The entertainment was great. There was food prepared for the guests. Much to my surprise Phillip (A.K.A. Clemence Valentine's daughter) was performing that evening looking like Stevie Nick's Evil Twin Sister. As most of you know, Clemence Valentine was a comedy character that won the Miss Firecracker Comedy Contest. Well Phillip has incorporated a prettier, much younger, version of this character with an explosive personality, luckily there were no fatalities.

Then I went downtown to the Kon Tiki Club for a few more drinks where I was greeted by Jimmy, one of my favorite bartenders, with a smile and my usual cocktail. Kofi was there for the show Saturday in her latest fashions. Taylor Kennedy was also in town for the show and it turned out to be a pretty good evening. They were having a show across the street at Club Evolution about the same time, so we found ourselves going back and forth between the clubs.

There was also a bit of excitement upstairs at Evolution when one person sitting at the bar handed the bartender a card. No, it wasn't a phone number or address, it was a demand note to give



T.C. at Kon Tiki



Kofi

him all the cash. He was going to use his piece on not only the bartender but some of the other customers as well. Let us just say the piece he was intending on using fired "real" bullets and was concealed in his jacket rather than his jeans. Needless to say this mystery man got what he wanted and fled from the premises. Statements were given to the G.P.D. And with any luck this person will be apprehended.

The Kon Tiki had not one, but two hot men dancing Saturday evening. Randy from Muscles in Action was on one stage and Javier, also from Muscles in Action, was on the other. These two were packing pretty big pieces of their own, but they were of a much friendlier nature. And I'm sure they shot something other than lead.

Sunday evening in the clubs was a little quieter. Cinnamon was M.C.ing the show at Evolution and Lindsey Love was the guest performer, looking ravishing as always. She really worked the crowd and as usual was loved by all. Meanwhile, across the street, T.C. was serenading the Kon Tiki crowd with some older Janis Joplin tunes. I don't know about the rest of the crowd but I always enjoy seeing a live singer and musician. I mean, I, like the rest of the girls, love to see good drag but there is more to entertainment than just looking pretty.

There were other events going on during the weekend worth mentioning. The Greek Festival was held Sunday afternoon here in Galveston. The weather was beautiful for such an event. Greek music filled the air along with the smells

of Greek pastries and similar cuisine. They raffled a wheelbarrow of liquor and much to our surprise was awarded to one of the board members. The "lady" who won the "bag" of groceries, that was raffled should have won the tickets to the local health spa instead.

As for tid-bit of Island gossip, "Can We Talk" one of my reliable sources, was standing in line at the local Food King while at the same time one of our local entertainers, known to us as the "Island Diva," happened to be checking out as well. Apparently Misty's beeper went off and a child standing nearby replied "Mommy watch out, she's backing up!"



Lindsay Love

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Bloomfield, New Mexico supporters push memorial to survey discrimination

BLOOMFIELD, N.M., Wednesday, Oct. 13 (AP)—Gay rights supporters say they are preparing the groundwork for another legislative attempt to outlaw discrimination against gay people.

During a Health and Human Services legislative committee meeting here Tuesday, Human Rights Alliance president Linda Siegle proposed a memorial directing the state Human Rights Division to accept complaints of discrimina-

tion based on sexual orientation.

The committee will consider the proposal for recommendation to the 1994 Legislature, said Rep. Paul Taylor, D-Mesilla.

During the last session, which ended in March, a bill that would have made it illegal to discriminate based on sexual orientation passed the Senate, then died in a House committee.

The proposed memorial, if passed

next year, would not make discrimination against gays illegal. However, the state would accept complaints of discrimination in employment, labor unions, housing and credit. It could then report to the 1995 Legislature on the number and type of complaints it had received. The division would not be charged with investigating the complaints, Siegle said.

She said the study was necessary to

counter arguments made against the bill in the last session. Some opponents had testified before legislators that anti-gay discrimination does not happen. Others said the state would be inundated with complaints if the bill passed.

Siegle said she did not believe false complaints would be a problem.

"There's some degree of effort required to register a complaint like this," she said.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Homosexual mother granted temporary custody of child in Waterbury, Connecticut

WATERBURY, Conn., Thursday, Oct. 14 (AP)—A Superior Court judge has granted a homosexual mother temporary custody of her 9-year-old daughter while court officials determine what's best for the child.

The mother is fighting in Waterbury Superior Court for custody of the child. The father has had full custody of the girl and her 13-year-old sister since he and their mother divorced two years ago.

But the mother discovered lice in her younger daughter's hair during an August visit and decided not to return the child to her father's home. The couple's names were not released; the custody case does not involve the older daughter.

During Wednesday's court hearing, the father opposed the mother's custody request because he said he feared her

homosexual lover might be attracted to his daughter.

The mother testified, however, that although she and her lover exchange occasional kisses in the presence of her daughter, there is nothing wrong with their relationship. She said the daughter does not realize she is romantically involved with another woman.

Attorney Bruce Diamond, who is repre-

sented the child, told Judge Joseph H. Pellegrino that the daughter likes both parents.

"She loves and adores her Dad," he said. "She wants to live with her mom."

Pellegrino ruled that for at least three weeks the mother will retain temporary custody of the child. During that time, a family relations study will be conducted to determine what's best for the child.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Retired Episcopal bishop says he's gay and moving to San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Oct. 14 (AP)—A retired Episcopal bishop who has announced he is gay is moving to San Francisco to be near relatives and join the city's thriving gay community.

"My choice of San Francisco was to be close to my grandchildren and to live in a city with an active and articulate gay community," said former Utah Bishop Otis Charles in a newspaper interview that appeared Thursday.

Charles, 67, a grandfather with five grown children, told the San Francisco Chronicle he plans to live with a community of Episcopal Franciscans and pursue a ministry emphasizing spirituality and ritual.

"I will not remain silent, invisible, unknown. The choice for me is not whether or not I am a gay man, but whether or not I am honest about who I am with myself

and others," he wrote in a letter to his fellow Episcopal bishops.

Charles, believed to be the first bishop of a mainstream American church to publicly declare he is gay, recently retired as the dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. He led the Utah diocese of the church from 1971 to 1986.

Charles told his wife about his homosexuality in 1976 and the couple eventually

separated.

"To say that the years since 1976 have been painful is totally inadequate. They have been wrenching for us and for our family," Charles said.

Despite a 1979 church resolution opposing the ordaining of homosexuals, there is "no binding, canonical policy" that applies to the entire U.S. church, Episcopal Church spokesperson James Solheim said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Sexual orientation reading unit suspended from Chapel Hill English class

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Sunday, Oct. 17 (AP)—The Chapel Hill High School principal will suspend the sexual orientation unit of an English teacher's course because a parent complained about that some books on the reading list were sexually explicit.

Principal Charles Pattenon said Saturday he will write a letter to parents of the seven students taking the gay and lesbian writers' section of teacher David Bruton's multicultural literature project that explains why the section won't be taught.

The course will be suspended Monday, he told The Herald-Sun of Durham.

Pattenon's move came after a parent distributed to school officials photocopied excerpts from several books on the reading list that describe gays and lesbians having sex.

The principal said the unit won't be taught until a committee he appoints determines whether the reading list is appropriate. Parent Vickie Seng objected to four books, including "The Gay Fireside Companion."

Seng's daughter left Chapel Hill High last month partly because Pattenon would not let her transfer from the openly gay teacher's class.

Pattenon said he considered the passages Seng copied as inappropriate and objectionable, as did four school board members contacted Saturday.

"It's not even appropriate for me to read it," Ruth Rovster said. "I'm very disappointed that this reading list has been provided to our students."

Some of the books are appropriate but the ones in question are not, Royster said.

Limericks included in "The Gay Fireside Companion" describe men having erections, engaging in sodomy, ejaculating, masturbating and having sex with young boys.

The books are not required reading but are part of a list to give students a starting point to choose authors they are studying. The students read books by the following groups of authors: gays and lesbians, feminists, Indians, blacks, Jewish Americans, Hispanic Americans or Asian Americans.

"I would think that there are plenty of instructional materials and literature that would be possible to study that would reflect this orientation in a more

appropriate way," said Mary Bushnell, chairperson of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education.

"This is really not what I had in mind for a multicultural curriculum."

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San Antonio, Sunday, Oct. 24
 Sunday Tea Dance with early male dancers, Sparks; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; 50¢ draft 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 Cuervo, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; The Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club; \$1 well drinks 9-11pm, Wild Club; Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; After-hours 2am, Wild Club

San Antonio, Monday, Oct. 25
 \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta Hour All day, all night, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; Pool tourney, Memories; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 well drinks & \$1.75 longnecks & 50¢ draft all night, Wild Club; The Shady Lady Show, Wild Club; Dancers 11pm, Sparks

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA
Denver witness: sexual orientation not a choice

By **CARL HILLIARD**
 FOR THE NEW VOICE

DENVER, Thursday, Oct. 14 (AP)—Sexual orientation is determined by the age of six by genetic, environmental and socio-cultural factors and "clearly it is not a choice," according to a witness in the constitutional trial of Colorado's anti-gay rights amendment.

Dr. Judd Marmor, past president of the American Psychiatric Association, also testified Tuesday in District Court that homosexuality is not a mental disease and has not been classified as a psychic disorder since 1973.

Colorado homosexuals opposed to

Amendment 2 argue that they have a distinctive trait that sets them off from the rest of society and therefore deserve heightened protection from discrimination now accorded to racial and religious minorities.

When asked about the passage of Amendment 2, Marmor said anyone who voted for it exhibited homophobic attitudes to a greater or lesser degree.

"He might be a homophobe, or he might just be ignorant of the consequences of what he was doing," Marmor said.

Dr. Richard Green, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California

Medical School, also testified that most homosexuals are born that way.

"I do not believe sexual orientation is consciously chosen," Green said. Studies indicate sexual orientation may be determined before birth, he noted.

"Sexuality is not easily changeable, and that it is changeable at all is a matter of dispute," Green said.

Jack Wysoky, an assistant attorney general, attempted to undermine Green's testimony Wednesday about homosexuality studies. He said there are as many studies showing people can change their sexual orientation as there are studies asserting otherwise.

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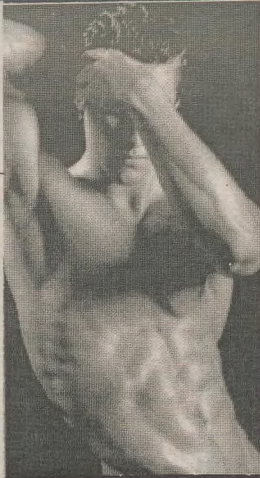



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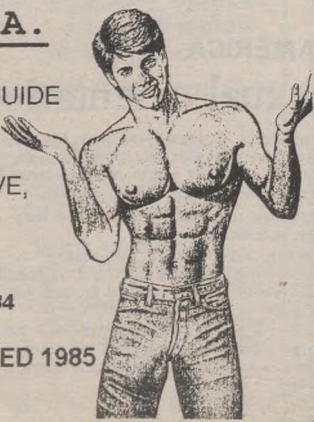
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Street; 8 ball slopsot pool tournament 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; "Clubbers Night", no cover for men wearing colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Tuesday, Oct. 26
Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Cookin' with Herman noon, Mary's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special (1/2 price locker) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Hot Dog night 5pm till, Past Time; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free pool plays 5-8pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Southern Country C&W Dance Lessons 8-10pm, The Ranch; Young executive night, no cover with personalized business card 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Male Strippers with B.J. Williams, M.C. 10:30pm, E/J's

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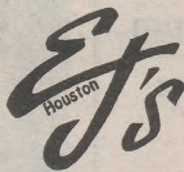
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<p>TALENT NIGHT at 10:30 PM with GIOVANNI</p>	TUE
<p>STEAK NIGHT on the Patio 6:00 PM till ?</p> <p>KARAOKE NIGHT at 8:00 PM with Bill Sansom</p>	WED

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Costume Contest

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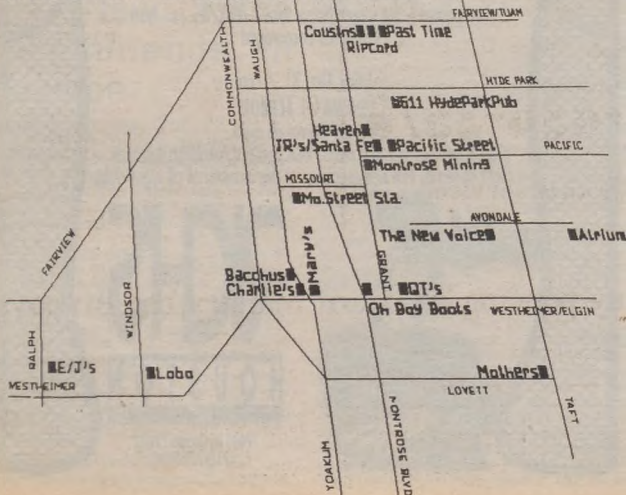
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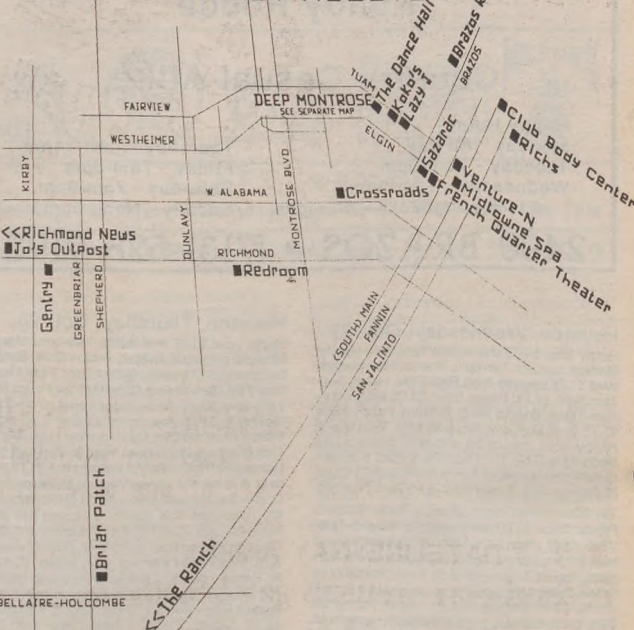
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PARADE OF COSTUMES
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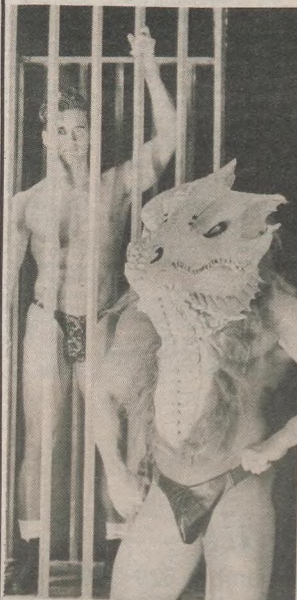
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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Federal court returns gay Marine to active duty pending appeal of military ban on gays

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Oct. 19 (AP)—A gay Marine placed on standby reserve in September will be returned to active duty in line with a federal court ruling and temporary Pentagon policy, according to his attorney.
Sgt. Justin Elzie, an 11-year veteran, declared his homosexuality in January shortly after President Clinton announced he intended to lift the ban on

gays in the military.
He was removed from duty as a requisition clerk at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina on Sept. 1 and placed on standby reserve in accordance with Clinton's revised "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy.
The new status will hold pending final resolution of a federal court case now before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals in San Francisco, Elzie's attorney, Lanny Breuer, said Monday.
U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr. in Los Angeles declared the military's ban on homosexuals unconstitutional and demanded that the policy be revoked pending the government's appeal. A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit court unanimously denied the Defense Department's emergency request to sus-

pend or immediately overturn Hatter's decision, but has yet to consider the case on merits.
Pentagon spokesperson Kathleen deLaski said last week there are eight declared homosexuals in standby reserve status and that all can return to active duty if they want to pending final resolution of the court case.

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1102 Westheimer, now hiring experienced wait staff for all shifts. Apply in person.

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1088 Video
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1095 Yard & Garage Sales
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!
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MANLY MEN - THAT'S A COOL FEELING!
Attractive WM 35, tall, nice build, long hair, hazel eyes, HIV+, versatile, seeks self supporting masculine WM with self esteem, not into one night stands. I enjoy rock, country, live bands, football, erotica, the outdoors and Tex Mex food. Smoker/ drinker okay. Ad#25701

2200 THE PERSONALS
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WANT A GREAT SPECIAL FRIEND?
I am and you will be masculine acting and sounding, GWM/GHM, attractive, under 45 years of age, sincere, weight in proportion to height, possess a great sense of humor, reasonably intelligent, non-smoker, non-substance abuser, not into bars or S & M, and have free time for safe get-togethers. Ad#25938

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ARE YOU INTERESTED?
I'm an attractive 39yr. old, 5'9", 150#, well built professional WM that enjoys working out, art, music, outdoors, travel, dinners out, good conversations and hot times with masculine, muscular men of all ages and races. If you are muscular and looking for someone to date and perhaps develop a relationship, let me hear from you. Ad#25938

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ATTENTION PROFESSIONAL MEN!
GWM, 34, 6', 155lbs, br/bl, DDF, good looking, college educated, masculine, and passionate who enjoys movies, jogging, bike riding and camping is looking for other DDF, GWMs, 25-35 with similar interests for friendship, dating and possible relationship. Ad#25938

2200 THE PERSONALS
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AM I ALONE?
GWM, 29, considered very good looking, h/w proportionate, HIV+ for 6 years with no complications. I'm very honest, sincere, lonely and missing a special someone. You must be GW or GH with great looks, honest, no health complications, sexy, h/w proportionate, have a strong will to live and share your life with someone that deserves the best. Your out there somewhere! How can we meet? You won't be disappointed Ad#25270

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GO IN SHORT SHORTS
Young 23, sexy, very attractive, oddly enough single, disease free, GWM, bl/bl, 5'11" seeks similar 23-30 for dating and possible relationship filled with romance, fun, spontaneous times, honesty and monogamy, stable, masculine, dark hair a plus, non-smoker, no drugs. Show me the right attention and you'll receive the same. Ad#25365

2200 THE PERSONALS
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EXTREMELY HANDSOME PROFESSIONAL
DDF, interested in meeting someone similar. Brown hair, blue eyes, 38, lives life to the fullest. Enjoys work-outs, swimming, boating - the outdoors. 5'11", 175lbs, great professional, sense of humor - would like to date first but ultimately end up in a monogamous long-lasting relationship. Friends first. Let's see what happens! Ad#25710

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WANTED - PASSIVE BOY (SON)
Into bondage. Dad (Master) wants to hear from you now! Send name phone number and photo (if you have one). I'm for real, RU? Ad#7056

2200 THE PERSONALS
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SCORPIO LOVERS ARE WONDERFUL MAGIC MAKERS
GWM, 6', 190, br/br, handsome, distinguished, professional, well-educated, and traveled, socially and financially secure, in search of a drug/smoke free masculine GWM 30+.
Healthy, happy, honest, sincere, romantic, fun-loving guy. One who enjoys dining by candlelight, quite evenings at home, "black-tie affairs," old movies, opera, theater. Most important loving and being loved and wanting a long term monogamous relationship. Ad#25275

2200 THE PERSONALS
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FRIENDSHIPS NEEDED BETWEEN HOUSTON AND VICTORIA
Two GF couple with children seek other GF's for friendships in Wharton and El Campo area. Home oriented. Perhaps dinner? Home videos, football on Sundays. Ad#7052

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ACCOMPLISHED PROFESSIONAL SEKS YOUNGER MAN
GWM, 6', 190, br/bl, masculine. Women tell me I'm handsome. If you are the boy-next-door looking for an honest, loving and accomplished man please respond to Ad#25878

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ARE WE IN THE SAME BOAT?
Married bi-professional? Passive? Am same 43, 5'4", 138, W/M seeking long term highly health oriented monogamous relationship. Ideal candidate is married active single or versatile married okay. Enjoy friendships. Am classy, DDF, super clean. Can be generous. Must be smooth bodied, proportioned. Couples welcome. Ad#25771

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PASSIVE SEEKING HIGHLY ACTIVE FOR FUN TIMES
GWM, 50's, 5'8", 240lbs, DDF, bearded, PASSIVE, professional seeking under 50, employed, ACTIVE GM (any race) for friendship/ companionship. Sincerity more important than physical attributes. Interests: cooking, travel, dinner in/out, good times, Hairy A+ but all welcome. If you're younger ACTIVE seeking mature PASSIVE let's get together and start a relationship. Ad#25911

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DIRECT FROM THE CONVENT!!!
GWM, 5'10, 195lbs, br/bl, beard and moustache, healthy HIV+. Professional, non-smoker, enjoys cuddling, movies, music, working out, quiet evenings and travel. Seeking honest, warm, masculine, caring, affectionate, GM. Height/ proportion to weight. Prefer tall, hairy, ages 30-45. Physical, spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual compatibility sought. Hugging, loving, squeezing, pleasing and stuff like that there! Ad#25974

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
IF YOU HAVE NEVER ANSWERED AN AD BEFORE
Please consider this one. I am a 52 y.o. professional, healthy, honest, sincere and sensitive who enjoys younger men who are healthy with slim bodies, free of drugs and alcohol, for gay fun times, touching, quite evenings together. I am free afternoons and some nights and weekends. Ad#25947

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

2200 THE PERSONALS
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MAKE ME WANT TO LOVE AGAIN!
GWM, 46, 185lbs, 6'11", Bl/bl, muscular swimmers build, degreed professional, well dressed, seeks monogamous relation with a man who will appreciate my qualities. Loving, caring, tender, affectionate, romantic, trustworthy, honest, sincere and supportive. I am seeking the right person to share my life with and build a future together. Ad#25704

2200 THE PERSONALS
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TRAVEL COMPANION
and/ or possible relationship by versatile GWM, 35 yrs old with dark brown hair and eyes. Handsome, romantic, versatile with moustache. You. Must like to travel - USA and international and outdoor activities, be masculine, drug free, versatile, responsible, affectionate, romantic, moustache preferred but not necessary. Strong libido. No games. Ad#25972

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SEEKING AFFECTIONATE, FUN, GENEROUS, FRIENDLY GENTLEMAN
I'm tall, athletic, healthy, hairy, handsome, sensual, affectionate, fun, friendly, sincere, blond, 30's, professional, homeowner. You: fit, weight/height proportionate, affluent, generous gentleman, capable of giving time, affection, friskiness, contributions, gifts, travel etc. Relationship: casual to serious. Privacy, discretion, friendship, companionship assured. Let's spoil and pamper one another. Ad#25978

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AGGRESSIVE PROFESSIONAL GWF 35
Red/hazel, 5'9", 150. I like romantic evenings at home, movies, camping, music and go to bars occasionally. Non-smoker, social drinker and drug free. Financially stable, non-role playing and have a good sense of humor. Looking for that special someone age 25-40. I just recently moved to New Jersey. Please respond if interested.
Ad#25264

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SMALL KINGDOM IN NEED OF PRINCE
Ruler tired of kissing frogs. GWM, br/ gr, businessman, 46, 6', 195lbs. wishes to meet younger (20-30), attractive GWM. Prefer trim, clean shaven, in shape with smooth body. Seeking a quality individual to help me enjoy the rewards of a successful career. Dining out, theater, movies, travel as well as quiet and sometimes passionate times at home. Ad#25983

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PECKS AND PENCIL ERASURES!
Bi-WM, 39, 5'11", 163, non-smoker, DDF, into exercise. Enjoy riding mountain bikes among other things. Seeking well-toned totally smooth person who enjoys physical activities. I'm in the 59 North area. Please respond to Ad#25322.

2200 THE PERSONALS
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YOKUM, HALLETT'SVILLE, CUERO, SCHULENBURG, SHINER, VICTORIA
38yr old, 6', 175, DDF, motivated, GWM with wide range of interests. I have recently moved to this area from the city, but travel regularly. If you are a masculine, enthusiastic, good-hearted regular guy 35+ GM or BiGM and either live in or have reason to visit this area I'd like to hear from you.
Ad#25993

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WEST HOUSTON-LET'S GET TOGETHER!
GWM, 40+, 5'11", HIV-, 170#. Not into bars/playing games. I enjoy cooking, movies, dining out, travel, computer hobbies, and much more. Looking for friends/companion on the West side who are GWM, 30-45, height/weight proportionate and drug free.
Ad#25393

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
BI-SEXUAL FEMALE PREFERRED!
I'm a 26 yr. old Black Caribbean bi-female seeking a serious bi-sexual female for friendship. Color and age not important. I'm 5'6", 185, love music and movies. If you are medium build and like the same things I like, easy going persons please respond.
Ad#7074.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ASIAN MALE PLEASE RESPOND!
GWM wanting to meet G/M, Chinese, Japanese, Tai, Indian etc. You: 20-30 y.o., responsible, attractive, slim or muscular, no smokers please. Me: 6', frequently told I'm good looking, 30's, excellent physical shape. Call, let's talk. Ad#25973

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WALLER AREA
GWM, 140lbs, 31 y.o., HIV+, would like to meet others in like circumstances in this area. Not sure what I'm looking for but friendship would be a nice start. Ad#25703

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANTED: VERY TALL, HUSKY MAN
Me: GWM, 40, 5'10", 175, br/ bl, moustache, (really look 30), smooth body, workout, sports, music, dancing, travel, computers. Professional. Can be monogamous for right man. Humorous and serious personality. Farm boy-cosmo man. You: 6'3"+, football player body. Old - young, attractive, masculine, intelligent, mature, responsible, caring, loving - enough. Ad#25982

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SLIM, AUSTIN GWM
Moustache, DDF, non-smoker, seeks same type of relocatable Houston guy for mutual visits and possible relationship. I'm 43, long and lean, 6', 155lbs, somewhat hairy and enjoy travel, hiking, nature, art, running, massage, dancing and a simple and healthy lifestyle.
Ad#25711

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PROFESSIONAL, WEST HOUSTON HOMEOWNER
40's, DDF, blonde/blue, hairy chest, moustache, weight in proportion, non-smoker, enjoy movies, dining out, jogging, biking, C&W dancing and travel. Quiet evenings around the fireplace also make me happy. Want sincere, affectionate man for dating and possible relationship. Ad#25988

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LOOKING FOR LOVE BUT NOT MUCH LUCK
GWM, 31, blonde hair, 5'9", 160lbs. Good looks. I'm HIV+ but in good health. I am looking for someone around my own age and in my situation or able to understand. All I want is someone to love, and can love and respect me back! Ad#25910

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GM WHO DARES TO BE DIFFERENT!
Independent - thinking Gay Black Male with red convertible sports car, seeks someone completely different than oneself. I have every toy a man could want except that elusive Boy-Toy. All I guarantee is a good time!
Ad#25707

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
INTERESTED IN KINK?
I'm 43, 5'9", hairy, aggressive, demanding. If you're open minded and your tastes go beyond plain vanilla, let's talk. Ad#25134

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANTED CUDLER:
GWM 27, 5'8", 140, HIV+, healthy, effeminate. Into old movies, music (top 40, c/w), dancing, cooking. Into snuggling with the right guy. Looking for someone with similar interest for friendship or possible relationship. Ad#25385

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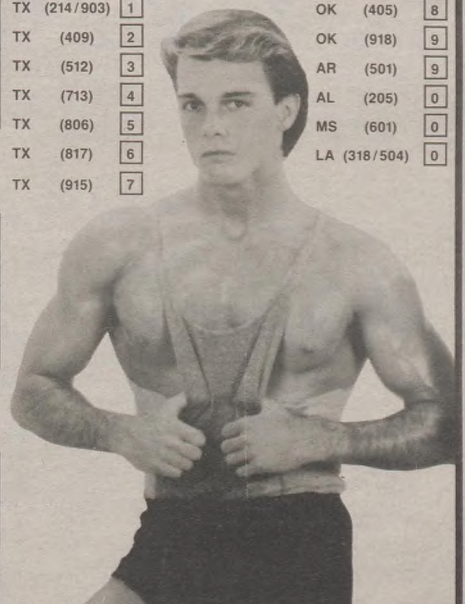
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