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Gay-lesbian activists renew call for more action on hate crimes

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

The announcement by Houston police last Tuesday, Nov. 5, that the accused killer of a man shot outside a Montrose bar on Nov. 3 admitted acting out of hatred of homosexuals sparked a renewed call in the Montrose gay and lesbian community for action on hate crimes.

Over the next several days, gay/lesbian leaders met with police and staged protests and press conferences in hopes of re-fueling the highly publicized "war" on hate-related attacks in Montrose that followed the July 4 murder of Paul Broussard. The negotiations included a meeting between Police Chief Elizabeth Watson, along with other members of the Houston Police Department command staff, and representatives of gay and lesbian groups.

The most forceful message was delivered by the gay/lesbian activist group Queer Nation, in the form of rowdy protests on Wednesday, Nov. 6—the day HPD's tagging of the latest crime was made public—and throughout the day Friday, Nov. 8. Members said they were not protesting the police response to the murder, which they called appropriate, but the department's "lack of action" in the weeks since the media frenzy over the Broussard case tapered off.

"They were here for two weeks," said



On Monday, representatives of gay/lesbian organizations and the Montrose police storefront held a joint news conference on efforts to combat hate crimes

Q.N. organizer Tracy Brown, referring to the time the undercover operation, "Vice Versa" was in full force in Montrose. "And after that, they just let it end." Members of the group also charged that a proposal for so-called "sensitivity training" for police officers, specifically on relating to the gay and lesbian community, has been put on hold.

But Toni Knight, president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, said "Operation Vice 'Versa"

was not intended to stop all anti-gay violence in Montrose, but as a way for police to determine the extent of the problem. Knight, in a joint conference with Brown, long time activist Ray Hill, and representatives of the HPD Neartown Community Center on Monday, lauded recent efforts of HPD to control hate crimes and urged members of the community to report any crime incident to police.

Sgt. Chuck Jackson and Sgt. Bonnie

Semora of the Neartown storefront also stressed the importance of reporting crimes. Jackson added that anyone who feels he or she is treated improperly or unprofessionally by an officer while making a crime report should ask to speak to the officer's supervisor.

Hill said that while groups with different "voices" were represented, all were united in one message against hate-related violence.

Also appearing at the conference was Jimi Guillen, who said he was the companion of Phillip Smith, killed in the Nov. 3 incident. Guillen said he has quit his job in order to devote his time to promoting safety measures in Montrose, including installation of more lights in dark areas and other security efforts.

The death of Broussard, who was brutally beaten and stabbed, prompted calls from city and state officials for hate crimes legislation and led the Houston Police Department to initiate a "sting" operation in which undercover police posed as gays.

In the more recent slaying Smith, 24, was shot and killed during a robbery attempt in the 600 block of Hyde Park Street after leaving a Montrose gay bar. Johnny Bryan Darrington, charged with Smith's murder, told police he was only going to rob the victim, but decided to kill him after Smith smiled at him.

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OutYouth Austin opens drop-in center for gay, lesbian young people

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

Austin has become a slightly better place for lesbian and gay youth. OutYouth Austin, a peer support group for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth has recently announced the opening of a drop-in center. The center, located in the University YMCA on "the Drag" (2330 Guadalupe, across from the UT Student Union), will provide a safe place for youth to visit, possibly do homework and meet with friends in a supportive, chemical free environment.

Since its founding in January of 1990, attendance at OutYouth's weekly meetings has steadily grown from a handful of high school students to over 75 young people ages 13-22 looking for peer acceptance and support.

"Lesbian and gay youth often feel extremely isolated," said OYA cofounder Lisa Rogers at a recent volunteer intake program. "Straight" youth often have the support of high school and church, but there are few places that gay youth can go to and be honest about themselves." She explained that the isolation is compounded by several factors; exclusion from "straight" social events, lack of accurate information about their sexual identity, invisibility of gay role models and active deception in hiding their orientation from family and friends.

Rogers says that this social and emotional isolation and the resultant stress leads to higher levels of chemical abuse and suicide among sexual minority youth. "National statistics cite that teenage suicide is three times greater among lesbian and gay youth than 'straight' youth and chemical abuse is prevalent as they (lesbians/gays) try and medicate their pain...Our dream is that (OYA's drop-in center) could be-



OutYouth Austin members Juan Mac, Mariya Sparks, and Alex Halterman say weekly meetings and the organization's new drop-in center provide a much needed "safe space" for gay and lesbian young people

come a viable alternative to the bars, a place that these young people would feel at home, would feel some sense of belonging, a place where they can learn, where they can find some sense of self-worth, some hope, and some peers."

All the OYA members contacted for this report agreed that the organization helps them tremendously. When asked the most important thing about the OYA weekly meetings, Mariya Sparks commented, "It's a safe space. It's a space to be yourself, to learn about yourself and to become more of yourself; it is safer than any other place I have ever experienced."

"We (gay/lesbian youth) are not allowed to normally express ourselves," said Sparks. "We aren't allowed (like

heterosexual youth) to date, to kiss, to hold hands or, heaven forbid, have sex...we deserve better. We deserve to love ourselves."

In the past year OYA's concept of peer-based support for sexual minority youth has developed broad support in the Austin community. The program operates under the auspices of the University YMCA, OYA also has an advisory council composed of licensed therapists, social workers, attorneys, school administrators, educators, physicians, clergy and other youth service providers. Several youth group members also serve on the advisory council and speak directly to their needs and those of their peers.

Another sign of community support is volunteer participation. A recent volun-

teer intake program filled OYA's new center when over 75 people showed up. The 17 hour volunteer education program, carried out over four evening sessions and one all-day Saturday session, is designed to prepare the volunteers for facilitating OYA group meetings. The intake education introduced the volunteers to listening skills, group dynamics, sexual abuse, assault and rape, substance abuse, HIV education, suicide intervention and legal issues. Some of the volunteers seemed overwhelmed with the amount of material. Others became uncomfortable when discussion floated on the issues of racism, sexism or ageism (in this case, the belief that older people are more intelligent than younger).

During the intake program Rogers stated flatly, "This (youth group facilitating) isn't necessarily glamorous. Many of you may decide that it's not for you." She added, "That's OK, because there's tons of stuff to do (to help gay and lesbian youth) outside of group facilitating." She pointed to a list that included public relations, fund raising, data collection and office clerical work. Rogers concluded that no matter what they decided to do they will likely find the work very rewarding.

The present volunteer training program is scheduled to complete on Saturday, Nov. 16. Additionally, OYA is inviting all adults to positively relive their high school experience and "do it right" by coming to OYA's "Homecoming Out Dance" on Nov. 23. This dance will raise money for OYA's second annual senior prom to be held in the spring of '92. For further information on the Homecoming Out Dance and OutYouth Austin's volunteer opportunities, call OYA at (512) 472-9246.

It takes more than Magic

The Nation expressed its shock over the disclosure of Magic Johnson's infection with the HIV virus—the non-gay world shaken by what appeared the impossible, the specter of AIDS in a national sports hero; the gay community torn by the hope of greater emphasis on the epidemic and the overwhelming attention given one straight man with HIV.

On the same day that Johnson's announcement was reported in the New York Times, that newspaper carried four obituaries for gay men who had died of AIDS, including a researcher-activist who fought the epidemic for nearly ten years and the disease for four. Last weekend a statewide gay publication in Texas carried the usual two pages of obituaries, including yet another of an old friend of ours in Dallas. For the literally hundreds of thousands of us in the gay community already dealing with the HIV virus, this disclosure by Johnson is more ironic than startling. It certainly was dulled with his quick denial of any homosexual contact, even implying he was as far removed from such an action as a "man" could be. His promiscuity was always "straight," placing him in that mythical land of the "innocent" victim. Undoubtedly some straights will even contend that but for the reckless gay men out there, Johnson would not have this disease.

Putting aside our doubts of the system, many gay activists in the fight against AIDS hope, at the very least, that Johnson's plight will trigger new efforts against the disease both in prevention and treatment. We join others in this hope but we must quickly caution that unless this renewed effort spurns the judgmental undertones of the past the results could reap more harm than good.

Given our political structure today it was not surprising that the Bush administration's response was confusing, at best and discouraging at worst. The first reaction came from Danny Quayle, who rushed in quickly to say that Johnson's announcement would not change the federal government's response to AIDS, that after all we were already doing enough for AIDS, more than for any other disease. Something like the French king's counselor several centuries ago saying, "Hey, folks, we're doing all we can with this Black Plague, there are other diseases to worry about," as half the civilized world's population died from the plague. Maybe we are overdrawing the comparison; after all, the World Health Organization now says that only a third of the world's population will acquire AIDS.

But after Danny Boy spoke out the Administration started picking up new vibrations from the electorate, the folks out there were really worried about this HIV thing with Magic Johnson. So President Butch conceded that perhaps we weren't doing enough about AIDS (where was Danny Boy during this press release) so Butch asked Johnson to join the National Commission on AIDS. A stunning political maneuver, considering two months ago this group, hardly picked from the ranks of ACT UP or Queer Nation, let alone the gay community, chided the Federal Government for not doing enough about this epidemic and specifically stated that Butch had failed to provide leadership on this vital issue.

Now Butch said he would pay some attention to that report—

another example of the Reagan-Butch response for ten years: Too little too late.

And where is this leadership needed? Yes, more funds for research, for treatment, for health care. Will that happen? Doubtful. But also needed is leadership on the national level, i.e. the White House, for broader education and prevention. This means sex education in high schools and elsewhere. This means free distribution of clean needles. This means, in effect, a realistic approach to what is primarily a sexual issue, not a homosexual issue, from an Administration which has prevented two national sex surveys and consistently has advocated abstinence as the only answer to a generation of teenagers more sexually active than any previous one. Every realistic effort in the past to educate the general public has been torpedoed by the Far Right as either teaching teenagers to have sex or, worse, teaching the "homosexual lifestyle."

For significant change to take place now, the Butch administration must in effect deny its ultra-conservative base, less than a year from election time, or persevere in its cosmetic approach to the worst medical crisis of the century. If we were a betting person, and we are, our chips would be on the latter.

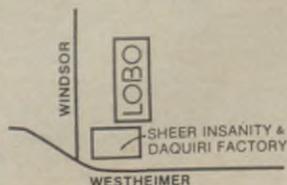
And don't think for a moment local political leadership will be any different. We marveled at the AIDS Foundation Houston's walkathon two weeks ago, that here was a crowd of hundreds of dedicated persons gathered in the shadow of downtown Houston two days before a hotly contested election and the only candidate present was Annise Parker, one of our own. We grew up in the heart of postwar politics watching Harry Truman, headquartered in our hometown for a darkhorse run for re-election to the U.S. Senate (the Democratic powers-that-be thought him a maverick) who would speak at any gathering of four or more. This Senate race was a blueprint for his upset victory in 1948—the home folks were not surprised.

And just last week, with the Johnson announcement combined with yet another gay-bashing murder, a vigorous Queer Nation demonstration in Houston City Hall is met only with a solitary councilman exhibiting no more understanding of the issues than the rest of the pack.

What is lacking, from City Hall to the White House, is leadership/ This is not a revolutionary observation. Gay men and lesbians have been saying this from New York to Los Angeles for over ten years. But in an age when politicians lead by polls rather than by principle it is small wonder that we have a government of the polls, by the telegrams and for the interest groups. Had that small band of founding fathers in Philadelphia opted for these over the secrecy that did surround their deliberations we would still be waiting for the Bill of Rights, a document the present day Supreme Court would undoubtedly view as subversive and certainly unconstitutional.

Magic Johnson is still not the answer to the AIDS crisis. Certainly the Administration will never be that answer. It will still be left to us in the gay community to sound the alarm, as we have for years, that this disease is not ours alone. And just as we gradually felt its wrath over a decade the greater community must understand that this is how it all began, with a few, then many, and finally an entire population. There will be little consolation for us when, in a few more years, heterosexuals will join our ranks in our demands for justice.

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'Backlash,' about David Duke and racial politics, to air Nov. 20-21

By HANS HELMUT STAUDAAGER
TNV New Orleans

"Backlash: Race and the American Dream" premieres at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 on Louisiana Public Broadcasting television stations in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe and Shreveport, and on Cox Cable Channel 19 in New Orleans. WLAE, Channel 32 in New Orleans, will broadcast the film at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

"Backlash" is a one hour documentary, produced in part with a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, and in conjunction with Louisiana Public Broadcasting. The film examines the rise of controversial politician David Duke within the historical

context of racial politics in America.

Interviews with Duke supporters vividly portray the fear and anger that draw them to his thinly veiled platform of welfare reform, abolishment of affirmative action and minority set-aside programs and harsher penalties for drug related crimes.

"Eventually, if things continue like they are, our holidays will all be changed. America will not be changed. America will not be America. It'll be some strange country controlled by aliens."—Duke supporter

Interspersed with the footage is commentary by scholars, including Dr. Lawrence Powell, associate professor of history at Tulane University; Dr. Arnold Hirsch, chair of the University of New Orleans history department; Dr. James

Gaffney, professor of ethics and chair of religious studies at Loyola University, and political analysts Dr. Ed Renwick of Loyola and Dr. Susan Howell, University of New Orleans Survey Research Center director.

"Duke's success so far has turned on his ability to convince his supporters that the reason...is blacks. It's an example of the have-little turning on the have-nots."—Dr. Lawrence Powell.

Also included is historical footage of the Ku Klux Klan and openly Nazi periods that Duke now disavows.

"He's dangerous because David Duke is the only right-wing, anti-semitic fanatic ... electable in America today. Here's a guy that sounds like Ronald Reagan, looks like Tom Selleck, and he's saying George Wallace's populist mes-

sage."—Mickey Zatarian, author.

"Backlash" was over a year in the making. It explores many of the disaffected, disempowered voters who have made Duke a force to be reckoned with. And a force all the nation is watching in either horror or admiration.

"He's using these people, who are good, decent people, who are afraid, who are concerned, who are losing their economic base...for his own political advantage."—Beth Rickey, member, Louisiana Republican Central Committee.

"Backlash" was produced by Bess Carrick and Queen of Hearts Productions in association with Pelican Pictures and Joe Sanford. It was directed and written by Carrick and Chris Wiltz. Dr. Paul Stekler served as a project consultant.

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In response to the incident's official tagging as a hate crime, about 50 Queer Nation members protested outside HPD headquarters downtown Wednesday night, Nov. 6. Reacting to this demonstration and to reports that "civil disobedience" actions were planned for Friday, Police Chief Elizabeth Watson met with a coalition of gay leaders Thursday, Nov. 7, including Hill, Police Advisory Committee member Annise Parker, and Queer Nation member Brian Bradley. (Bradley, who claimed he was not notified until an hour before the meeting, said Q.N. had agreed that the Friday demonstrations would go on as scheduled regardless of the outcome of the discussion).

Hill said that Watson pledged at the meeting to continue ongoing efforts to increase police protection in Montrose with a "three-pronged approach" including an ongoing overtime program; a "power shift" expected to be operational in about a month and a scheduled "zero tolerance" high intensity program. Also, according to the gay representatives, HPD claimed the undercover operation was not completely dropped and renewed its commitment to sensitivity training.

Bradley said, however, that a sensitivity training program Watson said started early this year and was completed by 220 members of police management staff is in fact not the planned gay-specific program, but a more general "cultural awareness" training on relating to minority groups. The other training, which was to have been conducted by Stafford Meadows Hospital, was put on hold, he said. Similarly, other steps planned after the Broussard murder improve relations between HPD and the gay/lesbian community were not followed through, he charged. "in the last



Queer Nation demonstrators occupied the City Hall lobby and outer council offices on Friday, Nov. 8 to protest continuing hate-motivated violence

four months, all of the promises made by the city have been set aside and forgotten," Bradley said.

On Friday, Queer Nation began a long and noisy demonstration at noon on the steps of city hall. From there, about 90 protesters took to the streets and briefly at-

tempted to stop lunch hour traffic on Louisiana Street. Remanded to the sidewalks by the row of mounted police escorting them, the group then returned to the city hall building and staged a sit-in, occupying first the lower lobby, then the outer city council offices of the eighth and ninth

floors. They chanted slogans including "What do we want? Protection! When do we want it? Now!" and "Turner and Lanier, We're Here, We're Queer"—a reference to the two mayoral candidates. Participating in the protests were members of Paul Broussard's family, in Houston to attend an arraignment hearing Friday morning for ten Woodlands area youths charged in connection with Broussard's murder.

A list of demands circulated by the group included restarting Operation Vice Versa and expanding it to include female officers posing as lesbians; sensitivity training for all police, and recruitment and hiring of openly gay and lesbian police officers.

However, made aware in advance of the planned demonstrations, almost all of the city council members were not at city hall on Friday. There seemed to be more security police than officials in the building, and when one of the two council members on the site, Al Calloway, was spotted in the hallway, he was swept into a shouting match with the angry demonstrators.

Later Friday, a smaller group continued the protest at the campaign headquarters of the mayoral candidates, Bob Lanier and Sylvester Turner, and outside of Lanier's River Oaks home. The group disbanded after failing to see either of the candidates.

At the Turner headquarters, Knight disputed charges by the group that HGLPC "gave away" its runoff endorsement "and got nothing in return."

"They are protesting on the basis that they have not talked to the candidates, they have not gotten answers. We (HGLPC) on the other hand have screened all the candidates. We'd already heard their answers before we made our (endorsement) decisions," she said.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

VCMCC holds anniversary dinner, makes plans for Thanksgiving

Saturday, Nov. 9, the annual anniversary dinner of the Vieux Carre Metropolitan Community Church was held in the congregation's new quarters at 1128 Saint Roch (at Marais Street, across from Saint Roch Fish Market).

Special guest for the dinner was the Rev. Delores Berry from Norfolk, Va. Berry is a world wide evangelist with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches who is "gifted with a voice she loves to lift in praise."

Following the dinner the Rev. Berry sang remarkably well, considering she was in the throes of a serious cold. VCMCC Pastor Shelly Hamilton introduced Berry, who sang solo despite her illness. The VCMCC choir, under the direction of Minister of Music Cindy Drake and the New Orleans Women's Music Collective preceded Berry.

Pastor Hamilton moved from the pulpit to the stove to minister to the physical hunger of the fold. Her culinary skills fed a multitude numbering around 75.

In related news, on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 28), VCMCC is offering a

free traditional holiday dinner complete with turkey and dressing, hot cider, pumpkin pie and football. The dinner is free and open to everyone, Hamilton said.

VCMCC is also planning a retreat designed to aid "healing loss and coping with grief," which will be conducted by Michael Dimaio using the techniques of "music, art, journaling, guided imagery, relaxation, silence, sharing communion and fellowship."

The retreat will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at the Log Cabin at Fountainebleau Park on the north side of Lake Ponchartrain and end at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Cost of the retreat is \$35 and includes meals and "sleeping space."

Registration is limited to 20. Reservations must be made in advance by calling (504)945-5390.

—Valda Lewis film plays New York

"Forbidden Fruit Fight Back," a 30 minute film by "Just For the Record" producer Valda Lewis was chosen for screening Dec. 10 at the New York Museum of Mod-

ern Art. "Just For the Record" is the New Orleans Community Access gay and lesbian television show airing three times weekly on cable Channel 49.

The film will also be shown on New York's WNET-Channel 13 and was shown earlier at the 1991 Gay/Lesbian Film Festival.

"Forbidden Fruit Fight Back" focuses on the consistent and continuing denial of civil liberties and rights to the lesbian and gay community. It makes connections between experiences of repression and how it relates to issues such as the growth of gay bashing.

The film was a response to a call from Deep Dish TV, a New York based video network funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, William Lloyd, the Veatch Program, the New World Foundation, the New York State Council on the Arts, the Paul Robeson Fund, the Bread and Roses Community Fund, the Samuel Rubin Foundation, the Society for Ethical Studies, the North Star Fund and the Threshold Foundation.

Deep Dish TV asked specifically for films dealing with the topic "Behind Censorship: The Assault on Civil Liberties." For more information, contact Deep Dish TV, 339 Lafayette St., New York City 10012; phone (212)473-8933; FAX (212) 420-8223, or Valda Lewis, producer, Just For the Record, P.O. Box 3768, New Orleans, La. 70177; phone (504)943-3067.

—NO/AIDS art

NO/AIDS Task Force, 1407 Decatur Street will show "Night Town and Other Paintings" by artist Virginia Schmidt from mid-November through December, 1991, according to NO/AIDS gallery coordinator Elwood Richardson.

Virginia Schmidt is a painter, working with oils, acrylics and collage. Since her arrival in New Orleans from San Francisco in 1988, her work has been exhibited in the Downtown Gallery, 630-B Gallery, Helen Schaeffer Gallery, Art Attacks and other venues.

Her first exhibition was in 1979 in San Francisco at the Artery. Previously she performed and taught as a dancer.

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AIDS nurses association: Johnson's statement courageous

NEW ORLEANS, Friday, Nov. 8 (AP)—Magic Johnson's announcement that he has the virus that causes AIDS is a courageous and timely act, a group of nurses dedicated to fighting AIDS said Friday.

"The forthright and honest approach taken by Mr. Johnson yesterday represents a welcome departure from the hysteria that has recently surrounded this disease," said the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, which opened its fourth annual meeting Friday in New Orleans.

"As Mr. Johnson has so eloquently demonstrated, the most effective way to combat fear is to directly address the situation with the facts," it said.

"His announcement is particularly timely given the widespread public concern regarding HIV transmission," the group said. It said worries about HIV transmission by health-care workers needs an equally factual approach.

Measures to control infection are the most effective way to control such trans-

mission, the group said.

Dr. C. Everett Koop, former U.S. surgeon general, has said that a condom is the best protection against AIDS, ANAC President Gayling Gee noted during a news conference. "That's in the bedroom," Gee said. "In the health-care setting, the best protection against AIDS is universal precautions."

ANAC is an organization of more than 1400 nurses and other health-care professionals dedicated to effective prevention and treatment of diseases caused by HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Affirmative action director resigns, says he regrets embarrassment

LAWRENCE, Kan., Wednesday, Nov. 6 (AP)—A University of Kansas official who allegedly made disparaging remarks about an Indian woman and homosexuals has resigned from his job.

James Turner was the university's director of affirmative action. He had been on paid leave since Oct. 28 pending com-

pletion of a university investigation into remarks he reportedly made to student newspaper reporters.

School officials received Turner's letter of resignation Tuesday.

Del Shankel, executive vice chancellor, said the university accepted Turner's resignation effective Dec. 17.

"I realize that published comments attributed to me have made it impossible for me to represent effectively the cause of affirmative action at the University of Kansas," Turner's letter said. "I regret any embarrassment that comments attributed to me have caused the university or the office I have served."

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—ROGER KEVIN COLE

Roger Kevin Cole, 31, passed away late Saturday evening, Oct. 19. A gentle and loving person, he was a lifetime resident of Houston and a member of Bering Memorial Methodist Church. As an employee at the Pot Pie, he was known for warm, easygoing manner and his enthusiastic, friendly spirit. Roger was especially proud of his role in the Ripcord Parade Flag Corps. He was a member of the Bering softball team, and he served as an acolyte during worship services at Bering.

During the early eighties, he was often seen at local discos precision-twirling his fans. He will be deeply missed by his brothers Michael Cole and Tommy Cole, his mother Shirley Odom, his father Forrest Cole and by the countless friends he made during his lifetime. A memorial service was held Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Bering Memorial Methodist Church. Remembrances may be made to an AIDS charity of choice.

"The instant that the Self releases from the human body, there is Light, there is peace, there is freedom, there is Home."
—Emmanuel
(from The Color of Light)



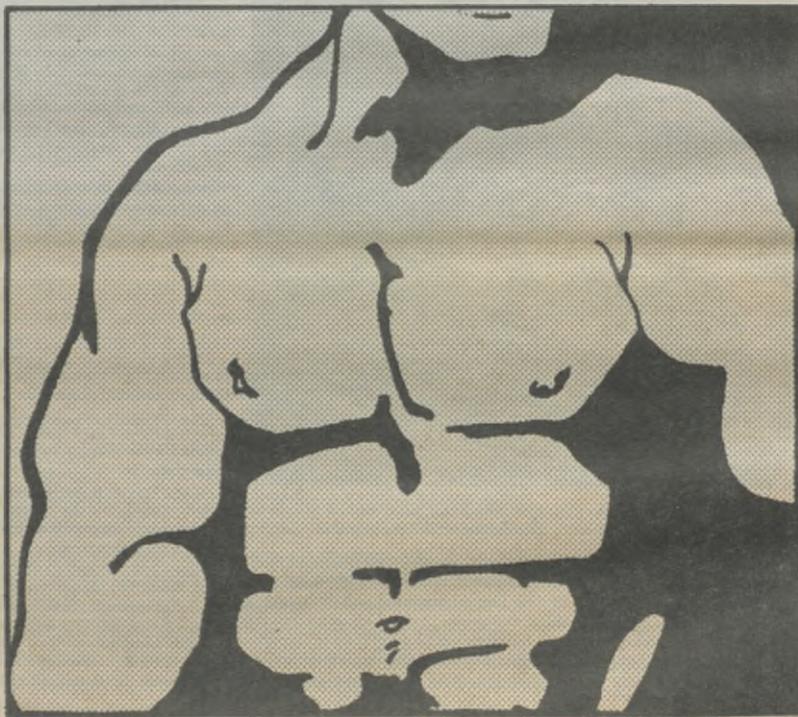
—JAMES TAYLOR JR.

James Taylor Jr., 33, died Nov. 6, 1991, 7:45 p.m. at Park Plaza Hospital after a three year battle with AIDS. He grew up in Alvin, Tx.; graduated 1976; worked as a draftsman. He loved traveling and being with his friends.

Funeral service was Nov. 8, 1:30 p.m., with interment in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. Contributions may be made to any AIDS foundation in his memory.

Special friends Carlos Hernandez and Danny King invite everyone to 606 Marshall, Apt. 27, at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 for a party in James' honor. "Don't Cry for Me" aka Ms. Biscuit

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America's public health community scrambles for Magic's help

By ROBERT BYRD

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ATLANTA, Monday, Nov. 11 (AP)—The nation's public health community has begun scrambling for the services of Magic Johnson, hoping to enlist the basketball superstar's fight against AIDS in the wake of his forthright disclosure of his own infection.

A top official with the American Public Health Association and the chair of the government's National Commission on AIDS each suggested Monday that Johnson would be a good choice to fulfill a vacancy on the commission.

And health officials from Los Angeles, where Johnson won five championships with the National Basketball Association's Lakers, said they are trying to contact him and request his help.

While the nation's public health heavyweights were hailing Johnson, the World

Health Organization released a new report: three-fourths of the world's 8 million to 10 million adults with HIV, the AIDS virus, have gotten it through heterosexual contact, as Johnson says he did.

"The WHO has always warned about the risk of heterosexual transmission," said Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima, its director general. "Unfortunately, this message did not spread too much. ... Heterosexual transmission will be the major cause of infection in the coming years."

Dr. June E. Osborn, chair of the National Commission on AIDS, said the idea of putting Johnson on the panel "has occurred to a great many people."

"Somebody who can speak with such power as he did would be a wonderful appointment," she said.

The commission has a vacancy—one of President Bush's appointments—following the September death of member and

AIDS patient Belinda Mason.

"Clearly, Magic would make a good appointment, but it's the president's to make," said Dr. Joyce Lashof, president-elect of the APHA.

Dr. Caswell A. Evans Jr., director of public health services in Los Angeles, said the county Department of Health Services is in the process of contacting Johnson "to put our network at his disposal" in the fight for AIDS awareness.

"He will be a very potent spokesperson on this issue," Evans said.

Dr. Antonia Novello, the U.S. surgeon general, told the APHA she has written to Johnson to thank him for his frank and courageous disclosure of his infection. "We public health workers will always be grateful to Magic Johnson," she said, praising him for reaching "an entire generation" with his "unselfish example."

Johnson, as a beloved sports legend, may prove to be of the highest importance

to the thousands of little-known AIDS sufferers who have been forgotten as outcasts, said Dr. Reed Tuckson, president of Los Angeles' Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

"Those are the people who are going to benefit from the smiling face and wonderful courage of Magic Johnson," he said.

Tuckson said the flood of calls to AIDS information lines in the hours and days following Johnson's disclosure proves that education efforts have failed.

"The level of education about the HIV disease is appallingly low," he said, blaming in part government prohibitions against sex education in blunt terms.

"We have not been allowed ... to talk about the disease to our young people in terms that young people understand," he said. "We have not been given the resources to develop the science of how we communicate information in ways that change behavior."

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Who: 75 percent of AIDS virus comes from heterosexual sex

By CLARE NULLIS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

GENEVA, Monday, Nov. 11 (AP)—Heterosexual sex is the method of infection for 75 percent of the people with the AIDS virus worldwide, and is increasingly the pathway for the virus in Western countries, the World Health Organization said Monday.

The majority of the heterosexually infected people are in the developing world, particularly in Africa, and this group is still only a small percentage of the total AIDS cases in North America and Europe, the Geneva-based agency said in an extensive report.

The U.N. group says up to 5000 people are infected with AIDS each day around the world, and officials fear an increase in pregnant women infecting their babies.

Awareness about heterosexual transmission of the AIDS virus was heightened after basketball star Magic Johnson announced Thursday he had the HIV virus and said he had no homosexual affairs.

In the United States, 3 percent of men and 34 percent of women contracted the virus from a person of the opposite sex, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

"It is not easy to change sexual behavior, but hopefully with more people like Magic Johnson coming out and talking about their illness everyone will realize

they are at risk and take more care," said Dr. Michael Merson, head of the U.N. health agency's AIDS program.

Merson said large-scale effectiveness tests of possible AIDS vaccines are planned for Thailand, Uganda, Rwanda and Brazil—nations with some of the highest AIDS rates. The tests—which will involve several thousand volunteers—mark a departure from previous approaches favoring early testing on animals.

About a dozen potential vaccines to slow or halt the onset on AIDS are being tested on smaller groups in the United States and Europe, and several more may be available. The larger trials are likely to be ready "within a couple of years," Merson said.

But he advised against having too much hope for the vaccines.

"The major point is that we're not going to have a vaccine today and we're not going to have a vaccine tomorrow," Merson said. "We have to do everything we can to inform the public now of the risks and the need for safer sex."

It usually takes about 10 years before a person with HIV to show the full signs of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which attacks the immune system and leads to death.

Merson said an estimated 8-10 million adults carry the human immunodeficiency virus that leads to AIDS. The agency has predicted 40 million adults and children will have HIV by 2000,

and a growing percentage may be children or people infected through heterosexual sex.

WHO said heterosexual intercourse was "overwhelmingly" responsible for the spread of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa, where an estimated 6 million people carry the HIV virus and 900,000 babies have been infected by their mothers.

In Asia and Latin America, the virus is also spread mainly through heterosexual practices, said the agency, reporting a 40-fold increase in reported AIDS cases in Central America since 1988.

Several theories have been put forth for why the disease has spread primarily among heterosexuals in some areas of the world, but less so in Europe and the United States.

The first outbreaks of the disease in the West were among gay men and intravenous drug users, and it is believed fewer women in these countries were exposed in the period before widespread awareness of the disease. This in turn would lead to slower spread through heterosexual relations.

Low circumcision rates and high rates of venereal disease—both of which can facilitate HIV's spread—have also been presented as possible explanations for the quick spread among heterosexuals in Africa.

But WHO and other agencies say statistics indicate a rise in heterosexual cases in the United States and Europe.

About 100,000 HIV infections have been reported in the United States since 1985 because of heterosexual sex. From this figure, there were 3100 AIDS cases that were reported last year, compared with 250 such cases reported in 1985.

In Western Europe, 1309 AIDS cases through heterosexual sex were reported last year, compared with 149 cases six years ago, WHO officials said.

The Pan American Health Organization also said the number of infections from heterosexual relations is on the rise in the Western Hemisphere.

WHO also said a rise in female AIDS sufferers has led to a "striking increase" in mother-to-child transmission.

Between 1985 and 1990, the number of childhood AIDS cases rose four-fold in the United States and five times in Europe, WHO said, but did not give specific figures.

"Most HIV-infected women are of childbearing age and worldwide approximately one in every four babies born to infected women is itself infected," a WHO statement said.

Several theories, a high rate of venereal disease acts as a co-factor which makes it easier for virus to spread, another factor is low circumcision, which helps reduce spread, promiscuity, the disease was established in Africa longer, as an explanation for Africa's spread, a lot of women have gotten it in Asia, Latin America, Africa... women in the loop from the beginning...

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Ann Arbor, Mich., adopts law allowing gay couples to register

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Tuesday, Nov. 5 (AP)—Gay and lesbian couples here will be permitted to register their relationship with the city clerk under a new domestic partnership ordinance.

The Ann Arbor City Council adopted the measure Monday night after an emotional, four-hour public hearing that drew about 300 residents. About 100 spoke out on the ordinance, most in favor of it.

When the measure takes effect in 10 days, Ann Arbor will become the first city in Michigan and the 18th in the nation to pass such a law, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The ordinance lets homosexual couples as well as unmarried heterosexual couples who live together register their relationships. The city will charge a small fee that hasn't yet been decided.

Registry with the city, however, won't extend legal rights to those couples. The certificate, for example, wouldn't let one partner name the other as beneficiary of a health insurance or pension plan.

But the ordinance's primary sponsor, council member Anne Marie Coleman, said it was an "important step in affirming gay-lesbian relationships."

Fewer than a dozen people spoke against the ordinance Monday. Some said it would

sanction a promiscuous lifestyle and encourage the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

"This ordinance will once again hold Ann Arbor up for ridicule," said Michael Donnelly, 44. "I believe nothing good can come of it. It will undermine the concept of the family."

Another resident, Lynden Kelly, said homosexual couples "do the same things" as heterosexual couples.

"They watch Murphy Brown on Monday night and rake leaves on Sunday," said Kelly, 37, a lesbian. "We're so unradical as a group it's pathetic that there is so much opposition."

The ordinance was introduced after two city employees challenged what they called inconsistent policies in recognizing non-heterosexual relationships.

Jayne Miller, 33, sparked the controversy when she was denied a promotion in the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Department because her supervisor, Chris McCown, 42, also was her lover.

City officials cited an anti-nepotism policy in refusing to promote Miller, who was united with McCown four years ago in an Episcopal ceremony. The officials have recognized them as spouses under personnel policies governing illness, death and child care. They do not share medical benefits.

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Calif. rep sponsors measure aimed at overturning military ban on gays

By KIM I. MILLS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 6 (AP)—The House is considering a resolution calling on President Bush to overturn the Defense Department's ban against homosexuals serving in uniform.

Rep. Barbara Boxer, a San Francisco-area Democrat, introduced the resolution Wednesday.

"We need to bring the rules of the Pentagon up to 1991, and that means that we shouldn't have discrimination based on sexual orientation," Boxer said at a news

conference. She released a list of more than 20 co-sponsors of the resolution and said she expected to round up more.

A member of the House Armed Services Committee, Boxer added that she hoped the panel's military personnel subcommittee would hold hearings on the issue before yearend.

"I think that the very fact that the resolution is being introduced will help generate education on the issue, which will help eliminate that outrageous and stupid policy," said Rep. Ted Weiss, a Manhattan Democrat and co-author of the measure.

The resolution—more symbolic than substantive—urges Bush to rescind the Defense Department's directive that states homosexuality is incompatible with military service.

Bush could overturn the policy with or without the resolution, much as President Truman integrated the armed services after World War II.

Congress could also pass a law that would nullify the ban. However, another co-sponsor, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., conceded that it would be difficult to override a presidential veto.

Frank, who is gay, called the ban "the last official policy on the books of the government that so unfairly defames gay men and lesbians."

Noting that Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has conceded that homosexuals are already serving in the military, Frank said, "if in fact there were something that would cause problems about gay men and lesbians being in the military, we'd know it."

He called for making the ban on gays in the military an issue in the 1992 presidential campaign.

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Spalding and Converse back Johnson; non-committal about promotions

By JEFF DONN

FOR THE NEW VOICE

CHICOPEE, Mass., Saturday, Nov. 9 (AP)—Two sporting goods makers say they'll continue ties with Magic Johnson, who announced he has the AIDS virus and will retire, but were non-committal about plans to use him in future pro-

motions.

A vice president for Chicopee-based Spalding Sports Worldwide said Friday that officials were "shocked and dismayed" at Johnson's announcement.

"However, Magic Johnson has been a member of the Spalding team since he came into the NBA," said Jack Lackey,

general manager of Spalding's leisure products division. "He is a very important part of our family and we will support him and his commitment to HIV research."

Converse Inc., based in North Reading, hopes to work with Johnson in his efforts to raise awareness about the dis-

ease, said company spokesperson Jennifer Murray.

Neither company has current advertising campaigns featuring Johnson, whose roster of other recent endorsements include Pepsi-Cola Co., Kentucky Fried Chicken, Target Stores and Nestle Foods Co.



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▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Film fest ends; 'Rip' weekend at Chain Drive, benefit at Oil Can's

By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

The Austin Gay/Lesbian Film Festival completed its run at the Dobie Theater this past weekend. Caught in the lobby last Saturday after a showing of "The Changer," a movie about the development of the women's music scene during the seventies, were Diane and B.J. They remarked how the show recharged them. B.J. commented, "A lot of people talk about things that went on in the sixties and kinda dismiss the seventies as being unimportant. Those years were very important to feminists, and to women's music. They were dismissed because men were largely not involved, and they often write the history!...The film was good because it documented the time." Congratulations to Scott and the Dobie staff on bringing off this event.

After the show I followed a few of the theater-goers as they went to Oil Can Harry's for a nitecap. Walking in the place, you just couldn't help but notice two hunky men playing snugly as they sat on the steps just inside the front door. So I walked up and introduced myself. They were David Medina and Jesse Harrison of Houston, a city known for growing big boys. Sadly, it seems that they were just in for the weekend. "When ever we need to get away we come to Austin," (The accentuated "We" suggested that this was not some weekend fling). "Houston gets tired, Austin's more relaxing," Jesse commented. I propose an idea, Houston: keep sending us your big boys and we'll send you our developers.

Looking ahead...

In anticipation of a big weekend over at the Chain Drive, weekday bartender



Dennis Grady, Dan Bassand and Sherry Dover having a "Gay Old Time" at Charlie's

Frank has been spiffing up the place. Seems that last weekend or so he, along with his beau Bobby (who has this obsession about clean restrooms) and another cleaning maid spent nearly 45 minutes buffing the floors of the restroom. Being so quality oriented, Frank just could not accept a mopped floor; he insisted on getting on his knees to hand polish the sucker. What is truly amazing is how cheerful he is when he is cleaning. In spite of the pain in his knees from years of dedicated service you will never hear him complain, tireless worker that he is. When the boys were through, all the faucets and plumbing

in the restroom were spit-shined and the entire crew was gleaming with the satisfaction of a job well done.

They were CD prepared for this week-

end's grope—er, group event. The theme for this weekend (oh how I love a theme) is rip and tear. This Saturday night John is having a Torn Jeans Party. It's been said that the more you take from a hole the more you have, but I'm not exactly sure what that has to do with this story. Threadbare is the fashion goal; keep the accessories to an absolute minimum, and the "look" is politically assured. To reward the least dressed the staff will be extending a hand and special drink prices.

For those studs out there looking for a place to call home, the Chain Drive is bringing back Dennis from Fort Worth. Extending the theme to a new extreme, Dennis will once again be providing sundry piercings. According to Shades of Grey staff Bill, Dennis has years of experience in the art of piercing. So for those out there who are fantasizing about body adornment here's your chance, and just in



Our cameras caught Diane and BJ at the Gay/Lesbian Film Festival

time for holiday entertaining. "Auntie please pass the giblets, oh, Granny, have I shown you my prince albert? Thank you, more peas, please." Local anesthetic will be provided—on request. Call Shades of Grey (the leather shop inside the bar) at (512) 479-0422 for more info.

Oh, I probably should have mentioned earlier that Oil Can's is now running their afternoon happy hour buffet Monday through Friday. Additionally, this coming Thursday, Nov. 21, Oil Can Harry's will be holding a benefit for the AIDS hospice, Project Transitions. Project Transitions, along with strong support from many areas of the city, has recently completed several needed renovations to the hospice. Because of skillful management and generous community donations of time and ma-

terials, Project Transitions was able to complete an estimated \$40,000 renovation for only \$2,500. Would you consider yourself shrewd if you bought a \$40,000 home for \$2,500? With a track record like this you can be assured that the money you donate this coming Thursday will go a long way in comforting a person with AIDS in Austin. Besides, there will be dancers.



David and Jesse, in from Houston for a weekend of partying at Oil Can Harry's



One of the Crossing's impressive dancers



NLA Austin chapter members at the Chain Drive



Oil Can's "men behind the music," DJ's Steve and Scott



San Fran Cisco's Ric Lira sans husband Kyle

▼▼▼ DATELINE NEW ORLEANS

New Tulane-LSU project targets teenagers who are HIV-positive

By HANS HELMUT STAUDAAGER

TNV New Orleans

Many HIV-positive adolescents are not receiving early intervention services so that they may stay healthier longer, according to Sue Ellen Abdalian, assistant professor of pediatrics at Tulane University Medical Center.

The Tulane-LSU AIDS Clinical Trial Unit (ACTU) is seeking to remedy this, she said. The center has received funds to establish cooperative relationships with organizations serving HIV-infected adolescents, women and children. Initially, the programs have been funded until the end of 1991 in the amount of \$321,104 by the Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health.

Newton Hyslop, MD, professor of medicine and chief of adult infectious diseases at Tulane University Medical Center, is principal investigator of the Tulane/LSU ACTU, the organization receiving the funds.

"A critical concept in federally funded outreach programs is coordination of community based programs and research projects," said Dr. Hyslop. The projects will involve Charity Hospital HIV program, the Pediatric AIDS Program (PAP), the Resources for Adolescents Program (RAP), the NO/AIDS Task Force and other community organizations in the New Orleans area.

Adolescents have not been a part of research protocols, for the most part, so we don't know if they respond in a unique

way to AZT and other drugs," Dr. Abdalian said. "We're trying to identify the HIV positive teenagers so they can receive the proper health care.

Further, we want to make research protocols and experimental drugs available to them—it is important for their well being to know how they respond to medications, what the correct dosages are for adolescents and which drugs work best for teens."

Russell VanDyke, MD, associate professor of pediatrics and chief of pediatric infectious diseases at Tulane, said "Our goal has been to establish linkages between the ACTU research program and community organizations such as the HRSA-funded Pediatric AIDS Program. All these programs should be

working together." Dr. VanDyke is director of the pediatric component of the Tulane/LSU ACTU.

The new programs will: (A) Establish a three-pronged adolescent program to bring at-risk and HIV infected youth into an improved program of primary care, including the development of a drop-in center at a community clinic and training "street workers" who will emphasize preventive health care; (B) Train six HIV-infected women to act as peer counselors and educators in the community, and (C) Expand services for prenatal care for HIV-infected mothers and the babies born to these mothers in order to allow them to participate in a study of the prevention of the perinatal transmission of HIV.

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▼▼▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

Austin Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus to hold fall membership meeting

The Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus (AL/GPC) will hold its fall membership meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20, starting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the fourth floor auditorium of the downtown

Austin Public Library at the corner of 8th and Guadalupe.

The topics of the meeting will include the following: registering voters for the 1992 primary elections, organizing within

the political parties, preparation of primary candidate questionnaires and the election of officers to fill vacancies. Other business may also be discussed.

All members of the gay, lesbian and bi-

sexual communities are invited to attend AL/GPC's open meetings; however, only dues-paid members of the AL/GPC are entitled to vote. For more information, contact the AL/GPC at Post Office Box 822, Austin, TX 78767; phone (512)474-0750.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Anti-gay video draws protests; right-wingers are sued for assault

PORTLAND, Ore., Thursday, Nov. 7 (AP)—A photographer for a gay newspaper has sued the anti-homosexual Oregon Citizens Alliance, alleging she was assaulted by the group's spokesperson.

Catherine Stauffer seeks at least \$350,000 in damages from Scott Lively, the OCA and five "John Does" for physical injuries and psychological trauma. She says Lively assaulted her when he forced her to leave a showing of an OCA videotape that links homosexuality with deviant sexual behavior.

Stauffer, who works for the publication Just Out, filed the lawsuit Wednesday in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

Lively said the lawsuit was "absolutely outrageous." He said he "gently but firmly" escorted Stauffer out of an invitation-only meeting Oct. 8 in Portland Foursquare Church after she had been asked "politely" to leave at least five times.

Stauffer said she had an invitation to the OCA event, though she told police she didn't have it with her, and had promised to leave if OCA members found her to be disruptive. Stauffer told Just Out that she attended the viewing as a private citizen, not as a photographer for the paper.

The Multnomah County district attorney's office declined criminal prosecution, saying there was insufficient evidence to support an assault charge.

The tape, which runs about 40 minutes and sells for \$10, features footage from gay rights parades in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., in which participants expose themselves, simulate homosexual acts and discuss sexual behavior such as sadism, masochism and pedophilia.

Gay rights proponents say the tape does not reflect the mainstream gay rights movement.

"This is like filming footage of prostitu-

tion on Martin Luther King Boulevard, and saying this is what heterosexuality is about," said Linda Welch, executive director of the Right to Privacy political action committee.

Parade marchers included lesbian and gay parents, groups such as Hookers from Hell, and a man depicting Jesus Christ as a transvestite.

A subtitle saying "This is what gay rights means" appears periodically throughout the video.

Alliance director Lon Mabon said the group hopes to distribute 10,000 copies of the video in its fight against civil rights protections for homosexuals. The OCA believes members of the public will be interested in viewing the tape at home or with church groups and other organizations.

The OCA is opposing gay rights laws through several state and local initiatives. "When gay rights ordinances go in,"

Mabon said, "this is an expression of the lifestyle that follows."

But gay rights activists said the deviant sexuality in the video has nothing to do with the mainstream gay rights movement.

Linda Shirley, who writes for Just Out, called the video "obscene, objectionable and another piece of extreme propaganda that lesbians and gays are freaks and perverts."

Shirley attended the OCA news conference before making her comments. Lively quietly asked Shirley and a companion to leave, explaining that the event was by invitation only. But after television cameras focused on the dispute, Mabon said the women could stay.

Welch, whose political action committee raises money for candidates who support gay rights, also noted that Portland's own gay and lesbian parades had not produced offensive behavior.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Houston NAMES Projects seeks volunteers for Thanksgiving parade

The Houston NAMES Project, local sponsor of the International AIDS Memorial Quilt has announced their participation in Foley's annual Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 28. The parade, Foley's 42nd annual, is a nationwide event with television coverage in over 65 cities across the United States.

Two large, helium filled balloons will be the Project's responsibility for the parade. In order to make the event a success, the Project is looking for volunteers. Participants would need to wear a white NAMES Project shirt and white pants (if at all possible). Volunteers would need to be available for the duration of the parade and would need to congregate downtown outside of the Lyric Center starting at 6:00 a.m. Thanksgiving morning. There is a minimum number of volunteers needed for both balloons, but there is no maximum number of participants, said organizers.

Volunteers interested in participating should contact Pete Martinez, workshop coordinator at (713)868-9837 or (713)52-NAMES.

—Montrose Counseling Center endowment officers

The Montrose Counseling Center Permanent Endowment Fund recently elected officers for 1992. The new officers are Michael Grover, president; Ed Bradshaw, vice president; Robert A. Miller, treasurer and Robert Falletti, secretary. The Endowment was founded in 1988 to provide a vehicle for long term support for Montrose Counseling Center and its programs.

The Endowment's function is that of fund raising to ensure that the center continues to serve the gay/lesbian community for many years to come. The board will spend the next year raising funds and searching for a permanent building for Montrose Counseling Center.

Other board members include Linda Hudson, Gary Burns, Miles Glaspy, Katy Caldwell and Josh Crane. Steve Tarry is legal counsel.

—MCCR talent show, food festival

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection has announced its third annual talent show, "If They Could See Me Now" and International Food Festival, to be held this Saturday, Nov. 16. This evening of entertainment will be held at the Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray.

The food festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m., said organizers. Admission is \$5 per person for both the food festival and entertainment, with proceeds benefiting the church's Capital Gifts Campaign. Everyone is welcome to attend.

—Lesbian/Gay Pride Week meeting

The site of the November meeting of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992 has been changed. Co-chair Carol Clark said the meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada (at Commonwealth) because of scheduling conflicts at the regular meeting place.

Clark said the theme and logo contest for the 1992 lesbian/gay pride celebration will be the main topics of discussion at the meeting. Anyone interested in participating in the planning process is welcome to attend.

—"Heart Strings" 1992

Robert Cizik, chairperson of the board, president and chief executive officer of Cooper Industries Inc., and his wife Jane will be chairing the Houston performance of the 1992 national tour of "Heart Strings" for DIFFA/Houston, the local chapter of the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS.

The Houston production of "Heart Strings," scheduled for April 29, 1992, represents a collaboration of two national AIDS organizations which have joined forces to produce "the largest AIDS fund raising event ever," say the tour's promoters. The '92 event is a joint effort of DIFFA and the NAMES Project Foundation titled "Heart Strings-The AIDS Memorial Quilt-And You: An Event in 3 Acts."

Houston will be one of 35 cities to benefit from the performance, created to raise \$5 million nationally for direct care and AIDS awareness education, and to stir in-



The Houston Gay and Lesbian Switchboard is the most recent recipient of a donation from the 1991 Garden Party. Presenting a \$200 check to Rose Velo, public relations chair of the G/L Switchboard, are Richard Thoen (left), Garden Party secretary-treasurer and William Grady, Garden Party president. December will mark the tenth anniversary of the Switchboard.

volvement and commitment in the AIDS epidemic among the people who will see the show. The three acts referred to in the title are explained as follows:

Act One is a new production of "Heart Strings," the tremendously successful musical variety show which features celebrity narrators and actors who tie each musical selection with the words of people with AIDS, their families, friends and care givers. The lyrics of well known musical pieces take on new meaning in the context of the show. During 1990, "Heart Strings" raised approximately \$700,000 in cash and in-kind donations here in Houston.

Act Two is the public display of the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt. The Quilt is also featured in the "Heart Strings" show. Displayed free to the public, the Quilt will provide a second and harder look at the issue of AIDS and dramatically illustrate the enormity of the epidemic.

Act Three, according to the organizers, is a call to action. For example, at the Quilt display which will be held at the University of St. Thomas, volunteer registration tables representing local AIDS organizations will be set up, with brochures and staff to assist people in taking the next step of volunteer commitment.

—Skate nites through '92

The Montrose Activity Center and Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection have reserved Gay and Lesbian Skate Nites through Dec. 1992, according

to the Lambda Rollerskating Club. Skates will be held the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Carousel Skating Rink, 9190 Old Katy Road between Campbell and Blalock. Cost is \$5 including skates. The next Skate Nite is Nov. 19. Persons wishing to attend who do not have transportation may call (713)779-3947 to arrange a ride.

L.R.C. is also interested in hearing from skaters and bicyclers in New Orleans, Austin and San Antonio who would like to start an independent Lambda Rollerskating and Bicycle Club. The Houston group is offering assistance to help get the new clubs "rolling." For information, call John at (713)523-6381 evenings or Annette at (713)496-0288.

—Douglas Crimp at UH

Art historian, art critic and AIDS activist Douglas Crimp will lecture at the University of Houston on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. His lecture, entitled "Right On, Girlfriend!" centers on the subjects of Jody Foster and Silence of the Lambs; "outing" and "bashing back"; AIDS activism and Queer Nationalism. The lecture will take place in the theater in the Architecture Building (Room 150, entrance 18, Central Campus) and is free and open to the public.

The lecture is funded by Ed Hill and Suzanne Bloom in memory of Christopher Hill and is co-sponsored by the University of Houston Art Department, DiverseWorks and Queer Nation.

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LAGPAC endorses Edwards, Schwegmann, Ieyoub in Nov. 16 elections

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice New Orleans

The LAGPAC sample ballots for the Saturday, Nov. 16 Louisiana election were mailed out last week. Included with the sample ballot was a letter speaking in very strong terms about the threat the David Duke movement presents to gay and lesbian citizens.

The letter read in part, "The race for governor is the most important race LAGPAC has ever considered ... goes beyond the personalities ... goes beyond their stated platforms ... It is a matter of fundamental humanity and whether our democratic system will provide a racist, sexist, homophobic bigot like David Duke the forum upon which to practice his Neo-Nazi theories and set back the human rights movement.

"Duke stated in a letter to C. Everett Koop that 'AIDS carriers should be marked' and implies they should be quarantined. He says there should be mandatory testing, massive publicity campaigns to warn the public and youth of the dangers

of homosexual behavior ... Homosexuals would be considered degenerates and would be forced to live in segregated locations like other undesirable minorities ..."

The letter was signed by LAGPAC co-chairs Joan Ladnier and Jim Wiltberger and dated Nov. 8, 1991.

Last Saturday, Nov. 9, here in New Orleans, gays and lesbians joined hundreds of protesters marching against Duke and what he stands for. Members of the New Orleans chapters of ACT UP and Queer Nation took to Esplanade Street as part of a march sponsored by a group called People United Against Duke and Racism. The protesters marched from City Park to a rally in Armstrong Park.

With its endorsement letter message, LAGPAC hopes to reach the few gays who do support Duke before voters go to polls this weekend.

The full list of LAGPAC endorsements follows. Governor: no. 12 Edwin V. Edwards; Lt. Governor: no. 17 Melinda Schwegmann; Attorney General: no. 24 Richard Ieyoub. Commissioner of Insurance: no. 34 James H. "Jim" Brown. (State



Melinda Schwegmann greets Larry Bagneris while campaigning in Cabrini Playground last Sunday. Schwegmann, endorsed by LAGPAC, is expected to unseat incumbent Lt. Gov. Paul Hardy; Bagneris narrowly lost his state representative race against Avery Alexander



Members of Queer Nation New Orleans take to the Esplanade Street Saturday, Nov. 9 to protest the policies of gubernatorial candidate and ex-KKK leader David Duke (Photos by William Liermann)

Representative) District 54: no. 52 Velma Calais-Rogers. District 66: no. 52 Marie "Sandy" Ashby. District 76: no. 53 Suzanne Mayfield Krieger. District 96: no. 55 Yvonne L. Hughes or no. 58 Edwin "Ed" R. Murray.

—Melinda Schwegmann rally in Vieux Carre

In related news, one of the endorsed candidates, Melinda Schwegmann, held an old fashioned political rally in the Vieux Carre last Sunday, Nov. 10, attended by

over 100 people. Vieux Carre residents gathered in Cabrini Park to hear the lieutenant governor candidate and her husband, supermarket magnate John Schwegmann, rally support for her race for the Bayou State's number two office. The crowd included several New Orleans gay/lesbian leaders.

With the world's attention focused on the governor's race, candidates for lesser offices reportedly have had a difficult time garnering press coverage and voter interest in the shadow of that race.

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Avondale area business owners plan to try to reduce crime

About a dozen concerned business owners in Montrose' Avondale neighborhood met Friday, Nov. 8, to discuss ways to prevent crime in the neighborhood. The meeting was in direct response to the killing of Phillip W. Smith, who was murdered as he was walking to his car about three blocks from the nightclub Heaven. He was killed by a gunman who later told police he shot Smith simply because he assumed he was gay.

The meeting, which lasted over an hour, focused on ways that responsible business owners could attempt to ensure the highest degree of safety to visitors, area residents and employees, particularly in the coming holiday season. Through unanimous vote, the group decided that through the neighborhood Avondale Association, off-duty Harris County Precinct One deputies from Constable Jack Abercia's office would be hired to patrol the neighborhood.

Charles Armstrong, owner of Heaven and host of the meeting, announced that United Cab Company had pledged to give the neighborhood group a vehicle to use in patrolling the neighborhood. The business owners agreed that an added police presence, with the Deputy Constables being "an extra set of eyes," would be a beneficial deterrent to crime.

(Note: The Avondale bar and business owners, on behalf of the Marion Pantzer Memorial Reward Fund, will award One Thousand Dollars to the Houston Police Officers 100 Club in recognition of the swift apprehension of the 10 individuals who beat and murdered Paul Broussard and two friends on the morning of July 4, 1991, and, more recently, for the arrest of four men involved in the last Sunday's

murder of Phillip Smith, the group reported. Both men were the victims of hate crimes against members of the gay and lesbian community.)

—Alethia Pastor Resigns

Ronald D. Pigg, pastor of Alethia Praise and Worship Center, formerly Community Gospel Church, resigned from the pulpit on Oct. 27.

Pigg began his ministry at the age of 16, holding revivals in rural churches throughout Oklahoma. He came to Houston in August, 1985 to serve as evangelistic minister under Rev. Lois O'Neil. Later that year he was installed as pastor and served the church faithfully until his resignation, members said.

During the past six years, he volunteered with the dental program at Bering United Methodist Church. He also opened his home and provided care for a number of AIDS patients and spearheaded a homeless ministry. Church members said his spiritual guidance and leadership "touched many hearts and lives in the Houston area."

There will be a reception honoring Ronald Pigg and his family following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 17. It will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall at 501 E. 18th Street in the Heights. The reception is open to the public. For more information, call (713) 863-8846.

—City HIV Bureau/AFH Street Campaign

This weekend, the City of Houston Health Dept., Bureau of HIV and AIDS Foundation Houston will hit the bars with a new outreach campaign designed to increase

awareness and support for safer sex practices and safety on the streets. Staff and volunteers will be distributing "Safety Packs" containing a luscious assortment of condoms, lubricants and a festive whistle—"everything one needs to be well equipped today," according to AFH education coordinator Bart Loeser.

AFH is also promoting its next Sensuality/Sexuality workshops at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 and Nov. 26 at the foundation's new office location, 3203 Wesleyan (near West Alabama). The workshops will discuss "Erotic Options of Sensuality and Sexuality."

Workshops are always offered on the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the AFH office. They are also available upon request to anyone who would like to host a "Safe Sex House Party" for their friends.

The AFH Wellness Program is also sponsoring a workshop to teach people with HIV how to maximize their health. The free workshop will be Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose Blvd. from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Entitled "An Introduction to Alternative Therapies," this workshop will feature a panel of health experts to overview the issues and techniques for strengthening the body's natural defenses such as good nutrition, exercise, stress management, spirituality and personal growth. The presentation is free and open to everyone; refreshments will be provided.

For more information regarding AFH Wellness Program workshops, contact Bart Loeser at AFH, (713)623-6796. For further HIV information, call the City of Houston HIV Information line (24 hours)

at (713)794-9020, or AFH.

—NLA:Houston Toy Drive

The National Leather Association: Houston's first annual "Toy Drive for Kids Living With AIDS" kicked off Saturday, Nov. 9, with the first collection boxes going up at the Venture-N, Bacchus II and Leather By Boots Custom Room. Toys will be collected until Dec. 21.

From Thanksgiving until Dec. 21, the group will be hosting barbecue dinners at various Houston bars each weekend to help build awareness for the toy drive, members reported. New, factory wrapped toys are desired; they will be distributed with the help of the National Registered Nurses Association.

For more information, or to volunteer to help with the project, contact Jim at (713)859-5020 or Dean at (713)859-3553.

—Self Defense Seminar

KHOU Channel 11 is urging Montrose residents to attend a free self-defense seminar "It's A Crime Not To ... Be Alert," on Saturday, Nov. 23, at George R. Brown Convention Center. The seminar is co-sponsored by KHOU 11 News, radio station K-Lite (93.7FM) and the Houston Police Department, and will be co-hosted by Channel 11 news anchor Marlene McClinton and K-LITE news and public affairs director Betsy Ballard.

The seminar, which will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m., is open to everyone and can accommodate up to 4000 people per session. No reservations are needed; door will open one hour before each session. For more information, call (713) 521-4336.

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Rep. Ron Wilson to introduce college condom bill in Legislature

AUSTIN, Friday, Nov. 8 (AP)—The day after basketball star Magic Johnson revealed he had been infected with the virus that causes AIDS, a state lawmaker Friday said he would try to win passage of a bill requiring Texas colleges to distribute condoms to students who request them.

"I think Magic's announcement only heightens the concern we should have for individuals in our society practicing

safe sex," said Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston.

"Those were Magic's words. I think he's going to bring a heightened awareness to the problem of contracting the HIV virus. Someone like Magic would be the last person in the minds of most people to contract HIV," Wilson said.

The Legislature is next scheduled to convene in Jan. 1993.

A bill Wilson introduced in this year's regular session would have required all public and private colleges and universities in Texas to "distribute a condom to a student enrolled at the institution who requests the condom." It also said the school couldn't charge the student.

Wilson said the measure died in a House committee. But he said "it would 'be naive' not to seek passage again.

"There were a number of individuals against it," he said. "A lot of the opposition came from individuals that said colleges students shouldn't be engaging in sexual activity, anyway."

In announcing his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday, Johnson said he would become a spokesperson for the fight against AIDS, especially warning people to practice safe sex.

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Phone calls pour to local AIDS agencies after Johnson announcement

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

Local AIDS service agencies and hotlines were deluged with calls following the announcement Thursday afternoon, Nov. 7, by Los Angeles Lakers basketball superstar Magic Johnson that he is HIV-positive.

In a 12 hour period following the press conference in which Johnson declared his HIV status and retirement from professional basketball, the AIDS Foundation Houston hotline received 400 calls—over half the number the line typically handles in a month, according to AFH interim executive director Linda Mullins.

The hotline, which operates from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and is staffed by volunteers, normally is able to handle calls with a single volunteer, said Mullins. On Friday, an extra volunteer who sensed the need came in to help and both lines were busy all day long, she said.

Mullins said the callers included a large number who were referred by the agency to HIV testing sites, as well as people wanting general information about the disease and its transmission and callers concerned about the health of Johnson himself. She said the number of callers who either did not have basic facts about AIDS or did not know whether or not they should be tested indicates that, despite educational efforts, much of the general public is still in the dark about AIDS.



Bart Loeser, coordinator of AIDS Foundation Houston's hotline, and volunteer Dan Wilkins field phone calls at AFH's office. Local AIDS agencies have reported a flood of calls since the HIV announcement by basketball star Magic Johnson last Thursday

In fact, about half the newly concerned callers had legitimate reason to believe they were at risk and were referred for testing, according to Bart Loeser, AFH education director and coordinator of the hotline.

Mullins said that such a revelation by a celebrity like Johnson makes people more aware of their own vulnerability, and can provide what is needed to make them take a serious situation seriously. The Johnson

announcement provided a needed boost in AIDS awareness, and will bridge a gap in AIDS outreach because of the sports star's popularity with youth, she said.

In the two days after the Johnson announcement, the Audette Clinic in Montrose had to bring in extra staff for counseling and testing for the extra referrals and walk-ins. On Friday, the clinic's business was about four times the normal amount, staff members said. Local radio

stations also aired public service announcements for the clinic repeatedly over the weekend in response to calls asking where to go for testing.

Even the Montrose Counseling Center, which does not do telephone counseling or operate a hotline, was swamped with calls, said director Ann Robison. "Many of the callers were looking for crisis counseling, which we don't do," Robison said.

The callers were referred to other AIDS or crisis intervention hotlines, said Barbara Becker, who helped answer phone calls at the center Friday. Becker, financial coordinator for the Counseling Center, said she acted as a back up to the receptionist in handling the calls. "If I was busy, you really know (the receptionist) was," she said.

But people involved with the local agencies also commented on the irony of Magic Johnson's impact. At a fundraiser for the Counseling Center and AIDS Equity League Monday, Robison remarked: "I don't believe all the media here...and it's all because of Magic Johnson. Thank you."

Clients of the agencies and AIDS activists wondered aloud why Johnson's situation should be taken any more seriously than anyone else's.

"I think it's kind of human nature...our fascination with famous people," speculated Mullins. "When something like this happens to someone famous, it doesn't just go unnoticed. People say hey, this can happen to anybody."

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AIDS virus co-discoverer says more than monkey studies needed

By TIM KLASS
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SEATTLE, Thursday, Nov. 7 (AP)—AIDS vaccine tests on monkeys are important, but more research also is needed on potential accomplices in the mugging of the body's immune system, a co-discoverer of the human immunodeficiency virus said Thursday.

Vaccine alone may not be the answer, said Dr. Luc Montagnier, research director and head of the viral oncology unit at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

"I'm not saying this (monkey research) is useless. I'm saying we have to be very careful" to consider other avenues as well, Montagnier told a news conference.

For six years Montagnier has been investigating the theory that a second infection,

possibly with primitive bacteria-like microbes called mycoplasmas, is necessary to unleash the full fury of HIV.

That theory could help explain why some people infected with HIV go as long as 10 years without developing AIDS or related symptoms, while others succumb in scarcely a year, he said.

Mycoplasma infection is frequently found in AIDS patients whose immune systems have been destroyed by the disease, he said in the keynote address at the opening of the ninth annual Symposium on Nonhuman Primate Models for AIDS.

Pneumonia, arthritis and spontaneous abortion are the principal diseases known to be caused by mycoplasmas, which unlike HIV can be attacked by antibiotics like tetracycline.

As a result, drugs as well as vaccines may prove crucial to attacking AIDS successfully, Montagnier said.

Research within the past year has lent further weight to the co-factor theory, but those studies to date have been only in laboratories rather than in animals or humans, he stressed.

Conference organizer William R. Morton, deputy director of the Regional Primate Research Center at the University of Washington, said Montagnier's views probably lie outside the mainstream of AIDS thinking among the 200 people attending the three-day gathering.

More interest will be focused on reports of research on vaccines, most using killed virus, in attempts to immunize macaque monkeys against the HIV-like simian im-

muno-deficiency virus, Morton said.

The local lab is the only one using live virus in vaccine, and four macaques that were inoculated with it a year ago have yet to show any sign of infection with SIV or the monkey version of AIDS, he said.

Those results, as well as tests done elsewhere with vaccine using killed SIV virus, will be discussed in detail Saturday morning, Morton said.

Conceding that AIDS research in the United States generally had not followed his lead on the question of co-factors in general or mycoplasmas in particular, Montagnier denied becoming a maverick in the field.

"No, I'm exploring different ways," he said. "The mycoplasma ideas are not just ideas. They are based on facts."

Tom Duane, HIV positive candidate, wins New York election

By PAUL GEITNER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Nov. 6 (AP)—Newly elected City Council member Tom Duane sees no conflict between his new role and his old one, that of an AIDS activist.

Duane, who caused a stir during his campaign when he announced he had tested positive for the AIDS virus, was arrested in 1989 outside City Hall protesting city AIDS policies.

"Now I'm going to be sitting in City Hall on the City Council," he said. "That's how much things have changed,

and I think it's a change for the better"

Duane, a Democrat, easily defeated three other candidates Tuesday. With all the precincts reporting, Duane had 10,796 votes, or 72 percent. His closest rival, Republican Andrew Magidson, had 2,329 votes, or 15 percent.

Duane vaulted into the election in a Democratic primary race against Liz Abzug, daughter of former congresswoman Bella Abzug, that attracted international attention this summer.

The newly configured 3rd District covers SoHo, Greenwich Village, Chelsea

and Clinton in the southern West Side of Manhattan.

Since Abzug declared her lesbianism shortly before entering the race, the winner in the 3rd District was expected to be the city's first openly gay Council member.

But Antonio Pagan, a gay candidate in the neighboring 2nd District, upset incumbent Miriam Friedlander in the Democratic primary. Pagan, who has not made an issue of his sexual orientation, also won easily Tuesday, so he and Duane will share the distinction of being first.

The 36-year-old Duane, who worked for city Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman, lost in 1989 to incumbent Carol Greitzer. She switched to another district this year after the new lines were drawn.

Duane said he would be a strong proponent for gay and health care issues so that activists wouldn't have to protest to make their voices heard. But he said he would stay a member of ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power.

"I'm not ruling out getting arrested again," he said. "Hopefully it won't be necessary, but I'm not ruling it out."

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HGLPC endorses Turner, Calloway, Robinson in runoff

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

After vigorously debating whether or not it was too soon to endorse candidates in the runoff, members of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus voted almost unanimously to endorse Sylvester Turner in the Houston mayor's race.

The vote was on Wednesday, Nov. 6, the night after the general election.

The caucus also endorsed incumbent Al Calloway in the race for City Council District D against runoff challenger Elizabeth Spates; reaffirmed its endorsement of Beverley Clark runoff for Council At-Large Position 1; and endorsed Judson Robinson III for At-Large Position 5.

Some members argued that endorsements should be delayed until the next HGLPC meeting on Nov. 20 because one of the candidates for Position 5, John Kelley, entered the race late and was not invited to screen, and because a representative for mayoral candidate Bob Lanier had asked



Sylvester Turner: endorsed by HGLPC in the runoff

for a delay so that Lanier, who was unable to make it to the Nov. 6 meeting, could address the caucus.

However, others felt that delaying the

process would lessen the impact of the endorsements. They noted the caucus had already conducted its candidate screening process prior to the first election. When some concerns were expressed that the full caucus should be notified before an endorsement is made, other members pointed out that HGLPC has traditionally made runoff choices at regular meetings, and that meetings are held on a regular schedule with which members are familiar.

Turner addressed the group before the meeting, restating his claim of commitment to building "a true partnership" among Houston's diverse population in city government. Kay Barton, who came to the meeting representing the Bob Lanier campaign, said the candidate did support gay/lesbian causes, but that she did not come prepared to make a statement on his behalf. Barton said she had hoped to persuade the group to wait to hear from Lanier.

However, there was no discussion at the Nov. 6 meeting against the motion to en-

dorse Turner in the runoff, now set for Saturday, Dec. 7.

The caucus had originally endorsed Mayor Kathy Whitmire in the mayor's race, but members of the candidate screening committee said Turner was always a close second. Turner scored well in the screening on gay/lesbian issues and had a number of supporters at the first endorsement meeting.

In the Council Dist. D and At Large Position 5 races, HGLPC's originally endorsed candidates, May Walker and Glenda Joe, did not make it into the runoff. However, like Mayor Whitmire, Joe received her heaviest concentration of votes in Montrose area precincts in the Nov. 5 election.

Another council district race facing a runoff was not discussed, because neither candidate participated in the organization's screening process; HGLPC has a policy of endorsing only candidates who have screened.

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Bartender charged with arson in Bourbon Pub-Parade fire

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Fire department officials investigating the fire that closed the Bourbon Pub at 801 Bourbon for the first time since it opened in 1973 have charged Michael Sullivan, 31, with arson. Upstairs from the Bourbon Pub was the disco bar The Parade, where the fire started.

Officials initially had said that arson was not suspected, but that a routine investigation was being conducted. But investigators suspected arson after learning Sullivan, known to have been

involved in other fires, was the bartender and lone occupant of the bar when the fire began.

Sullivan was employed as a bartender at the Bourbon Pub for the past nine months.

Investigators said the fire was the fourth set by Sullivan since August. They profiled him as an arsonist who sets fires to extinguish them and then brand himself as a hero. He admitted after his arrest that he set three other fires in the stairway of his former apartment complex at 1230 Royal.

Sullivan told firemen after reporting the Bourbon Pub/Parade fire that he had heard the fire on the second floor and responded by trying to put it out.

Fire investigators were familiar with him because they had investigated the three previous fires. They were unable to prove arson in those cases. They intentionally kept their investigation secret until arresting Sullivan three days after the latest arson.

Sullivan was arrested at his home at 932 Bourbon by police arson investigator Sgt. Harry Mendoza, Fire Depart-

ment investigators Earl Pfister and Morril Koenig and federal agent Stewart Allen. He was booked on four counts of aggravated arson for the Bourbon Pub/Parade fire and the three apartment fires.

Sullivan did not say why he set the fires. He did tell investigators that after he set the latest fire on the second floor he tried to put it out with several fire extinguishers.

Police said he fits a category known as "Vanity Syndrome" or "Hero's Syndrome," where the arsonist sets a fire intending to extinguish it.

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Officials turn out to 'roast' activist-professor Gene Harrington

About 100 people including city and state officials, media, academic and professional figures turned out for the first annual "Community Roast," featuring Texas Southern University professor and AIDS Equity League founder Eugene Harrington as the guest of questionable honor.

The roast was sponsored by and benefited the Montrose Counseling Center and AEL, and was held at the Magnolia Ballroom downtown on Monday, Nov. 11.

Harrington was selected as the first honoree for the planned annual event in celebration of his 25th anniversary with TSU.

Randy Jobe served as emcee for the event, and celebrity "roasters" included City Controller George Greanias (an audience favorite), City Councilmember Eleanor Tinsley and state Rep. Garnet Coleman; Houston Chronicle medical



Gene Harrington (center), honoree at Montrose Counseling Center and AIDS Equity League's first annual Community Roast, with Ann Robinson, executive director of the Counseling Center and Robert Falletti, president of AEL

writer Ruth SoRelle; Houston Post medical writer D.J. Wilson; and former Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus presidents Annise Parker and Larry Lingle; Dr. Adan Rios (Harrington's physician) and Texas Board of Health member Bill Scott. Harris County Treasurer Katy Caldwell and state Rep. Ramon Martinez were among other officials who attended the event.

In introducing Harrington, Jobe made note his nicknames, "Comet," because he's so abrasive, and "Houdini," for the disappearing act he does after getting you to commit to his projects.

Roasters the grilled him on everything from his aggressive, critical and caustic demeanor to his taste in clothes and men. Harrington was also presented with a proclamation from the city, declaring Nov. 11 "Gene Harrington Day," during the event.

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'Disgusted' Oklahoma senator urges Bush to replace NEA chairperson

OKLAHOMA CITY, Thursday, Nov. 7 (AP)—Sen. Don Nickles says he's disgusted two artists who portray their gay lifestyles in their performances have been awarded federal grants and because of it wants John E. Frohnmayer replaced as chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Nickles said Wednesday in a letter to President Bush that the foundation for the performances of both Holly Hughes of New York and Tim Miller of Santa Monica, Calif., are to "promote and advance homoerotic themes."

"Americans strongly believe that federal dollars should not be used to fund patently offensive expressions under the guise of art," Nickles, R-Okla., said in the letter.

"The government, by denying funds, would not violate anyone's right to free expression. They have every right to express themselves without the sponsorship of the NEA which is publicly financed. Furthermore, simply because something falls outside the legal definition of obscenity does not mean that the taxpayer should fund it."

The works of the performance artists deal with their gay lifestyles. Their first applications were rejected last year.

"Apparently the chairperson decided it was politically expedient to wait until after Congress funded the NEA before announcing these outrageous abuses of taxpayer funds," Nickles said in a statement from Washington.

Hughes said she and Miller will con-

tinue to pursue a lawsuit challenging Frohnmayer's original action and a congressional requirement that the NEA consider standards of decency in making its grants.

"I am grateful to get this money," she said in an interview. "It's good news for me, but I don't think it means that the struggle is necessarily over for the art world."

Miller said, "I feel the chilling effect is still very much there to artists. My personal situation does not change the situation of everyone."

Miller said he would use the grant to develop performance pieces dealing with "the issues of my life as a gay person and the AIDS crisis."

Frohnmayer said Miller was ranked

second and Hughes tied for fourth by an artist-dominated panel that chose 19 performance artists from among 124 applicants to receive grants. The National Council on the Arts and Frohnmayer approved the decision.

"It seems to me that the only reason that I, as chairperson, could throw it out and substitute my own judgment would be if I were really persuaded that there was no evidence of artistic substance in the proposed grant," the NEA chairperson said. "And in these two, along with every other grant we are announcing, I am persuaded there is artistic value."

The NEA chairperson said he alerted the White House that the announcement was coming, but "Nobody in the Bush administration suggested that I should or should not approve the grants."

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Kowalski guardianship battle back before appeals court

By MARY R. SANDOK

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Tuesday, Nov. 5 (AP)—A judge abused his discretion by ignoring medical evidence when he rejected Karen Thompson's petition to serve as guardian for her brain-damaged lesbian lover, the Minnesota Court of Appeals was told Tuesday.

Attorneys for Thompson and the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union asked a three-judge appellate court panel to reverse St. Louis County District Judge Robert V. Campbell's appointment of Karen Tomberlin as Sharon Kowalski's guardian.

Campbell appointed Tomberlin of Coleraine, a track and volleyball coach who coached Kowalski in high school, after Kowalski's father resigned as guardian in May 1990.

Kowalski's parents, Donald and Della Kowalski, and Thompson had been involved in a guardianship battle since Sharon Kowalski, 35, a former physical education teacher, was left a brain-dam-

aged quadriplegic after a Nov. 13, 1983, automobile accident.

Issues in the case, which has received widespread attention from feminist and gay rights activists, have been before the Appeals Court before, as well as before the Minnesota and U.S. supreme courts.

Campbell decided that Tomberlin was a neutral third party who would best guarantee that Kowalski receives support from both her parents and Thompson, a professor at St. Cloud State University.

Thompson's attorney, M. Sue Wilson, said Campbell ignored the testimony of 16 medical experts who all said Kowalski was able to reliably express a preference for where she wants to live.

Kowalski, who now is in a Robbinsdale nursing home, wants to live with Thompson, Wilson said.

"If that's not an abuse of discretion, I don't know what is," Wilson said of the judge's rejection of the health care workers' conclusions.

Wilson also contended that state law does not speak of neutrality in guardianship cases and said the judge should have based his decision on who was most committed to Kowalski.

Medical experts have said that Kowalski can be treated outside a health care facility, Wilson said, and if Thompson wins guardianship she should be allowed to care for Kowalski in a community setting.

Attorney Brian O'Neill, representing the MCLU, said there is a history of "judicial hostility" in the case because of Thompson and Kowalski's lesbian relationship.

Tomberlin's lawyer, Thomas F. Sjogren, said that what Kowalski says now about where she wants to live should not be the determining factor.

To determine Kowalski's wishes, he said, one would have to go back eight years.

Before the accident, Kowalski was "delicately balancing the maintenance

of a relationship with her parents and with Karen Thompson by avoiding telling her parents what her relationship was," he said.

Sjogren said Kowalski has not been told everything about the conflict between her parents and Thompson to avoid upsetting her and that she may be unable to remember what she is told.

Fred Friedman, Kowalski's court-appointed attorney, said he recommended a neutral guardian to the district judge because of the "open hostility" between Thompson and Kowalski's parents.

However, he said, he believes Kowalski should be moved to a suitable facility closer to her parents in Nashua or to Thompson.

"I think she should be closer to people who love her," Friedman said. "Now, people are pounding the highway to see her."

Wilson said Thompson is not hostile toward Kowalski's parents.

The Appeals Court judges are expected to rule within 90 days.

▼▼▼ DATELINE HOUSTON

Defendants in Paul Broussard murder will probably get separate trials

Ten young men charged with murder in the July 4 slaying of Paul Broussard will probably be tried separately, according to Assistant District Attorney Mike Anderson, who is prosecuting the case.

"It is most likely...that (counsel for the defendants) will request separate trials," Anderson said.

On Friday, Nov. 8, Judge Brian Rains set the date for disposition of all ten cases on Jan. 10, 1992. Anderson said trial dates for each of the defendants will also probably be set then.

Nancy Rodriguez, Paul Broussard's mother, and other members of the victim's family came to Houston to attend the court hearing, through which they sat silently as an attorney for one of the defendants presented a motion to postpone the arraignment a second time.

After the hearing, Rodriguez and Michelle Broussard, Paul's sister, said they felt as if the time allowed until Jan. 10



Assistant District Attorney Mike Anderson confers with Nancy Rodriguez and friends of murder victim Paul Broussard after court hearing on Nov. 8.

represented "another delay."

"The court tries to be lenient with the defendants...so they can have their cases ready for trial," Anderson explained.

Any motions by the defense must now be filed before the disposition date, he said.

Paul Broussard died July 4 after he and two companions were ambushed and brutally beaten in Montrose by ten youths armed with spiked boards and a knife.

All ten defendants in the Broussard case were either in court or represented through counsel Friday. They are: Gayland Earl Randle, 17; Leandro Ramirez, 17; Jeffrey Valentine, 17; brothers Jaime R. Aguirre, 19 and Javier R. Aguirre, 17; Paul Chance Dillion, 22; Brian D. Spake, 17; Derrick Jan Attard, 17; Ralph Gonzales, 18 and Jon C. Buice, 17.

Later on Friday, Rodriguez and her daughter decided to join in a demonstration against hate crimes at Houston's city hall, carrying a sign depicting Broussard's grave stone.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

LGRL to roast its former leader, State Rep. Glen Maxey

On Nov. 16 the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas is hosting a roast of State Rep. Glen Maxey in Austin at the historic Seangerrunde Hall, 1607 San Jacinto next to Scholz's Bier Garten. Syndicated columnist Molly Ivins will be the master of ceremonies and roasters include former agriculture commissioner Jim Hightower, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, Rep. Debra Danburg of Houston, Rep. Elliot Naishtat of Austin and Travis County

Clerk Dana BeBeauvoir.

The roast will comically celebrate some of the success that Rep. Maxey has experienced over the past year. In March of this year, Glen Maxey became the first openly gay elected official in the history of the state. Since taking office as representative of District 51, Maxey has championed such causes as ethics reform, consumer protection, AIDS funding, civil rights and environmentalism.

Prior to taking office, Maxey was the executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. LGRL, now under the leadership of Laurie Eiserloh, continues to effectively lobby for the rights of lesbians and gay men in Texas. During the last legislative session LGRL helped pass a hate crimes bill protecting lesbians and gays and blocked five separate AIDS bills that would have criminalized persons living with HIV and undercut all past policy successes, the staff said. During the spe-

cial session, LGRL stopped legislation that would have criminalized HIV-positive health care workers and removed harmful provisions from a bill that would have outlawed many forms of protest at the State Capitol, including the March on Austin for Gay/Lesbian Equal Rights.

Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds from the event will benefit the Lobby. For more information or tickets, call LGRL at (512) 474-5475.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay rights advocates to battle right-wing group in Maine

PORTLAND, Maine, Thursday, Nov. 7 (AP)—Battle lines are drawn in a legal challenge to determine whether the Christian Civic League can press ahead with an attempt to give Maine voters veto power over gay rights legislation.

Attorney General Michael Carpenter and Secretary of State G. William Diamond already have ruled that the Christian Civic League's proposed referendum initiative would be unconstitutional. That ruling drew a lawsuit from the civic league.

On Thursday, a group of civil rights and gay rights groups entered the fray, announcing they would try to intervene in the lawsuit in Kennebec County Superior Court alongside the state.

"This is a critical issue for the state of Maine," said Patricia Peard, an attorney for the Maine Civil Liberties Union. "This is a minority that needs all of the support and protection it can get in the state of Maine."

The Christian Civic League has led past opposition to gay rights bills in Maine that would outlaw discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation. The Legislature has rejected those bills eight times in the past 14 years, most recently last spring.

But the league also wants to force a referendum that would change Maine law to require that voters be given a chance to veto any future gay rights bill passed by the Legislature.

Diamond welcomed the news that the civil rights groups would be fighting in court on the state's side.

"I'm glad that other people are intervening because what we're trying to do is protect the integrity of the referendum process and not send out questions to the public that we think are unconstitutional," Diamond said.

He said the attorney general concluded the proposed referendum would be unconstitutional because it would give voters a veto power over action by the Legislature.

"It would negate normal legislative action because what it would do is say if the Legislature passes a law, this really won't be law until it goes out to referen-

dum and the public approves," Diamond said.

Ed Shannon, president of the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance, said Thursday the civic league's referendum campaign amounts to a "sophisticated hate crime."

"This petition is unconscionable and will go down in history books as one of the last to fan the fires of bigotry in this decade in Maine, and as one that is clearly reminiscent of the malicious efforts on the part of certain whites against blacks in the South during the civil rights movement of the 1960s," he said. "Blacks would still be living in a segregated America were the civil rights legislation of the 60s put out to referendum."

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

San Antonio's winners: Mr. TGRA Terry Neal and local entertainment

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

TNV San Antonio

From Big D, a victor has emerged! Yes, it's San Antonio's own Terry Neal, who in statewide competition last week was named Mr. TGRA 1992. Congratulations, Terry. The San Antonio community is very proud of you.

Don't forget. Friday, Nov. 22, is the date for the Miss Tri-State USA Pageant at the Bonham Exchange. By the way, do you know why the Bonham is the perfect host for the pageant? Because it's got about as many dressing rooms as

the Radio City Music Hall.

Shall we do the arts scene? Jump Start Performance Company promises to fill your November calendar. On Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16, Jump start presents the Ralph Lemon Dance Company. Performance time is 8:00 p.m. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22-24, our favorite performance artist, David Casas, is doing a new, original stream of consciousness work. The performance is reported to include original music and some wicked humor in a politically charged atmosphere. What more could we ask?

To close the month, Jump Start will feature Glenna Park and Dianna Cardenas doing performance art "for women who have been pushed into corners." They perform on Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30. All these events take place at the Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry in San Antonio.

I hear that in Houston, they're putting their dancers in cages. Well, here in the Alamo City, we're still making do with lots of hot oil. The passion for hot oil wrestling continues on Thursday nights

at the Hard Hat. And Memories is getting organized for women's hot oil wrestling. Could this be the reason for the big jump in futures prices?

A couple of years ago, en route from Tahoe, Dennis and U stopped by Rosario's for breakfast. While Alfred handled the huevos, Will made some fabulous green chile soup. So here's my tip for the week. If you stay at the bars past 2:00 a.m. and miss your Mexican Food, go by Rosario's on Sunday morning for breakfast.

Remember, the rumor mill is always open at (512) 824-4735. Give me a call.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

Dirt from Vera, winners at the Rodeo and lots goin' on

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Hello, Houston! Let's do something different—we're gonna start with dirt by none other than Vera. Girl, if these get any more obscure, we're gonna have to publish a list of nicknames, etc. so that the readers and this writer will be in the know, too!

Frankly, I'm lost but here goes.

Lady B (BRB), why is your favorite movie "Back Street Affair"?

Mark, here you've been sleeping in a strange bed.

Buzzie, is it true you are the new towel girl at the Allen Park Inn?

Little Joe (BRB), were you really playing Florence Nightingale in Dallas last weekend? (Broken ankles, huh? Could it be someone's feet were too close to the ceiling fan?)

Peaches, what's this about cold weather, short blankets and iced butt?

Now for the other dirt—

Darnell (Budweiser) says Dennis (Miller Lite) claims he has to wear two jocks just to keep it up. And Dennis, just who was leading the dance?

Don Dowden (Mary's), hear your new nickname is roadkill and your new beau's Moose? Must make for some truly dented fenders.

Maude (Gentry) picked up anything but a double at Whataburger recently?

Marvin Wayne (Venture-N), aka Sandy, Happy Birthday on Nov. 12 for your 40-4!

Happy Birthday to Dee (E/J's), Friday, Nov. 15 and he's quit counting.

I'd be willing to bet those of you who went to Dallas last weekend for Rodeo had a ball. Not being able to go was a little disappointing since my record for rodeos is so good. (Ha, ha). In Austin a few years ago, Miss Yancey and I met Mr. Dowden at the Crossing and never saw



Lee Chardon, catin' around as a special guest for Brittany Paige's Thursday show



Winners of NLA's leather auction were Ken Sledge and Viva Knight (center), pictured with runners-up

a horse or cow after that. I did, however, do a great barstool bucking fall in Dirty Sally's/Austin and never lost my hat or drink. And then in Fort Worth, in between combing Brucella's wigs, I did a great job woofing at the ticket windows and no, Terry Clark, they never called me to ask about a cracked window.

But while we're on rodeos, let's not forget to wish congratulations to our Houston-sponsored winners: Nevada, Ms. TGRA 1992; Eddie Keir, first place, pole

bending; Gene Mikulka and Bret Bateman, who tied for first place in bareback bronc riding and Hal Baker, who placed third in bareback bronc riding. Congratulations and better luck next year to all who entered and we hear Gay Rodeo is in Dallas again next year.

Once again the Venture-N was the place to be for leather last Friday. NLA had quite a turnout for their Master/Mistress of Leather Auction, which brought in \$1400 for Colt 45's and the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard. Top auction dollars came in on Viva Knight of Bacchus II and Ken Sledge of the Mining Company.



Dean and Carolyn exceed the NLA-Houston Master/Mistress of Leather Auction last Friday



Rage was "on" and everybody at E/J's knew it



Craig, Diana is really friendly on her birthday!

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

Sex Science conferees take a break to 'study' the bar scene

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

James T. Sears, author of "Growing Up Gay in the South" (Harrington Park Press) came to the Great Mother Swamp last week to speak at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, which gathered in the luxurious rooms of the InterContinental Hotel on Saint Charles Avenue.

Sears left the scientists for a little private field work. First, he signed his book at Faubourg Marigny Books (Frenchmen at Chartres). Then he moved on to the Mint (Esplanade at Decatur). Next area of

study, for the scholars, was the Empire on Dumaine (near Rampart) where the always elegantly attired Jim Wiltberger, taking a break from his duties consulting to the candidates in the hot Louisiana election, along with an unidentified clothier—to-the-Uptown-set, joined the study group.

Next, they gathered to watch the dancers at the Corner Pocket (940 Saint Louis) for demonstration of sexual appeal interesting to local and visiting scholars alike. A lovely blond, working independently of the establishment—according to a corner pocket spokesperson—would be worthy of anyone's studies. (Sorry, I don't know the

artist's name). They work for tips, you know, which is a whole lot of the appeal. Max, another lovely blond talent among the bar-top toe-tappers, was also a part of the evening's instruction.

From the Corner Pocket, the class moved to the Rawhide (740 Burgundy) where, if soggy memory serves, the students may have been asked to leave. ("Can one be asked to leave the Rawhide?" asked FMB bookseller Allan Robinson.)

In any case, the group, now swollen in size, arrived at Good Friends (740 Dauphine) as the tide washed out. Bartender Jeff Wiltshire may well be responsi-

ble for saving lives and sexual scholarship by not laughing in our face when we ordered "milk" for the road.

The sun twinkled up over the Westbank as class dismissed. Professor Sears kept his lunch date the next day with Jim Bailey, publisher of Second Stone newspaper, and addressed the scientific sexologists with-out a hint of the previous evening's field studies. How do these academicians do it?

(Bartenders, club owners, etc. who want items in New Orleans Soap, send information to Leonard Earl Johnson, P.O. Box 72002, New Orleans 70172.)

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

Author-lawyer Andrew Vachss denies charges that he is homophobic

PART TWO By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

Andrew Vachss is a child advocacy lawyer in New York City. His special concern is the abuse of children and the unwillingness of most people to respond to their problems with more than symbolism and demagoguery. Vachss is a man who has followed his heart.

"Children have no one to pay for legal representation," he told me in a conversation last year. "One of the reasons I started writing novels was to tell their story but also to raise money to pay for the legal defense of these poor abused kids."

Vachss has raised a lot of money. His gut-wrenching books sell well. His current fast-selling title is "Sacrifice." In it he tells the tale of his recurring protagonist Burke, "...an ex-con turned unlicensed PI (private investigator)...combat ready to engage those who prey on and profit from the lives of children."

Vachss was in the Great Mother Swamp recently, speaking at the New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission's 1991 Writers Conference. Sometimes people take Vachss to be homophobic. We talked about that.

"In 'Hard Candy' a piece of dialog out of there became graffiti all over San Francisco. 'Fag bashers are trying to kill what they see in the mirror'."

"I have a lot of support in the gay community, on the other hand those people who are pedophiles and are pretending to be gay say that I am a fag— basher."

LEJ: "Frankly, I have trouble reading your books. 'Hard Candy,' I just couldn't get through. It's not your writing, I like your sparse, crisp style. But the subject was just so heavy it was hard to think about. It's the stuff you like to sweep under the rug, you just don't want to hear it."

Vachss: "You have just articulated the sole reason for writing about it."

LEJ: "I've only started 'Sacrifice' but it

does not seem quite as heavy."

Vachss: "It's funny, this book has gotten the best reviews and yet this was considered by far, by everybody, the most disgusting, horrible."

LEJ: "Really, worse than 'Candy?'"

Vachss: "This is the only one that's gotten reviewed in horror magazines."

That struck me as incredible. What do the horror people like, I asked? Vachss: "Because of this sort of infamous quote I made. I was interviewed a couple of years ago about different authors and I said Steven King doesn't know shit about horror. And went on to say, the child in the basement, awaiting the incestuous pig to come down for another visit knows horror. Witches, monsters are horror?"

Vachss has a presence like the tough, loving big brother who would protect you on the playground from witches and monsters. I like him a lot and feel safer myself knowing he, like Burke, is on watch.

I told Vachss about the ambivalent feel-

ings in the lesbian/gay community towards the rapidly developing outreach programs for gay and lesbian youth. Most feel the work is needed but many hesitate to do it because of fear of being accused of sexual interest, of pedophilia.

LEJ: "Most of us remember a time in our childhood when life was terrible, we feel an urge to reach out but hesitate doing so."

Vachss: "Gay/lesbian adults have an obligation to provide guidance to lesbian and gay youth. An absolute obligation to help kids negotiate the pretty rough path they are going to have to walk. That doesn't mean going to bed with them."

"The reason that distinction is becoming difficult to make is because the gay community insists on calling pedophilia a sexual freedom issue. They don't want to be on the wrong side of any sexual freedom issue. It's a victim— perpetrator issue."

("Sacrifice" by Andrew Vachss, 273 pp. Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf, \$20, hard cover).

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

Juliet's Place is new on Richmond; Chef Baron at Gentry

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Around Montrose this week: Juliet's Place has a great happy hour and live DJ on Friday and Saturday with Schnapps specials Sunday, dart tournament on Monday, chili on Tuesdays, pool league on Wednesdays, and on Thursdays, vodka specials. Go by and check out Bette and the gang and their terrific new place at 903 Richmond.

Also on Richmond, Gentry has great hors d'oeuvres on Friday, catered by Chef Baron—a food extravaganza with a Mexican flair will be served. And don't forget Maude's Monday Night Strip Contest at 10:30 p.m. (Do you really find dancers at Whataburger?) Coming up Nov. 24 at Gentry at 8:00 p.m., Rona Bare-It, a candidate for Empress 8 of RSCISS will present a show to benefit Colt 45's charity fund.

E/J's has shows for everybody all week, like Brittany Paige's show on Thursdays at 10:30. I was there last week and boy howdy! The Rage was definitely on. If you see the name "Rage" listed again—go see this hot bundle of dynamite perform. Woofth, woofth.

Rainbo De Klown is holding auditions this Friday for new talent and he's looking for the Boys! Saturday at E/J's, Texas renegades presents Lust In Las Vegas, a casino night and revue with special guest John Gordon—Mr. Gay All American, who I heard by a very reliable source has quite a bit to show and should be really entertaining. Tuesdays are Talent Nights and Wednesdays it's



Della Houston aka David Alwell does RSCISS benefit at E/J's



P.S. staff members include David, Ken and Chris

Lee Chardon and The Uptown Boys and steak night, with steaks so big I fill up and still take half of one home.

Mary's has another great party coming up on Nov. 24—get ready for a Mary's "Hoe Down." But there ain't nothin' dirty goin' on! More to come on this subject later.

Over at 800 Pacific, the Mining Company is having the Bear Club for Men each Wednesday. For those of you who like your men hairy—check it out. The Mine also has Military Nights on Fridays now.

There's a benefit at Heaven for Phillip W. Smith who was slain in Montrose recently on Thursday, Nov. 21, with half



Clay serves you your favorites at the Mine

the proceeds going to help Phillip's family with expenses and half going as seed money to a newly-formed Avondale Association Patrol to help make our neighborhood safer. There will be a multitude of local big stars and starlets alike from Houston and Charles Armstrong's clubs on Pacific.

J.R.'s is having the Strip Finals on Tuesday, Nov. 26 with an ounce of gold going to the final winner. If you won or were first runner up in the strip offs prior to this event, you can enter and try to get a little richer.

Pacific Street, the club, has a Monday Night Clubber Night and is extending its free admission to other area busi-

nesses' employees if they wear their logo T-shirts. And I hear from Santa himself that the mystery model who has been in their ads will perform with MANDANCE, Men Behind Bars, meanwhile the drink specials continue—go by and try the light show and your favorite libation.

Rumblyngs at the Ripcord? Check out the old logo in their ad this week. Gary, I really like it! More later.

BRB has Little Bit of Texas for your dancing pleasure this Friday and on Sunday it's Colt 45's "Fall Harvest" with special guest John Gordon—Mr. Gay All American. (He's gettin' around this weekend). Wednesdays at BRB it's cloggin' lessons and slop shot pool. And coming up is another "Boots and Boxes" (shorts) party.

Finally at Venture-N on Nov. 21 is the Full Moon Madness with Texas Riders and on Nov. 24 Wigs of Fire will present "The Party" video and wiglet event. Thanksgiving weekend it's a potluck buffet, classic car club exhibition and Fall Roundup from Texas Riders. Yea! Party!

Have you started working on your drunken turkeys yet? I know it's rough and really takes patients to teach them to drink but try a thimble—takes a long time though. And another hint is they like Wild Turkey. You'll have a drunken turkey for sure.

Bye for now!



Debbie Boily performed great music at Missouri Street last weekend



Looks like they're having a great time at P.S.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Pop star George Michael donates record royalties to several AIDS groups

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Nov. 6 (AP)—Pop music star George Michael is donating part of the proceeds from his upcoming single to a number of charities, including two San Francisco AIDS agencies.

The single, "Don't Let the Sun Go

Down on Me," is a remake of the classic song originally recorded by Elton John.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation and Project Open Hand will receive part of the royalties.

"We are extremely appreciative of Mr. Michael's donation to help in the cause

of fighting AIDS," said a joint statement released by Pat Christen of the AIDS Foundation and Steve Burns of Project Open Hand.

The AIDS Foundation focuses on education, case management and advocacy issues surrounding AIDS. Project Open Hand delivers free hot meals and grocer-

ies to more than 2000 people with AIDS in the San Francisco Bay area.

Michael is also donating proceeds to the Los Angeles Children's Museum, the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, the United Negro College Fund, the Jimmy Fund in Boston and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Boycott against newspaper over pro-gay rights stance put on hold

SALEM, Ore., Friday, Nov. 8 (AP)—An Oregon Citizens Alliance boycott of the Statesman Journal is on hold following talks between representatives of the anti-gay group and the newspaper.

Joe Howry, Statesman Journal managing editor, said Friday an OCA request that the paper "clarify" the editorial that caused the boycott was under advisement.

Newspaper editors and OCA officers met on Thursday, one day after the alliance called for a boycott by advertisers and subscribers.

The action stemmed from a Nov. 1 editorial in which the newspaper said OCA is waging a "crusade of intolerance and prejudice" that must be stopped.

Howry said no commitments were made

to OCA in the meeting.

"We have not changed our stand," he said. "We had an open discussion and they presented their views."

He said the organization asked to have a guest opinion published in the paper. Howry said the request would be granted.

Lon Mabon, OCA chairperson, said the organization would submit a guest column

but doesn't want it published unless the newspaper prints a clarification of the earlier editorial.

Mabon said if the paper "stands behind their editorial 100 percent" the boycott tactics will escalate.

That would mean widespread mailings urging people to cancel subscriptions and shun advertisers, he said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Noted researcher says AIDS virus may be controllable within decade

By W. DALE NELSON

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 11 (AP)—Before the 1990s are over, science may be able to control the AIDS virus so that people infected with it can live "many, many, many years" without getting sick, a leader in research on the fatal disease says.

"We may not have a cure in what we classically think of as a cure," Anthony S. Fauci, director of the government's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, said in a television interview Sunday.

But Fauci said he was confident that "within this decade... we will have a combination of drugs that will be able to prolong the disease-free state for a considerable pe-

riod of time."

"I don't think we're going to get to the point where we will be able to eliminate every last vestige of virus from the body," he said. "But it may not be unrealistic to think that you can suppress the virus to the point where an individual can live many, many, many years without having any deleterious effects from the virus."

Fauci was interviewed on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley" in a program focused on basketball star Magic Johnson's announcement last week that he has the HIV virus and is retiring after a brilliant career with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Kevin Johnson of the Phoenix Suns in the National Basketball Association said he expects the NBA to propose "some form of uniform testing" that would be acceptable to the players. He said he favors testing.

But Georgetown University basketball coach John Thompson said an athlete doesn't "have any more of a responsibility to be tested than you do or I do or somebody in the street does, so I think it's an infringement on a person's individual rights if you just isolate athletics."

Kevin Johnson conceded that the privacy question arises, but he said he believed the NBA "will come up with something that we players and the Players Association can accept, just to set an example for

young people."

"I believe that we should get tested," he said.

On another program, Democratic National Chairperson Ronald H. Brown said he hoped Magic Johnson's disclosure "sends an important message to this administration that some resources of a major and significant nature have got to go to eradicating AIDS."

Republican National Chairperson Clayton Yetter, interviewed with Brown on CNN's "Newsmaker Sunday," said Johnson "knows he made a mistake, and it seems to me that his own classy response to that can provide a role model of immense value."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

AIDS activists fear impact of Johnson announcement will fade

By CECI CONNOLLY

FOR THE NEW VOICE

BOSTON, Friday, Nov. 8 (AP)—Local AIDS activists fear the attention being given to basketball star Magic Johnson and his announcement that he has tested positive for the AIDS virus will quickly wane.

"This is sort of an open window in which Americans are paying attention to AIDS," said Larry Kessler, executive director of the AIDS Action Committee. "By next Friday this could come to a grinding halt; it could be old news, an old story."

As news spread that basketball great, Earvin "Magic" Johnson was retiring from the Los Angeles Lakers because he has tested positive for the AIDS virus, people from all walks of life sat up. Hotline phones have been ringing off the hooks, the airwaves and newspapers

were flooded with the story.

"We're taking advantage of a lull between wars, discussions on the economy and elections to talk about AIDS again," said Kessler, who is also a member of the National Commission on AIDS. "Will it last? I doubt it."

Like Kessler's organization, the Fenway Community Health Center has witnessed a 50 percent increase in calls since Johnson's announcement Thursday evening, said spokesperson Michele Frost.

"This is a tragedy," she said. "But we are glad something of this nature happened in light of the communities and peoples this will educate."

Because Johnson is one of the first prominent black people to test positive for the virus, Rochelle Rollins believes the positive effects will be felt the most in minority communities.

"Our surveys have shown people in communities of color are not using (treatment) drugs to the extent they are in the white community and (minorities) are often not aware of the drugs," said Rollins, a clinical trial researcher at the Multicultural AIDS Coalition.

"Rock Hudson was the first step in everyone's awareness, Ryan White brought home the issue of adolescence and pediatric AIDS," she said. "We are hopeful Magic Johnson can do the same in communities of color."

But Rollins acknowledged it is difficult to keep the public focused on a depressing issue like AIDS.

"A lot will depend on how much activism Magic Johnson can do," she said.

Kessler said he fears the next time Johnson will receive much attention will be his first hospitalization.

"A small number of people who are

talking about this today will learn something," he said. "But in those drier periods when things quiet down again, I'm pretty confident some people will return to denial; others will get complacent because they haven't heard about AIDS in a while."

Kevin Cathcart, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, said Johnson will spark much debate but it's hard to say whether more action will be taken on AIDS education, research and treatment.

"President Bush's attitude has been so callous for so long I'm not sure what it would take," he said.

But Frost was more optimistic. "Even Jesse Helms watches basketball," she said, referring to the conservative Republican senator from North Carolina. "I think this will become a voting issue."

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Killer in New York bashing says he hadn't intended victim to die

By RAYNER PIKE
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Saturday, Nov. 9 (AP)—The prosecution's star witness in a gay-bashing murder trial says he and two other Queens men were looking for someone to beat up, but killing the victim was a spur-of-the-moment act.

The witness, Daniel Doyle, reiterated under cross-examination Friday that he fatally stabbed Julio Rivera during an attack in which Erik Brown and Esat Bici participated.

Brown, 21, and Bici, 19, are charged with murdering Rivera and face 25 years to life in prison if convicted. Doyle, 21, son of a retired police detective, made a deal to plead guilty to manslaughter and receive eight and one-third to 25 years in prison in return for his testimony against Brown and Bici.

In cross-examination, Bici's lawyer, Barry Gene Rhodes, got Doyle to repeat

that it had been his idea to go hunting for someone to beat up in the early hours of July 2, 1990.

In direct testimony, Doyle had said he and the two defendants agreed to go looking for a drug addict, homosexual or homeless person to beat up in the name of their skinhead gang, known as DMS, in which interest had been flagging.

Doyle testified that the attack on Rivera, a 29-year-old bartender who was a stranger to them, lasted only about 20 seconds. He said Bici, a high school dropout, struck the victim on the head with a beer bottle and then started swinging at him with a hammer.

Then, Doyle said, "I stabbed and killed him ... I killed him because he was gay."

The 6-foot-5-inch, 200-pound witness told Rhodes that he brought the knife down on Rivera's back.

"He was doubled over. I didn't need to raise it further than my shoulder," he

said.

Was the stabbing sudden and spontaneous? Rhodes asked.

"Yes," Doyle responded.

Had he announced his intention to stab Rivera?

"No."

He had intended to injure, not kill, Rivera?

"Right," said Doyle, whose tone

throughout his two days on the stand was largely flat and unemotional.

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Adults no cover to 10pm, \$1.25 drinks 8-11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
Gong with the Wind Gong Show, Hardhat
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
After hours, Nexus

●SUNDAY, NOV. 17

50¢ draft, pool tourney 8pm, Nexus
Cowboys in Action, 50¢ draft, Silver Dollar
Liquor Rush 8-11pm, male dancers 11pm, no cover, Wild Club
\$1.75 Cuervo, Memories
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●MONDAY, NOV. 18

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Mad Money Mondays, Wild Club
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●TUESDAY, NOV. 19

Happy hour 10am-10pm, El Jardin
Happy hour all night, Nexus
Wild Wheel drink specials, Wild Club
Steak night, happy hour to 9pm, Memories
No cover, Bonham Exchange
Male dancers, Hardhat

●WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus
Male strippers 11pm, Wild Club
Line dancing & \$1 longnecks to 11pm, Memories
Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft (cover charge), Bonham Exchange
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●THURSDAY, NOV. 21

Steak night 7pm, Nexus
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Cancer

A sudden urge to travel has you trying to squeeze out extra money from your budget. Remember, although the urge is great, it will require sacrifice at a later date. However, you will enjoy the trip.

Leo

Bad weather may force you to change some outdoor plans. If possible, be prepared to save the day by moving

the activity indoors. The spontaneity of the change enhances the fun.

Virgo

The next week begins slowly but builds to a grand crescendo. Don't let early week doldrums prevent you from preparing for an end-of-the-week blowout.

Libra

Domestic problems are resolved with honest and frank discussion. Be willing to compromise on the issues at hand. Look at things in the long run before making a costly mistake.

Scorpio

You will be included in a celebration for a friend or business associate. Don't let envy spoil the occasion. Share in the good fortune of others.

Sagittarius

Strange, almost eerie, happenings have you perplexed. Don't dwell too long on things you cannot control. Be flexible to changes.

Capricorn

Your new relationship isn't moving along as quickly as you'd like. Others sometimes need more of their own space than you do. Take it easy and let things grow.

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

Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, 25¢ well, \$1.25 beer, Charlie's

Happy hour buffet 6-8pm, \$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, 'Bout Time

●SATURDAY, NOV. 16

Torn Jeans Party, Chain Drive

\$1.25 well & beer 8-11pm, Charlie's

\$1.25 well & beer 9-10pm, 'Bout Time

●SUNDAY, NOV. 17

Pam's Food Feast, \$1.50 well & beer noon-8pm, 'Bout Time

Cookout 5pm, beer special, liquor busts, The Crossing

Lone Star Male Review 7-11pm, \$1.50 well & beer 2-10pm, draft special, Charlie's

●MONDAY, NOV. 18

Nasty Boys 11pm & midnight, The Crossing
Margaret Wright on piano 6-8pm, happy hour all day, all night, TV football, 'Bout Time

\$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, draft special, Lone Star Male Review 10:30pm & 12:30am, Charlie's

●TUESDAY, NOV. 19

"Cocktail Wheel" hourly specials, steak night 6-8pm, amateur strip midnight, draft special, Charlie's

●WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

25¢ well with hand stamp, The Crossing

25¢ well deal, Charlie's

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, \$1.50 well & beer 8-11pm, 'Bout Time

●THURSDAY, NOV. 21

\$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, Lone Star Male Review 10:30pm & 12:30am, Charlie's

Golden Boys 10:30pm, midnight, The Crossing

Country Night, 'Bout Time

●FRIDAY, NOV. 22

Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, 25¢ well, \$1.25 beer, Charlie's

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

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\$1 schnapps & \$1.75 Cuervo 7am-noon, Ripcord

1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

No cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street

Hors d'oeuvres by Baron 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm-2am, Gentry

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Rainbo de Klown's All Male Auditions 11pm, E/J's

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

●SATURDAY, NOV. 16

\$1 schnapps & \$1.75 Cuervo 7am-noon, Ripcord

Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's

Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center

Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's

BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa

Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.

Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N

9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time

Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa

Torn Levi Party, Montrose Mining Co.

Little Bit of Texas band 9:30pm, BRB

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 BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
 Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mine
 Chili dogs 5pm, blue light specials, Venture-N
 Colt 45s Fall Harvest "A Cowboy's Dream" 6-8pm, BRB
 \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, Juliet's Place
 Steak-n-tater 5pm, male dancers 7pm, Gentry
 "Mandance" 5pm, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street
 Happy hour prices to 11pm, Ripcord
 Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●MONDAY, NOV. 18

\$1 margaritas 7am-2am, Ripcord
 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N
 Dart tournaments, Juliet's Place
 "Boys Night Out" 9pm, Pacific Street
 Male strip contest 10:30pm, Gentry
 Half price admission with Stone Soup donation, Midtowne Spa
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●TUESDAY, NOV. 19

Pool league play 8pm, many clubs
 Happy hour prices 7am-2am, Ripcord
 Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
 \$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
 Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's
 Pizza Party 6:30pm, Gentry
 Chili night, Juliet's Place
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 Talent contest 10:30pm, MC Giovanni, E/J's
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

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●FRIDAY, NOV. 22

Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord
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 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 \$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
 Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa
 Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm-2am, Gentry
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GWF, 33, attractive, blonde/blue, working on doctorate - but like cartoons & other mindless entertainment. Seeking quality companion to spend some time with. I've tried but have low/no tolerance for PMS, smoking, C & W music. AD25189

GWF, attractive, blonde/blue, stable, professional, 33. I don't smoke, do drugs, & rarely drink. I'm not a stereo type & am not looking for one. I'm tired of bar steaze & game players & would like to meet a serious minded individual who knows what honesty is. AD25955.

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GWM, 41, 5'7, 160, stable, professional. Brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, HIV-neg. Excellent health, non-smoker, affectionate. Enjoys all types of music, going to movies, plays. Loves animals. Looking for a man 30-40s who is sincere, honest & is willing to build a relationship on a one-on-one basis. Tell me of your interests & hobbies. Ad 25219

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I am a GWM, late 30s, br/br, 5'10", 155, moustache, hairy chest, nice looking, healthy. I am fascinated by young guys with red hair. Describe yourself & your favorite fantasies. Perhaps we can make one another happy. (P.S. I also likes guys named Barry.) Ad 25169

COUPLE LOOKING FOR A THIRD

GWM couple, both 26, well built & attractive, seeking GWM (21-30), stripper type who loves

his body & wants to share it with us. Intimacy only & must be versatile. Into working out/dancing for money? You're the one! Ad 25963

COUPLE SEEKS COUPLES

GWM 39/43, stable guys, seek same. We are 6'1/50, both healthy & trim. One bearded, one moustached. Need some variety. Into movies, fantasies & costumes. Tired of bars. Come, let's play safe as a group. We will take things into our own hands & yours to share your company & time. More male bonding. Ad 25241

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Good looking GWM early 30s, physician, new in town, looking for intellectual GM, 25-40, any race, who is interested in opera, concert & the arts, for visiting cultural events together. Favorites: Bach, Haendel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Rossini, Verdi, Wagner. Ad 25244.

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28, 6', 195, blk/ green/ brown eyes. Intelligent, well educated, attractive, financially secure professional. I like to run, bike, read & dance. A gourmet cook. I also volunteer with PWAs. I'm healthy, non drug and/ or smoker. Seeking GWM 20-30 with similar taste. Sound to good to be true? You'll never know unless ... Ad 25247.

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GWM, 37, 5'9, brn/ hzl, HIV pos., slim, attractive, masculine, educated, traveled, clean/ sober, professional. Love outdoors, cultural pursuits, new experiences. Sexually versatile, adventurous, accommodating, passionate. Seeking sincere companion, GWM, 30's with similar qualities. Must be stable, mature, thrive on affection, intimate & ready for meaningful relationship. Ad 25960

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Christian, 32, secure homeowner, seeks GWF. No smoke, drink, drugs, children. Me: attractive, affectionate, honest, intelligent, able to commit totally to right woman. You: same. Well-endowed & good cook are pluses. Also desire to start family. Prefer brown hair/eyes, medium skin. Ad 25092

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GWF, early 30's, Christian. I am non-smoker, non-drinker, honest, self-aware growth-oriented & capable of physical & emotional intimacy. I am seeking a similar GWF with no children for a long-term monogamous relationship. Ad 25913.

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GWM, 32, 6'5, 285

mostly bottom, but can be versatile. Enjoy camping, canoeing, politics, movies, theater. Non-smoker, occasional glass of wine. Know what & who I am - hope you do too. Looking for friendship/

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GWM, 36

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30, 5'8", 144, blk/blk, versatile, mostly top, slim muscular build & clean-cut, enjoys football, movies & tennis, seeks attractive GWM or GHM 25-35, muscular build, clean-cut & weight in proportion to height. For friendship & fun. Ad 25925

HANDSOME GUY

GWM, 34, 6', 160, brown/green, Irish with good looks, looking for sincere guy 22-40 to have fun & games with or possible relationship. I like all sports, the arts, etc. HIV neg., non-smoking/light drinker, & have a very healthy romantic & sexual appetite. I'm especially interested in Hispanic, ethnic, "natural" & well-built partners. I'm tired of bars & want to meet some interesting & fun

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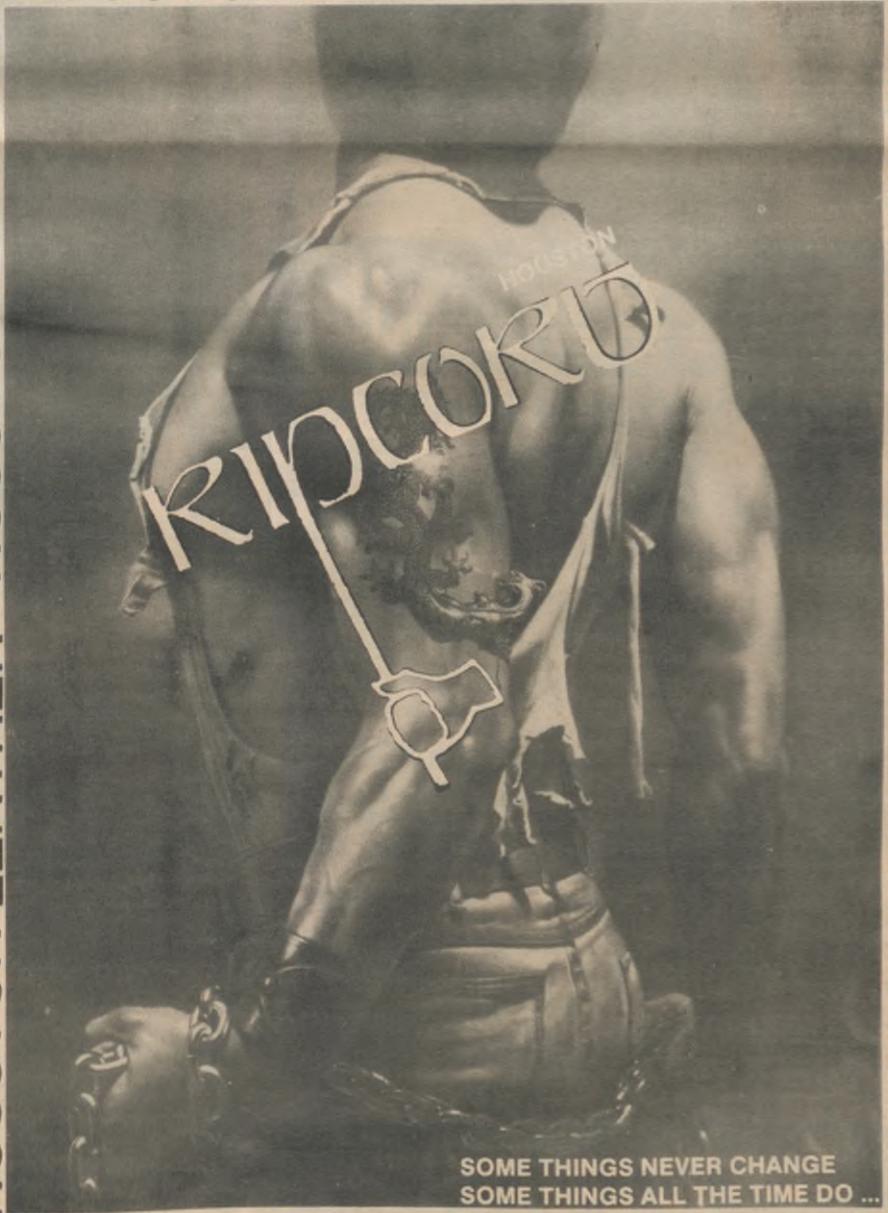
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HOT GM COUPLE

GWM couple, early & mid 30s, would like to meet other couples & singles for hot, safe fun. We are looking for similar men who are uninhibited & who enjoy B&D within limits. Ad 25210

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I'M THE RIGHT MAN FOR YOU

If you're looking for a non-smoking GWM, 6', 240, 50ish, HIV neg., smart, sexy, solvent into good sex, kissing & monogamy, then I really am the right man for you. Let's talk. Ad 25173.

I'M YOU KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR

GWM, 29, 6', 180#, blonde wavy hair, blue eyes, college educated, professional seeking similar for long term partnership. You should like music, sports, movies, dining, & quiet evenings at home. I am looking for complete honesty, romance, & someone who speaks directly from the heart. I am your prince & hold the polish to shine your armor! Ad 25982.

LABEL DEFYING GBM

professional, corporate type with Bohemian

an heart. 26, 5'10, 165# with eclectic interests from Bach & Brie to BarBQ & Clint Black. Wants to make good friends but seeking him that loves freely, strongly, & exclusively. Ad 25976.

LAI D BACK BUT ADVENTUROUS COUPLE

GWM couple seeks other couples & singles for weekend trips to Austin (and elsewhere), backyard BBQ & fun in the sun. We drink beer (probably more than our fair share), catch a buzz every now & then, & use foul language more than necessary but we're pretty good people otherwise. Ad 25099

LESBIAN WANTED!

Attractive, professional, silky-soft butch desperately seeks sexy, educated companion, 25-35, for fun, friendship & romance. Smoking & obesity are personal turn-offs, but gourmet cooking & lacy lingerie are short-cuts to my heart. No racial preference/ prejudice. Written responses only, enclose recent photo. Ad 566-L

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Michael, there is no moment more future than now. As lightning bolts wildly across the sky, the future is anyone's guess. There are no straight lines in nature. Let us follow nature, together, into the future. I Love you. David

LOOKING FOR GWM

GWM mid-late 20's - mid-late 30's who is mature, athletic & kind. I am GWM 25, athletic build, br. br. 160#, HIV- & financially secure. Interests include bicycling, movies, gymnastics, roller skating & cooking dinner at

home. I volunteer with numerous HIV related groups. Let's talk. Ad 25914

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional GWM, 36, 6', 168 lbs, brown hair & eyes. I am looking for that someone special 25-45 for a monogamous, loving relationship. Race, color or creed unimportant. I am honest, sincere & healthy. My interests include biking, outdoors, movies, TV, Nintendo, cards & sports (especially football). I prefer a non-smoker, non-drinker & someone who is not into the bar scene. Ad 25156

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MASTER SEEKS SUBMISSIVE

between 21-45 who are ready to learn the leather lifestyle. I am a GWM, 40, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, stable, willing to teach and train the right person in this lifestyle. Reply with detailed description about yourself. Ad 25946.

MASTER-BIG, TALL DADDY, 40

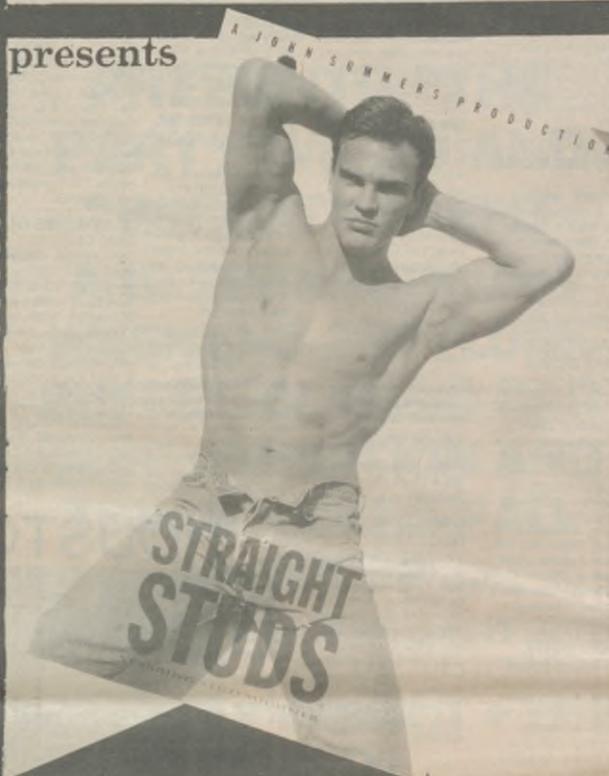
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▼▼▼ **DATeline: GAY AMERICA**
ACLU says college's anti-hate speech policy unconstitutional

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Friday, Nov. 8 (AP)—A so-called "anti-hate speech" policy at Laramie County Community College violates the constitutional right to freedom of speech, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

If the college doesn't abandon or change its "discriminatory harassment" policy, the ACLU will likely sue, according to ACLU lawyer Stephen Pevar.

While the policy may be well-intended, it nonetheless is unconstitutional, Pevar said in a letter to LCCC President Edward

Boenisch.

"With all due respect, I have not seen a policy more unconstitutional than this one and litigation is certain to cost the college thousands of dollars in attorney's fees," Pevar wrote.

LCCC officials would not comment on the letter until it was reviewed by their lawyers.

The college Board of Trustees last May adopted a policy barring students, faculty and staff from engaging in speech "intended to frighten, harass, intimidate, or humil-

iate an individual or group because of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status or employment position."

Students violating the policy face possible expulsion and LCCC employees could be fired.

"The policy is so broad as to include discussion on virtually every controversial subject in today's society," Pevar said.

"Statements such as 'men are inconsiderate,' 'Republicans are conservative,' 'single people are irresponsible' or college

presidents live in an ivory tower' can result in punishment," he added.

Pevar urged the school board to abandon the policy or adopt a "constitutionally acceptable" version or face an ACLU lawsuit on behalf of "any person who claims that her or his speech is being chilled by this policy."

LCCC spokesperson Rod Jenney said the letter has been forwarded to the college's lawyer.

"Beyond that we won't comment on the ACLU letter," he said.

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Lawyer claims it's simply prejudice that is behind ban on gay troops

By LAURIE ASSEO FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 7 (AP)—Simple prejudice is to blame for the military's ban on homosexuals, says a lawyer who wants a federal judge to throw out the policy and order the U.S. Naval Academy to graduate a gay man who was forced to resign.

But a government lawyer told U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch on Thursday that courts are expected to defer to such military decisions.

"This court or any court should be very hesitant about overturning the military policy toward homosexuals," said David Glass. "The military's policy on homosexuality is constitutional."

Joseph C. Steffan's military performance grade was dropped from an A-minus to an F the day after he disclosed to Naval Academy officials that he was a

homosexual, his attorney, Marc Wolinsky, told the judge.

"The only thing that changed was the perception of him," Wolinsky said. "What underlies the military regulation is prejudice. The military has never answered the question of why good order and morale and discipline will be served by this exclusion" of homosexuals.

But Gasch asked "who should make the decision"—the courts or those who run the military.

Steffan resigned from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 1987, six weeks before graduation, after academy officials told him he would not be allowed to graduate on the ground he had disclosed days earlier that he was gay. He was not accused of engaging in homosexual conduct.

Steffan wants Gasch to declare that the military policy barring homosexuals

from the service is unconstitutional and order the Naval Academy to grant him a diploma.

All branches of the military service ban homosexuals. The Defense Department policy says the presence of homosexuals in the military harms discipline, morale and trust among service members and the ability to assign them to places where they must live and work in close quarters with little privacy.

Wolinsky argued that a similar rationale formerly was used to exclude blacks from the military.

But Glass said other courts have ruled that the military policy is not based on prejudice and that blacks are entitled to a stricter standard to protect their rights in such cases.

The Supreme Court in 1986 upheld a military policy barring Jewish service members from wearing yarmulkes, the

government lawyer noted. Under that logic, he said, the military "surely has the authority and discretion to make rules about homosexuality among service members."

Last spring, Gasch denied Steffan's request that he remove himself from the case after he referred to Steffan as a "homo" three times during a hearing. He said his use of the word does not mean he is biased, and an appeals court upheld his decision.

The judge did not indicate when he would rule on both sides' requests for summary judgment.

Gasch first dismissed the suit in 1989 after Steffan refused to say under oath whether he had engaged in homosexual conduct while attending the academy or after he left. An appeals court reversed the dismissal in December, saying that issue was not relevant.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Wisconsin chancellor to lobby against military's gay ban

MADISON, Wis., Saturday, Nov. 9 (AP)—University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor Donna Shalala says she will lobby against the military's ban on homosexuals at a meeting this week with a top-ranking Pentagon official.

Shalala and chancellors of Minnesota and Illinois universities will meet Wednesday with Christopher Jehn, assistant secretary of defense for force management and personnel.

"We're going to try to get them to change their mind," Shalala said, describing the meeting as the first the Defense Department has granted with uni-

versity officials regarding the ROTC debate.

Students at UW-Madison and other colleges across the nation have repeatedly asked university administrations to oust ROTC from campuses because of the military's ban on homosexuals.

Protests have been frequent in states such as Wisconsin, where state laws prohibit discrimination against gays. Homosexuals at UW-Madison are allowed to take ROTC classes but cannot be commissioned as officers.

Shalala's announcement came Friday as students who oppose the ban staged a

protest and "kiss-in" at the UW Board of Regents meeting Friday. After the meeting began, gay students, some standing on chairs, began hugging and kissing. Others held signs protesting the military's ban.

"You can avoid us altogether by dumping ROTC," one student said as he left the meeting.

In Feb. 1990, the UW regents rejected a Dec. 1989 faculty vote to terminate ROTC on UW campuses unless the discrimination ends. The regents then passed a resolution directing then-president Kenneth Shaw and chancellors to

work with the state's congressional delegation to end the ban.

Shalala said she and other higher-education officials nationwide have spent the last year lobbying the Pentagon to change its policy banning gays from the military.

Jehn invited the university officials to discuss the military's ban after about 10 presidents and chancellors wrote Pentagon officials urging a policy change, Lt. Col. Doug Hart said.

Jehn wrote that "although there were no plans to change the policy," he was willing to discuss it, Hart said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Colo. phone company decides to continue contributing to Boy Scout groups

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Wednesday, Nov. 6 (AP)—U S West Inc. said today it will continue to contribute to local Boy Scout groups, even though the Boy Scouts of America's policy bars admission of homosexuals as members or leaders.

U S West had said last week it was reviewing financial support from its U S West Foundation to local Boy Scout groups, because of the Boy Scouts' national policy on homosexuals. U S West has given about \$300,000 to Colorado scouting groups over the past two years.

"We stand by our corporate values and

will continue to promote them throughout the company," U S West spokesperson Dick McKnight said in a news statement. "At the same time, we also believe the Boy Scouts provide important services to a significant portion of the community—including many of our employees and their families.

"On that basis, we will continue funding," the statement said.

McKnight's statement said U S West will continue to encourage organizations such as the Boy Scouts to examine their policies regarding admission of homo-

sexuals, but said it cannot insist that such groups follow the lead of U S West.

"We do not have to agree with everything an organization espouses in order to support the good it does overall," the statement said.

Last week, published reports quoted a U S West internal memorandum on the subject as saying the Boy Scout policy was "particularly troubling ... in light of U S West's values around pluralism and diversity."

McKnight's statement today said U S

West's non-discrimination policy encourages employees to achieve their full potential, "absent any form of discrimination, be it religious, racial, sexual, age, national origin, or any other artificial barrier."

The Boy Scouts' policy on homosexuals prompted an American Civil Liberties Union challenge in Los Angeles last summer over whether a homosexual could be a scoutmaster. Other challenges have been lodged against the organization over its policies against admitting women and atheists.

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