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▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Harris County dismisses suit against Greater Houston HIV Alliance

Last week, County Assistant Attorney Frank Sanders dropped Harris County's lawsuit against the Greater Houston HIV Alliance. The suit had been brought to force the Alliance to turn over all Ryan White Title I records of HIV infected patients of the Alliance to Harris County officials.

County officials, who have access to inspect and copy the records, have been trying to gain possession of them since last August. The Alliance has needed the records for an ongoing independent audit into its use of federal funds.

According to an Alliance press release, County Judge Jon Lindsay began interfering with the audit after a White Paper protesting the removal of the HIV case Management system records from the Alliance was released.

According to the same press release, initial information obtained from the independent audit suggests that Sue Cooper, the former director of the Alliance, and current director of Harris County's HIV services division, mismanaged federal funds.

According to Maurice Jones, chairperson of the Alliance, the independent audit has been completed, despite resist-



Maurice Jones, Chairperson, Greater Houston HIV Alliance

ance from the county, and results are expected to be released within one week.

Officials from the office of the Inspector General of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration have requested copies of the audit. They are attempting to schedule a site visit with Harris County officials, including Judge Lindsay, for an explanation of the county's past and present management of the federal grant.

Similarly, the federal and state governments are scheduling meetings with patient advocates and health service providers to discuss numerous complaints filed against Judge Lindsay. The complaints regard violation of the confidentiality of client files, lack of financial oversight, and the possible conflict of interest in the judge's recent appointment of county employee Lois Moore to the chair of the Ryan White Council.

According to the Alliance, the county has rejected its Alliance overtures for a cooperative existence for the good of the patients, and has refused to enter into negotiations.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Lifting the gay ban: Defense Secretary studying privacy and conduct issues

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP)—Defense Secretary Les Aspin must answer some of the most complex issues involving privacy and the sexual conduct of troops before President Clinton can issue an executive order allowing homosexuals in the military, officials say.

The questions he is studying include the possible segregation of homosexuals from heterosexuals, whether in military units or in living quarters, as is now the situation for female troops in many cases.

However, the problem is heightened by the fact that both proponents and opponents of changing the ban agree that homosexuals are now serving in the military and have not been separated for special treatment—except for being kicked out.

Studying such questions doesn't necessarily mean they might be implemented but they present a plethora of problems that Aspin, military leaders and Congress must wrestle with in the coming months.

"We will not rule anything in particu-

lar in or out this early during the review process," Aspin spokesperson Vernon Guidry said Sunday.

One senior military official with ties to the Joint Chiefs of Staff said that their chairperson, Gen. Colin Powell, has formulated his objections to lifting the ban on the issue of privacy. "That has been an overwhelming issue for him," said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

One of the four-star chiefs has sent a message to his senior commanders noting that the president's latest statement didn't answer many questions for the troops in the field, according to an aide.

"The rules (about privacy and conduct) must be very specific," the aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "If the policy is to be changed, there must be equality across the board so soldiers—heterosexual and homosexual—are treated with the proper dignity they deserve."

Clinton's decision has created widespread uncertainty among troops in the field, the aide said.

"So I'm told to live with Homosexual Joe. Do I have any rights now?" the aide asked rhetorically. "These are the questions the 23- and 24-year-old command-

ers in the field have to grapple with now. But what if a homosexual says he's threatened in his unit? New standards must be drawn up so commanders know how to react."

On NBC's "Meet the Press" Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Sunday that consideration of proposals to segregate gays to separate living quarters or keep them out of combat units "just exacerbates the problem and it says there is a problem."

"Gay men and straight men have been sharing dormitory, showers, health clubs for a very long time.... we don't have ourselves dry cleaned," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said Sunday during an interview on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Military officials agree that a number of the questions involving homosexuals in the service haven't been answered for heterosexuals—something made jarringly clear after the Tailhook sex abuse scandal of 1991.

Frank chided Senate Armed Services Committee Chairperson Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and others in Congress for their silence in the wake of the Tailhook scandal.

"I do not remember them leading the

outcry after Operation Tailhook. I do not remember when a pattern of systematic abuse of women serving their country came forward that some of these same people were quite as vehement in their insistence that we immediately put a stop to it," said Frank.

Some of the questions that must be answered before the issuance of an executive order include—Should homosexuals be barred from ground combat units or fighting ships where heterosexual women are now excluded?—Should there be a code of conduct regulating the behavior of heterosexuals toward homosexuals in order to prohibit harassment on the basis of sexual orientation?—Will there be a need for extensive sensitivity training to eradicate bigotry?—Will the Uniform Code of Military Justice need to be changed in order to allow consensual sodomy between heterosexuals if the law is changed to allow such activity among homosexuals?

Of major concern are the questions involving the policy changes that would affect the tens of thousands of homosexuals who have been kicked out of the military in the past and who may now demand reinstatement, including back pay and promotions.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

New York Legislature may be moving toward approval of gay rights measure

By DAVID BAUDER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

ALBANY, N.Y., Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP)—A change in strategy by homosexual leaders and a rapprochement with Republicans on health care has given a gay civil rights bill its best chance of passing New York's Legislature in 23 years.

The state Assembly is expected to pass the legislation, first proposed in 1971, on Monday.

The bill would then go to the Republican-controlled state Senate. Its chances there are less certain, but advocates say they have been helped by recent events.

"I'm hopeful," said Dick Dadey, executive director of the Empire State Pride Agenda, a gay and lesbian lobbying group. "I'm the most hopeful that I've ever been."

The legislation would add sexual orientation to the list of classes protected from discrimination by the state's civil rights law. It would ban discrimination in employment, housing, public accom-

modations and education.

Religious organizations are exempt from the bill and the state's marital laws are not affected.

Seven other states, and many municipalities within New York, have passed similar legislation, Dadey said.

Up until this year, gay rights groups have made passage of a bill that stiffens penalties for bias-related crimes their top legislative priority. Senate Republicans have steadfastly opposed it, saying they don't want to create a new category of crime.

Gay rights groups always thought that the bias bill would be easier to pass than civil rights legislation, Dadey said.

"The reverse has proven to be true," he said, indicating this was behind the change in emphasis.

At the same time, those involved say relations between the Senate and gay rights groups have improved. Senate Republicans have been particularly cautious since ACT-UP demonstrators

showered fake dollar bills on the Senate floor during a session three years ago.

During the recent legislative debate over blunting the impact of a large rate increase for customers of Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, some gay rights activists argued in favor of the Senate Republican plan during behind-the-scenes negotiations.

The advocacy showed Senate Republicans that "we do not see our issues through a Democratic perspective or a Republican perspective," Dadey said. "It established a dialogue that maybe was lacking or wasn't the greatest," said a key Senate aide, who requested anonymity. "I don't know that it necessarily accomplished anything other than a good climate."

The negative public reaction to the conservative tone of the national GOP convention may also play a part in the Senate Republican's consideration of the bill, said Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, the first openly lesbian member of the Legislature and a key sponsor of the bill.

Gay rights groups also did not actively oppose Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino's tough fight for re-election last fall, she said.

The Assembly, which has 101 Democrats among its 150 members, is voting on the bill for the first time. Increased public acceptance of homosexual rights, a larger number of Democrats in the Assembly and the fact that it's a year and a half away from an election all played a role in that decision, observers said.

Senate Republican consideration also comes amid the backdrop of a persistent challenge to their leadership by conservative groups.

Marino said last week that he would take the gay rights bill before a private conference of the Senate's 35 Republican members. The bill will get a public vote only if a majority of the GOP senators agree that it should be taken.

An aide said he expected the vote in conference, which could take place within the next two weeks, to be very close.

Understandably President Clinton probably wishes the issue of the ban on gays and lesbians in the military would go away simply to allow much needed attention on the economy.

At this point it would require a book to consider the laundry list of excuses put forward by proponents of the ban. In the ranks of the military itself there seems to be a misconception that the end of the ban would bring an influx of flamboyant drag queens and prancing faggots into every recruiting station in America. And those queers already in the military would rush out of their respective closets screaming and groping.

Peter Applebome, one of the more respected of The New York Times reporters, surveyed some military camps recently for reaction and this scenario was pretty close to the complaints he heard.

Many of these macho servicemen were concerned about being stared at in the showers—undoubtedly the same men who think it their ordained right to cruise every female they encounter. Also, Applebome points out, none of these individuals had such qualms in their high school shower rooms where undoubtedly a few gay young men lingered.

Others were concerned that they would be confronted in their barracks with nude pictures from Playgirl—in an age when Betty Grable has given way to the Barbie Twins.

The truth, as seen in several civilized nations where gays serve in the military, is that there would be no stampede to the recruiting station (although a friend of ours would probably suggest it might help to use Marky Mark on a recruiting poster) and gays already in the military, realizing the necessity of living in close quarters, would not rush those closet doors.

And as it has been pointed out in the press some of the very same arguments, even much the same wording, being bandied about today were used in 1948 against lifting the barriers of segregation in the military.

The point to be made is not that the black civil rights movement and gay and lesbian rights are the same, but that they are both human rights and the road to achieving those rights often converse the same rocky terrain.

When a determined President Truman acted in 1948 it was against the advice of his top military leaders including

General MacArthur, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and even General Omar Bradley, then the chairman of the Joint Chiefs. But Truman said this is the way it shall be and ordered the military to devise a plan for its implementation, a process which took three or four years.

The difference between 1948 and 1993 is that the military leadership then recognized the chain of command and carried out their mission with every intent of its fulfillment. They succeeded.

Today the military leadership has attempted to subvert the President's intention at every turn, working behind the scenes to rally their allies in Congress and sending out a message to the rank and file in the military that their superiors are adamantly opposed. This latter action only encourages such incidents as those on a Navy ship recently when a gay man was beaten to death and another in North Carolina where three Marines assaulted a gay man and even after being arrested were proud of their actions.

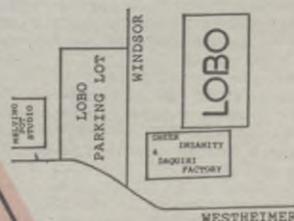
In all this President Clinton has stood the test of his convictions and his commitment to the gay and lesbian community. Now it is for us to test the members of Congress in the months ahead and assure that whatever hearings are held are not a repeat of the hysteria of recent days but reasoned arguments against what is, in its simplest terms, bigotry. As summarized so well by Anthony Lewis—again in The New York Times—“Are they (gays) to be despised

and rejected because of what they are—because of a status that nation gave them? ... All the rest of the noise around the issue—the talk about service morale and fighting effectiveness, the shrilling on talk shows—is demonstrable humbug, and bigotry.”

A note on another issue: This week the New York Assembly passed a gay rights bill (the Republican-dominated Senate has not even decided if it will hear the bill). Anthony S. Seminerio, Democrat from Queens, who had earlier announced for the bill corrected himself to vote no (one of fourteen Democrats to do so). His reason: He owns a two-family home in Queens “and some clown in here is going to tell me that I can't discriminate on who I want to live in my apartment?” The bill which Seminerio flipfloped on, specifically exempts two-family, owner-occupied dwellings from coverage. You sure he didn't use to be in the Texas Legislature?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kind words from a Pete Seeger fan; Reader urges restraint in support for gays in military

From DAVID WEGLEY, Helotes, TX

Thank you for the Pete Seeger article (Yours Truly In A Swamp, Issue 639). Pete has made me very happy since I discovered him several years ago (I'm 29). He has helped me to better understand my world. Leonard Earl Johnson knows what I'm talking about. I think I'll put a turkey feather in my hat.

From BRYAN H. BUSBICE, Houston, TX

As regards to the current debate over how gays will be integrated into the military I hope the leadership of our community will be very restrained in the tone of their support. A lot of loud demonstrations will almost certainly hurt our chances with Congress whose members are nervous about this matter. If the Republicans attach a rider that legalizes the ban to the family leave bill now before them President Clinton will have a dilemma that appears to pit the inter-

est of gays against the heterosexual majority. This could cripple his presidency from the outset and I need not remind you that he is our most powerful friend in Washington.

If there are to be demonstrations they should be conducted by gay veterans and their heterosexual supporters in a thoroughly military format (say, marching in formation in uniform with their state flags). Those of us who have not

served do not have the standing to put the public and the Congress at ease (no pun intended) and avoid a divisive political confrontation.

Finally, ACT-UP members must control their appetite for notoriety and sit this one out. This debate is not about AIDS or any of our other concerns but a miscalculation could derail our entire agenda. We can only succeed if we stay focused and keep our heads.

BITS AND PIECES

The number that makes your voice count, 800-258-2222

By LORI CLARK

The New Voice/Houston

I have two pieces of information for you today. I hope that both are used!

First and foremost, The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby, (LGRL) has contracted with Western Union to send four telegrams to the government. One goes to President Clinton, one to each of your senators, and one to your representative in Congress. The letters state your support for lifting the ban on gays in the military.

The opposition has organized a very effective battle against lifting the ban through letter campaigns, demonstra-

tions and other methods. For a mere \$8.75 you can effortlessly support your community, and yourself in the battle for equal rights.

The cost can be charged to your plastic or your phone bill. What I am giving you is priceless, the opportunity and the responsibility to speak up for your freedom.

It reminds me of the words written by Martin Niemöller in Germany during W.W.II. "In Germany they came first for the communist, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. ... Then they came for the Catholics and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. ... Then they came for me and by that

time no one was left to speak up."

Please share this number with everyone you know, gay, straight, or Polka-dotted. Dial 1-800-258-2222 hotline #9342.

On to my next bit of information. The Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC) changed this year's theme, from "Menstrual cycles to Motorcycles" to "Many Kinds of Power," honoring Audre Lorde. The phrase comes from a speech she gave, "Uses of the Erotic: The Erotic as Power" in 1978.

The committee had heard rumblings from the lesbian community on the name they have previously decided upon. It was felt that although the

theme had been publicized, it should be open to one final discussion. After an exchange of comments; votes were cast, and the new title was chosen.

A new co-chair was selected, Susan Torell. She will be serving along with Diane Williams. Torrie Justus had to step down for personal reasons. Also elected as Secretary was Debbie Martinez, who won unanimously. All the other committee chairs had been filled.

A call for volunteers for the TLC has been put out. There is a variety of jobs to be done. If you want to learn a new skill, use an old one, meet women, or just have some fun, consider giving time. Call (713) 867-8904 for more information

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

An interview of 'Empathy' author Sarah Schulman, part one

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

On a sunny, clear day, author Sarah Schulman settled into a courtyard seat at Rue Uralines' Croissant D'or. Schulman was in the Big Easy promoting her new book, the widely acclaimed "Empathy" (Dutton, \$18), 184 pages of nearly short-story-honed perfection.

Schulman, who writes beautifully, is also a recurring contributor to "The Village Voice," "The Nation," "Lambda Book Report," and "Mother Jones." "The Library Journal" said of "Empathy," "Always witty and irreverent. When the characters are unmasked at the end, readers will be surprised at the deftness with which this story is told."

Much of "Empathy" takes place in New York City's East Village. The Village and the East Village exist in a way some have likened to Faubourg Marigny's relationship to the Vieux Carré. "Not so," Schulman observed as she poured her tea and glanced around the courtyard. "There is nothing the same at all. I mean here it's not stepping over homeless people, it's not torn apart garbage cans, from people looking for five-cent cans. I have yet to see a crack vile on the street. I'm sure they're here."

LEJ: "You see needles, sometimes."

Needles are legal in Louisiana, people discard them.

SS: "Really, is that because of AIDS?"

LEJ: "No, it always has been. I don't know why, we just never got around to making them illegal."

"Empathy" tackles the Freudian myth that women exist only as a reflection of men.

SS: "This is a book about trying to exist. That whole dynamic takes place in essentially a set of images that came from Freud. The question is 'How can you be a woman and exist?' One of the ways I try to answer that is showing a constant attempt to create an existence that can not exist. There is a constant clash of systems and a constant repositioning, trying to create an existence that can not exist."

"This is why the book has all these different forms. Just telling it using social realism, which is what we've done for fifteen or twenty years, is totally inaccurate to the experience of it. I try to describe it more formally in a way that is in keeping with how it feels emotionally."

LEJ: "'Empathy' struck me as somewhat 'Alice in Wonderland.'"

SS: "Where was that?"

Schulman looks at the passage of her work where Doc worries he might awake someday a new person, inventing modern things he does not like.

SS: "Well, that's interesting. I never would have thought that."

LEJ: "You didn't? Can you see it?"

SS: "Yes, it is like going through the looking glass."

"Well, for her, because she wants to exist and only men exist, the only way she can be is to somehow put herself in that role. And not in that traditional way 'lesbians want to be men.' A friend of mine, who's a transsexual, described this book as 'a lesbian trapped in a woman's body.'"

Schulman has been making her way down the eastern seaboard, curving at Atlanta towards New Orleans. Now, she has turned west.

SS: "Next stops are Albuquerque, Austin, Dallas, and Tucson."

"Mostly I've been seeing lesbians (on tour), although in New York the community is very mixed, male and female. But in most parts of the country it's still very, very separate and very few men come to any of our meetings. Except, in San Francisco I got a lot of men. And last night at The Mint, to hear the Born Divas, the crowd was very mixed."

On gays and lesbians in the US military.

SS: "You know, Colin Powell, himself has two gay children."

LEJ: "What, the way he acts?"

SS: "It's really amazing, when I was in Washington, D.C. I was interviewed by the Washington Post and the reporter told me that Colin Powell has two gay children."

LEJ: "Are they out?"

SS: "One of them used to be out, her name is Linda. I used to know her in New York, but I didn't know she was Colin Powell's daughter."

LEJ: "It's bad enough, Powell would do something like this to anyone's kids, but to his own children."

SS: "You know, it's really been striking me, now that I am talking to gay people everywhere, ninety-nine percent have in some way been mistreated by their family on some level about their homosexuality. It is so much like, that is the common gay experience. In fact, it seems to be the only common gay experience. Every one has had it, of every age. It amazes me that it is not in the forefront of the discussion about what it is like to be gay. That primary rejection experience is so painful and so important."

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Homosexuality not unusual in military history from Caesar's day

By CHARLES J. GANS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP)—Little has changed in the U.S. military's attitude toward homosexuals since the American Revolution.

As early as 1778, George Washington ordered that soldiers convicted of sodomy be "drummed out" of the Continental Army, paraded past a gantlet of fivers and drummers in disgrace as they left the ranks.

By contrast, some of the most militaristic societies—from ancient Greece and Rome to feudal Japan and modern Prussia—have tolerated a gay presence in the military.

The campaigns of Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar and Frederick the Great might be closely studied in U.S. military war colleges. But historic evidence suggests that each of these legendary conquerors would have been unfit for duty in the U.S. armed forces because they enjoyed homosexual or bisexual relations.

Gay historian Martin Duberman says the legacy of gay warriors shows just how misinformed some of the stereotypes about effeminate homosexuals are.

"The stereotypes are so bizarre

because it's a function of ignorance," said Duberman, director of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at the City University of New York.

"In the ancient world, homosexuality was associated with bravery and valor. ... and bisexuality was commonplace. Adult male citizens not only had wives and frequented brothels, but it was considered very normal to have teen-age male lovers."

Some Greek city-states encouraged soldiers to go into battle with male lovers because it was felt they would fight harder to protect and avoid disgracing one another, Duberman said.

In 338 B.C., a band of male lovers from Thebes fought to the death against Philip of Macedonia in the battle of Chaeronea, he said.

Philip's son, Alexander the Great, led his armies all the way east to northern India in the greatest conquest of ancient times. Although historical accounts are sketchy, Alexander was not only married but also had a passion for boys and a relationship with a eunuch, according to an entry in the "Encyclopedia of Homosexuality."

Julius Caesar had assorted wives, mistresses and male lovers, prompting the poet Catullus to refer to Caesar as

"the husband to every woman and wife to every man" in Rome.

Caesar carried on a scandalous relationship with King Nicomedes of Bithynia, now in present-day Turkey. After conquering Gaul, Caesar's victorious legions chanted, "Caesar got on top of the Gauls, Nicomedes got on top of Caesar," the Roman historian Suetonius wrote.

The emperor Hadrian, who built a wall across Britain to prevent attacks by barbarians, had great love for the youth Antinous and was so grief-stricken by the youth's death that he had monuments put up to commemorate the lost love.

Homosexual relations were also found among samurai warriors in some provinces of feudal Japan. Literary works from the Tokugawa Era, from 1603 to 1867, describe the adventures and self-sacrifice of pairs of male samurai lovers, according to the "Encyclopedia of Homosexuality."

The tradition continues up through the gay Japanese author Yukio Mishima, whose militarist views led him to commit ritual suicide in 1970 after haranguing Japan's army for its weakness.

There is little dispute that Frederick the Great, who made Prussia a military

power, was homosexual. Even the tamesh histories concede that women did not play any role in his life—he lived apart from his wife and died childless in 1786.

Frederick was despised by his father, who had the 18-year-old crown prince court-martialed for desertion when he tried to leave for England with a young lieutenant. His father had the officer executed to teach Frederick a lesson, but that did not dissuade the prince from remaining homosexual.

On the more notorious side, there were many homosexuals in the Nazi SA brownshirts, including leader Ernst Roehm.

After helping Adolf Hitler come to power, Roehm and his followers were killed in the bloody "Night of the Long Knives" on June 30 to July 1, 1934.

Alan Berube, author of the book "Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II," says there is little point in compiling lists of great gay soldiers.

"Everybody concedes that gay men and lesbians have always been in the armed forces and that many have served bravely," said Berube, contacted by telephone in San Francisco. "What the controversy is now is whether heterosexual soldiers have to know they are there."

▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF

JOHN F. DEZAUCHE

John F. Dezauche, III, retired stock broker and antiques dealer, died of complications from AIDS, Jan. 17, at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. He was 54.

Mr. Dezauche was born in Opelousas, La., and lived in New Orleans the past 20 years. He graduated from the University of Chicago and did postgraduate work at the University of Madrid, Spain. He had lived in England, Greece and at the time of death maintained a second home in Saba, Caribbean.

He was volunteer at the NO/AIDS Task Force, Medical Center of Louisiana, C-600; and a member of the board of directors of Project Lazarus. He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include long-time companion, Stephen Styles of New Orleans. A memorial Mass was said at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Jan. 22. Tharp-Sontheimer-Tharp Funeral Home handled arrangements.

MARK T. GLOVER

Mark T. Glover, 36, passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 1993. Mark was born in Anderson, Indiana, on Dec. 7, 1956 and moved to Houston in 1976. In addition to his work in the business world, he was very active in theater and musical productions. He is survived by John Shank, his parents, Carl and Sally Glover, a sister, Holly Hardwick, nieces, Spring Abbot and Autumn Abbot, and many friends. Memorial services were held Thursday, Feb. 4, 1993, 7:00 p.m. at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St., Houston. Memorials may be made to Bering Community Service Foundation, for the Counseling Center, 1440 Harold St., Houston, TX 77006.



CARLOS GUILLORY

Carlos Guillory 41, of Houston died Saturday morning, Jan. 30 1993 at Park Plaza Hospital of AIDS related complications. A resident of Houston for many years, Carlos was born in Mamou, Louisiana on Jan. 28, 1952.

For many years he as a nurse at the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIIR Hospital) before becoming disabled. Even though he loved Houston, he never forgot his roots. As a proud cajun he could cook delicious cajun dishes, including a "Hell-Of-A-Mean" Gumbo. Besides being Ann Margaret's #1 Fan, he loved movies and music with a passion. He was a member of the Bering Memorial Support Group & Lambda AA. He was very supportive and compassionate to all who were lucky enough to be his friend.

He is survived by his beloved cat, Mineaux; his mother Virgine Fontenot; stepfather, Elby Fontenot; one sister Mrs. Roland (Cavaleen) "Tsit" Herbert; one brother, Darrel Guillory; his grandmother and 7 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Feb. 1, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Mamou, Louisiana. The Ardoin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial service will be held at the Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, on Friday February 05, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Troy Plummer officiating. Donations may be made in Carlos's name to: Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006.

GARY MICHAEL SIMPSON

Gary Michael Simpson, affectionately known to his friends as "Prycene," died Jan. 23, 1993 of AIDS.

Gary was born in Corpus Christi on Nov. 5, 1954 and attended W.B. Ray High School. In 1977 he received degrees in Chemistry and Safety Engineering from Texas A&M University.

Living in Houston, Gary worked for Hughes Tool Co. and the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. He was also active in the MSA Monday Night Bowling League.

Gary returned to Corpus Christi in 1988 to pursue an M.B.A. which he received from Corpus Christi State University.

After his diagnosis with AIDS in 1991, Gary spent time with his family and was active in the Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation. He is survived by his mother and sister and many close friends in South Texas.

He was interred at Seaside Memorial Park overlooking Corpus Christi Bay.



MURPHY W. GUY

Born: June 5, 1942
Died: Jan. 24, 1993

You know, Murphy W. Guy was a very giving person and gave away quite freely. He gave money when so-called friends asked for it. He gave advice when it was needed. He shared his knowledge to those that wanted it. But the best advice he gave me one day was "Don't ever loan or give away anything that you can't afford to lose."

You know you can lose jobs, friends, money, etc, but you don't lose memories. I hope we all keep the good memories of Murphy alive in our hearts and minds, because we all know he was one of the good guys and will be missed.

May God watch over and take care of him.

Amen

JOHN HINKLE

John Hinkle, 51, died Jan. 30, at his home in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Mr. Hinkle was born in Swiss, West Virginia, and attended Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

He worked on newspapers in Beckley, West Virginia; Erie, Pennsylvania; and was a copy editor and news editor of the former New Orleans States-Item from 1968 to 1979.

He is survived by his long time companion, Dr. Frank Hayden of Ocean Springs; his parents, Russell and Kathryn Hinkle; a brother, Joe Hinkle; and a sister, Connie Hinkle, all of Swiss. A memorial service was held in Swiss.

NELLA LUDWIG

Nella Ludwig, 90, died Jan. 23 at Tulane Medical Center of respiratory failure. She founded the New Orleans Opera Guild and was its long-time president. Mrs. Ludwig was primarily responsible for bringing to New Orleans the Metropolitan Opera, Bolshoi Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Joffrey Ballet, and England's Royal Ballet, featuring the late Rudolf Nureyev.

She was a resident of Metairie, Louisiana. In a 1971 "Times-Picayune" interview she said of Nureyev, a 1961 USSR defector, "He always had the fear that the Russians were coming for him. One night there was brief power blackout, and he was sure the Russians did it."

She sponsored the 1955 double-billed world premieres at Tulane University of Tennessee Williams' play "Twenty-seven Wagon Loads of Cotton," and his opera "Lord Byron's Love Letters." "Cotton" was later made into the 1956 movie "Baby Doll."

She is survived by a son, Edward B. Ludwig, Jr.; a daughter, Joyce Spruiell; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Burial was in Metairie Cemetery.

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON LIVE

Excellent Alley Theater production depicts the life of its writer

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice/Houston

To the cast of "From the Mississippi Delta"; to the production crew of the play; to the Alley Theatre and all its staff who strive to bring quality theater to Houston—a most ingenious apology.

Circumstances, at times, preventing or delaying me from my favorite pastime—live theater. Normally, I do not feel any great pang at catching a performance later in a run than normal. But in this case, I deeply regret it.

"From the Mississippi Delta" is currently showing on the Alley's Neuhaus Arena Stage, but only through this weekend. Those who might take it upon themselves to read my columns, thus have little time to make social arrangements, and to them too, I apologize.

This play is superb. It deserves far more publicity than this late review will provide, and theatergoers in Houston and around the state deserve more notice that such a superb production is underway. This is a show of the highest order.

"From the Mississippi Delta" is the immensely moving chronicle of the playwright's life. The story is told by three women (Kena Tangi Dorsey, Alice M. Gatling and Sheila Ramsey).

Each, in varying scenes, takes the role of Holland. At all other times, they are portraying the variety of characters who people Holland's memories.

The play comprises scenes that allow for a well-balanced array of emotions—both in the production and evoked from the audience.

The adorable whimsy of "The Water Meter" stands in strong contrast to the wrenching empathy of "The Funeral." And there is so much between these extremes: The irrepressible excitement of a child followed by the shock and anger of rape. The silly bemusement of men gawking at a burlesque show. The howlingly funny scene in which the young Holland performs an amazing trick with her vagina in order to join the strip tease act.

Together these snapshots of her life form a remarkable album, a beautiful testament to an inspirational struggle.

Holland's account of her incredible story is given life by unequivocally sensational performances of the three women in the show.

Kena Tangi Dorsey is Woman number one. She has a striking and chiseled bearing that stands defiant. Dorsey seethes with pride and passion, and marks the strength of Holland.

Alice M. Gatling is Woman number two, and she's enchanting to watch. With a mesmerizing cast of facial expressions, she conveys a wide range of emotions in grand fashion. Gatling has an innocent beauty and wondrously vibrant stage presence that will touch your soul.

Sheila Ramsey is Woman number three. Ramsey displays an effortlessly appealing turn in her stage incarnations. She is best though as Aint Baby, the name by which the playwright's mother was always known. Sunny happiness, petulant obstinacy, horrifying death throes—all are expertly presented by Ramsey.

Director Seret Scott has done an impeccable job. She gave her company

ample room to capture the many facets of Holland. The child, the whore, the civil rights activist, each appears in her appropriate time and place, and in no case does the staging raise an eyebrow in criticism.

I also must cite Bernard Telsey for casting. Scott's direction is, without question, good, but her job was made all the easier by the three actors, and their presence is the brilliant recognition of Telsey. By tapping three very different women, he ensured the director would have the diversity of characterization necessary to secure the many faces of Holland. There have been few times when I've recognized a casting director, but Telsey deserves a good deal of credit for the success of this show.

"From the Mississippi Delta" is an exceptional production. I sincerely wish that it were going to be around a lot longer.

Editor's note—A few minutes before we went to press, we received notification that the Alley Theater has extended the play's run through Sunday, Feb. 21.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Bering Memorial Church raising money to refurbish 66 year old pipe organ

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston

Bering Church, with its congregation of fewer than 400 members, has recently earned national and international recognition for its special ministries assisting people who are afflicted with AIDS. And now, after helping others so readily, the church needs your help to refurbish their pipe organ. The organ was installed back in 1926 when the present building was erected. The goal is \$125,000 which is more realistic than the \$300,000 it would take to buy a new organ.

To accomplish this goal a raffle is beginning this weekend that will offer as prizes: trips for two to Hawaii (5 days), Las Vegas (3 day weekend), or your choice of two round-trip airline tickets to any domestic destination. Tickets are \$5 each, three for \$10, or ten for \$25. Of course, outright donations are welcome. Tickets are available at the church office at 1440 Harold, phone (713) 526-1017. The drawing will be held Sunday Feb. 7.

G&L Switchboard holds training

The Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston will be conducting training class for telephone volunteers. The training will be held this weekend, Feb. 6 through 7, and again Feb. 13 through 14, with a brief overview meeting to be held Friday, Feb. 5. Training is a 30 hour intensive study and group interaction about active listening, giving information and referrals to callers, and much more.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of

age and be able to work a three-hour telephone shift with other volunteers for a period of at least six months. Calls to the Switchboard vary, from questions regarding community events and establishments to situations involving active listening to concerns about gay and lesbian issues and other matters.

For information or to register for the training class, please call the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston at (713) 529-3211 between 3:00 p.m. and midnight. If your call is answered by an answering machine, please call back.

Museum Of Fine Arts film series

Organized to coincide with Black History Month celebrations, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston presents the film series "Reel Music: A Celebration of Jazz on Film." The history and vitality of contemporary jazz are highlighted in films showcasing the unique personalities that contributed their energy and talent to the music genre. "Reel Music: A Celebration of Jazz on Film" will be showing Fridays, Feb. 5 through 26, at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium of the Museum of Fine Arts.

The four outstanding films that are featured in this month-long celebration are "Texas Tenor: The Illinois Jaquet Story" (Feb. 5 & 6), "Jazz on a Summer's Day" (Feb. 12), "Round Midnight" (Feb. 19) and "Thelonius Monk: Straight No Chaser" (Feb. 26). Admission to films is \$5.00; \$4.00 for members, students and seniors citizens. For more information call 639-7515.

Glassell School of Art

The Glassell School of Art is the teaching wing of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston established in 1927. It has a reputation for offering outstanding courses in the fine arts to adults and children through the Studio School, Junior School and the Core Fellows Program. The Glassell Community Outreach Program serves over 10,000 individuals, including senior citizens, hospitalized children, hearing and visually-impaired people and AIDS patients.

On Wednesday Feb. 17 between the hours of 7 and 9:00 p.m. the Glassell School of Art, 5105 Montrose, invites grown-ups to become children for a night.

The evening activities begin with a short orientation and then the studios are opened for art class. The class is taught as it would be for children. It presents an opportunity for adults to paint, make clay objects, create wire sculpture, or participate in many other projects offered. Everyone is free to join in or just observe the activities of their choice. Classes are free for everyone, but you must reserve a place. Call 639-7500.

Looking for a few good men

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston is seeking singers of all voices and various degrees of abilities in order to expand our membership. Open rehearsals are being held through the end of February. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. They are held at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, in the Education Building, Room 101.

G.M.C.H. is a non-profit community chorus for gay men and their friends. They are members of the Cultural Arts Council of Houston (CACH) and Gay & Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA Choruses). For further information, please contact David at 630-0333, or Lawrence at 984-9683 or write Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, P.O. Box 541004, Houston, TX 77254-1004.

Texas Lesbian Conference announces theme

Texas spoke and Houston listened! In honor of the recent passing of our sister, poet Audre Lord, the T.L.C., to be held in Houston May 21 through 23, has changed its theme to "Many Kinds of Power," a quote from Ms. Lord's 1978 speech to Holyoke College. They are extending the theme to reflect both the unity and diversity within our community.

Logos for the new theme are being solicited. You may submit your 8-1/2 x 11 inch, black-and-white, camera-ready art, to be received no later than Feb. 12, to: T.L.C., P.O. Box 27709, Houston, TX 77272. (Original artwork cannot be returned.)

The woman submitting the winning logo will be credited in T.L.C. publications, and will receive admission to all T.L.C. events and a Thirst.

The annual conference offers workshops, speakers, entertainment and other events spotlighting various issues surrounding the lesbian community. A call for workshop ideas has gone out with a deadline of March 15. To become involved as a volunteer, attend the next general meeting on Feb. 15. For further information, call (713) 867-8904.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Disaster or delight: Gay ban battle brings strong personal feelings

By BRENT LAYMON

FOR THE NEW VOICE

Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—For the gay airman in California who had been facing discharge, it smelled like victory. For the Marine corporal in North Carolina who doesn't approve of homosexuality, it spelled disaster.

Either way, President Clinton's decision Friday to begin lifting the ban on gays in the military prompted candid talk about homosexuality, prejudice and daily life in the military.

"I'm ecstatic," said Petty Officer Michael Vallejo in San Francisco, where gay-rights activists gathered at the city's War Memorial to celebrate Clinton's announcement.

Just two weeks ago, Vallejo assumed he'd scuttled his Navy career by telling colleagues at the Alameda Naval Air Station that he is gay.

But while some celebrated, others predicted trouble.

"There will be a lot of violence," warned Lance Cpl. William Culver at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, offering that homosexuality "is about the only thing I'm prejudiced against."

Pfc. Kevin Enlow, 22, also at Camp Lejeune, says heterosexuals and homosexuals shouldn't have to live together.

"If Mr. Clinton wants a disaster on his hands, he's going to have one," he said. "It's not the same as segregating against blacks or Hispanics or females."

Keith Meinhold, the Navy petty officer whose case led a federal judge on Thursday to strike down the Pentagon's ban on gays, predicted there would be no turning back.

"We're not debating whether the policy is going to change. What we have to do is make it best for everybody," Meinhold said during an appearance on the "Donahue" show. "We need to go out and start telling people the truth."

Clinton gave Defense Secretary Les Aspin until July 15 to draft an executive order ending the ban. Until then, recruiters will refrain from asking enlistees about their sexual orientation, and discharge proceedings against gays already in the service will be put on hold.

Gay rights advocates saw lifting the ban as a major step in their movement to gain equal status in society.

"Every social change goes through the same revolution, like civil rights for blacks and women's right to vote," said one gay sailor in Honolulu, who declined to identify himself. "There's a lot of homophobic people in the Navy and all branches of the service, but people in the long run are going to accept it."

U.S. Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both Democrats from Massachusetts and both gay, expressed disappointment that the new commander-in-chief didn't immediately end the Pentagon's ban.

Others were grateful for the delay.

"I'm glad they're waiting," said Spec. Corey Heath, a tank mechanic at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. "I think everybody is going to talk him out of it. I hope they will because I certainly don't agree with it. If we have gays, I wouldn't want to be in the shower room and have someone look at me."

Army veteran Chris Bowman, one of several gay activists at San Francisco's War Memorial Plaza, called it a deft political move.

"If he had signed an executive order today, it would've lasted about six

hours," Bowman said.

For others, lifting the ban amounted to a simple recognition of reality.

"There are so many gays in the military right now and it's working," said Kerry Fina, a former airman at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota who was discharged in 1991 after telling his superiors he was gay.

"I was known to be homosexual back then and it didn't create any stir," said Bob Basker, a 74-year-old World War II veteran who lives in the San Francisco area. "It's like: are you Catholic or Jewish? It's just something you happen to be."

Although some military personnel and veterans predicted violence and mass retirements if gays are granted equal status, others agreed that the military will obey its commander in chief.

Lt. Col. Robert Riley, commander of the Army's Chicago recruiting battalion, said he reminded all his recruiters of the oath they took when they joined the service.

"The bottom line is, I don't care what their opinion is," he said. "They swore an oath to obey the president and, by golly, they will."

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTE

Anti-zoning rally to take place at Emo's Bar on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

By KEVIN WHITE
FOR THE NEW VOICE

This Sunday from 4 to 10:00 p.m. the Ourtown Association in conjunction with the Houston Property Rights Coalition will present a rally and benefit to

focus attention on the upcoming zoning ordinance. There will be music by the Blunt, Love Twitch and Carolyn Wonderland. The event will take place at Emo's bar at 2700 Albany Street in the building that formerly housed the Officer's Club.

The outside patio will feature tables with anti-zoning petitions, local propaganda and handmade crafts from PUEBLO TO PEOPLE, REFUSE and RESIST, N.O.R.M.L., HOUSTON PROPERTY RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, local health care hospices and many

others. Donations will be asked to benefit the OURTOWN ASSOCIATION, which is dedicated to concentrating public attention on the zoning crisis from an economic, law enforcement and cultural point of view. Call 520-1520 for more information.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICKNOTE

New Orleans rally and march to stop Gay and Lesbian military persecution

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

A rally and march to show support for President Bill Clinton's efforts to end the ban on gays & lesbians in the U.S.

military will take place in New Orleans, Saturday, Feb. 6, at 2:00 p.m.

The march will begin at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center located at 816 N. Rampart St. Marchers and others

will rally at 3:30 p.m. at the Hale Boggs Federal Building, 501 Magazine St. (at Poydras). For more information call the Community Center, (504) 522-1103.

"We are looking for a large turnout,"

said Leo Watermeier, co-Chair of the Community Center. "We feel this a courageous position for Clinton's new administration. We applaud him for it. But we understand the battle is not over, it is important to show our support."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Miss America 1993 coming to New Orleans as guest of NO-AIDS Task Force

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

Leanza Cornett, whose platform as Miss America 1993 is "AIDS Affects All," will bring her AIDS awareness and prevention message to New Orleans students, Monday, Feb. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Benjamin Franklin High School, 2001 Leon C. Simon Blvd. All Students from area schools are invited to attend.

Cornett's New Orleans visit is sponsored by NO/AIDS Task Force.

It will include an evening fundraiser at the uptown home of Bud Russell. Tickets to the 7 p.m. reception are \$50, and include the unique opportunity to be photographed with Miss America, according to NO/AIDS' Gretchen Bosworth. Tickets are available by Calling NO/AIDS at (504) 945-4000.

Miss Cornett is on a national tour promoting AIDS awareness and assistance. She marched in President Bill Clinton's inaugural Parade as a member of the NAMES



Miss America 1993, Leanza Cornett, with the NAMES Project quilt

Project Foundation contingent, and recently presented a quilt panel, representing women of central Florida who have died of AIDS, to the Foundation. She has written a new AIDS prevention guide, "Choose to be Safe."

"AIDS can no longer be hidden or ignored," Miss America 1993 said. "Denial of this crisis continues to control our response to people living with the disease." Through calls for increased education and funding, she is working to change the focus from dying to "living with AIDS."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Federal judge rules military's ban on homosexuals unconstitutional

By LINDA DEUTSCH
FOR THE NEW VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Friday, Jan. 29 (AP)—A federal judge struck down the military's ban on homosexuals, and the man who challenged the prohibition said today he wants to go back to being a petty officer, not "the gay sailor."

Ruling in favor of 30-year-old Keith Meinhold, U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr. declared Thursday that the policy violates the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection.

The ruling, which applies only to parts of California, appeared to strengthen President Clinton's hand as he tried to lift the ban himself.

Clinton said today that military recruiters would stop asking applicants about their sexual orientation, and discharge of homosexuals from the military solely because of their sexual orientation would be suspended until he has reviewed the current policy.

Meinhold, a 12-year Navy veteran, was discharged in August after announcing on national television that he is gay. The sonar instructor at the Moffett Naval Air Station south of San Francisco filed suit and Hatter last fall ordered him reinstated pending his ruling.

"I would like to go back to being just a

naval petty officer doing my job, get people to know me as Petty Officer Keith Meinhold and not the gay sailor," he said today on ABC's "Good Morning America." He wanted to "go back to working on being the best submarine hunter in the Navy."

"To discriminate against somebody and actually do something to them just because of who they are is certainly not the American way," he said.

When he heard the ruling, "I think I jumped high enough that my head hurts because I hit the ceiling," Meinhold said.

The ruling came as the president maneuvered to counter bitter opposition in Congress and at the Pentagon to his pledge to lift the 50-year-old ban by executive order.

This afternoon, Clinton made his first move to lift the ban, directing that an executive order reversing it be prepared by July 15. During that time, discharges and the quizzing of recruits on sexual preference would be suspended.

Asked whether he intended to formally lift the ban at that time, Clinton hedged slightly. He said that was his intention, noted the strong feelings of those who oppose him, and added, "I don't intend to change my position."

The White House said an appeal of the judge's ruling was unlikely.

Hatter's ruling applies to all branches of the military, but only in the portions of California within his court's jurisdiction. But politically, it could bolster efforts by those seeking to end the ban nationwide.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin recently warned military leaders they should seek a compromise with Clinton because "sooner or later, the courts are going to come at you on this issue."

"There's no question—especially in light of this court decision—that this policy is going to go," Meinhold said.

The Pentagon has argued that allowing acknowledged homosexuals would undermine discipline and morale. But Hatter, an appointee of President Carter, said the Pentagon's reasons "are based on cultural myths and false stereotypes."

"These justifications are baseless and very similar to the reasons offered to keep the military racially segregated in the 1940s," the judge said.

Civil rights activists hailed the decision.

"While the other two branches of government appear to be at a stalemate over the issue, the judiciary has courageously stepped forward," said Jon W. Davidson of the Southern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties

Union.

"It is time to get on with bringing an end to the treatment of lesbians and gay men as second-class citizens in this country in the name of protecting the irrational fears of sensibilities of some among us."

"The decision speaks to conduct," Meinhold said as he celebrated with about 150 students at Stanford University, near where he lives in Northern California. "It says that if there's conduct that interferes with the military's mission, then of course that person should be discharged."

The judge noted that former Defense Secretary Richard Cheney said in an interview in December that homosexuals are no longer a security risk, contradicting claims made in the Meinhold case.

Asked about that today, Cheney said, "My comments within the last year had to do with question whether gays were security threat and there's evidence to indicate they are not." But he said he still thinks that gays should not be in the military.

He said prior court decisions have backed the Pentagon's policy. "Of course this new decision will complicate it," he said. "I expect there will be appeals."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

President Clinton and Georgia Senator Sam Nunn part ways on gays

By JILL LAWRENCE
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP)—For a time, nearly every short list of Democratic presidential candidates featured a crowd of Southern moderates. Among them were a nationally obscure governor and an influential senator.

The balance of power between those two is very different now.

Former Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton is president, and one of the first things he did was challenge Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn's pre-eminent role in shaping military policy.

For years, the two men worked hand in hand to redefine their party. Both Clinton and Nunn, chairperson of the Senate Armed Services Committee, were hawkish on defense. Both were strongly committed to a national service program. Clinton succeeded Nunn as

chairperson of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council. And when Clinton declared his presidential candidacy, Nunn was among the first to endorse him.

But Nunn, once a campaign asset, is now a major obstacle as Clinton tries to fulfill his pledge to end the military ban on homosexuals. He supports the ban as strongly as Clinton wants to get rid of it.

Some observers say there's nothing but principle and Nunn's celebrated caution behind his high-profile clash with a long-awaited Democratic president. He himself calls his approach "prudence, not prejudice."

Nunn has always been culturally conservative. He's been criticized for firing two gay staff aides who had sensitive jobs.

And when Clinton's candidacy was battered by allegations of infidelity, Nunn said "these moral issues are not

irrelevant." He added that he hoped he would be able to continue backing Clinton, "but like everyone else, I'm going to have to see what else comes out."

Nunn also kept silent when Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, then a White House contender, said in Atlanta that Republicans would open Clinton up like a soft peanut because he had avoided the Vietnam draft.

Nunn ultimately did come through with speeches and the services of his closest political adviser to help Clinton win the critical Georgia primary en route to the presidential nomination.

His name soon began to appear on lists of potential secretaries of defense and state. But no offers came and he was overseas when Cabinet nominees were announced.

No one suggests that Nunn, a long-time opponent of opening the military ranks to homosexuals, is staging his fight in reaction to that. But it's a com-

plicated personal and political stew.

For a start, Georgians note the 20-point approval drop Nunn suffered after leading opposition to U.S. participation in the Persian Gulf War.

"Here's an issue that's even more volatile than that," said Emory University political scientist Merle Black. "If he'd switched his position, I would suspect he'd have another drop in public support in Georgia."

Then there are the inside-Washington tensions, fueled by Nunn's own presidential ambitions; battles over presidential and congressional turf; and the underlying fact that the new commander in chief has never served in uniform.

One Democrat familiar with Nunn's thinking said there is a sense that Clinton doesn't understand the military, that "the amateurs are in charge where there needs to be some expertise and deliberation that is not taking place."

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Three Camp Lejeune Marines arrested in attack on gay man in Delaware

WILMINGTON, Monday, Feb. 1 (AP)—Three Marines were arrested after allegedly dragging a gay man out of a bar and beating him while shouting "Clinton must pay," authorities said.

The attackers apparently were angry about President Clinton's push to lift the ban on gays in the military, police said.

The three Marines, stationed at Camp Lejeune, were each charged with four counts of assault. They were released from jail on \$400 bond each.

The victim, Crae Pridgen, said he suffered a fractured skull and bruises in the attack early Saturday. He told police that the attackers mentioned Clinton.

Three other people who tried to break up the scuffle received minor injuries.

"They're worried about allowing people like us in the military," Pridgen said Sunday. "But I'm concerned about people like this who are supposed to be protecting me, my civil rights and my country."

White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers called the incident "deplorable." She said it does not lend credence to military leaders who warned that lifting the ban would lead to violence against homosexuals.

"There have always been instances of bigotry against not only homosexuals but against other racial and ethnic minorities," she said today. "The president deplores it, but I don't think that is a reason not to take a step forward on a civil rights issue."

Police Sgt. M.J. Woods said they would turn the case over to the FBI because the incident is a hate crime.

Wilmington Master Police Officer Ed Gibson, who was the desk sergeant when the suspects were brought in, said today they showed no remorse.

"They were saying things like they hate all faggots and they wish they were all dead and they're not ashamed of it," he said, adding that those comments are part of the police report.

Gibson said he understood the Marines wandered into the bar, not realizing it was for gays. "There are several bars downtown and people wander from one to one," he said.

Three Marine lance corporals—Colin

C. Hunt, 20, Patric G. Gardone, 23, and Walter G. Watkins, 26—were each charged with four counts of assault. They were released from the New Hanover Regional Medical Center, said Iris Baker, communications assistant at the hospital.

Pridgen apparently was dragged out of the Mickey Ratz bar, which police described as a gay bar. He was treated and released from New Hanover Regional Medical Center, said Iris Baker, communications assistant at the hospital.

She said she could not describe Pridgen's injuries without his written permission. The police report said visible injuries were bruises on a leg, face and left eye and a missing front tooth.

Woods said there was no evidence the attack was provoked.

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Discharged Ohio sailor who wrote to Clinton hopes for reinstatement

By ERICH SMITH

FOR THE NEW VOICE

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—A former Ohioan hopes President Clinton's steps to end the ban on gays in the military will help him return to the Navy, which discharged him months ago for being a homosexual.

Clinton announced only small changes in the military policy toward gays, but Robert L. Harney said Saturday he was encouraged about them.

"It was great," Harney said. "I felt emancipated, although I haven't put my dukes down. Gays still need to fight for our rights. How can we expect others to fight our wars for us?"

Harney, 24, formerly of Medina, Ohio, wrote to Clinton about his case Monday to let the president know "how this

unjust policy affects the little guy."

"It hurts people like me, it hurts our military and it hurts the ideas those men at Independence Hall cultivated," he wrote.

After graduating from high school in 1987, Harney enlisted in the Navy. He received the Navy League of the United States Outstanding Recruit Award at boot camp and was assigned to the USS Constellation.

But, he said his promising career in the Navy ran into trouble in June when a crew member using his office telephone started looking through his personal papers. He found a letter Harney was writing to a friend in Ohio, in which he mentioned going to a Gay Pride parade.

In his letter to Clinton, Harney wrote

that he would be a petty officer 3rd class if the crew member had not read his mail.

"I would be a loyal, proud member of this great country's Navy. Instead, I am a waiter in a Philadelphia restaurant," Harney wrote.

Harney said the crewman started spreading word around the ship that Harney was gay. Security officers first urged Harney to press charges against the sailor for going through his mail, but he refused.

"In a matter of minutes, the tone of the interview changed from getting me to press charges to demanding that I sign a statement admitting I was gay," he said.

Harney said the security officers told him they had statements from other

people in his department stating that he was a homosexual. He decided it was hopeless and signed, he said. Two days later, he found that they didn't have any statements against him.

He was discharged from the Navy in November. When he found out the discharge would be "less than honorable," Harney fought back. Three officers testified on his behalf at an administrative hearing. He produced 10 affidavits vouching for his character.

But the hearing board upheld the less than honorable discharge, which would have had the effect of denying Harney his GI benefits for education and medical care.

With the help of Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, Harney's discharge was upgraded, but he's still unable to return to the service.

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About three dozen show up for anti-gay group's inaugural meeting

VANCOUVER, Wash., Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—About three dozen people showed up at the first meeting in Washington state of anti-gay organizers from Oregon who want to expand their effort across the border.

Friday night's meeting of the Citizens Alliance of Washington was held at Minnehaha Church of Christ. It was closed to reporters.

As Lon Mabon, chairperson of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, spoke inside,

more than 300 people crammed the sidewalks outside. Some held candles and signs and chanted, "Leave our state. Take your hate."

A group of about dozen of the protesters shouted obscenities and yelled, "Lon will kill your children."

Earlier in the day, Mabon announced in Olympia that his group had incorporated in Washington and would seek passage of a Washington initiative against gays.

In Vancouver, Clark County sheriff's deputies had to part the crowd to allow people in to the meeting.

"We're not looking for trouble from anyone," said Robert Larimer, president of the Citizens Alliance of Washington state who invited Mabon to speak Friday night. "There are just a lot of people who don't appreciate the radical, in-your-face homosexuals."

Most of those attending the meeting did not want to talk about why they were there. One who did, Brian Clowes,

said he did not believe homosexuals should have special rights.

Mabon and his group say they will campaign for passage of an initiative to prohibit Washington state from making gays a protected class, public schools from teaching that homosexuality is acceptable and governments from promoting gay life.

Mabon has said the extreme language used in his Oregon measure will be dropped. Measure 9 was defeated by a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent.

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Justice Department suspends action on pending military discharge cases

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Friday, Jan. 29 (AP)—Discharges of gay members of the military will be suspended following President Clinton's announcement of details of his plan to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military.

A federal judge on Friday also extended for 10 days a temporary restraining order preventing the Army from discharging a Fort Leavenworth, Kan., officer.

Maj. Joyce Walmer was scheduled to be discharged Jan. 14, but U.S. District Judge Earl O'Connor, in Kansas City, Kan., previously had granted an injunction

delaying her removal. That order had been scheduled to expire Saturday.

The order was extended based on a motion by Walmer's lawyer, without a formal hearing, a spokesperson for the judge said.

No comment was available from Walmer's lawyer, Jeffrey Baxter. A spokesperson for Baxter's office said Walmer had asked attorneys not to speak to the media.

Clinton announced Friday that he has given Defense Secretary Les Aspin until July 15 to draft an executive order that would end the current policy of

excluding people from the military solely because they're gay. The order also would establish strict standards of sexual conduct for all members of the military, gay and straight.

Discharges of gay members of the military will be suspended until the policy question is resolved, and gay soldiers in the process of being discharged will be removed from active duty and placed in the standby reserve until then, Clinton said.

In addition to Walmer's case, the Justice Department has nine other pending legal challenges by gay military person-

nel. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon Sullivan said in a speech Thursday in Leavenworth the issue of gays in the military remains one of the greatest challenges facing the joint chiefs of staff.

Sullivan and other chiefs, including chairperson Gen. Colin Powell, have said they favor keeping the ban. Capt. Bill Buckner, an Army spokesperson, said in a telephone interview from the Pentagon that Sullivan met with Clinton at least once in the last week to explain the Army's position.

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Colorado lawmakers divided along party lines on military ban on homosexuals

DENVER, Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP)—Colorado's two U.S. senators and six members of the U.S. House are divided along party lines on whether to support President Clinton's call for an end to the military's ban on homosexuals.

The five Republicans oppose efforts to remove the ban; the three Democrats are in favor of the change.

Colorado's newly elected senator, Democrat Ben Nighthorse Campbell, supports the change but thinks Clinton is wise to move slowly, spokesperson Carol Knight said in a report in Sunday's The Denver Post.

Campbell, who recalls serving with gays in combat during the Korean War, points out there are "tens of thousands" of homosexuals in the military and that the code of military conduct already bans inappropriate sexual behavior regardless of sexual orientation, Knight said.

"We're starting to get more calls in favor of lifting the ban," she added, although they still were running 2-to-1 against the president's position.

Republican Sen. Hank Brown said, "I don't think Bill Clinton knows what

he's talking about. If Clinton had served in the military, he would not have approached the issue in this way."

Brown, who flew missions as a Navy officer during the early years of the Vietnam War, said there should be more time to study the issue.

"I hope the president will review the issue and continue to consult with his military advisers and the Congress before he acts," Brown said.

"Congress should hold hearings on this question and should vote on it if the president does change the current policy."

Rep. Pat Schroeder fully supports lifting the restriction. The Denver Democrat, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, contends that officially opening the military to homosexuals actually reduces the national security risk, rather than increasing it, as some opponents of the change have argued.

If exposure no longer means an end to a homosexual's military career, she said, there's less chance a gay or lesbian can be blackmailed into divulging secrets.

"The problem is, the moment they're exposed, they're out," Schroeder said.

She said Clinton should turn the national security argument against the ban's defenders. "This is the real bottom line this administration should emphasize," she said, and Clinton hasn't stressed it enough.

Rep. David Skaggs, a Boulder Democrat who also served in Vietnam as a Marine lieutenant, supports lifting the ban.

The four Republican representatives in the Colorado delegation all oppose it. Rep. Joel Hefley of Colorado Springs, whose district includes many of Colorado's largest military installations as well as an influential retired officer constituency, reported more telephone calls on the issue than any other member of the state's delegation.

Hefley's press secretary, Lauren Sims, said more than 800 calls had been received in the congressman's Washington and district offices as of late Thursday.

"Only 30 to 40 were in support of the president," she said.

Hefley himself has said he opposes "using the military as an arm for social change."

Freshman Rep. Scott McInnis of Glenwood Springs believes a change "would be disruptive at this time and does not support lifting the ban," spokesperson Stephanie Finley said.

Rep. Dan Schaefer promised to "continue to monitor this issue as it develops." But in a statement the Lakewood Republican made note of bipartisan opposition in Congress and by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I am not convinced that compelling integration of homosexuals into our armed forces would benefit our country's defense capability, nor would it benefit our soldiers or sailors of either sexual orientation," Schaefer said in a statement issued earlier.

Roy Palmer, chief of staff for Rep. Wayne Allard, said the Loveland Republican also opposes a change if Clinton acts without convincing the Pentagon.

"The Defense Department ought to be able to determine the needs of members of the services," Palmer said.

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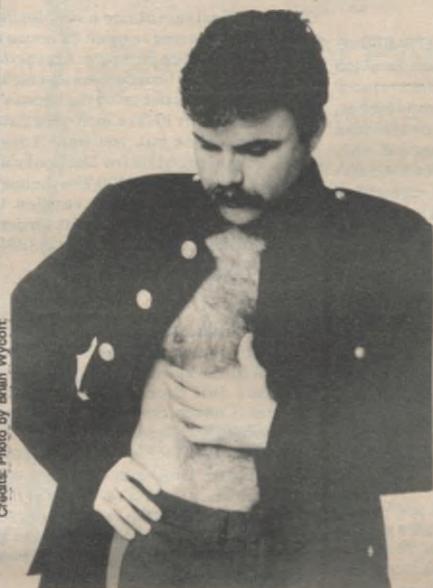
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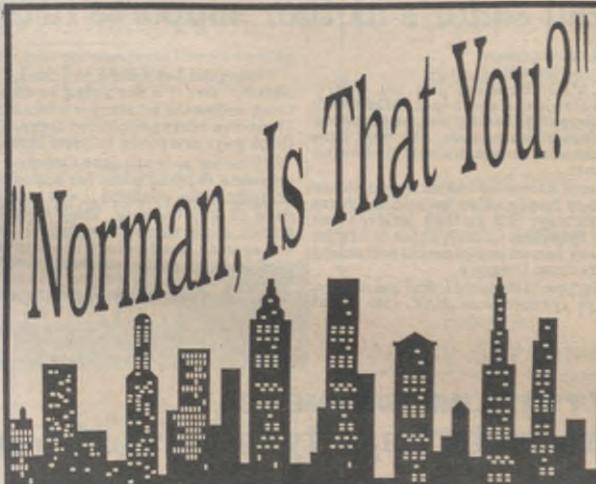
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Dead sailor's mother supports lifting gay military ban to save others

By SHARON COHEN

FOR THE NEW VOICE
CHICAGO, Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP)—When Dorothy Hajdys last talked with her 22-year-old sailor son, he promised he would be home soon. The next time she saw him, he was in a coffin—beaten to death.

Seaman Allen Schindler was killed in Japan, a month after he told the Navy he was gay. His mother grieves but hopes President Clinton's plan to lift the military ban on homosexuals will shield others from tragedy.

"It's too late for Allen," said Mrs. Hajdys (pronounced HAY' jia). "But

maybe this will save someone else's life.

"I think the ban should be lifted," she added. "But it's not going to do anything unless the military is educated. ... There are crazy people out there. They think gays are going to harm them."

Schindler's death last October has become a rallying point for homosexual activists, who contend it was a classic case of gay bashing. They've held a memorial service in San Diego, where the seaman lived before his ship traveled to Japan, and a candlelight vigil in Washington.

Mrs. Hajdys, a 46-year-old book-

keeper, attended both events. But she's not convinced her son was gay, though he told her he was in 1991.

"I never really believed him," she said, remembering how in the fourth grade she was called to school because her son was kissing the little girls and was called "the Kissing Bandit."

"I knew he was confused," she said. "It doesn't matter if he was or wasn't. No one had a right to kill him."

In Japan, the Navy recently held the military equivalent of a grand jury hearing to determine whether Airman Apprentice Terry M. Helvey, 21, of Westland, Mich., will stand trial for murder.

Another seaman, Airman Apprentice Charles A. Vins, 20, pleaded guilty to a November court-martial to lesser charges of concealing a crime and resisting arrest. He agreed to testify against Helvey under a pretrial agreement.

Vins, of Sturgis, Mich., was sentenced to one year in custody and given a bad conduct discharge, according to Navy officials.

"What would you think if your son were killed by his own?" Mrs. Hajdys asked. "If we were at war, these would have been the people who were supposed to protect him."

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Democratic Majority Leader confident as clash looms over gays in military

By TOM RAUM

FOR THE NEW VOICE
WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—Senate Republicans are mounting a battle to block President Clinton's move to lift the ban on gays in the military, but Majority Leader George Mitchell predicts the White House will prevail.

Mitchell, D-Maine, said the compromise Clinton struck with moderate Democrats such as Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia—delaying the formal lifting of the ban for six months—improves Clinton's chances.

"I believe that given this directive and support for it that a majority of the Senate will reject an effort to immediately codify the existing policy," Mitchell said.

Clinton, calling it a "dramatic step forward," on Friday carried out a cam-

paign vow and moved to suspend the 50-year-old ban on homosexuals in the military. Clinton's pledge had drawn the opposition of many in Congress and in the military.

But his hand was strengthened by the six-month compromise and by a Thursday ruling by a federal judge in California that the military ban violated the Constitution.

The major features of Clinton's policy.—Defense Secretary Les Aspin has until July 15 to draft terms of an executive order ending the current policy. The order would at the same time establish strict standards of sexual conduct for all members of the military—and it could, for instance, bar gays from certain kinds of duties involving close quarters.—Starting at once, recruiters are barred from asking enlistees about their sexual orientation.—During the next

six months, proceedings against gay members of the military will be suspended; gay soldiers in the process of being discharged will be removed from active duty and placed in the standby reserve.—Commanding officers during the interim period will still be allowed to reassign gay members of the military to other units if they consider their presence disruptive.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton also was open to the idea of barring gays from combat, sea duty and other close quarters if senior Pentagon officials felt that was necessary to maintain military effectiveness.

Senate Republicans vowed Friday to press legislation to overturn Clinton's policy with legislation.

"It's a big mistake," said Senate

Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas. "The so-called Clinton compromise is nothing more than political damage control for a besieged White House."

But Mitchell said that with Nunn on board, the president's position should be upheld in the Senate. Republicans have a far smaller margin in the House, where Clinton's policy was never believed to be at risk.

If Clinton's effort at striking a compromise didn't win the support of Dole and other congressional Republicans, it did at least seem to subdue some of the criticism of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"This has been a difficult issue for all of us," said Joint Chiefs Chairperson Colin Powell, a Bush appointee. "The president has made a statement that we support. He has given us a direction to move in, and we are going to be moving in that direction."

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Ohio gay couple, one with AIDS, marries and hopes to adopt child

ELYRIA, Ohio, Sunday, Jan. 24 (AP)—Two gay men who exchanged marriage vows hope to adopt a child, even though one of them has AIDS.

Pat Guthrie, 25, and Davis Heidenreich, 37, met at a bar eight months ago and were married Saturday night at the YWCA. "It's really just like anybody else, except you're a guy and a guy," Heidenreich said after the wedding.

The men plan to leave Tuesday for a honeymoon at Disney World in Florida. Marriage between people of the same sex isn't legally binding in Ohio, and the men say their relationship has been challenged, mainly by concerns about Guthrie's illness.

Guthrie was diagnosed two years ago as having AIDS. Heidenreich has tested negative for the virus that causes AIDS and

said the two men practice safe sex. "I made him (Heidenreich) ask my dad," Guthrie said of his marriage plans. Guthrie said his father had known for years that he was a homosexual, but initially said he wouldn't attend the wedding. However, he changed his mind when friends and relatives said they would attend, said Guthrie.

The couple will apply soon to adopt a child, probably one with special needs, such as an AIDS victim. They said Heidenreich will apply as a single man so they have a better chance. The couple will live with Guthrie's parents. Heidenreich, an engineer, recently was laid off. Guthrie qualifies for disability insurance.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

Advise for the perfect honeymoon; looks like the biggest Mardi Gras in years

By BUNCH BRITTAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans Motivation? Money! Isn't it strange how true this is in more and more ways, some we wouldn't ordinarily recognize? First take the word "honeymoon" and insert in the case of the media the words "give us something we can hype that will keep us interesting to the folks watching the boob tube and reading our papers." In the case of Congress insert the words "don't you dare do anything that will take attention away from us."

President Clinton, behaving like a political genius, and backed up by his group of brilliant "baby-boomers" (not unlike JFK's Irish Mafia), showed his lack of interest in the "honeymoon" proposition and gave the media and Congress what they were expecting. In doing this he accomplished some unusual results. First he exposed the so called "honeymoon," a figment of the media's imagination, as nothing more than a simplistic method the media has of allowing for their own creation of news in a period of time when a new administration has to take the time to learn the politics of bureaucratic management. No one honestly expected a completely new economic package or a comprehensive health program on Jan. 21. The 76% approval rating taken this past week by ABC and the Washington Post proved that the programs were not expected by the public, and I would expect the media and Congress to be as analytical.

However, Clinton was ready to be "Presidential" and had spent November, December and January planning his strategy. It seems obvious now that he felt America should no longer be managed by the media and their polls or the super powerful Senators whose many years of seniority have given them an over inflated opinion of their infallibility. This strategy included issuing an executive order wiping out the anti-abortionists gains by the same tool used during the Reagan-Bush administration. It also included addressing the sticky problem of his promise to remove the ban on gays in the military. Anyone can recognize the inherent problems in this campaign promise. By his actions he found a way to cross all political lines and capture attention during the first week and direct it away from an economic package and health care reform.

The results? The media, Congress and the military immediately started screaming loudly about "ruining military discipline," "privacy of heterosexuals" and other typical arguments that didn't really hit the mark with the American public at large. It did accomplish cutting off the telephone communications to a number of Senators, the White House and the Pentagon, to name a few. It also caused the media and Congress to start giving such baseless opinions as "the honeymoon's over," (who cares, Clinton doesn't seem to), "the White House is confused in its priorities," (wake up and smell the roses—the only confusion is in the minds of the beholders), "Clinton is going to tax social security," (get serious), "Clinton is hated by Nunn," (and vice versa), "Clinton's made the Democratic Party into a party of tax and spend," et cetera, ad nauseam.

Go back and re-read the inaugural

address. Take Bill Clinton at his word.

Sure, he's human, but remember the Joey Baird mistake? He admitted it and got on with the program. It wouldn't have mattered what was offered by the White House. It could have been a proposition to economic package. It just so happened the abortion orders and the proposition to remove the ban on homosexuals in the military were "ready to go." And, as he told you in his press conference, the later was pressed on him by the Congress. Actually, I think we'll find out that Defense Secretary Aspin's memorandum was "leaked" out of the office of Sam Nunn, Robert Dole, Strom Thurmond or Phil Gramm. That may make the President's statement misleading, but still true.

The results? Facts, not opinion. President Clinton is shown as being decisive on the abortion issue and on sticking to his campaign promise to remove the ban on gays in the military, a decisiveness that he sorely needed after the Baird nomination defeat. After the gay ban issue came up he achieved a compromise with Senator Nunn, the Democratic Senators, Senator George Mitchell and others in Congress. The Republicans are caught with egg all over their collective faces. He's put them in the losing position. They did threaten to add an amendment to the family leave bill but announced Tuesday they would use a different strategy.

They still want to push for an immediate vote, but don't stand much chance of doing so after the Nunn, Mitchell, Joint Chief, Clinton compromise of a six-month wait for a final executive order with plenty of time for political posturing by all sides. The Democrats in Congress whom you would have normally thought would have been against removing the ban should now stand behind Senator Nunn and Senator Mitchell in their compromise with the President.

The Joint Chiefs are pledged to stop inquiring as to sexual preference of new recruits and to examine ways to make the acceptance of gays in the military an accomplished fact. Gays must embrace the new codes of conduct drawn up, or be forced to appear foolish in the public eye, a reasonable requirement. This giant step forward would take homosexuality out of the generalities and put it on an individual basis when it comes to "breaking the law."

In a way it is a honeymoon for Bill Clinton. It shows that most of the media and Congress have grossly underestimated the man whom they've tried to pass off as a Governor of a "small State" from the "hills." No wonder he's enjoying his Presidency so much, as is obvious in each and every public appearance. He came prepared while the media and Congress assumed a "Jimmy Carter" was back in town.

And how does President Clinton reach the great American public? It's according to what he wants to accomplish. If you want to change the media, public and congressional debate from "gays in the military" you give them something juicier, through guess where? That staunch protector of "objective" journalism, The New York Times (or in harder times The Washington Post). You let them leak a story that the administration is considering ways to

take money from the Social Security Trust Fund.

Now this sacrosanct entitlement program that provides Congress with extra spending money of one billion dollars each week for such things as Phil Gramm's oil companies, Jesse Helm's and Strom Thurmond's tobacco companies, etc., will bring them out of the woodwork. Add to that a proposition to vaccinate all of the children in America without charge and Poof!—"gays what's that?" Every administration since the days of Moses has been using The Times for just the same sort of thing.

But wait, President Clinton has another direct line to the public. Remember, he was the well-liked Chairperson of the National Governor's Association that just happened to be meeting in Washington following the inauguration. Have you listened to some of the favorable comments from even the Republican Governors about Clinton's Presidency. You may have to turn to CNN to get your quotes direct since they are not making the media happy with some of their comments. Please remember that these men are in direct control of the management of their States and in daily contact with their constituency. I think it is safe to say that in most cases they are more respected and definitely more trusted as a whole than members of Congress, especially after the scandals of the last Congress.

I always make it a habit to listen to "Meet the Press" on NBC and "The Brinkley Report" on ABC each Sunday. I have not often agreed with the members of the panels until this past Sunday when Sam Donaldson came close to hitting the mark on many of the items that I've pointed out in this column. Please be assured that the majority of the column was written prior to my listening to Mr. Donaldson.

Hopefully, the White House will no longer be directed by news media polls or the opinions of the news analysts. More importantly it could show that we have a President such as we haven't had since the days of Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy. And, of even more importance than that, it could show the super-Senators that their power must be carefully exercised and that they can no longer be motivated by "money" and partisan politics. Dare we believe that President William Jefferson Clinton believes in the "American Dream"?

Time will tell. I'd like to believe that He in His infinite wisdom has given us another great leader. Give Him our prayers for this man. Give him your support and this time, may God keep him alive.

Now that we know America is headed in the right direction we can enjoy Carnival this year in New Orleans. With the economy coming back, it looks like we're going to have a big one this year. Rooms seem to be all filled up with revelers from the other 49 states. If you've got a spare place on the floor then you're lucky. Save it for that perfect "stranger" you're sure to meet on Fat Tuesday.

George and Jamie are proud of their announcement that they are not raising prices at the Phoenix/Men's Room at any time during the entire Carnival season. This is going to be a real treat along with the beer busts, shows and free buffets they're having.

The Knights d'Orleans are presenting the "Knight of the Block" party at the Phoenix from 9:00 p.m. on the Friday before Mardi Gras, Feb. 19. This is the South's only leather block party and beer bust and will be the festive place for that night. The New Orleans chapter of the National Leather Association will be having their regular "Lagniappe" on Feb. 12.

The Mint gave the "Divas" a good send off last Sunday with a packed house on Saturday, Feb. 20. The Lords of Leather ball is Sunday, Feb. 21. We plan on printing a special page on Mardi Gras parades and events in the next issue of The New Voice. It will be out for distribution on Friday, Feb. 12 at our normal places and time.

Jack and Don are hosting their annual "Ball Masque" this Saturday night at 10:00 p.m., Feb. 6. It will be at Jewel's bar, 1207 Decatur. This is their annual full moon ball and Don made a point of asking me to wear a "Masque." Is he trying to tell me something? Maybe I've been howling too much at his full moon parties this past year. They are a monthly highlight.

Leonard Earl Johnson and I have been visiting Randy again at big Gary's Heart Break Cafe and Bar. Leonard invited Frank Aqueno, author of "Queer Pier," to join us. It's always festive when you get the two of them together.

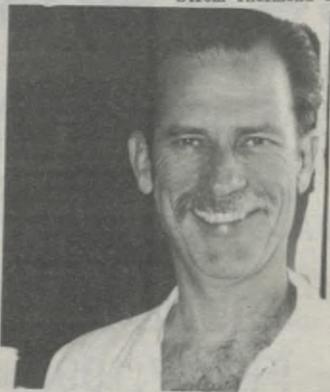
Gary's food is great. Service is great. Leonard will give you a better run down on the menu soon. The 24 hour bar is getting more and more festive and should really be rolling by many years. It's in a convenient location about the right place to get you half way from MRB and Jewels to Lafitte's and the Pub, 625 St. Philip.

Nick thanked us for mentioning him last week while remarking on the Quarter Scene Restaurant. I forgot to mention that he has a lover who didn't thank me for mentioning Nick to all of his Austin friends. Tom and Ed will serve as seconds. The duel is going to be over their big breakfasts at 3 feet. If it wasn't for the big Belgian waffles I'd be more sure of winning.

I found out why Leonard is falling behind in his restaurant reviews. It's because he's been going by the Greenleaves Café and getting some of their plates to go. Their Creole/American food at 539 St. Philip is some of the best in the Quarter, if Leonard has left us any.

Ken is the General Contractor for the OZ remodeling. He and Tommy, the manager to be, are spending sleepless nights to make sure OZ is ready to go by Feb. 12. Gosh that's only a week away. We're optimistic they'll meet their deadline. They are taking applications for all positions. Stop by at 800 Bourbon St.

And that's how it is while we draw closer to the BIG party of the year. Greetings from the Queen of the South, New Orleans.



John



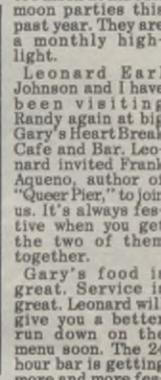
Ken and Randy at Good Friends



Robin at Lafitte's



Ted, Carol and Alice at Greenleaves Cafe



Gary's Heart Break Cafe



Leonard Earl Johnson

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

San Francisco Bay area gay groups applaud Clinton despite 'compromise'

By MARK EVANS

FOR THE NEW VOICE
SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—It appeared to be a "compromise," but gay activists in the San Francisco Bay Area lauded President Clinton for interim measures that would lift the military's ban on homosexuals.

"We've been working nine years for this day," said Paul Hardman, 70, a World War II Navy veteran and commander of a mostly gay American Legion post.

"We're very gratified that we have a president now who has the statesmanship to do it despite the political ramifi-

cations."

Other gay rights' groups gathered at San Francisco's War Memorial Plaza after Clinton's announcement Friday, echoing Hardman's sentiments.

"I think he did a brilliant thing. I think he's watching out for us and considering how this is going to work," said Gilbert Baker, an organizer of San Francisco's annual Lesbian/Gay Freedom Parade.

In his televised announcement, Clinton said would give Defense Secretary Les Aspin until July 15 to draft an order ending the ban. In the meantime, recruiters will refrain from asking en-

listees about their sexual orientation, and discharge proceedings against gays already in the service will be put on hold.

Michael Vallejo stood to lose his job, so "compromise" wasn't what came to mind when Clinton cautiously renewed his pledge to lift the 50-year ban.

"I'm ecstatic," said Vallejo, who two weeks ago told colleagues at the Alameda Naval Air Station that he is homosexual.

"I've been very eligible for discharge," the 24-year-old petty officer said. "Now I know he's going to lift the ban. There's no doubt. He's going through with it."

Added Army veteran Chris Bowman:

"Politics is the art of the possible. If he had signed an executive order today, it would've lasted about six hours," Bowman said.

Others welcomed the prospect of televised hearings leading up to Aspin's July 15 draft. Hearings likely will educate the public which is sharply divided on the issue, said Mark Leno, a member of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"These six months will be critical. It will defuse everything," he said. "To see the word 'gay' in the headlines day after day, that's for the good."

▼▼▼ CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

Whips, leather and blood the order of the day at Hidden Door anniversary

By SUZETTE LOCKE

The New Voice/Corpus Christi Leather men and macho sluts were everywhere...at Hidden Door, celebrating Corpus Christi Motorcycle Club's 11th anniversary. With its waves of leather, whips and chains it was a fantasy land, deeply arousing and complex.

Multitudes of motorcycle clubs and G.D. Independents across Texas converged on The Hidden Door to help commemorate CCMC's 11th year. Not to mention Austin's National Leather Association. Mmmm...good! Check to cheek riders included The Silver Dolphins, Texas Riders, River City Outlaws, BALLS, CC Rebels, Heart of Texas-Waco, GDI's and many others!

The exciting events included a free buffet and cocktails by The Texas Riviera Empire, the President's Cocktail Party by CCMC President Randy Blake, and the announcements of The 1993 CCMC officers.

The new officers are: President,



A Dreamboy at Choices

Randy Blake, Vice-President and Master of Arms, Alfred Rodriguez, Treasurer, David Molbe, Secretary and T.C.C. representative, Dr. Ken Boeker, Historian, Dan Vanhooser, Road Captain, Steve Falgout. Members are Buck Myers, Richard Martinez and Jerry Ortega. Aaron Deal is a pledge.

Speaking of member Jerry Ortega, he received the honorable Ted Gallagher Award for his continuous community service. Congrats Jerry! Cocktail parties were given by The CC Rebels, The Silver Dolphins and Bay Area Levi and Leather Society as well.

One of the evenings climaxes included Armand Primeaux from Houston exhibiting a favorite fan-the Hidden Door he executed a body piercing exhibition.

Screams of delight were heard as Armand Primeaux drew blood from his well proportioned chest. Haha, Houston! Dan from CCMC brought him here! Eat your heart out!

Bud and Andy we missed you! They are not in the group photo. But Jack Stice, Mr. Hidden Door 1992 and 1993 was! This year's Beachhead (sex, I mean) 6 will include "Tattoo's and Pearls." It will be held Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4 through 7, 1993. Be there! More information much later...

Choices and their club supporters, such as Texas Riviera Empire, helped to commemorate the events at Hidden Door during CCMC's 11th anniversary.

Choices is proud to bring an Executive Club to Corpus Christi. Along with the excellent shows packed with beauty and talent, Choices brings you another choice. The Executive Club is open 7

days a week 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Dance and Show Bar is open Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. And, back by popular demand, Happy Hour is held from 2 to 11:00 p.m. with 75 cent well and \$7 can beer. The Dream Boys, a fantastic reality, will be back, Feb. 11th at 10:30. See ya!

Ms. Choices Sweetheart Contest is scheduled, Feb. 14, at 11:30 p.m. For more information call Tanya Roberts at (512) 888-8742.

Recently Choices, one of South Texas' largest contributors to local AIDS service providers, held a benefit show raising over \$250 for PLALoving Spoonful Kitchen. The charity is a group of wonderful, selfless people who provide delicious, nutritious lunches and social events for people living with AIDS. Lunch is served at the MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) and supports meetings for Corpus-Out Youth. The youth group provides peer support to gay, lesbian, and unsure young people at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The Amazing Edward, a and his gorgeous assistant Dazzling Debra have astounded audiences at UBU recently. The Amazing Edward has been voted Texas' best stage magician by The Texas Association of Magicians. I attended a recent show.

Amazing Edward began his magical evening with the traditional rabbit appearance and disappearances. He then moved on to hypnotizing a feathered friend. It was a hilarious sight, seeing this beautiful bird bent over backwards head down, feet up as if passed out!

Amazing Edward put the dazzling Debra in a neck collar...mmm...anyways...he stabbed her through the neck! And yes folks she lived to tell about it!



Corpus Christi Motorcycle Club

Then he totally confused the masses with silver solid rings. In and out, on and off, audience participation and still he had them! What a wonderful different show! It was a wonderful way to spend an evening! Stay tuned for more shows!

This Friday Ms. Texas at Large, Shady Lady plus Ms. January, Tori Nicole and your favorite hostess Malissa Mycheals will perform. Saturday, Feb. 6, spotlights San Antonio's Malissa Crawford and Ms. Texas USA, Oprah DeMarro at midnight. But wait, there is definitely more! In this week's Super Sunday Showcase you'll see Ms. San Antonio USA, Amber Nix plus female dancers. Free barbecue is served from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Feb. 7. Showtime is midnight. But the best is yet to come! Sean Colby! Things that make you hmmm!

This Saturday, Feb. 13, UBU holds its Ms. Sweetheart Pageant, with special guest Mr. Corpus All-America! The winner of this pageant will receive a \$100 prize, a trophy and crown, and sponsorship to Ms. Corpus, Ms. UBU Sweetheart. For more information call (512) 853-9693.

The Leatherack's Bob Smith is now helping manage The New Jolly Jack III. Bob and George invite everyone to Jolly Jack III, 213 S. Staples. They have a number of drink specials: 75 cent well, \$1.75 canned beer, and 50 cent draft Tuesday through Sunday from 4 to 11:00 p.m. They are open until 2:00 a.m.

Feb. 14, come and join The Official Ms. Gay Corpus Christi Sweetheart Pageant. Prizes are \$50 cash to the first place winner and trophies for the second and third place winners. It promises to be an exciting event, and there are many more to come!

How 'bout them Cowboys! 52 to 17! Bring it on home boys! Yes!



Armand cracked his whip at the Hidden Door



The Amazing Edward and Dazzling Debra at UBU

▼▼▼ RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

Phoenix Theater's benefit presentation a huge success, artistically and financially

By Alicia Logo

The New Voice/Rio Grande Valley Thursday, Jan. 29, the Valley AIDS Council and the Phoenix Theater of McAllen presented "On Tidy Ending" at the club Cimarron in Mission. The show, a benefit for the Valley AIDS Council, is the first venture of the newly formed Phoenix Theatre Company. It is a one act, 45-minute play that was written by Harvey Fierstein with a powerful and moving story line.

The story is dramatized by four characters Arthur (Carter Robinson), Marion (Tamara Cramer), Jimmy (Trevor Ryan) and June (Marilu Amici). Robinson and Cramer come together at the apartment of a recently deceased Colin, who was her ex-husband and had recently been living with Arthur as his lover. They are there to divide his possessions, and to sign papers to allow them to sell the apartment. Colin has died of AIDS. Robinson and Cramer have been left to evaluate their relationships with each other, as well as his illness and death.

Although their meeting is tense, it is lightened by Robinson's dry humor, as they come to terms with their mutual loss.

The play also touches on the emotions felt by 11-year-old Jimmy, who is trying to come to terms with his anger, self-blame and jealousy while



Aaron Davis at Just Tery's

he deals with his father's death. We give the play a 4 star rating.

The play netted approximately \$10,000 for the Valley AIDS Council at this fund raising event. It is scheduled to be released to the general public at the McAllen Civic Center in both English and Spanish versions in a few months. It is also available for fund raising to any other interested organizations. Cast and press release packets are available to take on the road. For information contact Ted Edison at the Valley AIDS Council, at (210) 428-9322.

Valley Voice is pleased to announce the establishment of their new McAllen chapter. The first meeting was held Monday, Feb. 1, and drew a really great turnout. The next McAllen meeting will be held Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., at Just Tery's. The topic of discussion will be the policies of the new Clinton administration and how they affect us in the Valley.

Valley Voice also meets the first and third Tuesday in Harlingen at 7:00 p.m. for dinner, and at 8:00 p.m. for the meeting. Meetings are held at the Best Western in Harlingen. For more information on Valley Voice and its activities, call (210) 428-6800.

Feb. 19, at Just Tery's, and on Feb. 14, at PBD's Valley Voice will have a booth set up to take Valentine pictures of you and your sweetheart. Please come out

and support this fund raising event at each location.

Congrats to the "I Don't Care" team that came in first place last week in bowling. High scorer was Laurie. Coming in second was "Clito" closely followed by "KATS." Come in on Tuesday, Feb. 9, and let Valley Voice bowl you over at Creasey's Bowl in Harlingen at 8:00 p.m.

Just Tery's really packed the house Sunday with their Super Bowl bash. They had one rowdy bunch backing the Cowboys. The brew was flowing and the barbecue and goodies kept everyone cheering as well. Next year we want to see Tery and Peggy in cheerleader outfits leading the cheers.

And speaking of cheers. We want to invite all those who can travel to San Antonio on Feb. 12, to cheer on Victoria West. Victoria will be representing Just Tery's at the Paper Moon that night in the Miss Gay Southwest USA 1993 Pageant.

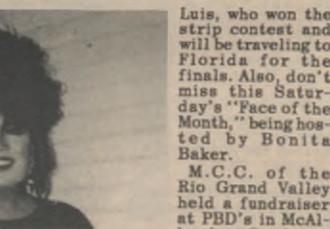
Don't forget Wednesdays are now "Just Country" at Just Tery's. This Friday Aaron Davis and Victoria will head up the entertainment billing. Be sure to mark your calendar for Feb. 19 when special guest star, Shady Lady will appear.

10th Avenue will host Takisha's Birthday Show on Friday, Feb. 5. Special guests will include Misty Duval and Nina Jackson. And on Sunday come out and see the sexy Lonehorn Dancers strut their stuff.

Zippers in Harlingen congratulates



Linda and Patricia at Zipper's Super Bowl party



GeeGee at PBD's

Luis, who won the strip contest and will be traveling to Florida for the finals. Also, don't miss this Saturday's "Face of the Month," being hosted by Bonita Baker.

M.C.C. of the Rio Grande Valley held a fundraiser at PBD's in McAllen last Sunday. A delicious Italian Buffet was provided by Chuck and Don.

Great job, thanks guys! Thanks also go out to Geege, Bonita Baker, Lily Garland and Joshua St. Michael for the great show. PBD's, Chuck and Jeff deserve thanks as well for the great door prizes. Don't forget to mark your calendar for PBD's ninth anniversary show on Feb. 12. Be sure to come in for the "attitude adjustment" specials, Monday through Thursday, which feature \$1.50 well drinks and \$1.25 beer. And thank you for shopping better dresses. That's all for now gang. See ya next week.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Key elements of Clinton's announcement: Gays and the military—at a glance

Friday, Jan. 29 (AP)—Key elements in President Clinton's announcement on ending the ban on openly gay people serving in the military:

—Defense Secretary Les Aspin was given until July 15 to draft an executive

order that would end the current policy of excluding people from the military solely because they're gay. The order also would establish strict standards of sexual conduct for all members of the military.

—Discharges of gay members of the military will be suspended until the policy question is resolved. In the interim, gay soldiers in the process of being discharged will be removed from active duty and placed in the standby reserve.

—The government will stop legal proceedings to discharge gay members of the military.

—Recruiters will stop asking enlistees about their sexual orientation.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

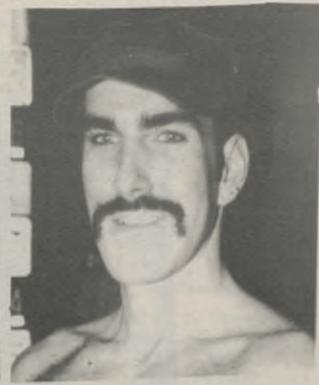
Homecoming Queens, Crumb-snatchers and Truckers meet a little Houston dirt

By TAD NELSON
The New Voice/Houston
Hello Houston!

You know how straights have had derogatory little names for us, like "faggot"—and you hear them every day. When attending school in Austria, this one really confused me. I had a British guide, Paul, who showed me around Florence and he asked me if I wanted a "faggot." I almost fell off my bar stool thinking this guy had just come on to me somehow, when actually he had just asked me, as any polite Brit would, if I would like a pre-rolled filtered cigarette. Boy was I embarrassed! There are a few other more familiar words, such as "queen." Yes, queen. Well everybody knows about Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain; Queens, a suburb of New York City; queen for a day; Rodeo Queen; Homecoming Queen, etc. So what's the real connection here? And how about queer? Okay, even the dictionary says, deviating from what is ordinary, usual or to be expected. This one, maybe. But it doesn't show much real imagination on the part of the people who thought of it.



Allen (left) and Robert (right) runners-up to Joseph Lorrenz (center) Bear of the Year 1993 at the Montrose Mining Company



Richard makes a rare appearance at the Ripcord



Rita Boulevard has a "Super" time at Gentry



Batch, Chuck and Studley at the Ripcord

I wonder how many straight people have ever thought about the names gays and straights like. My favorite of course is "breeders." Sounds so nasty, doesn't it? Breeders. Almost disease-like, don't you agree?

And their spawn have my favorite pet names. Children are picked on by gays and straights alike. I'm sorry, but there are many people out there, like me, who like children only when they belong to someone else.

While at an art showing the other day, somehow almost miraculously a child appeared in a room full of mixed gender adults, and the discussion began on "breeder-brats," "yard-apes," "rug-rats," "snot-sniffers," "curtain-climbers" and "crumb-snatchers." Now those are original names. Can't you just picture kids playing on the jungle-gym in the backyard (yard-apes), or running up

and taking small pieces of cake off of mommy's plate at high-tea (crumb-snatchers) or wiping their runny noses on their shirt sleeves (snot-sniffers)?

Thank gawd neither my trucker nor I has one to call his own. Can you imagine cab-crawlers trying to get into the porno collection in the sleeper. What you would do to keep them off the sling? Snot and leather are not a pretty combination. And how long would the little nipers last if you came home one evening after a very long haul and found Mr. Potato Head's eyes, mouth and other body parts stuck into your proportionately correct, life-like, Jeff Stryker health and beauty aid. Nope, it just wouldn't do. Finger prints on the window really tee-off my trucker, so I can just imagine the reaction to Crayola on the windshield, or jacks on the driver's seat. The incident would

make the witch in Hansel and Gretel seem like Smurfette. NOT! Leave the children to the Murphy Browns or the Roseanne Arnolds, and leave the trucking to us.

Now, how about a little Houston dirt? Vera (BRB): Damien (CBC) offered the large economy size soap bucket as a shot glass. All you have to do is pick it up at their Fannin Beach location and rinse and go.

To: Lazer Wizard, From: Nikki, Re: Tag. You are it!

Batch (Rip), how was the private bar at the Melrose?

Buffy (Wolf Pack), I hear you were skinny and sweet on I-10 East.

Miss Danning, if you had gone to Corpus, would you still have a husband?

Misfits (HRB), how did the weekend turn out?

Snow at the BRB? No, it was just a bit of good ol' napkin tossing. Animal, next time bring your own box so you don't have to buy one of theirs.

Who is the first Miss Mary? to actually take a trip down the Nile (not New Orleans or Garden Party style)? Gary, of course! Bon Voyage on Feb. 19, Gary.

Meg (Wolf Pack), I hear you have a new Meg doll to replace the one sacrificed in the camp fire. So when do the red heels get replaced?

Happy birthday to Ross Briggs of Southern Country on Feb. 9.

Congratulations to Sandy and AJ on their new nesting location.

▼▼▼ GALVESTON SOAP

Bob beats the bushes for business; Ricky finds himself faced with a sixshooter

By STEVIE B.

The New Voice/Galveston "Broadway Bound" is the theme of this year's Galveston Mardi Gras. The festivities begin on Feb. 12, and continue through Feb. 23. Those who need more information can contact the Galveston at (409) 763-4311, (800) 351-4236 (TX), or (800) 351-4237.

If you are still not sure about what to wear, contact Danny Morgan at Morgan's Studios, 3515 Broadway in Galveston, (409) 763-7115.

In last week's issue there was a slight mix-up in some of the pictures, sorry Earl, John, Mona and Ann.

Galveston's two party girls are busy, Dave and Ken are hosting the annual "Banner Party" (invitation only) and then hosting the Silk Stocking Ball on Feb. 19. Talk about two busy queens!



Stevie B. cleans up his act

The Kon Tiki is going to become the regular host to entertainer Shawna Brooks, Miss Tri-State 1993. We'll keep you posted as to when she will appear. This coming Saturday their show will feature Mr. Gay Houston.

Let's get to what you've been waiting for; gossip...gossip...gossip...

Ricky, what's been keeping you at home...or should that be WHO'S been keeping you at home? And, what's this about a six shooter? Can you handle it that many times in a row?

I've heard of people really getting into their work, but Bob, what were you doing in the bushes in front of your office? Were you trying to attract more business?

I have to make a correction to some gossip from last week. It seems that Buffle prefers to be a Top as we found out last Wednesday at Lafitte's when she performed on the pool table.

What's this about side pockets Buffle? Sorry, I had no pleasure in your performance, you do much better on stage. Maybe we need to get you some more numbers since it seems you are now performing on pool tables! (Love you babe!)

We're going to have to keep "MA" home, she's forgotten what it's like to go out. You



Christian from Muscles in Action



know you can't behave like that in public. And who was the long, tall man?

New arrivals to the Island get a warm welcome. Just ask Bruce. How many drinks did Phillip buy for you? Welcome to the Island City and hope to see you again soon.

We all had a good time at Evolution on Sunday. Since I haven't picked on Henry yet I think I will. He is always giving me something to talk about, but then he's always into so much.

Henry is it really true you just went to Evolution and Kon Tiki for dinner on Sunday? What did you get for desert? You would have thought she was in the locker room at the Super Bowl. Girlz just want to have fun! Until next week, that's it folks!

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Head of global AIDS agency urges businesses get comfortable and join the fight

By ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS

FOR THE NEW VOICE
DAVOS, Switzerland, Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP)—The World Health Organization urged major corporations Sunday to "get comfortable with AIDS" and work to curb the disease by educating employees in the Third World.

"Any Western multinational company that has workers in Asia or Africa or Latin America, that has sales in those parts of the world, they've got a lot at stake in this epidemic," said Dr. Michael Merson, director of WHO's Global Program on AIDS. "They need to be very

much involved."

WHO estimates that 13 million people worldwide are infected with the virus that causes the deadly disease.

Ninety percent of infections are now in the developing world. AIDS is spreading in Asia and Latin America, although it has yet to reach the rates of infection experienced in Africa, where in some cities, one in every three adults carry the virus, Merson said.

He spoke at the annual meeting of business and government leaders organized by the private World Eco-

nomc Forum. Attending the six-day meeting in the Swiss Alps were about 800 business officials, many of them top officers of major corporations.

"There has sometimes been a reluctance by industry to associate itself with this disease," Merson said.

"The business community needs to get comfortable with the disease, not be concerned about its image in working in this disease," Merson said. "The more we can be open about it, the more we can talk about it frankly, the greater success we're going to have in controlling it."

Education programs should dispel the

idea that AIDS is a disease of homosexuals or injecting-drug users, he said. In the Third World it is most commonly transmitted through heterosexual intercourse.

"This is everyone's disease, everyone is at risk," Merson said.

The main elements of Merson's proposal included using company education and health programs to teach AIDS prevention.

He also proposed that companies contribute money or volunteers to local, national or international campaigns against the disease.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

Bear of the Year Joseph Lorrenz; Emperor Giovanni and Empress Regina Dane

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston For those of you who are fans of "International Male"—the almost-porno-but-not-quite-fashion magazine that keeps you peering around in seams and trying to see through fabrics—you might be interested to note that Basic Brothers on Westheimer carries a good amount of the same merchandise that you would normally have to mail order. Just think, no wait, you can have it today, without the shipping, handling and insurance charges. Check it out and tell them The New Voice sent you.

Last Wednesday night's winner of the "Bear of the Year for 1992" at the Montrose Mining Company was Joseph Lorrenz; first runner up, Robert Conner; and second runner up Allen Bourgeois. Check out these stud muffins in the surrounding pictures.

Last Saturday night's coronation at the Holiday Inn Med-Center Ballroom for the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star was quite a production. We have a new Emperor and Empress, Giovanni and Regina Dane. Congratulations to you both.

And did you hear that there were some truly dedicated professionals on hand to entertain the court? Yes, Britany Paige locked her gowns and make-up in the car—AGAIN!—and had to break out a window five minutes before curtain. That's what Hide-A-Keys are for, gurl!

Last Sunday certainly was super, especially

for those Cowgurls and the party Gentry had was a smash. The club was packed out with cowboy fans. The Soiree Aubergine host committee served up a delicious barbecue dinner, which raised \$500 for the Bering Care Center. The Soiree hosts also sold over \$200 in raffle tickets and ribbons with all proceeds to Bering. Congratulations to Gentry and Soiree for using this opportunity to benefit others.



Doug Holt parties at Pacific Street

Last Sunday at MCCR, Hearthsong, the national touring quartet of men from the Dallas area, gave the morning worshipers a taste of the music to follow that evening. The four men lifted many a spirit in the sanctuary, and we know their spirits were lifted too by the 54 to 17 victory of their hometown team, the Dallas Cowboys.

On Monday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 8:00 p.m. at Cody's Rooftop Jazzbar and Grill, Montrose Counseling Center Permanent Endowment and the AIDS Equity League are roasting gay community supporter and entrepreneur, Marion E. Coleman. Please RSVP for the buffet and cash bar event by calling MCC at 529-0037. Nancy Ford, emcee and tickets are \$15.



Boots and friend party at Heaven

Michael K. Wilson's Wednesday night Self Healing Classes meets from 8 to 10:00 p.m. at the Spectrum Center, 3416 Audubon. The Feb. 10, guest speaker is Michael Orlando, attorney, speaking on "How to protect yourself legally: wills, powers of attorney and more." Feb. 17 the guest speaker will be Howard McQuay speaking on "Canaid" a formulation to help people with cancer.



Tony shows his best side

For information, please contact Michael Wilson at 523-4241. There is no admission charge to the gatherings, and questions are encouraged.

"Norman, is that you?" will be presented at MCCR, Feb. 12 through 14. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$12.50, \$5 for the show alone. Reservations required. Please call 861-9149 for information.

Southern Country Houston is holding "Sweethearts in Houston," Feb. 12 through 14. Registration is \$5. You can contact Southern Country at 3115 Houston Avenue, Houston, Texas 77009.

Soiree Aubergine (yes, that eggplant evening again) begins Friday, Feb. 19, with a silent auction and buffet, 6:00 p.m. at Gentry. Additional events are scheduled through Sunday, Feb. 28 at 5:00 p.m., when "La Soiree Grande" and raffle drawings will take place.

The Krew of Hydra and The Ripcord present "An Excursion to Mardi Gras in Galveston" Saturday, Feb. 20. Tickets cost \$20, round trip in advance, and \$25 on the day of the trip (if seating is available). Depart from The Ripcord at 11:00 a.m. to return following the parade. Tickets are available at The Ripcord. Proceeds benefit Stone Soup.

"Let Us Entertain You Weekend" is Feb. 26, 27, and 28. The event is free to out-of-town guests and \$10 for residents. Registration forms are available at participating clubs; or register at The Ven-



Rick Donovan in an outfit you might not recognize him in at Heaven

It's not long before Labor Day, and the Texas Riders' big "Silverlust 25." It will be held at Buzzards' Peak campsite. They are expecting quite a crowd at this one so you might get your application (available at most of your local leather/Levi bars) turned in early.

The Texas Renegades are having their 8th anniversary on Saturday March 27, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the BRB. There will be a bar hop, with fun, surprises and food. More information to follow on this one.

Don't miss the Leather Journal's "Pantheon of Leather" Awards, Weekend 1993, and Luke Owens' International Masters and Slaves Contest, March 5 through 7, in Orlando, Florida. For details call The Leather Journal at (213) 656-5073. Nominated for this year's South Central Regional Award is Houston's own, Dean Waldard of National Leather Association—Houston. Good luck big guy!

Just in case you didn't notice, there has been a change of format in the Houston Soap column. The major difference is that the bar event listings that I normally duplicate from ads to this column are no longer listed here. Turn to the Houston Barzar section of our paper and read the individual ads for events, times and other pertinent information. Or check the calendar listings on the back page or the "The New Voice Recommends" section in with the bar ads. It may take a little getting used to, but it will work and leave me more room for events not normally found in bar ads, places and things of interest, and a little dirt. Hope you don't mind.

Bye for now.



Dave and Dave

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay sailors' military future hangs on Clinton's promise to overturn

By NANCY COSTELLO FOR THE NEW VOICE

SEATTLE, Friday, Jan. 29 (AP)—Three Puget Sound-area Navy men are weighing the future of their military careers in light of President Clinton's moves to end the ban on gays in the military.

Radioman 2nd Class Robert Matt, 21, says an executive order from Clinton could stave off a military hearing set Tuesday at the Naval Submarine Base Bangor to decide if he will be discharged for being homosexual.

On Friday, Clinton directed that an order reversing the ban be prepared by July 15 and that military recruiters suspend asking applicants about their sexual orientation.

The president also suspended military discharges based solely on sexual orientation until he has reviewed the current policy.

No decision has been made on Tues-

day's hearing in light of Clinton's announcement, said Lt. Cmdr. Scott Wilson, spokesperson at Bangor. But he said even if the issue of Matt's homosexuality is dropped, which now seems likely, separation hearings would proceed on unrelated allegations of "serious misconduct."

Matt's original hearing was canceled when Clinton signaled he was about to lift the ban, but Navy officials rescheduled it when the Pentagon ordered processing to continue as long as the ban remains in place.

"I feel like I'm on a roller coaster," said Matt, a native of Sioux City, Iowa. "As long as Clinton just says 'stop processing' I would be happy."

A similar discharge hearing for Mark Philips, 22, a machinist mate formerly posted on the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier, has been scheduled for Feb. 10. Philips was transferred to Puget Sound

Naval Base in Seattle after disclosing his sexual identity.

The Navy has already recommended that Frederick Seltzer Jr., a journalist seaman apprentice at the Naval Submarine Base Bangor, be given an honorable discharge for being gay. But Seltzer says his discharge, to be approved by the Pentagon in February, could be blocked by a Clinton order.

Administration officials have said Clinton would soon issue an interim order directing the Pentagon to stop asking recruits about their sexual orientation.

The order may partially ban military discharges based on homosexuality, while allowing commanders to transfer gays to other military units. Congress will also be asked to conduct hearings on issues such as military morale, discipline, recruitment, housing and a code of conduct governing sexual behavior.

Possible congressional hearings would give gay soldiers and sailors a chance to prove that fears of homosexuals are unfounded, Seltzer said. Some military officers have questioned whether homosexual and straight soldiers could live in the same barracks and use the same bathroom facilities.

"The one scenario I keep hearing about is the sharing of the showers," said Seltzer, a native of Baltimore. "We are not sexual predators. We are basically normal human beings but the one thing in our lives that is different is our sexual orientation."

Military officials and Congress should be evaluating service members for their performance, not their sexual orientation, Philips said.

"In this country, we prosecute people for what they do, not what they are," he said. "Being gay is something I can't change."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Clergy warns gays will suffer in proposed initiative by Idaho group

BOISE, Idaho, Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP)—Officials for three Boise churches warn that homosexuals will be discriminated against under a proposed initiative by the Idaho Citizens Alliance.

But the alliance's chairperson said the churches are liberal and not indicative of the way other congregations think.

Representatives of three denominations issued a statement on Friday against the amendment, which would prevent Idaho from extending civil rights protections specifically to homosexuals.

"It's clearly a violation of the consti-

tutional right to equal protection under the law," said the Rev. John Thornton, a bishop with the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho.

But Kelly Walton of Burley, head of the Idaho Citizens Alliance, said homosexuals already have the same rights as heterosexuals under the Bill of Rights. The churches' position, he said, represents a left-wing stance.

"It doesn't surprise me at all that these mainline denominations have come out this way. These churches are simply liberal," Walton said. "If anybody thinks these churches are like the rest of the churches in the state, they're mistaken."

The prepared statement, which was sent to all mainline denominational head offices, compared the motivation behind the initiative to that behind "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia and the holocaust in Nazi Germany.

"It's a case where one group of citizens is declared less human," Thornton said.

Walton took part in a failed attempt to put a gay rights law on the books in Oregon, and has since moved to Idaho.

Deborah Pitney, Eastern District superintendent of the United Methodist Church, said homosexuals deserve civil rights protection and a minority classi-

fication, what supporters of the initiative call "special rights."

"I also do not agree that homosexuality is a behavior; I believe it's an orientation," Pitney said. "It's the way that someone is born."

The statement was also signed by Rev. Tom Tucker, minister at the First United Methodist Church; Samuel Adams, executive presbyter for the Presbyterian Church; and William Dew, who represents the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The group urged Idahoans not to sign the Idaho Citizens Alliance petition, expected later this spring.

▼▼▼AUSTIN SOAP

Chain Drive looks forward to a long Year of the Cock; Georgia at Nexus

By SUZETTE LOCSE

The New Voice/Austin

She took me to an examining room...I'm going to ask you some questions...and they're going to be a bit personal. Do you have sexual intercourse?...Well, yes. Do you use birth control?...No. How do you avoid pregnancy?...I just do. Well, I need to know.—Long Pause—Do you have sex with men? No. Do you have sex with...women? Extra Long Pause...yes.

Alright! she responded, heavily exhaling, and with a raised eyebrow. Hilariously, Georgia Ragsdale brings to her one woman show—life, with all its eccentricities.

Her show is packed with her rib-tickling stand-up, insane characters, and her hot dancing. She's funny, she's original, and, she's from Texas!

"Do you wear a strapless or a strap-on?" is her question in exploring the Butch-Femme query. "I was a Femmy-Tomboy" is Georgia's latest concoction, as she returns to Texas from a long stint on the East Coast.

She's been on HBO, PBS and Theatre Stages from San Francisco to New York. Georgia Ragsdale is the recipient of multiple grants and awards, including The National Endowment for The Arts.

Georgia's act includes her choreographic power and her humorous attitude along with her life experience of growing up in the South, very "out" in the open.

She brings attention to a lesbian transformation, from a shy, young woman just entering a gay club for the first time (shirt-buttoned to the neck), to, five years later, a lesbo from hell! (You've got it—dressed in leather with shades, knowing everyone on a first name basis.) Hers is truly a show to be seen and appreciated; a great way to spend an evening!

Georgia Ragsdale can be savored at

Nexus in Austin, Feb. 15 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Call 512-472-5288 for more information.

Aside from the great entertainment at Nexus-Austin try out the drink specials: 50 cent draft, \$1.50 wells, \$1 schnapps and \$2 margaritas. Nexus is located at 305 W. 5th; telephone (512) 472-5288.

Speaking of entertainment, have you been to Mame's lately? Chip Dolentickles the ivories at Mame's Monday through Thursday from 5 until 9:00 p.m.

Mame's is one of the few clubs in Austin that is open for breakfast. Come and join them for happy hour eye-openers as early as 9:00 a.m. and party through the day until early morning again! On Thursdays and Fridays enjoy bringing the week to a close with dinner buffet style. Sundays, bring your buddies for the Sunday Breakfast Club at noon. Also on Sundays, party with a beer bust at noon and a liquor bust at 3:00 p.m.



Chip Dolentickles is noted for his talented fingers

both last until 11:00 p.m.

Mame's is having a fantastic Valentine's Day. Call (512) 478-4511 for details. Heard Mame's has some great changes taking place...stay tuned for further details!

Please remember, Food Bank donations are always being accepted at Mame's. Enjoy your evenings at Auntie Mame's and make someone's day! Your donations go directly to the ASA Food Bank, which provides basic necessities for Austinites living with AIDS.

Next door to Mame's is an alternate party playground. At Chances this week, Thursday Feb. 4, Michele Solberg begins a series of Thursday shows hosted by Room by River. The shows start at 9:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Diana Jones opens for Kirt Kempter and BNL Review at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, party with Chances newcomers. Two new bands are coming to Chances—Orange Mothers and W.O.R.M. They take the stage starting at 10:00 p.m.

Austin is gearing up for Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday, after Valentine's Day. The Crossing is celebrating Sweetheart's Day Feb. 14. But starting around Friday, Feb. 20, the sights and sounds of The Old Country will take over some of Austin Clubs and a transformation will occur. The Crossing is definitely gearing up! Oil Can Harry's is going all out with imported decorations from New Orleans.

Charlie's is blowing it out for Mardi

Gras, planning a party filled with love, luck and happiness!

'Bout Time will have a very special Steak Night on Fat Tuesday, rolling in The Kings Cake, filled with surprises. Margaret Wright will make the evening even more special belting out the blues,

New Orleans style. You'll think you're on Bourbon Street.

Before the parties of Mardi Gras, share Sweet-heart's day with Pam and her crew at 'Bout Time. Enjoy the Valentine's Day Drag Show!

The leather, Levi club of Austin, Chain Drive, is still partying to The Chinese New

Year of the Cock! This entire year is going to be a party there. Many of the leather, Levi crowd, including The National Leather Association of Austin, were partying in Corpus this past weekend (see Corpus soap). We missed you Russ Schlichter (bar Manager). Donald was there—where were you?

How are the dance moves at Cisco's going? San Fran Cisco's manager Bob Helstad and owner Janet Bledsoe specially invite all you two left feet owners to Cisco's on Monday nights for boot scootin' lessons. They have a packed house on Saturdays with a full dance floor! Mondays and Wednesdays join the pool tournaments, and on Fridays start the weekend off with a Happy Hour Buffet. Sundays barbecue Southern Style is served. Robbie rounds out the week of good eating with Wednesday Steak Night. Cold Beer...Hot men...and great food! Cisco's where the cowboys are in Austin!



Auntie Mame's bartenders are eager to please you

▼▼▼SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Break out the credit cards and buy something nice for your significant other

By RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice/San Antonio

Well, now how about those Cowboys? Well, I'm sick of hearing that, too, so let's get on. So, pull out your Mont Blancs and number-two pencils, and get ready to mark your calendars with exciting events coming up in the San Antonio community.

If you expect our community to grow, then stand up and be counted. Remember, these are the Gay '90s, so support our community events.

Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a San Antonio AIDS Foundation Board of Directors meeting at 818 East Grayson.

On Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3:00 p.m. there will be a San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus meeting at Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, 1305 North Flores (738-0015).

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. "A Coming Out Party" fundraiser for San Antonio Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus will be held. Call 656-0375 for additional information.

Friday, Feb. 12, at 11:00 p.m. Gil-T Promotions presents "Miss Gay Southwest USA 1993" at The Paper Moon, 1430 South Main. Special guests will be Tandi Andrews—Miss Gay USA '93, Sweet Savage—Miss Southwest '92, Jennifer St. John—Former Miss Southwest, and Shawna Brooks—Miss Tri-States USA '93. This is an official USA preliminary. Applications are available at The Paper Moon, or you can call Ron at (210) 344-3091. Over \$1,000.00 in cash and prizes will be awarded!

Look for The Wild Club's ad in this weeks The New Voice to find out who their special mystery guest will be on Feb. 12.

The 2015 will celebrate its tenth anniversary on Feb. 13. TGRA and the Imperial Court will entertain, and Happy Hour will last from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on the 13th and 14th. The 2015 is also

holding a big buffet on Feb. 13, to help celebrate.

On Friday, there are \$1.25 wells and long-necks from 6 to 8:00 p.m. And, every Thursday night they have hot, hunky, hard bodies—heart throbbing men dancing for your entertainment. The 2015 is the place for all out-of-towners and in-towners to come and check out. It is a cozy bar that is set up just right.

As you walk in through the front door, facing towards San Pedro, if you look to the right, you'll find your favorite publication, The New Voice. Over to the left, there is a bar set up for your drinking pleasures, and at the back of this neighborhood dance club is a well proportioned dance floor. Three pool tables assure you that there is always room for a friendly game of pool. So, we'll see you at The 2015 on Feb. 13th and 14th to celebrate the ten-year anniversary and Valentine's Day.

Miss Gay Sweetheart of San Antonio will be held at Bamboleo's Latin Fever Night Club, 622 Roosevelt, Sunday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 p.m. Diamond Productions will host the event. This is a preliminary to Miss Gay San Antonio Metroplex. Categories are evening gown and talent. Special guests are: the large and luscious Miss San Antonio emcee



Dennis, Rose Ann, Dena and Vickki at The Bonham Exchange



David and Lonnie of the Silver Dollar

Cinnamon Sweet; Miss San Antonio Metroplex Sensya Myles; Miss Latin San Antonio Krystal Kelly; Miss River City USA Lena Lovell; and Miss Fiesta Metroplex Savannah Fox. Miss Gay South Pauletta Leigh will make a very special appearance.

Remember, Bamboleo's Latin Fever Night Club never has a cover, and if you like Latins and Tejano music Bamboleo's is highly recommended in San Antonio.

On Feb. 14, El Jardin, 106 Navarro, is having the Sunday Valentine Show with Trixie LaRue, Sammy Fond, Loretta, Pointless Sisters and others at 9:30 p.m. Lovers take pink potions all day for \$1.50.

Don't forget that, once a week, The Bonham Exchange is having a random drawing to select someone to receive a complimentary party. The party-goers will be admitted to the club without admission charge and enjoy munchies provided by the club. If you are interested in winning one of these parties, fill out the entry blank in The New Voice and turn it in.

On Thursdays come see the strippers. Adult admission is \$3, admission for minors is \$5.

Wow! Have you heard what's going on at 8011 Webbles at Walzem? Well, that could be nothing else but Spark's location. Sparks is one of the hottest and wildest clubs in town.

They have dancers every night, and on Thursday, they feature The World Famous Hot Oil Wrestling, your chance to come and see hot men rolling around in oil until the three count. First prize goes to whoever wins two rounds.

Richard David Henderson, massage therapist, is being talked about all over town. Why? Well, because he has mastered the massage. I recommend Richard David Henderson's massage therapy for those of you that have bad backs, sore and achy muscles, cramps, or just lots of tension that needs to be released. Call Richard David Henderson at 226-6352 and tell him The New Voice sent you.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Are you prepared? Have you bought your significant other—him, her, or both—that Valentine's gift? Well, it is time to start shopping, and of course, you want to support your gay owned businesses. Why? Because you are a



Edward of Ab's Westnaire

part of the community and we like to stick together—right? So, try Hunky Dory's at 1824 N. Main, Studio B, behind Hog Wild Records. Maybe that special Valentine—he or she—would look good in one of those special designs found at Hunky Dory's.

But, of course, if you can't find anything there you can always look to Shocking Gray. Yes, we're talking about Shocking Grays in the catalog, located in San Antonio at 1216 Euclid. You can find all kinds of neat and interesting gifts in the Shocking Gray Warehouse.

And, if you can't find it there, go to Texas Trash off Main, located right next door to Subway Sandwich

Shop. Texas Trash has all of the latest designs in leather and lace. Now, can't you see you loved one in party hose, garter belts, or maybe, whips and chains? Also shop Textures, a woman's bookstore with lesbian literature, calendars, video rentals and gift certificates. Textures welcomes special orders. Textures is located at 5309 McCullough (The Yard). You can call them at 805-TEXT.

So, these are just a few of the places you might think about first when you are shopping for you loved one's Valentine gift.

P.S. To all of San Antonio, if you have anything that may need to be mentioned about your club, restaurant, shops, stores, and organizations, please contact Richard Wright of The New Voice (deadline is Sunday night) at (512) 737-2615. The New Voice urges all organizations to get involved and send in any news or the materials to The New Voice in Houston or fax it to 713-529-9531.



Henry and Dick at the 2015

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San Antonio, Friday, Feb. 5

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; \$1.00 longnecks 2pm-2am, Nite Owl; \$2.00 Cuervo 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Jam session w/ Cathleen King 5-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; \$1 well & longnecks & male dancers 8-8pm, 2015; 50¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; 75¢ draft, Wild Club; Male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange; Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, Wild Club; Muscles in Action & Chanel White, Paper Moon; Men & munchies 7pm, Nite Owl; No cover til 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar Saloon; 75¢ draft all night, Paper Moon; Manager drink specials, Nexus; 25¢ well & draft 9-10, Nite Owl; Open to 11pm, O'Boy's Hamburgers; Free raffle for rodeo tickets midnight, Country Club; Strip show midnight, Nite Owl; After hours 2am, Paper Moon; After hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Nite Owl; After hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

San Antonio, Saturday, Feb. 6

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; 50¢ draft beer 2pm-2am, Nite Owl; \$1.00 margaritas 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$2 drinks, Memories; 50¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; 75¢ draft, Wild Club; Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, Wild Club; Muscles in Action & Sweet Savage, Paper Moon; Adults no cover to 10pm, Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 drinks 8-11pm, Bonham Exchange; 50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar Saloon; 75¢ draft all night, Paper Moon; Manager drink specials, Nexus; 25¢ well & draft 9-10pm, Nite Owl; Open to 11pm, O'Boy's Hamburgers; Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Show 11pm, Nite Owl; Free raffle for rodeo tickets midnight, Country Club; After hours 2am, Nexus; After hours, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon; After hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange; After hours 2-4am, Nite Owl

San Antonio, Sunday, Feb. 7

"Jazzin' It Up" Jazz Brunch, \$8.50 with Buffet Drink Starting at noon, Country Club; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; 25¢ draft beer 2-11pm, Nite Owl; Buck burgers 4pm, Nite Owl; \$1.50 bloodys & screws 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; 25¢ draft & \$1.50 well & longnecks 10-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole; Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 25¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; 50¢ draft & Cowboys in Action 9-2, Silver Dollar Saloon; No cover til midnight & Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon; Sunday show, Wild Club; T-Dance, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft, \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 ritas & \$1 Schnapps 6pm-2am, Nexus; 4 X 4 volleyball 7-10pm, Nexus; Pool Tournament 8pm, Ab's Westernaire; 25¢ draft all night, Paper Moon; Open pool tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; Cash Dart Tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; 25¢ well & draft 9-10pm, Nite Owl; Liquor rush 9-11pm, Wild Club;

Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; 50¢ draft 11pm-2am, Nite Owl; Show 11:30pm, Nite Owl; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Female strippers 11:30pm, Las Gueras; Miss Gay Texas Amazing Grace 11:30pm, Nite Owl; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; After hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2am, Paper Moon

San Antonio, Monday, Feb. 8

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Social hour, \$1.50 well, \$1.50 longnecks, 50¢ draft all day & night, Ab's Westernaire; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Nite Owl; \$1.50 White Sale 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta Hour All day, all night, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; 25¢ draft & \$1.50 well & longnecks, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft & \$2 well & longnecks, Paper Moon; 50¢ draft & \$2 well, Paper Moon; Pool tourney, Memories; Shady Lady Show & no cover, Paper Moon; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.25 well 8-11pm, 2015; Jam session w/ Cathleen King 9pm-1am, Ab's Westernaire, The Shady Lady Show, Wild Club; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; 25¢ draft beer 2pm-2am, Nite Owl

San Antonio, Tuesday, Feb. 9

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Social hour, \$1.50 well, \$1.50 longnecks, 50¢ draft all day & night, Ab's Westernaire; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; \$2.00 call drinks 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Happy hour to 9pm, Memories; \$1.50 longnecks, \$1.50 well drinks all night, Nexus; \$1 well & longnecks, \$1.50 frozies, Nite Owl; 25¢ draft & \$1.50 well & longnecks, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft, Wild Club; Amateur male strip, Wild Club; Free C&W lessons, Silver Dollar Saloon; No cover, Bonham Exchange; \$3.00 buffet 7-9pm, Nite Owl; Steak night 7-9pm, B.B.'s Pub; Pool Tournament 8pm, Nexus; \$1.25 longnecks 8-11pm, 2015; Pool tournament 8:30pm, Nite Owl; \$1.50 Well drinks, \$1.75 dom. beer, 75¢ Schnapps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; Pool tourney 10pm, Nite Owl; Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Hot oil wrestling 11pm, Sparks; Talent night w/ \$25 cash prize 11:30pm, Nite Owl

San Antonio, Wednesday, Feb. 10

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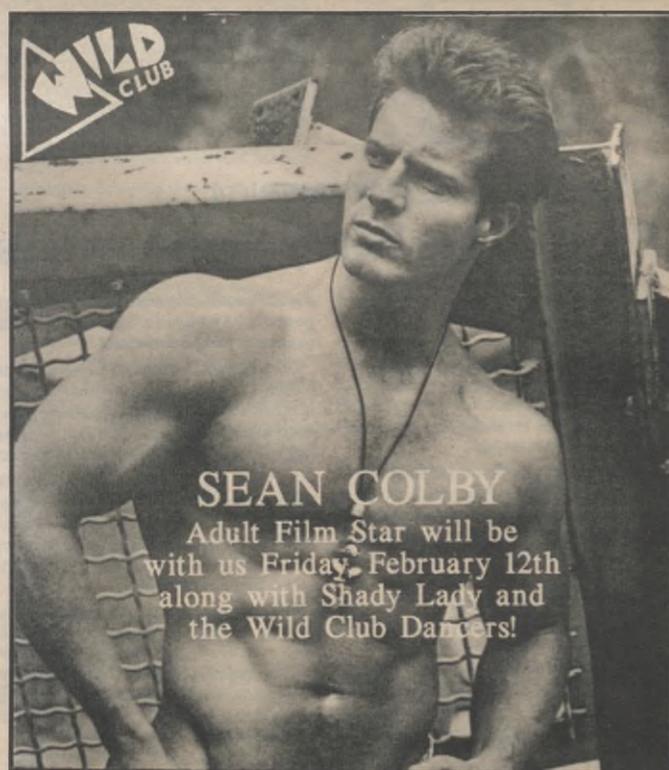
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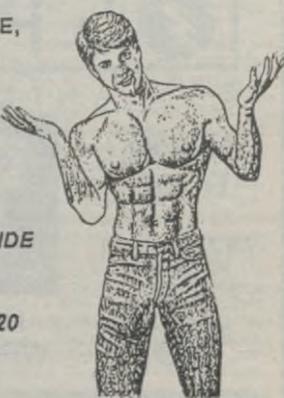
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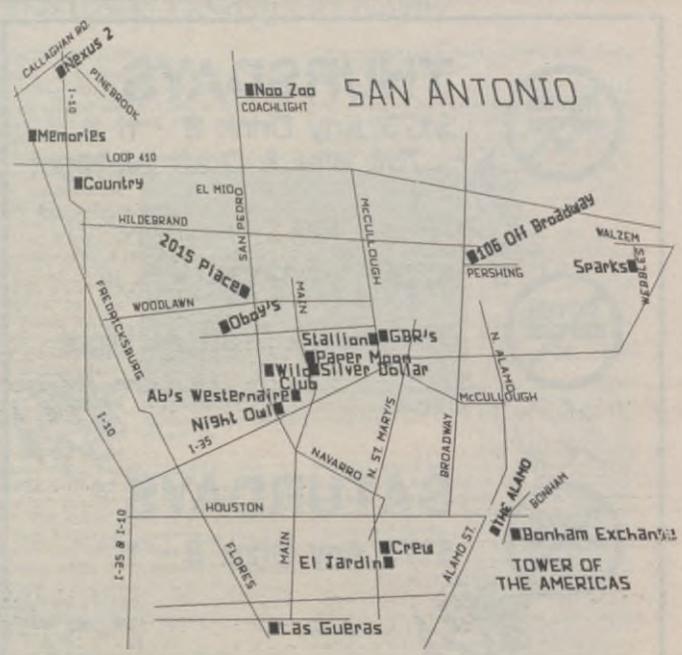
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San Antonio, Friday, Feb. 12
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; \$1.00 longnecks 2pm-2am, Noo Just Us; \$2.00 Cuervo 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Jam session w/ Cathleen King 5-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; \$1 well & longnecks & male dancers 6-8pm, 2015; 50¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; 75¢ draft, Wild Club; Male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange; Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, Wild Club; Muscles in Action & Chanel White, Paper Moon; Men & munchies 7pm, Nite Owl; No cover till 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar Saloon; 75¢ draft all night, Paper Moon; Manager drink specials, Nexus; 25¢ well & draft 9-10, Noo Zoo; Open to 11pm, O'Boy's Hamburgers; Miss Gay Southwest USA 1993 Pageant 11pm, Paper Moon; Free raffie for rodeo tickets midnight, Country Club; Strip show midnight, Noo Zoo; After-hours 2am, Paper Moon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Noo Zoo; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange



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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Focus on the Family threatens legal action against Denver lesbian

By PEGGY LOWE
FOR THE NEW VOICE
DENVER, Tuesday, Jan. 19 (AP)—
Focus on the Family, a conservative Colorado Springs ministry, has threatened to sue a Denver lesbian if she doesn't apologize for remarks she made on a national radio show.
An attorney for Focus on the Family, Stephen W. Reed, has written Linda Fowler, demanding an apology for a statement she made Dec. 7 on the Gil Gross show, a national talk show on the CBS radio network.
Fowler is chairperson of Denver Mayor Wellington Webb's Gay and Lesbian Advisory Committee.
Fowler said Focus on the Family had requested a list of all single teachers in

the El Paso County school districts, supposedly as a way of discovering which teachers are homosexual.
"Ms. Fowler's obvious intent was to attack Focus on the Family and use her platform on this national media appearance to place our organization in a false light," Reed wrote in his letter to Fowler.
Focus on the Family has denied ever requesting a list of single teachers, and officials for two of the school districts have called the reports "crazy." Rumors about the group's request have circulated for months here.
Fowler's attorney, Edwin Kahn, said Fowler's remarks weren't malicious, and, therefore, not defamatory. Kahn said he has responded to Reed's letter, and asked for a transcript of the CBS

broadcast, but has not received it.
"Saying that the school district has been asked for a list of single teachers is not defamatory. It doesn't imply they're doing anything wrong. She didn't charge that they had engaged in any illegal contact," Kahn said.
Reed demanded that Fowler apologize to Focus on the Family, provide the apology to Gil Gross and ask him to read it on his program. He also demanded that Fowler provide a copy to radio station KOA, which had broadcast a segment of the interview on its morning show.
If Fowler doesn't apologize, a civil lawsuit seeking damages will be filed in a Colorado court, Reed said.
"Frankly, we have had enough. We can no longer stand by and watch our

reputation be eroded in this reckless fashion," said a prepared statement by Paul Hatrick, a spokesman for Focus on the Family.
Focus on the Family is a \$77 million national Christian ministry that moved to the area last year from Los Angeles. Its founder and president, James Dobson, has a half-hour, five-day-a-week radio program broadcast on 3000 radio stations. He is said to be second only to news commentator Paul Harvey as the most-heard program in the United States.
Focus on the Family believes that homosexual behavior is condemned in the Bible. The group supported Amendment 2, the anti-gay-protection law passed by Colorado voters in November.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Indianapolis homosexual group calls for meeting with Senator Coats

INDIANAPOLIS, Sunday, Jan. 24 (AP)—
A group of homosexuals in Indianapolis called Sunday for a meeting with Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., to discuss his opposition to lifting a ban against gays in the military.
Coats said late last week that he intends to organize a coalition of senators opposed to President Clinton's intentions to end the restriction.

"His remarks against Clinton's promise are very disturbing to us and certainly do not represent most Hoosiers' point of view," Chris Gonzalez, a member of Gays and Lesbians Working Against Violence. He said if Coats refuses to meet with his Indianapolis group he would be inviting the ire of gays nationwide.
Coats spokesperson Tim Goeglin said

the senator would not change his position on Clinton's proposal, and he said his office hasn't received an invitation to meet.
"Sen. Coats is set against lifting the ban and he will not change his position," Goeglin said.
He also called it "unusual" that Coats would be invited through the media instead of a personal invitation. "Until

that invitation is offered, it seems that this group is making a political overture," said Goeglin.
Coats said Friday that he believes the military's morale and effectiveness could be jeopardized by Clinton's plan. He said it would force a sexuality issue issues to compete with other issues of national defense.
"I don't think the military is the place to try a social experiment," Coats said.

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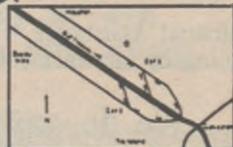
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Galveston, Saturday, Feb. 6

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Galveston, Sunday, Feb. 7

Happy hour Noon-9pm, Robert's LaFitte. Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki. \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 4pm-2am, Evolution. Bear Bonanza, 1st draft \$1 - refills 10c 5-10pm, Kon-Tiki. Happy hour 4-10pm, Evolution. Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki. Cabaret 10:30pm sharp, Kon-Tiki. LaFittes in Revue 10:30pm, Robert's LaFitte

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Galveston, Thursday, Feb. 11

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Galveston, Friday, Feb. 12

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Vermont Supreme Court's decision on lesbian adoption case could have national impact

BURLINGTON, Vt., Monday, Jan. 25 (AP)—A case scheduled to go before the Vermont Supreme Court next month could set a national precedent concerning how lesbian parents can adopt children.

At issue is a Burlington couple who asked a probate court to approve the adoption of two boys, ages 4 and 1, by their biological mother's partner.

Judge George K. Belcher of Washington Probate Court ruled last June that Vermont's adoption statute does not allow the non-marital partner of a legal, custodial parent to become a second, adoptive parent of the legal parent's

children. Vermont law does not recognize marriages of gay or lesbian couples.

"It's a very significant case from a national perspective. The Vermont Supreme Court will be the first state supreme court to consider this issue," said Paula Ettelbrick. She is an attorney for a national gay and lesbian rights group, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund Inc., of New York City.

Belcher's ruling could be the first denial of second-parent adoption rights by a judge in the nation, Ettelbrick said this week. Another Vermont judge, and other judges across the nation, have

approved this type of adoption.

A national group, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and a regional organization, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, (GLAD), also filed briefs in support of the adoption.

An estimated 25 million lesbians and gay men live in the United States, according to a 1953 study by Alfred Kinsey cited in the brief Lambda filed with the Vermont Supreme Court. And, 1.5 million to 5 million lesbians are mothers, although specific estimates are not available.

The couple in the Vermont case has been together since 1986.

Now living and working in the Burlington area, the couple had their first child in 1988 through artificial insemination from an anonymous donor. Sperm from the same donor was used for the second child, so the boys would be full brothers.

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Beaumont, Friday, Feb. 5
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Beaumont, Saturday, Feb. 6
Party night, Copa; Hot Muscles in Action Strippers 11:30pm-2am, The Sundowner

Beaumont, Sunday, Feb. 7
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Beaumont, Monday, Feb. 8
\$2.00 Mega Mugs 4pm-2am, The Sundowner, \$1.50 well drinks till 11pm, Copa

Beaumont, Tuesday, Feb. 9
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Beaumont, Wednesday, Feb. 10
Draft 50¢ 4pm-2am, The Sundowner, 75¢ well drinks all night, Copa; Talent Night, \$50 prize, Copa

Beaumont, Thursday, Feb. 11
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Beaumont, Friday, Feb. 12
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Monroe, Friday, Feb. 5
No cover till 11pm, Hott Shotz; Party Madness - Various drink specials 9pm-2am, Hott Shotz

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Monroe, Tuesday, Feb. 9
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Monroe, Wednesday, Feb. 10
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Monroe, Thursday, Feb. 11
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Baton Rouge, Saturday, Feb. 6
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; \$1.50 Bloody Marys 6-9pm, Buddies; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club; Bar Tab Drawings, \$50 drawings at 1am, Argon

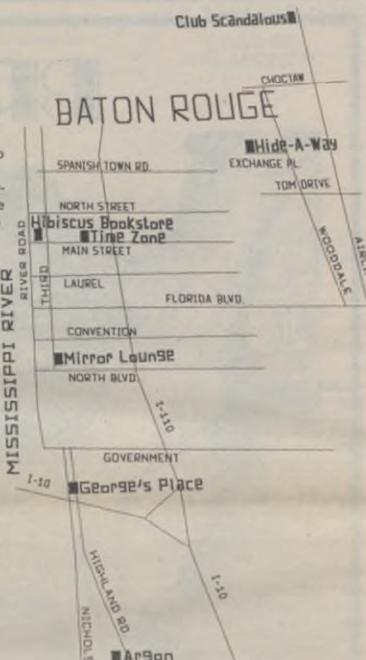
Baton Rouge, Monday, Feb. 8
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Happy hour 8-10pm, Time Zone

Baton Rouge, Tuesday, Feb. 9
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Happy hour 8-10pm, Time Zone; Beer bust 10pm-1am, Time Zone; Pool Tournament 10:30pm, Buddies; Bartab giveaway midnight, Time Zone

Baton Rouge, Wednesday, Feb. 10
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; 2 for 1 bar brands 6pm-2am, Club Scandalous; Happy hour 8-10pm, Time Zone; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club; Wicky-Wacky Wednesday - "Beat the Clock" 9:30pm-2am, Argon

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Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Draft-n-Draw Thursday - \$3.00 Cover with free draft during shows or 3 for Thursday on non-show nights, Argon; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; \$2.50 Long Island Ice Tea 6pm-2am, Club Scandalous; Happy hour 8-10pm, Time Zone; Free buffet 9pm-11, Time Zone; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club

Baton Rouge, Friday, Feb. 12
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Bar buck night, \$3 cover, \$1.50 Well drinks till 11pm, Argon; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Buffet 6-9pm, George's Place; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club; Jackpot drawing midnight, Time Zone



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Lafayette, Friday, Feb. 5
75¢ well drinks, 75¢ Schnapps & \$1 longnecks 8-11pm, Lautre x

Lafayette, Saturday, Feb. 6
Drink specials all night, Lautre x

Lafayette, Sunday, Feb. 7
Raycine Ross gong show with \$1,000 prizes every 8 weeks, Lautre x

Lafayette, Wednesday, Feb. 10
Female impersonation by Raycine & Co. 11:30pm, Lautre x

Lafayette, Thursday, Feb. 11
75¢ well drinks 8-10pm, Lautre x; Bourne game 9pm, Lautre x; \$3.00 beer bust 10pm-till, Lautre x; Pool tourney 11pm, Lautre x

Lafayette, Friday, Feb. 12
75¢ well drinks, 75¢ Schnapps & \$1 longnecks 8-11pm, Lautre x

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Biloxi, Friday, Feb. 5
\$1.50 shooter special 11am-2pm, Joey's

Biloxi, Saturday, Feb. 6
\$1.50 shooter special 11am-2pm, Joey's

Biloxi, Sunday, Feb. 7
T-Dance w/free draft 5-8pm, Joey's; Well \$1.50 8-12pm, Joey's

Biloxi, Wednesday, Feb. 10
Progressive music, Joey's; \$5 Drink & drown, well & draft 9pm-midnite, Joey's

Biloxi, Thursday, Feb. 11
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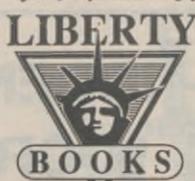
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Austin, Saturday, Feb. 6

\$1.25 Bloody marys 9am-1pm, Auntie Mame's; Bottled beer bust 2-4pm, Chain Drive; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; \$1.50 well drinks 3-8pm, Auntie Mame's; Liquor Bust 4-8pm, The Crossing; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Happy hour 7-9pm, Nexus; Well & US beer \$1.25 8-11pm, Charlie's; \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis; \$1.50 well drinks & beer 10pm-11pm, Bout Time; Live music 10pm-2am, Chances; Cafe-free dancing 10pm-5am, The 404; Male dancers 10:30pm, midnight, Oil Can Harry's; After hours 2am, The Crossing; After hours 2am, Nexus

Austin, Sunday, Feb. 7

Breakfast club till 2pm, Auntie Mame's; Liquor bust noon-7pm, Chain Drive; 50¢ draft, \$1 Schnapps, Nexus; Beer bust noon-midnight, Auntie Mame's; Beer bust noon-midnight, The Crossing; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; Well & US beer \$1.50 2-10pm, Charlie's; \$2.25 well & beer 2pm-2am, Bout Time; Liquor bust 3-7pm, Auntie Mame's; Happy hour 5-8pm, Miller; Live draft beer 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Potluck buffet 4pm, Bout Time; Patio cookout 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Beer bust 4-9pm, Chain Drive; Liquor bust 4-8pm & 8pm-midnight, The Crossing; Patio cookout 5pm-7pm, The Crossing; \$2.00 Bass pints 5pm-midnight, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Vollyball league 6pm, Chances; Patio cookout 6-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Liquor bust 7-11pm, Chain Drive; Male dancers 7 & 11pm, Charlie's; Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus; \$1.25 Cape Cod & screws, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well 8-11pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour all night, San Fran Cisco's; Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's; \$1.25 well drinks & beer 9-11pm, Acropolis; \$1.25 well drinks & bottled beer 10pm-2am, The 404; Wet boxer shorts contest 10pm-2am, The 404; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Austin, Monday, Feb. 8

Happy hour all day/all night, Auntie Mame's; \$2 draft-25¢ refill all day & night, Charlie's; Miller products \$1.50, The Crossing; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; \$1.25 well, \$1.50 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; Buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Margaret Wright at the piano 7-9pm, Bout Time; \$1.75 well drinks & beer 8-10pm, Bout Time; Well & US beer \$1.25 8-10pm, Charlie's; Fantasy in leather 8pm-2am, Auntie Mame's; C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Charlie's; Male dancers, Lone Star Male Revue 11pm & midnight, The Crossing

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Austin, Wednesday, Feb. 10

Happy hour 9am-8pm, Auntie Mame's; 15 minute specials hourly 2-11pm, Bout Time; 90¢ bottled beer & \$1.50 premium beer all day, Chain Drive; \$1.75 domestic longnecks 2pm-2am, Oil Can Harry's; Well 25¢, US beer \$1.25 & Call \$2.50 all day & night, Charlie's; \$1.25 well, \$1.50 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; 75¢ schnapps, \$1.00 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; Male dancers 4-8pm, Charlie's; Liquor bust 4pm-midnight, The Crossing; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Pool tourney, San Fran Cisco's; \$1.75 well drinks 6-11pm, Auntie Mame's; Vollyball league 6pm-midnight, Chances; C&W dance lessons & 50¢ draft 7:30pm, Nexus; 25¢ draft beer 10-11pm, Acropolis; \$1.25 well drinks & bottled beer 10pm-2am, The 404; Trash disco 10pm-2am, The 404

Austin, Thursday, Feb. 11

\$1 screwdrivers 9pm-2am, Auntie Mame's; \$1.50 longnecks noon-11pm, Auntie Mame's; \$1.50 well drinks all day, Chain Drive; \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well 2pm-2am, Oil Can Harry's; DJ 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Spaghetti dinner 6-9pm, Auntie Mame's; Bisexual Network Meeting 6:30pm, Moondance Diner & Bar; Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus; \$1.75 any drink all night, Nexus; Well & US beer \$1.25 8-10pm, Charlie's; Live music 9pm, Chances; \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Charlie's; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnite, The Crossing; Male dancers 10:30pm, midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Austin, Friday, Feb. 12

\$1 screwdrivers 9am-2pm, Auntie Mame's; Happy hour 9am-8pm, Auntie Mame's; \$2 vodka drinks all day & night, The Crossing; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; Well 25¢, US beer \$1.25, Call \$2.50 all day, Charlie's; Happy hour, free pool 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; DJ 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Buffet 5pm, Charlie's; Happy hour buffet 5pm, The Crossing; Buffet 5-7pm, Auntie Mame's; Complimentary buffet, \$1 well, \$1 longnex, \$1 rita with 50¢ refills 5-7pm, Nexus; Buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; Male dancers, draft beer bust 5-8pm, Charlie's; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus



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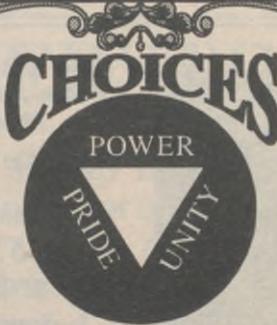
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Corpus Christi, Saturday, Feb. 6
25¢ draft beer 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Sunday, Feb. 7
25¢ draft beer noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 noon-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Club night 6-10pm, Choices; Free BBQ 6-11pm, U.B.U.; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; “Choices” Show 11-30pm, Choices; Show Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Monday, Feb. 8
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Dart Tourney, no entry fee, \$25 worth of prizes 9pm, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Tuesday, Feb. 9
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2 imported beer all day/all night, Desert Hearts; Premium happy hour all day/all night, Desert Hearts; Volleyball 6-8pm, Hidden Door; Steak Night 7-10pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; Pool tournament, \$20 prize, no entry fee 9pm, Hidden Door; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; Pool touney \$50 prize - No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Wednesday, Feb. 10
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1.00 well drinks 11am-2am, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Absolute 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$4 steaks & real tators 5-10pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; “Choices” Show midnight, Choices

Corpus Christi, Thursday, Feb. 11
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2 margaritas, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$25 worth of prizes 9pm, Desert Hearts; Variety show, no cover Midnight, U.B.U.

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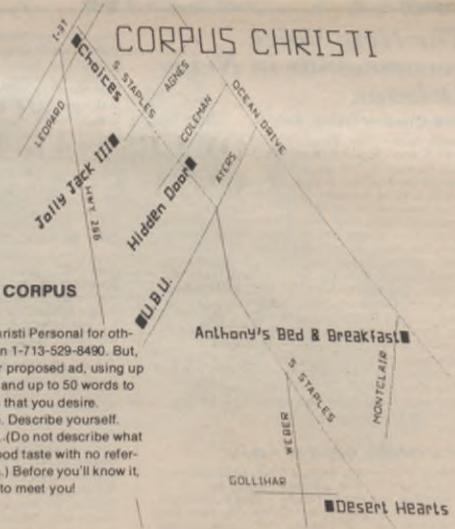
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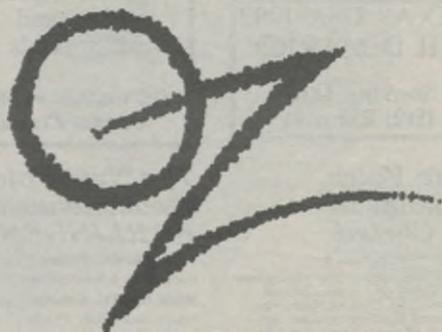
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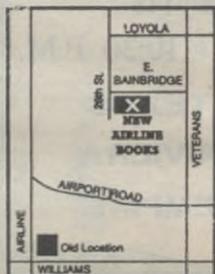
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New Orleans, Saturday, Feb. 6

Happy hour 4-8am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Happy hour 11am-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Roundup; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Wild Side; Happy hour 2-7pm, Ziggy's; Country music beer bust 3-7pm, Rawhide; Beer bust 4-7pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-7pm, Corner Pocket; Happy Hour 4-8pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-8pm, Wolfendale's; Happy hour 4-9pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, TT'S; Pool tourney 4:30pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 5-9pm, Good Friends; Happy hour 5-9pm, Cafe Latite in Exile; Mr. B's on the Patio 6pm-2am, Mississippi River Bottom; 2 Step Dancin', Outback 8pm on, The Four Seasons; Dancing with DJ Curtis 8pm-3am, Wolfendale's; Saturday night special \$2 admission 9-11pm, The Parade Disco; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 9pm-2am, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Hot Stuff New Orleans Style, featuring Becky Allen & Ricky Graham with Joel Simpson on Paino 11pm, The Mint; Lustly ladies 11pm, Sundance

New Orleans, Sunday, Feb. 7

Happy hour 4-8am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Breakfast with Bobby 8-11am, The Phoenix; \$1 juice drinks 8am-noon, Corner Pocket; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 8am-noon, Sundance; Buddy night, pay for a room, get a locker free 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Champagne Brunch 10am-3pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Happy hour 11am-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour 2-6pm, Jewel's; Happy hour & buffet 2-7pm, The Roundup; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Wild Side; Happy hour 2-7pm, Ziggy's; Mr. B's on the Patio 2pm-untill, Mississippi River Bottom; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 3-9pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Sunday Madness w/ announced drink specials 3-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Trash disco 3-9pm, Cafe Latite in Exile; Sweet Revenge (formerly Smash & Passion) 3:30-6:30pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-7pm, Corner Pocket; Beer bust 4-8pm, Boots, Happy Hour 4-

8pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, TT'S; Happy hour 4pm-4am, Wolfendale's; Happy hour 5-9pm, Good Friends; Happy hour 5-9pm, Cafe Latite in Exile; Late tea \$1.50 well drinks 9pm-midnight, The Parade Disco; Tea dance 5-9pm, The Parade Disco; Beer bust 6-9pm, Jewel's; Draft beer bust 8-9pm, Rawhide; 2 Step Dancin', Outback 8pm on, The Four Seasons; Dancing with DJ Curtis 8pm-3am, Wolfendale's; 75¢ well drinks 9pm-midnight, Quasi

New Orleans, Monday, Feb. 8

Happy hour 4-8am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Daddy night, anyone over 40 gets a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour with beans & rice 4pm-midnight, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour to 1am, Big Daddy's; Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar; 25¢ draft, Quasi; Bring your own meat BBQ 7pm, The Phoenix; Monday Night at the Movies 8pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Pool tournament 9:30pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's; 90¢ longnecks 10pm-2am, Rawhide; Monday Night at the Movies midnight, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 3-6am, The Roundup

New Orleans, Tuesday, Feb. 9

Happy hour 4-8am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; 1/2 price for everyone 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-8pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, TT'S; Pool tourney 4:30pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 5-9pm, Good Friends; Happy hour 5-9pm, Cafe Latite in Exile; Mr. B's on the Patio 6pm-2am, Mississippi River Bottom; 2 Step Dancin', Outback 8pm on, The Four Seasons; Dancing with DJ Curtis 8pm-3am, Wolfendale's; Saturday night special \$2 admission 9-11pm, The Parade Disco; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 9pm-2am, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Hot Stuff New Orleans Style, featuring Becky Allen & Ricky Graham with Joel Simpson on Paino 11pm, The Mint; Lustly ladies 11pm, Sundance

New Orleans, Wednesday, Feb. 10

Happy hour 4-8am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Boy toy night, anyone under 30 get a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-8pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club; Hump day happy hours 4pm till 2am, Mississippi River Bottom; Hump day happy hours 4pm-4am, Wolfendale's; Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar; 2 for 1 night, The Parade Disco; Dancing with DJ Curtis 8pm-3am, Wolfendale's; Men's Night, 2 free drinks 9-11pm, Quasi; Country night 9pm-11pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's; Music Video Countdown 11pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 3-6am, The Roundup

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New Orleans, Friday, Feb. 12

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern, Student night, show

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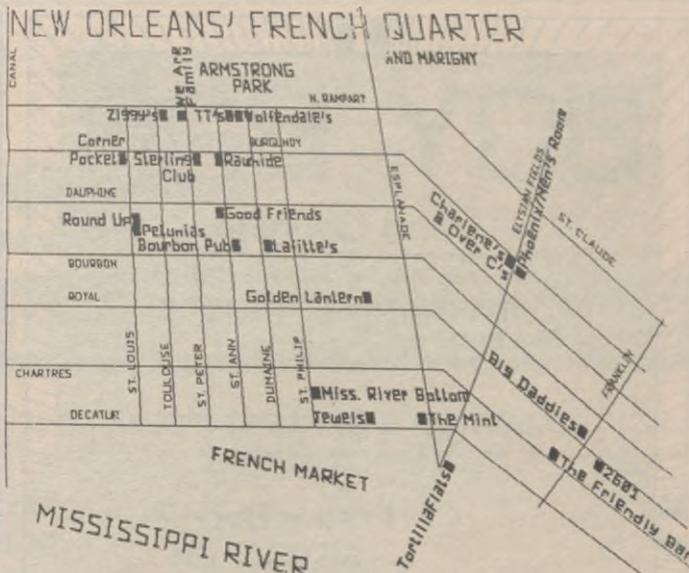
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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

For many gays in military, lifting ban won't end secrecy, worries

By DAVID FOSTER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—While President Clinton's plan to lift the military's ban on homosexuals would make coming out of the closet legally safe, many gays in the service say legality is far from their only worry.

"Even if they lift the ban, that's not the end of the prejudice," said "Mary," a lesbian reservist and Vietnam veteran who has no intention of going public with her sexual orientation.

Mary is a pseudonym. She didn't want her real name used in a story that her superiors might see. The same goes for her rank, age, location—or even the branch of service she's in.

Fearful? You bet, Mary says. She and other homosexuals in the military say anti-gay sentiments are deeply ingrained in the service and cannot be swept away by the stroke of a president's pen.

They predict no rush of gays to enlist, nor a widespread coming-out of those

already serving.

Clinton on Friday ordered Defense Secretary Les Aspin to draft an executive order by July 15 to lift the military's ban on homosexuals.

Until then, recruits won't be asked about their sexual orientation. But those already in the service who declare their homosexuality could face transfer into the standby reserves, in which they would receive no pay or benefits. They could apply to re-enter the military once the ban was lifted.

Some gays fear that Clinton's plan may be overturned by Congress. And even if it isn't, they worry that military officials will find other ways to discharge homosexuals, or at least make their lives miserable.

"Sure, they can't kick you out anymore, but staying in could be worse," said Jack, 27, a Marine corporal at Camp Lejeune, N.C., who didn't want his last name used.

He says 90 percent of the Marines he knows are opposed to allowing homo-

sexuals in the service. He listens daily to anti-gay comments from co-workers who don't know he is gay, and he says their attitudes won't disappear overnight.

"Every time you do something, you're going to be watching your back," Jack said. "If I come to work five minutes late, my career could be over, and yet they'd say it had nothing to do with being gay."

Denise, 45, a Seattle-area lesbian with 16 years in active duty and Air Force and Army reserves, worries about a Catch-22 situation that could apply to virtually every gay in the military.

New recruits and re-enlistees have had to fill out applications that ask if they have homosexual tendencies. Until now, everyone checked "No" if they wanted to remain in the service. Now, Denise fears, if people say they were gay all along, they could be booted out, not for homosexuality but for lying on their application.

Another reason she won't be coming out of the closet, she said, is that it's

nobody's business.

"I'm there to do a job," she said. "I don't walk up and down the hall and say I'm a lesbian, just as nobody else walks up and down the hall, talking about what happens in their bedroom."

Several service members have made headlines recently by declaring their homosexuality. They include Keith Meinhold, a 12-year Navy veteran discharged in August after announcing on national television that he was gay.

Meinhold was ordered reinstated by a federal judge in Los Angeles, who ruled Thursday that the ban on homosexuals violates the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection.

But such public proclamations are news precisely because they are so rare, said Mary, the lesbian reservist.

"There are so many more gay people in the military than the smattering of folks who have come out," she said. "I don't think those people are going to come out, even when homosexuality is not banned."

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Two gay former Navy sailors and their successful military life stories

NEW LONDON, Conn., Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—Two sailors who have settled in Connecticut since their honorable discharges said they had similar experiences as gay men in the military: They were tolerated.

Now one says he'd like to join the Naval Reserve if President Clinton lifts the 50-year ban on homosexuals in the military, a campaign pledge the president moved to fulfill Friday.

"I'd be back in a heartbeat," said Brian LaFlam, who spent 10 years in the Navy.

The other says Clinton's action is an acceptance of reality.

"They just have to learn to deal with (homosexuality) in a different way. There isn't a problem with gays in the military. There's a problem in how people accept it," said former Navy man,

Robert Brown of New London.

Clinton directed that an executive order reversing the ban be prepared by July 15 and that military recruiters suspend asking applicants about their sexual orientation.

He also suspended discharge of homosexuals from the military, solely because of their sexual orientation, until he has reviewed the current policy.

LaFlam, 28, has made his home in New London since an honorable discharge last March. His last assignment was at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton.

LaFlam left the Navy because the stress of hiding his homosexuality had made him physically sick. He suffered erratic heartbeats and general pain. His command was preparing to send him to Bethesda, Md., for an in-depth physical.

Then he decided it was time to tell his superiors about his sexual orientation.

On the job, as an adviser in a drug and alcohol program at the base, LaFlam was counseling people "to be honest with themselves."

"Here I was telling them to admit the reasons for their alcoholism, their abusive behavior, whatever, and I was hiding behind this black curtain," said the former petty officer first class.

LaFlam got a meritorious promotion shortly after he was investigated for homosexuality a second time.

In 1986 and 1987, LaFlam was stationed in Florida on the fast frigate USS Koeisch, where he was an electronics technician.

"I never told anyone that I was gay, but I think all my commands knew it. They just knew it. It was because I

always defended anyone who was discriminated against," LaFlam said.

Brown, also a former Navy man, described situations in the service where his sexuality was often known by others, but tolerated because they kept quiet and worked hard to be discreet while on the job.

Brown is co-owner of Frank's Place, a gay bar in New London. He got out of the Navy as a petty officer second class with an honorable discharge in 1981.

He said his homosexuality never presented a problem. He was a submariner and was last stationed on the USS Philadelphia.

"I was always the type of person to keep my private life separate from my professional life," said Brown who earned a Good Conduct Medal while in the service.

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Houston, Saturday, Feb. 6

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Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Drink specials 8-11pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Muscles in Action dancers 8pm-2am, J.R.'s; Chuck Ciulla, D.J.; Venture-N; 75¢ well drinks 9-11pm, Heaven; Trust Red Hanky Social from 9pm, Venture-N; Alternative Music 9pm-2am, XTC; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Piano Sing-a-long with Wayne Gray 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Lone Star Male Revue 10pm, Gentry; Britany Paige & Company 10:30pm, Cousins; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Body Center, Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Sunday, Feb. 7

Bluelight specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Johnny & Mike's Football Corner on the patio noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 3-N-1 happy hour noon-10pm, J.R.'s; 99¢ well vodka/juice drinks till 10pm, J.R.'s; \$3 pitcher beer noon-2am, Atrium; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; Complimentary Bar-B-Q 1-3pm, Club Body Center; Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, Mary's; \$1.25 vodka/juice drinks 1-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Longnecks \$1.75 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E.J.'s; Cook out 3pm, Midtowne Spa; Chili cheese dogs, free 4pm until gone, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Steak night 4-8pm, Mary's; \$5.25 Liquor Bash with 25¢ refills 4-7pm, Atrium; \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, Juliet's; 50¢ well drinks & frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Missouri St. Station; \$1.75 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Pool tournament 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Beer bust w/ \$1.75 well drinks 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Beer blast \$2.00 buy in - 25¢ refills 4pm-midnight, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Blue light specials 5pm til, Venture-N; Burgs & dawgs from 5pm, Venture-N; Eight Ball Tournament, Cash Prizes 5pm, Gentry; Steak or chicken grill 5pm, Gentry; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Steak night on the Patio, steak \$5.50, sausage \$4.50, chicken \$3.50, veggie plate \$2.50 5-8pm, The Ranch; Steak night 5-8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's; 301 dart tournament 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Ride the Pony Express 6-10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Muscles in Action dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Rich's Tea & Me, Tropic Sound on the Patio; 25¢ well, \$1.25 frozen & \$1.25 beer all night, Rich's; Man Dance/T Dance 7pm, Pacific Street; 25¢ well drinks 7-10pm, Heaven; Lone Star Male Revue 7pm, Gentry; \$1.25 longnecks & frozen margaritas 7pm-2am, Heaven; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Sunday Splash, no cover with pass 7pm-2am, Heaven; Bingo 8pm, Briar Patch; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all night, E.J.'s; Show Directors' Gayla 9pm, E.J.'s; New York style male dancers 9pm-2am, Heaven; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Zack's Fun Time Revue 10:30pm, Cousins; Male strip contest, emcee Kofi 11pm, J.R.'s; Grab for Cash contest midnight, J.R.'s; Show midnight, Club Guadalajara; Open all night, Club Body Center, Open all night, Midtowne Spa

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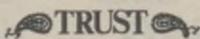


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Houston, Monday, Feb. 8

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-6pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E.J.'s; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; 75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's; Happy hour all day & night, Brazos River Bottom; 3-in-1 Happy hour 11am-11pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N, Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center; \$1.50 well drinks & longneck noon-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; \$2.00 Miller Lite & \$1.25 frozen margaritas 11am-2am, J.R.'s; Happy hour Noon-2am, Cousins; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Beer Bust 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's; Pizza night 5-7pm, Past Time; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 3-N-1 cocktails until 10pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Muscles in Action dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 ball staphot pool tournament 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Bingo 8pm, Briar Patch; Dart Tourney 8pm, Cousins; Monday Night Football with Sundance Cattle Company on the Patio 6pm, Mary's; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; "Clubbers Night" - no cover for men wearing colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Male strip contest, emcee Naomi Sims 11pm, J.R.'s; Grab for Cash contest midnite, J.R.'s; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Tuesday, Feb. 9

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E.J.'s; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; 3-in-1 Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 6 month membership special (1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; Happy hour w/ \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Beer bust 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's; Hot Dog night 5pm til, Past Time; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; \$1.50 well drinks, longnecks & frozen margaritas; Heaven; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$3.50 Absolut Vodka drinks all night, J.R.'s; Muscles in Action dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Talent Search 7:30pm, Missouri St. Station; Free Dance Lessons with Southern Country 8pm, The Ranch; Pool Tournament 8pm, The Ranch; \$1.50 well drinks 8pm-2am, The Dance Hall & Saloon; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; Young executive night, no cover with personalized business card 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Piano Stylings of Jim Cater 9:30pm, Briar

Patch; C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Chili & \$1.50 beer night, Juliet's; Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm, Mother's; Men of the Mine dancers until 2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Talent contest 10:30pm, E.J.'s; Wheel of Cash 10:30pm, 11:30pm & 12:30am, Gentry; Male strip contest, emcee Maude 11pm, J.R.'s; Grab for Cash contest midnite, J.R.'s

Houston, Wednesday, Feb. 10

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E.J.'s; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; 3-in-1 Happy hour 11am-11pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 6 month membership special (1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; Happy hour w/ \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Beer bust 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4pm-2am, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; \$3.75 all top sheik liquor all night, J.R.'s; 75¢ well drinks all night, Heaven; Steak night 6pm, E.J.'s; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Executive ladies free buffet 6-8pm, Missouri St. Station; Keeki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Bear Club for Men; \$3 Barenjager shots all night, Montrose Mining Co.; Muscles in Action dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Bare chest harness night-Extended Happy Hour til 11pm, Venture-N, Montrose Cloggers 7pm, Brazos River Bottom; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Happy hour 7pm-2am, The Ranch; Joe De Hoyas, DJ 8pm, Venture-N, Open Mike Night with Toni Rae 8pm, E.J.'s; Southern Country dance group 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; Alternative Nu-Music w/ Wes Wallace, no cover with Stone Soup donation (18 & up) 9-11pm, Heaven; White Hot Wednesday, DJ VJ Victor Toledo plays top hits 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Piano Sing-along with Wayne Gray 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Male Strip Contest with Dyan Michaels 10:30pm, Gentry; Male strip contest, emcee Kofi 11pm, J.R.'s; Grab for Cash contest midnite, J.R.'s; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Thursday, Feb. 11

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E.J.'s; \$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's; \$1.50 longnecks all day & all night, Brazos River Bottom; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Dart Tourney 11am, Mary's; 3-in-1 Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; Rooms & lockers half price noon-midnight, Club Body Center; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; Happy hour w/\$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 4pm-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy

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Houston, Friday, Feb. 12

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening 8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Office

Party 3-in-1 Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Skip shot pool tourney noon, Mary's; Happy hour longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-10pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour w/ \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4-6pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's; Beer bust 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's; Hors d'oeuvres 4:30-7:00pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Lone Star Male Revue 6pm, Gentry; Muscles in Action dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Movie night on the patio 7pm, E/J's; TGI Friday party, no cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Happy Hour 7pm-2am, The Ranch; 8 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; Drink specials 8-11pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; 75¢ well drinks all night, Heaven; Chuck Giulia, D.J., Venture-N; Taggots' upstairs 9pm, Venture-N; Dance Club Party - no cover with Stone Soup donation 9-11pm, Heaven; Alternative Music 9pm-2am, XTC; Techno-teria, 18 yrs+, 50¢ well 9pm-2am, Rich's; Piano Sing-a-long with Jim Cater 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Men of the Mine male dancers 10pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Cousins & Company Show 10:30pm, Cousins; Rainbo de Klown's All Male Revue 11pm, E/J's; Show midnight, Club Guadalajara; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

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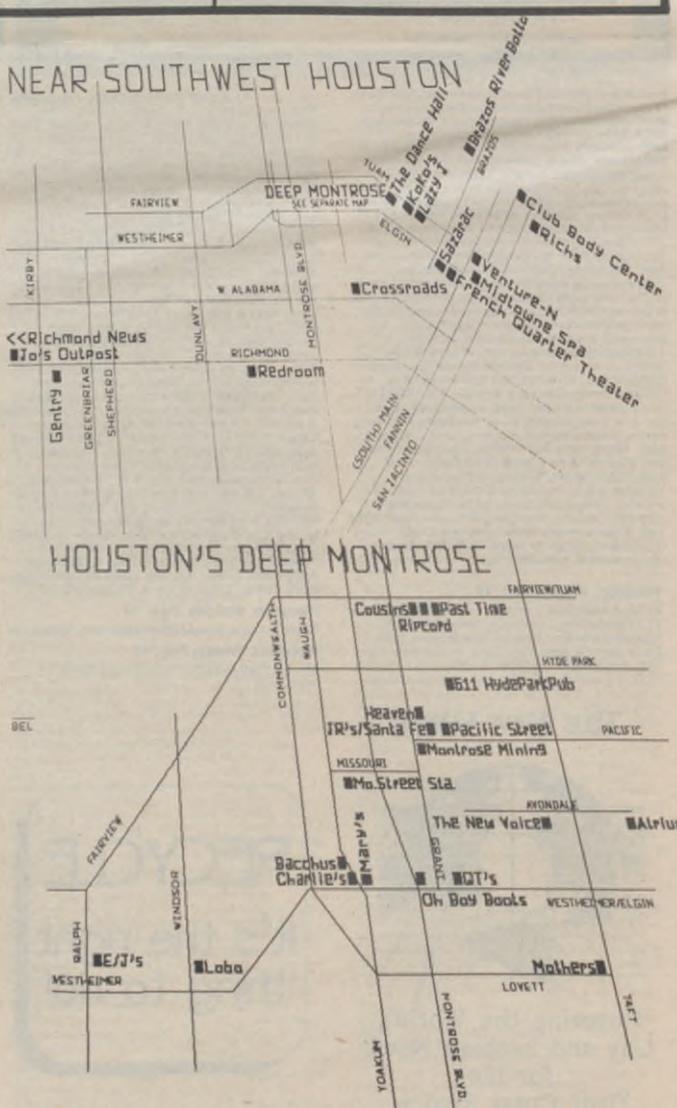
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MISSING - MAN TO SHARE LIFE WITH
 Seeking friendships first, monogamous commitment based on HONESTY, SINCERITY & TRUST second. Attractive GWM, 39, 5'10", independent, professional, energetic, romantic. Enjoys workouts, quiet evenings, biking, hiking, camping, CW dancing, dining, good looking, movies, FAMILY, RC faith. Seeks attractive GWM/GHM/Italian(-) under 40w/with similar interests. Must be disease free, nonsmoker. Ad#25161

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WANTED: COUNTRY BOY NORTH OF HOUSTON
 GWM 32, 5'10", 160, bl/bl, top. HIV-, down to earth, good looking, dad, looking for relationship oriented GWM or GHM between 25-40. Into gardening, fishing, country life. Light smoker/moderate drinker okay. Weight in proportion to height. Ad#25254

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PARTY ON DUDES
 26 yr old GWM, 5'7", 135 lbs, brown hair, green-eyed Gemini looking for party buddies in the Houston area. Nightclubs, movies, theaters or... anything other than a good time (use your imagination!) Let's meet soon. More fun than a monkey barrel. Ad#25184

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ATTRACTION, GWM,
 seeks same for safe get together and/or relationship. I am and respondent will be masculine appearing and sounding, with proportion to height, 25-45 years old, friendly, outgoing, non-smoker/drug free, healthy and have time for get together. I love traveling, movies, walks, aerobics, travel, cooking. Respond to Ad#25011. ad#25011

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SINGLE, CLEAR LAKE AREA FRIENDS WANTED
 Shy, GWM in Clear Lake looking for other single, clear-out, career minded GWM's and GHM's (20-35) in the neighborhood for friendship. I'm 26, 5'8", blond/blue eyes, weigh 150, masculine & go better with similar friends. Only genuine well adjusted people with integrity please. ad#25155

2200 THE PERSONALS
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APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED
 GWF, 35 seeks partner in life. Required: emotional and financial stability. Age 25-40. Intelligent but not intellectual. Prefer GWM with variety of interests, going out, staying in, music lover, C&W dancer, camper, etc. good sense of humor and affectionate. Resumes accepted in lieu of applications. Ad#25185.

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LET'S START '93 TOGETHER
 GWM, 31, 6'11", 155, HIV- and never better. I am down to earth and enjoy evenings at home, long road trips and weekends at the beach. Seeking GWM, 25-35 for friendship and possible relationship. Let's do lunch! My treat! Ad#26176

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VERY HANDSOME MUSCULAR GWM
 Very handsome, muscular, GWM, 26, Blk/brn, 5'9", 180, HIV-, serious but outgoing, warm personality, seeks extremely attractive, mature, romantic, muscular, GWM, 28-35, top, HIV- for friendship first, possibly more. Should enjoy working out a lot, live a very healthy lifestyle & be willing to communicate honestly. Prefer Blk/blutobthers definitely considered. ad#25141

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ENTERTAINED-BODY, MIND & SOUL
 GWM, 45, 6', 175, graying brown/bl. Handsome, warm, caring, outgoing, masculine. Non-smoker, drug-free, Healthy HIV+. Passionate about hairy chests, blond/blue eyes. Seeks caring GWM age/experience compatible. Willing to explore companionship of equals. Ad#25186

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LOOKING FOR AL
 To assist me in making my own Home Improvements I'm a GWM, 33, handsome and masculine. I'm a non-smoker and I'll treat you a lot better than does Tim. Come on Al, "what'd yessy?" Tool Time. Ad#25182

2200 THE PERSONALS
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STRICTLY PHYSICAL
 Extremely handsome GWM wants safe fun with great-looking guys who are 40-40, HIV-, in shape. I'm 6 ft. tall, workout regularly & looking for one-term relationship. No strings attached. Minority dudes welcome to respond. Want to? ad#25531.

2200 THE PERSONALS
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LAST OF A VANISHING BREED
 Depend professional GWM, 5, 5'9", 180, very healthy, HIV-, non-smoker, drug-free, stable, romantic, stable, GWM, healthy, active, working out, quite a few movies, affection. Looking for committed companion for life. HIV+/GWM welcome. Ad#25183.

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

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WANTED LIFEMATE
 33 yr. old, attractive, secure, stable, GWM, healthy, active, spirited, yet conservative in nature. Desires long term monogamous relationship with quality GWM or GHM. Handsome plus-but if you are kind hearted, honest & sincere, reasonably handsome, I've got a lot to offer. Quick-Picks of the lit-er-gest. Also, if you are the mirror of what I believe in God. ad#25593

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WANTED BOY-FRIEND LOVER SITUATION
 Good looking, healthy, HIV+, GWM, 35, 6', 165, br/br. Seeking serious boyfriend/lover situation. I'm a fun loving, affectionate, stable, non-smoker into hugging & squeezing & kissin & pleasin. Looking for drug-free GWM or GHM 18-25 for monogamous relationship. I have a lot to offer the right person. ad#25578.

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GWM 54, SEEKS GWM 18-29
 Looking for that special someone, must be drug free. I am 5'11", br/bl/eyes. Interests include climbing out, movies, astrology, numerology and other new age subjects. Want someone to love, 220's, appreciate you? To depend on? Please respond to ad#25984.

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BLACK MALE IN SEARCH OF:
 Could you possibly go for a guy with the body of Adam, the face of a por-folio of Howard Hughes? Well, so could I! If you run across him, tell him to call me. 20 something, slightly above average and sexy. Ad#25555

2200 THE PERSONALS
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NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?
 Mature, professional, very hairy body/hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You, mentally mature, non-smoker, well endowed a plus, bottom into safe fun. Please respond to ad#25916.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MODERATION DESIRES STIMULATION
 GWM, 23, 5'8", br/br. Very attractive, very mature. Would like to meet attractive GWM's with some imagination and a sense of humor. Just an ordinary fellow seeking an extra-ordinary guy to get more out of life. I'm not hard to please... just hard to hold. Please respond. Ad#25170.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SLIM FEMININE MAN
 Is this you? Totally smooth, sleek & sensual? (Perhaps TS?) I'd love to meet you. I'm a BIWM, 5'10, 160, 42 chest, 32 waist & no hair that I can't see. I'm looking for a regular rider mountain bike in woods around my home near Lake Houston. I'm ready to go! Are you? ad#25322

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WARNING: LOOKING FOR MAN TO LOVE
 Sweet country boy, GWM, 37, 200 lb, bl, young 45, looking for GWM to share pleasure, happiness and security. Love the country, fields, houses, antiques, flea markets, flowers, gardens, animals, classic cars, cowboy hats, travel, honesty, security, masculinity, affection, friends. Want lover and partner for antique shop/country store. Ad#25282

2200 THE PERSONALS
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DOMINANT GWM
 40, 145, 5'9, seeks GWMs into S/M - B/D. Limits respected. Ad#25336

2200 THE PERSONALS
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BLACK & WHITE
 GWM, 33, quiet, attractive, average guy, small build and young looking would like to meet GWM or BSM for conversation or whatever. Prefer guys 20-30 yrs. old. Masculine and height/weight proportional to smaller. Contact handled discreetly. Ad#25259

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 0102 Car
CLASSIC LINCOLN TOWN-CAR '71
 '71 Lincoln Town-car, limited anniversary edition, white leather interior, good car for enthusiast to restore, good shape, needs muffler and fender repair. Paid \$1200 three years ago, done lots of work. Will take a reasonable offer. Call 713-521-9022 after 6:00 p.m. Let's make a deal.

0600 EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE
 0650 General Help Wanted
 Mature, dependable, experienced waiters. Daytime. Charlies, 1100 Westheimer. No phone calls please. Ask for Tim or Lynn.

0700 INSTRUCTIONS
 0754 Music
VOICE LESSONS, HIGHLY SKILLED PERFORMER/TEACHER
 Randolph Lacy, 266-1069, 465-7865.

Houston Personals

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To answer a Personal Ad, call 1-900-454-3576 (\$1.49/min. on your phone bill, you must be 18+) OR call Houston local number 529-8490 Mon.-Fri. 9-5:30 for more info or to establish your own pre-paid toll-free answering account

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AGGRESSIVE PROFESSIONAL GWF 35
Looking for special someone age 25-40. Financially stable, non-role playing, enjoys camping, movies, music and good sense of humor. Ad#25254

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CLOSETED PROFESSIONALS
If for whatever reason you are closeted and want to remain that way, contact me. GM who will keep your secret. We would easily perceive to be business associates and nothing more. I enjoy dining out, cultural events, travel, sporting events, socializing and discretion. Behind closed doors, we can be ourselves with discretion guaranteed. I prefer professional GM. Ad#25316

2200 THE PERSONALS
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NEED FRIEND/COMPANION
Asian male 31 y.o., 5'8", 135lbs with average looks would like to meet GM - slim, muscular, masculine, honest and sincere for friendship/companionship. Ad#45129.

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TOMMY B.
I lived in the Heights - you moved to Dallas - I was your daddy and you were my boy. I've missed you so much since you've left. Please if you see this ad, call me, I'm listed. R.S. Ad#25539

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GOOD LOOKING PROFESSIONAL
GWM mid 30's, HIV+, interested in GWM, 35 to 40 average looks and weight, non-smoker, social drinker. I'm into travel, movies, dinner out, and quiet evenings at home. Serious and devoted by nature. I'm also into good times and lots of fun. Wittensted, let's talk. Ad#25171

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FRIENDLY GWF 35,
Desire's GWF 25-40, blondes/brunettes. Prefer small to medium build. No role playing, no head games. I like movies, dancing, concerts, anything fun. No drugs! Smokers, drinkers welcome. I want to enjoy a long courtship. Let's meet, date & really learn about each other. We will make love when the time is right. ad 25404.

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MS. GULF COAST AREA
GWM, mid 30's, 5'8", handsome professional, stable, romantic, honest and sincere and likes to go places. Seeks 25-45 with same qualities, drug/smoke free. Ad#5145.

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ARE YOU ATTRACTIVE, FRIENDLY AND VERSATILE
Nice looking 30ish GWM. HIV+ wants to meet drug-free GWM with uncomplicated life. Moderate drinker, non-smoker healthy mind/body. Weight must be in proportion to height. Blue/green eyes, body hair are turn-ons, but will respond to all replies. Ad# 25142

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AFFECTIONATE SEEKING THE SAME
I'm a GWM, 29, very attractive, 5'9", medium build, hazel eyes, HIV-, bottom seeking top to share life & love with. You must be GWM, same age, drug & alcohol free. ad#25407

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TIRED OF GAMES AND PRETENSE
Masculine GWM 22, 170, 8', college educated with interests in music, movies and the outdoors. Looking for masculine professional age 24-30 to build friendship and possible relationship. Must be non-smoker and drug/disease free. Ad#25182

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SPRING AREA
GWM, 30, seeks others for friends or possibly more. Enjoy C&W and movies. I'm old-fashion and romantic. Seeking honest, down to earth GWM/GHM. Must be tobacco/drug free. Ad#25178

2200 THE PERSONALS
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MAN WANTS "BOY"
GWM 35, 6', 165lbs, bid/blu, HIV-, looking to meet cute young stable HIV-GWM for partying, friendship maybe more, no drugs, only masculine with nice smooth body, sense of humor & an uncontrollable sexual desire with an imagination need respond, undertail bubble butts a plus, you won't be disappointed. ad 25492.

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Hi!, I'M 37 & A GWF
And if you are a professional GF between 25-45, financially and emotionally stable, we have a lot in common. I'm seeking the right someone for a partner in life, but first a friend. In enjoy movies, talking, church. Race, ethnicity unimportant. Smoke/drug free, social drinkers only. Ad#25253

2200 THE PERSONALS
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LET'S SHARE A FRIENDSHIP HIV-GWM
Seeking slender built, HIV-, GWM who is a night oddler, totally drug/smoke-free and serious minded. I'm a very discreet GWM, 33, 5'8 1/2", 145lbs. This submissive GWM is drug/smoke-free, HIV-, financially sound. Life is good, just want friendship with discreet, HIV-, GWM oddler. Let's be friends! Describe yourself. ad#25028

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HERE 3 YEARS AND NO LUCK
Me: 31, GWM, HIV(-), 5'8", stocky with br/br, Health Care Provider with average looks and big heart. Smoker and occasional drinker. You: GWM/GWM 35-45 that is honest, sincere, stable, HIV(-) top man who is looking for a totally monogamous relationship. If your serious please respond to Ad#25255.

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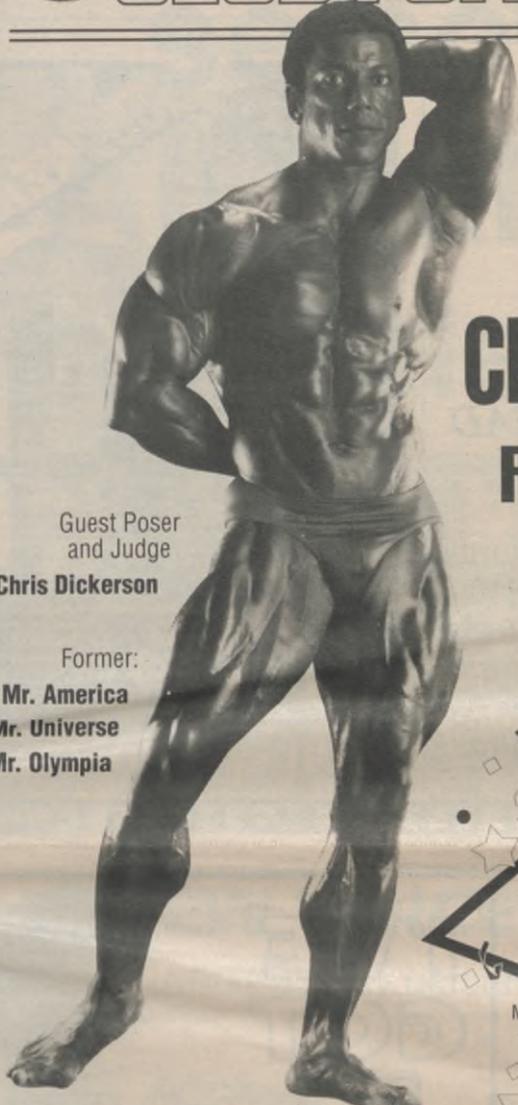
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Gay-military issue must face political realities, gay sailor says

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Friday, Jan. 29 (AP)—With the day near when gays and lesbians can serve openly in the military the debate should shift to political realities, a homosexual sailor just reinstated into the military said Friday.

"We're not debating whether the policy is going to change. What we have to do is make it best for everybody," said Keith Meinhold, a Navy petty officer whose case led a federal judge to strike down the Pentagon's ban on gays.

"We have to solve the political problems," Meinhold said during an appearance on the "Donahue" show. "We do have to take care of some things in the military. We need to go out and start telling people the truth."

A 12-year Navy veteran, Meinhold was honorably discharged from the Navy in August after disclosing his homosexuality on national television. But a California federal district judge ruled Thursday night that the ban was unconstitutional and ordered Meinhold permanently reinstated.

Meinhold appeared on "Donahue" with five others, including the Republican congressman who earlier this week introduced a bill that would keep in place the 50-year ban on gay soldiers.

Texas Rep. Joe Barton said any policy change would erode the military's performance, cause more gays to enlist and increase the number of AIDS cases.

Barton's comments drew fire from a Republican colleague as well as an audience that appeared largely unsympathetic to his views.

Lifting the ban is "a matter of conscience and morality," said New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato. "No person in this country should be afraid of who or what they are."

D'Amato, whose support for gays in the military puts him at odds with much of the Republican leadership, rejected host Phil Donahue's suggestion that his position was surprising.

"This is the worst kind of discrimination," he said. "It isn't political. It's moral with me."

"It shouldn't be our government that denigrates people," he said to applause.

At a news conference after the show, Meinhold said lifting the ban would prove homosexuals will not disrupt military life.

"We'll prove that gays and lesbians as

they have proven for hundreds of years can openly serve in the military very effectively," he said.

"I look forward to going back and serving my country and... being the best I can be and not having to look over my shoulder."

The "Donahue" taping coincided with President Clinton's announcement Friday that military recruits no longer will be asked about their sexual orientation.

Clinton also ordered the drafting of a formal order by July 15 to revoke the ban—throwing his young administration into a risky battle with Congress.

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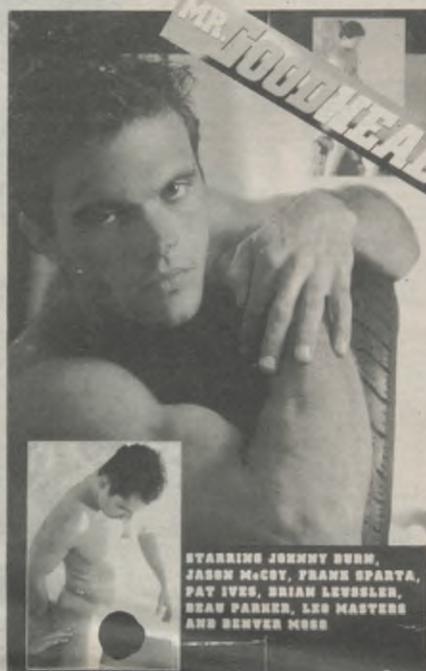
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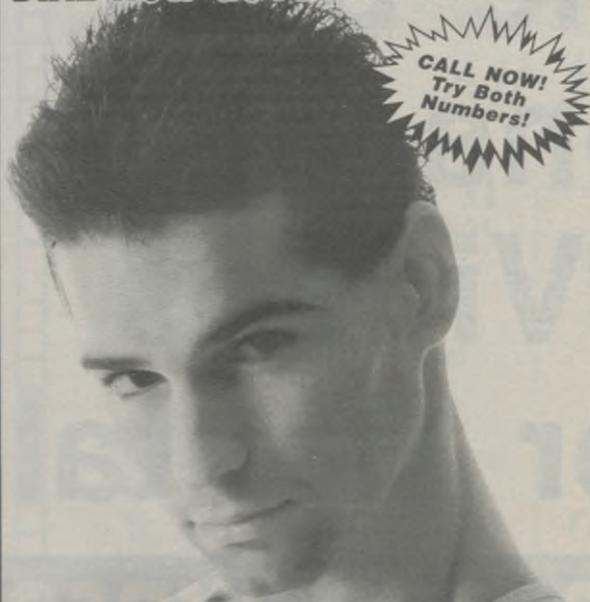
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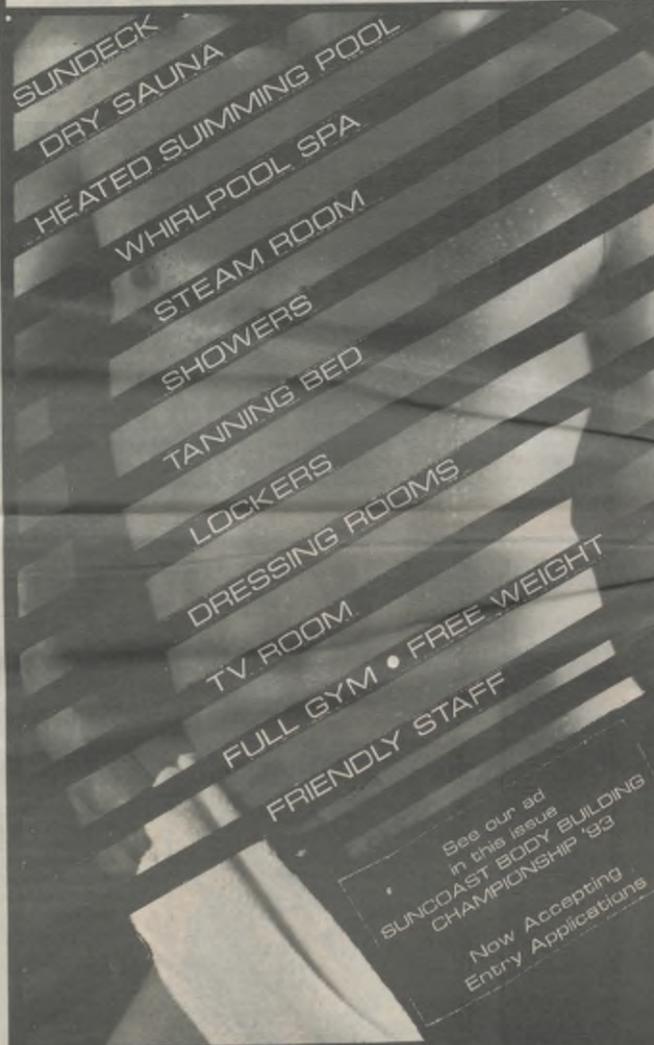
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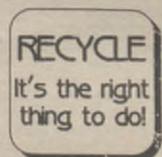


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▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Military gay rights a fiery campaign issue among Texas Senate candidates

AUSTIN, Texas, Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—President Clinton's proposal to end the military ban on homosexuals has proved to be an explosive campaign issue among the candidates for the Senate seat that new Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen recently gave up.

U.S. Sen. Bob Krueger, who was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards to serve until a May 1 special election, supports lifting the ban.

But he took hits even from within his own party, from two Democrats who also support lifting the ban, at Friday's first candidate forum for the special election.

Krueger first came out for an immediate end to the ban, then said later that the Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff should be given "as much time as they need to work through how this is going to be done. Everyone must understand that this issue will not

be resolved by executive order or a court mandate."

Jim Mattox, a former Texas congressman and attorney general, and Jose Angel Gutierrez, a Dallas attorney and former organizer of La Raza Unida party, accused Krueger of waffling on the issue.

"He seems to have difficulty standing up straight. It's just a flip-flop on the issue," Mattox said.

Gutierrez said: "He's still spineless Krueger. He's had three positions in the last week, and he's been a senator less than that."

Both Mattox and Gutierrez referred to a plastic backbone that then-State Sen. Lloyd Doggett used while beating Krueger for the Democratic nomination in the 1984 U.S. Senate race. Doggett accused Krueger of being spineless on politically sensitive issues.

Krueger also drew criticism from

State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, the only Republican candidate at Friday's forum, sponsored by the Texas Farm Bureau.

Ms. Hutchison and U.S. Reps. Joe Barton and Jack Fields, all Republicans, oppose ending the ban. All have offered various reasons largely related to the effect it would have on military personnel.

"If he's waffling on it, I'm not. I'm absolutely in disagreement with President Clinton and Senator Krueger," Ms. Hutchison said.

Mattox pledged to lead the effort to make America tobaccoless within 10 years. He said tobacco ads should be banned, vending machines removed and tobacco taxes raised.

Ms. Hutchison said she favors a balanced budget amendment and touted her support for congressional reform through term limitations.

"The last thing I want to be is comfortable with the system in Washington, D.C.," she said. "I want to be a conservative voice in the United States Senate."

Ms. Hutchison raised some eyebrows, however, with two other comments. She told the audience she couldn't think of anything that Clinton did in his first 10 days in office that she supports.

Some candidates took that as an indication that she may not support abortion in some cases. Clinton drew praise from abortion rights groups last week when he lifted a prohibition on giving abortion information to clients at federally funded clinics.

"It looks like she's done what Krueger has done on the gay issue," said Elna Christopher, a spokesperson for Mattox. "She has claimed to be pro-choice, but today indicated with that statement that she did not agree with that" philosophy.

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP
 Treehouse Support Group for Lesbians Considering Children meets at 607 Nueces. Nominal fee. Info: (512) 477-5822.

Every Wednesday, 4-5:30pm
HIV SUPPORT GROUP
 Support Group for HIV+ individuals and their significant others at David Powell Clinic, 1000 Toyah.

Every Wednesday, 7-8pm
YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP
 OutYouth Austin support group for 18-22 year olds meets. Info: (512) 476-0680.

Every Wednesday, 8pm
ACT-UP MEETINGS
 Act-Up weekly meetings at the Grassroots Peace Building, 227 Congress.

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8-7:30pm
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
 Coming Out support group for women meets at 607 Nueces. Interview required. Nominal fee. Info: (512) 477-5822.

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
LATINO SUPPORT GROUP
 Algo/Informe Sida, a gay Latino support group sponsors an HIV+ support group. Info: (512) 472-2001.

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6-7:30pm
MOM'S SUPPORT GROUP
 Treehouse Support Group for Lesbian Moms meets at 607 Nueces. Info: (512) 477-5822.

Every Thursday
GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP
 Waterloo Counseling holds a support group in the evening. Info: (512) 322-9653.

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8:30pm
GAY STUDENT MEETING
 ACC Gay Student Organization meets in the Rio Grande Campus Building, Rm. 124. Info: (512) 469-9337.

Every 3rd Thursday, 7pm
THERAPY ABUSE
 Stop Therapy Abuse, a consumer advocacy and educational support group meets monthly at the North Loop Library, 2210 Hancock Drive. Info: Marie (512) 458-2605.

Friday, Feb. 5, 9:30 and 11:30pm
 Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30 and 11:30pm
COMEDY CLUB
 The Velveteen Room hosts comic Riley Barber who talks about the Oilers and his Chile Pet collection. Admission - \$4 on Friday; \$6 on Saturday

Monday, Feb. 8, 7pm
LEATHER SOCIAL
 The National Leather Association: Austin is holding a social night at Moonshine Diner, 706 Congress. Public is invited. Info: (512) 467-8696.

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Every Friday, 8:30-8:30pm
WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP
 LAMDA Women's Support & Social Group holds meetings. Info: Cheryl (713) 736-1439, July 724-7222.

Every Friday, 7-8pm
SEX ADDICTS MEETING
 SORA (Sex or Relationship Addicts Anonymous) holds a support group meeting at MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur. Info: (713) 666-8256.

Every Friday, 7:30-10pm
TEEN SUPPORT GROUP
 HATCH (Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals) has peer support group, restricted to ages 16-21. Info: (713) 942-7002.

Every Sunday, 1-5pm
NAMES PROJECT WORKSHOP
 Houston Names Project holds workshop for anyone interested in creating a quilt panel for a loved one who has died of AIDS at 1410 Fairview. Info: (713) 522-NAMES.

Every Sunday, 4-5pm
INCEST SURVIVORS GROUP
 LISA (Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous) holds meetings at Inklings, 1846 Richmond. Info: (713)

527-8712.
 Every Sunday, 8pm
WOMEN'S AA GROUP
 Lambda AA Group for Women meets at Watergate Marina Clubhouse #2. Info: (713) 326-1025.

Every Third Sunday, 5pm
AMIGA DE HOUSTON
 Amiga de Houston holds monthly business meeting and potluck. Info: (713) 520-5667.

Every Third Sunday, 2-4pm
ELDER LESBIANS GROUP
 LOAF (Lesbians Over Age 50) meets at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. Info: (713) 661-1482.

Every Monday, 6:30pm
WOMEN'S GROUP
 Women's Support Group meets at the Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104. Info: (713) 524-1069.

Every Monday, 8pm
CODA GROUP
 Coda Group meets at the Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104. Info: (713) 524-1069.

Every Monday, 8-10pm
GAY FATHERS GROUP
 Gay fathers and their partners meet for discussion group. Info: (713) 782-5414.

Every Tuesday, 2-4pm
HIV MOTHERS
 HIV+ mothers and their children have a support group that meets at Casa de Esperanza. Info: (713) 529-0639.

Every Tuesday, 6-7pm
WOMEN'S HOUR
 KTRU Radio, 91.7 FM has a Women's Hour. Info: (713) 527-4060.

Every Tuesday, 7pm
HIV SUPPORT GROUP
 HIV+ support group meets at the Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104. Info: (713) 524-1069.

Every Second Tuesday, 12pm
 Every Fourth Tuesday, 5:30pm
AIDS EQUITY LEAGUE
 AIDS Equity League meets at Charlie's Coffee Shop. Info: (713) 871-0092.

Every Wednesday, 3:30pm, 7:30pm
STUDENT ASSOCIATION
 Gay/Lesbian Student Association of the University of Houston meets for discussion groups. Info: (713) 529-3211.

Every Wednesday, 6pm
GAY SUPPORT GROUP
 Kolbe Project hosts a gay issues support group in its location, 903A W. Main. New members always welcome. Info: (713) 522-8182.

Every Wednesday, 8:30pm
HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP
 Kolbe Project, 903A W. Main sponsors a support group for HIV+ individuals. Info: (713) 522-8182.

Every Wednesday, 8:30pm
POSITIVE PARTNERS GROUP
 Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104, sponsors a support group for lovers with positive partners. Info: (713) 524-1069.

Every Wednesday, 7pm
AA MEETING
 Weekly mixed-group AA meeting for people in Clear Lake/Bay area at Watergate Marina #2. Info: (713) 326-1025.

Every Wednesday, 8-10pm
SELF HEALING CLASS
 Michael K. Wilson's Self Healing Class meets each week at the Spectrum Center, 3416 Audubon. Guest speakers each week. Info: (713) 523-4241 or 868-4251.

Every Thursday, 5pm
SURVIVORS GROUP
 Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104, holds a Survivors Support Group. Info: (713) 524-1069.

Every Thursday, 6:30pm
MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP
 Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104, holds a support group for gay men. Info: (713) 524-1069.

Every Thursday, 7pm
OPEN CHOR REHEARSALS
 Gay Men's Chorus of Houston holds open rehearsals at the Bering Memorial Church, 1440 Bering. Info: (713) 630-0333.

Every Thursday, 7:30pm
NEW AGE SPIRITUALISM
 Weekly meeting for gay men at the Crystal Dolphin, 3400 W. Lamar, involve group support through visualizations, meditations, massage, discussions, and energy work. Suggested donation - \$5. Info: Michael (713) 520-6096; Howard, 528-6174; Gary, 228-3334.

Every Thursday, 7:30pm
ACTIVIST MEETING
 ACT UP Gulf Coast meeting takes place at Montrose Place, 1505 Nevada @ Commonweath. Info: (713) 524-5863.

Friday, Feb. 5, 8-8pm
ART RECEPTION
 The Art League of Houston is holding a reception at their location, 1953 Montrose, for the annual membership exhibition. Info: (713) 523-9530.

Friday, Feb. 5, 8:30pm
 Saturday, Feb. 6, 8:30 and 10:50pm
NIGHT CLUB COMEDY
 Radio Music Theatre, 2623 Colquitt (near Richmond and Kirby), presents "Last Night at Orabella's," a comedy about the closing night of the only honky-tonk in Dumas, Texas. Tickets - \$10. Info: (713) 522-7222.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 7pm, 8pm
CHURCH CELEBRATION
 The First Unitarian Universalist Church presents "Jeff Cochran: A Celebration," at the church, 5200 Fannin. Info: Bob John (713) 864-7923 or Mike - 526-3810. Later the church presents Traveler, original and traditional folk and acoustic music. Admission - \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Info: (713) 526-5200 or 861-1200.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2-4pm
 Sunday, Feb. 7, 2-4pm
OPEN AUDITIONS
 The Group (Theatre Workshop) is holding auditions for their upcoming production at Kuumba House Repertory

Theatre, 3414 La Branch. Needed are two males and two females, ages 25-35. Info: (713) 522-2204.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 8pm
 Sunday, Feb. 7, 7:30pm
SOUSA CONCERTS
 The Houston Symphony presents, as part of the Exxon Pops Series, light classical favorites virtuoso soloists and great Sousa marches. Tickets \$12-\$48. Info: (713) 238-1490.

Sunday, Feb. 7, 8pm
VARIETY HEAD RUSH
 DiverseWorks is presenting "12 Minutes MAX." The show consists of 5 different performers (none longer than 12 minutes) in every genre imaginable. Located at 1117 E. Freeway at I-10 and N. Main. Tickets - \$7/\$8. Info: (713) 228-0914.

Sunday, Feb. 7, 5:30pm
CHOCOLATE CHARITY BENEFIT
 Foundation for Interfaith Research & Ministry presents "Sweet Charity" at the Pavilion on Post Oak. Honorary Chairperson Angie Dickinson will attend. Proceeds go to FIRM's in-home respite care for AIDS and Alzheimer's victims. Tickets - \$100 for dinner and dessert tasting; \$50 for dessert tasting only. Info: (713) 524-8332.

Monday, Feb. 8, 8-8pm
LOCAL CELEBRITY ROAST
 Montrose Counseling Center is sponsoring a "roast" of local feminist/activist Marlon Coleman at Cody's, 3400 Montrose. Debra Danburg, Senfronia Thompson and Kathy Whitmore will be among those in attendance. Cost - \$15. To benefit MCG Permanent Endowment and AIDS Equity League. Info: (713) 529-0037.

Tuesday, Feb. 9
CRISIS HOTLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
 Crisis Intervention of Houston will hold orientation sessions for adults interested in becoming telephone volunteers. Info: (713) 527-9864.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 5:30-7:30pm
PRINTING MUSEUM RECEPTION
 A selection of Houston artist Otis Hubbard's woodcuts and lithographs goes on display at the Museum of Printing History, 1324 W. Clay. Free. Info: (713) 525-2181.

Friday, Feb. 12, 8pm
HOUSTON DEBUT FOR CLASSICAL ENSEMBLE
 The Society for the Performing Arts is presenting Moscow Virtuosi a world-renowned ensemble conducted by Vladimir Spivakov, equally renowned violinist in Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana. Admission - \$8-36. Info: (713) 227-1911.

Friday, Feb. 12, 8:30pm
WOMEN'S MUSIC SCENE
 Planet Earth Productions presents Jamie Anderson for one show only at Dudley Rectal Hall on the campus of the University of Houston in the School of Music Building. Admission - \$12 in advance; \$16 at the door; \$5 for students. Info: Denise (713) 526-0748.

Friday, Feb. 12, 9:30pm
ALBUM RELEASE PARTY
 Justice Records is throwing a party at the Stella Lounge, 3616 Washington, in honor of "nice and warm," the new release by Tab Benoit. Free. Info: (713) 520-6669.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 7:30-11pm
ASIAN CLUB VALENTINES
 Asians & Friends is holding a St. Valentine's Day Pot Luck Dinner. Those attending are asked to bring a food item and any alcoholic beverages. Info: David (713) 772-3757.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 7:30pm
CHARITY OPEN HOUSE
 Dawn of Faith Christian Church is presenting their "Adopt a heart" program. A heart with the name of someone lost to AIDS will be displayed for a donation. All proceeds go to Casa de Esperanza for children. Open house is at 8405-K Alameda-Genoa. Info: (713) 847-5118.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 10pm
VIDEO VALENTINE
 Houston Public Television presents a video valentine to a new generation - "public television like it's never been done before." Info: (713) 749-8239 or 749-8238 or 749-8235.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 8pm
DANCE WORKSHOP
 Stansteps presents La Compagnie Rick Odums at the Wortham Center, 510 Preston. Featured faculty includes Patsy Swazyze (Patrick's mother), Rick Odums, Laenna Sparacino and John Magnus. Info: (713) 820-2126.

Sunday, Feb. 14, 3pm
PERFORMANCE ART
 DiverseWorks is presenting Linda Montano's "Preparing for Death." The artist is merging after three days' seclusion in the Diverseworks' bathroom and will speak of death. At DiverseWorks, 1117 E. Freeway. Tickets - \$10, \$9 for members. Info: (713) 228-0914.

Sunday, Feb. 14, 4pm
FREE CONCERT
 Houston Civic Symphony presents violin soloist Qi Ming at the Cullen Performance Hall on the University of Houston campus. Info: (713) 747-0018.

Sunday, Feb. 14, 4:30-7:30pm
ROMANTIC ART SALE
 Alpha 2 Omega Foundation is presenting an art sale at the Crossroads Market & Bookstore, 610 W. Alabama. All proceeds benefit Alpha 2 Omega. Info: (713) 528-5328.

NEW ORLEANS

Every Tuesday & Wednesday
HIV POSITIVE SUPPORT GROUPS
 Gay/lesbian HIV support groups meetings are confidential. Info on location and times: (504) 552-9360.

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6pm
PRIDE MEETING
 The Alliance of Pride/Gay Pride Festival and Parade meets at the Community Center, 816 Rampart St. Info: (504) 949-7333 or 897-3939.

Every Tuesday, 8:30pm
 Every Friday, 9pm
 Every Sunday, 9:30pm
GAY/LESBIAN TV

Lesbian/gay programming, "Just for the Record," is scheduled on Cox Cable Channel 49.

Every Friday thru Feb. 26, 7pm
COMMUNITY CENTER MOVIES
 The Gay and Lesbian Community Center will show a film. Scheduled: Feb. 12 - "Thelma & Louise" Feb. 19 - no film; Feb. 26 - "Desert Hearts."

Through February 14
REGIONAL THEATRICAL PREMIER
 Louisiana premier of "In Trousers" at La Maison des Beaux Arts, 1140 St. Charles Ave. Info: (504) 866-1802.

Monday, Feb. 8, 1:30pm
 Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1:30pm
TALK SHOW ADDRESSES GAYS IN MILITARY
 The Angela Show, on WW-TV will have as its topic Gays and lesbians in the U.S. Military with a local panel and audience.

Friday, Feb. 12, 11pm
 Saturday, Feb. 13, 11pm
LESBIAN COMEDY FILM
 "Vampire lesbians of Sodom" will be shown at the Bayou Cabaret Theatre, 3300 Severn Avenue, Metairie. Admission - \$10. Info: (504) 887-6633.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 5-7pm
MALE PHOTOGRAPHER BOOK SIGNING
 Male-nude photographer Joe Ziolkowski will sign copies of his book "Walking the Line" at Faubourg Marigny Bookstore, 600 Frenchmen St. Info: (504) 943-9875.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE
 NO/AIDS Task Force is giving free flu shots while supplies last. Appointments are necessary. Info: Claire Dupla (504) 945-4000.

SPORTS

The New Voice sports calendar entries should include the following: date, time span, brief description of event, sponsor, cost and contact number. Must be received in the Houston office, in writing, no later than noon Monday. Mail or fax to: The New Voice Sports, 408 Avondale, Houston TX 77006; Fax (713) 529-9531

AUSTIN

AGBL STANDINGS
 The standings for the Austin Gamblers Bowling League as of Jan. 26th are: 1) Chain Drive; 2) Strike-a-Pose; 3) Shear Innovations; 4) Buns of Steel; 5) Uncle Charles. The high scratch male is Sam Nelson - 221; the high scratch female is Carla Ves - 180.

Every Tuesday, 8:30pm
BOWLING
 Austin Gamblers Bowling League meets each week at Capitol Bowl on Koenig Lane @ Groves. Info: (512) 451-5607.

Every Sunday, 1-5pm
VOLLEYBALL
 Informal volleyball games are held each week at Basky Park (just west of Lamar between 32nd and 33rd Streets). Just show up and play.

Every Sunday, 8:15am
RUNNING CLUB
 Austin FrontRunners meets along the bike-and-bike trail at Butler Shores (across from Zachary Scott theater). Run or walk for 30 minutes, then go out for brunch. Info: (512) 473-8334, 343-0106.

Every Sunday, 8:15am
SKATING CLUB
 Lambda Roller skating Club is planning to begin a chapter in Austin. People interested in participating or getting on a mailing list can write to LRC, P.O. Box 96450, Houston, TX 77266.

Every Sunday, 8:15am
CYCLING CLUB
 Breakaway, a long-distance bicycling club for Austin/San Marcos is organizing. For cyclists interested in weekend rides of 25 miles or more. Info: (512) 447-6408.

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Wednesday, February 10, 8pm
GHPBL SCHEDULE
 The GHPBL schedule for Week 18 (Feb. 10th) is position round play.

Every Sunday, 9am
 Every Tuesday, 6:30pm
RUNNING CLUB
 FrontRunners, gay and lesbian joggers club meets twice a week, every week, in Memorial Park. Info: (713) 523-6381.

Every Tuesday
WOMEN'S RUGBY
 Houston Women's Rugby Club meets each week at the Belaire YMCA. Info: (713) 955-1720.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 10am
 Sunday, Feb. 7, 10am
 Saturday, Feb. 13, 10am
 Sunday, Feb. 14, 10am
CHAIN GANG BICYCLING
 The Chain Gang bicycling group holds a variety of bicycling excursions. The ride on Feb. 6 is a rough/rid (off road) run through Roy C Holt Park north on us 289 near the Compaq campus; the ride on Feb 7 is a chainsmoker (long distance) along Braes Bayou; the ride on Feb. 13th is a chainsmoker through Bellville; and the ride on Feb. 14th is an easy/rid (short ride) under all the major freeway arteries in the Houston area. Info: Keith Krum (713) 522-4481.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 8-10pm
ICESKATING
 Lambda Roller skating Club is holding an ice skate night at the Galleria Ice Rink, 5015 Westheimer. Admission - \$4.50, includes skate rental. Open to the general public so skaters are encouraged to wear blue. Info: (713) 523-6381.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 8pm
 Sunday, Feb. 14, 5:30pm and 8pm
LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL
 The Lone Star Volleyball Association is beginning league play in all three of its levels of play at The University of St. Thomas, Jorabock Activity Center. The Power League starts on Feb. 10th; the Beginner League on the afternoon of the 14th; and the Intermediate on the evening of the 14th. Open play session. Cost - \$3 for non-league members; \$2 for league members. Info: Jef (713) 472-3930 or John 946-9270.