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## Houstonwall '25 kicks off packed schedule of events next week

### PRIDE PREVIEW

Hundreds of Houstonians may be headed for the Big Apple next month to take part in the Stonewall '25 march on the United Nations and Unity '94: Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival. But these international super-movers apparently haven't stolen any thunder and organizational enthusiasm from Houston's own 1994 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week observance, themed "Houstonwall 25." The final schedule released this week by the Pride Committee of Houston is the local celebration's heaviest yet—packed with events of every hue: social, political, educational, sports, entertainment...you name it, it's in there!

Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1994, moved up two weeks to support the New York events and accommodate the locals who will be attending them, includes over 70 events between June 2 and 12.

The Houston Voice will update on key events scheduled for each of the next two weeks. A full calendar listing of all events is listed in the keepsake "Pride Guide," now available at gay and lesbian businesses.

Among noteworthy activities this year is an idea adapted from a feature event of the first several Houston Gay Pride Weeks: a softball game between the Houston Fire Department and the Montrose Softball League. (In the pride weeks of yore, as many of us recall, it was the Houston Police Department that challenged the Houston gay and lesbian community in the field).

One of the more unique events is a two-night Art Opening Auction that celebrates something that belongs "in the closet"—shoes. Lissa Douglas, Project Chair says "Pumped Up on Art is a unique shoe auction that combines celebrity generosity and



Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1994 co-chairs Julie Siska and Ray Ramirez (Photo by Steven David)

local artist talent to create two truly entertaining evenings." Twenty-one celebrities from Governor Ann Richards and Elyse Lanier to Carolyn Farb and Lily Tomlin have donated a pair of pumps, signing one and leaving the other for a local artist to create a work of art.

The artists drew lots for the opportunity to create a work

from the various celebrity pumps. All proceeds from the auction will benefit Pride Committee of Houston, Inc., The Bering Community Service Foundation and the Ditzinger Foundation.

The two-fold event starts with a preview opening and cocktail party on Thursday, June 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Art Gallery on Audubon located at 3421 Audubon in Montrose. Those attending will be able to view both the signed pumps and the original works of art.

The auction will be held Thursday, June 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the evening at the Museum Restaurant Bar located at 1512 Alabama. There will be a live auction for the pumps of Richards and Tomlin, each including autographed pictures. All other pumps and works of art are available through silent auction. The \$10 donation includes the cost of the first drink.

### Parade, Rally June 12

The annual Pride Week Parade is on Sunday June 12. The parade, one of the largest in the Southwest, will be at a new time this year—1:00 p.m. A bright spectacle of members and supporters of gay men and lesbians for all over Texas will participate. The parade route will run from Woodhead to Montrose on lower Westheimer.

The Pride Week Rally follows, with a full line up of entertainment and guest speakers from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The rally moves to Buffalo Bayou Park this year; shuttle buses will be available in the Montrose area at Waugh & Westheimer and Crocker & Pacific.

A mandatory meeting for ALL parade participants will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. Rules, lineup, and other procedures will be explained at that time.

## AIDS memorial speakers voice disappointment with absent politicians

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

The symbolism, perhaps, was poignant as ever. And memories, recent or resurfacing, surely cut as deep and determined into the hearts of the 150 or so people gathered for an AIDS candlelight memorial in front of Houston City Hall. The overall mood, however, at this event—the Houston peg of an international observance now in its 11th year—took on new and darker tones last Sunday, May 22, at times echoing more frustration than solemnity from both the stage and the crowd.

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization, observed world wide last Sunday, began in San Francisco in 1983. It was intended to demonstrate support for people living with HIV and AIDS as well as memorialize those who have died. National organizers note a dual intent, that the event is also meant to be an organizing and coordinating opportunity between groups involved in the war on AIDS or service to those living with HIV, and individuals otherwise touched by the crisis who might want to help.



Houstonians participated in the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial last Sunday, May 22

In Houston in 1994, weary service providers and activists wondered aloud about the both the "Mobilization" and a lack of even symbolic support, most glaringly from local officials and current candidate for public office.

Charles Domingues, president of HIV Service Providers Inc., the coalition that sponsored the event in Houston, quipped sarcastically:

"It says here (on the program) that I'm supposed to introduce the dignitaries who are here—well, the dignitaries are you."

Later in the event, he challenged absent officials to phone the Service Provider organiza-

tion's offices to offer their assistance, calling out the phone number.

Only one elected official—Katy Caldwell, Harris County Treasurer—attended the event, though Caldwell read proclamations from Gov. Ann Richards and Mayor Bob Lanier supporting the observance.

Domingues made a point of noting that Caldwell was not asked to participate, but called and offered her services. To other county officials, he implored: "Where are you tonight?"

Beneva Nyamu, a fiery HIV-positive woman in her 50's didn't spare the crowd. Combining snatches of poetry with a forceful address, Nyamu, who is black, compared the stigma of AIDS to the racism that dominated American society in the middle of the century. She urged those who have lost family members and friends to get involved, and those who are HIV positive to stop looking at themselves through the stigma attached by others and reclaim the beauty of their lives and accomplishments.

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## Texas Human Rights Foundation announces 'new direction'

After five years of activities hinged on challenging the state's homosexual conduct statute, the Texas Human Rights Foundation is shifting gears, the acting executive director of the statewide, gay and lesbian legal group said this week.

THR's board of trustees met last Saturday, May 21, in Dallas and "forged a new direction," said Michael Garbarino, who was appointed to the interim position by the board at the meeting. Suzy Wagers, the former executive director, left THR to assume the position of executive director at Austin's Waterloo Counseling Center.

At the meeting, THR trustees also accepted the resignation of Board President Nancy Mollada and appointed Houston attorney Donald Skipwith to fill the position. Because Skipwith vacated his previous office of vice presi-

dent, the trustees elected

Austin trustee Teresa Herrin as vice president. The "new direction," according to Garbarino, involves sponsorship by the foundation of other high-impact lawsuits and re-organization of the foundation's AIDS Legal Resource Project.

Pending finalization of agreements with cooperating attorneys, THR will sponsor one lawsuit which could determine whether a defendant with AIDS has a right a fair trial in Texas, and another about whether the well-written and documented desires of a parent with AIDS regarding custody of his children is to be honored by the Texas courts.

Garbarino, however, said he could not give more details about THR's involvement in the cases until the sponsorship agreements are finalized.

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# Allegations of AIDS discrimination don't match experience of reader who works at Texas Commerce Bank

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From DAVID W. DAHLQUIST  
Houston, Texas

(Editor's note: The following is a response to an Associated Press story that appeared in last week's issue of the Houston Voice).

I read with great interest, and with great concern, the Houston Voice article (May 20, 1994) about Michael Ecker and his lawsuit against Texas Commerce Bank, alleging that the bank conspired to terminate his employment because of his HIV status.

I have been employed by Texas Commerce Bank-Houston for over 16 years, and nearly this entire time, the bank management has known that I am gay.

I can't think of one negative thing that has ever happened to me at TCB, as a result of that knowledge on their part. Indeed, I have generally found the bank very concerned with protecting my rights and my dignity, as a gay employee.

The first person I knew who died of AIDS, in 1984, was a fellow TCB employee. TCB put him on medical

leave for nearly a year, and was supportive until the time of his death. You may recall that this was the same year that the New York funeral directors union voted not to embalm persons who had died from AIDS.

I have lost ten other friends, who were TCB employees, to the AIDS holocaust, since 1984. To my knowledge, the bank was aware of the nature of their illness, and their reaction was to treat these persons with respect and compassion.

The most recent friend died a month ago. Dozens of TCB employees, including managers, attended his funeral. Who wasn't there? My friend's family, who were boycotting the funeral from out-of-state.

During mandatory sexual harassment briefings which TCB held statewide last year, it was made clear that TCB would not condone harassment or discrimination of its gay employees. Even at a time, when the US military has refused to do the same.

This year, TCB formed a new Diversity Committee. I requested involvement with the Committee, and received a warm invitation to lead a gay and lesbian delegation, to present our concerns, as employees of TCB.

Refuting Michael Ecker's allegations point by point would be fruitless, and inappropriate. That is what mediators and juries are for, especially for more subjective matters.

But I do want to challenge the assertion that TCB 'hired three vice-presidents' after Ecker's departure. In fact, TCB 'acquired' three vice-presidents, when they purchased First City Bank. These three vice-presidents came to TCB, with full account portfolios.

I have seen "Philadelphia," and I fail to see the comparisons. In that movie, top management actively conspired to terminate Andrew Beckett.

TCB Chief Executive Officer Marc Shapiro, is a Harvard-educated, sixties-generation man, who has a reputation within and without TCB, for intelligence, sensitivity, and compassion. From his Jewish heritage, he knows extremely well the worst consequences of unbridled intolerance. I personally find it impossible to believe he would condone terminating an employee because he had AIDS, much less conspire to do so.

I am a member of TCB's computer

programming staff, and am not a member of 'management.' No one at TCB approached me, nor encouraged me, to write this letter. I write it on behalf of balance and fairness.

Having lost my own partner to the ravages of AIDS in Jan. 1993, I know the mental, physical, emotional and financial havoc that is a tragic part of Michael Ecker's life now.

TCB was supportive of me during those dark days, when I had to juggle my schedule, when I had to make hurried departures to the hospital, when I had a hard time being productive for lack of sleep, or when I wasn't in the best of moods because of the current realities of my life.

Last fall, TCB encouraged employees to participate in the 'From All Walks of Life' AIDS walk. Their contingent raised more money than any other corporate delegation in Houston.

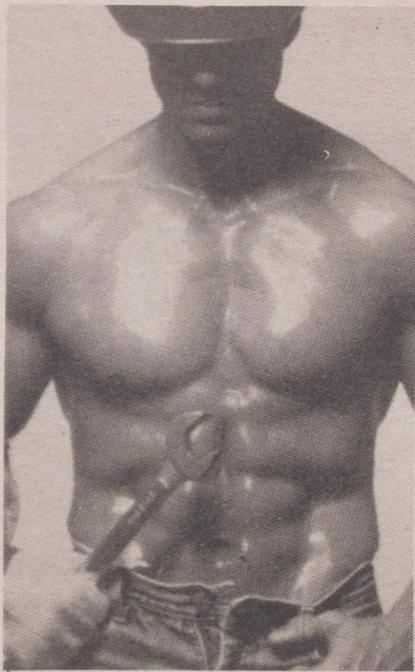
I wish Michael Ecker well as he tries to deal with the onslaught of this terrible disease in his life.

Today, the line has been drawn in the sand, for gay rights. It is important to take a stand against our enemies. But, it is also important to show caution, least we portray our friends and allies as enemies.

# OPINION

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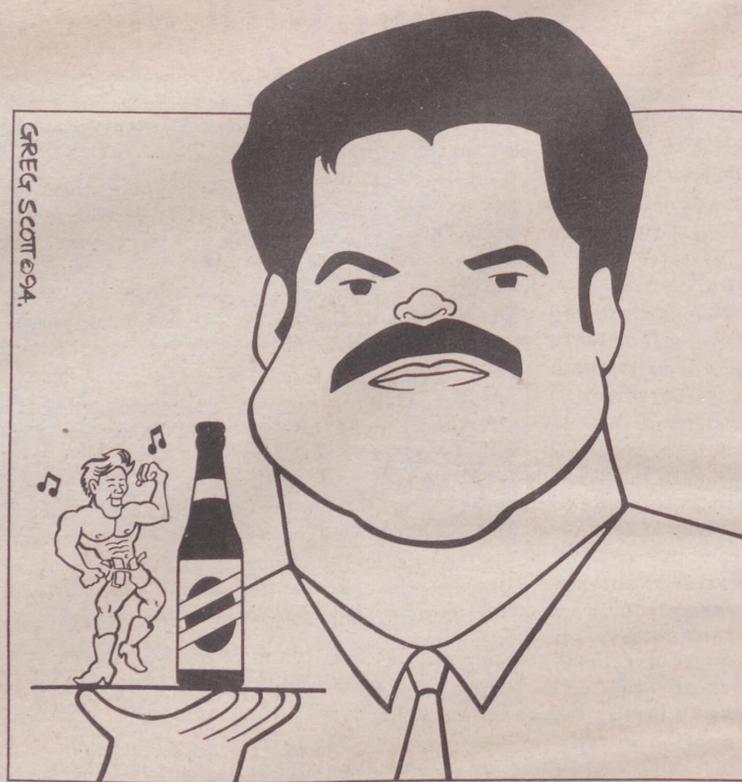
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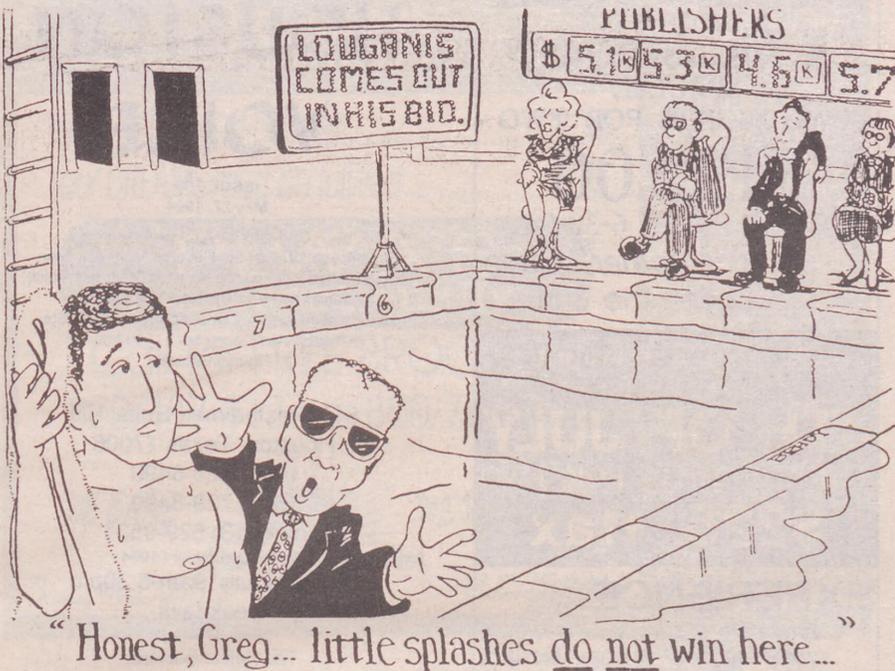


### CHARLES ARMSTRONG

With nearly one hundred employees, Charles Armstrong Investments Inc., is today recognized as the largest employer of Houston's "openly gay" community. Founded by Charles Armstrong in 1986, the company owns and manages three popular Montrose gay clubs. But its president/CEO is also known for serving the community in ways that go beyond cocktails and lively entertainment at Heaven, JR's and the Montrose Mining Company. As Houston's sizable lesbian and gay community struggles with the burden of fighting the war on AIDS

and the ongoing battle for equality for all, Charles is called upon time after time to assist local organizations with both of these noble causes, through promotions, direct contributions or other projects. In political circles, he is recognized for giving thousands of dollars annually to gay-supportive officials. Currently, Charles serves as a director and board member of the Houston Black Tie Dinner, a high-gloss fundraiser for local AIDS and gay community groups and the national Human Rights Campaign Fund.

## Brady's Corner



"Honest, Greg... little splashes do not win here..."

## Pride and prejudice: call is out again to 'clean up' our parades

### GUEST COMMENTARY

By RICHARD D. MOHR  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Gay parades will be getting more media attention than ever this June. With America's love of centennials and such, the media will have their lenses focused on the 25th-anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Add to this, the attention the Gay Games & Cultural Festival in New York City will draw, especially with its triumphs march on the United Nations, multiply this, in turn, by the national press's recent fascination with all things gay, and we will be seeing a veritable media frenzy centered around our public displays of gay life, gay love, and gay politics.

Paralleling this increased press attention to gay presence, gay conservatives, like Hunter Madsen, Mel White and Bruce Bawer, have been calling ever more frequently and loudly for gays to clean up our parades—to throw out not just NAMBLA but leather folk and drag queens too. Their argument is that mainstream media always focus on the more colorful bands of the gay spectrum and so promote stereotypes of gays as either John Wayne Gacys or dithering irresponsible nellys and thereby strike fear of gays into America's heartland.

But these conservative assimilationists simply don't understand how stereotypes work in society. Keeping leather pants and feather boas out of the parades will do nothing to reduce stereotyping. For stereotypes are not inductions from skewed samples, generalizations that can be corrected and made scientific simply by randomizing the cases examined. Stereotypes are social creations that centrally serve to define and maintain a culture's conception of itself. Thus, stereotypes of gay men as sissies, nellys, and limp-wristed queens prop up still powerful sex-role expectations in America, while the stereotypes of gay men as sex crazed maniacs and especially as child molesters serve to give the traditional American family a false sheen of innocence; these stereotypes preach that the problems of the American family must be external rather than internal to it.

Because stereotypes are the products of a culture's vision of itself rather than of science gone bad, they are sustained by cultural means, say,

by jokes and slang, that make no pretense of scientific accuracy, and so stereotypes continue to be transmitted quite independently of "the facts." The only way to change social reality here is to get it to face moral reality, which includes dykes on bikes and snap queens in the bubbly booming good of America's commitment to the blessings of liberty. Bruce might just try taking a "Bruce" to lunch. Bruce would probably even learn something from taking a member of NAMBLA to lunch.

To clean up parades in hopes of immediate political expedience is to deny gay experience and culture, and to sacrifice it to and for the values of others—to be dignified without having dignity. Dignity is not buying into the other guys values just because he's in power. Dignity is asserting that one's own values are worthy of consideration on a par with any other—including those of the dominant culture.

And don't be mistaken: bigots cannot be appeased by denying gay experience. Indeed, they have capitalized on low-key gay political campaigns and gay invisibility by claiming there really is not much, if any, anti-gay discrimination in America anyway, and so (they claim) legal protections for gays are not needed. Low-key, faceless, gayless campaigns simply play right into this rationalization, so popular now with neo-conservatives, who want to avoid sounding patently prejudicial.

So for the sake of gay dignity and gay values, mainstream folk out there need to see real, live, breathing, justifiably angry gay people saying, "How dare you presume." Low-key campaigns simply leave the discussion of gay issues to the opposition, who have been very clever at framing the debates and whose sound-bites have an automatic draft on the still massive repository of cultural prejudices—"No Special Rights," "Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." The world needs to see Adam and Steve, perhaps bolstered by the possibility and protection of a gay parade, holding hands and smooching publicly in order to show; that, yes, they too are married in the eyes of God and their community.

(Richard D. Mohr is the author of "A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights.")

## Community organizations say 'thank you' to supporters

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From RANDY KREPPS

Volunteer Coordinator, Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth

Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth, Inc. (HIPY) would like to thank the following supporters for their generous service to the community: Maranatha Fellowship for their continued contribution of toiletries and towels; Delta Lambda Phi—University of Houston Chapter for their group's painting of HIPY's Montrose Outreach Center's front fence; and Kolbe Project for their continued food donations.

HIPY greatly appreciates the community support of these organizations in assisting the homeless youth

of our community.

Thanks From PWACH

FROM LYNN PANNILL

Executive Director, PWA Coalition of Houston Inc.

On behalf of the clients, board of directors, and staff of the People With AIDS Coalition, Houston, Inc., I would like to express our sincere thanks to the participants and hosts of "Bunnies on the Bayou," 1994.

With your generous donations, we were able to purchase twenty-four beds and frames for PWA's on our waiting list. As of the end of April, we had 56 PWA's waiting for beds. This will give us a real boost in achieving our goal of a ZERO wait for a PWA who needs a bed.

Thank you again!

## Suburban Oregon anti-gay measure fails as rural towns approve it

By ANDREW WATERS

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

GRESHAM, Ore., Thursday, May 19 (AP)—Even though a local anti-gay measure failed, the Oregon Citizens Alliance sees the narrow margin a victory in an area that opposed a statewide measure two years ago.

A majority of the voters in this Portland suburb favored the measure in Tuesday's election. It failed, however, to get the required 60 percent to amend the charter.

Two years ago, Gresham voters rejected Measure 9, the failed statewide proposal to prohibit anti-discrimination protections for gays and declared homosexuality abnormal and perverse.

The Gresham measure, and four other local anti-gay measures that passed Tuesday, are watered-down versions of Measure 9. The local measures bar government protection or support for homosexuals.

The OCA has built on its support in rural communities that supported Measure 9, hoping to build momentum before another statewide vote.

Tuesday's election brings to 24 the number of cities and counties that have passed local anti-gay rights ordinances. A law passed by the 1993 Legislature, however, prevents them from being enforced.

The OCA is appealing a judge's decision upholding the state law.

The Gresham measure is the only one of the local measures to fail, and opponents of the OCA consider the victory their own.

"I think we turned the tide yesterday," Julie Davis of Supporter Our Communities said Wednesday.

"They should have been able to blow us out of the water with the low voter turn-

out. They did not. We held ground."

Only about 35 percent of registered voters in Gresham turned out.

Gresham voters were almost evenly divided, with 7188 people voting for the measure and 7108 voting against it.

OCA chairperson Lon Mabon considers the slim margin a victory because the opposition he said spent more money, mailed more fliers, called more voters and had the support of editorial board of the state's largest newspaper.

"In the face of all of that we pulled out a victory in a place we lost Measure 9," he said. "We're ecstatic about that."

Opponents of the measure, however, point out that more than 15,000 people voted in favor of Measure 9, more than twice the number of people who supported the local measure.

Voters in the Lane County communities of Veneta, Oakridge and Cottage Grove passed local anti-gay measures Tuesday, unofficial election results show. The measure also passed in Roseburg. Absentee ballots have yet to be counted.

The OCA now turns its attention to its new statewide measure, which uses the same toned-down language as the local measures. Mabon said victories Tuesday prove voters like the new approach.

The Gresham measure was the only local OCA-backed measure to fail. Still, community activist Betty Schedeen said the debate has divided the community.

"They set one person against another," she said. "They're going to have to face their lord someday. The most amazing thing is that they're practicing Christians. They feel not guilt whatsoever to go into a community and tear its heart out."

### FACTOID

#### Condom Sense?

Number of condoms purchased by the U.S. government and shipped overseas for AIDS prevention and population control: 574 million; total cost: \$27 million. Number of condoms distributed by Pentagon to U.S. troops: 4.7 millions. Number of condoms purchased by U.S. government for AIDS prevention and population control in the U.S.: 0. Number of condoms purchased by U.S. consumers annually: 550 million; total cost: \$300 million.

# Memorial participants mourn, vent frustration and call for action



Houston AIDS vigil participants sign memorial banner

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Participants at the vigil also got to hear the confession of a priest, who mourned the "hard-heartedness and narrow-mindedness" of the religious community in its response to the AIDS crisis.

"I wish I could speak for all religious leaders...but I can only speak for myself. And as myself, I can only ask you to forgive us for the sins we've committed against you and against all people with AIDS," implored Father Don Neumann of the Texas Medical Center Catholic Chaplains Corps, who led a similarly remorseful opening prayer.

A few who attended the memorial left early, some citing a sense of burnout. "I try not to deal with it so much anymore, because all (AIDS events) are just about the dead and dying, they don't really do anything," said a man who identified himself as David. "There are only so many of these you can sit through."

Others, however, were grateful for the opportunity to call attention—even limited attention—to the ongoing loss. "People need to see things like this, because so many would rather not even talk about it," said Mamie, who had lost a brother to AIDS. "There are some parents who won't even accept their sons who have AIDS."

Mamie and other members of her

family wore taped-on photographs and carried framed photos of her brother, a spontaneous decision, she said. Other wore T-shirts or carried signs with photos and brought other remembrances to the event.

Prior to the event, people at the gathering had been invited to write the names of persons they wished to memorialize with felt tip markers on a plastic banner.

The Houston event coincided with events held in a reported 243 cities worldwide and, for the first time, in every U.S. state.

In New York City, an estimated 30,000 people raised more than \$5 million dollars for the AIDS organization Gay Men's Health Crisis with a 6.2 mile pledge walk that began and ended in Central Park.

In San Francisco, the memorial included a march from the city's heavily gay Castro district to a rally at City Hall.

In Washington, D.C., demonstrators held a vigil outside the White house, then walked silently, candles in hand, down Pennsylvania Avenue. Presidential advisor George Stephanopolous addressed congregants at a rally following the march.

In New Orleans, hundreds of people carried candles through the French Quarter.

More than 15 million people worldwide have been infected with HIV—the virus that causes AIDS—since the condition was recognized in the early 1980's, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). About 350,000 cases have been reported in the United States.

In Houston, over 8000 people have died.

## British Broadcasting Company suspends gay marriage scheme

LONDON, Monday, May 23 (AP)—After lawmakers attacked paid gay honeymoons for BBC employees, the broadcasting company said Monday that same-sex couples can still take a week off but do not get a 75-pound (\$110) gift voucher.

The BBC had only recently decided to give gay employees the same marriage benefits as heterosexual newlyweds—a one-week paid vacation and the gift voucher.

The broadcasting company said Sunday that the marriage benefits would be extended to gay employees and to heterosexual employees who make a formal commitment to their relationship, even if not legally recognized.

As the policy came under criticism in some quarters on Monday, the BBC suspended the gift vouchers, mean-

ing that neither homosexual nor heterosexual couples can have them while the policy goes under review.

Geoffrey Dickens, a Conservative lawmaker, had called for the BBC's license fees to be cut. The domestic services of the BBC are financed almost wholly from the sale of television licenses to the public.

The BBC said in a statement Monday that while it remained "totally committed to equal opportunities, it was taking very seriously the concern expressed on the subject of the equivalent of marriage allowances and gifts being paid to single sex couples."

"It's deplorable that a compassionate policy has been overturned by homophobic pressure," said Peter Tatchell, spokesperson for the pressure group OutRage!, a gay rights group.

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## IN MEMORY OF



**RICHARD TIMOTHY ELLISON**

Born: April 1, 1956  
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A unique blend of the kindness and compassion of the eastern Tennessee hills and the street say of Detroit, Rich had a joy for giving and caring for others that was unsurpassed. As a profession chef, he had worked at several topnotched hotels such as the Opyland Hotel in Nashville and the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan. Catering included serving such celebrities as Aretha Franklin and Sonja Freedman.

Music played an important role in his life and in Detroit, Rich also worked as a deejay for several dance bars. He was an active member of Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection and participated backstage with the Resurrection Players as well as singing in the Sanctuary Choir. Rich also boggled with the Inner Loop Alternative Bowling League.

Rich is survived by his father, Claude Ellison, and his spouse of three years, Vaughn Johnson, Houston. Memorial service will be at MCCR, June 5, at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection with funds designated to the Youth Ministry.

## MICHAEL ANDREW JOHNSON

Michael Andrew Johnson, 30, died May 10, 1994 in Little Rock, Arkansas. A graduate of TCU, Michael was cosmetics promotions director for Foley's in Houston and an assistant buyer for Sange-Harris in Dallas. He studied in Germany and Jamaica and discovered his own orchid. Known for his singing and dancing abilities, Mike loved parties and was often the host. Survived by six days by his mother, Ninon. Survivors are father, Marvin of San Antonio; sister, Emily Cale, of Kerrville; brother, Patrick of Austin; special friend, Mark Parker of Little Rock; and "chil'ren," Clarice, Kavanaugh and Little Girl.

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**JAVIER A. RIASCO**

Javier A. Riasco, 36, a resident of Houston, died recently following a sudden illness. Private services were held Sunday, May 22 at ALIEF/SHARPSTOWN FUNERAL HOME.

Remains to Cali, Columbia for further services and burial. Arrangements by ALIEF/SHARPSTOWN FUNERAL HOME. 561-6300.

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## THRF announces new focus, staff and continuing projects

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Basically, the trustees sculpted an aggressive plan of action for legal activities involving AIDS and lesbian/gay rights," he said.

Garbarino added that the changes did not mean the organization was abandoning the idea of challenging the sodomy statute. He pointed out that even legal experts are confused as to how to interpret the impact of the state Supreme Court's refusal to hear THRF's case, "Morales et al v. the State of Texas."

An appeals court ruling in an unrelated case, apparently left standing by the high court's rejection of "Morales," apparently overturned the statute, at least in Texas 3rd District. However, the application of that ruling outside the 3rd District has been a subject of debate.

"I think we're going to leave it (alone) for a while," Garbarino said.

The THRF release on the board meeting also detailed other staff changes. Among them, Michael Reese was appointed THRF's volunteer coordinator.

THRF trustees said Mollada resigned as board president for work related reasons.

In other developments, THRF's AIDS Legal Resource project will soon release its newly updated brochure titled "AIDS and the Law: Know Your rights." The brochure puts complex legal information in an easy to follow question and answer for-

mat. "Over the next two months we'll be distributing thousands of these brochures—both English and Spanish language versions—across the state," stated Garbarino. "We had already distributed more than 4,500 copies of the brochure over the last year, and continued demand shows that they've become a vital resource for many AIDS service providers and individuals living with HIV." The brochure answers basic legal questions and advertises THRF's state wide AIDS legal hotline number for assistance, information and attorney referrals: 1-800-828-6417.

The Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation has awarded THRF a grant of \$5,000 to fund the printing and distribution of the brochures to low-income Texans affected by AIDS, said Garbarino. The distribution of the Spanish language version of the brochure will target minorities in rural Texas who might not otherwise have access to legal advice, he said.

THRF also plans to release a state wide survey to its constituency to assist in long range planning. "Given the outcome of our most recent challenge to Texas' sodomy statute, we want to hear from our constituency to help us decide what other lawsuits we will be sponsoring," Garbarino said.

"It's not enough for gay and lesbian leadership to decide what it will do for the gay and lesbian community. This survey will help us reach out to our constituency."

## NLGJA announces new national award for media coverage

This September, for the first time, a major national cash award will be presented for excellence in news coverage of gay and lesbian issues. The Crossroads Market/NLGJA Prize is administered by the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association, which will announce the winner at its third conference this fall in Minneapolis.

The award will be accompanied by \$1,000 provided by the Crossroads Market bookstores of Dallas and Houston.

The NLGJA, which is dedicated to fair coverage of lesbian and gay issues, was founded four years ago. The organization today counts 900 professional journalists as members.

"This award is a landmark for us, and it's a sign of the growing maturity of the journalism profession that treatment of lesbian and gay issues should be the subject of such a high profile award," said Leroy F. Aarons, NLGJA president. "Not long ago, the existence of the NLGJA, the award and the type of journalism it seeks to honor would have been impossible to imagine."

Thomas Kane, president of the Crossroads Market bookstores, said he believes the size and prestige of the award will have a dual effect on journalists.

"The prize gives us a chance to reward excellence and, we hope, foster good, balanced coverage of gay issues in the media," Kane said.

Crossroads Market is among the

nation's leading bookstores that specialize in gay and lesbian publications. It was founded in 1980 and was so named because of its location at Cedar Springs Road and Throckmorton Street, the "crossroads" of Dallas' gay and lesbian community. Since then, the book seller has opened a store in Houston and begun a mail order service.

The deadline for the contest is June 15. Entries may consist of a news story, a feature, a column or an editorial. A submission may also consist of a series of news stories, features, columns or editorials by the same author. Special sections are eligible. The winner will be picked by a panel of judges appointed by the NLGJA.

The work must have appeared between June 1, 1993 and May 31, 1994 in newspapers or magazines published in the United States. There is a \$15 entry fee.

For more information about the contest, or for a complete set of rules, write to Oaklawn marketing, 3930—Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, TX 75219.

In addition to the Crossroads Market/NLGJA Prize, the Association will again honor superlative coverage of lesbian and gay issues in a presentation at the Minneapolis conference. Both broadcast and print media are eligible for consideration; there is no monetary award. Nomination guidelines and forms may be obtained by writing to NLGJA Honors, P.O. Box 12886, Philadelphia, PA 19108.

## 'Bigot-Busters' opposing Washington's anti-gay rights supporters

SEATTLE, Saturday, May 21 (AP)—Supporters of two anti-gay-rights initiatives are running into opposition from the "Bigot Busters" coalition as they try to collect signatures to get the measures on November's general election ballot.

"It's kind of sad," said Philip Irvin, who was surrounded by opponents of Initiative 608 and Initiative 610 recently when he tried to collect signatures at the downtown Westlake Mall.

"They won't even let us talk to the people. It's like trying to fight the Gay Klux Klan."

Irvin said many petition gatherers "are avoiding public places because of the harassment."

Bigot Busters was formed by three groups that oppose the initiatives—Hands Off Washington, Queer Nation and the Stonewall Committee for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

"The reason we're out there is they're being dishonest to potential signers and to their own signature gatherers," said Deb Adams, one of the coalition organizers.

Initiative supporters contend the disruption effort interferes with free speech.

"By signing, it doesn't necessarily mean you agree with the issue, but you want to let people have the opportunity to vote on it," said Vic Santie, who also ran into the Bigot Busters at Westlake Mall, where he was gathering signatures on an Initiative 608 peti-

tion.

Backers must collect 181,000 signatures of registered voters by July 8 to get their initiatives on the ballot.

Both anti-gay measures would repeal anti-discrimination measures that protect gay rights in Seattle, Olympia, Pullman and Vancouver and in King, Clallam and Clark counties.

Both would bar presentation in schools of homosexuality as appropriate behavior. Initiative 610 would also bar gays from adopting children or serving as foster parents, and would deny child custody to gay or lesbian parents in divorce cases.

The petition-gathering efforts have been low-key, in part to avoid the opposition, said Initiative 608 spok-

espersion Cathy Mickels. For example, she said, thousands of petitions have been mailed to groups and individuals, and are available where supporters are likely to congregate, such as at conservative churches.

Bigot Busters say they are trying to maintain a balance between confrontation and providing information.

Katie Standley of Lynnwood says she signed Irvin's petition despite the Bigot Busters who clustered around him and tried to convince her not to.

"I prayed for them," said Standley.

She said she is concerned about how schools address the issue of homosexuality, adding that her 10-year-old son "needs protection. He knows he loves homosexuals, but he doesn't agree with their lifestyle."



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*Special interest events on HGLPW '94 schedule include culture workshop, gay prom*

### Pride '94 Notes

(Editor's note: Numerous Houston organizations will sponsor events during this year's Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week celebration that interpret their various missions through the prism of community pride. In this issue and over the next two weeks, the Houston Voice will list some of the highlights, both in our community news "Quick Notes" format and in the form of a HGLPW capsule calendar that will spotlight events that take place the two weekends of Pride '94. Calendar listings begin next week, with the weekend of June 5-6).

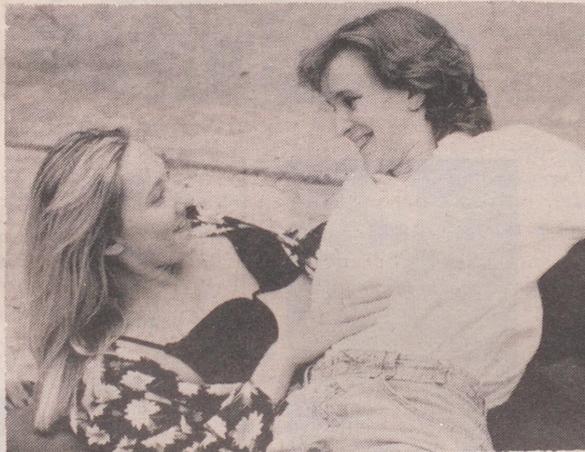
### Agora 'Roots' Workshop

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots as a hallmark in the fight for gay and lesbian rights, the Agora is offering a multi-media workshop presenting an exploration of our culture through history, film, books, and personal

stories. the workshop is titled "Exploring Our Gay and Lesbian Roots."

"Ours is a rich and highly diverse community, which often must struggle with racism, sexism, and a rejection of lifestyles—within our culture—that are unfamiliar," said Bart Loeser, the group's president. "This workshop will entertain as well as inform about the many perspectives that can make us proud of our multi-faceted gay and lesbian community!"

The workshop will take place on Thursday, June 2, from 7:15-8:45 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose Boulevard.



Kim Seiver and Rebecca Byars in a scene from *The Group* (Theatre Workshop) production of "Closets: A Stonewall Celebration," June 7 at Stages

### HATCH Prom

The Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH) and Lesbians In Business (LIB) have announced the second annual HATCH Prom, to be held on June 11 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Majestic Metro, 911 Preston Avenue. This fund raising

event is open to anyone—"the prom you never had!" The \$15 admission benefits the educational and public awareness activities of the HATCH youth and the LIB scholarship fund.

Tickets are available from Crossroads, Inklings, and Basic Brothers.

HATCH creates safe social environments through peer support groups, educational opportunities and other programs for gay/lesbian youth. It is the goal of HATCH to enable youth to be positive contributors to the lesbian and gay community, and to society as a whole.

### 'Closets' Opening

The Group (Theatre Workshop) has announced the opening of its 12th annual Pride pro-

duction, "Closets: A Stonewall Celebration."

"Closets" is an original production created and directed by Joe Watts, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Stonewall. It consists of nine 15-minute pieces written by Texas writers, all dealing with gay and lesbian experiences.

The Pride Week performance will be Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Stages Repertory Theatre. This is the third consecutive year that Stages has donated the theater for this event, noted Watts.

"Closets" will also have a "regular run" from July 8-30 at the Westheimer Art Bar and Theater, 1102 1/2 Westheimer, with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 24 at 4:00 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended for the July performances due to limited seating.

Tickets for all performances are \$12; reservations, (713) 522-2204.

## Two Minneapolis men hope to tap gay, lesbian beer-drinking market

MINNEAPOLIS, Friday, May 20 (AP)—The founders of new beers targeted at homosexual drinkers are hoping to distribute them nationally through a network of about 2000 gay and lesbian drinking establishments.

"Do we ever believe we'll be a Miller or Bud? No. But if we can get our share of the market, we'll be a success," said Mike Bloom, a co-founder of the new brands and owner of the Gay '90s bar in Minneapolis.

The new beers, made under a private label contract with St. Paul-based Minnesota Brewing Co., are 90's Choice, 90's Light and 90's Non-Alcoholic.

In introductory sales over the past two weeks at the Gay

'90s, a total of about 400 cases of 90's Choice and 90's Light have been sold.

Bloom and partner John Sabes said they plan to have sales in at least 10 major cities by the end of the year.

Like Pink Triangle,

another beer produced for the gay market, 90's Choice will generate money for AIDS causes. For each case of beer they sell, Bloom and Sabes will donate 25 cents to AIDS-related causes. Pink Triangle is made in Dubuque, Iowa.

# New production of Sir Kenneth MacMillan's 'Manon' premieres in Houston

## FINE ARTS/REVIEW

By JOHN REED

Houston Voice/Houston

Houston Ballet's current production of Spring Season is a surprisingly competent and enjoyable production of "Manon." Based on an early eighteenth century novel by Abbe Prevost, Manon Lescaut, the story line depicts a tempestuous love affair between a beautiful young woman and an innocent student. The principals meet in Paris circa 1730 and move from the sumptuous splendors of the Parisian salons to the back water destitution of a Louisiana bayou where Manon ultimately dies in the arms of her lover.

This ballet was seen for the first time by this reviewer last week, and I found a great deal to enjoy and recommend. The music by Jules Massenet is very pleasant; there are many interesting melodic themes and unlike many twentieth century compositions, this music score could stand by itself. The choreography by Sir Kenneth MacMillan blends closely to the story line and music. MacMillan created "Manon" originally for England's Royal Ballet and began planning for the Houston premiere a decade later. Unfortunately, MacMillan died suddenly in 1992, requiring others to complete the planning for



Mark Arvin as Des Grieux and Tiekka Schofield as Manon in Houston Ballet's lavish production of "Manon" (Photo by Geoff Winningham)

this grand Houston opening.

Along with the wonderful music, the sets and costumes by Peter Farmer set a high standard for attention to detail, complexity and handsomeness. Rarely have ballet audiences seen elaborateness the scope of the current lavish production. It is reported that there are 165 costumes, many with up to eight different fab-

rics. Strict attention was given in the design of these costumes, with the results being well appreciated by the opening night audience. Rarely have I seen on a Houston stage, the authentic look of so many ball gowns, military uniforms, and French street apparel. Anna Watkins is the Ballet's costume supervisor and deserves a long applause for attention to detail in

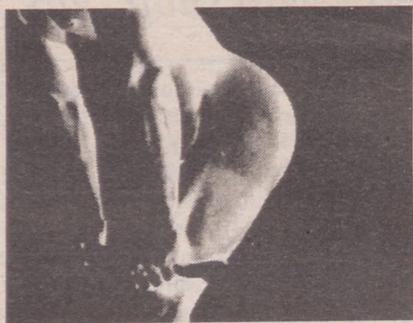
assembling this number of authentic costumes.

The lighting was given a generally warm coloration. Use of yellow, orange and pink hued tones enhanced the skin tones of the Company. Christina Giannelli supervised the extensive banks of lights and the detailed settings. If there is any negative aspect to the production, it would be the story line. Readers or ballet goers need only to turn to the pages of local daily newspapers to read of death and dying a daily basis. All too often these tragic events touch our neighborhood in a very real manner. For many, to attend a Fine Arts program that details plunder, women available for a price, uncontrolled passion for control, substance abuse, cheating in a game of chance, and finally death at a young age means adding another level to the necessity of facing events that have an uncomfortable contemporary feel.

Nevertheless, the thematic music well played, the grandest costumes and sets that you will see all year on a Houston stage, and wonderful dancing by our skilled ballet corps make this production of "Manon" being presented through Sunday, May 29, at the Wortham Center well worth seeing. Tickets are \$8-\$70, and are available through telephoning 227-ARTS.

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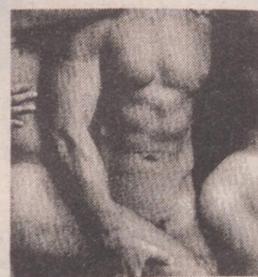
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## Milam House opens new offices, announces staff and future plans



John Sweeney, president of the board of Milam House, accepts donation from Rev. Helen Havens, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Also pictured is Rev. Sally Fox, executive director and Diane Williams, volunteer coordinator

plans for Milam house, the new executive director and staff are planning the expansion of the volunteer program, Williams said.

Williams said she is currently working to gain 50 new volunteers by January, 1995. "Fifty sounds like quite a large number, but volunteers have been running the show at Milam house in almost every aspect for some time now," she said.

"The most encouraging aspect about MH is the fact that the board of directors is a 'working' board," Williams continued. "We all

have volunteer duties and staff care shifts at the House. We have a fantastic volunteer base."

Volunteers staff care shifts at Milam House every day and offer emotional and social support as well as provide transportation needs, prepare food and see to other household needs as they arise, she said. "We are hoping to begin programs such as entertainment nights, community meals on Sunday, yard days and other special events for the residents."

The Milam House volunteers usually staff tow 4-5 hour shifts per month. The next volunteer training session for resident care shifts is June 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodhead and Alabama. For more information, contact the administrative office at (713) 520-9248.

### QUICK NOTES

Milam House recently celebrated the opening of its new office space at 811 Westheimer, Suite 101, with an open house reception at which the organization acknowledged its new staff.

Thanks to a generous donation from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Milam House, an organization which provides housing and a support system to persons with HIV/AIDS who are in need, was able to hire the Rev. Sally Fox as interim executive director. Fox will serve in the position until a grant comes through for a permanent salaried position, said Diane Williams, volunteer coordinator.

Rev. Fox is an ordained Episcopal priest with extensive experience in program planning, fundraising and administration. Among other future

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## 'Riverday': the one where the man jumps in the river

### YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON  
Houston Voice/New Orleans

Riverday comes in the Spring. New Orleans is always having some sort of festival, from its world famous Mardi Gras, to the little known Marigny Merliten Festival.

Riverday is known to hardly anybody at all. Only G., L., and T. know about it. They know because they set the date themselves, as their own personal festival. It comes in Spring, following a lot of music, food and garden festivals. It falls in the weeks between the AIDS Candlelight Memorial and the Annual Alliance Pride Fest.

On the first Riverday it rained. Not a typically tropical deluge but a misty rain, more like Portland than New Orleans.

This Riverday was the third, and it was very blue and very clear. The wind moved softly and easily up the river's bank.

Yesterday's river-swelling rains washed alligators from bayous, Jaguars from Uptown streets, and left today's sky so

clean you wanted to stretch your neck up and rub your face in it.

L. and T. stand on the bank at the spot where on first Riverday they sent G. out to Sea. The gatherer of waters, the Mississippi River flows by, nearing its journey's end.

Behind them, tourists walk. Bicyclists sizzle over shell gravel. A local jogs with a dog. And a shirtless young man from the nearby homeless camp rolls in the grass pounding his fists in the soft levee.

The young man stands. He tops the levee and darts down the rickrack to the high water mark. He stops and squats atop a flat stone. He perches there so intensely at first it seems he is moving his bowels. But he is only sitting. Then he flings himself face first into the river. He rolls over and floats on his back in the eddy.

Near where he floats, five black children toss shells at the river. They shout. From a bench The Moonwalk a white boy of about sixteen and a muscular black man in his late twenties are watching. They move quickly to the water's edge.

Farther down the levee is a large woman in her fifties. She is wear-

ing a wide brimmed hat and a flowered dress. The dress billows multi-hued in the pleasant breeze. Beside her is a man in a Panama hat. He is muscular, about sixty and wearing purple Bermuda shorts with a green and yellow Polo shirt. They are talking to L. and T. They walk together towards the excitement.

The man in the river is now on his stomach doing high overhead strokes; he is slowly swimming towards the river's terribly swift current.

The black man pulls off his shoes and socks. I say "Don't go in there unless you are a powerful swimmer." He says he is. The man in the water yells, "Leave me alone!"

The white boy tells us how treacherous under-currents are. And how the river is so polluted the man might come out with a third eye. We know.

The black man says, "I thought it was one of you kids," as he puts back on his socks and shoes.

The white boy and the black man say they came from Florida. They met on Southbeach. A lifeguard and a hustler. Bad times put them in this hobo camp.

The woman and man are from Memphis. He had spent his youth on the

river, "from wiper t captain." She wrote book reviews for the Memphis Commercial Appeal. L. and T. show them where the little cardboard box holding G.'s ashes got caught in the eddy and bobbed along in sloppy advance.

"We walked with her up to The Moonwalk," T. says; with L. adding, "Then the wind pushed the box out to the main current and G. went off to sea!"

The mother of the black children arrives screaming, "I told you kids, stay out of that river!" She is accompanied by a white man in blue. He wears a gold name tag and talks on a gray radio. A black cop walks up swinging a nightstick.

Shortly, two open-air electric carts arrive bearing officials. They are joined by a bearded creole with a praline rack hanging from his neck and resting on his belly.

Two officials by pralines.

The man in the river swims dangerously near the current, then turns back. As he hears the bank he yells, "Help me!"

The black man yells back, "Come on, just a little bit more! Just a little bit more! Now, slowly put your legs down, one at a time." The man steadies himself on the rick-

rack, then drips up the bank, and kneels before the policeman. He holds something behind his neck. It drips water and glints in the sun. The black man takes it and tosses it in the river. It is a straight razor. Its blade catches the sun and winks at us on its journey though the air. It shines quickly disappears in the muddy waters.

The white boy hands the black man a dry shirt laying on the bank. He passes on to the man who jumped in the river. The officials purr off in their electric carts. The cop heads down the levee looking at the water. The captain from Memphis buys pralines for the black kids, then for all of us.

The black man walks up. With him is the man from the river. He pulls on his shirt and looks at me. He says, "I wanted to kill myself!"

"I know," we each say. "I know."

They move on, towards the homeless camp. In a bit the white boy runs after them. L. and T. write a praline recipe on the Memphis woman's business card. The captain begins a story of an apartment he once had, "It was just off Jackson Square, and the calliope on the Natchez drove me crazy..."

Life goes on.

## AIDS becomes leading cause of death for San Francisco men

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, May 19 (AP)—AIDS overtook heart disease in 1992 as the leading cause of death among men in San Francisco.

AIDS had been the No. 1 cause of death among men ages 25 to 44 for several years, but 1992 was the first time it was

the leading killer among all men, claiming more lives than either accidents or any other disease, the city said.

"These findings indicate the magnitude of the AIDS impact on our population," said Sandra Hernandez,

director of the health department.

In 1992, the latest year for which figures are available, 1,195 San Francisco men died of AIDS and 1094 died of heart-related disease. In 1991, heart-related disease killed 1189 men and AIDS killed 1,152.

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**B.A.H.R. announces new board, coming events**

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The Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater Houston, Inc., (B.A.H.R.) has announced the election of a new board of directors for 1994-1995. Board members include Gary McCoy, Marion Friedman, Bill Wirth, Mary Anne Bobinski, Samuel Gutierrez, and Betty Luke.

B.A.H.R. provides a forum for attorneys, law students, and those in related professions to exchange information and enhance their professional development. It seeks to respond to community needs through its continuing legal education activities and community outreach program. B.A.H.R. also participates in community events, such as Pride Week, and gathers to network and socialize in a variety of settings.

The organization's enthusiastic new board is already busy planning events to start off its new membership year. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Barry at (713) 247-9500 for membership applications and are welcome to attend upcoming events. A casual happy hour gathering will be held June 8, 1994 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., upstairs at the Museum Restaurant and Bar, 1512 W. Alabama. Also scheduled is the first of several continuing legal education presentations, "An Overview of the New Guardianship Code," Friday, July 22, at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center on West Gray, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Last year the organization provided more than six hours of continuing legal education for its attorney membership while addressing such topics of current interest as domestic partnership law and co-sponsoring the recent AIDS roundtable.

Other B.A.H.R. activities include publication of the B.A.H.R. Reporter to inform its membership about upcoming events and legal updates, and an annual program to recognize contributions to the community and the organization. And this year's annual meeting, B.A.H.R. presented the following awards: The Advocacy Award to Judge Jimmy Carroll for his insightful 21.06 ruling; The AIDS Advocate Award to Catherine Green Burnett and David East for their outstanding efforts in initiating the HIV Clinic at South Texas College of Law; The Board of Directors Award to Phyllis Frye for her consistent and exemplary efforts in the protection of human rights; and The Presidential Award to Sharon Kahn for her

outstanding achievements in advancing the efforts of the organization and its board.

*Miss Camp America*

This year's Miss Camp America show will return to the Houston Music Hall, organizers have announced. The event, which coincides with and spoofs the annual televised Miss America pageant, will be held Sept. 17.

The larger space will allow the organization, which raises money for local AIDS charities, to sell more tickets and donate more, said organizers. The Music Hall also has a larger stage and more parking than other venues where the pageant has been presented.

This year's event will benefit five groups: The PWA Coalition of Houston; Names Project of Houston; The Assistance Fund; the Colt 45's Trouble Fund and the Pet Patrol.

*Healing Service*

A Service of Healing for persons living with HIV/AIDS will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 3 in the chapel of Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue at San Jacinto. The Rev. John Binford, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will officiate at the healing liturgy and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. The service will include hymns, Scripture and prayer for the ill and their caregivers and remembrance of those who have died. Personal prayer will be offered at the altar for those who desire. A reception and refreshments will follow in the Cathedral parlor.

The healing service is offered to the community on the first Friday of each month by members of Houston area Episcopal parishes. For information call the Cathedral, (713) 222-2593, or Bill Wicker, (713) 992-2398. For transportation assistance, call Rob Rynearson, (713) 432-0414.

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**Parents of Dallas AIDS activist fighting dead son's will**

DALLAS, Wednesday, May 18 (AP)—An AIDS-fighting, gay-rights foundation could lose to legal fees much of the bequest of an activist who died of the disease, officials said.

Randy Brown, 34, who died Jan. 30, bequeathed much of his \$146,000 estate to the Foundation for Human Understanding.

But his parents, Robert and Joan Brown, are challenging the will. They contend their son lacked the mental capacity to draw up the document and that he was unduly influenced.

Although the Browns have indicated through their attorney that they do not object to their son's bequest to the foundation, its officials say it may only get a fraction of the money because of the litigation.

Brown's parents have repeatedly said they have no objection with the foundation being a beneficiary, said the foundation's attorney, John Bergner.

Their apparent objection is with Marilyn Gordon, the executor of Brown's estate, who cared for Brown in his final months, he said.

John Thomas, the foundation's executive director, said part of the estate could be eaten up by legal fees and other expenses before the Aug. 9 trial.

Gordon was to get Brown's Ford Explorer and some personal effects, while other family and friends were to inherit property, the attorney said.

A temporary executor has been appointed by the court.

Gordon said she does not want the

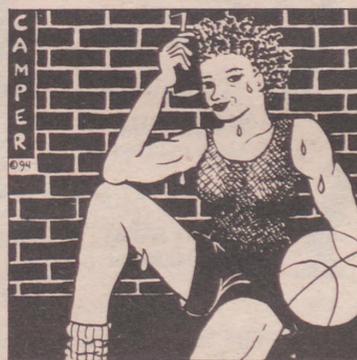
cause the family more pain but won't roll over because she knows Brown's wishes.

The Browns could not be reached for comment, and their attorneys declined comment.

When he died, Brown was on the board of the foundation, an umbrella group that includes the AIDS Resource Center, the Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research and the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Gay and lesbian rights advocates said the challenge reflects situations they've seen before: parents having a hard time accepting their adult children's wishes, especially when those adult children are gay and die of AIDS.

"I don't know what their issue is," Bergner said.

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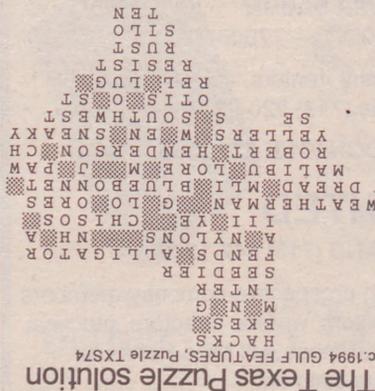


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# San Francisco couple's conviction in girl's death overturned

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, May 17 (AP)—A federal appeals court has found no evidence that a lesbian couple delayed in seeking medical help in the death of a 2-year-old Las Vegas girl and has overturned the women's child-abuse convictions and 20-year prison sentences.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Tuesday reversed the convictions of Georganna Lagen, an Air Force captain, and Paula Martineau, a former Air Force officer. The women were convicted of child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in the July 1984 death of Lagen's daughter, Michelle.

Lagen said she suddenly noticed Michelle was foaming at the mouth and was having trouble breathing. The women tried to revive her and then called paramedics, who found her unconscious. She died several days later.

Doctors later found signs of a head injury but disagreed on whether she had a skull fracture and on what caused the injury. Prosecutors said the girl had probably been shaken violently. The women denied it and said Michelle had seemed fine while swimming with her brother earlier in the day.

The death was first ruled an accident, but Lagen's estranged husband, Peter King, the child's father, urged authorities to exhume and re-examine the body, which led to the filing of criminal charges.

The Nevada Supreme Court overturned the manslaughter convictions in 1989, finding no evidence that either woman killed Michelle. But the court upheld the child-abuse convictions, saying there was evidence that the women had delayed in getting her to a hospital. They were sent to prison shortly after the ruling.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the remaining convictions, saying there was no proof that Michelle's medical care was delayed or that either woman, after realizing the girl's condition, delayed in seeking help.

"Nothing contradicts (the women's) claim that they did everything they could to save Michelle," said Judge Alfred Goodwin in the 3-0 ruling.

The ruling, if it stands, will set both women free and permanently dismiss the case.

"At least it's finally over and their faith in the system has been preserved," said Martineau's lawyer, Thomas Beatty.

"We had a tragedy. These two people to this day do not know, never did know what happened. ... Both of these people loved that child very much."

"It would be a lot better if this had happened a long time ago," said Lagen's lawyer, Aubrey Goldberg.

Both defense lawyers said the state attorney general's office, which prosecuted the case, frequently brought the women's relationship to the jury's attention even though it was not an issue in the case.

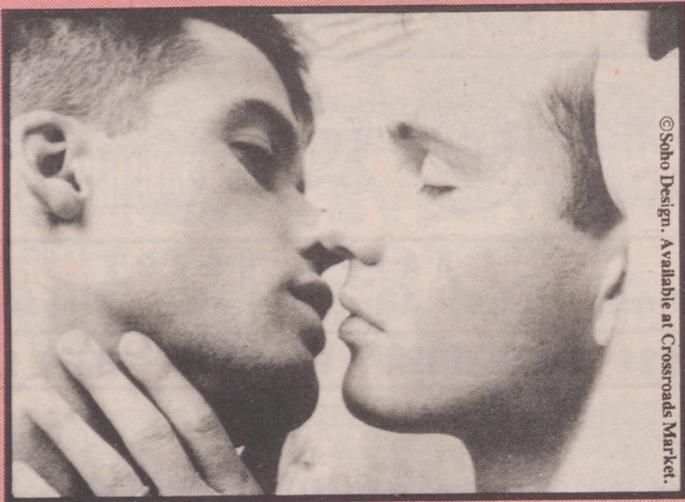
"The undertone of the whole trial was that their lifestyle was continually discussed," Goldberg said. He said the prosecution tried to make the point that "they were more interested in each other" than in Michelle.

The state's lawyer, Deputy Attorney General William Henry, did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

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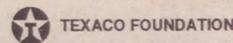
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## Minneapolis AIDS pledgewalk raises half million dollars

MINNEAPOLIS, Monday, May 23 (AP)—Steve Gilbertson was so afraid of being shunned for having the AIDS virus that he stayed away from the annual Minnesota AIDS Pledgewalk.

Gilbertson was afraid someone would see him and wonder if he had AIDS. But, in January, the 21-year-old hemophiliac decided to finally tell people he had contracted AIDS through a blood transfusion and to participate in the walk for the first time. He died unexpectedly in February, his father said.

As a memorial gesture, Gilbertson's parents decided to walk and raise money for the AIDS Project. The 6.25-mile walk, which began and ended

Sunday in a city park, raised \$532,000 for 20 AIDS organizations around the state.

The Gilbertsons donated \$2,000 and led a contingent of more than 100 relatives and friends, which organizers said was one of the biggest groups they've had for an individual. All wore yellow T-shirts with Steve's picture on them, and some traveled from as far as Chicago to attend.

"Physically, we know we can do this, but emotionally, it's really hard," said his father, Bill Gilbertson.

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The word atheism comes from the Greek prefix a- (no or non-) and the noun theos (god or God). An atheist is one who believes that there exists positive evidence that there is no God. To the atheist, all of existence can be explained

naturally rather than supernaturally. An atheist is convinced that all religious belief, evidence, and faith are false.

This philosophical view dates back to the late sixteenth century. Historically, a good example of atheistic perspective is contained in the Humanist Manifesto. It was composed and signed by leading secular humanists who declared, in part, that "Humanism is faith in the supreme value and self-perfectibility of human personality."

The word agnosticism comes from the Greek prefix a- (no or non-) and the noun gnosis (knowledge, usually by experience). An agnostic is one who believes there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the existence or nonexistence of God or gods. Agnostics criticize the theist (believer in God) and the atheist for their dogmatism and their presumption of such knowledge.

There are two types of agnostics. One type says there is insufficient evidence but leaves open the possibility of sometime obtaining enough evidence to know with certainty. The second type is convinced that it is objectively impossible for anyone to ever know with certainty the existence or non-existence of God or gods.

Skepticism is derived from the Latin scepticus (inquiring, reflective, doubting). The Latin in turn comes from the Greek scepsis (inquiry, hesitation, doubt). The Greeks used the word to refer to a certain school of philosophical thought, the Skeptics, who taught that because real knowledge is unattainable, one should suspend judgment on matters of truth.

Warren Young writes this, "Skepticism carries the negative attitude a step farther than agnosticism, denying the possibility of human knowledge. Truth in an objective sense is unattainable by any means within humanity's reach."

In summary, we must remember that God is no stranger to logic and philosophy. God's Word will endure long after the thoughts of humanity have turned to ashes. As Christians, we are asked to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope within you. But do this with gentleness and respect" (I Peter 3:15).

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## San Francisco Catholic Charities denies disclosure, imperiling AIDS funds

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, May 23 (AP)—Catholic Charities' refusal to disclose the number of homosexuals on its board is threatening \$1.5 million the agency receives from San Francisco each year for AIDS projects.

A city Health Commission rule, passed four years ago, allows contracts only with agencies whose staff and board are "representative of the target population" with respect to sexual orientation, gender or race.

Catholic Charities, which has provided AIDS services locally since 1986, runs Peter Claver Community, a 32-bed residential program for homeless AIDS patients. A survey it conducted in order to receive federal funds identified 70 percent of Claver's clients as gay men.

But Catholic Charities has refused to ask its 31 board members about their sexual orientation. "To ask about something so private as sexuality is wrong," said Arthur Hudson, the agency's chief executive officer.

The agency has a formal policy of non-discrimination, which includes sexual orientation, and says it shares the city's goal of diversity. Hudson sent a letter to the city

last December saying, "We assume that gays and lesbians do, in fact, sit on our board."

That didn't satisfy Melinda Paras, the Health Commission's budget chairperson. At her request, the commission has delayed for at least two weeks its approval of the Peter Claver Community's next six-month, \$320,000 contract with the city.

"One of the reasons you want a diverse board together is because you want insights into the concerns and problems of the population you're serving," Paras said.

She said the city didn't want the names, just the numbers of self-identified homosexuals on the board. No quota is required, Paras said, but if the answer was zero, "we'd say, 'Please work on improving this.'"

"Don't you think that if you have a target population of 70 percent gay men and you wanted to serve their needs, you'd want to have someone on the board who was sensitive to their needs?" asked Arthur Jackson, the commission's chairperson.

But Hudson said if 10 percent of the board members, for example, were identified as gay, "there would be some people saying we need more. It's almost a race without a finish line."

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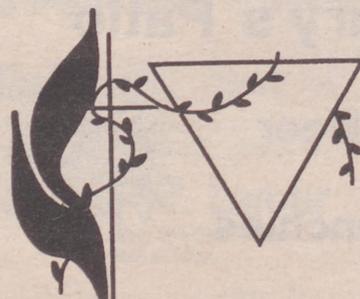
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## Great weather for MSL softball last Sunday; Pride skate June 6

### SPORTS NEWS AND NOTES

The weather was very cooperative with the Montrose Softball League on Sunday, May 22, as the sun was not too hot nor the humidity too high. It was a day of double headers played at Memorial Park Fields 4 and 5.

In the Competitive Division, the first game matched Briar Patch against the Houston Voice. Although determined, as indicated by Ron Harper's triple, Briar Patch was unable to surpass the hitting spree of the Voice and lost 11-7.

On the other field at the same time, the Venture-N Rookies played the Mining company Texans. In a tough battle, Venture-N outlasted the Texans to take a victory by the score of 8-7. The Briar Patch faced the Mining company Texans in the second game of their double header. The Texans proved to be too much to handle as they defeated Briar Patch 11-8. In a back-to-back series, Pacific Street and Hellraisers faced off as the B-Division entries, Pacific Street won the first game 2-1 but lost the second in a very close game, 6-5.

In the Recreational Division the bats were hot! In a day with record-setting scores, the action started with Travel in Style defeating BRB/Bowling 8-7. The Travelers continued their onslaught as they danced over the Gentry GAPS by a score that was too large to type in this article. J.R.'s started the day off right with a sound victory over Ripcord. Rich's Prime then defeated the Ripcord 12-3. The games continued as BRB/Body Positive defeated their sister team, BRB Bowling, 11-9, but then lost to Rich's Prime in an extra innings nail biter, 7-5. E/J's started the day off right by defeating J.R.'s 10-6. Not feeling good enough after that victory, E/J's smashed the Gentry GAPS for 25 runs in a 25-2 defeat.

Action continues Sunday, June 5 at Tim Hearn Field with the following schedule: 10:00 a.m., Hellraisers vs. Briar Patch; 11:00 a.m. Mining Co. vs. Houston Voice; 12:00 p.m. Briar Patch vs. Venture-N; 1:00 p.m., Houston Voice vs. Pacific Street; 2:00 p.m. Rich's Prime vs. Travel in Style; 3:00 p.m. BRB/Bowling vs. Gentry; 4:00 p.m., Ripcord vs. E/J's; 5:00 p.m., J.R.'s vs. BRB/Body Positive.

Season standings are as follows:  
Division A—Venture-N Rookies, 7-2; Mining Company Texans, 6-2; Briar Patch, 4-5; Houston Voice, 4-4.

Division B—Hellraisers, 3-6; Pacific Street, 1-7.

Division C—Rich's Prime, 7-1; Travel in Style, 7-1; E/J's, 6-2; BRB/Bowling, 3-5; BRB/Body Positive, 3-5; Gentry GAPS, 2-6; Ripcord, 2-6; J.R.'s, 2-6.

There are no games scheduled for Memorial day Weekend. Best of luck to all teams traveling to Dallas for the Lone Star Classic Tournament including the Mining Company Texans, the Venture-N Rookies, Briar Patch and the Hellraisers. Gentry GAPS will be leaving on Friday to participate in the Golden Bear Classic Tournament in San Francisco.

For information regarding the Montrose Softball league, call 867-3913.

### Pride Skate Night

The Lambda Rollerskating Club presents its "official Pride Week event" skate night on Monday, June 6, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at the Dairy Ashford Roller Rink, off I-10 and S. Dairy Ashford. Admission is \$5 and includes skates and raffle ticket. Inline skates and speed skates are available for an additional charge. For more information, call Keith at (713) 933-5818.

LRC is also planning a picnic and skate in Memorial Park, June 5 at 11:00 a.m., weather permitting. Meet at 100 Picnic Lane. "All sports are welcome, join in the fun!" Participants are encouraged to bring a covered dish as well as their skates, bikes, running shoes, etc. For more information, call Keith at the above number.

### Billiard Standings

Following are the weekly standings in the Houston Metropolitan Billiards League:

(1) BRB Ball Busters; (2) Jackson 5; (3) Coalition; (4) Jo's Sudden Impact; (5) E/J's Boys; (6) BRB "Ate" Ballers; (7) Crazy 8's; (8) E.J.'s Mess; (9) Sioux's Boys; (10) 611 Sticks; (11) Beau's Real Balls; (12) Dream Team; (13) Ripcord Rebels; (14) Oui, Cousins; (15) Rebels Too; (16) Amie's; (17) Styx; (18) Miner 69'ers; (19) Suicide Squad; (20) King's X; (21) Bill's restless Boys; (22) 611 Shooters.

## Cincinnati Reds owner apologizes for gay comments

CINCINNATI, Saturday, May 21 (AP)—Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott said she didn't mean to offend anyone by saying "only fruits wear earrings."

Schott had team officials distribute an apology during Friday's game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I am sorry if I offended anyone with a remark I made during a speech on Wednesday," the statement said. "I did not mean to say anything insensitive. What I was trying to say was that I am quite proud that our players have traditionally been clean-shaven and earring-free while wearing a Cincinnati Reds uniform."

Schott was suspended from baseball last year for making racial and

ethnic slurs. Wednesday's remarks about homosexuals were made to a gathering of Ohio county treasurers.

The Dodgers, meanwhile, used their warmups Friday to poke fun at Schott. Everything from gold hoops to beaded tassels adorned their earlobes as they socialized in the clubhouse before the game.

A few players, including starting pitcher Tom Candiotti, kept the jewelry on as they headed to the dugout for warmups. The players decided not to follow through on a plan to wear them while the national anthem was sung.

Schott wasn't on the field when the Dodgers wandered out with the earrings.

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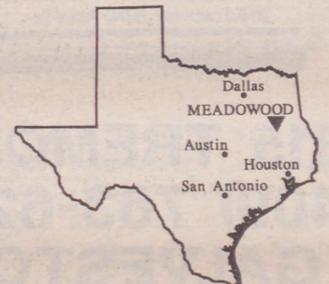
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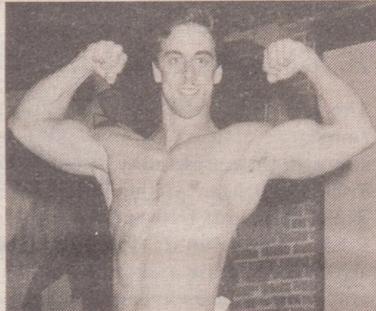
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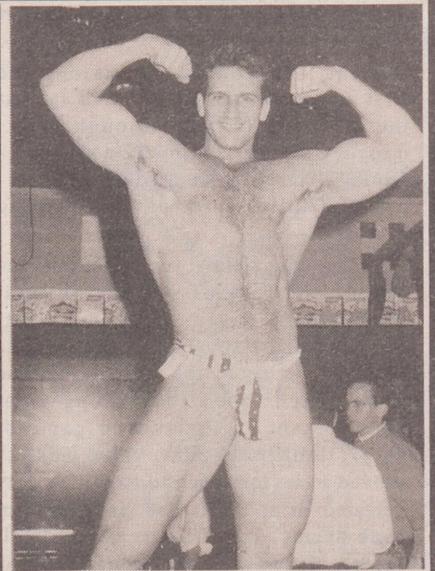
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# Team Houston sendoff pool party June 5; Summer Volleyball; Houston bowlers poised to bid for IGBT

## SPORTS NEWS AND NOTES

Team Houston will get a proper Houston sendoff to the Gay Games in New York City with a pool party on Sunday. The party is an "official" Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week event and will provide an opportunity for members of the Team to meet and network.

Those who aren't planning to attend Games IV and Cultural Festival/Stonewall 25 can still get in on the fun: all are invited to meet and greet the Houston Team and wish them luck in New York.

Team Houston will also have an entry in the Pride Parade this year, in which members hope to march in the new uniforms the Houston contingent plans to wear at the Games.

From June 18-25, Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival (Unity '94) expects a record 11,000 athletes and thousands of artists from more than 40 countries, as well as an estimated 500,000 visitors. The Games and Cultural festival will coincide with the Stonewall 25 celebration. The Stonewall march and rally are scheduled for June 26, the day after the Closing Ceremonies, honoring the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in 1969.

The official list of sports for Gay Games IV includes aerobics, badminton, basketball, billiards, bowling, cycling, diving, figure skating, flag football, golf, ice hockey, in-line skating, judo, marathon, martial arts, physique, power lifting, racquetball, soccer, softball (slow pitch and women's fast pitch), sport climbing, squash, swimming, table tennis, track and field, triathlon, volleyball, water



Team Houston members Ray Horn, Cathy Filley, Bobby Miller and Scott McCabe were at Theater LaB for recent TH benefit performance of "The Kathy and Mo Show: Parallel Lives"

polo and wrestling.

Team Houston is an umbrella organization for all athletes, cultural activity participants, volunteers and spectators planning on attending Unity '94, and for those who support the Houston delegation to the Games. The organization will act as official liaison to the national executive committee for Gay Games IV and Cultural festival, and will host a headquarters in New York and organize social activities to encourage sportsmanship and unity with participants from other cities.

The sendoff party is scheduled for 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett; admission is \$5 per person.

### Lone Star Volleyball

The Lone Star Volleyball Association will begin its Summer League on Sunday, June 6 for all three divisions. Times for the three divisions are as follows: recreational, 2:30-5:00, Competitive, 5:00-7:30, and intermediate, 7:30-10:00.

All members must be present 30 minutes prior to the applicable start time, in order to finalize fees and to sign up for team selection. Competitive teams must turn in a final roster and team fees as well. If you have any questions, please call John Pastrano at 946-9270.

### Bowling Leagues

Houston bowlers will travel to Oklahoma City this weekend for the International Gay Bowling Tourna-

ment. Thirty-two bowlers will be present when the bid is presented to the delegation to bring the 1996 tournament to Houston. Houston is competing with Philadelphia for the tournament. Pam Spayde and Mace Adams, the co-directors of the effort report that a lot of hard work has gone into the bid preparation and if successful, "It's only just begun!" Good luck!

Following are the standings for the leagues:

Inner Loop Sunday Nite League: In first place it's Sisters of Dorothy, followed by the Kami Kaze bowlers in second place and Who Took My ball in third. High Scratch Game of 238 was bowled by Roy Rainwater and Series of 609 by Bob Davidson. For information, call 522-9612.

Thursday Nite Mixers: But UR Blanche UR "R" in first place; in second place this week is Penetrating Your Galaxy. In third place, it's Pat & Company. High Scratch Game of 224 was bowled by Marty Rutherford and Series of 615 by Rodney Seiler for the men. Carol Clark bowled 204 and Series of 513 for highs for the women. For league information, call 432-7239.

Montrose Monday Nite Men's League: First place, Ladies and the Tramp; second place, The Gutter Butter; third place, Team #11. High Scratch game of 245 was bowled by Doug Campbell and Series of 622 by Ruben Martinez. For league information, call 641-5424.

Monday Nite Women's League: Can't Bowl Straight in first place; Electric Slide in second, and in third place, 3 Als & A Pussycat. For more information on this league, call 437-6218.

## Judge dismisses lawsuit over Camp Sister Spirit in Mississippi

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Friday, May 20 (AP)—A Jones County minister and resident cannot sue U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno over federal intervention in a lesbian-run retreat dispute, a judge ruled.

Jones County residents James Hendry and the Rev. John Allen filed a lawsuit this spring against Reno after she said U.S. Department of Justice workers should try to settle arguments between local opponents and operators of Camp Sister Spirit near Overt.

U.S. District Judge Charles Pickering Sr. dismissed the suit Thursday, but said camp opponents will not be forced to

talk to federal mediators.

"We're claiming victory," said Hattiesburg attorney Mike Barefield, who represents the residents. "This is exactly what we wanted."

Wanda Henson, one of the camp operators, noted that neither Hendry nor Allen won any money from Reno. They had sought \$50,000 each.

"If I were them I would go take a bath because they've got egg all over their faces," Henson said.

Barefield and U.S. Justice Department attorneys agreed to the dismissal after a 1 1/2-hour conference in Pickering's chambers.

Pickering wrote that Hendry and Allen "are not threatened by any immediate 'injury.'" The suit claimed government mediation of the conflict violated opponents' freedom of religion and speech.

Camp Sister Spirit has been the center of controversy since opening last fall. Wanda Henson and the woman she considers her wife, Brenda Henson, say they opened the camp as a retreat for feminist education. Local opponents say the camp violates biblical principles and they fear it will become a lesbian haven.

The Hensons requested help from Reno's office after they

said shots were fired near their 120-acre property and they received threatening calls and letters.

Two representatives from the Justice Department's Community Relations Service visited Overt in February and began investigating the conflict. The service was established in the 1960s to resolve disputes based on "race, color or national origin."

Hendry said Pickering's ruling is a victory because opponents never wanted to be forced into mediation.

"The judge said CRS has no authority to come down here

unless both parties invite them, and that's what we wanted," said Hendry, founder of a group called Mississippians for Family Values.

Wanda Henson called the plaintiffs' opposition to mediation "childish."

"This is a situation where these people have created a climate of hatred and violence against us," she said. "That's not being an adult."

Lucy Galindo, who came from Sacramento, Calif., to help build Camp Sister Spirit, said federal mediation is needed. "It's a very volatile situation and violence could occur," she said.

## Univ. of Michigan regent fails in attempt to block benefits for gay spouses

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Friday, May 20 (AP)—University of Michigan regents refused Friday to rescind a plan providing medical insurance, family housing and other benefits to gay partners of staff and faculty.

Regent Deane Baker, R-Ann Arbor, had hoped to change a university bylaw adopted last September that added "sexual orientation" to the university's anti-discrimination

code.

A university task force recommended in March that same-sex partners in committed relationships be eligible for the same benefits afforded married couples. The report was opposed by some 3,500 petition signers and letter writers.

University President James J. Duderstadt said the administration will begin to work through the legal and

financial issues, which he said could take at least a year.

"Extending full benefits will make the University of Michigan very much stronger as we become more inclusive," Duderstadt said. "It was the unanimous view of the leadership of this institution ... that non-discrimination is the appropriate stance for the university and society."

The university task force concluded that providing the benefits would have little effect on the university budget.

A survey of eight other universities that implemented similar benefits packages showed that on average, less than one-third of 1 percent of employees enrolled same-sex partners. That would mean adding about \$150,000 to the \$260 million a year the university spends on benefits.

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## Atlanta gays mount pressure campaign over Olympics' Cobb County site

### NATIONAL NEWS UPDATE

By RICHARD SHUMATE  
 FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Atlanta gay activists hope to convince a major sponsor that holding the Olympics in Cobb County could be worst idea since New Coke.

The campaign to get 1996 Olympic volleyball competition moved from a suburban Atlanta county that officially condemned gays and lesbians has a new target—The Coca-Cola Co.

Several chapters of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) are encouraging gays and lesbians to call Coca-Cola, one of the oldest and largest sponsors of the Olympic Games, in an effort to get the company to put pressure on Atlanta Olympic organizers to move competition from Cobb County. The number they are asking people to use, 1-800-GET-COKE, is a consumer comment line set up by the company.

At a candlelight protest really in Atlanta on May 10, which coincided with the visit of International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch, the crowd of 600 began chanting "Pepsi, Pepsi." However, organizers of the action against Coke have so far stopped short of calling for a full-fledged boycott.

"We would expect individuals to make their own decisions concerning the consumption of Coke products," says Carl Lange, executive director of GLAAD/Atlanta. "But we're not using the term boycott."

In the wake of the phone call campaign, Coca-Cola officials have contacted Lange. But no talks between GLAAD and Coca-Cola have been scheduled. The company's response to the media has been that Coca-Cola is merely a sponsor of the games and has no say in the decisions made by Olympic organizers.

Last August, county commissioners in Cobb, a suburban county with a population of 400,000 to the northwest of Atlanta, passed a resolution condemning the gay/lesbian "lifestyle." In January, gay and lesbian activists began protesting when they discovered that the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games had decided to hold preliminary volleyball competition at the Cobb Galleria Centre, the county's new convention center.

So far, ACOG is sticking with its decision, despite several months of protest, adverse media attention and requests from at least six members of Congress to change the venue. ACOG officials say the controversy

is a matter to be settled between Cobb commissioners and gay activists and that they have no other place to hold the event.

However, ACOG has not yet signed a contract with the Galleria Centre, and there have been reports from inside the organization that ACOG may be reconsidering its position.

Cobb Commission Chairperson Bill Byrne has been meeting with members of the Cobb Citizens Coalition, a group of county residents formed last summer to fight the resolution. However, the chairperson still maintains that the original resolution won't be rescinded, and, on May 15, Byrne, reportedly angered by the constant media attention, announced that commissioners were breaking off talks with the coalition.

Coca-Cola, whose world headquarters building sits across the street from where the 1996 Olympic Village will be built, has been a sponsor of the games since 1928. It is one of Georgia's largest and most influential companies, and foundations affiliated with the company's longtime chairperson, Robert Woodruff, provide the backbone for philanthropy in the city.

"Coca-Cola is the philanthropic mother of Atlanta and has established a track record in supporting human rights issues," says Lange. "Our goal is to hold Coca-Cola responsible for their silence over holding an event in Cobb."

The May 10 rally, which is believed to be the largest gay/lesbian rights demonstration ever held in Atlanta outside of an annual Pride celebration, drew 600 participants to a downtown park named for Robert Woodruff.

"Cobb County commissioners and ACOG, hear us now. You have awoken a sleeping giant," said Paul Turner, pastor of All Saints MCC Church, who was one of several speakers who warned that protests would escalate if ACOG went ahead with its plans.

Marchers, holding candles, then walked to Underground Atlanta, a downtown tourist attraction, and filled the same plaza where Atlantans gathered in 1990 to hear the announcement that the city had been awarded the Olympics.

On May 8, a group of protesters in automobiles occupied all lanes of Interstate 75 coming from Cobb County into Atlanta and then slowed to 40 miles per hour, the minimum freeway speed. Traffic backed up for several miles before police pulled protesters over and ticketed them.

(Richard Shumate is a freelance writer based in Atlanta).

### FACTOID

#### Rubber Ruling

The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority cannot refuse to allow condom ads on its subway trains and buses—at least not on the grounds of indecency. A federal judge has ruled that the advertising space on buses and subways constitutes a public forum and is thus open to the expression of views on a wide variety of subjects. He also held that the transit agency had no right to censor the condom ads unless they were obscene. The ads in question merely picture a packaged condom with messages about safe sex.

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## Another case of missing kissing; boos for bravo; more from the fundies

### GLAAD MEDIA WATCH

By AL KIELWASSER  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

The May 18 episode of Melrose Place provided gay character "Matt" with an all-too-rare chance at romance. In the episode, Matt connects with "Rob" a friend of another lead character ("Billy"). The script managed to make a number of worthwhile points. For example, Rob educates Billy by cogently answering such questions as "did you always know you were gay?"

Much-debated, however, was whether or not Matt and Rob would be shown "actually" kissing. The original script called for such a kissing scene, but it was cut from the final production. Instead, that kiss—like so many other others in recent TV history—was left to the viewer's imagination.

Melrose Place has, of course, made a concerted effort to provide affirmative and progressive story lines. The decision to censor the kissing scene is, however, a capitulation to homophobia. That decision is based in bizarre indefensible programming standards that permit (and promote) violence between men, but not loving. On American television, two men killing each other is OK; two men kissing is beyond the pale.

Send feedback to Darren Star, Executive Producer,

Melrose Place. Spelling Enterprises, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, 90036. Direct calls to Roland McFarland, Broadcasting Standards and Practices Department, Fox Broadcasting, tel. 310-203-3883, and Sharon Mangunson, Media Relations, Fox Broadcasting, 310-203-2043.

### Bravo? Not!

The Bravo cable channel—purveyor of "edited-for-television" movies—routinely cuts up every film that includes a profane word or exposed butt cheek. Recently, Bravo did the usual hatchet job on My Own Private Idaho, a film that relates the sage of two young men, one gay (played by River Phoenix) and the other sexually ambivalent (played by Keanu Reeves).

However, with My Own Private Idaho, Bravo wasn't content with deleting the expletives. The network cut all scenes where two men were shown in bed together. Also were cut...surprise!...all same sex kissing scenes.

Send feedback to Bravo, 150 Crossways Park West, Woodbury, NY 11797, tel. 516-364-2222, ext. 350.

### Tape Worms

An advertisement in a recent issue of S.T.R.A.I.G.H.T. magazine (published by the Society to Remove All Immoral Godless Homosexual Trash) invites readers to "Hear the experiences of the only Christian Minister

(Fred Phelps) who had the gonads to go to D.C. and protest the fag march on the capital. Hear his scriptural justification for the use of the term "faggot." Tapes can be ordered from Scriptures For America, Box 766c, LaPorte, CO 80535."

Another feature in the same issue announces a 75 minute audio tape. "Hillary's Hellcats" (available from Living Truth Ministries, 1708 Patterson Road, Hillary Clinton's cabal of "lesbians, sex perverts, child molesters, Christian haters and communists." These persons include: "Attorney-General Janet ('Johnny') Reno—Hardened lesbian," "Donna Shalala—Amazon love sister," and "Roberta ('Bob') Achtenberg—Lesbo crazy." The tape promises to answer such burning questions as "Is Hillary a lesbian?) What dark power does she exercise over her husband, Bill! What's her real goal?"

The literary giants of S.T.R.A.I.G.H.T. may be contacted at P.O. Box 5251, Denver, CO 80217-5251.

### Playing Footsies with Fundies

Reebok, the leading manufacturer of athletic footwear, has formed a partnership with a new cable channel, "Cable Health Club." The Cable Health Club is a subsidiary of International Family Entertainment (IFE), which also owns and operates

The Family Channel in the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

IFE's agenda is built on promoting intolerance and bigotry. The company's chief executive officer (Tim Robertson) is the son of notorious homophobe and media mogul Pat Robertson.

Reebok has no reputation for promoting homophobic causes, but this new business venture is alarming. No conscientious company would enter into an agreement with the IFE or any business that funds politics of hate.

Call Reebok Consumer Relations at 800-843-4444 or write Paul Fireman, Reebok International Ltd., 100 Technology Center Drive, Stoughton, MA 02072.

### Reader's Indigestion

Reader's Digest, one of the nation's most popular magazines, continues to reprint homophobic dribble. The "That's Outrageous" column in the May issue, Reader's Digest describes a New York safe-sex campaign as "Subway Sleaze." Produced by the Gay Men's Health Crisis, the ads have been placed in the New York Subway System and depict both heterosexual and homosexual couples kissing and holding a condom, tube of lubricant and a piece of latex.

Let Reader's Digest know their brand of journalism is truly sleazy. Write to Jean Armo, Letters to the Editor, Reader's Digest, Reader's

Digest Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570, tel. (914) 238-1000, fax (914) 238-4559.

### Frozen Assets Under Attack

The Ben and Jerry's ice cream is under attack by the homophobic "Concerned Women of America." Ben and Jerry's recently gave a grant to the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL). In the May issue of CWA's Family Voice magazine, readers are warned: "Every time you enjoy a delicious cone of Ben and Jerry's ice cream, you are benefiting homosexuals who are busy recruiting our young people and attempting to 'retrain' our teachers and school personnel on campuses across the country.

The magazine further adds: "If you purchase large quantities of Ben and Jerry's ice cream, you may be sending a 'worthy' young gay person to a forum where he or she can learn the art of recruitment—or gay activism."

Sounds like a worthy cause! Purchase large quantities of Ben and Jerry's and/or send your comments to Ellen Furnal, Foundation Coordinator, Ben and Jerry's, P.O. Box 67, 79 Weaver St., Winouski, VT 05404, tel. 802-655-6215.

(GLAAD Media Watch is a project of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area Chapter).

## Britain's 'Angels in America' unveils an American star

By MATT WOLF  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

LONDON, Thursday, May 12 (AP)—In the elaborate sexual and political gavotte that is "Angels in America," actor Joseph Mydell sweeps through the play's seven hours with a commanding mixture of humor and fury.

In dramatist Tony Kushner's saga, he plays Belize, the drag queen turned nurse who can dish with the best—and isn't beyond stealing the AZT drug from a dying Roy Cohn to keep his AIDS-stricken friend alive.

He also plays the smaller part of the imaginary travel agent Mr. Lies, offering solace to the hysterical Mormon wife of Roy Cohn's bisexual clerk.

A native of Savannah, Ga., the 38-year-old actor has been with the London staging of the play since its first part, "Millennium Approaches," opened at the Royal National Theater in Jan. 1992. (A Broadway version opened last May, winning that season's Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize for best play.)

At this year's Olivier Awards—London's equivalent of the Tony Mydell beat strong competition from Rufus Sewell (of Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia") to win the best supporting actor

prize for the play's second part, "Perestroika."

Fourteen years since he first came to England to work on his doctorate, Mydell has become that rare American actor to succeed in Britain.

While American roles often are cast with actors imported for that one project—Robert Knepper in the National's upcoming revival of Tennessee Williams' "Sweet Bird of Youth," for example or simply taken by Britons, Mydell has appeared up and down the country, on stage in classics and new plays and on television.

As the sassy Belize in "Angels," he's in a class by himself. Mydell is the one member of the eight-person National company who would be at home among the formidable New York cast of the play, now at the Walter Kerr Theater.

In an interview before the Olivier Awards, Mydell said he was unsure he would have been considered for the part in New York.

"I doubt if I would have got a look in the States," said the actor, who in real life is quieter—though no less warm—than the irrepressible Belize.

"Quite often in the States, people look for a person who is like the role, rather than an actor," he said.

# How To Make A Quilt Out Of T-Shirts.

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## Damage to vandalized 'gay liberation' sculpture at Stanford University put at \$7,900

STANFORD, Calif., Friday, May 20 (AP)—Moving a vandalized sculpture celebrating gay liberation to a safer place would miss the point, an university arts administrator said.

"It would be admitting a kind of inability to work with our community and our students—a kind of giving up," said Thomas Seligman, director of the Stanford University Museum.

The sculpture, titled "Gay Liberation," suffered at least \$7,900 in damage when vandals crashed a bench into and splashed it with paint on Monday, school officials said. The university released the figure on Friday.

Stanford has considered moving the sculpture to a place out of reach of vandals—but rejected the idea each time. Artist George Segal wanted the work to remain outside, said Albert Elsen, an art professor and curator of the university's outdoor art program. Segal donated the statue to Stanford 10 years ago.

Santa Clara County District Attorney Karyn Sinunu said she would review the damage estimate on Monday before deciding charges against seven students suspected of vandalizing the sculpture, which sits on a campus mall. Felony charges are possible when the damage amounts to more than \$5,000.

The students, in addition to facing criminal charges, could be disci-

plined by the university. Possible penalties include expulsion.

Stanford's judicial affairs officer, Sally Cole, planned to meet with the students on Friday to see if they should face misconduct charges. A spokesperson from her office said such cases remain confidential.

The suspects—all athletes from the football, baseball and wrestling teams—were arrested after a witness called police early Monday. They were later released.

The witness reported several students crashing a bench into the bronze, white-coated sculpture, which depicts a male couple and a female couple. It was later found to be heavily spattered with black acrylic paint.

Among those arrested were star first baseman Dusty Allen and backup quarterback Mark Butterfield. The others were outside linebacker Jason White, wrestler Thomas Irvin, and three other baseball players—Brendan Sullivan, Todd LaRocca and Robert Gardner.

Seligman said the damage was estimated at a minimum of between \$7,900 and \$8,900. The figure could rise as the sculpture is taken apart for repairs, he said.

Although three of the suspects worked at cleaning the statue, much paint remains, he said.

"There are gouges in the bronze and the patina is chipped away," he said. "Another bench, part of the sculp-

ture ... is scratched and abraded."

Although Segal gave Stanford the sculpture, he estimates its minimum market value at \$400,000, said Seligman, who spoke to the artist on Thursday. The last auction price Segal had for a single-figure sculpture was \$190,000, Seligman said.

Monday was not the first time the sculpture has been vandalized. The first attack, in Feb. 1984, was the worst, said Albert Elsen, an art professor and curator of the university's outdoor art program.

"It was hammered 53 times by someone with a ball peen hammer," he said. "In the interim, it's been spray-painted or had mud put on it ... and it's been shot at with paint bullets."

Other sculptures in Stanford's large collection also have been vandalized, but none has suffered damage so often. And Seligman believes "Gay Liberation" has been targeted for its homosexual theme.

One suspect told the student newspaper, the Stanford Daily, that he regretted the incident and has "nothing against homosexuals or anything. It was just a foolish act."

But Seligman said the attack did not appear to be a passing impulse because the suspects had to come from another part of campus to get to the sculpture, set among academic buildings. In two previous attacks, anti-gay epithets were written on the sculpture.

## Wisconsin city seeks to shut down gay bar over sex claims

MADISON, Wis., Friday, May 20 (AP)—The city may shut down an east side bar that caters to gays and lesbians because undercover police witnessed patrons engaging in unprotected sexual contact, officials say.

The alleged activities at Club 3054, which attracts people from Milwaukee, Chicago and other areas, could increase the incidence of AIDS, according to assistant city attorney Rick Petri, and public health officials said Thursday.

But the club's owner, Cheri Becker, and the bartender in charge of a bar in the basement of the club, Paul Walker, denied patrons engaged in sex there.

"In any gay bar, people kiss, people get friendly," Walker said. "As far as sex, no."

Walker has worked at the bar for about one year and uses a flashlight to monitor activities in the basement, which is usually dimly lit, he said.

Becker said she has attended about 60 funerals for people who have died of AIDS and angrily responded: "Do you think I would condone (unprotected) sexual acts?"

But on April 7, police found about 50 people in the basement section of the bar, which was holding "Underwear Night," Petri said.

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# Lots of pretty people at Pacific Street for L and L, Spring Blow Out



Carlotta celebrates another birthday



Jay—Looks like you had fun at Leather and Lace 7

## HOUSTON SOAP, PART 1

By CAROYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

Hello Houston!!!

This past week:

The Executive and Professional Association of Houston hosted "Leather and Lace 7" at Pacific Street. It was a sell out!! The party started Saturday at 7:30 pm and by 10:00 Pacific Street was at capacity. There were lots and LOTS of pretty people!! The Stone Soup van's doors almost would not close with the amount of non perishable items also donated! I would like to thank all the members and participants of Leather and Lace 7 for their continued support of our community!! Keep up the great work. I look forward to next year's party!

It was Spring Blow Out at Pacific Street this weekend. Sunday afternoon on the patio was a fundraiser for Lesbian/Gay Pride week. Ken kept the burgers and wienies hot off the grill as I poured the poison of the day. PS was even visited by Debra Danburg to help the fundraising. At 9:00 pm, they pulled the winning ticket for the trip to the Gay Games in New York. The lucky winner was not present, but by this printing I am sure he is packing his bags.

Congrats to Mr. Andrew Flores (Mr. Pre-Parade Party 1994). He is off to Las Vegas to compete in a national Karaoke Contest! Keep a song in your heart honey and GOOD LUCK!

Congrats are also in order for the New Mr. E/J's, Mr. Alan Gibson!!

The Ranch was packed for "Spirit of Stonewall," featuring The Whorehouse Girls. The reports I have heard speak of one of the finest and most professional drag show around. Monies were raised for PWA Coalition! Many thanks are in order to all those folks who volunteered their time and talents to make this benefit a success!!

The Pet Patrol had a yard sale this past Saturday. They made over \$100 and were able to recruit

a few volunteers in the process. Both were greatly needed!

Congrats to Lone Star 10!!!

THIS WEEK:

### Thursday—May 26

Every Thursday at the Brazos River Bottom is Dance Lessons, and yes they are FREE! The instructions start at 8:15 p.m. It is also Hamburger night on the patio. Burgers are only 75 cents... (add a quarter for cheese). Sounds like a great way to work up an appetite!

Tonight and every Thursday the 611 has steak night from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Go early and go hungry for a delightful night on their patio.

Open House from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the new offices of Milam House. They invite you to listen and discuss the future plans for the volunteer program at 811 Westheimer, suite 101.. (That is right next door to the Houston Voice)

This BUD is for you at the Montrose Mining Company. All Budweiser products are on sale!

Club Hedonism opens the doors of debauchery at 9:00 p.m. Don't be late!

Teresa Mauney, Ashley Allen and Southern Heart will be at Tin Hall..(that place takes me back to my high school days!!). It is Club Night at E/J's. Your favorite clubs tend bar on the patio.

### Memorial Day Weekend

Midtowne Spa is having Wienie, Beer, Burgers and Buns for your pleasure all weekend from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Flintstones, meet the Flintstones, they are a modern stone age family. The Pre—Historic World of 715 BC will be at the RIPROCK this weekend. Prizes awarded to "Flintstone" Look-A-Like, Cave-man (in Black Leather) and "The Man that Time Forgot." Grab your club and roll on over for a yabba dabba good time.. you'll have a gay ol' time!!! (Wilma!!!!)

The Memorial Day weekend is one of the hottest weekends at the bars of 800 Pacific Street. The weekend starts on Friday

with traditional Happy Hour party at J.R.'s beginning right after work and continues Saturday with the Texas debut of the Queen of NYC Nightlife ..The Lady Bunny on the stage at Midnight. The weekend culminates with the White Party, the official kick-off party for summer. This year, with special guest Ryan Idol and your chance to win a weekend in South Beach, Florida. Gay Pride week is just around the corner and the folks of 800 Pacific Street are gearing up for a week long of nonstop parting. Keep your eyes peeled for all the festivities as they unfold.

Rich's will be all aglow this Memorial Weekend as Fusion 94 hits the Club. Friday, it is the Trash Disco/Undergear Party. It is glowing, glowing, gone. There will be lots of interesting things glowing in the dark...plus glo-glo tattoos and a few special Disco surprises. Free Clothes check is available as always. Saturday Rich's presents "Stomp.." A high energy house party with special guest\*\*Captain Pink\*\* on stage upstairs in the Art Bar. Sunday-get ready to glow as Rich's presents Fusion 94. Dayglo attire is encouraged. There will be a lot glowing says manager Howie Burtlew from \*\*Captain Pink\*\*. Upstairs to the Tropics on the patio to glo-glo. Dancers of course!! Tons and tons gorgeous people all aglo. The only place to be this weekend!

The CLUB is having a weekend of good, clean fun. Damion and the staff invite you to help salute and party all weekend. Besides all the regular fun stuff, you can worship the sun and enjoy a weekend of "Memorial proportions"

### Friday—May 27

Brian Black once again plays your favorite country tunes at the Brazos River Bottom. He and the Band start at 10:00 p.m.

The paintings of Tommy Lidell will open at the Venture-N. This is an art show not to be missed.

Pacific Street has Weekend Warm-up. No cover 7:00 to 9:00 pm or with an out of state ID.

### Saturday—May 28

Check out the free "Pot Luck" at the 611. They always seem to surprise me with a wide assortment of yummy stuff!

The Birthday Party of the Month is tonight at the 611. If you have a birthday this month, go by and celebrate!

The Super Show at E/J's this Saturday has special guest stars Burgundy Woods, Black Velvet and Vanessa Rae.

Basic Brothers and Pet Patrol are "dippin the dogs" from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm in the parking lot. Bring a collar, leash, towel and a \$5 donation to the Pet Patrol and stop your doggie from itchin'!

Flesh and Fantasy night at Pacific Street. Doors open at 9:00 p.m. Take it off and party in Houston's only laser lit dance floor. Clothes check is available!

### Sunday—May 29

Mable Normand Productions presents "Ain't Misbehavin.." benefiting the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

At Gentry's, the Imperial Court presents "Beached Diva's," A Mammyoral Bad Dream. Sounds like a whale of a good time to me.

The 611 Hyde Park Pub is having their annual Memorial Day Barbecue from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. They will be grilling chicken, brisket and sausage..(sounds like a yummy selections of meat to me!!). Hal and Jim are still cooking enough for all the troops every Sunday at the Venture-N. All donations go directly into the COIT 45's Trouble fund Box! Thanks to David and the Staff of the Venture-N for continuing this tradition! This Sunday the bar will be showing The Minister Mike Show, all 3 episodes. Show time is 5:00 p.m.

Bright Party at Pacific street!! No cover in white underwear!! Check this one out! They have new "glow" lights that will show off your white attire like you have never seen in Houston. Add that with music you can

really dance to, hot men, great drink prices and you will see why this is the place to be! The doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Bud's Graduation Party is at Mary's today. So you wanna be a doctor honey, or is it you want to play doctor!!!

### Monday—May 30

It is spaghetti night at the Venture-N. The Texas Riders will sell you a bottomless plate for only 2 bucks!

E/J's has Brittany Paige strip-pin' the boys at 11:00 pm every Monday night!

Check out the Venture-N today! They are having 50 cent draft beer all day long, \$1.00 Vodka drinks and free chili dogs with the works starting at 5:00 p.m.

GLOW OUT Party at Pacific Street. Doors open at 7:00 pm with NO cover until 9:00. It is also Clubber's night. No cover for Club members or employees of local bars and restaurants.

### Tuesday—May 31

Charlie Collins teaches you to slide across the dance floor at the Brazos River Bottom. He gives free dance lessons at 10:30 p.m.

It is week #8 for the E/J's Amateur Talent night. Brittany Paige is the Hostess with the mostess at 10:30 p.m.

Guess where I am every Tuesday... Mary's (naturally) cuz I like my cuervo cold and cheap.

Have dinner with Ernie at Amie's at 4:00 p.m.

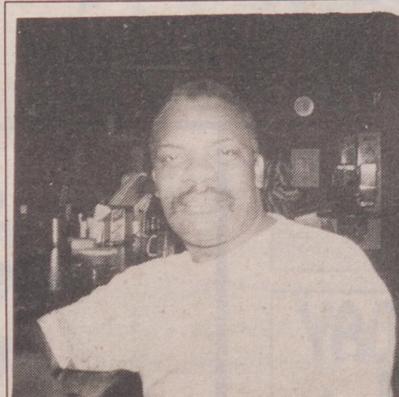
### Wednesday—June 1

Houston's Hottest Male Strip contest hits the stage at Gentry's tonight. The clothes start to disappear at 10:30 p.m. Remember to get there early at warm up with the Boy Toy dancers.

Dinner and Song are abound at E/J's every Wednesday. Lucy starts grilling the beef at 6:00 pm and Ray Wilkening breaks out the Karaoke at 9:00 p.m.

White Hot Hump night at Pacific Street. Adrian spins as the Lazer Wizard lights up the dance floor. It is quite a show!

It is Happy Hour all day and all night at Mary's



Melvin, you old hussy



Dennis—you better watch the company you keep

# Sealed With A Kiss

# Stonewall Inn in Houston at V-N kickoff for Houstonewall; Womyn Seeking Womyn at Baby Bronx; Gentry's 4th anniversary June 6



The E/J's softball team

## HOUSTON SOAP, PART 2

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

(Continued from previous page)

### Coming Events:

If you want something listed here, please call (529-8490) or fax (529-9531) me at least 2 weeks in advance!

June 4\* The Venture-N will be transformed into the STONEWALL INN for a Kick off of Pride week 94 featuring: A Salute to Levi and Leather, The Stonewall Revue by the "Daughters of Judy," Dancing and all out partying. This epic event is hosted by Lady Victoria Lust (Mother of Montrose) and Mr. Don Gill (Daddy of Montrose). This is an official Pride week function!

June 4\* The Names Project Houston asks you to join them at The First Unitarian Universal Church (5210 Fannin). Friends and families will come together to send off panels they have made. Call NAMES Project for more info.

June 4\* Basic Brothers will be sponsoring what promises to be an exciting event. AMERICANS IN ACTION will have it's premier show at Evolution in Galveston. The show features entertainers Christopher Price, Oscar Paredes, and Thomas Rodriguez, who will be contestants in the Mr. Gay All-American contest in September. AMERICANS IN ACTIONS will also include a fashion show with the styles of Basic Brothers as well as performances by Catia Lee Love and Jacquelin Sterling.

June 5\* Womyn seeking Womyn party at Baby Bronx. The meeting and greeting is from

3:00 pm to 7:00 p.m.

June 5\* Marsha Johnson, candidate for Ms. TGRA will present a variety show featuring all your favorite oldies from the 50's and 60's.

June 6\* Better mark your calendars now for this one. Gentry will celebrate it's 4th Anniversary. There will be a two hour long free flowing well and longnecks. The Boy Toy dancers will help keep your temperature up as you enjoy the festivities!

June 6\* Have you spoken to Brain and Zack. It's a Keg Party at 5:00 pm

June 8\* Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) is hosting Fiesta Club Party at the Garden Center of Herman Park 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call Steve at 880-0670 for info and details.

June 9\* Miss Life Today Pageant 94 & 95 will be held at E/J's.

June 9\* Open call for talented drag participants. Prize package includes cash, tierra, etc., PR services and an appearance for title winner on TV and in the Pride Parade. Sponsored by Today TV and AIDS Talk Houston. Contest at E/J's at 10:30 p.m. Call Matt Locklin 902-2231 for further details and info.

June 10\* The 3rd Annual Mistress Auction, sponsored by Texas Leather and Lace will be at the Venture-N.

June 10\* Trash Disco Food Drive at Rich's. Bring in 4 or more cans of non-perishables and get in the club free... and help a needy PWA'S

June 11\* Party at Midtown Spa.. Keep watchin for more details!!

June 11\* National Leather Association: Houston is celebrating Pride week. HOT NIGHT VI: A Night in Black Leather. More info to follow as it gets closer!

June 12\* Parade day!!! Need I say more?

June 19\* Mary's (Naturally) is trying to find a new Daddy of Montrose. The Contest Begins at 4:00 p.m.

### Other Important Stuff

The 611 Hyde Park Pub has changes the time the doors open. You can now see the bright smiling faces of their staff starting at 7:00 a.m. YES 7:00 a.m. I think I

have a different place to have my coffee in now! If you have not heard yet, but Rita Boulevard is working afternoons there. She just keeps bouncing from bar to bar to bar to plant shop to bar...

Wig Rush! Wig Rush! Wig Rush!

The Montrose Mining Company has hot men and cold drinks 7 days a week!

Don't forget the Venture-N has Power Hour every day from 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. \$1.25 for well/longnecks/wine.

News Flash!! Leather Forever is moving!! Lee and the staff are having to lug all that heavy leather stuff all the way across the street!. They are relocating to 711 Fairview. That address should be familiar to most of us, it is the old Leather by Boots location! Don't forget, they are open 7 days a week.

Have you been to Houston's newest All Adult arcade. I-45 North News and Video is open. They have 42 rooms and a maze you will get lost in!

There is a new resale shop in Montrose. Check out Vivian's at 2414 Taft, that is the corner of Taft and Hyde Park. They are open Tuesday thru Saturday. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vivian has lots and lots of great jewelry, and all sorts of collectibles.

Only 20 minutes away from Montrose is Baby Bronx! It is a wonderful place to have an ice cold beer and play a game of pool. Go by and meet Ruby and the girls! Tell them I sent you.

### Dirt and More dirt!

The usual disclaimer is in force, lies, gossip, half truths, stuff I read on the bathrooms walls, and anything else I feel like makin up...

Wilma (Mary's) So I see you have figured out the "jigsaw" puzzle of stuffed animals in the vending machine. Just what are you and Timmy going to do will ALL those poor little helpless stuffed creatures? I also witnessed John (Firedancers) giving you your own Flintstone cave dwelling kit!! Are you really getting tired of that new CD on Mary's juke box? Just how many times have you been forced to "Meet the Flintstones"!

Lee (Riprock).. I would apologize for missing your birthday, but it looks like you have several to help you celebrate. At least this year you did not lose the keys to the Ripcord.. and they did NOT "give you a little vacation" Hope to help you celebrate next year!! Love ya Honey!!

Shirley (Leather by Boots) Now you have helmet hair...Just when we all were getting use to your Big Hair. Go Figure!

Carol ((J.R.'s) Happy Birthday girl!! I can see by you sleeker body you have been jogging. Keep it up! No grill..no thrill!

Armand (Riprock) a Happy Belated birthday to you. I hear you are the new "Hazel" of

Montrose. I don't think you look as good in that little french maids uniform as the real Hazel did, but keep trying!!

Vera (QT'S) SO you finally dug your way out from your own bar. I was shocked to see you slummin' at Mary's...and the company you keep, that Ms. Lust character!!

Clifford (Darktanion) wants everyone to know he is single and in need of some lovin'. He has been known to lean over the rails at home and scream "I am live, breathing and have holes!!!" My-o-my, what must the neighbors think!

Lazer Wizard (PS) What is you get when you put "Speed Bumps" and Cuervolyn side by side...a pit stop or was that a parking lot!!

Tommy (Chromimed Ph.) How come you are starting to look like the Pillsbury dough boy. You are suppose to wear that anti-smoking patch, not plaster them on your tummy!

Bobby (PS) Are you still working on your stories? Make sure you get them "straight" this time!

Boyd (of many barstools) It was good to see you out and about again!

Ron (Riprock) What is this I hear about you and 50 lbs. of meat? Dirty minds want to know!

Michael (Exxon USA) Heard you went to your first crisco party! Hope you can find the time to slip into another one, do you now?

Hillary and Helen: Next time you need a cab, call United, not the BRB!

David (Doorman-VN) I snapped a great picture of you, your current hubby, and your x-hubby. What is this about almost all your ex's hang out in Texas?

Gary (Riprock) How was El Paso. The rumor mill tells me you are in the natives there!

Sue Ellen and Thumper (BRB) are you still dining alone?

Susan (New Pledge for Sundance) I can't wait to see what they make you do!! I will keep my Soap Camera ready for this kinda action!

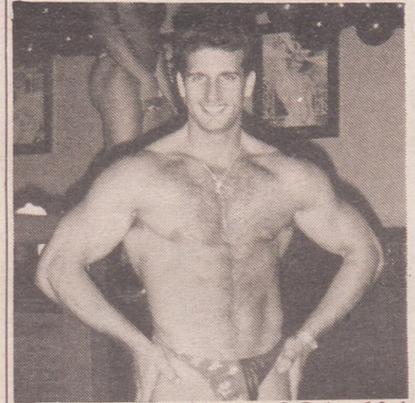
JR Ewing (not of the Dallas fame)... Happy Birthday honey. See ya at the party at Mary's.

Tad: They sold your Calvin's that were hanging around the Venture-N. One of the bartenders got \$30 for them. Now that is an expensive joke!!

Happy Graduation to Bud.. you finally made it. I look forward to the party at Mary's (naturally) I have been told you have a big (15lb) pussy at home. What do you do with it?

I hear the Misfits got misplaced during their bar tour with only 2 survivors!! Must have been a real rough ride!

Bruce and Sissy (VN) are having a contest to see



Lex, just a hit at J.R.'s 12th anniversary party

just who can get the most... the most of what???? (I know, but does anyone else?)

Pumpkin (PS) Welcome to Pacific Street. Don't let those big boys toss you around too much. Keep an eye out for Robin Leech, I hear he is looking for muscle man Steve (PS). Mr. Leech heard about Steve and the Gator wrestling contest he enters once a year.

Lady Victoria Lust claims she was the real winner of last weeks Mr. Gay Houston!! Keep dreaming honey!! I also hear you have finally learned how to use the little boys room at Mary's this week. If Cindy and Helen had not blocked the door to the little girls room, you may never have had to learn this valuable lesson!

JoAnn (BRB) Welcome back.. How was "Auntie MAINE"?... NOT!!!

Rainbo d' Clown caught a ball or two for the E/J's Softball team. I bet the balls were still soft when she was through with them!! He also had 2 hits and 1 run. Is it true they voted you the MVQ.. (Most Valuable Queen)? Any OLD OLD face will be appearing behind the bar again at the Venture-N. Go by June 3rd and see just who has been resurrected from the "Couch Potato Club." Welcome back Mystery Person!!

Congrats of Animal (BRB)..I have been told you have a new cave to dwell in!

Happy Birthday to our own "Pickles.." The gossip mongers claim you to be 37 years old! It that true?

Well girls and guys, I have a long weekend to gear up for... Enjoy all the parties this Memorial Day weekend.. and keep the dirt coming...

Sealed with a kiss

Cuervolyn



Gerald Ennis (right) at Gentry with C.C. Ryder and Mr. BRB



Devin—having a little tongue action

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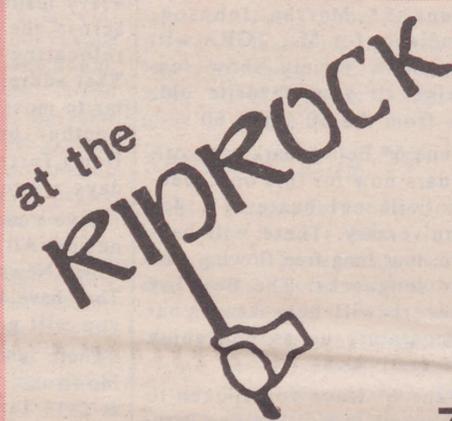
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*Evolution reschedules party; Kon Tiki also has dollar nights on Wednesday; Robert's Lafitte has weekend shows*

### GALVESTON SOAP

By JOSH DAVIS

Houston Voice/Galveston

It's that time again! It's Memorial Day in Galveston! Non only do you get an extra long weekend, it also signals the beginning of the summer season. It kinda takes the old wrinkles out of my skirt just thinking about it. Picture it! Dune Beach, deliciously bare bodies lying everywhere and an ocean full of skinny dippers. Why, summertime in Galveston is so festive, even the trolls get laid! (Well, they try!) Thought you knew! Galveston is definitely the place to be. So grab your skirt and come and see me! Its only an hour from Houston. (40 minutes if you wear flats) and easy to find. Take I-45 straight (I mean directly) here.

Speaking of festivities, ya'll remember that party that was canceled on Splash Day due to bad weather? Well, Evo's has

rescheduled for this weekend! Its out at Dune Beach, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., you can get all the free beer and hot dogs you can stand! Yes, I said free! Just remember not to drink and drive. (Its bad for your hair). After the beach, you can head downtown. Happy Hour is from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with dollar drink specials. (I do enjoy these specials) Evo's is also looking for a few good men! (Aren't we all) They are now accepting applications for male dancers on Saturdays side stage and Sundays for their Die-lirious Drag Shows. (I even hear they're thinking of hiring a few lezzies too!) So if you fit the bill, give John or Toby a call at 763-4212. (References are a plus).

Of course, Evolution isn't the only bar getting into the act. Kon Tiki will be hosting their Friday and Saturday night shows with Misty Valdez (the Island Deva) and her crew of

lovelies, along with special guest appearances. Muscles in Action will also be on hand (in hand) to dance side stage and entertain. I got my beads read last week because I forgot to mention that the Kon Tiki has dollar nights on Wednesdays as well. So ya'll tip over and tell Bill I didn't forget (See bitch, I do love you!). And with all these drinks for a dollar I may never be sober again!

Over at Robert's Lafitte's, Buffy Galore, Miss Evolution 1994, will be hosting one of their infamous drag shows as well. I hear Robert the Mouth is hosting one of his puppet shows too. Girls, you gotta see it! Its hair-larious! Showtime is 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:00 on Sunday! (Dragtime that is) I also heard Miss Caserole is going to be in town too! Ain't that a thought for thought!

Coming up: June 4, Basic Brothers of Houston is sponsoring "Americans in

Action" at Evolution, featuring Mr. Gay All-America contestants Christopher Graham, Oscar Paredes and Thomas Rodriguez with performances by Catia Lee Love and Jacquelyn Sterling. Included also will be a fashion show by Basic Brothers. Sounds like it could be a memorable event.

This past weekend will be one I am sure I will never forget, but I will get to that in just a bit. Friday was very interesting. There were so many new faces in town, I had such a hard time deciding which trick to pick! (Imagine that!) Saturday, well I never made it Saturday. Everybody pokes fun because I share all my dirt. Especially since I reported on that unfortunate bathroom incident last week. Well, this weekend the dirt came home. Yes, yours truly was involved in a scandal. Here I am driving in downtown Houston, minding my own business,

when I accidentally ran a stop sign. Well, Officer Logan didn't like that very much. And to make matters worse, I had forgotten to pay my last 2 tickets. (Surprise) I had to suffer through the most humiliating and degrading nine hours of my life before my mother came to bail me out. (She had to put on her make-up) Once we arrived at the station, Officer Logan asked me if I was gay. Well, I thought "How rude," but after I got a peek at the holding tank, I proclaimed my fairness to the world. I didn't see anyone named Bubba, but Gerald was close enough. It just goes to show, yours truly is not afraid to share dirt, even her own. I was really upset when I found out it was all in vain. Miss Watley canceled her show. Oh well, what's a girl to do? Until next week, ya'll be good. And as a good old billboard once said, "It's nice to be important, but its more important to be nice!" (NOT) See ya!

### AIDS walk New York raises \$5 million

NEW YORK, Sunday, May 22 (AP)—The ninth annual AIDS Walk New York raised over \$5 million and drew 30,000 participants on Sunday, organizers said.

Talk show hostess Joan Rivers and actress Rosie Perez spoke at the opening ceremony for the 10-kilometer walk, which benefits the Gay Men's Health Crisis, the nation's oldest AIDS service organization.

Gov. Mario Cuomo and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani shook hands with GMHC volunteers and AIDS walk participants, said Craig Miller, co-producer of the event.

The walk, which Miller called the larg-

est and most successful AIDS fundraiser ever, began and ended at Central Park's Great Lawn.

It raised a total of \$5,101,031, Miller said.

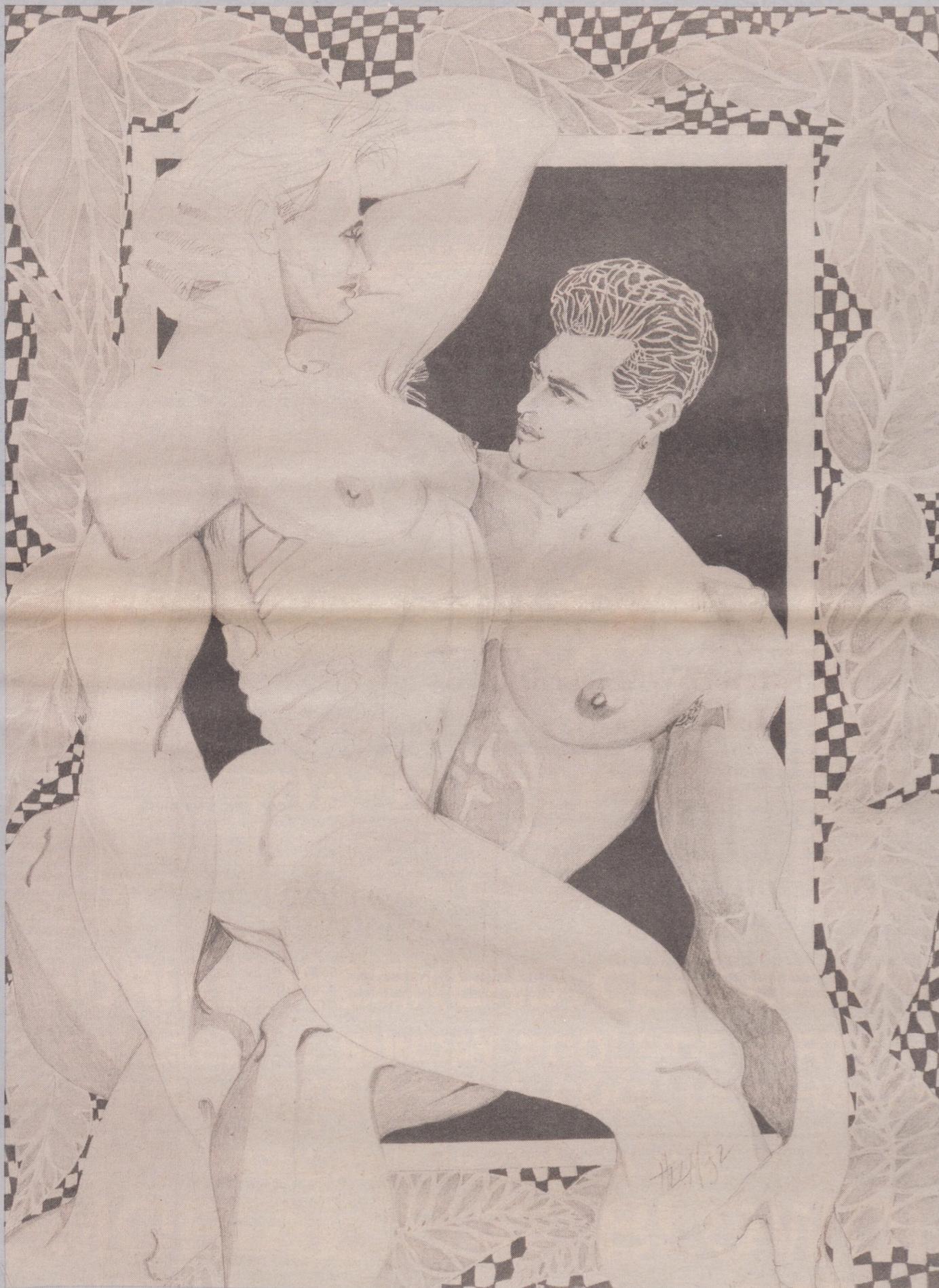
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Houston **GIVE ME FIVE:** (or more) Good looking GBM, 25, seeks a GWM, 19-25. ☎28800

Houston **TAKE IT OUTSIDE:** GBM, bbuilder, 31, brn/brn. Masculine, vers, intelligent guy loves to cook and spend time in the outdoors. Seeking a guy who takes care of himself emotionally, physically and spiritually. ☎28857

Houston **COME ALL YE GENTLEMEN:** 29yrs. Bln/Blu looking for singles, couples, groups, whatever. ☎29417

San Antonio **HI THERE!!:** 5'10" 165lb. looking for a 25-32 yr. old for friendship and possibly more. I love dancing and biking. ☎26691

San Antonio **LET BILLY GET YOUR GOAT:** I am Billy, a 24 yr. old looking for fun times and games. I am looking for Hispanic 18-35 yrs. old. ☎29433

San Antonio **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE DAY KIND:** Day time encounters only; very non committal; I am a 6'1" Bln/Green Swede with good build. ☎29496

San Antonio **SKY'S THE LIMIT:** Music and movie lover; Everybody likes me and you will too. ☎29505

Austin **GO OUT FOR A PASS:** 5'5", 140, into workouts. Hispanic guy with a well-defined body and red hair seeks a receiver. ☎28713

Austin **LIKE A FENCEPOST:** 24 yr old GWM, 6', slender guy seeks a similar partner. ☎28745

Austin **NO BARFLIES ALLOWED:** Seeking quality, athletic, GWMs who are masculine. I am a 5'9", 165, handsome Hispanic guy. I am the frat-type all-american. ☎28825

Austin **BEEFCAKE:** 5'9" 165lb. GM with a beautiful smile who enjoys outdoors. Looking for a 25-35 yr. old beautiful, smooth-skinned man. ☎26627

Austin **GREAT BALLS OF FIRE:** 40 yrs. old drk. red hair professional. Love animals with a wide variety of interests. Looking for GWM professional for friendship and more. ☎29298

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Houston **DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS:** 32, 6', 185. Seeking an Hispanic or Anglo guy for fun and friendship. ☎27142

Houston **SHOWER ME:** 21 yr old Latin guy, 5'11", 160, clean cut. I am cute and like cats, music. Seeking a daddy who would like to dance and go to the movies. ☎27585

Houston **PEDAL PUSHER:** 5'8", 150, blonde and blue. Seeking a guy who likes to ride bikes and workouts. Hry chest A+. ☎27458

Houston **I'M READY TO GIVE IT A GO:** 18 yr old WM, bi-curious seeks Mr. Right. Any race is OK. ☎27726

Houston **VERY CULTURED:** Seeking friends to share some action. French, Greek and groups. Call if interested. ☎27582

Houston **NORTH SIDE:** I am seeking any and all yng guys. Any race is OK. I aim to please. ☎27644

Houston **BLACK AT YA:** 6'2", brn hair, grn eyes and a stache. I love sports and having a GOOD time. Seeking a good looking, in-shape black male. Call me at home. ☎27860

Houston **THE RIGHT KEY:** College sophomore, violinist seeks a music lover. I love dancing and the quiet stuff. I hope to meet a special friend. ☎27917

Houston **I'VE BEEN BAD:** Seeking older WMs who are great administrators. ☎27819

Houston **CHOCOHOLIC:** Chocolate sought by 32 yr old Hispanic. Please 24-34 yrs old. ☎28304

Austin **WELL BUILT:** I am a gym rat, masculine and smooth. 5'9", grn/brn. I am sane and healthy and seeking a guy who can handle me. I have varied interests from music to the outdoors. ☎26627

Austin **YOUNG FUN:** 18 yr old, 5'10", brn/brn. Seeking an athletic guy into bikes, dancing and the clubs. ☎26836

Austin **BIG BROTHER:** 35 yr old WM top seeks smooth, slim guys. ☎26901

Austin **WHEN IN ROME:** I am 5'11", 170, brn/brn, rough top. ☎26919

Austin **NORTHEAST:** Blonde Swede, 6'1", muscular seeks guys for daytime fun. Black/Hispanic/Anglo preferred. ☎27006

Austin **STRIP POKER:** Cute GWM seeks others for Truth or Dare. ☎27054

Austin **COME ON OVER, BOYS!** Seeking young Anglos, 18-30. Must like the outdoors, BBQs and music. I live on a ranch and would love to have you over. ☎27243

Austin **TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC:** 26 yr old is fresh to town. 6'2", 185, brn/blu. I am seeking new friends for fun times. I love dancing and going out. ☎27259

Austin **THE BEST OF TIMES:** 25 yr old seeks guys for a really good time. I am in shape, 6'1", 175, and lean. No strings meetings with this top. ☎26861

Austin **LOVE, BRUCE:** 32, Blonde; Looking for fun guys, going to clubs; looking for guys with similar interests ☎28110

Austin **DIVE RIGHT IN:** Blonde hair, blue eyes; like swimming 5'9". Looking for friendships. ☎28126

Austin **GHM:** 28, 5'8". Great bodied BTM with a dynamite tan seeks an older top who appreciates good legs. ☎28080

Corpus Christi **SOUTH SIDE:** 32 yr old guy seeks a yng man for a meaningful relationship. ☎28272

San Antonio **TALLER THE BETTER:** 25 yr old blk male, 6'3", 200. Seeking a WM, 20-30, tall A+. ☎26885

San Antonio **IT'S YOUR SERVICE:** Asian male, 31, 5'10", 160. Into movies, tennis and friendship. Seeking a blk male, 25-35, who is stable. ☎26997

San Antonio **FLEX-ABLE:** GHM, 30, 5'6", muscular. I am into jogging and am sexy and romantic. I am monogamous and seek an attractive guy, 20-40. ☎27193

San Antonio **YEE HAW:** Bi-WM, seeks a guy, 25-40. Hispanic cowboy A+. Hoping for a special relationship. ☎27627

San Antonio **I NEED A TOWEL:** Hot Latin stud with lots of muscle seeks guy under 25 who are good looking and ready for brief and swty encounters. ☎27735

San Antonio **WITH THE LIGHTS OUT:** 18 yr old, 5'8", blk hair seeks masc guys near his age. ☎27791

San Antonio **DO YOU WANNA DANCE?:** 27 yr old, overweight Hispanic seeks a guy, 18-30, to get wild at the clubs with. Please be a WM or Hispanic. Come see me at talent night. (I'll be the one with the dozen carnations at the Wild Club.) ☎27785

San Antonio **TOP GUNS WANTED:** 20 yr old, 6'3", seeks a GM for friendship and maybe more. Tops only pls. ☎28195

San Antonio **CALLING ALL OVER:** 20 yr old seeks guys over 25 for discreet fun times. ☎26233

San Antonio **MERRY MINSTREL:** 35 yr old bronzed organist wants to play your tune. Into swimming, shaving and all sports. ☎26486

San Antonio **GRAB YOUR BIG PHONE:** And call me. Great looking, 28 yr old, muscular construction worker seeks guys from all around to share the heat. ☎26551

Houston **MAY I TAKE YOU TO DINNER?:** Then a bubblebath, champagne, THEN...Call for romance and hot times. I am 39, bearded and stached. ☎20146

Houston **24 HRS A DAY:** 31 yr old, blonde and blue. Seeking Hispanic and Latino males. Call me at home ANYTIME. ☎25342

Houston **RACE IS OPEN:** 6'2", brn/grn, stache. Into sports, movies and a good time. Seeking a good looking dominator of any race. Call me at home. ☎25505

Houston **BOYFRIEND:** 39 yr old GWM, 5'10", ht./wt. proportionate. Deep brn eyes and a stache. Very vers. and into quiet evenings and a little partying on the weekends. Seeking a GWM/boyfriend. ☎20146

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512 Area Code **FRAT BOY:** UT student is having a hard time meeting guys to date. 22 and very interested. ☎25166

Austin **L.A. BOY TOY:** 25 yr old dancer with a swmmr's bld, 5'9", 130, clean shaven and boyish. Seeking an LTR with a 25-30 yr old. Into sports and the bar scene. ☎23646

Austin **BONDAGE BTM:** Seeking top men to use me as their boy toy. Call and restrain me/own me. ☎24893

Austin **COUPLE:** We are new to town, relaxed and easy going. Hoping to meet new friends. We are going to the Caribbean soon; join us? ☎25119

San Antonio **LET ME TRY MY NEW CAMERA:** 30 yr old Hispanic seeks a WM who is responsible and romantic. Let's get to know each other. ☎23677

San Antonio **BONDAGE BTM:** I need to be restrained. I've got the time. ☎23855

Austin **CLUB SCENE:** 5'8", 160 bbuilder really into the clubs. Vers and discreet. ☎24906

San Antonio **THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO:** WM, professional, 5'9", auburn hair. Seeking guys 25-40 for friends and more. Call me at home. I love the outdoors and am very discreet. ☎24005

San Antonio **HOWDY PARDNER:** What's up? Into wranglers and big belt buckles. I am into the outdoors, riding, and being ridden. Just my boots and hat in the bedroom. ☎24439

San Antonio **BEST TEEVEE:** Seeking a man who is interested in the best TV around. Race is unimportant. I love travel and staying active. ☎24808

San Antonio **LET'S DO IT:** I am into having fun. AND MEN!!! Bring 'em on. ☎24854

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San Antonio **DEEP IN THE HEART:** 21 yr old Hispanic seeks a slender guy under 25. ☎25082

San Antonio **MAKE 'EM COME TRUE:** Hispanic, 5'6", 160, hry and a nice body. BTMs encouraged. Into fantasies and realities. ☎25198

San Antonio **YOUNG LATINO:** 19 yr old Hispanic seeks new friends for clubbing and movies at home. ☎25159

San Antonio **GET A KICK:** 18 yr old GWM seeks a boyish GWM. Soccer players with blonde hair A+. Hoping for an LTR. ☎25221

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San Antonio **CUDDLY AND CUTE:** Hispanic, 25, blk/brn, 5'11", 180. Seeking a guy 25-30. Please be romantic; this btm loves to cuddle up to an old movie. Into the arts and music. ☎23331

San Antonio **POP UP:** 32 yr old seeks 25-40 yr old. Into camping, dining out, 5'10", brn/blu. Seeking an honest and sincere guy. ☎23450

Houston **LOVE-30:** 6'2", 190, blonde and blue guy is new to town and into tennis and being active in the community. I am open-minded and seeking a guy willing to explore. ☎22917

Houston **SADDLE UP:** Yng white stallion is ready to ride. Into hry talk and willing to try anything. ☎23507

512 Area Code **AU NATURAL:** Seeking young men 18-25. I enjoy conversation, music and fishing. I like to be natural. Bi-and curious welcome. ☎18593

512 Area Code **CENTRAL STATE:** I've never been with a man, but I'm ready now. ☎20507

Austin **HOME ON THE RANGE:** Rancher seeks young (18-30) year old Anglo men. I have fish ponds and a hot tub. Come on up to my spread. ☎18593

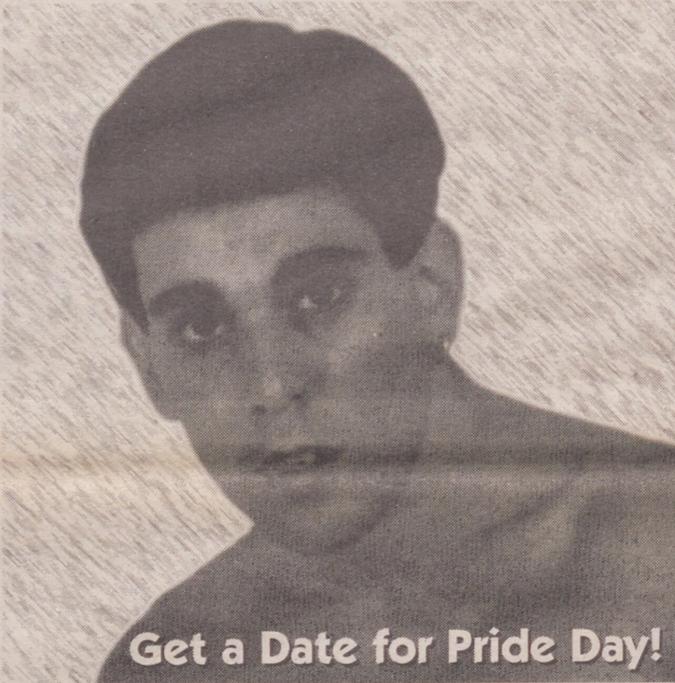
Austin **FRIENDS FIRST:** 29 year old blonde/grn. I love sports and the outdoors seeking 20-30 YO masc guys. Let's get to know each other and go from there. ☎18612

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Austin **ARE YOU A FIT?:** Black male, masc 35 or under, slim and built, that's me. If you're same call me. ☎20084

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817 Area Code **GRIDIRON GOD:** 26 yr old, 6'4", blonde smooth football player's build. I am into quiet times and a little watersports. ☎27910

Austin **FLEX-ABLE?:** 47 yr old WM attractive, 5'8", 165, blonde and blue with a short beard. Seeking similar. Big muscles are A+. ☎25706

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San Antonio **BLACK LIKE ME:** 39 yr old masc blk male seeks other black guys who are masc/slim/well-built, under 41. ☎20081

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San Antonio **IT'S UP TO YOU:** Healthy 47 yr old WM, red hair, blue eyes. Seeking a dominant guy to take control. I like camping, hiking and the outdoors. ☎25706

San Antonio **SICK OF THE SCENE:** Masc blk male, 6'3", 180, discreet and seeking other masculine black males 35 or under. Please no bars. ☎20084

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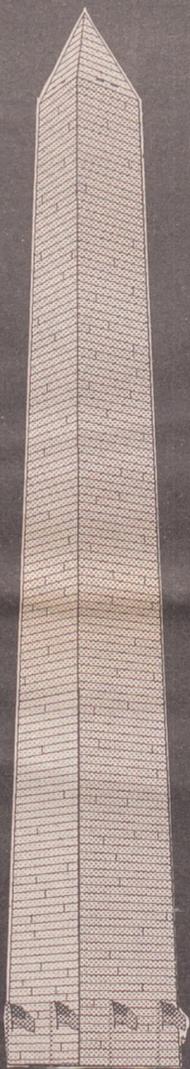
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# Washington state education board reaffirms equal access for gays

By DAVID AMMONS  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

OLYMPIA, Saturday, May 21 (AP)—Homosexual students in public schools should be guaranteed the same protections as other students, the state Board of Education reaffirmed, rejecting requests by eight school districts to delete the reference to gays in a new equity policy.

The board on Friday unanimously approved the policy without a word of debate over the protection for gay and lesbian students, or reference to the petition from dissenting school boards.

The issue was debated in March when a first draft of the policy came before the board. The latest vote was to approve minor "wordsmithing" changes made by the state Human Rights Commission.

Judith Billings, the state school superintendent, told the board she is throwing the weight of her office behind the policy, including the mandate of equal opportunity for gays.

The policy will be published as a joint communique from the three agencies. It will not have the force of law, but districts will be urged to follow it, said board President Millard Bat-

ties.

In July, the board will discuss strategies for getting districts to comply, including a possible "equity audit." Billings and the commission will mail districts tips on how to implement the policy.

"By law, districts can't discriminate, but we know it's going on," Battles said. "We're trying to get their attention."

The policy says all public school pupils have the right to equal access to education regardless of "race, creed, color, political and religious beliefs, national origin, gender,

sexual orientation, marital or parental status, health status or the presence of any ... disability.

"Equitable education will take place in classrooms, school buildings, school-approved transportation vehicles and administrative structures which are free of prejudice."

Officials expressed amazement that the issue generated controversy this year, noting that the inclusion of gays in the old equity policy drew little notice.

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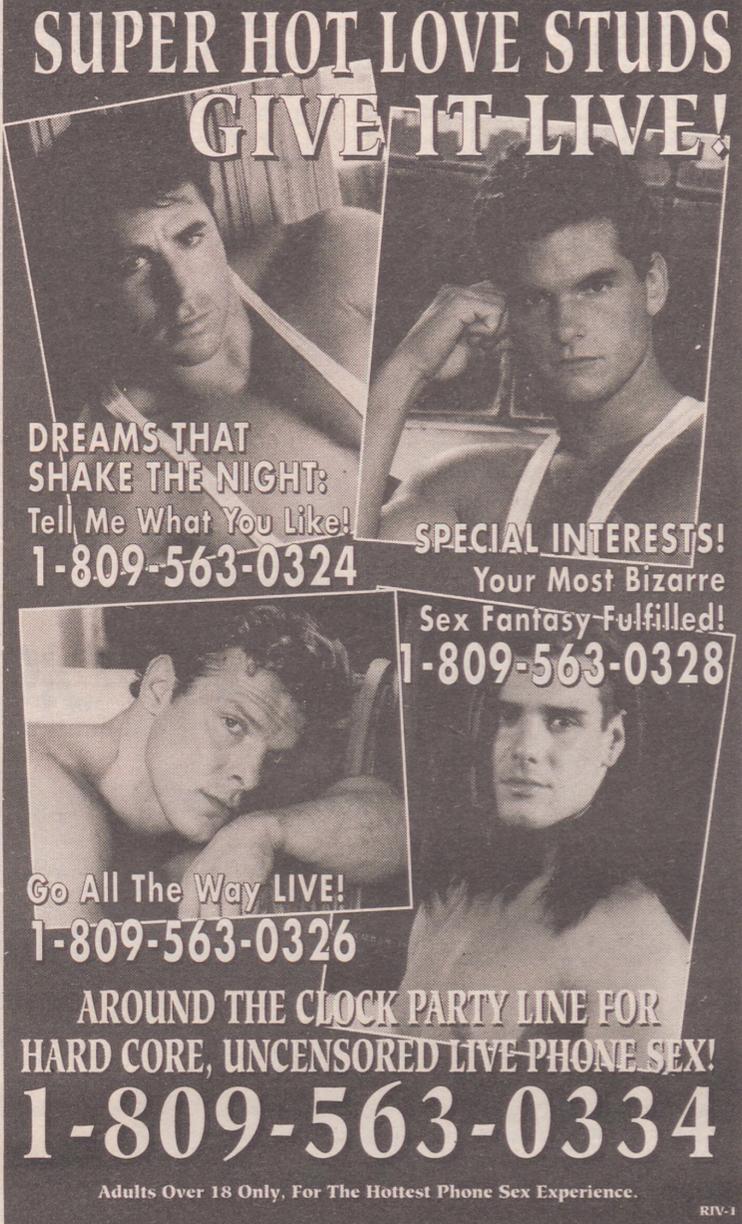
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## L.A. school district sponsors prom for gay and lesbian students

LOS ANGELES, Sunday, May 22 (AP)—Not a day goes by when Paul Rivera doesn't feel the sting from fellow high school students who taunt him because he's gay.

"Every time I walk down a hallway I'm always shoved or somebody gives me a bad look or calls me (slurs)," he said. "By the end of the day I feel emotionally and physically tired."

But Friday night, everything was different.

Rivera, 16, a junior at Diamond Bar High School, was among about 200 students who attended a gay and lesbian prom sanctioned by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Organizers said the event was believed to be the first gay and lesbian prom ever sanctioned by a public school district in the country.

The official theme was "Live to Tell," but the ideas behind the event were acceptance and understanding, students said.

The party had all the trappings of a straight prom, including a formal dinner, as well as dancing in a ballroom decorated with pink and white balloons.

But at this prom, security was especially tight, with off-duty transit police on guard. The only protest, however, came from seven men from a Long Beach church who condemned the prom.

Laura Hale, assistant principal of Palms Middle School, rejected the

act is appropriate and timely—particularly in light of the rise in gay bashing."

Some groups already are lobbying Congress to make such a change, he said.

The department also is looking at ways to address segregation inside integrated schools, he said.

While commenting on the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark ruling against school segregation, Patrick said discrimination may play a part in disciplining students or putting children on different "tracks" according to their ability.

criticism. "These kids have often been rejected by their own parents and their peers," she said. "This is a very tender age for them and that's why we're having this prom. The last thing we want is for it to be a circus."

Students called the night a success. "I always dreamed of going to a prom with a guy," said Rivera. "I just didn't know how I would do it. I'm ecstatic about it."

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Tucson couples delay further challenge to ban on same-sex marriages

TUCSON, Saturday, May 21 (AP)—Saying they don't want to do anything to hurt a similar case in Hawaii, four Tucson same-sex couples suing for marriage licenses say they won't appeal a judge's ruling against them but haven't given up their fight.

Paul Gattone, one of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs in the Tucson case, said they could renew their challenge by filing a new suit later.

The suit challenged the constitutionality of an Arizona law that Superior Court Clerk James Corbett said keeps him from giving a marriage license to same-sex couples.

Superior Court Judge Bernardo Velasco ruled in April that the issue of same-sex marriages was for the state Legislature, not the courts, to decide.

The decision not to appeal Velasco's ruling "is a strategy call," Gattone said. "We're not giving up. We will be back next year."

Gattone said the lawyers and couples in the Arizona case made the decision after consulting with parties in the Hawaii case. In that case, several same-sex couples are suing to obtain marriage licenses.

"We're not counseling them (that) they don't have the right to be married. We don't want to do anything to jeopardize anything in the Hawaii case," Gattone said.

The plaintiffs in the Arizona case were Jerry Callender and Antonio Muniz, John Duran and Stephen Baker, Eileen Maura Jutras and Lizbeth M. Petrucci, and Kathy Greaves and Aileen McMurrer.

"The injury is still there and the law still looks as unconstitutional," Petrucci said during a Friday news conference. "Eileen and I already have a marriage. I hope I don't have to wait 74 years like we did to see (women's) suffrage happen."

In the Hawaii case, the state Supreme Court ruled that the state must come up with a compelling reason to deny marriages of same-sex couples. The case is back in trial court.

"We still do not agree with Judge Velasco's decision; but we are not going to appeal even though we believe that we're correct," said Gattone.

"We feel good about (a favorable ruling from) the (Arizona) Supreme Court, but we're not so sure about our chances with the Court of Appeals."

Lawyers for the Hawaii plaintiffs have expressed concern about a high court decision on the Arizona lawsuit that might hurt the Hawaii case, Gattone said.

A favorable ruling would "obviously give us ammunition to use in our case. The state of Arizona would have an obligation to do the same" as Hawaii, Gattone said.

If another suit is filed next year, "it could be the same people" as well as others, Gattone said.

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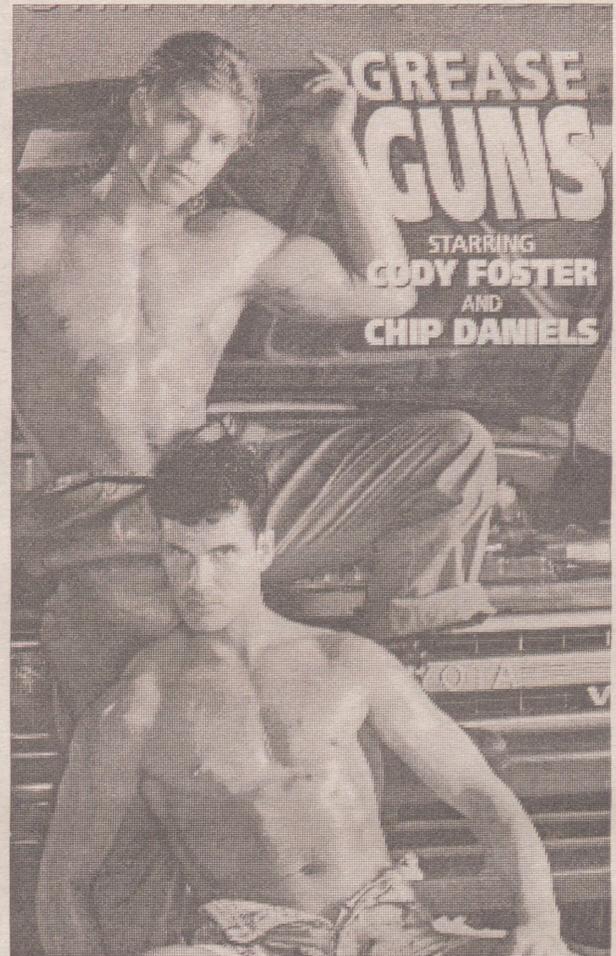
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**HOROSCOPE OF THE WEEK OF MAY 28 - JUNE 3, 1994**

*Houston Voice* readers born during this week share with famous author, Walt Whitman, born in Long Island, New York, 1819, the literary skill of phrasing and communicating to others the sensitive aspects of their lives. This sensitivity is often held in private, not wishing for the world to know of the gentleness of yourself.



**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21) Continue your projects about the office and your home to complete the tasks that you have set aside. You will be able to look back and see a cleaned closet or a newly painted room and feel the pride of accomplishment. Be aware that a quite person about you finds you very attractive, you do have a secret admirer. How you handle this, is your business, but the other person would welcome more than a smile from you.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22) Explore the sensitive aspect of your personality, for it is a wonderful part of you. Because of making you easily hurt emotionally, you have tended to keep you need and interest in being liked and loved in a non conditional manner very quiet. Look to a new friend to hold you, communicate this need of yours to her/him, and feel how good it is.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22) This week is a great time to present a different appearance at the Office with some different combinations of clothing accessories that you have in the closet. Friends and co-workers are more open to accept a 'new you'. Look to match different patterns as well as colors. And when out in the evening, look more sexual than usual with a touch of black leather, an open shirt or blouse, or the use of keys.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) There will be a further increase in your bright and cheerful personality this week, you feel more confident and secure in yourself and it shows by being front and center. I say you at the Leather and Lace party this past weekend, and you looked great. This is exactly what you need, being out and about. New friends will respond to your increased sense of confidence.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) There will be some excellent garage sales this summer, so set aside moneys that you maybe tempted to spend this week for later. Leave the house with only a couple of dollars so as not to be encouraged to spend more than you should. Look through your dresser and closet and pull out forgotten articles of clothing and put them together for a 'new look'. Be very careful with purchases this month.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Seek out the strong and more secure friends of yours to party and go shopping with. You will be less likely to be used, also, as your kind hearted personality makes you a sucker for someone in apparent need. Be careful about offering moneys to a person asking for a hand out, as you have a good chance of being used. As with your Gemini friends, there is a quite person in the background who finds you very interesting. How you handle this is your business.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) You will feel restless and seek an extra degree of privacy this week. The third quarter moon will cause you to be alone with your memories of the past. Re-playing old tapes, e.g. anything older than the past six months is a self defeating behaviour pattern. Think of the past as something to learn by, not to re-live over and over again.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Continue to be careful with making all but essential purchases. Team up with a Libra friend to go shopping with as that person is watching their moneys carefully, also. Watch you tendency to control others this week, you have good ideas, but not that many, to want to structure another persons life. Watch your tendency to rescue others. As you may jump into their lives before they want you too.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Your wonderful imagination is still working over time. You tend to dream up the craziest sexual fantasies, and wonder why the other person does not get with the program. This is a good month to have an informal party, and stress a far out theme. Choose friends who are as into things as you are. Pay attention to some indirect requests of you boss at work, as she/he has a project for you that will help your career.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) You have done a good job of being extra selective as to whom you give money and gifts to. Your extra generous nature is well known by certain people of our community who have no qualms about taking advantage of yourself. Sort out the 'turkeys' in your circle of 'friends', as you are not running a poultry farm. Encouraging others to find on their own two feet is important.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 - May 20) Saw you about town in your new car, looks great and so do you. You have been very helpful to many people of our Community and now is the time to enjoy the past work. The brighter colors look especially good on you this week, really catches the eye. Gives a sense of happiness and confidence, qualities that others look to you for.

**THE HOUSTON VOICE SPECIAL PUZZLE**

Includes Clues About Montrose, Texas Clues, Standard Crossword Clues

By Henry McClurg

**ACROSS**

1 cuts with repeated irregular blows

5 barely gains

7 prefix meaning between or among

10 more bedraggled

12 wards off

13 Texas Indians rubbed bodies with oil from this animal to repel insects

18 a kind of stockings

20 state with Concord as capital, abbrev.

21 Roman numeral for 3

23 you

24 mountain range in Big Bend National Park

27 male forecaster of the weather

35 interjection for attention

36 minerals containing a valuable constituent

38 feel extreme fear

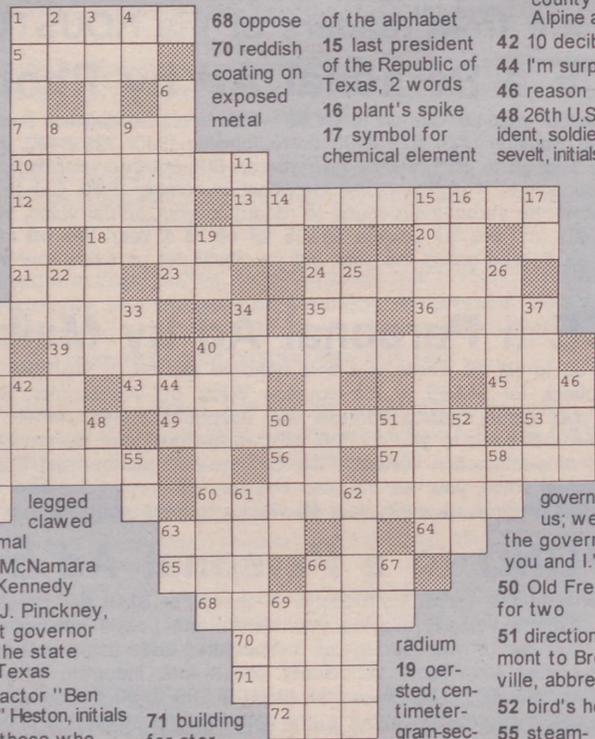
39 Roman numeral for 1051

40 state flower

41 famous Calif. beach west of L.A.

43 traditional knowledge

45 foot of a 4-



68 oppose

70 reddish coating on exposed metal

animal legged clawed

47 McNamara or Kennedy

49 J. Pinckney, first governor of the state of Texas

53 actor "Ben Hur" Heston, initials

54 those who utter loud cries

56 verb suffix, cause to be

57 underhand, devious

59 direction Sherman to Longview, abbrev.

60 airline based at Dallas' Love Field

63 elevator company

64 abbrev. for saint

65 Confederate General Lee, initials ("A true man of honor feels humbled himself when he cannot help humbling others.")

66 pull

of the alphabet

15 last president of the Republic of Texas, 2 words

16 plant's spike

17 symbol for chemical element

34 valley

37 large pile

40 Texas county with Alpine as seat

42 10 decibels

44 I'm surprised

46 reason

48 26th U.S. President, soldier Roosevelt, initials ("The

government is us; we are the government, you and I.")

50 Old French for two

51 direction Beaumont to Brownsville, abbrev.

52 bird's home

55 steamship, abbrev.

58 positioned

61 Houston football team

62 where was Howard Hughes born (he's buried there too)

63 state with Salem as capital, abbrev.

66 smooth tightly twisted thread

67 letters missing in len??h, pi??ails or lon??ime

69 action in court

22 enclose within walls

24 merciful

25 ???-nob, to associate on friendly terms

26 exude

28 verb suffix used to form past participles

29 annex

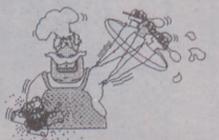
30 flowing with tears

31 circles of light around a body

32 fit to be eaten

33 nothing

**RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD**



Hey ya'll. This recipe will finish off the meal I prepared for the trucker and his sidekicks. It is also out of the Savory Southwest. Sounded a little weird to me, but it really is good!

**CHOCOLATE APPLESAUCE CAKE**

- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 2 cups applesauce
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- TOPPING:**
- 3 tablespoons sugar
  - 1/2 cup chopped nuts
  - 1 bag (6 ounces) chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, cream margarine with sugar. Add applesauce, eggs, flour, cinnamon, cocoa, salt and baking soda. Mix and pour into a greased 13" x 9" pan. Sprinkle chocolate chips, nuts and 3 tablespoons sugar over the top of the cake. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

Now, how much simpler can a great dessert be? No need to frost the cake, but a dollop of vanilla ice cream or whipped cream would be good. When you test the cake for doneness with a toothpick, try not to run it through the chocolate chips...if you do, it will look undone, and you certainly don't want to overcook this cake.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

KUNTRY KIDD

