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The Journey of 'Harvey Milk' to the stage

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(Editor's Note: This is the first of two articles focusing on Houston Grand Opera's world premiere production of "Harvey Milk," running Jan. 21 through Feb. 5 at the Wortham Center downtown.

The second article, "The Artists Behind the Work: Michael Korie, Stewart Wallace and the Legacy of Harvey Milk," will appear next week.

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In 1985, Houston voters overwhelmingly rejected a measure prohibiting anti-gay discrimination

in city hiring in a bruising, divisive referendum. The referendum polarized the city around the issue of homosexuality, severely diminished the clout of gays and lesbians in local politics, and dealt a devastating psychological blow to Houston's homosexual community.

A decade later, Houston Grand Opera is preparing for the world premiere of "Harvey Milk," a new opera based on the life of the slain civil rights leader who was the country's first openly gay elected official. The opera, which will be performed for the city's elite at the opulent Wortham Center, features a duet



David Gockley, general director of the Houston Grand Opera and a major force behind the opera "Harvey Milk"

sung by two gay male lovers; a

rowdy, boisterous depiction of the Stonewall riots; and an unblinking portrayal of the wide-open world of the Castro Street gay ghetto in the 1970's.

The question on the minds of many in the city's art world and in the gay and lesbian community is simple: is Houston ready for "Harvey Milk?"

The fact that Houston audiences will be the first to see the new opera—before New York and San Francisco—is testament to the vision, integrity and tenacity of Houston Grand Opera's General Director David Gockley. Michael Korie, the openly gay librettist for "Harvey Milk," credits Gockley as "the driving

force behind making this opera happen."

Gockley has been a passionate advocate of new operas, speaking frequently on the importance of developing and performing new works. And HGO has taken the lead in this area, most notably in 1987, when the company premiered the critically acclaimed "Nixon in China."

But even given HGO's wealth of experience in this arena, the voyage of "Harvey Milk" to the stage—with its many twists, turns, setbacks and reversals—has been an exceptional journey.

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Jump-Starting Houston

Feature Profile

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

Sterling Houston, writer-in-residence with San Antonio's critically acclaimed, experimental and sometimes controversial Jump-Start Theater, is fond of chronicling his leap from the path of mediocrity through the kinetic, if volatile, inspiration of the 60's. It's a good thing, because understanding the background and influences of this young, gay, African-American, Texan playwright lays a helpful foundation for appreciating the biting social satire that permeates his cutting-edge work.

Houston (the city) will get an inspiring glimpse of Houston (the playwright) for the first time since 1991's "OUT" performance series this weekend at DiverseWorks. San Antonio's Jump-Start collective, the "leading edge of unusual theater," will be featured in two performances,



Sterling Houston, prolific resident writer and company member of San Antonio's Jump-Start Theater, and five other jumpers perform here weekend

Jan. 13 and 14, at 8:00 p.m.

During a 20-year career in professional theater as actor, technician and writer in San Antonio, New York and San Francisco, Sterling Houston has worked with some of the greatest practitioners of modern theater, including Charles Ludlam, Sam Shepard and George C. Wolfe. His plays are known for combining social commentary, burlesque humor, and a strong sense of the power of music to communicate complex ideas.

In 1964, Houston says he dropped out of college and moved to New York to study acting. There, says Houston, "I lived on the Lower East Side and fell in with a cadre of radical artists living there." He began working as an actor off-Broadway, and in 1966, found himself playing a snake (the kind with scales) in the second production of a new company called Playhouse of the Ridiculous.

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ROUGH NECK OF THE WOODS

If you drive through Montgomery County with the wrong bumper sitcker, watch out!

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

It started about 1:30 p.m.—in broad daylight and amid the bustle of light but steady traffic on Interstate 45 about 40 miles north of Houston. David Greenhaw and his lover were headed north in the right lane of I-45 near 1488 when they noticed the black Nissan that pulled up closely behind them and continued to follow, disturbingly close.

The couple had been involved in an emotional conversation. They were seated close together in their car, holding hands. Greenhaw also flies a rainbow flag on his bumper. Last Thursday, those confident colors apparently entered a no-fly zone.

The Nissan came around from behind and cut back in front of his car, says Greenhaw. He went around and tried to evade the other vehicle, but it followed and stayed close, crossing when he did through and between the lanes of traffic. "We proceeded like that for about two miles, and then they passed back around us and both the driver and the passenger looked back at us," Greenhaw said. The driver and passenger were both white males, who appeared to be about 18 years old, he said. "Then the passenger hung out of the window and screamed 'faggot.' I speeded up and they continued

to follow.

"I was in the left lane and I shot across traffic...they followed. I got off (the freeway) and got on the shoulder. They followed and got on the shoulder."

Then one of the youths got out...brandishing a gun.

Terrified, Greenhaw said he shot back out across traffic. The chase reached speeds of up to 125 miles per hour, according to Greenhaw, before he exited in Willis, the Nissan in hot pursuit. "Everyone could see it happening. No one honked their horns, no one did anything," he said.

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'Contract With America,' 104th Congress and AIDS: what you may not know

Action Alert

From the AIDS Action Information Network

The new, more conservative Congress is intent on dismantling many programs that serve as safeguards, protections and securities for many Americans. In hopes of reducing federal expenditures by \$190 billion in five years, this right wing attack, led by Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA), could leave all HIV/AIDS programs gutted.

"AIDS Action Council's Legislative and Policy Goals for 1995" (brochure available by contacting the Council) details AIDS Action's anticipated priorities for 1995. The drastic changes in Congress and the goals of the Republican majority bring greater policy challenges to the HIV/AIDS Community than ever yet experienced. These changes will require more from individuals and organizations than ever before to protect the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Ryan White CARE Act, the Office of AIDS Research, HIV prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS Act (HOPWA). This means, to continue serving clients, all AIDS service providers must make their voices heard and engage in unified advocacy.

Below are key issues likely to affect the HIV/AIDS community in the early days of the 104th Congress:

Spending Cuts and Balanced Budget Amendment

Expected as two of Gingrich's priority legislative efforts in the next Congressional session are rescissions—attempts to cut current (fiscal year 1995) and future federal spending to finance the "middle class tax cut" and the balanced budget amendment—that would prohibit total government spending from exceeding income in any fiscal year. Programs that support "unpopular constituencies" such as HIV prevention, Ryan White CARE Act funding, Medicaid and substance abuse treatment are very vulnerable to deep cuts in current spending. Attempts to balance the federal budget will result in spending cuts to social programs of 30 to 50 percent over the next five to seven years.

Ryan White Care Act

Despite some loose talk to the contrary, there have not yet been flagrant attacks on the existence of the Ryan White CARE Act. There are, however, indications that there may be interest in altering the structure and funding mechanisms. At the least, we face great challenges in ensuring the reauthorization of Ryan White in time to receive adequate funding for the next fiscal year. We must also work hard to make sure that the structure and funding of Ryan White continues to respond to the realities of the AIDS epidemic. We can all work together to demonstrate that the Ryan White CARE Act reaches every community and makes a real difference in people's lives.

Housing

The massive consolidation of housing programs announced Dec. 19 threatens a number of housing programs serving people with HIV/AIDS. In particular, AIDS Action has worked to ensure that HOPWA, the only AIDS specific federal housing program, is maintained as a separate component of the larger block grants proposed by the Administration, at least for the first few years. The battle to save HOPWA will intensify in Congress. Members of congress need to hear from their constituents how important HOPWA is as a (Note: key Republican buzz words:) "flexible, formula minded, locally controlled mini-block grant to hardest hit cities and states."

CDC Community Planning

HIV prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control are at great risk of being lumped together with all other prevention programs and turned over to state health departments to decide how much should be spent on HIV prevention. States would most likely be free to eliminate their Prevention Community Planning Groups or dilute their power by broadening their mission. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS) is likely to introduce a bill on Jan. 4 that proposes block granting CDC prevention programs.

Contract with America and Other Threats

Welfare reform, or the Personal Responsibility Act, will deny many

social services to immigrants, legal as well as undocumented. It would cap Social Security disability insurance and make it a discretionary, rather than an entitlement program, and would also cap spending for public housing. All of these provisions would have a negative impact on people living with HIV/AIDS.

Basic protections, some of which have long been taken for granted, such as the availability of public housing programs and Medicaid-financed health care for poor and disabled people and the availability of safe drinking water, along with other, newer protections of civil rights, are all at risk. This Congress must be educated about the multiple issues HIV/AIDS raises back in their home districts, and it will be up to you to educate members.

Unless AIDS advocates join the fight against these debilitating challenges to programs that help people in need, there will be little left to fight for afterward. It is important for everyone to tell their members of Congress that they do not want a balanced budget at the expense of vital care services, prevention and research for people with HIV/AIDS. This is a battle we all must fight, or we will all lose. We must work in Coalition with many other concerned organizations and communities who have much to lose if the budget cutting goes unchecked.

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Surviving loss: acknowledging and dealing with a natural process

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Loss is a natural process; it occurs in every part of our world. Leaves fall from the tree. Children move from the home. The day light gives way to night.

When loss involves the death of someone we love, the feelings can be overwhelming. Pain, depression, sadness, fear, emptiness, hopelessness, anger, guilt, fatigue, and changes in appetite, sleep and sexual desire are all normal reactions to losing a love.

Some in the gay community have experienced multiple losses which may leave them feeling numb or separation from their feelings. Many experience loss after taking care of someone for a long period of time and feelings of relief and complete exhaustion may follow. Whatever the loss of a partner may be one of the most devastating experiences we encounter.

If you have just experienced a loss, it is probably most important to acknowledge the feelings, whatever they may be. It is OK to cry and it is OK to stare silently into the night. There is no wrong way to grieve; it is an individual process. One of the worst things my friends and families can do during this time is to say "chin up" or "be strong." Pushing our feelings away can actually interrupt the healing that takes place in the grieving process. By telling

your story, over and over, the feelings and the loss may come more into focus and allow you to accept the loss and go on living.

Grieving is not a short process. The average recovery time for a loss is 18-24 months. For some it takes more time, and for some it may take less. There is no way to shorten its duration, but with the support of friends, family, employers, and other social supports, the degree of suffering can be lessened.

The first thing to remember is that you will survive. Death is natural. Grief is natural. And, healing is natural. The grieving process has a beginning, a middle, and an end. If you are at the beginning, know that the end is not far off. There is light at the end or what may seem to be a dark and scary tunnel.

Having been in a gay relationship and living with HIV may make the grieving process even more difficult. When a lover dies, many partners do not feel able to "come out" at work about their loss and so continue to work as if nothing has happened. If they go let their employers know, they may not receive adequate leave from their work to grieve. If it is known or suspected that the lover died from an HIV-related illness, the living partner may also be suspected of being HIV-infected, whether it is true or not. Even if it is true, the living partner may not be emotion-

ally prepared to deal with effects or "coming out" with his HIV status.

Further, the grieving partner's issues or personal mortality may be heightened. The surviving partner may translate the partner's experience to his/her own expectations for the progression of the illness. The question or 'who will take care of me?' may complicate the grieving process. A surviving partner may feel resentment towards the lost love or a profound sense of despair over the dual loss of the partner and his/her own health.

Another specific difficulty may be the partner's family. Because committed gay relationships are not given the same rights and privileges as married heterosexual relationships, many partners are pushed aside during the final days of a partner's life and in the wake of his death. Parents not willing to accept their child's homosexuality sometimes, legally, forbid partners from hospital rooms and from crucial medical decisions. They may also fail to acknowledge the relationship at funeral proceedings and the dispersion of property if the deceased does not have a will. In essence, the partner's family may come in at the last moment and "pull the rug" out from under the partner who is preparing for or grieving the death of his or her partner.

These experiences may make the grieving process more difficult. It is important for the surviving partner to recognize these obstacles and deal with them. One of the best ways people have found is to join a group with others who have experienced a similar loss. A support group not only gives you a chance to tell your story and express your feelings, which is crucial in the healing process, but it allows you to be there for others who are experiencing similar losses. The result is that you will not only feel helped, but will also experience a sense of commonality and togetherness.

If you feel you need help in this process, get it right away. (Editor's note: Greg Cason is a mental health educator with the Montrose Counseling Center, which specializes in mental health issues of the gay and lesbian community. For those who need someone to talk to, the Center offers individual counseling and support groups. Montrose Counseling Center is starting a new group for people who are HIV positive who have lost a partner or soul mate to AIDS. The group will run for ten weeks beginning in January and will be based on a sliding scale, though grant funding is available for those who need it. For more details, or to schedule an intake appointment, call Montrose Counseling Center at 713-529-0037).

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Town Meeting II: What, When and Why

From B. ALAN BOURGEOIS
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The question somewhat answers itself. A Town Meeting, is a town gathering together to discuss issues. Real simple, right?

For the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, a town meeting is much more than getting together to discuss issues. It begins with people acknowledging who they are.

The success of a town meeting is measured by the participants. If the community does not come together to discuss issues that are pertinent to its unique needs and wants, then there can not be a true town meeting, it becomes a meeting of the community leaders. That meeting in it self, will be useful, but very limited. Every community member believes in certain items that they feel is what the community wants, however, our past has shown us that, that is not always correct.

On June 25, 1978, an estimated 4000 men and women got together to hold the only town meeting Houston has ever had. At that time period, for 4000 people to come together to discuss gay issues was a monumental event given the political claimant as it was.

Now on June 18, 1995, 17 years later there are plans to have another town meeting. It is part of an event entitled Spectrum '95 to be held at the Astro-arena.

There are several issues to discuss prior to this meeting. I will try to cover only a few of these issues now. If you can think of any additional issues, you are more than welcomed to become a part of Town Meeting II by expressing your issue.

One issue that is designed for the business community is a Chamber of Commerce for businesses. With the 200+ businesses in Houston, a united organization could help in getting health insurance at a lower rate for their employees. A chamber could also work together for fundraisers and political concerns.

A lot of large cities and even smaller ones than Houston have a village, a business area that thrives on gay and lesbian business other than the bars. It is time for Houston to develop an area within the Montrose for that purpose. A village on Fairview, Westheimer or Montrose itself is possible.

With the cut in federal funds expected from Washington, many organizations will be forced to close. This will happen for every cause, and sadly AIDS organizations will be hit the hardest. This can not be permitted to happen. Through group meetings prior to Town Meeting II, discussion and action plans can be created and then approved by the mass majority of people who will attend Spectrum '95.

It has been said over the years that the gay community is one of the strongest financial groups around. Imagine what we could do with our money. A hospital wing for AIDS care, Breast cancer care and many other programs. Through insurance policies, wills and donations, this can become a reality within 5 years.

Our own personal safety is a major concern for all of us. Queer Patrol has done the best they can with their talents and energies, but they need help.

The above are only a few issues that need to be discussed prior to Town Meeting II. In the next few months, there will be invitations extended to the community to meet, plan and act upon the many issues that we are faced with.

The last election placed the republicans in charge, while at the same time giving the gay community more respect. We must continue to grow and expand on all levels in order to finally achieve our civil rights that the constitution originally gave us.

Much was achieved at Town Meeting I, much more still needs to be done at Town Meeting II. I encourage every person to express their concerns at a planning meeting, or at Town Meeting II. If you would like more information, please call Spectrum '95 at (713) 525-2853. You don't have to live in Houston to be a part of history.

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I realize that our requests may often be of short notice, but the bottom line is we're attempting to help our community in these very difficult times.

We will continue to ask for your support in 1995, we thank you for the tremendous coverage you gave the Miss Camp America Foundation in 1994 and the trust that we can always spread laughter and cheer in the spirit that is "camp."

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Long-term HIV survivor hold hope for Hopkins researchers

By CHERYL BORG

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Jan. 7 (AP)—Researchers hope an HIV-infected woman who has been healthy for 13 years can help them figure out how the body fights the AIDS virus.

In a rare case, the woman's body appears to have suppressed the virus, said Dr. David Schwartz, who leads the research at Johns Hopkins Uni-

versity.

Doctors have tried 30 times over six years to replicate virus cultures taken from her body in a test tube, Schwartz said. They have not succeeded.

That could indicate she has powerful internal defenses, or that her virus is defective, researchers say.

In more than 99 percent of other HIV-infected people, the virus can be replicated, said Schwartz, an

assistant professor of molecular microbiology and immunology.

Doctors refer to the woman as Patient 3799. She contracted HIV through a blood transfusion during childbirth in 1981. Her immune system began producing HIV antibodies in 1985, indicating her body is trying to thwart the AIDS virus.

But the woman never developed HIV-associated diseases and has only a trace of the virus within her.

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Lobby lists priorities for 74th Texas Legislature

State/Local News Notes

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

As the 74th Texas Legislature opened this week, the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas unveiled a new legislative agenda. The lobby listed its top priorities for the new session as pushing for "more comprehensive" hate crimes legislation and a statewide employment non-discrimination bill, as well as working to convince legislators of the need to kill "bad bills" before they pass.

Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of LGRL, told the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus last week that bills expected to be introduced include one that defines family, from Rep. Warren Chuism (D-Pampa), as well as a renewed effort to make Texas an initiative/referendum state ("And we all know what that means," she said). As well, Hardy-Garcia continued, there could possibly be some form of an HIV-quarantine bill introduced some time during the session by a Radical Right adherent "just for entertainment," and anti-gay amendments tagged onto other bills.

However, Hardy-Garcia and Rep. Debra Danburg (D-Houston), a gay rights advocate, both noted that unlike the 104th U.S. Congress, the Texas Legislature's make-up in terms of pro-gay and anti-gay votes was affected very little by the Republican sweep in November. In fact, the state Legislature experienced the slimmest turnover in decades: only 21 new members; and the balance of conservative-to-progressive votes in both houses—and both parties—remains about the same, they said.

Hardy-Garcia noted that, as in the past, the Texas House and Senate are heavily conservative and far-reaching influence in the so-called swing vote will be necessary for any pro-gay position to pass. However,

she said, bills supported by the lobby are finally enjoying a broader base of sponsorship: legislators who have previously been uninvolved in the issues have agreed to carry pro-gay bills. "We don't have to depend solely on people like (openly gay state Rep.) Glenn Maxey to carry them," she said.

Danburg noted that, while killing bad bills is possible, gay and lesbian lobbyists and pro-gay legislators still have not been able to win a pool of clearly and consistently pro-gay votes. She said progressives are working on coalition-building with other groups to develop such a base.

LGRL has also launched a legislative matching program to develop constituency-based lobbying. (To participate in the program, or to find out who your Representative is so that you can write, call or visit her/him, call LGRL at 512-474-5475).

HGLPC Elects Officers

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus elected officers for 1995 on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Re-elected as president and vice-president were Terri Richardson and Keith Stewart. Rod Kneblick was elected to serve as secretary and Patrick McKee as treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors were Bryan Vezey, Ray Ramirez and Jovan "Lujack" Tyler.

As anticipated, the caucus overwhelmingly voted to endorse Annise Parker, a member of the group, in the Jan. 21 special election to replace Sheila Jackson Lee on the Houston City Council. Only one member voted against the endorsement.

Parker is president of the Neartown Association, a Montrose civic group, and a member of the Houston Police Advisory Committee. She is one of 19 candidates in the at-large council race. The election has been widely speculated to result in a runoff.

Gay midshipman abandons lawsuit, passes torch to others

By CHERYL BORG

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

BALTIMORE, Friday, Jan. 6 (AP)—A gay former midshipman ended his six-year legal battle for a U.S. Naval Academy diploma, saying he believes others have a better chance of winning under the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"It was a difficult and an emotional decision to end something that we've worked on so hard for six years, but ultimately I feel like we've accomplished a lot, despite the ultimate disposition of the case," Joseph C. Steffan said Wednesday in a telephone interview from Newark, N.J.

Steffan, a Warren, Minn. native and North Dakota State University graduate, was discharged from the academy in 1987, six weeks before graduation, after he answered "Yes, sir," when asked by a superior if he was a homosexual.

Following a 7-3 ruling by a federal appeals court in late November upholding the previous military policy banning gays, Steffan's only option was to take his case to the Supreme Court.

Steffan said the new policy may be more vulnerable than the policy under which he was discharged.

The military's old policy banned homosexuals outright; the present policy permits homosexuals to serve, but only if they keep quiet about it and don't engage in homosexual acts.

"Many consider the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy vulnerable to attack on First Amendment grounds," said Steffan, who went to law school and is clerking for a federal judge. "It clearly focuses on speech."

"The basic decision was that it's time to pass the torch to the newer cases arising under the new policy because I think in some ways we've made as much progress as we can in this case," he said.

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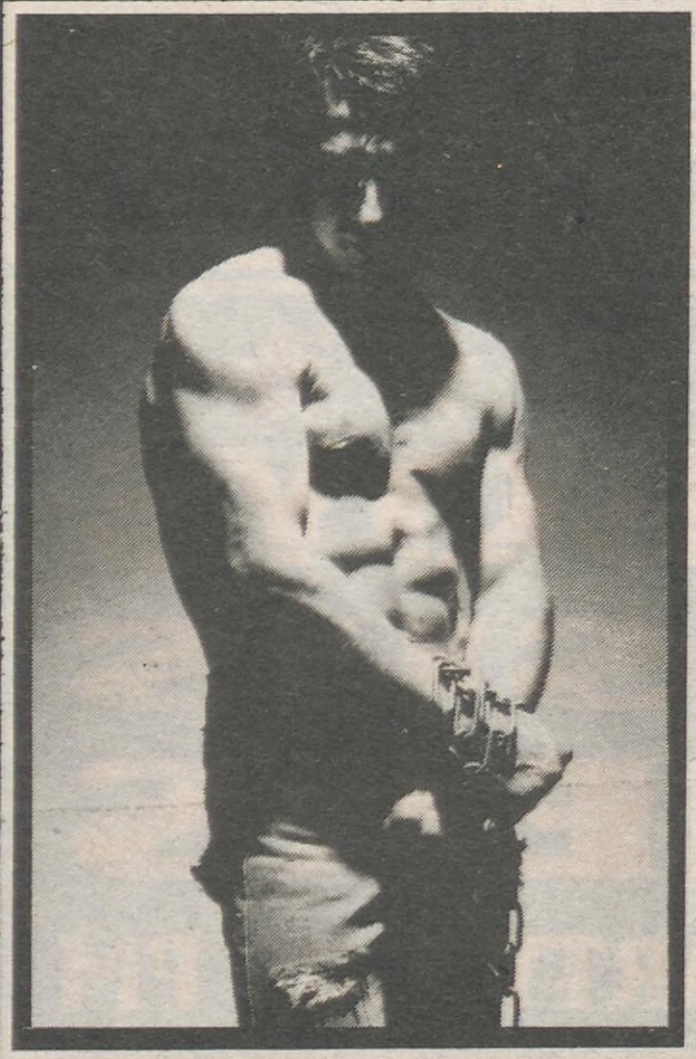
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Gay couple forced into high speed freeway chase by armed teens

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Despite the high speed at which both his car and the tailing truck were traveling, Greenhaw says there were no police cars anywhere in sight. Desperate and in fear of his life, he took the Willis exit and drove into the town, winding up at a bank. "I don't even remember the name, but I think it's the only bank in Willis," he said. "By then, we were basket cases. We just ran in and asked (bank staff) to call 911, that we were being chased by two guys with guns."

Meanwhile, the truck and its occupants waited for some time in a nearby parking lot. A wrecker driver who had heard the call on police band spotted the vehicle and recorded its license plate.

Greenhaw says he is deeply thankful for the efforts and concern of the wrecker driver and the bank staff—particularly since, he claims, the local police were a bit less concerned with the couple's plight. "They said they could take a report. They made me call the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department," he recalled. When the deputies arrived 20 minutes later, Greenhaw says he and his lover were so shaken they could scarcely relate what had happened.

And, when he told the investigators that he felt the incident should be recorded as a hate crime, Greenhaw says he got only "funny looks" in response.

The youths were later arrested, and Greenhaw said he was asked to identify them: a face-to-face encounter that left him even more fearful. Through the next day, Greenhaw says, police refused to give him any information, other than to say the pair would possibly be charged with a Class A Misdemeanor.

The following day, Greenhaw said he was told his assailants had been released. "The detective said, 'We had a long talk with those boys, and I don't think they'll be bothering you any more,'" he reported incredulously, mimicking an east Texas drawl.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office confirmed to the Houston Voice that the young men have—so far, at least—not been charged. The complaint has been referred to the County Attorney's office; deputies declined to comment on what, if any, charges might be filed, saying that is up to the C.A.

The events took place in an area that has been in the news before in connection with gay-bashing. At least 15 youths who were involved in high profile cases of violence against gays in Houston were residents of Montgomery or North Harris County. The young suspects in the Paul Broussard murder case were all residents of The Woodlands—located just south of Conroe off North Interstate 45.

Prime Time, Ready Or Not

Greenhaw, a Houston area medical assistant who is also vice president of the board of the Montgomery



David Greenhaw says he was terrorized on I-45 near Conroe by gun-toting gay-bashers who were arrested, but released

County AIDS Coalition, hardly comes across as one so full of rage and outrage that he would declare himself a "walking time bomb" in the community where he once lived and worked. His significant other, Tim Sandberg, a Conroe schoolteacher, doesn't exactly fit the profile of television banner carrier in the crusade against anti-gay hate crimes.

Nevertheless, the previously media shy, every-guy couple may be featured in an upcoming segment of the national ABC news magazine program "Prime Time Live." The harrowing story of their ordeal on the freeway was taped Monday by an ABC crew working on a segment, tentatively scheduled to air Jan. 25, focusing on hate crimes against gays in Texas. (The program, which is working closely with the anti-violence project of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby, was also scheduled this week to tape an interview with Texas death row inmate Donald Aldrich, who was convicted in August of the brutal slaying of a Tyler gay man, Nicholas West).

Sandberg, who was interviewed on camera, and Greenhaw hold fast to no illusions of the stability of their heretofore lifestyle in the near future. They are preparing for what they know will happen after the show airs.

"(Sandberg) knows that after this hits on the 25th, he probably won't have a job," Greenhaw said. "We've already talked to an attorney."

But the couple say they felt the need to call attention to a continuing problem—hate crimes in Texas—was more important than preserving the life they've enjoyed.

And although—or perhaps because—they know they will now be more out of the closet than ever before, Greenhaw and Sandberg have made some changes for the work that at least for now keeps them commuting between Houston and points north. Greenhaw has removed his bumper sticker. "They're still out there, he notes—and now, though he knows nothing about them, they know who he is, and what he looks like.

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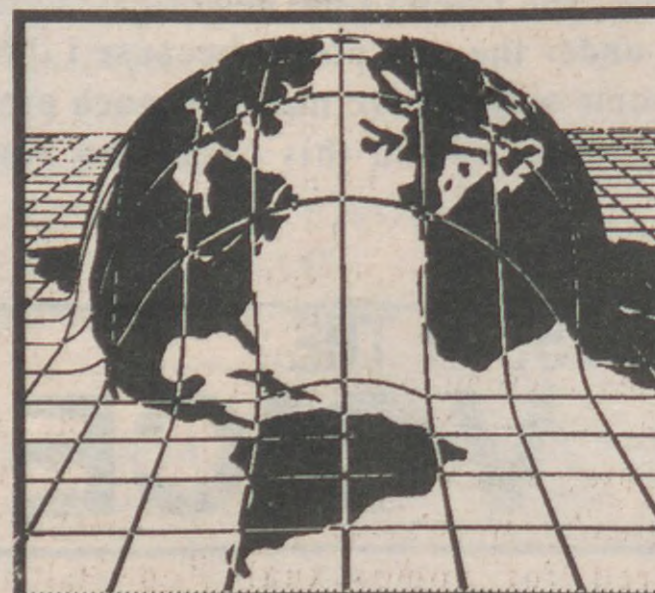
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Washington group says it will file anti-gay rights initiative next March

OLYMPIA, Friday, Jan. 6 (AP)—An anti-gay rights initiative identical to an unsuccessful proposal last year will be filed next March as an initiative to the Legislature, the sponsoring group said on Friday.

The Washington Committee for Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, decided to file to the Legislature, rather than to the people, for several reasons, group spokesperson Annetta Small said.

She said it gives the group more time to gather signatures, and that the measure will be on the ballot in Nov. 1996, a general election year when voter turnout will be greater.

She said it also "presents an opportunity for broader public debate on the issue."

The group said it will file the initiative March 8. It will then have until Dec. 31 to gather the signatures of 181,667 registered voters to gain certification to the Legislature.

If the proposal wins certification the Legislature would have three options: pass the measure as is, ignore it and send it to the Nov. 1996 ballot, or pass an alternative and send both to the ballot.

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Production of AIDS drug to be stepped up after agreement between Colorado firm, environmentalists

BOULDER, Colo., Saturday, Jan. 7 (AP)—The production of a new drug for the treatment of AIDS-related diseases will be increased due to an agreement struck between a local environmental group and the company that makes the drug.

The drug Ganciclovir, produced by the Boulder-based Syntex Chemicals Inc., last week was approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

BREATHE, also based in Boulder, had threatened to stall the permit process for increased production of the

drug over worries dangerous chemicals would be stockpiled at Syntex's plant.

Ganciclovir is a drug that stops the spread of the cytomegalovirus, which can cause blindness and other internal problems in people with AIDS.

Syntex has been working on an oral version of the drug so patients would not have to take it through an intravenous catheter implanted in the chest.

Last month, Syntex and BREATHE struck an agreement that will force the chemi-

cal company to meet strict pollution control standards in its production process.

The standards are not expected to be imposed for a few years, but Syntex has agreed to start the process sooner.

British government to investigate charges of gay database

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 6 (AP)—The government will investigate claims that the British Defense Ministry maintains a secret computer list of suspected homosexuals in the military, the British Broadcasting Corp. said Friday.

The allegations were made by a

former naval officer, Edmund Hall, who will soon publish a book on homosexuality in the armed forces.

Hall claims civilian police can get information from the computer database, which also names civilian friends of service personnel fired for homosexual-

ity.

The BBC quoted Jonathan Bamford, an official with the government's data protection agency, as saying his office would contact the Ministry of Defense to investigate the claims.

The BBC will broadcast a report on Hall's charges Saturday. It

summarized the report in a news release Friday.

A Defense Ministry spokesperson told The Associated Press she knew of no such database and saw no need for one.

The spokesperson, who could not be identified according to protocol, noted that homosexuals

are discharged from the military, "so there are no homosexuals in the military, there's no need for a computer."

The spokesperson said there may have been such a database when homosexuality in the military was a criminal offense. That was changed in the 1980s.

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HGO director believes Milk's story holds lesson for all audiences

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"I became interested in this subject when I viewed the Emmy Award-winning PBS documentary 'The Mayor of Castro Street,' a filmed biography of Harvey Milk," commented Gockley. "I was taken by Harvey's warm, infectious personality, which won him friends and allies far beyond the enclave of the Castro Street ghetto, the likes of which formed the basis for his electoral victory.

"I'm talking about working people such as the Teamsters, leaders from the Asian communities, Latinos, senior citizens and who others who believed the system was short changing them.

"The emotional outpourings of the people who knew and supported the slain Harvey were powerful evidence that his vision for the world was cherished by many and that his assassination was a blow to their lives almost beyond description."

For Gockley, the story of Harvey Milk held a larger lesson for both homosexual and heterosexual audiences.

"I was struck by the testimonies of the people who personally got to know Harvey and comprehend what he stood for. For them, the gayness ceased being an issue in their relationship, and there sprang the realization of how similar all human beings are, how the differences are really inconsequential, how discrimination based on any criteria is an artificial system of hoarding life's dividend's for oneself by keeping them from others."

To bring Harvey Milk's life to the stage, Mr. Gockley assembled the creative team of librettist Michael Korie and composer Stewart Wallace, a graduate of Houston's Memorial High School and the University of Texas.

In May, 1989, HGO presented the premiere of the pair's first work, the controversial "Where's Dick?," an opera described as "an anarchic satire of America's penchant for turning villains into celebrities...vaguely evoking the atrocities of the Reagan years." Critical response to the piece varied wildly. The Houston Post labelled it "pornography," while The New York Times hailed it as "the type of musical stage work that we ought to be pursuing.

Gockley's faith in these two artists remains undiminished. He compares Wallace to Leonard Bernstein and predicts that the duo "could become the next great composer/librettist team to

create a significant body of work for the lyric stage."

Wallace and Korie began work on "Harvey Milk" in 1990 as part of "Opera New World," a special program designed by HGO for the commissioning and performance of new operas. Originally, "Harvey Milk" was to have been a co-production with the Opera of Bielefeld, Germany, mounted by the innovative American director John Dew, whose prior accomplishments included staging an opera on the Berlin Wall.

But arrangements for the collaboration fell through due to differences of opinion between the creative team and the director. And Mr. Gockley was left with a controversial new work that he was forced to shop around to various opera companies throughout the nation.

According to librettist Korie, this was quite a daunting task. The work was generally greeted with one of two responses. "Oh, is that a bit of in-your-face homosexuality?" was the first. The second reply was about the creative team behind the work: "They're the ones who write the pornographic operas."

Mr. Gockley also encountered resistance within his own ranks. According to an individual who spoke only on the condition of anonymity, one highly-placed HGO board member threatened to resign from his post if HGO produced an opera about "those people."

Ultimately, Mr. Gockley stood his ground, and his efforts paid off. San Francisco Opera signed on first, and then New York City Opera joined the venture. (When questioned about the controversial nature of the project, a representative of the New York company reportedly responded, "If New York City Opera can't do an opera about a gay Jew, who can?")

Work began again with a new stage director, Christopher Alden. Houstonian Ross Perry, a local gay/HIV activist, signed on as assistant director. The structure of the work evolved from two acts to three, with a cast of eight principals and a chorus of 24 singers. Above all else, Mr. Korie wanted to avoid creating a "docu-opera," which would methodically chronicle Milk's life from cradle to grave.

In place of this, Mr. Korie has created a swirling, surreal theatrical montage that mixes scenes of Harvey's life as a boy, the Stonewall Rebellion, and Milk's assassination at the hands of Dan White.

Act I, "The Closet," focuses on Harvey's life as a closeted stockbroker in New York in the 1960's. Act II, "The Castro," examines Milk's move to San Francisco, where he opens the "Castro Camera" shop, grows a pony tail, and begins political organizing within the city's gay and lesbian community. Act III, "City Hall," chronicles Milk's rise to political power as a San Francisco City Supervisor, the country's first openly gay elected official.

Mr. Wallace has composed a score with a distinctly American sound that evokes the rhythms of the different decades dramatized in the opera.

"The music is very rhythmic—the rhythm is the heartbeat of the piece and shapes the whole score," Mr. Wallace noted. "It also has a long, over-arching lyrical line so that there is some real opportunity for full-throated, full-bodied singing. It's a very driving, very passionate, very direct score. There's no veil on irony or anything to come between the directness of the piece and the audience."

The premiere of "Harvey Milk" is one of the most talked-about, highly anticipated events in the music world this year. Critics from as far away as London and Germany will travel to Texas to write about the new opera. When it finishes its run in Houston, the production will be performed in New York in the Spring and in San Francisco in the fall of 1996. "Harvey Milk" will receive its European premiere by the Dortmund Opera in Germany in February, 1996.

How do Korie and Wallace feel at this precipitous moment, just as they are about to see the fruits of their labor realized on stage?

"One of Harvey's great motivating creeds was, 'I am just one person, but I have power. When he came to that realization, he was able to pass his message of hope and empowerment on to others,'" Mr. Korie observed. "That same message is the one I would like audiences to get from the opera, not by preaching it in newspaper interviews, but by offering Milk's life on the stage of the opera as a powerful example."

"Harvey Milk" will be performed Jan. 21, 25, 28, 31 and Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wortham Theater Center downtown. A special matinee performance will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Feb. 5. Tickets range in price from \$15-\$75, and may be purchased by calling (713) 227-ARTS (2787).

Man who accused cardinal of molestation reconciles with him

By ROSEMARIE BUCHANAN

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

CHICAGO, Thursday, Jan. 5 (AP)—Cardinal Joseph Bernardin gave his forgiveness, along with a Bible and a promise of prayer, to the man who once accused him of molestation.

Bernardin and Steven Cook met for two hours last week at a seminary in Philadelphia, where Cook now lives. The cardinal said Cook apologized during the visit.

"This has been one of the most memorable experiences I've ever had," Bernardin said Wednesday. "It was a wonderful moment of reconciliation between Steven, myself and the church."

Cook accused Bernardin and another priest of sexually molesting him in the 1970s in Cincinnati while Cook was in a program for high school students considering the priesthood and Bernardin was archbishop in Cincinnati.

Cook later recanted his accusations against Bernardin and the case against the cardinal was dropped. The Cincinnati archdiocese reached an out-of-court settlement with Cook over his allegations involving the other priest.

Cook said Wednesday that he and Bernardin had made peace with each other during the Dec. 30 meeting, which was arranged by Cook's mother.

"We talked, looked deep into each others' eyes," Cook told WLS-TV of Chicago. "There was holding, hugging, touching. A deep understanding of each others' pain."

Bernardin said that although he would not wish the experience on others, he became a more compassionate person because of it.

"I felt that I was in the presence of God (at this meeting)," he said. "I could feel God's grace working through him."

Bernardin would not disclose whether Cook, 35, gave a reason for his accusations. But he said Cook, who has said he has AIDS, was disenchanted both with God and the Catholic Church at the time.

IN MEMORY OF



ROBERT "BOBBY" HALL

Robert "Bobby" Hall, age 47, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, December 31, 1994 at his home in Southgate, Michigan. Funeral services were held on January 2, 1995 in Southgate.

Bobby relocated to Houston in the early 1970's and made his home here until the summer of 1993 when he moved back to his home in Southgate so that he would be nearer to his family for the duration of his illness. He was much loved and affectionately admired by part of the local community for 20 years and was a founding host for the Mardi Gras Madness and Bunnies on the Bayou parties. A career hairdresser, he had many loyal clients and associates through the years and he will be deeply missed by the many lives he has touched. He is survived by his devoted parents, Luddie and Sidney Salisbury; sisters, Mary, Margaret and Susie; brothers, Emmet, Ernie and Kevin and their families, and of course his Houston family and a host of friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, January 15, 1995 at the Rothko Chapel on the campus of St. Thomas University at 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in his memory to any local AIDS organization or the charity of your choice. Correspondence can be directed to the family home at 14766 Mulberry, Southgate, Michigan 48195.

Rest gently dear friend for your laurels have been many.



MAURICE C. "MICKEY" MOORE

Born: April 6, 1929

Died: December 31, 1994

To my best friend and companion of 18 years you taught me everything I know.

Love always,
Steve

Mickey is survived by many friends and family from his home state of Virginia clear to Texas and beyond. I wish to thank all the staff at M.D. Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.



PAULETTE "DENITA" "IDGIE" DELYNN TAYLOR

Born: December 24, 1959

Died: December 23, 1994

We honored all of her special requests and wishes. She passed peacefully at our town house on her loveseat where she felt "safe," from complications of her many illnesses. She left us with her contagious laughter, her love for playing pranks on all of us, her million dollar smile, and the most precious gift of all, her undying love and many fond memories of the good times.

The "soaps," her music and video library meant a lot to her and her closest friends. Her Godson and #1 nephew, Brandon, whom she is holding in the picture was the love of her life. He shared a bond with his "Nana" that no one can ever take away from him.

We love and miss you more and more with each and every day, although we have and share the comfort that she is finally free of all her pain. My deepest gratitude is extended to "our" therapist, Karen Edwards who helped her to blossom and grow and made her very comfortable and insured her a peacefully journey towards the "Em-

bracing Light." Also, I would like to thank "our" loving and caring physician, D. Salvato, M.D. and her fabulous medical staff. My only message to her family is to let this special child of God rest in peace.

With all our undying love-always and forever, Her Lover "Skitty," aka "Weeza," Ricky Johnnie, (her "soaps" queen) and many more too numerous to name, but you all know who you are. Save us a place, Girlfriend, in the smoking section.



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Holly Patterson, local AIDS advocate, dies at age 33

Holly Patterson, a 33 year old mother and AIDS advocate succumbed Sunday of AIDS-related complications. Patterson worked tirelessly to educate others about the disease and was one of the first women in Houston to publicly disclose that she was HIV-positive.

Patterson served as an executive board member of the People With AIDS Coalition for three years; she also volunteered with several AIDS agencies including the Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry. Her advocacy for people with AIDS took her to Japan and Washington for international conferences and lobbying. In 1993, while in Washington delivering a huge Mother's Day Card signed by mothers who had lost children to AIDS, she had the opportunity to share with President Clinton, a picture of her son Thomas and his favorite stuffed animal. Thomas, who was 4-years old, died from an AIDS-related

lung disease in 1993. She also appeared on an episode of 60 minutes, advocating the use of AZT treatment for pregnant women.

The board of directors of the People With AIDS Coalition mourns her death but hails her work as selfless and extraordinary. "She gave away her privacy to bring these things to the front," said Lynn Pannill, executive director of PWACH. "What was most amazing to me was how she would keep plugging away even when she had no strength, especially for women's and children's issues.

Patterson is survived by two daughters, Tessa, 16, and Liza, 12; her parents, Robert and Maxine Patterson in Kansas, and one sister.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 12535 Perthsire. She will be buried in Illinois in a family plot beside her husband and son.

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San Antonio's 'theater of the unusual' comes to Houston this weekend

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Houston later moved to San Francisco, where he turned for a time to music. (He returned to the "relatively safe" world of theater, he says, after his head was grazed by a flying ash tray during a slam dance melee that accompanied performance by one of his bands, Spades, which he described as a "four man, all-black power punk group.")

In 1981, panicked by reports of a then-unnamed "gay plague," he returned to his hometown of San Antonio. There—much to his surprise, he says, he thrived, not only in terms of his life and health but in the new career that finally brought his multi-faceted talents together: writing plays.

As playwright, Houston also immersed himself immediately in what would become a continuing crusade to acknowledge the facts—and people—that theatrically altered history has ignored. In 1985, he was commissioned by the San Antonio Museum of Modern Art to create a work about the Harlem Renaissance; the piece evolved into the musical play "A'Lelia," presented at the Carver Cultural Center, the area's leading African American cultural facility. The play, he notes, was the first to acknowledge the role of gay and lesbian African Americans in the seminal arts movement of the 1920's and 1930's.

Sterling Houston joined Jump-Start Performance Co. in 1988. He became its writer in residence in 1989, and administrative director in 1990. Since then, he says he's written and produced at least two original plays per season—18 in all. All have dealt with complex and pressing issues, including sexual orientation, AIDS, race and/or gender. Generally, the themes are presented in an off-beat, darkly humorous manner that pushes more than the edge of the envelope...as in the race and gender-reversing "Womandingo," which won the national Festival of Emerging American Theater (FEAT) Award in 1992, and the more recent "High Yellow Rose," an all-female musical retelling of Texas' popular mythology.

In addition to barbecuing sacred cows of his own fair state, Houston's work has taken on the sexist and racist assumptions and attitudes of society at large ("Womandingo"); the federal government and the blind faithful of the Beltway ("Miranda Rites"); and, with his current work in progress, "Santo Negro," the power of faith and culture over prejudice and the current hot-button issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

At DiverseWorks, Houston will present an early glimpse of this latest

work, which focuses on the life of San Martin de Porres, a mulatto who rose to recognition and power within three cultures, along with scenes from "Miranda Rites."

Houston said he found himself fascinated with the story of San Martin. "He was a man who took knowledge and became the most well-known healer of his time." The seeming obstacles he was able to overcome, Houston suggests, "Shows that there is no pure 'other' (in a social context)...and his story shows the power of different cultures working together (over that of) anyone working alone."

The other play to be excerpted, "Miranda Rites" centers on the tragic story of Watergate whistle-blower Martha Mitchell and pervasive rumors that Mitchell, who died of a rare bone marrow cancer after being discredited by former friends and branded crazy by the media, was murdered because she knew too much.

The play is set in Mitchell's hospital room in 1974, as she is dying and believes herself that she is being killed. Heavy medicated and hallucinating, she is visited by three spirits, in the form of Marilyn Monroe and Dorothy Dandridge, both women with stories that parallel her own, and a fruit-wearing Carmen Miranda as a campy Angel of Death. "I wanted to draw some parallels, around issues involving the culpability and responsibility of government," explains Houston. (One such parallel will quickly come to mind for the activists in the audience). As in "Womandingo" and "High Yellow Rose," Houston, who says he feels comfortable speaking through women's voices in relation to societal issues, also here uses images of female strength and tenacity as a redemptive value for humanity.


Other featured performers in the DiverseWorks package from the Jump-Start troupe include:

—Zany visual and performance artist Lisa Mellinger in "The Moody Girls," a piece about the two perfectly formed women silhouetted on the mud flaps of semi trucks.

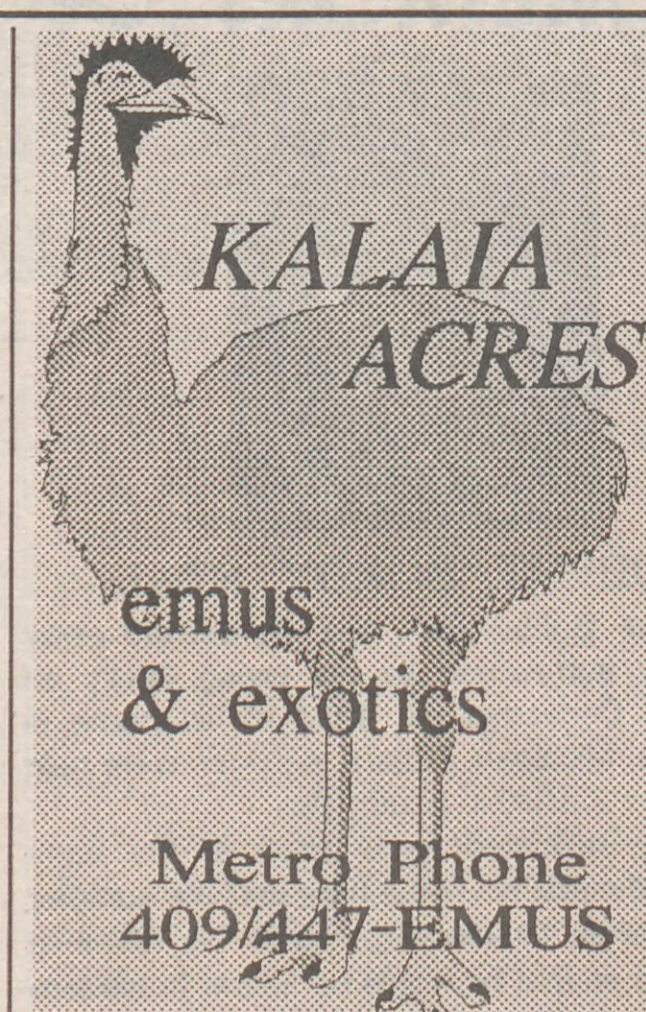
—Steve Bailey, Michael Martinez and Diana Rodriguez-Gill in ASA-LTO, a "beautiful but disturbing" performance piece focusing on violence.

—Poet Kitty Williams, author of "Jim Crow Blues," with a new look at contemporary racism and sexism titled "Let's separate and Let Hate Begin."

(Jump-Start Performance Co. will perform Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13-14 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for members and \$7, students and seniors; available at DiverseBooks, 1117 E. Freeway, or by phone at 228-0914).



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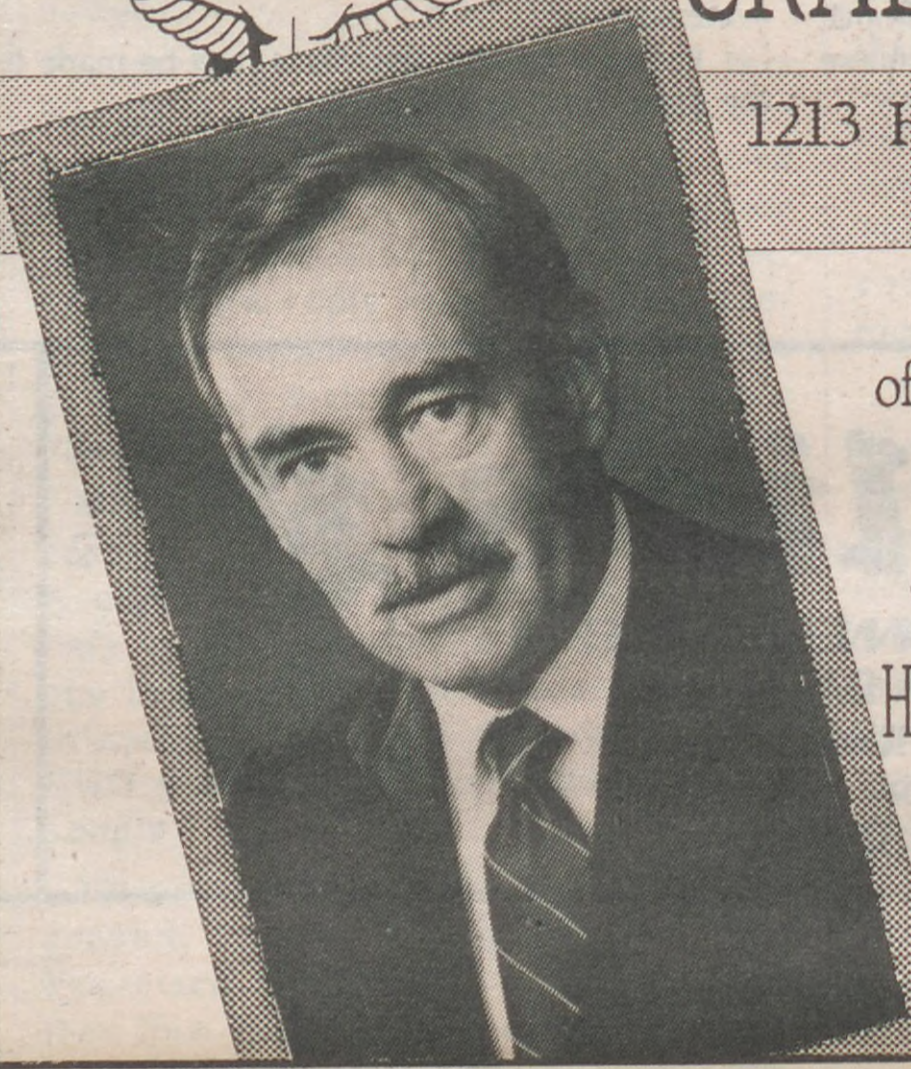
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City Councilmembers are holding a series of meetings on the annual operating budget and the CIP. Come learn about city programs and funding and tell us your ideas for improving your community.

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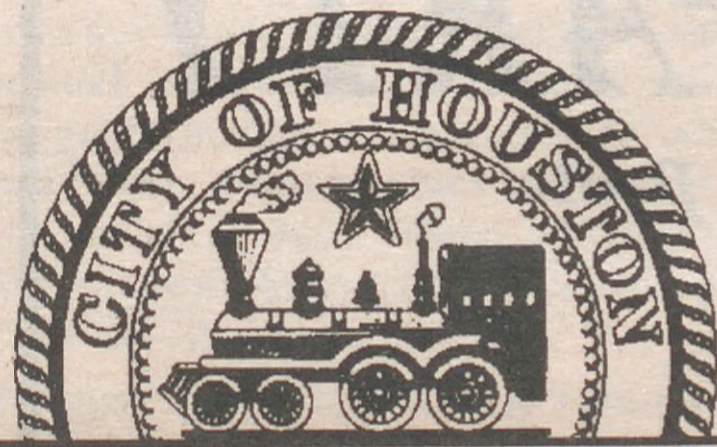
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Australia Family Court judge calls for gay couples to be legally recognized

SYDNEY, Australia, Wednesday, Jan. 4 (AP)—Gay couples should be granted the same rights as heterosexuals and be legally recognized as families, the chief justice of Australia's Family Court says.

Alastair Nicholson, whose court deals with divorce and child custody, said community views had changed radically over the last 30 years and so legal rights should "extend to people living in permanent homosexual, as well as heterosexual, relationships."

"And I think it is more than time that we in the law recognized this," he said in an interview with the Sydney Morning Herald published Wednesday.

Nicholson said many cases are slowed down by time-wasting legal argument over what constitutes a family.

This often happened in child custody battles where married couples had

split after one decided he or she was gay.

It was not uncommon for custody to be granted to the parent who is homosexual or lesbian, he said.

"There's been a couple cases where it's been quite clearly in the child's interest to live with the homosexual parent rather than the other one," he said.

A government spokesperson said Attorney-General Michael Lavarch would soon consider whether the matter should be reviewed.

Gay groups have backed the call for reform.

However, the conservative opposition is outraged.

"It is the tip of the iceberg," said deputy opposition leader Tim Fischer. "At the end of the day if you take that agenda to the extreme we will have a non-reproductive society by default or by stealth."

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Annual Community Roast to honor Jack Jackson; PWACH needs beds, heaters

Quick Notes

This year's fourth annual Community Roast, a benefit the Montrose Counseling Center, will also serve as a 70th birthday party for long time volunteer and do-gooder Jack Jackson. Besides the traditional lineup of "celebrity roasters," the event will feature a slide show of Jackson's life and adventures over the years. Emcees for the event will be Steve Umhoff, Pat Petty and David Stewart.

The Roast will be held on Monday, Feb. 6 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Allen Park Inn. Admission is \$15 (at the door). The proceeds benefit Montrose Counseling Center's Permanent Endowment. For more information, call 529-0037.

PWA Coalition Client Needs

The People With AIDS Coalition has 20 clients on the waiting list for beds, and 18 waiting for heaters. Because of health and safety concerns, the Coalition distributes only new beds and new heaters to the clients of the New Beginnings Household Restart Program, which provides free furniture and other household goods to indigent people with AIDS.

A \$75 donation will purchase and deliver a new bed with frame to a PWACH client, program representatives said. Or, with a \$35 donation, the Coalition is able to purchase and deliver a new heater to a PWA.

Anyone who would like to donate either a new bed or a new heater to a Coalition client is encouraged to send a tax-deductible donation to the PWA Coalition at 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 106, Houston, Texas 77006.

"Your help is badly needed and much appreciated!"

AFH Wellness Calendar January events

Quick Notes

The AFH Wellness promoting several health-oriented programs for people living with HIV/AIDS this week (listed below). If you have any questions regarding these programs or need further information on wellness events in Houston, please call Bart Loeser at AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc., (713) 623-6796.

On three consecutive Thursdays, starting in late January from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hypnotherapist T.C. LeNormand of Behavioral Dynamics will teach self-hypnosis techniques for stress reduction and desired behavioral changes for a healthier, happier life. At AFH office, 3202 Wesleyan Annex (Registration: (713) 789-0713.

Every 3rd and 4th Tuesday (ie. Jan. 17 & 24), 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. an entertaining and confidential workshop explores the options of safer sex/sen-

suality through discussion and games. Offered twice monthly, these workshops are also available for private groups (ie. "House Parties") at any time/place. Sponsored by AFH (713) 523-6796 at their office, 3202 Wesleyan Annex.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.—A comprehensive state-of-the-art approach to preventing or reversing HIV Wasting through use of proper nutrition, exercise, anabolic steroids, supplements and ergogenic agents. Presented by Nelson Vergel at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. RSVP at (713) 522-6330.

Thursday, Jan. 19, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bart Loeser of the AFH Wellness program and a guest speaker will Lab basics of interpreting typical HIV lab tests and discuss the various medical treatment options for people living with HIV/AIDS. Sponsored by AFH & Body Positive at the Multi-service Center, 1475 W. Gray.

MCCR lists January Empowerment for Living activities

Quick Notes

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection has announced the monthly schedule of activities for its HIV ministry, Empowerment for Living. In January, the following presentations are scheduled:

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, a documentary concerning an HIV-positive couple from Wisconsin will be featured. It was only after the couple was married that they realized the husband was HIV-positive and had infected the wife. Today, they travel around their state to bring their story to high school students—a brave reminder to impressionable young people that AIDS indeed affects everyone.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, Richard Elbein, a nutritionist who practices in Houston, will again visit the group. His presentation will focus how on HIV—positive people can maintain their health through eating habits.

A brainstorming session to plan the group's activities for the next three months is scheduled for the Tuesday, Jan. 24 meeting, facilitated by Deborah Harney.

Game night is scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 31. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite games to share in a night of friendship and fun.

Empowerment for Living meets every Tuesday night in the Fellowship Hall at MCCR. Visitation begins at 6:00 p.m., with a pot luck meal at 6:30 p.m. and the program at approximately 7:00 p.m. EFL is "the oldest Christ-centered HIV support group in Houston," according to coordinators.

MCCR is located at 1919 Decatur Street in the Old Sixth Ward (off Washington and White Street between Studemont/Montrose and Houston Ave.). For more information about EFL or other programs at MCCR, call the Church Office at 861-9149.

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Carol Channing returns to Houston in touring 'Hello Dolly'



Carol Channing and company in "Hello, Dolly!"

Houston Stage Preview

Carol Channing, the original Tony-award winning Dolly comes to Jones Hall, Jan. 17-22, as part of the 1994-95 NationsBank Houston Broadway Series. This new Broadway-bound production, supervised by the show's composer/lyricist Jerry Herman, is Channing's first appearance in the legendary role in over a decade. The score of "Hello, Dolly!" features some of Broadway's best known classics, "Before the Parade Passes By," "Put On Your Sunday Clothes" and the knock-out title song.

"Hello, Dolly!" won 10 Tony Awards when it opened in 1964—still a record as the most ever awarded a single show. In addition to Channing's Best Actress Tony, "Hello, Dolly!" won the awards for the best musical, score, book, producer, director, choreographer, scenic design, costumes and musical direction. Playing nearly seven years on Broadway, "Hello, Dolly!" set a record as the longest running Broadway musical at that time.

Carol Channing has been a Broadway star since 1950, when Brooks Atkinson hailed her performance as the gold-digging Lorelei Lee in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" as "the most fabulous comic creation in this period of history." "Time" magazine concurred in a cover story, writing of her performance, "Perhaps once in a decade a nova explodes above the Great White Way with enough brilliance to re-illumine the whole gaudy legend of show business."

Since making her Broadway debut in "Lend an Ear," Channing has received a Tony Award or been so nominated for every Broadway show in which she has appeared. Her greatest Broadway triumph was "Hello,

Dolly!," which opened Jan. 16, 1964, taking Broadway by storm, garnering her unanimous raves along with a New York Drama Critics' Circle Award and a Tony Award against such competition as Barbara Streisand in "Funny Girl." She eventually played 1,273 consecutive performances on Broadway and on national tour without missing a single performance or playing to an empty seat. She has since played the role well over 3000 times, while her Original Broadway Cast recording is the all-time best seller.

In film, she won an Oscar nomination and a Golden Globe Award for her portrayal of the eccentric Muzzy in "Thoroughly Modern Millie." For her work on television, she is the winner of an Emmy Award and four additional nominations for her work on variety specials.

More recently she toured the country in the Jerry Herman revue, "Jerry's Girls" and set box office records with Mary Martin in James Kirkwood's comedy, "Legends." She continues to perform with the nation's top symphony orchestras in her ongoing concert tour, including recent appearances with John Williams and the Boston Pops.

Based on Thornton Wilder's hit 1955 comedy, "The Matchmaker," "Hello, Dolly!" tells the fast-paced tale of the indomitable Dolly Gallagher Levi, a matchmaker who likes to "put her hand in," arranging people's lives and loves. When she sets her sights on the "half-millionaire" Horace Vandergelder as a husband for herself, she turns New York City upside down.

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Gay activist calls for Hawaii state rep's ouster from Democratic Party

HONOLULU, Sunday, Jan. 8 (AP)—Gay activist Bill Woods says state Rep. Terrance Tom should be kicked out of the Democratic Party for violating the party's platform.

Woods on Saturday accused Tom of violating the platform plank that says there should be no discrimination against people based on sexual orientation.

In reply, Tom said he has never tried to discriminate against any minority

group, including gays.

"He has attended public meetings and talked how he did not believe that gay people should have equal rights," Woods said of Tom. "And he has formed legislation and promoted a bill which passed last year which opposed gay equality."

Tom was the author of a House bill restricting marriage to couples of the opposite sex.

Tom said his stand was based the intent of the law that marriage is a relation-

ship between a man and a woman.

Woods left the party last year to run against Frank Fasi in the Best Party's gubernatorial primary. Woods lost to the former mayor of Honolulu and rejoined the Democratic Party in October.

Woods said the Democratic Party has been slow to respond to his complaint against Tom.

However, Tom said he has received a letter from the party, saying the complaint had been denied.

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'Search & Destroy' mislabeled as dark comedy but still worthy production

Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

The pursuit of the American Dream is still, by and large, a noble endeavor. However in "Search & Destroy," by Howard Korder, this search becomes a callous, calculated concoction, propelled forward with odious, Machiavellian rationalizations. The dark comedy is having its Houston premier at Theater LaB Houston through Feb. 4.

The story revolves around Martin Merkheim (Mark J. Roberts), a Florida businessperson of questionable ethics. Owing \$47,000 on back taxes to the state government and being behind in alimony payments, Martin comes up with an idea which impresses neither his ex-wife (Celeste Cheramie), nor a state auditor (Alex Fiegelson) nor Rob (Patrick Gillis), a friend who himself has recently suffered financial reverses: namely, securing the film rights to "Daniel Strong," a motivational book by late-night cable, self-help guru, Dr. Waxling (Freeman Williams).

Undeterred, Martin goes to Dallas to speak to Dr. Waxling, but he is unable to get by Waxling's smug and grissy assistant, Roger (Joel Sandel). Martin does succeed though in sweet talking a gullible receptionist (Cheramie),

who gives him a backstage pass to a Waxling presentation in Minneapolis, where, after much maligned treatment, Martin is told by Waxling that the rights to his book will cost half a million dollars.

In desperation, Martin turns to Kim (Rodney Walsworth), a successful New York-based businessperson, with cocaine connections, and the search for the dream becomes a nightmare.

The degeneration of Martin's quest is a disturbing and desultory experience. Korder's world is bleak and unhappy, rife with confrontation and laden with all that is base and sordid. Korder's intent on comedy succeeds only on the most surface level: the artificial smile of a tv reporter; the coarse loudness of an ethnic New Yorker; the dour, humorless department of a low-level government bureaucrat. But the humor is missing from the central plot action.

Dark comedy is, by definition, a genre which takes unfunny circumstances and couches them in situations such that they seem ridiculous enough to engender laughter.



(L-R) Rodney Walsworth, Raymond Carmiciano and Mark J. Roberts in "Search & Destroy"

Unfortunately, Korder's surprising plot developments, which skirt the edge of credibility, are not presented with any levity, but rather as weighty occurrences aching for concern. Martin's descent (though mind you the character is never in a position one would term as lofty) becomes a clear indictment of ambition gone awry, when it should be a stinging, but mocking, rebuke of a wayward path to the American Dream.

As an antihero, Martin Merkheim (and I'm guessing at the spelling of this name) is a disgustingly ideal character. He is drawn as a morally lost personality, who takes inspiration from the title character in "Daniel Strong"—a character who exonerates himself for the murder of his father by

declaring, "There is nothing to be forgiven and everything is possible."

Mark J. Roberts' performance as the nefarious Martin is right on the money. Roberts oozes a slimy charm perfectly befitting his avaricious character. Roberts is at times unrelentingly vile and at others pathetically unctuous. Though on occasion, Roberts seemed to slip below his usual intensity, he nonetheless delivered a striking portrayal; he was altogether a repugnant slug, and that's just what Martin Merkheim is.

Rodney Walsworth does well as a detached and affable Kim, but his moments of anger seem forced rather than provoked. Freeman Williams is monstrously pompous as the self-important Dr. Waxling. Joel Sandel gives a strong turn, both as the stuffy assistant Roger and as Lee, a strident cocaine buyer. Raymond Carmiciano is appropriately blustery as a cocaine middle-man, who also happens to be a stereotypical New Yorker. Celeste Cheramie makes a dim-witted receptionist, and Therese Kotara does a fine job in multiple roles, but particularly as a plastic tv newswoman.

Robin Robinson's directing is sound for the most part, but she exacerbates Korder's missteps, vis-a-vis the piece's levity. For instance, a drug deal goes sour when some cocaine turns out to be low-grade street quality. While Martin and Kim are arguing with Lee, the potential buyer, Lee's wife walks in. In true dark comedy, the awkwardness of the situation would have been emphasized, perhaps with stuttering responses or an improbable explanation. But as played here, tension, desperation and anger mark the scene, and there isn't the slightest touch of humor.

The scenic design by Karen Hoffman is wonderfully simple. The audience is divided into halves, separated by the stage, the floor of which is painted as a road. Thus all the action takes place on the road to success.

"Search & Destroy" is by any measure a worthy production with fine-tuned directing and top-of-the-line performances. What it is not, is funny. Martin's trek toward an ethical gutter is cynical instead of satirical, and the humor that is present is lost in the deleterious acts taking place on stage, so much so that when there is reason for amusement it seems incidental rather than intended. I have no problems with the play or the production per se, just with its labelling.

In New Orleans, holiday bells ring in Mardi Gras anticipation

Yours Truly in a Swamp

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

Houston Voice/New Orleans

It has been Christmas/New Years everywhere, but, in New Orleans, holiday bells herald the coming of the Christ Baby in the King Cakes.

We are like Pavlov's dogs. Pavlov was the early day behaviorist who studied the principal of conditioned reflex. He taught dogs to associate food with the ringing of bells. He discovered if previously conditioned this way, dogs will display salvation when hearing bells, without food being present.

This was irrational, non-thinking behavior on the part of the dogs (some would say on Pavlov's part, too). It was also a conditioned-response known to every cook who ever rang a dinner bell.

In New Orleans the bells of Christmas and New Year's stimulate human salvation

for than a meal. Twelve days after Christmas is Twelfth Night, Carnival's opening chime.

On Christmas Day, at parties throughout the swamp, conversations bubbled with considerations of coming Carnival parties and this year's costume needs. At a Faubourg, Margigny party, an otherwise sane veterinarian I know commiserated with his hung over travel agent about the embarrassment of making their regular Carnival Day party circuit in already-seen costumes. (Mardi Gras is the only day of Carnival when one costumes. It is Feb. 28, this year.)

The first morning of 1995, I woke at 4:30 and went out on Bourbon Street to watch the left-over celebration for the New Year, and the final preliminary to Carnival. At 5:00 a.m. there was a line to get in oz, and the Bourbon Pub/Parade was at full throttle.

Limousines for-hire, and pick-up trucks with Missis-



Yours Truly... Onward to Mardi Gras!

sippi plates nudged past football fans from Florida. A stretched Cadillac bent its way through the crowd, rounding the corner at Saint Ann and Bourbon. It pulled to a halt in front of Oz, a tall, handsome youth wearing a loose-fitting, white T-shirt unfolded himself from the front-seat passenger side. A boy wearing Florida State University colors moved from the distant back-seat to the vacated front one. When they opened the car's huge doors, boys and girls waving football banners and liq-

uor bottles yelled "Happy New Year!"

The tall boy with the loose fitting T-shirt said they rented the limousine and driver for "an all-nighter New Year's in New Orleans." He said they were in town for the Sugar Bowl game, and that they were a mixed—lesbian/gay/straight—group.

We walked across the street and pushed our way up to the second story disco. When he danced he moved in a way I imagine "The Girl from Ipanema" swayed. His white T-shirt danced with his hips.

Sitting on the balcony overlooking Bourbon Street, we drink beers, and smoke cigars. He asks, "Can there be anything like this?" The sun was starting to rise over the West-bank of the river.

"Perhaps Carnival," I offer.

He asks, "When is that?"

"You're not going to believe this," I tell him, "but it starts Jan. 6 with Twelfth Night/King Cake parties. Not, perhaps, so that you would recognize it as

Carnival, but it starts then."

I explain, "Carnival parties begin on Twelfth Night, the date assigned by Rome to celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men before the Baby Jesus. No party from Jan. 6 to Mardi Gras is complete without a King Cake. King Cakes are made from sugary bread dough and sometimes filled with a variety of things edible. They must always contain one rubbery Christ Baby. Whoever "gets da Baby" in their slice of cake must give the next party. King Cake parties are the New Orleans version of a chain letter." He laughs at my story and pulls his T-shirt over his head. The sun rises higher, and the street crowd thins.

Carnival Day, or Mardi Gras (translates to Fat Tuesday) is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the long Lenten fasting season.

It may not be easily grasped but Carnival, like Lent itself, is a pagan—rooted event. If this is confusing think what the heralding bells did to Pavlov's dogs: they went mad.

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Actors' Workshop's 'Boy Meets Girl' falls flat

Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ
Houston Voice/Houston

Comic farce is not easy to do well. The line between an uproarious rendition that keeps you holding your sides and a flat, failed delivery that falls on its face is very thin. Sad to say, "Boy Meets Girl" lands on the failed side of that line.

The play by Bella and Samuel Spewack is currently being presented at The Actors Workshop. This ostensible comedy is all about a B-western actor, Larry Toms (Brain Donnell) and his failing career. Two writers charged with creating

Larry's next film vehicle spend all of their time making wisecracks, frequently at Larry's expense.

The writers—Robert Law (Joe Woolsey) and J. Carlyle Benson (Peter Sapienza)—continue their artless shenanigans despite pressure from the producer C.F. Friday (Kit Fordyce) and unconvincing posturing by Larry's agent, Rosetti (Quint Bishop).

The problem at hand is set aside when Law and Benson learn that Suzie (Melissa Cox) a waitress from the studio commissary, is pregnant and unattached. Unwilling to let Suzie's good name be compromised, Law and Benson decide that they will make the still unborn child a star, and they will star him in Larry's next picture. And just to make sure no one usurps their plans, they have Suzie sign a Power of Attorney giving them the rights to act on the baby's behalf.

The baby is born, christened "Happy," and the American movie-going public promptly falls in love with him. This causes Larry no end of consternation, all the more so when Rosetti suggests that Larry should marry Suzie, thereby securing control of the baby's career and ensuring their own future financial well-being.

The plans get befuddled as plans are wont to do when Law and Benson discover what Rosetti has afoot. They devise their own scheme, and through it all no one gets around to asking Suzie how she feels. How she feels is smitten by Rodney Bevan (Joel Stark), an extra in a movie whom she met only briefly.

Suffice it to say that the easy-going bad guys get their appropriate comeuppance and Suzie gets to live happily ever after with the right proper Rodney.

Well, beyond offering a quick and easy cure for insomniacs, this tripe has very little going for it. The only thing farcical about this farce is the



Melissa Cox and Joel Stark in "Boy Meets Girl"

wantonly awful directing. I can't find fault with the cardboard cutout characterizations, because in farce, the characters are secondary. Except perhaps as slapstick, it is hard for me to envision the right circumstances for the playwrights' effort to work. In very simple terms, the jokes here are just plain bad.

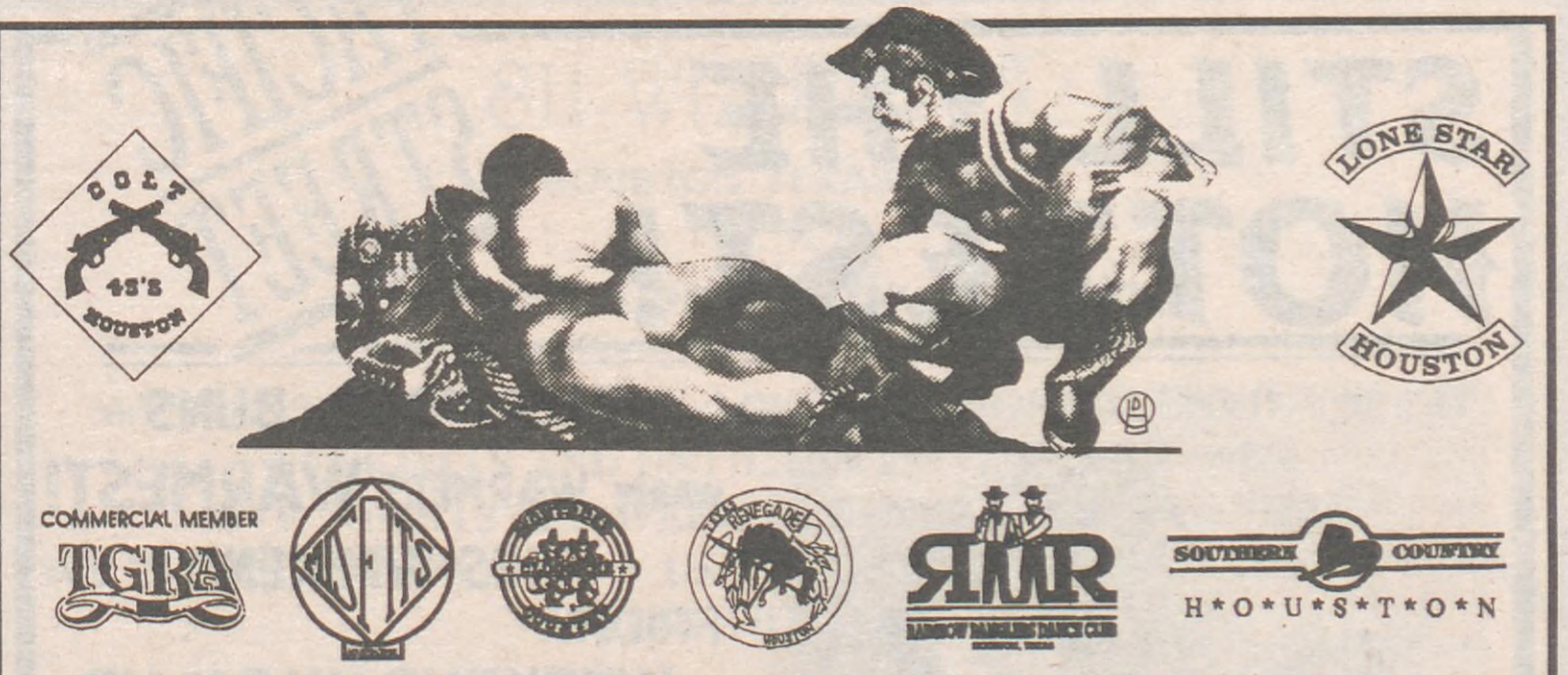
Directing such fodder would be hard enough to begin with, but Larry Durbin relies far too much on decidedly unfunny dialogue. Using more physical humor might have helped some, but probably not. In any case, Durbin makes some grave (and very fundamental) mistakes. On several occasions, more than one character is speaking at the same time, and that only works in opera, where music lends coherence. In the theater, it's merely cacophony (though that's probably not all bad considering what I heard when only one person was speaking).

I'd like to believe that all the thespians in this project were of sound talent and were simply unable to muster artistic merit for a piece so lacking in artistry. I certainly got the impression that Melissa Cox, Joe Woolsey and Kit Fordyce had vestiges of talent.

Cox's sweet demeanor is just syrupy enough to make her seem innocent, but stops short of becoming nauseating. Cox has a lovely, unpretentious air that is well-suited to the role.

Woolsey's talent manages to be noticeable through horrid one-liners, while Fordyce maintains some respectability in his delivery (no mean feat considering his dialogue).

Sadly enough, The Actors Workshop is one of the small area theaters that proves surprisingly adept in so many productions. The main problem here is with the material. And it is unfortunately a problem which this company is unable to surmount.



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Second eulogy appeases South Carolina gay man's supporters

COLUMBIA, S.C., Friday, Jan. 6 (AP)—The second eulogy of a gay man provided 60 friends, family members and supporters with solace after a minister's original eulogy condemned homosexuality and questioned whether the dead man would go to heaven.

Rev. John Hopkins of First Presbyterian Church angered many mourners at the man's Dec. 28 funeral and more than 25 people walked out. The man, publicly identified only as Bob, died of AIDS complications.

Friends organized the second service Thursday night to provide the healing they said was missing from the first.

"I think that this was a beautiful expression of God's love," said Bob's sister, who asked not to be identified. "I just have a sense of peace."

Sally Aaron, a friend who spoke at the service, said she thought that feeling also would have been shared by Bob.

"I believe that he is with both his earthly and his heavenly fathers, watching us, laughing at the controversy he caused and rejoicing that his

friends joined together to fight small-mindedness," Aaron said.

Area religious leaders emphasized the need to move past intolerance in the Christian community.

Kevin Lewis, a Presbyterian layman and professor of religious studies at the University of South Carolina, said it was a "cruel interpretation" of scripture to say the gay lifestyle separates people from God's love.

"Let us quarrel, if we must, not with one minister, but generally with the hardness of heart, the fear, the insecurity, the idolatrous rigidity of belief which threatens true religion," Lewis said.

Many people who attended the service didn't know Bob, but wanted to come after reading about the first eulogy.

Jack Thorpe, though, was Bob's longtime friend.

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It is difficult for us to let our spirit hear what God is saying to us. Most of the time we figure things out in our intellect, or we rely on our emotions or what our body is telling us. That is what the person who is not born of the Spirit of God will do. Even if we are born of the Spirit, we can still listen to our natural senses and inclinations. It is very tempting to do this since this is how we made all of our decisions before we established a relationship with God and made God the ruler of our lives. If we continue to do this, it will most likely get us off track. Jesus told us that God is Spirit. In the gospel of John 4:24, Jesus says, "God is spirit, and God's worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." In I Corinthians 2:12 we read, "We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us." The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 8:14, "Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." In verse 16 we read, "The Spirit of God testifies with our spirit that we are God's children." There is something within us that will affirm what God is saying. We may say that "we feel good about it in our spirit." If we disobey God, we will also feel something that is not peaceful inside. The Holy Spirit will nudge us and move us to a place of being uncomfortable when we walk outside the will of God. It is a gift of God to have the Holy Spirit as our umpire. When we need someone to let us know that we have made a wrong call, the Holy Spirit will be there to help us.

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Report: HIV most contagious when people don't know they have it

By TOM COYNE
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

DETROIT, Saturday, Jan. 7 (AP)—The AIDS virus may be 100 to 1000 times more contagious during the first two months of infection, when routine AIDS tests are unable to tell whether people are infected, researchers said Friday.

Among homosexual males, the chances of infecting a partner during unprotected sex in the initial 60 days may be as high as three in 10, the University of Michigan research team said.

"It means that if you're trying to evaluate a partner for how risky it is to have sex, it is not just how many partners, but also how recently," said James S. Koopman, a University of Michigan epidemiologist.

Routine AIDS tests look for presence of antibodies the body has made to defend against the AIDS virus. The antibodies don't immediately appear.

HIV-infected people can be healthy and live for years before the virus begins reproducing and attacks the body's immune system.

"The danger is that a person who tests negative and is very active sexually may be more dangerous than someone who has tested positive," said Carl S. Simon, another University of Michigan researcher.

Other studies have suggested that HIV, the AIDS virus, is most contagious in early stages.

The Michigan study, a mathemati-

cal analysis based on existing research, attempted to determine how much more contagious.

"Within the context of actual studies, there are limited data to support this contention and this model puts some mathematical odds on infectiousness early on," said Dr. Scott Holmberg of the Division of HIV-AIDS at the Atlanta-based federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study, published in the November issue of the Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes, is based on a computer simulation that used long-term studies of AIDS antibodies in blood from more than 8000 homosexual males from San Francisco and Chicago and studies of female-to-male transmission in 1,115 military conscripts in Thailand.

The study suggests HIV infection might progress in much the same way as the viruses that cause influenza or chicken pox: they are most infectious just before antibodies to the virus appear.

Dr. Lew Barker, acting associate director of vaccine and prevention research in the division of AIDS at the National Institutes of Health, wouldn't comment on the study except to say the conclusions seemed reasonable.

Another of the researchers, John A. Jacquez, acknowledged more research is needed to confirm the findings.

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"I never thought it would happen to me."

It is the first time he's contacted the organization and he, like many others, struggles to describe the pain and shock of losing a job and confronting discrimination face-to-face. He's a high-level manager who thought the excellent evaluations and closet doors would protect him. So, he never expected to make this call.

Was it an overheard conversation? Did he forget to use the non-gender specific noun? Did someone from the office see him leave the gay and lesbian film festival? Maybe it was just those, tiny, daily incremental pieces of evidence that one day led the supervisor to conclude he is gay.

"I never thought it would happen to me." He is looking for support, wondering where to turn. And he calls hoping there is something he can do, now that the world he thought was immune to all that "activist stuff" has been turned upside down.

Unlike most parts of the country, the city where I live—Tampa—has a human rights ordinance banning sexual orientation discrimination and a solid organization to offer support. But that protection is under constant threat. Our money, time and energy is spent year after year to keep the law in place.

"I never thought it would happen to me." Each time I hear that phrase, I'm filled with anger. Anger at the person uttering those words. We are here to offer support and information—and we do—but part of me wants to scream, "Who the hell did you think it happened to?"

Two years ago, we could barely find a dozen people to put any time into organizing to protect the ordinance. Our number have grown substantially and every day our phone lines are filled with new volunteers ready to work. But I know that our numbers represent a fraction of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community. I know dozens and dozens of people who treat the work we do as some strange hobby for the politically addicted.

The first argument the far right put forward to oppose equal rights laws is that gays and lesbians don't really face discrimination. It is a brilliant Catch-22. Without laws banning discrimination, people are afraid to step forward. And that makes it even more difficult to show the numbers and put a human face on the problem.

The double-edged sword of the closet kept some of us safe but most of us just

invisible. So we complied the statistics, told our stories and encouraged others to step forward. But in the end, it was the sheer intensity of hatred from our opponents that convinced the swing votes on the city council and county commission that we indeed face persecution.

I recall the conversation I had with a well-off, well-tanned gay man in Key West about the work we were doing statewide. With a bored, dismissing tone he said: "Why do people have to make such a fuss. I've never been discriminated against. I'm not one to shove my lifestyle in other peoples faces."

I've had similar encounters since, and beyond the anger those sentiments provoke in me lies deep sadness at how much of our lives so many people are willing to hide and devalue to avoid the random homophobe. Anyone who has lied about their relationship ("We're cousins"), pretended or allowed others to believe they were heterosexual has faced something uglier than external oppression. That internalized hatred takes a toll that no stranger could ever exact. More of us die at our own hands, through suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence than by the attacks of the gay-bashers. Even in the most difficult instances of discrimination, I have watched people discover a new pride and sense of self-worth from the act of standing up for their lives.

So, while I recognize and encourage this newfound connection to the community that arises when someone is suddenly out of a job, out of a home, has their children taken from them, I wonder what it will take for everyone to realize, yes, it can happen to you. It give is already happening to others. What does it take to get people to give their time and energy, if only for an hour a month?

Even from behind the closet door, an anonymous contribution could sustain that local group, that statewide network or that national organization doing the work that must be done. In Tampa alone, every gay and lesbian person pledging a dollar a month to the effort would mean more money than we have raised in the past three years combined.

So, if you've never experienced discrimination, never been to the local volunteer meeting and you're not on the group's mailing list, write a check, donate a computer, do something. Trust me. It can happen to you.

(Nadine Smith, executive director of the Human Rights Task Force of Florida, was co-chair of the 1993 March on Washington and serves on the democratic National Committee).

Weekly bowling league standings

Sports Notes

The Inner Loop Alternative Sunday evening league reported the following standings. First place team is Fish-N-Pole; second place, Beavers & Buttheads and third place, Sticky Wickets. For the men, high scratch game of 277 was bowled by Chris Bennett and series of 674 by Rodney Seiler. For the women, Diann Thomason bowled scratch game of 210 and series of 562. For league information, call Tom at 522-9612.

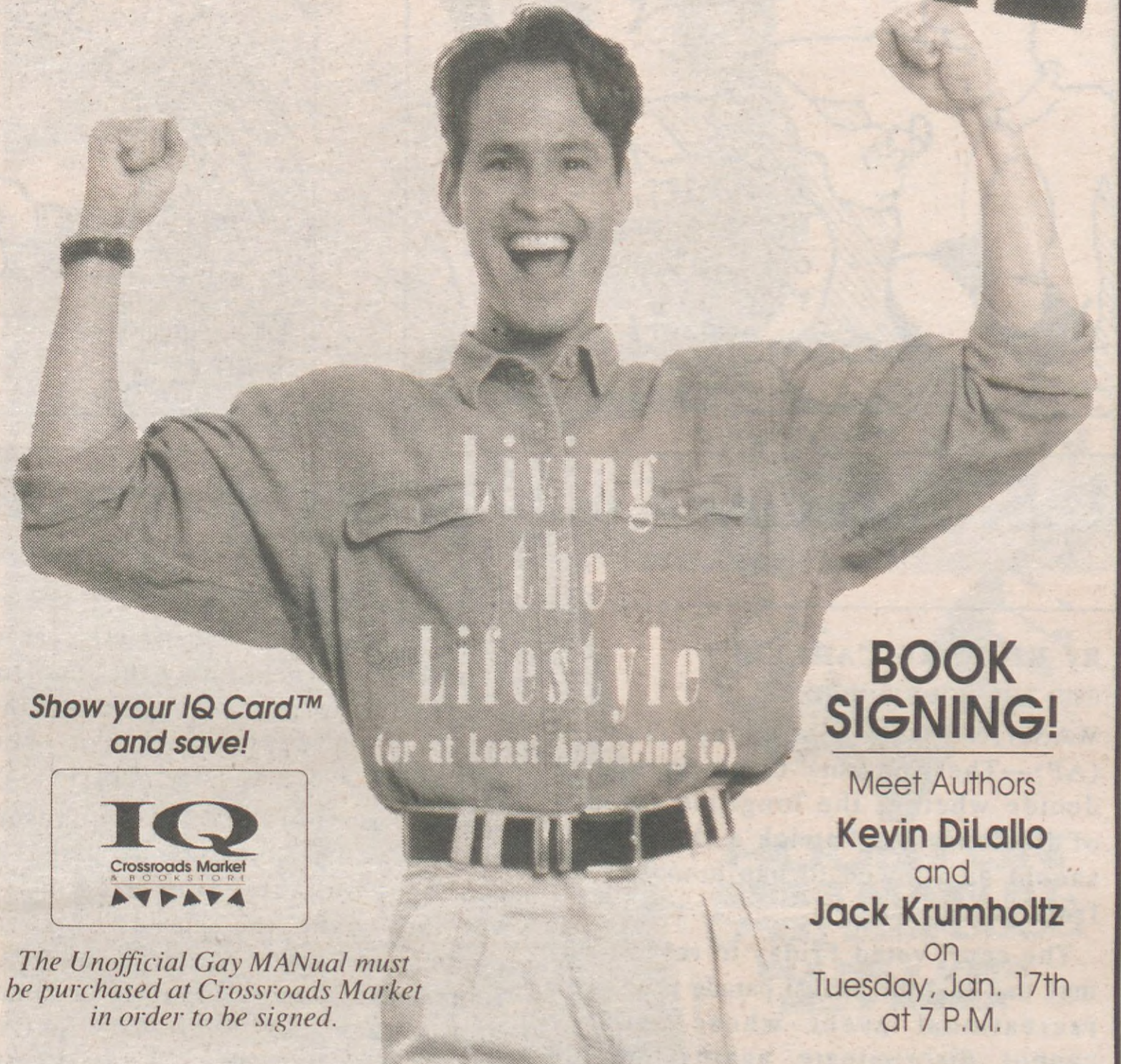
The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports the following Division A standings in first, second and third place respectively: 4 Non Blondes, Jim Buck's Brats and Hindlick Maneuver. Division B standings are 5 Easy Pieces, The Point After

and Bill's Brats. High Scratch game of 265 was bowled by Joe Quada and series of 689 by Chris Bennett. For more information call Gardy at 641-5424.

The Monday Night Women's League shows Maybe, Maybe Not in first place; Balls Are Out in second; Lesberados in third and Can't Bowl Straight in fourth place. For information, call Pat at 437-6218.

The Houston Thursday Night Mixers' first place team is Download and Unzip; second place is Pat & Company and third place is Bowling Impaired. High scratch game of 234 was bowled by Chris Bennett and series of 646 was bowled by Marty Rutherford for the men. For the women, Marla Aizenshtat bowled scratch of 215 and series of 580. For more information call Tom at 522-9612.

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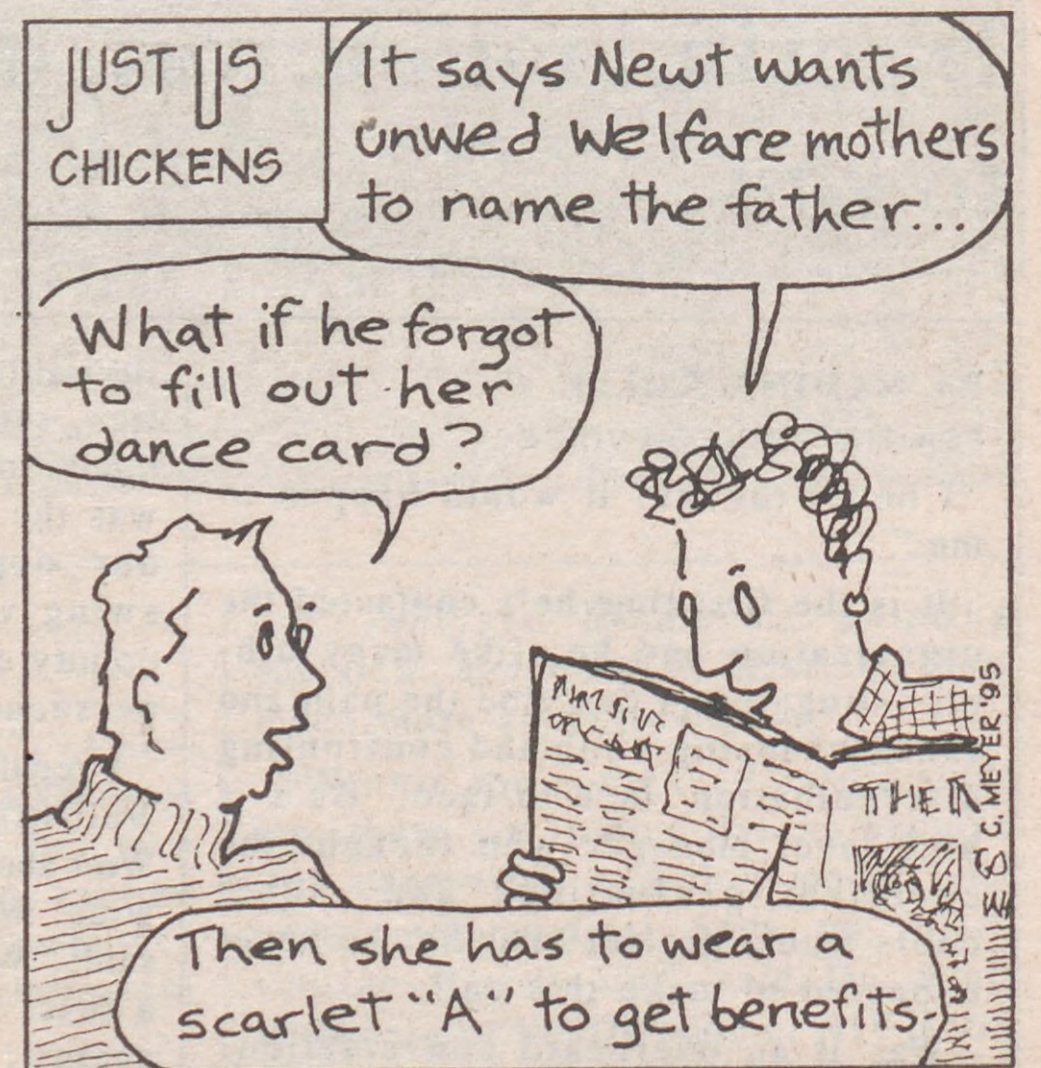
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U.S. Supreme Court to consider ban on gays in St. Patrick's Day parade

By RICHARD CARELLI

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Supreme Court agreed to decide whether the longtime sponsor of Boston's St. Patrick's Day parade should be allowed to ban homosexuals from participating.

The court voted Friday to review rulings that said the annual parade is an open recreational event whose sponsor cannot discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation.

The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, which for years has run the parade, had argued that the lower court rulings violate its free-speech rights by forcing it to include the gay group.

The Boston case was one of 12 granted review Friday by the court, which chose

not to follow the traditional practice of waiting until Monday to issue such orders. The justices conduct their closed-door conferences, in which new cases are discussed, on Fridays.

In the Boston case, Massachusetts' highest court ruled last July that the "lack of selectivity exerted by the veterans over the parade's participants" and the parade's historical roots make it more a public accommodation than any expressive activity protected by the Constitution's First Amendment.

The Boston parade, which some years has featured as many as 20,000 participants and a million spectators, not only honors Irish-Americans but also celebrates "Evacuation Day," George Washington's victory that forced British troops out of South Bos-

ton in 1776.

In ruling against the veterans in 1993, Judge J. Harold Flannery said, "History does not record that St. Patrick limited his ministry to heterosexuals or that General Washington's soldiers were all straight. Inclusiveness should be the hallmark of their parade."

Last March 17, the veterans canceled the parade rather than allow the Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston to participate. Boston Mayor Thomas Menino said then that the city would sponsor the parade in 1995 so the gay group could be included.

The Massachusetts high court noted that a federal court in New York had allowed that city's St. Patrick's Day parade, the Ancient Order of Hiberni-

ans, to exclude a homosexual group.

That group, the Massachusetts court said, "had used the parade as a means of expression ... the admission process was selective and ... had adopted rules to prevent parade participants from using that parade as a forum to express views inconsistent with the views of the Ancient Hibernians or the Roman Catholic Church."

In the appeal acted on Friday, lawyers for the Boston veterans council said the state court rulings let government "dilute, distort and contradict ... the whole point of a privately organized and funded parade or demonstration."

The case is *Hurley vs. Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston*, 94-749.

FDA allows 30 AIDS patients to get controversial heated-blood treatment

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 5 (AP)—Thirty AIDS patients are getting their request for a controversial experiment to see if raising their body temperature to a dangerous 107.6 degrees will slow the fatal disease.

IDT Inc. announced Thursday that the government is allowing the hyperthermia study, a procedure in which doctors remove a patient's blood, heat it to 114 degrees and insert it back into the person until the entire body temperature rises to 107.6 degrees.

Some doctors and AIDS patients insist the treatment kills HIV, the AIDS virus. But it came under scathing attack by the government in 1990 when the first patient treated was found to suffer not from AIDS but from cat scratch fever.

So hyperthermia proponents moved the experiment to Mexico, where the third person ever treated died.

But the Food and Drug Administration in July gave a partnership between Pennsylvania-based IDT and Indiana-based HemoCleanse Inc. permission to try the experiment on six Americans. IDT had argued that a machine created by HemoCleanse would make the procedure safer by keeping patients' blood chemistries constant so the dangerously high temperatures wouldn't kill brain cells.

The FDA said at the time it was skeptical. But all six patients survived, and IDT says it detected some improvement in those whose temperatures were highest.

The FDA agreed Thursday to let IDT go a step further and enroll 30 AIDS patients who have sought the treatment.

Unlike the first trial, where every patient's blood was heated to the same temperature, this trial will randomize the 30 participants. Ten will be heated to 107.6 degrees, another 10 to just 104 degrees to see if lower temperatures work and another 10 won't get any treatment.

IDT will compare the HIV levels and immune cells in the blood of that control group to that of the treated patients. This new trial also will treat patients twice, five days apart.

"By no means are we saying this is a cure for AIDS," said IDT President Glenn Keeling. But "the theory behind this is if we reduce the viral load and increase the immune system ... then we've done something for these patients."

The FDA has modest expectations for the experiment. "It's still quite a small group and unless the effect is tremen-

dously large, it won't be a sufficient group to answer the final questions," said the FDA's Dr. Susan Alpert.

Dr. Jeffrey Laurence of Cornell Medical Center, a medical adviser to the American Foundation for AIDS Research, was more blunt: "There is no evidence I've seen that you ever are able to deplete the body of the virus."

Hyperthermia experiments have been conducted for over a decade as a possible treatment for a few cancers. But to heat an AIDS patient's body long enough to kill HIV in every organ in which it lurks, "you wouldn't have a viable person," Laurence argued.

Plus, when cells are heated, they create heat-shock proteins to protect themselves from death—and those proteins themselves reactivate the remaining HIV, he said.

'Traacherous Planet' and Minister Mike's final show, 'Bar Scene' at Rice Media Center this Friday

Entertainment Notes

You'll have to be prepared for "boorish behavior" to take in the double bill on Friday the 13th at the Rice Media Center. Los Bears Productions promises you'll witness "sex, crime and violence" in a private screening of "Traacherous Planet," written and directed by David Mumford, at 8:00 p.m. Friday.

Mumford, winner of the 1994 World-fest Houston Gold Award for the short feature "Dr. Tranxene, I'm Ready Now." His treacherous new film stars Paul Locklear, Steve Hobbs, Vicki Weathersby, Luis Lemus, Sue Rock, Dee Macaluso, Douglas Schlachter and John Swasey.

Also Jan. 13, the late Michael "Minister Mike" Morrow's final epic "Bar Scene," never before shown, will be

screened at the Media Center. The work is the last of the Minister Mike series of stinging parodies of the so-called Religious Right. Sadly, Morrow died before seeing it produced.

Minister Mike was conceived by Morrow, a Houston artist who was galvanized by the hypocrisies of society. "Michael had a lot to be angry about, and he had the ability to convert his anger into complex satire," said

Mumford. In 1989, the Minister Mike Show assaulted Houston via the Public Access Channel. The original show masqueraded as a familiar television evangelist's setup. In two subsequent videos, Minister Mike continued to push buttons.

"'Bar Scene' represents the last of Michael's scripts to be produced, the final time he donned his infamous wig and caustic drawl," said Mumford.

Numerous activities and events accompany HGO's world premier of "Harvey Milk"

By JOHN REED

Houston Voice/Houston

"Heroes are often the people who take on the dragon of oppression," assessed David Gockley, general director of Houston Grand Opera, as he described how the Houston Grand Opera commissioned Stewart Wallace and Michael Korie to compose the music and to write the libretto of 'HARVEY MILK.' The world premier of this ground breaking opera is set for Saturday evening, Jan. 21 at The Wortham Center, 550 Prairie, in the northwest corner of downtown Houston.

The catalyst for the unusual theme, he said, was the impact of viewing a documentary film about Milk.

Gockley spoke before a supportive crowd at Christ Church Cathedral on Monday evening, Jan. 9, in the first of several planned events to provide support and understanding in the Houston Community for this adventuresome production.

Librettist Michael Korie presented two scenes of his work for the audience to hear. The first was of the acknowledgment from the pulpit of a same gender orientation of a well known and respected clergy person of the religious life in San Francisco. The second was a song of reflection by Robert Orth, the baritone who portrays Milk in the opera.

Responding to an insightful question from the audience as why the singing part of Milk was cast as a baritone, and the villain, Dan White was written for an tenor voice, Korie responded that many portions of the opera were craftily written for us to examine usual stereotypes. The opera is written in three acts, each ending with a major event in Milk's life. The first act concludes with the Stonewall riots which is frequently noted to be the beginning of the contemporary Gay Movement for recognition and acceptance. The second act ends with the election of Milk to the position of City Supervisor, and the third act ends with the assassination of Milk.

During the presentation Monday, it was noted that an average of one hundred thousand dollars is earned from single ticket sales of an HGO production. With a little less than two weeks to go before opening night, only one quarter of this amount has been received in single ticket sales thus far. As witnessed by recent events in our nation's Capitol, "politics are high drama." Activism is a basic fiber of any hero. A political activist seeks to use the political process to "cleanse" our lives, as based on the original democratic ideals of life, liberty and the pursuit of freedom for all citizens.

An important event scheduled for this weekend is the town meeting forum, presenting the topic, 'Is Houston Ready for Harvey Milk?', at the Contemporary Arts Museum, corner of Bissonnet and Montrose Boulevard at 6:00 p.m. this Friday, Jan. 13. Featured speakers include Houston Grand Opera General Director David Gockley, Contemporary Arts Director Marti Mayo, State Rep.

Debra Danburg, Houston Downtown Management Corporation President Robert M. Eury, law professor and activist Sissy Farenthold, Houston Interfaith Ministries Executive Director David Leslie, Houston Chronicle columnist Maxine Mesinger and Houston Post columnist Jaun Palomo. Guest will be free to view the two exhibitions currently on display: Dennis Adams' "Selling History" and Lucas Johnsons' "Drawings from the Underworld/Dibujos del Bajomundo," and refreshments will be available.

Also this weekend, there will be a film screening of the Academy Award winning documentary, "The Times of Harvey Milk," at the Museum of Fine Arts, also on the corner of Montrose Boulevard and Bissonnet at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. This 1984 movie records the transition of a closeted security and exchange broker in New York City to a San Francisco camera shop owner who finally came out of the closet of secrecy to admit that he loved another person of his same gender. He put together a political coalition of minorities to become the first openly gay elected city official in San Francisco. The opera's story line closely follows the film and other documentation of this person who has been likened to Moses and Martin Luther King, in that all three did not live to see the fulfillment of their labors. Milk was assassinated by an ex-police officer in November, 1978, along with the mayor of San Francisco.

There is no admission charge to either event.

Community Benefits

Several performances of "Harvey Milk" will benefit gay and lesbian and HIV organizations in the Houston area. The Bering Community Service Foundation and The Names Project will be the beneficiaries on Thursday, Jan. 19. Tickets are \$40-\$650 (Significant amounts of the ticket price are tax deductible). For further information call (713) 529-6071. Special preview performance will honor Jackson Hicks, a long time board member for Houston Grand Opera, the Bering Community Service Foundation, and The Names Project.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 31 the performances will benefit the AIDS Foundation Houston, Pet Patrol, The Assistance Fund, and Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week '95 Committee.

On these two dates, 50 percent of the ticket price will be donated to the 4 organizations listed above. For contributions to be made to these organizations, tickets must be purchased with special order forms available at AFH and Assistance Fund offices. For further information call (713) 520-7237.

Special forms must be redeemed in person at the Houston Ticket Center at the Wortham Center downtown, located at 550 Prairie, or at Jones Hall at 615 Louisiana, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.



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Houston Soap, Part 1

By CAROLYN LARSON
Houston Voice/Houston

Past Events

Rich's would like to thank all the employees who were not mentioned in the Bering Care Center Show. A special thanks to Stacy Tate for organizing the fun event. Donations over \$2,100 were raised for the Bering Care Center! Good Job! I also have been informed that people are raving about the show at Rich's NYE! Jody Watley was absolutely phenomenal! You can always count on Rich's to bring you some of the top entertainers of the country home to Houston!

On Saturday, "Hot Buns" were the topic of the day at Gentry. The hopefully annual "Hot Buns" contest was held with eight contestants showing their wares to an enthusiastic and generous crowd. Empress XI Candidate Crystal Rae Lee Love of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court was the hostess. Over \$500 was raised for the Bering Care Center through Soiree Aubergine. Categories included "Baby Cakes," "Fuzzy Buns," "Bubble Butt," and "Papa Del's Choice." Michael Bolin was the contestant who raised the most money and was proclaimed "Mr. Hot Buns 1995!"

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star had 2 fundraisers this past weekend. There was a show at the Ranch on Friday netting \$300 for the Loving Arms Foundation and a Gumbo cook-off and auction at the Brazos River Bottom on Sunday netting \$660 for the Q-Patrol! Way to go!

Friday The 13th

What is the fear of the number 13? Triscadeckaphobia! That is one of those \$10 words!

The women of FIST are hosting a weekend long party. Tonight at Pacific Street we will be up in



Nelson Vergel

the Leather Loft from 10:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. for registration for "Ms. Gulf Coast Leather 1995." A cocktail party hosted by National Leather Association Houston and snacks provided courtesy of the Colt 45's will start at 11:00 p.m. If you would like more info, please call 522-4533.

The Court presents "High Spirits" tonight at Cousins. The show starts at 9:00 p.m. There is also a raffle. This is a benefit for Omega House.

Saturday, 01/14

The FIST bar run starts at 1:00 p.m. today at the Venture-N.

The Saturday Super show at E/J's boasts the talents of; Kara Dion—Miss Cousins 1995, Black Velvet—Miss Essence Houston 1995, and Chevelle Brooks—Miss Jefferson County 1995. As usual Miss Brittany Paige takes the stage starting at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, 01/15

The Montrose Mining Company has one of the best beer "busts" in town! The refreshing Miller Lite Draft is only 50¢ a cup! The Mine: where Bears hibernate for the Winter!

I hate to be the one to inform you that Hal and Jim are taking some time off from their Yea!Buffet at the Venture-N. While Hal and Jim are on vacation, the Venture-n will continue to serve dinner on Sunday. For the next 4 weeks or so, dinner will be the infamous V-N Spaghetti, with all the trimmings. Oh, I love the garlic bread! Just make sure you make a donation to the Colt 45's box!

The final event of the "Ms. Gulf Coast Leather 1995" weekend starts today at 1:00 p.m. at Pacific Street. The contest will run along the lines of the "Mr. Drummer" theme. The women of FIST would like to thank our home bar Pacific Street for letting us use their facilities. The doors of Pacific Street will re-open at 7:00 p.m. (with no cover until 9:00 p.m.) for the usual Mandance/Dungeon dance party!

The TV's will be filled with

the Cowboys vs. 49'ers football game. Gentry will offer "power hours" from noon until 5:00 p.m. with \$1.50 well drinks and domestic longnecks!

The Gumbo pot is hot and cooking as the BriarPatch puts out a Sunday supper. It is hot and spicy and all homemade. The pot gets hot starting at 7:30 p.m. Be prepared to eat and have a good time!

There is a Celebration of Life for Skip Felkner at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon in the outback of Mary's.

The Museum of Fine Arts is showing "The Times of Harvey Milk" tonight at 5:00 p.m. The movie is directed by Robert Epstein. Made in 1984. It is an Academy Award-winning documentary about the first openly gay elected official in the U.S. Call 639-7515 for more info.

Monday, 01/16

The BriarPatch has launched a hot new hunk to tickle the ivories on Monday night. He is young, smiles a lot, and might even play your song. I hear he is also single! Stop in and ask Clint if he really is single!

The annual Martin Luther King birthday party at Mary's



Damion and friends at Club Houston

with special guest "Aunt Cassandra" starts at 7:00 a.m. and goes until 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 01/17

Happy hour at the Penthouse starts at 4:00 p.m. today. The house brand cocktails are only a buck, yes, one little ol' dollar. This special runs every day!

Corona Tuesday's continue to be one of Houston's biggest week night parties, and with good reason... \$1.50 Corona longnecks and \$4.50 Texas sized doubles... all night long, plus Kofi's amateur strip contest at 11:00 p.m. Don't forget the grab for cash at midnight!

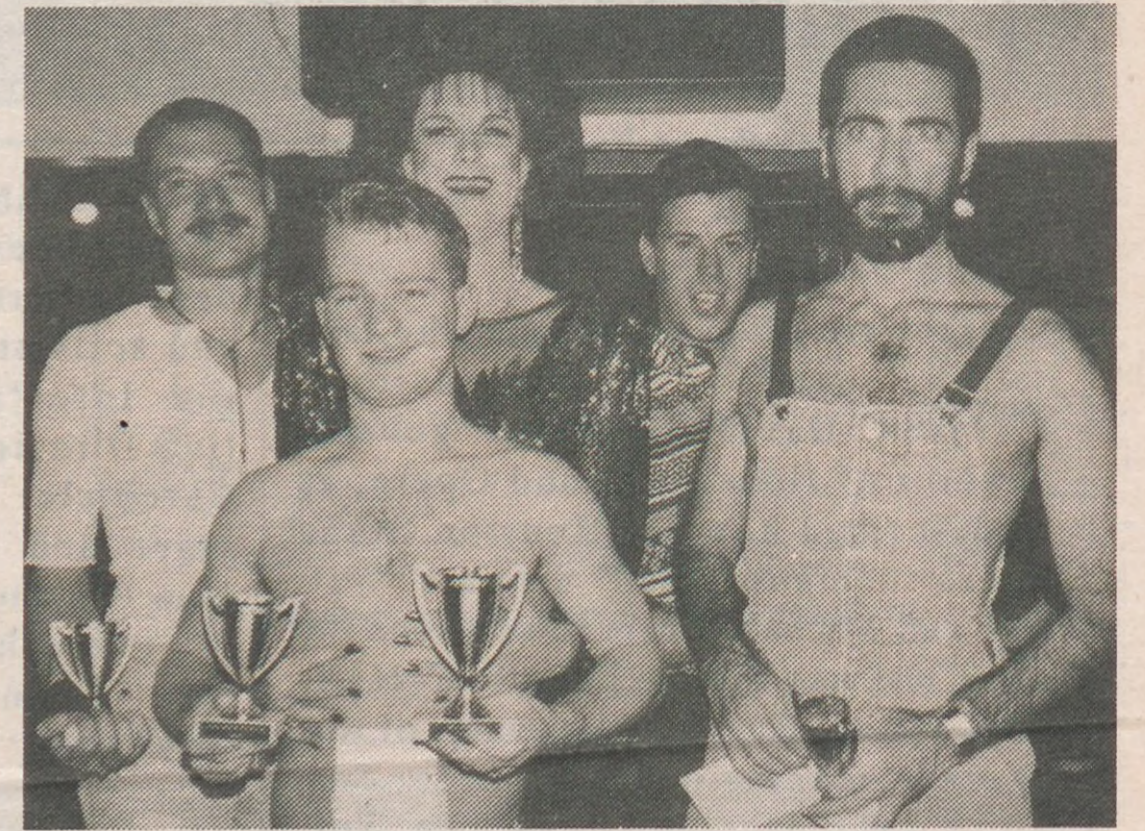
It is week #3 in the E/J's talent search!

Wednesday, 01/18

Wednesdays are hot, hot, hot as Gentry as the boys take it off at the male strip contest hosted by the lovely Dyan Michaels. The clothes start to go at 10:30 p.m.

Do you ever get the midnight munchies? Well, every Wednesday night at midnight you can feed all of your needs, be they food or men! Pizza on the patio is part of the Montrose Mining Company's new Wednesday Bear's night out!

It is that time of year again! The



Crystal Rae Lee Love surrounds herself with the winners of the Hot Buns contest

annual Mary's/Brazos River Bottom turnabout. Catch all your favorite BRB staff behind the bar at Mary's and of course, your favorite Mary's employees boot scoot and boogie at the Brazos River Bottom. I did this party last year and it is real fun! There will be a shuttle bus that runs all day long between the two bars! Be afraid, be very afraid!

The 2-day singles party hosted by Alternative Visions kicks off tonight at the Penthouse. Nancy (Bite me!) Ford will be on stage. There are door prizes, several drawings (one of which is for a memberships to

Alternative Visions.) great drink specials, and lots of people! This is a great way to meet single men and women and also learn about the services of Alternative Visions! for more information, call Wendi, Trudi, or Tom at 526-8223.

Thursday, 01/19

Club Hedonism is tearing it up with the fiercest music in town. JD Arnold spins some of the best every Thursday, plus the "Club Kids" are on hand to make everything wild! Hi Paula!

It is half-price night at Club Houston. All prices are cut down to almost nothing! Kinda like the Club Houston: a place you can bare it all!

Other Important Stuff

Check out the "Winter" hours for Sundays at Rich's. The doors open at 9:00 p.m., with reduced drink prices and beer 'till 11:00 p.m. Dance, drink, and be "Mary!"

The Movie Club is a group of like minded people that meet every week for dinner and a movie. Please call Jimmy, The Movie Queen, at 952-4048 and get the weekly scoop of film to view!

The Venture-N has happy hour every day from noon until 7:00 p.m.

The Penthouse has added a game room. So grab some quarters and head up to the 10th floor to play pool, pinball, darts and other fun games! The Penthouse is making other changes to make the place "the place to be!"

Keep watching!

The Boy Toy dancers tease you every day at Gentry starting at 6:00 p.m.

Watch for details for the upcoming "Miss BriarPatch!" I don't have all the details yet!

"Are you or anyone you care about HIV+? Then you should know that research has shown that preservation and enhancement of Lean Body Mass (LBM) are a key to survival. Plan to attend Nelson Vergel's free seminar at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center on W. Gray on Jan. 18, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Listen to a comprehensive program designed and proven by an HIV+ doctor who dramatically improved his quality of life by using proper nutrition, supplements, anabolic steroids, resistance weight training and motivational exercises to increase and preserve LBM. There are limited seats available. Please RSVP by calling 522-6330." This is community service sponsored by Basic Brothers.

Fred needs help! Fred is the Warehouse Coordinator for the PWA Coalition. Call him at 522-5428 to volunteer!

Jeff's back from fishin.' See him and his big "catch" at the Toy Box Bar!

The Ripcord is hosting their annual bus trip to Galveston for Mardi Gras. Tickets are available: \$25 in advance, \$30 on the day of the trip if any are left. Call or stop in the Ripcord to get all the details!

Press release of the week: "African American Lesbian 40+ group forming. Call Edwina at 713-876-9009 or Joan at 995-4648 for more info."

The Mail Box Bar has had to cancel their "Miss Mail Box 1995" contest that was to be held this weekend. Look for it in the near future.



Sid—the winner of the Baby New Year contest

Cuervolyn's Calendar, birthdays, all of the dirt and some of the rumors



Regina, what is Doug doing to you?

Houston Soap, Part 2

If you would like an event listed in the calendar section, please feel free to call me at 529-8490 or fax the facts to me at 529-9531.

Cuervolyn's Calendar

01/13 to 15 * Ms. Gulf Coast Leather 1995 weekend. Sponsored by FIST (Females in Search of Trouble) Call 522-4533 for more info.

01/15 * Film "The Times of Harvey Milk" at the Museum of Fine Arts. 5:00 p.m. Call 639-7515 for more info.

01/15 * Male "Strip-off" of the Year at E/J's.

01/14 * Dallas MC's 21st Anniversary.

01/14 * Leather Knights 2nd Anniversary.

01/15 * Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents' Bowling Party. Call 980-5818 for more info.

01/14 to 21 * Winterfest '95 in Park City Utah. Gay Ski Trip sponsored by Travel Heights (861-0378) and Travel in Pride (621-0247).

01/16 * Lambda Roller Skating Party at the Dairy Ashford Skate Rink, 1860 Dairy Ashford. 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. \$5, includes skates. Call 933-5818 for more info.

01/17 * Book signing at Crossroads Market. Authors Kevin Dilallo and Jack Krumholtz sign copies of their new book at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 942-0147.

01/18 & 19 * 2-Day Singles Party sponsored by Alternative Visions. Call 526-8223 for more info.

01/19 * Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents (HGLP) General Meeting at the Montrose Library. 7:00 p.m. Call 980-7995 for info.

01/19 * "Harvey Milk," a benefit performance of a world premiere opera at the Wortham Theater, 7:30 p.m. Benefiting Bering Community Service and the Names Project. Call 529-6071 for info.

01/19 * "Proof of Love" kickoff. A benefit for DIFFA/



Get that camera out of my face! Can't you see I'm busy!

Houston. Call Tori Williams at 552-9445 for more info.

01/20 * Lesbians in Business's Empowerment Group meets at the Innova Building (20 Greenway) at 6:00 p.m. \$3 for members, \$5 non-members. Call 529-0077 for more info.

01/20 * Art Opening at the Hyde Park Gallery. Ron Dronet showing. Exquisite showing of wild flowers, both oil and watercolors. Call 526-2744 for more info.

01/21 * "Night in Black Leather"—a benefit for the Bering Care Center hosted by Don Gill and Soiree Aubergine at the Venture-N, 9:00 p.m.

01/21 * Voting for Emperor and Empress XI for the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star at the Houston Voice office, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105. 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

01/21 * "The Assistance Fund Presents Jekyll & Hyde," a benefit for the Assistance Fund at the Music Hall. Call 529-4788 for more info.

01/21 * Houston Wrestling Club meets at 1:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center for instruction, practice, and an opportunity for unstructured free style wrestling. Newcomers and beginners welcome. Call Larry at 453-7406 for more info.

01/21 * "Herbs vs. Drugs"—a workshop presented by Darla Jackson talking about the healing properties of herbs. At Borders Book Shop, 9633A Westheimer. Call 782-6066 for more info.

01/21 * Crystal Waters performs at Heaven.

01/22 * 3rd Annual Winter Carnival at the Venture-N. Starts at 1:00 p.m. Benefit for the Colt 45's Troublemund and Bering Community Service Foundation. Call Chris at 526-4392 for more info.

01/22 * Pride Forum—Open community discussion of Pride Week 1995 and Pride Week 1996. Topics include dates and time of the Parade. At the Harvey Hotel. Call 529-6979 for more info.

01/28 * Coronation XI—The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star at the Holiday Inn Medical Center. 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Cost \$20.

01/28 * "Living Proof" photography exhibit opens. A benefit for DIFFA/Houston. Location TBA. Call Tori Williams at 552-9445 for more info.

01/28 * TCC's Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Bamboleo's, 1812 N. Main, San Antonio.

01/28 * Chain of Command's "Military Maneuvers"

01/28 * Rainbow Rangers' Rangler Round-up Dance and Variety Show. A benefit for the Colt 45's Troublemund. 7:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom. Call 880-0670 for more info.

01/28 * Chain Gang meets at Heaven for a Downtown bike ride at 10:00 a.m. Call 863-1860 for more info.

01/29 * Super Bowl Sunday

at Gentry. Kick off for Soiree Aubergine. BBQ \$5. "Levis and Lipstick" show by Peter Houston after the game!

01/30 * Lambda Roller Skating party at the Dairy Ashford Skate Rink. 1860 Dairy Ashford. \$5 includes skates. 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Call 933-5818 for more info.

02/05 * Lone Star Volleyball Association's "Date with a Jock" auction at Gentry.

02/05 * "Sweet Charity, 1995" benefit at the Pavilion on Post Oak. Call 682-5995 for more info.

02/04 * Montrose Clinic's 2nd annual Bowl-a-thon. A fundraiser for the Clinic's Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs. Call Steve Nettles at 520-2015 for more info.

02/06 * Birthday Party for Jack Jackson sponsored by the Montrose Counseling Center. Call 526-4367 for more info.

02/09 * Fundraiser for Spectrum '95 at the Penthouse. Call 526-2853 for more info.

02/10 * Creme de la Creme show at Heaven. Hosted by Soiree Aubergine.

02/12 * TGRA presents a variety show at Gentry. A benefit for the Bering Care Center.

02/12 * Mr. Gay Pride All-



Nice bod...

American Contest at Pacific Street.

02/28 * Mardi Gras bus trip by the Ripcord. Call 521-2792 for more info.

02/26 * "Mr & Miss Gentry" benefit show at Gentry hosted by Soiree Aubergine.

03/03 * Cabaret night at Penthouse hosted by Soiree Aubergine.

03/05 * RSICSS Benefit show at Gentry.

03/12 * La Soiree Grande at Gentry.

03/23 * "Angels in America" Opening night performance with a special guest. At the Alley Theater. A Benefit for DIFFA/Houston. \$150 per ticket. Call 552-9445 for more info.

03/30 to 04/02 * AIDS Memorial Quilt on display at the George R. Brown. For more info, call 52-NAMES.

04/07 to 04/09 * NLA:H's Anniversary weekend run. Call 527-9666.

Birthday Corner

James Preuss (I even spelled your name right this time) is hitting the half a century mark this week! Cutie pie Billy at Gentry is having a birthday also!

Dirt, Lies, And

Rodent Drop-pings

Well, it is THAT time again! Be sure to keep in mind my stupid disclaimer. You know the drill!

Brian (TNT): Staples are for the gun, not the cocktails at Schnauzer's place. The garland was straight, but you were most definitely gay!

Bruce (Venture-N): How did you get something as small as an aspirin stuck in your throat?

Everyone knows you have had much larger things in your mouth!

George (611): Why did you look so radiant this past New Year's eve?

Nancy (X-Tx. Rider): Is it true you have already removed your colors from your bar vest?

Spot (611): How come you went to the Ranch in leather and came back in feathers?

Rex (Mary's): Why did you run screaming out of Spot's bed?

David (Hangs at the 611): So, you finally became "limp wristed!"

Terry (611): Before you take your car to the mechanic next time, be sure to make sure your gas tank has some gas in it!

Scott L. (Heaven): So, Camilo is back in your arms! Next time take it to a hotel!

Ralph (611): I hear you have proven the marketing people of Skyy vodka wrong. I understand you had a bit of a hangover this past Monday morning!

Boots (LBB): What is this I hear about you staying in a bar until closing and you actually had 2 beers and 2 shots! Watch it honey, that is how I got started!

Damion (Club Houston): You have such a mean streak! Putting high calorie munchies in the work-out room is so mean!

George (Mary's): How come you cashed in a receipt for "Donuts?" Read a little closer, dear. That receipt said "Do Not Cash" not "Donut cash!"

Jon Mott (DJ extraordinaire): Is it true? You got married?

Tom S. (Ripcord): How did you get stuck chaperoning both Garys on the trip to Dallas? And how was your night stay at the Montrose Inn?

Wilma (Mary's): I can't believe you let Pickles show your prize winning pussy around the G.R. Brown Convention Center!

Tommie Mae: Love your tribute! Did it scamper away when you took it into Mary's? Lord knows that place is full of aliens!

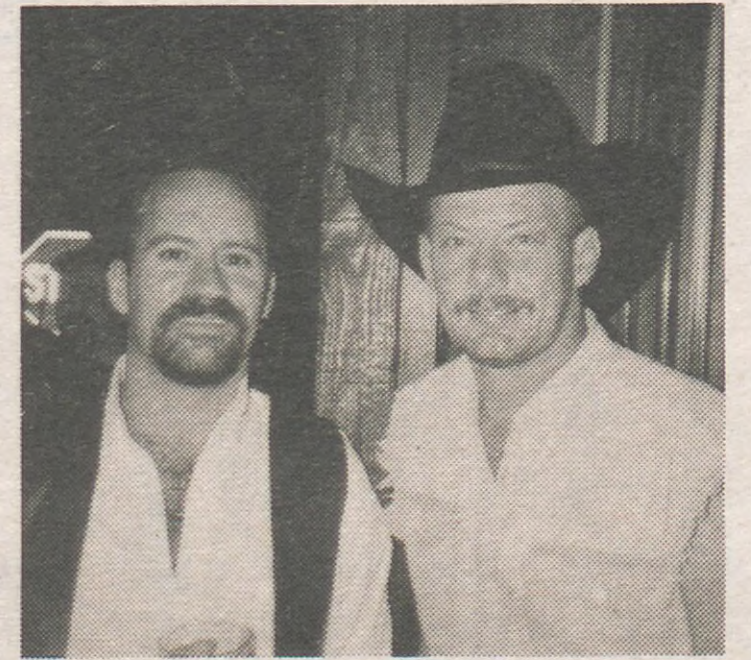
Lee (Ripcord): Love the Grateful Dead t-shirt! The love beads made the outfit work!

Bill H.: It was not very nice of you to steal Steve's car and park it in a taxi zone on Bagby! He got a ticket! Bad joke!

Don Shaw (Mary's): It is a bit dangerous to stop a bus by flinging yourself in front of it!

AJ LaCosta: Sorry you did not get laid for your birthday!

Rex (Mary's): Love the red gown and matching jewels!



Found these hunks at the Montrose Mining Co.

Devin (Mary's): Did you like the way Marlene, Rita C., Frankie, and Kody got you back? And, when did you become a wienie waiver? I heard you were stripping down to your skivvies at Chances! And... Rex would like to thank you for his new bruises! (i'm not gonna touch that one!)

"LW, Vanna, CAL, Bed-tied" I found this scribbled in my note pad and I can't remember why! Can we say Cuervoed?

Ja...nita...what!

Rabbit (Gentry): So you were just a tad bit upset when Vanna's name went up in lights before yours! I guess she knows the Lazer Wizard a little better than you do!

Steve (Penthouse): You will do WHAT in the hall for how much?

Good Fairy (VN): I heard you are having to fix the pop corn machine again! See I'm not the only one who breaks that machine!

Lee (Nolee): How come you had to take a blow up doll as your date?

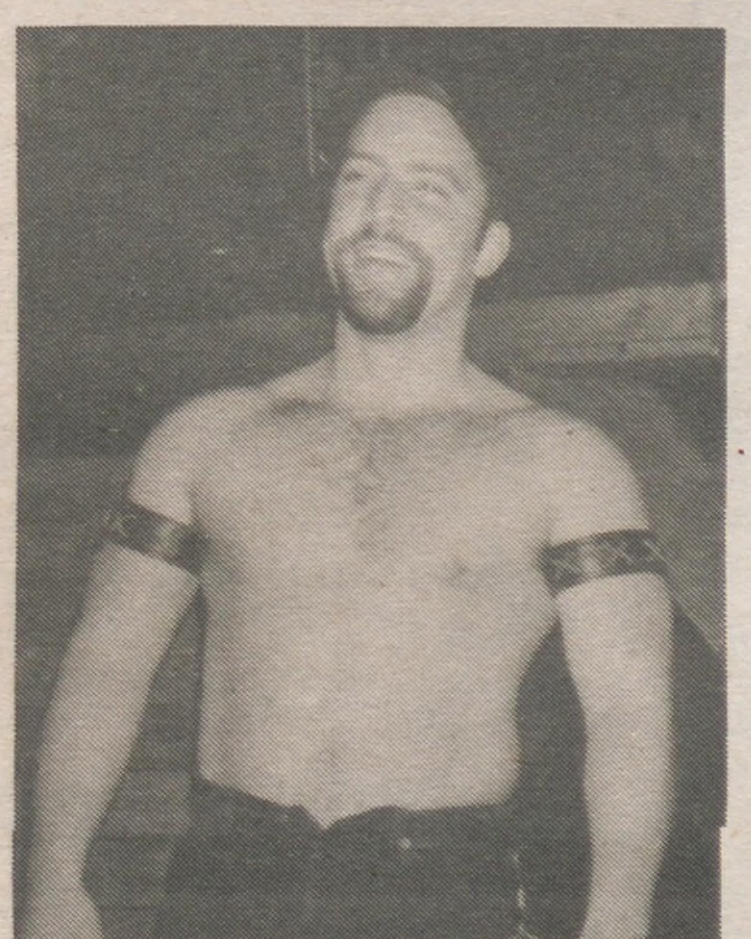
Lance (Penthouse): So, you like your tricks young, excitable and hard! Ever try a 13 year old? (no, just kidding)

Rumor Time!

Yes, we all hear lots and lots of rumors. I am going to squelch several of them. First, Midtown Spa did not get raided last Saturday night! Not True! Second, The Penthouse is not closing! Not True! They are doing some renovations! Third, there are some changes going on here at the Houston Voice! The only rumor I'll confirm about the happenings here is that Schnauzer is leaving and going to work at the Brazos River Bottom! All the other rumors will keep flying around! See me in person if you want all the juicy stuff!

Well, I'm off to Gentry to check out this new hunky bartender. His name is Jim Bushey. And if he is a cute as I hear, well, I better bring my camera!

Huggs and Kisses,
Cuervolyn



Lee? Lee who?

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Rev. Truluck was a traveling Evangelist, Writer, and Bible Teacher in MCC from December 1992 to October 1993. He was on the Clergy Staff of MCC San Francisco from January to October 1993. He was the Senior Pastor of Golden Gate MCC of San Francisco from June 1990 to November 1992. He was a member of First Atlanta MCC from 1981-1989 and Bible Teacher 1988-1989. He was the writer and teacher of weekly seminars on "THE BIBLE AS FRIEND OF LESBIANS AND GAYS." Preacher and teacher at MCC Evangelism Conference in Salt Lake City in November 1992. He has been a writer for "SECOND STONE" since 1990. He was ordained as UFMCC Clergy at General Conference in July 1993.

Rev. Truluck is an activist for the rights of all people. He was on the Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee in Nashville, Tenn., chairperson of SPIRITUAL FORUM at Vanderbilt University for Gay/Lesbian Pride 1994 and Speaker at Gay/Lesbian Pride Rally at Nashville. He was featured on a local channel 2 television special in a three part report on "GAYS FOR GOD," in May 1994 which won the national Gay and Lesbian award for positive gay/lesbian television coverage.

He is currently a Bible Teacher of "The Bible As Friend of Gays and Lesbians" series on local Gay Cable Television. He was featured in the documentary on the Ex-Gay Movement, "ONE NATION UNDER GOD," shown throughout the nation on Public Television during Gay/Lesbian Pride month in June, 1994. He is a frequent speaker at local colleges on Homosexuality and the Bible.

He was an activist in the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual battle for fairness and justice in San Francisco through letters to editor, political action groups, public demonstrations, speaker at rallies and on radio and television, and an active member of Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Political Club. He worked with the Domestic Partners campaign in 1990 and the "No-On-K" campaign to retain Domestic Partners in 1991, which we won.

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HOUSTON PERSONALS

BY MANFINDER

Houston OUTDOORSMAN: Alan, 27, 5'4, blond/blu, int are movies, skiing, fishing, hiking, rafting, biking have fun int in meeting WM 27-32, 5'9-6' well built and masc, hairy chest cln shaven to have fun- ☎1514

409 area code **LIGHT SKINNED MALE:** James, 5'7, 115 med lt skinned BM 27, lkg for a man who is 6'1, 5'11, GWM very musc lean, professional, 29-40 music quiet times, rel oriented- ☎19737

Houston BLONDE HAired ROCKER: Larry blond/blu rocker, long blond hair, love music, videos, manage a band, if ur 20s hippish-coolish give me a call- ☎21446

Houston OUTDOORSMAN: Percy, lkg for BM or WM outdoorsman, love to go to dinner movies, give me a call- ☎21828

Houston OUTDOORS AND MALLS TOO! Alan, 27 blond/blu 5'4, like going to mall, movies, biking, fishing, camping outdoors, int in meeting 29-33 musc well built, same int I do- like to talk, give me a call- ☎1514

Houston SLENDER AND SMOOTH: Scott, blu/brunette, slender 23, not hairy iso older hairy man, beard must and looking for lifetime commitment, like to play for keeps, likes to keep me in line when I need it- give me a call- ☎22012

Houston NIGHT AT THE OPERA: Anthony, 21 6'1 220, blk/hisp, fine arts, clubs, eves at home, iso open mind 18-35, personality and lust for life, opera, ballet, and symphony, clubs on wknds, dinner at home lkg for someone with lots of int- ☎22013

Houston JOEL, 20 5'6, blk/blk, 127, like to go clubbing dancing, plays and things like that iso sim, willing to travel nearby areas- give me a call- ☎22075

Gettings **SHOW ME HOW:** Married WM bi, never done it before, like to try it show me how give me a call- ☎19602

Houston DINNER AND DANCING: Louis, hisp 23, 5'7 135, int are movies, dinner, dancing whatever comes to mind, like between 20-35 open mind, and loves life, will answer all msgs- ☎22068

Houston BLONDE AND BUILT: Alan 27 blond/blu int in meeting 29-30 masc built, movies, park, beach, hang out- ☎1514

Houston SMOOTH AND BUILT: Austin, 5'10 155, brn/hzl smooth body nice build iso people in the area- ☎13054

Houston SWIMMERS BUILD: Jose 134 5'9, hisp swimmers build, brn/brn olive cxion, lkg for a friend or a lover lv a message- ☎22139

College Station **JESSE,** 20 Y/O 6'1 blond blu iso someone new give me a call ☎22265

Houston HOME MOVIES: Daniel, 32, GHM 6' 195 blk/brn, cln shaven, iso friends in the area, laid back movies at home, if ur int give me a call ☎22484

Houston CLEAN CUT GUY: MArk, 5'11, 165; blond/blu, cln cut, cln shaven swimmers build, work out partying a bit, gdlkg, just want to hook up with some people so lv a message- ☎22559

Houston HEAVY METAL DUDES: lkg for long haired guys into heavy metal music, 32, med lngth hair, recently moved here looking to meet some new people to party with 6'3, really interested getting into heavy metal scene here- ☎22986

Houston JOHN 20 Y/O, 5'7, blond/blu, 140, looking for someone under 30, gdlkg, give me a call- ☎19131

Houston ERNEST WM 33, 6'2, 175, brn/grn, iso someone WM or HM 20-39, iso someone honest, sincere, discreet, spend time, poss rel, like to hear from you if ur interested- ☎19816

Houston LEAN MUSCULAR GUY: Doug, 5'10, 170, 30w lean musc guy, late 30s iso other good shape guys who work out, 25-35, like aggr top men, if ur interested lv a message- ☎19855

Houston JOHN, 20 Y/O, 5'7, 130, blond/blu, lkg to meet 20-30 lv a message- ☎19131

Houston POWERLIFTERS: Ray, 41 BM looking for 18-35 heavily into wtlftng or powerlifting, if ur 200-300 lbs of rock hard muscle, any race or nationality give me a call- ☎14068

Houston LIKE A FURRY MAN:

Steven, 30 BM single, lkg for a long term monog rel, attr, very outgoing person- like hairy chest, legs, if you wear a goatee very attractive- masc ub too ☎20692

Houston JUST ALOT OF FUN: GWC just wanna have fun, 32 brn/blu 5'9 170 30w 44c smooth, 34 blk grn 6' 165 swimmers build, iso other gm or couples for fun- ☎20719

Houston LOOKING FOR A LOVER: Jerome, SW area, 20, 5'6, lkg for a guy to hang around with and a relationship- ☎20917

Houston OPERA FANS: Tim, lkg for real man, opera, hanging out at home, watching a movie, just looking for someone who could enjoy me, aggressive guys- interested give me a call- ☎21058

Houston WENDELL 19 Y/O iso someone phys attr and likes to work out- ☎21077

Houston HAIRY AND STOCKY: Tom, hisp male, 33, 210 brn/brn iso WM, HM hairy and stocky for good times poss rel- ☎21088

Houston LIKE HAIRY MEN: BM btm iso dom tp any race, masc acting, 5'11+ good body must hairy chest a plus if ur interested give me a call- ☎21098

Houston JOHN 20, 5'7, blond/blu, 130, lkg to meet under 30 very attr- ☎19131

Houston WAITING FOR YOU: David, Greenway Plaza area, if ur int in 29 brn/grn 5'7 135 well end'd give me a call- waiting for you- ☎21218

Houston MASCULINE BM 6' musc, very masc, pretty vers int give me a call- ☎13373

Houston QUIET EROTIC EVENINGS: GWM iso GB or minority male 6' brn/blu gt shape u/B 18-35 slim to musc smooth and into good safe fun, quiet erotic eves, give me a call like to talk to you - bye! ☎14570

Houston BIKING COWBOY: Todd I'm a cowboy into hats, lther boots, big belt buckles if u know what I mean, like to ride & if u like to ride let me know, into lther, if ur int motorcycles, like to ride fast & hard, if u like the same, let me know- ☎17892

Houston LOOKING FOR A FRIEND: David, 36, Like to meet 18-30 white male asian male or hisp male iso a friend, looking for friends 5'10 blond/blu, hope youre gdlg too -lets see what happens ☎17925

Houston 18 YR OLD: Billy, and I'm 18, go to school, just looking for some guys to meet like goodlooking ones with big sexy bodies, dk brn hair ☎18239

Houston JUST MOVED HERE: Austin, 22, brn/hzl, 6', 165, dk cxion, lkg for someone to meet just moved here and like to hook up with some people ☎18240

Houston TALL AND FURRY: Mark, looking for GWM or GHM into well end'd men, GWM, well end'd, 6'7, blk/blk, must ,hairy, 32, athletic, outdoors act, iso someone to get together with- ☎18943

Houston TWO STEPPIN' Eric 5'9 180 well built, work out every day looking for someone that wants to have a great time country dancing, movies, just cuddling up together- ☎18968

Houston WHATEVER COMES UP: Dave 29 goodlooking WM, brn/grn, 135 very end'd, iso people for friendship fun and whatever else may pop up-Greenway Plaza area ☎19025

Houston POWERLIFTERS: Ray, 41 BM iso serious bonding and friendship with males with a musc build 18-35, super muscle bound power lifters, 200-300 ☎19105

Houston MEXICAN/ITALIAN: 30 y/o Mexican/Italian, 5'3, blk/hzl, non drinker, like to go out, dancing, quiet eves with that special someone int in BM 25-35 want to date, give me a call- ☎19223

Houston LINGERIE AND SPANKING: 5'7, 165, well built, dk tan, enjoy outdoors, like lingerie, spanking and group fun- enjoy it all give me a call ☎32000

Houston OLD MOVIES: Jerome, 6'1, 190, brn/brn, like music, old movies, cooking, animals, smoker 26, int in meeting people the same age or older same ht or taller, looking for a poss long term monog rel- ☎18561

Houston HOLIDAY PAL: GAM student, looking for someone to hang out with in Houston during the holi- days- ☎19004

Houston LAMAR UNIV FRAT BOY: Alex, Lamar Univ, frat boy iso someone to be friends with, poss rel, like outdoors, like to go to clubs, like a nice personality, likes nature hope to hear from you- ☎19183

Houston JOHN 20 Y/O, 5'7, blond/blu, iso meet very goodlooking under 30, ☎19131

Houston HISPANIC BODYBUILDER 28, white hisp bodybuilder, excellent physique, ub under 32 lean and musc fit for competition, excellent physique, ☎19343

Houston DORR, int in meeting BM for friendship poss rel, give me a call- ☎15550

Houston FRIEND OR LOVER: Darrell, 28 BM int in looking for rel or friendship, 6'1 230 like dining, clubs movies, real good time, like to meet new people, like to meet in the area give me a call- ☎15650

Houston HAIRY BEAR: WM 31, 200, 5'11 brn/blu, stocky, hairy- iso friends age, race, wt, not imp- ☎15631

Houston GBM 20, looking to hook up with 18-35 give me a call- ☎15864



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Houston INTO B/D: Frank, 31, brn/brn in shape gdlkg slve, bd, int in contacting me- pls call- ☎18283

Houston JOHN 22, brn/brn great shape, looking to meet guys in the area, give me a call- , looking forward to meeting you- ☎16793

Houston ROCK AND ROLL! Dave, 30s, like to meet 18-30 White, Hisp, or Asian into rock and roll and good times- ☎17925

Houston TWENTY AND TAN: Austin 6', 165, dk brn/hzl, tanned, good body, like to hear from some guys, 20 yrs old like to get with some cute guys ☎18240

Houston CHRIS AND BRIAN, 19 looking for someone to join us, looking for a vry hot guy, 19 dk brn lu 6'3 190 hot - blond/brn dk body huge peccs- like for someone to join us asap- ☎18543

Houston OPERA FAN: 52, prof'l guy, looking for a rel, tp guy, int are theatre, opera and going out to restaurants, having fun, interesting guy seeking same- ☎2922

Houston ANYTHING GOES: GWM iso GBM, GHM or GAM 6' brn/blu, 170, good shape u should be slim, smooth or musc build, into good safe fun, anything goes type of person, ☎14570

Houston ONE ON ONE: David, GBM 6' 180 shrt dk hair/brn eyes must iso someone for a one on one rel movies, reading, cooking, eating out, good conversation, give me a call ☎15872

Houston DARRELL, 27 looking for a rel, like to go out and have a good time 6'1 220, BM interested in meeting- ☎15984

Houston BLUE EYED EXEC: Glenn 37 WM prof'l 5'9 165, gdlkg, blu eyes, iso a man of any race who is sensitive affec, masc for friendship poss rel if that sounds good, call ☎16051

Houston UNIV OF HOUSTON: 22, 145, dkhair/brn hisp attr student int are; like music, country, Depeche Mode, like dance & club music, like to travel- iso someone my age 18-25, race not imp- looking iso someone to hang out w/ maybe more- ☎10323

Houston BLONDE ROCKER: David, 5'11, 170, blond/blu long blond, looking for someone that would like to be a friend- talk on the phone, lets be friends first iso guys in their 20s who like to rock and roll- ☎16601

Houston HOUSTON AREA: Darrell 27 BM 6'1, 220, int in meeting guys from the Houston area, like to meet for poss relationship, like to dine, movies, club scene, int give me a call- ☎16935

Houston LKG FOR SUPERMUSCLE: Ray, 41, BM iso some strong bonding and friendship with the build of a supermuscular football player, if ur 200-300 super hard muscle 18-35, like to hear from you- ☎14068

Houston GOOD EROTIC FUN: Mike GWM iso GHM or minority guy 38 brn/blu, 6' work out in good shape, u should be 18-35 slim, smooth or musc build, into good safe fun, good erotic fun, give me a call like to talk to you- ☎16964

Lesbian Personals

FEMALE ONLY PERSONALS

Houston **SIMONE** 20 BF looking for other black single pr'l women ☎5750

Houston **TWO FOR FUN:** 22 blond/blu like to go out and have fun looking for a woman who likes to have fun too. ☎6159

Houston **MONTROSE AREA:** Linda looking for a life mate quiet times at home good times out bars are just ok, looking for someone to give me what I need I have alot to give too ☎5761

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Duke University plans to offer same-sex benefits by May

DURHAM, Saturday, Jan. 7 (AP)—Duke University employees in same-sex relationships who want to take advantage of a policy extending benefits to their partners will have to sign an affidavit that their relationship is a long-term commitment.

School officials say the gay and lesbian partners of school employees will be able to receive health care and other benefits probably as early as this spring.

Duke President Nan Keohane said the benefits will be extended to follow through on the university's non-discrimination policy approved in 1988.

"We felt it was important to extend benefits to all employees," she said on Friday.

Heterosexual live-in couples do not qualify for the policy because their situation already can be rectified, Keohane said.

"Heterosexual couples can already receive full Duke benefits by taking the formal step of marriage. This, of course, is not an option now open to same-sex couples in North Carolina," Keohane wrote in a letter explaining her reasons for the policy change to a university vice president.

Those who want to take advantage of the policy must sign an affidavit showing their relationship is a long-term commitment and that they share financial responsibility.

Current employees will be able to sign up for changes to their policies in May. The Herald-Sun of Durham reported Saturday.

However, the package is not entirely equal to that available to married couples, said university spokesperson David Roberson. For example, some forms of life insurance are not avail-

able because the carriers don't cover spousal equivalents.

The university's board of trustees in 1988 approved an equal opportunity policy that includes the statement that Duke will not discriminate against individuals because of their sexual preference.

In 1992, then-President Keith Brodie's call for Duke to extend benefits to domestic partners was rejected by a faculty committee, saying it would be too expensive.

School officials now say the cost to the school will be minor.

"I'm really pleased," said Robin Buhke, co-chairperson of the Duke Guild for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns, a group that represents homosexual employees. "I think it's a great step forward for the university."

The Guild called Keohane's decision "a historic moment for the Duke community."

University officials do not know exactly how many of Duke's 20,000 employees actually will qualify, but it's been estimated at between 2 percent and 3 percent.

Duke joins about 30 universities and a number of corporations that grant benefits to domestic partners. Others include Harvard, Yale and Stanford universities, the University of Iowa and Wellesley College, where Keohane was president before she came to Duke.

Part of the reason for extending benefits was to make sure Duke continued to be competitive when trying to recruit faculty, Keohane said.

"Our failure to provide these benefits puts us at a disadvantage with other institutions with which we compete for outstanding faculty and staff," Keohane said in the letter.

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Schedule for HMBL's spring season; first '95 LRC skate night

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The Houston Metropolitan Billiard League has announced the schedule of events for its Winter/Spring 1995 season, as follows:

Jan. 8, 2:00 p.m., organizational meeting, Cousin's; Jan. 10, 8:00 p.m., season's first night of play.

Feb. 19, 2:00 p.m., first monthly meeting, E/J's.

March 19, 2:00 p.m., second monthly meeting, Briar Patch. One half dues must be received; nominations for new board of trustees.

April 9, 2:00 p.m., 3rd monthly meeting, Montrose Mining Co. Election of board of trustees and vote on Awards party location.

May 9, 8:00 p.m. Team and individual playoffs, locations to be announced;

May 13, 12:00 noon, 499 & Under Tournament, Lazy J, play begins at 1:00 p.m.; May 14, 12:00 noon, 500 & Over Tournament, Cousin's; play begins at 1:00 p.m.

June 4, 2:00—6:00 p.m., end of season Awards Party.

Skate Night

Lambda Rollerskating Club will be hosting the first Skate Night for the 1995 season on Monday, Jan. 16 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Dairy Ashford Skating Rink, located at 1820 Dairy Ashford. Admission is \$5.00 which includes skates (you may bring your own skates, inlines welcome). This will be our last Monday to skate due to youth hockey. We will be moving to Wednesday night in the future. For more information call Keith at (713) 933-5818.



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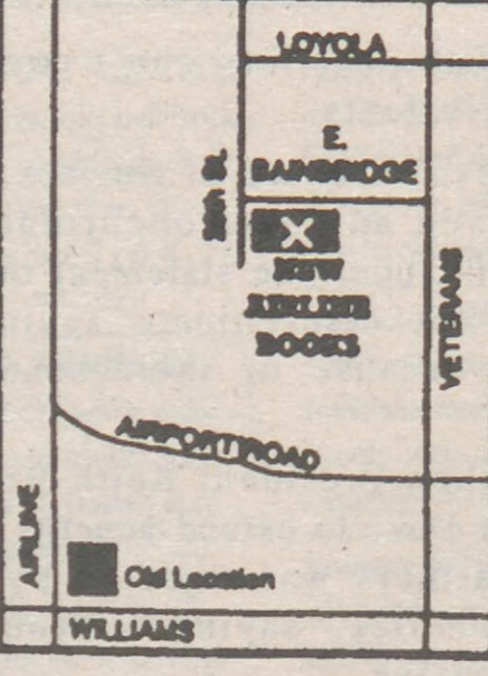
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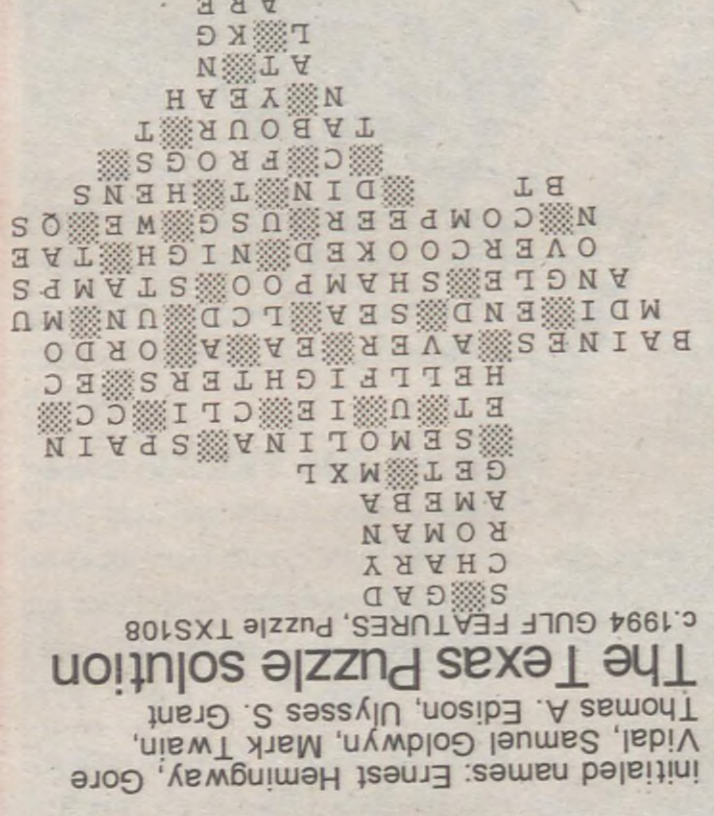
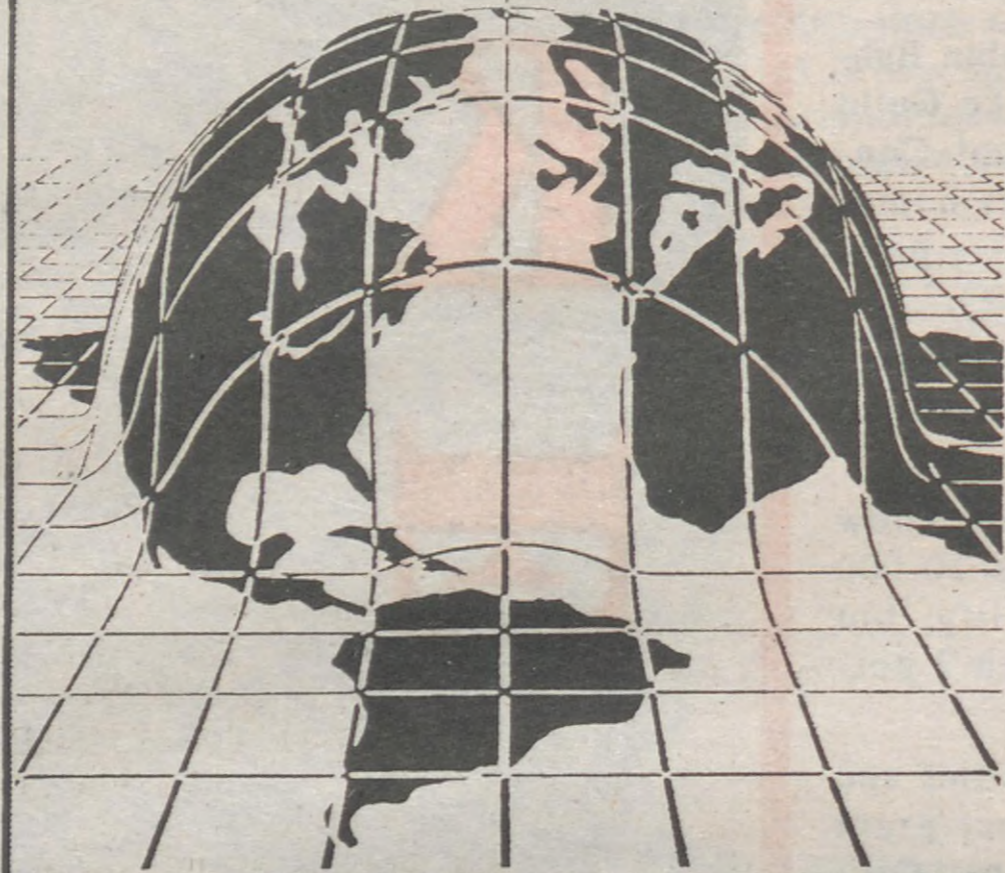
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CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20) Your better than average knowledge of the English language and intellect allow you to be more effective in speaking than many of your friends. Make sure that you do not use these skills to control or to intimidate others. This weekend and coming week will be

excellent times to meet someone special in your future life. Look more to your home territory rather than across town.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Be honest with the person that you are dating as to your real needs and desires. It is possible that your previous relationships have failed in part because of important social/sexual needs not being met. All of us move from one stage to another as the years pass, and therefore future friends will almost always be of a different type than earlier friends were, especially our closest friends.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Keep your work up to date at the Office in case a job promotion or a new position becomes available to you. Try to anticipate what your boss will need and be ready for the new assignment. Wearing brighter colors at work will also help to have you noticed in a positive way. Make sure everything you have on is clean and pressed. Your clothing does not have to be new or trendy, but simply in good taste.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) This second quarter of the moon will give to you extra energies to complete projects at home and at the Office. Giving to your home a thorough house cleaning is an excellent project for you, as some of the tricks that you have brought home have not been impressed with the cleanliness of your quarters. Set aside room in your closet to be able to hang their clothing. She/He will be impressed.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Travel is in your near future, and I know that you will have a wonderful time, especially if the location is a new place. If the ski slopes are your destination, this will be an exciting time with lots of good memories. After a period of unsettled times at work, your future plans are back on track. Be sure that you do everything to guarantee success this time around. Happy vacation time.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) As order creeps back into your world, begin to enjoy the relaxed times as an end in themselves. You are still very much work oriented and this is not all that bad. Your personality is one that is able to relax from one job by completing another work project. Do not feel guilty if you are unable to relax by simply doing nothing. Watching television all day long was never meant for you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Physical fitness will be an interest for you this '95 year. You have often looked at your body in the mirror and have wished for more muscle definition and a trimmer waist and buttocks. Take advantage of the special prices being offered by the health clubs this month and treat yourself to a wonderful gift. Fortunately you are still young enough (this is true) and in reasonably good shape that progress and goals to be met are not all that far away.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 22) Continue to work on your appearance to help you get ahead at the Office. A full length mirror will be one of your best 'friends' to guide you. Check out your posture this week and watch for stooping of the neck and shoulders, and make sure that your hair cut is neat around the edges, and that your hair has a bit of a sheen to it to give a healthy appearance. Happiness will be your with a job promotion.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 23) Your favorite bar and club are still the best places to look for a new friend. This week will be an excellent time to be out and about, and see who might be there. The new person in your life may not be similar to your last lover, so your options open. Watch out for using mind altering drugs, as you will wish to keep your wits about you while you are on the streets. Let your friends at THE VOICE know when wedding bells will ring.


LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Heard about several of your Holiday parties, you Libra's certainly know how to throw a wonderful shindig. Look about your living space this week and see where you may make rooms more colorful and contemporary appearing. A number of these 'bed in a bag' combinations being offered by stores are a very reasonable way to add to the color of your bedroom. This coming week will be of happiness for you.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 22) Consider getting two tickets to the Houston Grand Opera production of "Harvey Milk", playing through February 5. Will be the high point of the winter culture season for us. We are going on the evening of the 21st. This opera will be of particular importance for you as you need to learn for a prospective state, what our lives were like pre-HIV. Happiness will be yours this week and next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21) Begin to venture out into our Community more in '95. Joining one of the service oriented organizations is an excellent beginning. Watch out for those groups that seem to get involved with meetings, paper, and pamphlets, to the exclusion of meaningful services to people. You will also be meeting like minded people to broaden your friendship base of talented people. For some good ideas, telephone Tad at THE VOICE.

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AIDS rate among homeless in Georgia shelters as high as one in five

By A.J. HOSTETLER
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

ATLANTA, Saturday, Jan. 7 (AP)—Caseworker Maestro Evans never knows from day to day what topic his support group for the homeless with AIDS will discuss. He might start out talking about how to organize a burial but end up advising a client how to talk to a new boyfriend about AIDS.

It's all part of the education he offers—information that his clients don't get on the street.

"You have to be flexible to go where the group is. We get a wide range of people," said Evans, a counselor from AID Atlanta who helps run the daily Home Street Home program for the homeless.

With clients ranging from college graduates who know how the AIDS virus works to those who may not care about safe sex practices, "you have to be able to size up people real quick" to get across a prevention message, he said.

Evans' clients, who are already infected with HIV, gather at the church to learn about preventing the spread of AIDS through dirty needles or unprotected sex, to get counseling on how to cope with their illness and the death of friends and to study how to design living wills.

What he can't tell them is how many of the city's 10,000 or so homeless—or

any city's homeless population—are infected by the AIDS virus.

Little is known about the homeless and AIDS. Early studies looked at individual cities but their results can't be generalized. The now-defunct National Commission on AIDS once estimated that about 15 percent of the nation's homeless are infected.

So the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set out in 1989 to survey 14 cities, trying to learn how widespread the AIDS epidemic was among those seeking help at homeless and runaway shelters.

The results, published in the November issue of the journal AIDS, ranged from infection rates as high as one in five at one shelter and as low as one in 100 at another.

Among the 11 adult shelters surveyed annually from 1989 through 1992, Denver had the lowest rate, 1 percent, while Miami had the highest, 21 percent. The average was 3.4 percent. Atlanta's rate was 9 percent.

At five shelters for runaway youths, the rate ranged from 0 percent in Dallas to 7.3 percent in San Francisco—an average of 2.3 percent.

Of those not infected, the survey revealed that one in five adults and one in 10 youths put themselves at risk of AIDS through such behavior as intravenous drug use or unprotected sex between men.

Missouri ad executive files AIDS discrimination lawsuit after firing

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Saturday, Jan. 7 (AP)—A 25-year-old Kansas City man has filed an AIDS discrimination lawsuit claiming he was fired from an advertising firm after testing positive for the AIDS virus.

The man, who has asked that his name not be published, was an account project specialist for Valentine-Radford Communications, one of the largest advertising and public relations companies in the city.

The lawsuit, seeking actual damages of \$1.3 million and punitive damages of \$700,000, alleges the man was terminated about two weeks after telling his supervisor he had tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Charles L. Curtis, the chief executive officer of Valentine-Radford, did not return phone messages to The Kansas City Star Thursday and Friday. Marvin Rich, an attorney for Valentine-Radford, said the company would not comment on any pending litigation.

The lawsuit was filed under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations for disabled persons. The courts have interpreted the law to include people with AIDS.

The lawsuit says the man began working for Valentine-Radford in March 1993 as a data entry employee in the accounting department. In June 1993, he tested positive for the AIDS virus but did not tell the company.

Later in the summer, the man was promoted to account project specialist and received his own office at Valentine-Radford, the lawsuit states.

In mid-August 1993, the man told his supervisor he had tested HIV-positive.

The lawsuit alleges that one week later, on Aug. 24, the man asked for a one-week vacation for medical reasons. The man says that his supervisor asked him, "How long would it take you to find another job?"

The supervisor reportedly gave him until Oct. 31, 1993, then moved the date to Sept. 30. Later, the lawsuit claims, the termination date was moved to Sept. 9, and finally Sept. 8.

The plaintiff alleges that Valentine-Radford made no effort to accommodate him and that the firm also breached his confidentiality when the supervisor told other employees that the plaintiff had AIDS.

In an interview with The Star, the man said he was fearful of losing his health insurance, which expires in March. He said he was hoping to get his job back, not only for insurance purposes, but because "I loved my job and I was very good at it."

The case, filed Dec. 30, was assigned to U.S. District Judge D. Brook Bartlett.

Mary Jane McQueeney, the man's attorney, said the two sides were considering handling the case through arbitration.

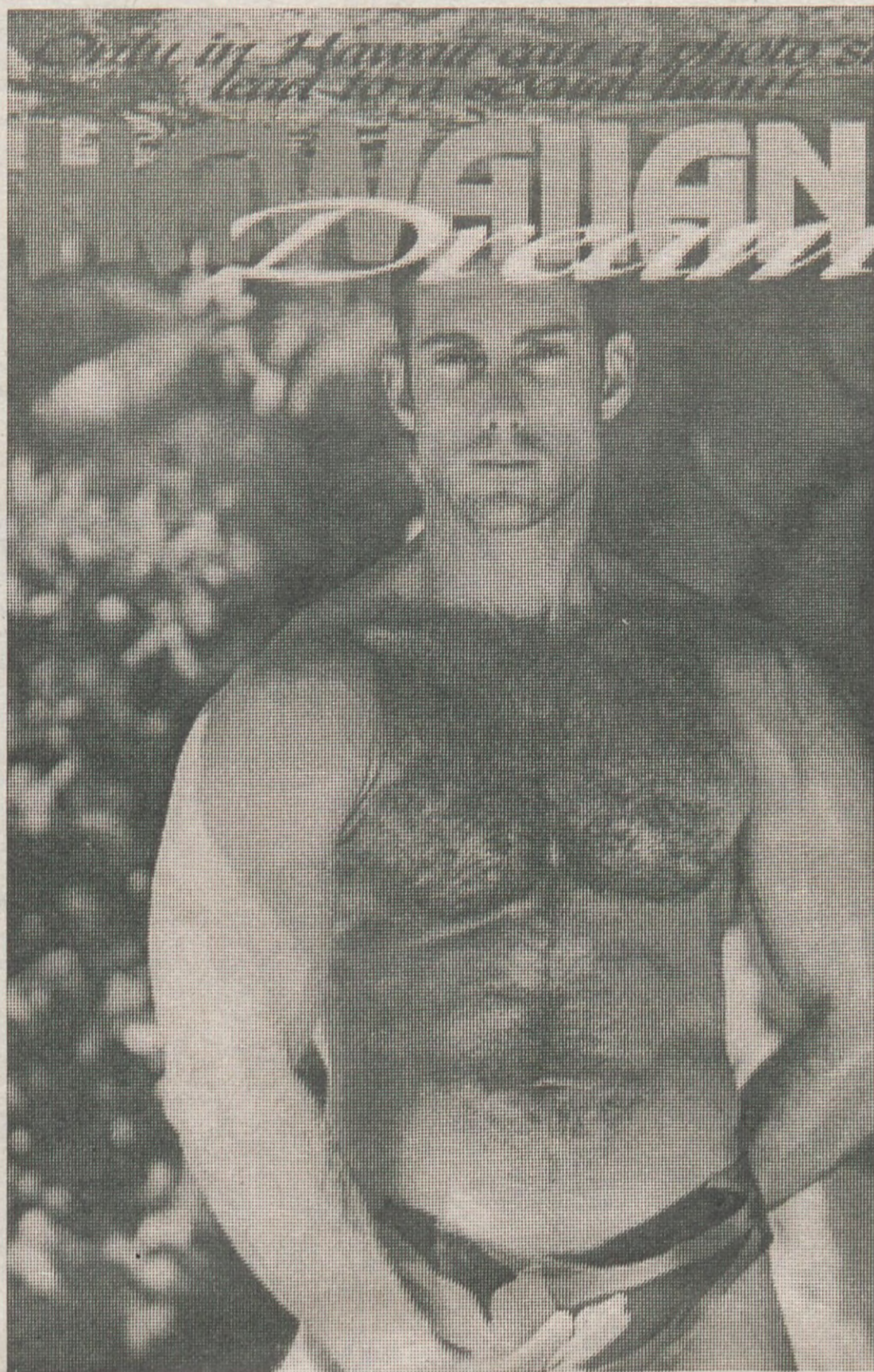
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Hey ya'll! Hope everyone had a great New Years, and so far none of you have broken your New Year's resolution. I haven't yet, but it's been all of ten days. Mine is to lose weight by eating healthier and either walking or jogging around Montgomery. I'm a little surprised that I have lost about 5 pounds already. Before I finish, I hope to shed about 20 pounds of ugly fat.

I mentioned earlier that I would try and give you some healthy recipes for the New Year. Well, I've tried a couple, and they aren't too bad. So, here we go for the first recipe from my book "In the Kitchen With Rosie"

UNFRIED CHICKEN

- Light vegetable oil cooking spray
- 6 chicken drumsticks, skin removed
- 3 whole chicken breasts, halved and skin removed
- 1 cup plain nonfat yogurt

FOR THE BREADING

- 1 cup dried Italian bread crumbs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon old bay seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Creole seasoning
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Dash Cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Coat a baking sheet with 3 sprays of the vegetable oil.

Put the chicken in a large bowl with ice water. Put the yogurt into a medium bowl. Set both bowls aside.

Toss all the breading ingredients in a large, tightly-sealed plastic bag. Seal and shake well to mix.

Remove 2 pieces of chicken from the ice water. Roll each piece in the yogurt. Put the chicken into the plastic bag, reseal, and shake to coat thoroughly. Transfer the breaded chicken to the prepared baking sheet. Repeat the process until all 12 pieces are breaded. Spray the chicken lightly with the vegetable oil.

Place the baking sheet on the bottom shelf of the oven and bake for 1 hour, turning the pieces every 20 minutes to allow even browning.

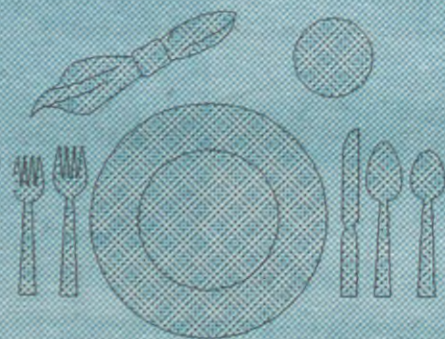
Serve hot or room temperature.

It's not like your typical fried chicken, but it has a very nice flavor and is much healthier. A breast is 2.2 grams of fat, and the drumstick is 4/2 grams of fat. Calories-breast 185 and drumstick 195.

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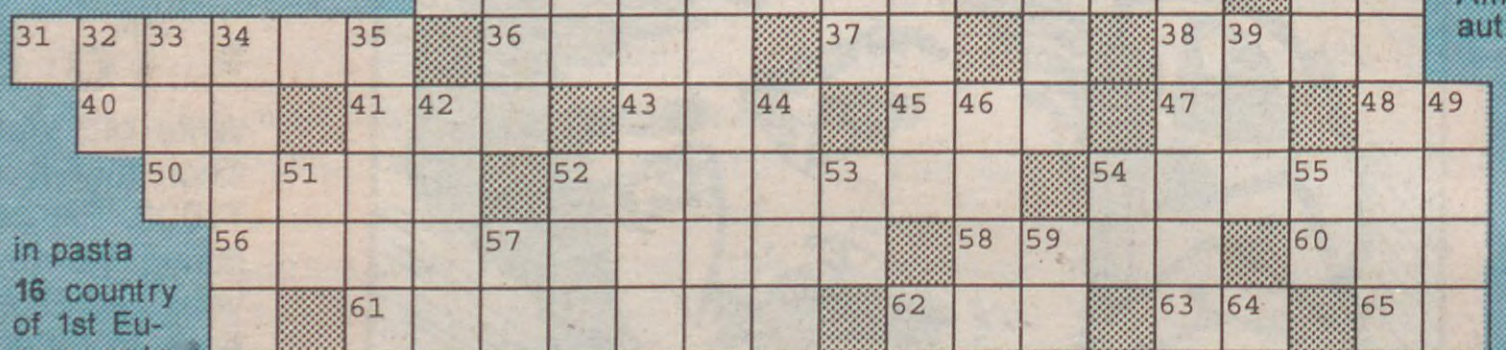
- 2 roam about
- 5 cautious
- 7 pertaining to Rome
- 8 one-celled animal
- 9 acquire
- 10 Roman numeral for 1040
- 13 gritty wheat milling particles used

DOWN

- 1 scrawny person
- 2 matured
- 22 direct the activity of
- 25 Roman numeral for 55
- 26 behaved irrationally
- 27 circle of light appearing to sur-

scraping the top of the barrel.")
52 dip in a liquid
53 police dept., initials
54 American film mogul Goldwyn, initials ("No person who is enthusiastic about his work has anything to fear from life.")

55 pseudonym of Samuel Clemens, 19th century American author,



in pasta

- 16 country of 1st Europeans to see the beaches of upper Texas coast
- 19 movie creature
- 20 Latin for "that is," abbrev.
- 21 Roman numeral for 151
- 23 Roman numeral for 200
- 24 John Wayne's 1969 movie loosely based on life of Houstonian Red Adair, 2 words
- 29 South American country with Quito as capital, abbrev.
- 31 LBJ's middle name
- 36 assert
- 37 every individual one, abbrev.
- 38 among Catholics, a calendar
- 40 Roman numeral for 1501
- 41 limitation
- 43 ocean
- 45 type of computer display
- 47 prefix for 'not'
- 48 micron
- 50 sharp corner
- 52 wash one's hair
- 54 tramples, stomps

- 56 cooked too much
- 58 near
- 60 American inventor or Edison, initials ("I'm proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill.")
- 61 companion
- 62 18th U.S. President & Civil War general, initials ("I have never advocated war except as a means of peace.")
- 63 group that includes the speaker
- 65 quantum suffix (as much as suffices), abbrev.
- 66 abbrev. for baronet, a British title ranking just below a baron
- 67 brouhaha
- 68 female domestic fowls
- 69 every July Refugee hosts a jumping contest for these
- 71 small drum played by fifer, alt. spelling
- 72 yes
- 73 positioned
- 74 1000 grams, abbrev.

- germ cell
- 3 people originally from the Arabian peninsula
- 4 electrical generator
- 6 Texas Constitution has given this protection for about 150 years
- 11 Roman numeral 42
- 12 feudal superior
- 14 Texas town with giant mule statue
- 15 perform
- 16 call handle for a knight
- 17 type of electric current, abbrev.
- 18 chilled
- 19 20th century American author Hemingway, initials ("But man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated.")

- 28 airline based at Dallas' Love Field
- 30 new #1 computer maker in the world, based in Houston
- 32 exist
- 33 state with Boise as capital, abbrev.
- 34 sheer fabric of silk, rayon or nylon
- 35 favored
- 39 body acid
- 42 emperor of Rome 54-68 A.D.
- 44 Ft. Worth-based major airline
- 46 interpret
- 49 acts of putting something into action
- 51 20th century American author Vidal, initials ("Television is now so desperately hungry for material that they're

initials ("There are many humorous things

in the world: among them the white man's notion that he is less savage than the other savages.")

57 Roman numeral for 900

59 the inspector general, abbrev.

64 verb suffix, cause to be

68 symbol for chemical element mercury

69 A.J., Houstonian who was 1st 4-time winner of the Indy 500

70 color of lights on the UT-Austin Main Tower when Longhorns have won a game

73 state with Montgomery as capital, abbrev.

74 symbol for chemical element krypton

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